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PROGRAM URGENT TAB 4-7-68

TO: DIRECTOR NEW HAVEN MEMPHIS,

FROM: CHICAGO (44-NEW) (P)

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

NEW HAVEN CONDUCT SUFFICIENT INVESTIGATION TO ELIMINATE
SPOERL IF THIS CAN BE DONE.

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TO BUREAU AND NEW HAVEN

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

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Via TELETYPE URGENT
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
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MINUTEMEN IN CONN. LHM WILL FOLLOW. KC KANSAS CITY A.M. P

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Approved: *[Signature]*

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TO DIRECTOR

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW HAVEN (157-818)

DATE: 4/5/68

FROM : SA STEPHEN J. SLIFKA, JR.

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
RM

At 11:35 a.m., ~~JACK LENNHOF~~, Public Relations Director, Channel 24, Hartford, Conn., private telephone 246-0240, telephonically advised that he was the brother-in-law of SA JOHN A. DANAHER, that his television station was an educational tv network located in Broadman Hall, Trinity College, and that he had offered television time to Gov. DEMPSEY and Mayor UCCELLO of Hartford, Conn., in this emergency.

LENNHOFF advised he was calling to extend the above offer to the FBI, the Department of Justice and to any other Federal official.

LENNHOFF was thanked for his offer and advised the above would be made a matter of record.

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

MURKIN. CR. 00: MEMPHIS.

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
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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.

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ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. RM

FOLLOWING FURNISHED BY DETECTIVE RUSSELL HUGHES, WEST
HARTFORD, CONN., POLICE DEPARTMENT, THIS DATE.

WILLIAM LESLIE WILLARD, BORN

HARTFORD, CONN., RESIDENT FIVE SEVEN RAYMOND, ROAD, WEST

HARTFORD, CONN.; HARTFORD POLICE DEPT.; NUMