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TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR 1P

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., RACIAL MATTERS.

IN VIEW OF POSSIBILITY OF RETALIATORY MEASURES TAKEN  
AS RESULT OF THE ASSASSINATION OF KING, IMMEDIATELY ALERT  
ALL SOURCES (RACIAL, SECURITY, AND CRIMINAL), WHO ARE IN  
POSITION TO POSSIBLY LEARN OF INFORMATION OF THIS NATURE.  
ANY PERTINENT INFORMATION DEVELOPED SHOULD RECEIVE EXPEDITIOUS  
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Re: Assassination  
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TO : SAC, MOBILE (157-2627) (P)

DATE: 4/6/68

FROM : SA ALISON A. CATLIN

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
RACIAL MATTERS

SA JOHN C. MC CLUNEY telephonically advised the following information on 4/6/68:

C. A. DAVIS, Superintendent, Capitol City Laundry, Montgomery, Ala., advised 4/6/68, that he had owned a thermoseal unit, but that it had not been in use by their laundry for the past 10 years, and approximately 3 months ago it was sold to Mayfield Laundry in Birmingham.

He stated he did not believe it was in operating condition now, as Mayfield Laundry had telephonically contacted his firm within the past week for repair instructions.

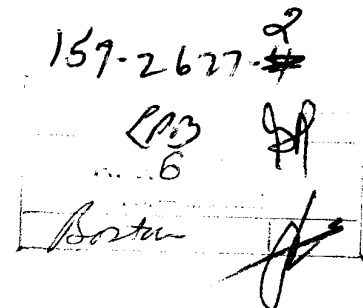
DAVIS stated the tape they presently used at Capitol City Laundry is a machine operated type which uses cloth and is one inch long and  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch wide.

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RACIAL MATTERS

SA DEXTER A. MADDOX telephonically advised the following information on 4/6/68:

JIM NEIGHBORS, Manager, Alexander City Laundry, Alexander City, Ala., advised their marking number 2B-6 is marked in numerals on red tape and it was issued 11/6/67, to T. H. ANTHONY, Alexander City, Ala., who he has known for 40 years, and that he is a reputable individual whom he described as a white male, 45-48, sandy hair, 6'2", 190 lbs.

Chief WINFRED PATTERSON, PD, Alexander City, Ala., advised that ANTHONY resides at 305 12th Ave., and is employed by the Embassy Trailer Manufacturing Company, Alexander City, Ala. His wife is deceased, but he has a son, age 13 years.

PATTERSON stated T. H. ANTHONY has a brother HUBERT ANTHONY, residing at 405 12th Ave., Alexander City, Ala., and a brother WILLIAM T. ANTHONY, residing at 804 12th Ave., Alexander City, Ala.

PATTERSON stated all are reputable individuals and law abiding citizens and he has known them for approximately 40 years.

JACK O'NEAL, Manager, Embassy Trailer Manufacturing Co., stated that T. H. ANTHONY has worked all week and that his work day ends at 4:00 p.m., and that he was working 4/4/68. O'NEAL stated ANTHONY has not missed a day of work in over 2 years.

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FROM : SA FRANK A. GILMAN

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
RACIAL MATTERS

At 1:15 p.m. 4/6/68, SA ERICK WILSON, Tuscaloosa RA, telephonically advised as follows:

He advised that a check of the laundries at Tuscaloosa regarding red tapes were negative.

He advised they determined from the Northington Laundry at Tuscaloosa, that one 2-B-6 pink tape came from the Lily White Cleaners in Demopolis, Ala., on 3/9/68.

He stated this slip was on the laundry of J. C. MC ALPIN, and that the bill was \$.91, which possibly signified three dress shirts.

SA WILSON further stated that Mr. PFAFFMAN is the owner of the Lily White Cleaners, Demopolis, Ala.

SA WILSON further stated that the possibility exists that MC ALPIN may come from their Division and only had his laundry done at Demopolis, and if so, to telephonically contact them at the Tuscaloosa RA and that they will attempt to discreetly determine MC ALPIN's activities on 4/4/68.

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*9 letter received  
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FROM : SA ROY H. EVELAND

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
RACIAL MATTERS

On 4/5/68, J. C. WADLEY, Partner, Quality Laundry and Dry Cleaners, Inc., Opelika Rd., Auburn, Ala., advised that this laundry does use the Textile Marking Company system of marking laundry.

He advised that it would be possible for the number 02-B-6 to show up as one of their markings on an item of clothing. In addition to using red tape in the marking, there are 15 other colored tapes. All of the tapes are standard  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch in width, however, the length varies to some degree however, the latest cuttings of tape are  $1 \frac{1}{16}$  inch in length as determined through measurement on that date.

A search of the records of that company failed to reveal any number 02-B-6 for any of the red tape markers.

WADLEY explained that in their system of marking, the zero would represent the route number and in this case zero would mean "office" in Auburn, Ala. The "2" would represent the lot number for either Saturday or Monday of a particular week. The letter "B" identifies the employee which is the laundry marker. In this case the marker would be MARY HELEN BERRY. The "6" in this series would represent the item number in the particular lot and would serve to identify the customer.

On 4/6/68, another review of the records was made by a FBI Agent without revealing any number 02-B-6 in their numbering system which would have been stamped on red tape.

On 4/5/68, ELIZABETH WILLIAMS, employee, Youngs Laundry, Inc., 216 N. College, Auburn, Ala., advised that this laundry uses the theromoseal machine in marking items of

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clothing laundered. She stated that this system has been in effect for about 2 yrs., and that at first they used zero in front of their group of numbers identifying a particular piece of laundry, however, this system was discontinued. They now utilize the system whereby the first number in the marking represents the lot number. A "2" in a particular series of numbers would refer to a lot laundered on a Monday. The letter "B" in the series would refer to the second week. They utilize the alphabet starting from A and going through Z, however, eliminating the letters O and I so as to not confuse them with numbers. The number "6" in the marking would refer to a particular customer. They utilize 11 different colored tapes. The red tapes are normally used when they have pickups from an office located in Opelika, Ala.

In addition, the red tape is used for special laundry jobs wherein the customer wanted the laundry back the same day. Normally the tapes are varried and the next week another color is used. The tapes are a standard  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch in width, and normally are 1  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch in length.

A search of the records of that company reveal laundry mark 2-B-6 was used for laundry to WALKER and STROTHER for ticket number 26, dated 12/4/67. This ticket was in the amount of \$1.80 and represented 12 hand towels, 11 sheets, 1 pot holder and one laundry bag. A red tape marker sealed to the laundry ticket was measured  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch in width by 1  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch in length.

The two names on the ticket represent Dr. JAMES E. WALKER and Dr. KENNETH D. STROTHER, who are in general practice together with offices located in the Lee County Medical Bldg., Opelika, Ala. These doctors are of good reputation and have a good practice in this area.

Another name was listed as having marking number 2-B-6. This number was given to H. L. INGRAM, on ticket number 14 for the week ending 6/23/67. This laundry was picked up at the Dadeville, Ala., office and the ticket would have been retained by the customer at the time the laundry was turned over to the customer. There is no way in knowing from the records the color of the tapes used when this marking was made.

On 4/6/68, Sheriff JAMES FARROW, Tallapoosa Co., Dadeville, Ala., advised that H. L. INGRAM helps to manage Pennington Standard Service Station in Dadeville. He advised that INGRAM is a white male, age about 52, 5'8", greying hair, and wears glasses. He stated INGRAM has 2 small daughters



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and is separated from his wife. INGRAM has never called him to have any trouble, however, does get drunk occasionally. He advised INGRAM drives a blue Chevrolet Corvair.

Sheriff FARROW determined that INGRAM was not working at the station 4/4/68 or 4/5/68.

4/8/68 Hiram Pennington, Pennington  
Standard Service Station, advised that H.  
Leonard Ingram. Station attended work  
for him Thursday 4/4/68 8 am - 7<sup>30</sup> pm.  
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FROM : SA ALISON A. CATLIN

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RACIAL MATTERS

CHARLES WILKINS, Crestview, Fla., telephone number 682-2071, called this date, and stated that he was employed as a construction superintendent with the Liles Construction Co., Chapman, Ala.

He stated this date at 7 a.m. while driving from Crestview, he picked up a hitchhiker at Lockhard, Ala., and took him to Georgiana, Ala., at the Intersection of Hwy. 55 or 31, where this individual stated he was hitching a ride to Mobile.

WILKINS stated he thought this individual was a white male, but when he entered the car noticed he was a Negro, almost white, in his middle 20s, 5'10", 140 lbs., with sandy hair. He was wearing a new blue shirt and dark blue trousers.

WILKINS asked him where he had been, and the individual stated in Tennessee. When WILKINS asked him if it was Memphis, this individual became very nervous and was upset. WILKINS immediately thought of the assassination of KING and using the pretext of always hiring individuals for construction work, got the name and address of this person, which was determined to be: JOHNNY D. SNOW, 242½ or 342½ Burton Avenue, Mobile, Alabama.

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DATE: 4/6/68

FROM : SA RAYMOND J. MAXWELL

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
RACIAL MATTERS

The following investigation was conducted at Enterprise, Alabama, on 4/6/68, by SAs RAYMOND J. MAXWELL, and DANIEL R. STANKOSKI:

MICHAEL JOSEPH MC KINNON, owner Sno-White Laundry and Cleaners, advised his laundry does not mark underwear such as shorts and T-shirts. He advised "pin and net" systems were used for identification purposes in laundering underwear. He advised no laundry markings are placed on underwear cleaned at his laundry.

The following persons on the dates indicated had laundry markings "2-B-6" placed on their laundry:

W. L. COOK, aka Lester Cook, Enterprise, Ala., 9/19/66, 4 shirts and 2 pairs of trousers.

WILLIAM R. HUTCHISON, aka Billy Hutchison, 805 Simmons St., Enterprise, Ala., 2/27/67, 3 shirts.

FNU DICKERSON, address unknown, 8/7/67, 1 shirt and 1 pair of trousers.

EDDIE TOMBERLIN, 111 Camelia Dr., Enterprise, Ala., 1/22/68, 3 shirts.

MC KINNON advised he previously notified the FBI on 8/5/67, that one of the persons having laundry mark "2-B-6" was FAYE WALDEN, however, this was in error, and the name should have been EDDIE TOMBERLIN.

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MC KINNON stated that numbers repeat themselves about every 25 weeks. He stated he has no record of laundry markings prior to 9/19/66. He repeated that generally only laundry markings such as "2-B-6", which is on tape, were placed on shirts and trousers, but NEVER on underwear.

MC KINNON stated COOK is a white male, 40-50 years of age, 6' tall, 170-180 lbs., brown hair, and operates the Spur Service Station in Daleville, Ala.

He advised that HUTCHISON is a white male, 37 or 38 years of age, 5'9", 175 lbs., brown hair, and employed by Page Aircraft Corp, Ft. Rucker, Ala.

He advised that TOMBERLIN is a white male, over 60 years of age, 5'7", 150 lbs., small build, black hair, and employed at Ft. Rucker, Ala.

MC KINNON stated he does not know the identity of DICKERSON and this would have to be obtained from EDSEL GIBSON, who operates the Thrifty Laundry and Cleaners, Enterprise, Ala., because the shirt and one pair of trousers laundered for DICKERSON came through the Thrifty Laundry and Cleaners.

MC KINNON stated that on the morning of 4/6/68, he read about the killing of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., in the Montgomery Alabama Advisor, and he stated in this newspaper there was an artist's conception of the person supposedly responsible for KING's death and this picture in no way resembled any of the individuals mentioned above.

EDSEL SIBSON, Thrifty Laundry and Cleaners, advised that the shirt and trousers laundered for a person by the name of DICKERSON on 8/7/68, may have been for an individual who was not a resident of Enterprise, but he was unable to identify this individual. ) ?

Due to TOMBERLIN's age, it appears that he could be eliminated as a suspect.

Efforts to locate WILLIAM R. HUTCHISON were negative as it appears through discreet inquiry that he has gone to an unknown place for the day with his family.

W. L. COOK was not at his service station in Daleville, however, inquiry with a Negro employee of COOK reflected COOK was at his residence in Enterprise. This employee stated that COOK operates a service station 7 days a week from 7 a.m. in the morning until 9:30 p.m. at night.

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This employee stated that during the past week which included the night of 4/4/68, COOK was at his service station until 9:30 p.m.

Since the Sno-White Laundry and Clearners does not have laundry markings on underwear there appears to be no other logical investigation to be conducted at Enterprise, Ala.

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TO : SAC(157-2627)

DATE: 4/6/68

FROM : THOMAS W. KELTY

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. RM.

On 4/6/68 at 6:30 pm an unknown female telephonically advised that she had observed an artist's conception of the assassin on TV and that it resembled one JAMES BRIDGES, who hangs out at Radcliff's Restaurant, Gulf Shores, Ala. She advised that BRIDGES is a white male, 5'7½" tall, 185 lbs, and about 33 years old. She stated that BRIDGES is known to officer Charlie Reed of the Gulf Shores PD. Caller would furnish us other information.

Indices reflect numerous references on James Bridges.



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*Wm 25-40  
6'5" 18 - 5'11"  
150-170# dark brown  
or sandy hair  
blue or green necktie  
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FROM : SA THOMAS W. KELTY

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On 4/6/68 at 6:50 PM Mr. Earle Bryan, 713 Loxley Court, Prichard, Ala. (phone #457-7578) telephonically advised that he observed an artist's conception of the alleged assassin on TV. He stated the artist's conception resembled Mr. T. L. "Cotton" THAGGARD of Montgomery, Ala. He stated that four or five years ago THAGGARD took the Union Bank and Trust Co. in Montgomery for about \$40,000. He stated THAGGARD is a white male, 39-40 years, 6 feet and weighs about 165 lbs. He further stated that THAGGARD is know by Judge Frank Johnson, Montgomery, Ala.

Office indices reflect following references:  
137-1375; 91-1089\*; 26-18424\*;

*4/9/68 - Stephens ascertains from US in mty  
that Thaggard now US custody,  
Matwell ARB - from 12/67 -  
Earliest Release date 8/13/69  
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308 PM URGENT 4-6-68 JGA

TO DIRECTOR, NEW HAVEN, MEMPHIS AND MOBILE  
FROM BIRMINGHAM 44-1740

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RE JACKSON TEL, APRIL FIVE, LAST, CAPTIONED "ASSASSINATION OF  
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.; RM."

THIS WILL CONFIRM BIRMINGHAM TELEPHONE CALL TO NEW HAVEN THIS  
DATE REQUESTING IMMEDIATE CONTACT WITH HEADQUARTERS, LIGGETT-REXALL  
DRUG COMPANY, STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT, TO OBTAIN LIST OF ALL LIGGETT-  
REXALL OUTLETS IN STATE OF ALABAMA. FOR INFO MOBILE AND NEW HAVEN,  
AFTER KING WAS SHOT, SUBJECT DROPPED BAG AND WEAPON WHILE RUNNING FROM  
ROOMING HOUSE ACROSS FROM LORRAINE MOTEL, MEMPHIS. IN BAG WERE DRUG  
STORE ITEMS WITH CASH REGISTER RECEIPTS SHOWING PURCHASE LIGGETT-REXALL  
PHARMACY. NO DATES ON RECEIPTS OR CITY AND STATE LISTED. ITEMS  
WERE HEAD AND SHOULDERS SHAMPOO TICKET NUMBER ONE SIX SEVEN EIGHT,  
ONE DOLLAR TEN CENTS AND PALMOLIVE RAPID SHAVE TICKET NUMBER THREE  
FOUR FIVE EIGHT, SEVENTYNINE CENTS.

NEW HAVE SUTTEL LIST TO BIRMINGHAM AND MOBILE FOR APPROPRIATE  
INVESTIGATION.

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TO DIRECTOR, MOBILE AND MEMPHIS  
FROM PHOENIX

ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. RACIAL MATTER.

ON APRIL SIX INSTANT MILTON (NO MIDDLE NAME) LAMOUREAUX,  
ONE THREE FIVE AND ONE HALF EAST SPEEDWAY, TUCSON, ARIZONA  
DATE OF BIRTH  OF UNKNOWN  
RELIABILITY, ADVISED SA DUNCAN M. DEW, III THAT ON OR ABOUT  
JANUARY TWO NINE NINETEEN SIXTY FOUR HE WAS STAYING AT  
SMITTY'S MOTEL, HARTFORD, ALABAMA WHEN HE WAS BEATEN AND  
ROBBED AND LEFT UNCONSCIOUS ON TOP OF A HEATER IN HIS  
ROOM. PRIOR TO THE BEATING HE WAS WITH OWNER OF MOTEL,  
SMITTY (LAST NAME UNKNOWN) WHEN HE OBSERVED WHITE MALE  
AGE THIRTY ONE TO THIRTY THREE, FIVE FEET TEN TO SIX  
FEET TALL, DARK BLOND HAIR, MEDIUM BUILD, ONE SIXTY FIVE  
POUNDS, REGULAR STYLE HAIRCUT, NEATLY COMBED, VERY CLEAN  
AND NEAT CLOTHING TO-WIT WHITE UNIFORM POSSIBLY LAUNDRY  
TRUCK DRIVER. HE STATED UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL PRESENTED  
EXCELLENT LIKENESS TO ARTIST SKETCH OF ASSASSIN OF DOCTOR  
KING PER A P WIREPHOTO THE ARIZONA DAILY STAR THIS DATE.  
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*Maxwell called 4/7/68*

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LAMOUREAUX WAS IN HARTFORD FOR FLIGHT EXAMINATION BY ROSS  
AVIATION TO BECOME FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR AT ARMY AVIATION FLIGHT  
SCHOOL, FORT RUCKER, ALABAMA. HE HAS NO INFO REGARDING IDENTITY  
OF UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL AND DOES NOT BELIEVE HIM TO BE KNOWN TO  
OWNER OF MOTEL AS HE WAS NOT REGISTERED AT MOTEL. ✓

ABOVE SUBMITTED FOR INFORMATION.

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6-15PM URGENT 5/6/68 RJC

TO DIRECTOR, BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS AND MOBILE  
FROM NEW HAVEN (157-818)

UNSUB; MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM. CR.

REURTEL TODAY AND TEL CALL AND NH TEL CALL TODAY.

STANLEY LEXEMBURG, VICE PRESIDENT, LIGGETT-REXALL, STAMFORD,  
CONN. FURNISHED FOLLOWING AS OUTLETS OF LIGGETT-REXALL DRUG,  
ALABAMA.

STORE NO. ADDRESS, CITY AND STATE TEL. NO. MANAGER

1909 7714 EASTWOOD MALL, BIRMINGHAM, ALA. 592-8149 CARLOS CANAS

1911 1931 FIRST AVE., BIRMINGHAM, ALA. 254-3249 AMOS STEPHENS

1912 AGRICOLA S/C 301 D. NORTH 12TH ST, GADSDEN, ALA 542-4987  
LEON LEVENS.

1921 ROEBUCK PLAZA S/C 9142 S. 4TH AVE., BIRMINGHAM, ALA. 833-7681  
ROBERT LOVE.

1922 5 POINTS WEST S/C 2205 BESSEMER RD., BIRMINGHAM, ALA. 785-4141  
WILLIAM WEED.

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*all leads  
in BTT.  
- Mike*

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LMB JHC  
Baton JHC

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FOLLOWING AGENTS FOR LIGGETT-REXALL DRUGS.

STORE NO. ADDRESS AND CITY

9470 2029 CENTER POINT RD., BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

9520 26 MIDFIELD PARK PLACE, MIDFIELD, ALA.

9536 1 DWIGHT SQUARE, GADSDEN, ALA. ———

9554 1021 SOUTH 20TH ST., BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

9588 324 WEST FIFTH ST., ATALLA, ALA. ———

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313PM URGENT 4-7-68 SAA

TO ALL CONTINENTAL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR 1P

MURKIN

THIS IS THE CAPTION FOR THE CIVIL RIGHTS INVESTIGATION TO IDENTIFY PERSON OR PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., IN MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, ON APRIL FOUR LAST.

ALL INVESTIGATION MUST BE HANDLE UNDER THE PERSONAL DIRECTION OF THE SAC. LEADS ARE TO BE AFFORDED IMMEDIATE, THOROUGH IMAGINATIVE ATTENTION. YOU MUST EXHAUST ALL POSSIBILITIES FROM SUCH LEADS AS ANY ONE LEAD COULD RESULT IN THE SOLUTION OF THIS MOST IMPORTANT INVESTIGATION. SAC WILL BE HELD PERSONALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY FAILURE TO PROMPTLY AND THOROUGHLY HANDLE INVESTIGATIONS IN THIS MATTER.

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FBI MEMPHIS

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*All RAs advised  
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(Type in plaintext or code)Via TELETYPE URGENT  
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TO: MEMPHIS

FROM: MOBILE (157-2627)

~~MURKIN~~  
~~ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. RM.~~

~~JOHN CHANEY, NM, EIGHT NAUGHT THREE NORTH UNION CIRCLE,  
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, REPORTED SEVENTH INSTANT.~~

HE OBSERVED ARTIST'S CONCEPTION OF KING'S ASSASSIN ON  
SEVENTH INSTANT. HE BELIEVES THAT SUSPECT WAS AT MONTGOMERY,  
ALABAMA, MARCH TWENTYSIX LAST. CHANEY AND WILLIE CHAMBLESS  
OBSERVED SUSPECT WHO WAS DRINKING WINE WITH GROUP OF NEGROES  
ON STREET BUT DID NOT APPEAR DRUNK. SUSPECT ~~HE~~ STATED THEN  
ABOUT FIVE PM HE WAS GOING TO MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE THAT NIGHT.

*Suspect*  
~~HE~~ FURNISHED NO OTHER PERSONAL BACKGROUND. *no auto observed.*

CHAMBLESS BOUGHT FOR ONE DOLLAR SMALL BLACK BAG AND  
CONTENTS FROM SUSPECT. BLACK BAG CONTAINED BLACK AND RED  
PLAID SHIRT WITH LABEL "BRENT," TAN TROUSERS WITH LABEL  
"LEVI'S STA-PRESS" AND NO SIZE, YELLOW WOOD PENCIL, RAZOR,  
SHAVING BRUSH, MENNENS SHAVE TALC, SMALL CONTAINER SUGAR AS

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SERVED RESTAURANTS, FINGERNAIL CLIPPER.

SUSPECT DESCRIBED WM, THIRTY TO THIRTYTWO, ONE SEVENTY TO ONE SEVENTYFIVE POUNDS, FIVE FEET NINE INCHES, RUDDY COMPLEXION, BROWN-GRAY HAIR, BUSHY AND COMBED BACK WITH DEFINITE RECEDING HAIRLINE IN FRONT. HE HAD GOLD OR SILVER TOOTH UPPER LEFT FRONT. HE WAS VERY WELL BUILT WITH BROAD SHOULDERS AND SMALL FROM WAIST DOWN. HE STOOD STRAIGHT AND SEEMED TO LEAN BACK AS HE STOOD. HE APPEARED TO WALK SIDE TO SIDE AS WALKED. HE SMILED MUCH AND STUCK TONGUE OUT SLIGHTLY AS HE SMILED, A SILLY SMILE. FACE WAS NARROW, NOSE LONG, POINTED, AND TALKED REGIONAL. HE WORE TROUSERS, JACKET BELIEVED BROWN AND BLACK COWBOY TYPE BOOTS.

BAG AND CONTENTS BEING HELD. CHAMBLESS WILL BE INTERVIEWED WHEN LOCATED.

MEMPHIS FURNISH BACKGROUND INFORMATION TO AID MOBILE INVESTIGATION.

SUSPECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS AS RIFLE USED IN ASSASSINATION OF KING.

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FBI BIRMGHAM

7:37PM URGENT 4-7-68 CEN

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

MURKIN; CR.

RE MEMPHIS TELCALL TO BIRMINGHAM AND BIRMINGHAM TELEPHONE  
CALL TO MOBILE THIS DATE.

REFERENCED MEMPHIS TELEPHONE CALL INDICATED MEMPHIS POLICE  
DEPARTMENT RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL FROM UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL FOUR:  
ZERO FIVE PM THIS DATE WHO ASKED "DO YOU WANT TO KNOW WHO KILLED  
MARTIN LUTHER KING." MEMPHIS POLICE DEPARTMENT REPLIED AFFIRMATIVELY  
AND WHEN CALLER WAS ASKED TO IDENTIFY HIMSELF HE STATED HE DID NOT  
WANT TO TALK TO POLICE AND HUNG UP. OPERATOR CUT IN AND ASKED IF  
CALL WAS DISCONNECTED AND POLICE ADVISED IT WAS. OPERATOR IDENTIFIED  
HERSELF AS BIRMINGHAM AND RECONNECTED CALL. WHEN RECONNECTED POLICE  
IDENTIFIED PERSON CALLED AS ORIGINAL CALLER WHO STATED HE DID NOT  
WANT TO TALK TO POLICE AND AGAIN HUNG UP. OPERATOR REFUSED TO DIVULGE  
BIRMINGHAM NUMBER TO POLICE.

CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE BIRMINGHAM ADVISED CALL PLACED FROM  
TELEPHONE NUMBER THREE TWO NINE - NINE FIVE SIX SEVEN. SUBSCRIBER  
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RANDALL ASKEW, ONE ZERO ZERO SIX HILLABEE HIGHWAY, ALEXANDER CITY,  
ALABAMA. MOBILE TELEPHONICALLY REQUESTED TO IMMEDIATELY INTERVIEW.

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FBI MEMPHIS

922PM URGENT 4/7/68 CAF

TO ALL SACS

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987) 2P

MURKIN; CR. OO MEMPHIS.

RE BUTEL TO ALL SAC'S APRIL SEVEN, NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT.

FOR INFO ALL OFFICES, PERTINENT PERIODS IN INVESTIGATION ARE MARCH TWENTY NINE AND THIRTY IN BIRMINGHAM, ALA., AND APRIL FOUR, SIXTY EIGHT, IN MEMPHIS, TENN.

IN EVENT ANY DATA DEVELOPED RE SUSPECTS, IF INTERESTED OFFICES CAN ESTABLISH WHEREABOUTS OF SUSPECTS ON DATES ABOVE, THIS MAY ELIMINATE SUSPECT. IF THIS CANNOT BE DONE, EFFORTS SHOULD BE MADE TO SECURE PHOTOGRAPHS OF SUSPECTS IN QUESTION AND FORWARD PHOTOS TO MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM FOR POSSIBLE ELIMINATION. PERTINENT DESCRIPTIVE DATA SHOULD BE INCLUDED WITH PHOTOS.

IF UNABLE TO ELIMINATE ON BASIS OF ESTABLISHED WHEREABOUTS IN PERTINENT PERIODS, INTERESTED OFFICES SHOULD MAKE EFFORTS TO SECURE FINGERPRINTS OF SUSPECT IN QUESTION AND SUBMIT SAME TO BUREAU FOR ELIMINATION.

COMPOSITE DESCRIPTION, BASED ON DATA DEVELOPED IN BIRMINGHAM AND MEMPHIS, IS AS FOLLOWS:

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SUSPECT MALE WHITE, AGE TWENTY SIX TO FORTY YEARS, HEIGHT FIVE FT. EIGHT TO FIVE FT. ELEVEN INCHES, ONE HUNDRED FIFTY TO ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY LBS.; DARK BROWN OR SANDY HAIR, COMBED STRAIGHT BACK. EYES BLUE OR GREEN; MEDIUM BUILD; COMPLEXION AVERAGE, SMOOTH. GENERAL PHYSICAL APPEARANCE; NEAT.

POSSIBILITY EXISTS SUSPECT IS NON-SMOKER. INDICATIONS WERE THAT SUSPECT RENTED ROOM BETWEEN THREE AND THREE THIRTY PM, APRIL FOUR, LAST, AND DEPARTED ROOM SHORTLY AFTER SIX PM. NO MATCHES OR CIGARETTES FOUND DURING THAT PERIOD, WHICH SUGGESTS SUSPECT MAY BE NON-SMOKER.

RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION MUST BE PROMPTLY FURNISHED BUREAU, MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM. P.

END

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(Priority)TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS  
FROM MOBILE (157-2627)

MURKIN. CR. OO MEMPHIS.

WILLIAM RANDALL ASKEW ONE ZERO ZERO SIX HILLABEE ROAD  
ALEXANDER CITY, ALA. LOCATED LATE EVENING FOUR SEVEN AT HOME,  
OF FATHER INLAW FRANKLIN RICH NINE ZERO FIVE FIFTH STREET,  
SAME CITY. ASKEW IN INTOXICATED CONDITION BUT ADMITS MAKING  
A TELEPHONE CALL TO MEMPHIS, TENN. POLICE DEPT. YESTERDAY  
AFTERNOON. HE STATES COUSIN PERVIS ASKEW AND FRIEND DOUG  
COOLEY AT HOUSE WHEN TELCALL MADE. HE STATES HE PLACED CALL  
TO MEMPHIS AND TOLD LONG DISTANCE OPERATOR HE WANTED THE POLICE  
DEPT. OPERATOR TOLD HIM LINE WAS BUSY AND ASKED FOR HIS  
TELEPHONE NUMBER AND HE GOT SCARED AND GAVE SOME OTHER NUMBER  
THAT HE MADE UP. ABOUT THIRTY MINUTES LATER DOUG COOLEY  
PLACED A LONG DISTANCE CALL TO THE MEMPHIS PD. WHEN OPERATOR  
TOLD HIM LINE WAS BUSY COOLEY GAVE HER HIS (ASKEW) TELEPHONE  
NUMBER THREE TWO NINE - NINE FIVE SIX SEVEN. THE OPERATOR  
CALLED BACK IN ABOUT TEN MINUTES AND TOLD COOLEY THAT SHE HAD  
THE MEMPHIS PD ON THE LINE. HE THEN TOOK THE PHONE FROM COOLEY

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AND ASKED WHO WAS TALKING. A MAN ANSWERED HE WAS THE U.S. MARSHALL OR SOME OTHER OFFICIAL SOUNDING NAME. ASKEW THEN MADE THE STATEMENT (TELL THE FELLOW WHO KILLED KING THAT ALA. SAID CONGRATULATIONS) HE THEN HUNG UP. ASKEW STATED THAT THIS CALL WAS STRICTLY (LIQUOR TALK) AND CAN GIVE NO PARTICULAR REASON FOR MAKING IT. HE KNOWS NOTHING AS TO THE ASSASSINATION OF DR. KING EXCEPT WHAT HE HAS READ IN THE NEWSPAPERS. HE, HIS COUSIN PERVIS AND COOLEY HAD ALL BEEN DRINKING AND WERE INTOXICATED. ASKEW'S CLAIM THAT HE WAS WORKING AT #ONE MILL RUSSELL MFG. CO. ALEXANDER CITY THURSDAY APRIL FOUR FROM SIX AM TO TWO PM VERIFIED THROUGH SUPERVISOR.

WILLIAM RANDALL ASKEW DESCRIBED AS: WM, AGE TWENTYONE, DOB [REDACTED] TALLAPOOSA COUNTY, ALA., HT. FIVE NINE, WT. ONE FOUR EIGHT, LIGHT BROWN HAIR , BLUE EYES, FAIR COMPLEXION. ASKEW ARRESTED TALLAPOOSA COUNTY THREE TIME VIOLATION PROHIBITION LAWS, TWICE PUBLIC DRUNK, AND ONCE FOR RESISTING ARREST.

ASKEW'S WIFE PATSY VIRGINIA CAMPBELL ASKEW MAINTAINS THAT HUSBAND REMAINED AT HOME FOUR FOUR SIXTYEIGHT AFTER ARRIVING HOME FROM WORK BETWEEN TWO FIFTEEN TO TWO THIRTY PM.

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~~PERVIS ADISON ASKEW~~ RT. TWO ALEXANDER CITY, ALA. ADVISED HE AND DOUG COOLEY VISITED HIS COUSIN WILLIAM RANDALL ASKEW YESTERDAY SOMETIME AFTER THREE PM AND REMAINED THERE APPROXIMATELY FORTYFIVE MINUTES. AT TIME OF ARRIVAL RANDALL WAS TALKING ON TELEPHONE AND SHORTLY HUNG UP. HE HAD NO IDEA WHO RANDALL WAS TALKING TO. IN FIVE TO TEN MINUTES THE PHONE RANG AND RANDALL ANSWERED AND SAID SOMETHING TO THE EFFECT THAT HE HAD NOT MADE ANY CALL. RANDALL THEN HUNG UP AND DID NOT MAKE ANY COMMENTS CONCERNING THE TELEPHONE CALLS. NO FURTHER CALLS WERE RECEIVED OR MADE BY ANY OF THEM BEFORE HE AND COOLEY LEFT. HE ADMITS THAT THE THREE OF THEM HAD BEEN DRINKING BUT THAT RANDALL WAS THE ONLY ONE HIGHLY INTOXICATED.

HE CLAIMS TO KNOW NOTHING ABOUT THE KILLING OF DR. KING OTHER THAN WHAT LEARNED THROUGH THE NEWS MEDIA. HE CLAIMS FURTHER HE WAS AT HOME OF COUSIN ~~JOHN WAYNE WINSLETT~~, FISH POND ROAD ALEXANDER CITY DURING PERIOD ONE TO ABOUT EIGHT PM FOUR FOUR SIXTYEIGHT.

PERVIS DESCRIBED: WM, THIRTYONE, DOB [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] TALLAPOOSA COUNTY, ALA., FIVE TEN AND ONE HALF, ONE FIFTY LBS., LIGHT BROWN HAIR, HAZEL EYES.  
END PAGE THREE

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ALEXANDER CITY PD RECORDS REFLECT EXTENSIVE ARREST  
RECORD FOR PUBLIC DRUNK, DISORDERLY CONDUCT AND RESISTING  
ARREST.

EFFORTS TO LOCATE DOUG COOLEY AND JOHN WINSLETT NEGATIVE.  
INVESTIGATION CONTINUING TO LOCATE THESE INDIVIDUALS.

ADMINISTRATIVE: RE BH TEL TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND  
MOBILE SEVEN THIRTYSEVEN PM FOUR SEVEN INSTANT.

MOBILE FOLLOWING. BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED.

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# Memorandum

TO : FILE (157-2627)

DATE: 4/5/68

FROM : SAC ALEXANDER

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING  
RM

This is to record that at 4:22 PM this date DAVE DALY of the Birmingham Office called and advised that a T-shirt and shorts with laundry marks in them had been located in a suitcase allegedly belonging to the subject.

Contact had been made with the so-called manufacturer of the laundry tag and it had been determined there are 12 outlets in Alabama, six of which were in Mobile territory.

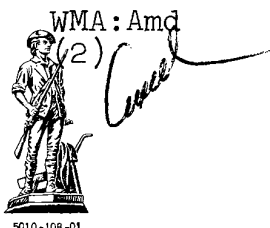
DALY described the tape as red fiber substance, ironed on by thermal seal machine. The tape is one-quarter inch wide by one and one-eighth inches or one and five-sixteenth inches in length. Inscribed on the red tape are black numbers 2-B6 or 02B-6.

DALY requested that inquiry be immediately made to determine which of the following laundries in the Mobile territory might use this tape, which was manufactured by the Textile Marking Co. of Syracuse, N.Y.:

- ✓ Alexander City Laundry, Alexander City, Ala. ✓
- ✓ Capital City Laundry, 507 S. Decatur, Montgomery
- 1 Empire Rouse, Inc., 1038 Adams Ave., Montgomery
- ✓ Quality Laundry and Cleaners, Auburn, Ala.
- ✓ Snow-White Laundry, 1052 Park, Enterprise, Ala.
- ✓ Young's Laundry, 218 N. College, Auburn, Ala.

At 4:37 PM the leads in Alexander City and Auburn were given to SA ROY H. EVELAND of the Opelika RA. At 4:42 PM the leads in Montgomery were given to SA CARMELO GRAFFAGNINI.

ASAC REED was instructed to call the Dothan RA for the lead at Enterprise, Ala.



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TO MEMPHIS  
FROM MOBILE (157-2627)

MURKIN. CR. OO: MEMPHIS.

RE MOTEL, SEVENTH INSTANT.

WILLIE L. CHAMBLESS, MONTGOMERY, ALA., REPORTED SEVENTH INSTANT THAT HE WAS WITH JOHN CHANEY ON STREET AT MONTGOMERY, MARCH TWENTYSIX LAST. HE OBSERVED SUSPECT, W/M, DRINKING WINE ON STREET WITH GROUP OF UNIDENTIFIED NEGROES. SUSPECT SAID HE WAS GOING TO MEMPHIS, TENN., THAT NIGHT. SUSPECT SOLD BAG AND CONTENTS TO CHAMBLESS FOR ONE DOLLAR. CHAMBLESS BELIEVES SUSPECT IS IDENTICAL WITH ASSASSIN BASED UPON VIEW OF ARTIST CONCEPTION APPEARING IN NEWSPAPER. SUSPECT WAS WEARING BLACK COWBOY BOOTS, WHITE DRESS SHIRT, SLEEVES SHORT WITH BLACK DOTS AND KHAKI TROUSERS. SUSPECT DESCRIBED AS W/M, THIRTYNINE OR FORTY, FIVE FT. NINE INCHES, ONE EIGHT ZERO LBS., GRAY EYES, HEAVY EYEBROWS, REDDISH COMPLEXION. HE HAD MUSCULAR BUILD WITH BROAD SHOULDERS, NOSE WAS LONG POINTED WITH NARROW BRIDGE, TEETH WERE LARGE WITH GOLD CROWN LEFT UPPER FRONT. HAIR WAS DARK GRAY PROMINENTLY RECEDING,

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FROM FRONT, THICK, COMBED STRAIGHT BACK. HE STOOD STRAIGHT  
AND WALKED WITH LONG STRIDE. HE SMILED MUCH WITH LIPS  
CRACKED JUST ENOUGH TO SHOW TEETH. TALK WAS CLEAR AND  
REGIONAL.

THREE ZERO TWO's WILL BE FORWARDED.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P.

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514 PM URGENT 4-5-68 VCG

TO MOBILE AND PHOENIX

FROM JACKSON (157-2866)

JAMES MCKAY RM-KLAN.

IN CONNECTION WITH VERIFICATION OF WHEREABOUTS OF  
BOMBING SUSPECTS.

JACKSON DIVISION, AT SIX P.M., APRIL FOUR LAST,  
UNABLE TO DETERMINE WHEREABOUTS OF SUBJECT. SUBJECT'S  
EMPLOYER, AMERICAN CYANAMID COMPANY, JACKSON, ADVISES  
SUBJECT LEFT JACKSON MARCH THIRTY ONE LAST EN ROUTE TO  
NATIONAL CITY, CALIF. FOR DELIVERY. SUBJECT CALLED HIS  
OFFICE IN JACKSON AND ADVISED HE HAD PICKED UP A RETURN  
LOAD OF PRODUCE FROM A NAT SPECTOR, TELEPHONE NUMBER NINE  
THREE NINE EIGHT EIGHT FOUR ONE, PHOENIX, ARIZONA. SPECTOR  
WAS TO ADVISE SUBJECT WHERE TO MAKE PICK UP AND GIVE HIM  
NUMBER TO CALL FOR DELIVERY OF THIS PRODUCE IN MOBILE, ALA.  
AMERICAN CYANAMID CO. NOT AWARE OF ROUTE TAKEN BY SUBJECT  
BUT ADVISED SUBJECT CALLED THEIR OFFICE ON FRIDAY MORNING  
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INSTANT AND ADVISED HE WAS SOMEWHERE IN TEXAS, EXACT LOCATION UNRECALLED BY COMPANY. SUBJECT IS DUE IN GULFPORT, MISS., SATURDAY MORNING EARLY AND IS TO CALL NUMBER IN MOBILE GIVEN HIM BY SPECTOR AND OBTAIN DIRECTION FOR DELIVERY OF PRODUCE IN MOBILE, ALA. SUBJECT TRAVELING WITH ONE CLYDE THOMPSON, DRIVER FOR AMERICAN CYANAMID CO., ALSO FROM JACKSON.

SUBJECT IS DRIVING UNIT NUMBER NINE FOUR BELONGING TO AMERICAN CYANAMID WHICH IS A CO FOUR ZERO ZSERO ZERO INTERNATIONAL TRACTOR WITH AMERICAN CYANAMID IN BLUE LETTERS ON DOOR. SUBJECT IS PULLING A WHITE TRAILER WITH REPLICA OF CYANAMID PRODUCTS IN BOTTLES ON SYDES.

AMERICAN CYANAMID ADVISES SUBJECT SHOULD HAVE AN UP TO DATE DAILY LOG, DELIVERY TICKETS IN OUT BOUND LOAD, PICK UP BILLS AND DELIVERY TICKETS ON LOAD COMING BACK AND CREDIT CARD INVOICES FOR FUEL. THEY ADVISED SUBJECT WOULD HAVE TO OBTAIN FUEL APPROXIMATELY EVERY TWO HUNDRED MILES.

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PHOENIX WILL CONTACT NAT SPECTOR AND ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE DESTINATION OF SUBJECT IN MOBILE, ALA. WILL DETERMINE WHEREABOUTS OF SUBJECT AT SIX P.M., APRIL FOUR LAST IF POSSIBLE. WILL SUTEL RESULTS TO JACKSON AND MOBILE.

MOBILE UPON RECEIPT OF INFORMATION FROM PHOENIX WILL MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR INTERVIEW OF SUBJECT APRIL SIX NEXT AND ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE WHEREABOUTS AT SIX P.M. APRIL FOUR LAST. SUTEL RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION.

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FBI BIRMGHAM

925PM URGENT 4-6-68 HEP  
TO JACKSON AND MOBILE

FROM BIRMINGHAM 1P

MURKIN

RE JACKSON TELEPHONE CALL TO BIRMINGHAM TODAY TO DETERMINE  
WHEREABOUTS JAMES MC KAY, BOMBING SUSPECT JACKSON DIVISION, AT  
SIX PM, APRIL FOUR, SIXTYEIGHT, AND BIRMINGHAM TELEPHONE CALL  
TO MOBILE TODAY.

INQUIRY INDICATES MC KAY WAS DIRECTED TO MOBILE, ALABAMA.

MOBILE SHOULD CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION AS REQUESTED  
IN REFERENCED TELEPHONE CALL.

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attempted to  
locate + interview  
at Co. No one there  
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523 PM URGENT 4/5/68 DLN

TO JACKSON (157-2866) AND MOBILE  
FROM PHOENIX 1P

JAMES MC KAY. RM-KLAN.

RE JACKSON TELETYPE APRIL FIVE INSTANT. RON MATACH,  
BROKER, WHO IS EMPLOYED WITH NAT SPECTOR, PHOENIX, ARIZONA  
ADVISED THAT JAMES MC KAY DEPARTED PHOENIX IN TRUCK REFERRED  
TO IN REFERENCED TELETYPE AT THREE FIFTY P.M. MOUNTAIN  
STANDARD TIME APRIL FOUR LAST, DESTINATION EIDSON DEKLE  
PRODUCE COMPANY, INC., ONE TWO ZERO ZERO ROBERTS INDUSTRIAL  
DRIVE, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA WHERE HE IS DUE TO ARRIVE ON  
EVENING OF APRIL SIX NEXT.

JACKSON REQUESTED TO SET OUT LEAD TO INTERVIEW MC KAY  
UPON HIS ARRIVAL IN BIRMINGHAM.

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TO: SAC JACKSON (157-2866)  
FROM: SAC MOBILE (157-2627)

MURKIN

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

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

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

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

1-Memphis (44-1987)  
1-Birmingham (44-1470)  
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EN ROUTE TO JACKSON, AND THAT DRIVER'S DAILY LOG WOULD BE  
IN POSSESSION OF AMERICAN CYANAMID. AIRMAIL COPIES TO MEMPHIS  
AND BIRMINGHAM. P.

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TO: SAC, MOBILE

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-3310) (P)

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Re Birmingham telephone call to Mobile, 4/6/68.

Mr. WILLIAM NICHOLS, Plant Manager, Northington Laundry, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, advised their laundry mark 2B-6 (color pink) was traced to LILLY WHITE Cleaners, Demopolis, Alabama, on 3/9/68. Customer's name was J. C. McALPINE, and the total bill was 91 cents. Owner of LILLY WHITE Cleaners is Mr. (FNU) PFAFFMAN.

NICHOLS advised the above 91 cent bill was possibly payment for three dress shirts.

This information was telephonically furnished to SA FRANK GILMAN of the Mobile Division by SA ERIC L. WILSON of the Birmingham Division on 4/6/68.

LEADS:MOBILE:AT DEMOPOLIS, ALABAMA:

Will conduct discreet background regarding McALPINE in effort to determine whether he is identical with UNSUB in this matter.

② - Mobile  
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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, MOBILE ( 157 - 2627)

DATE: April 8, 1968

FROM : SA PHILIP H. SHERIDAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
RM  
( ØØ: MEMPHIS)

A review of the Potential Bombing Suspects file of the Mobile Office reflects that the following individuals meet the general description of the killer as furnished by the Memphis Office.

- A) ROBERT LAWRENCE BELL, Jr - MO file 157 - 279;
- B) LEROY LAMAR DUCKER - MO file 157 - 77;
- C) JAMES M. HALL - MO file 157 - 203.

A lead to verify the whereabouts of the above individuals was telephonically furnished to the Montgomery RA on 4/8/68 to SA GRAFFAGNINI. Particular attention being given to the whereabouts of the above on 3/29-30/68 when the suspect was reportedly in Birmingham and on 4/4/68 when King was shot in Memphis, Tenn.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC (170-267)

FROM : SA Chilton B. Creason

SUBJECT: Wilson H. Richburg

DATE:

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| <u>Dr. Martin Luther King</u>  | <u>157-</u>        |                                |
| Purpose and results of contact   |                    |                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC   |                    |                                |
| <p>Informant telephonically reported this morning that Tuskegee Institute students were gathering on campus, following last night shooting of Dr. King. All classes were suspended - Students pulled out of class teachers told to leave. Memorial service planned. Informant will report any developments suggesting possible violence.</p> |                    |                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.   | Rating <u>Good</u> | Coverage <u>Racial Matters</u> |

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, Mobile (44-157-2627)

DATE: 4/5/68

FROM : SA Clarence W. Slaughter

SUBJECT: Unsub;  
MARTIN LUTHER KING-Victim  
CR

On 4/5/68 following could not furnish any info of value re this matter, and stated further no indication of racial unrest their areas:

PCI Raymond Carroll, Newville, Ala  
PCI Rupert Money, Abbeville, Ala  
PI(Ghetto) Robert Earl Ward, Abbeville  
Racial Source Solomon David Parker, Headland, Ala  
PCI Alvin Thomas, Oark, Ala  
PCI William Gammill, Daleville, Ala

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# Memorandum

TO : FILE (157-2627)

DATE: 4/8/68

FROM : SAC ALEXANDER

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR

For further information concerning investigative activity in this matter, it is to be noted that the rifle allegedly used in the murder of Dr. KING was bought in Birmingham at the Arrow Marine Shop.

The individual purchasing same gave his name as HARVEY LOWMEYER and gave his address as 1907 S. 11th. Originally one type of weapon was bought on 3/29/68. He returned on 3/30/68, and said he did not like the gun he had purchased and exchanged it for a Remington rifle which was allegedly used. He was described by individuals at the Arrow Marine Shop as age 36, 5'8", 150 to 160 lbs., dark hair, medium complexion, wearing blue business suit, white shirt; meek appearance.

Birmingham has advised that 1907 S. 11th is a good address; however, no one by the name of LOWMEYER or individual meeting his description is known at this address.

The above information was called down from Birmingham to SA CLIFFORD A. ROWE in Montgomery, with request that every effort be made to identify this individual through drivers license and auto registration. There was no individual by this name and certain variations were checked and the information developed was furnished Birmingham telephonically.

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Mobile, Alabama  
April 8, 1968

MEMO ALL AGENTS

MURKIN  
OO: MEMPHIS

MURKIN is the caption for CR investigation to identify person or persons responsible for the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., Memphis, Tenn., April 4, 1968.

The Bureau has advised that all investigation be handled under the personal direction of the SAC. Leads are to be afforded immediate, thorough attention. We must exhaust all possibilities from any leads.

Memphis has advised that the pertinent periods in this investigation are 3/29-30/68, in Birmingham, Ala., and 4/4/68 in Memphis, Tenn.

A composite description of the suspect, based on information developed in Birmingham and Memphis, is as follows:

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| Sex             | Male  |
| Race            | White   |
| Age             | 26 to 40 years  |
| Height          | 5' 8" to 5' 11"   |
| Weight          | 150 to 170  |
| Hair            | Dark brown or sandy, combed straight back   |
| Eyes            | Blue or green   |
| Build           | Medium  |
| Complexion      | Average and smooth  |
| Appearance      | General physical appearance neat  |
| Characteristics | Possibility exists that suspect is a non-smoker as no matches or cigarettes were found in the room rented by suspect 4/4/68, in Memphis |

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Suspect rented a room between 3:30 and 3:50 P.M., April 4 last, and departed shortly after 6:00 P.M.

In the event any data developed concerning suspects, such suspects may be eliminated if whereabouts established on the above listed pertinent dates. If this cannot be done, efforts must be made to secure photographs of suspects and forward photos to Memphis and Birmingham for possible elimination. Pertinent descriptive data should be included with photos.

If unable to eliminate suspects, based on bases of established whereabouts during pertinent periods, [redacted] instructs that we should make efforts to secure fingerprints of suspect in question and submit to Bureau for elimination.

All investigation must be handled immediately and the results promptly furnished to the Bureau, Memphis and Birmingham.

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W. M. Alexander, SAC



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AIRMAIL

TO : SAC, BIRMINGHAM  
FROM : SAC, MOBILE (157-2627) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
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(OO: Memphis)

Re Birmingham telephone call to Mobile Division  
and Mobile Division telephone call to Birmingham, 4/6/68.

Birmingham Division requested a check of the  
Motor Vehicle Bureau and Drivers License Bureau, State of  
Alabama, Montgomery, Alabama, for the name HARVEY LOWMEYER,  
1907 South 11th Street, Birmingham. No record at either location  
was located for this name as set forth.

The following variations of this surname were checked:  
LOWMEYER, LOWMEYER, LOWMYER and LOUGHMEYER. This check included  
a variation of the spelling of the "MEYER" portion of this name  
as follows: MEYERS, MAYER, MYERS and MEIER.

Additionally the surnames MEYER, MEYERS, MAYER,  
MAYERS, MEIER and MEIERS, were checked for individuals  
with first name of HARVEY.

The following is the result of this check which  
was furnished by telephone to Birmingham Division:

HARVEY LOUIS MEIER, 109 Lincoln Street, Huntsville,  
Alabama, issued Alabama Drivers License [redacted] on 11/14/49.  
Address at last issuance, 2212 Matthews S.E., Huntsville,  
Alabama. Described as DOB [redacted] WM, 160 pounds, 6'2",  
eyes blue, hair blond, and notation on application - please  
return Illinois license.

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HARVEY L. MEIER, 2212 Matthews S.E., Huntsville, Alabama, issued 1968 Alabama License 47-48172 for a 1963 Ford four-door.

LARRY H. LOHMEYER, 2101 Windover, Huntsville, Alabama, issued 1968 Alabama License 47-64501 for a 1964 Falcon.

LARRY HUGHES LOHMEYER, 426 McClung Street, Huntsville, Alabama, issued Alabama Drivers License [redacted] issued on 4/2/57; he was born [redacted] WM, 183 pounds, 5'8", eyes brown, hair brown, and indicated had current license from Ohio and Michigan.

R. J. LOHMANN, 12A West Lakeshore, Birmingham, Alabama, issued 1968 Alabama License 1A-88815 for a two-door 1966 Mustang.

HERMAN JOSEPH LOHMANN, 701 Princeton Avenue S. W., Birmingham, issued Alabama Drivers License [redacted] on 4/19/66. Described as born [redacted] WM 150 pounds, 6'1", eyes blue, hair brown and employed as physician, Baptist Hospital. He indicated he had New York drivers license for 1965. The folder contained an Alabama Highway Patrol arrest ticket dated 9/3/58, for driving with no license, at which time he indicated employment at West End Baptist Hospital. Also on 9/21/58, Alabama Highway Patrol arrest ticket issued to HERMAN JOSEPH LOHMANN, 708 Tuscaloosa Avenue, Birmingham, for speeding.

Information regarding LOHMANN included since this name fell within the close proximity of some of the spellings of LOHMEYER and since registration revealed this individual to have registered a Mustang automobile.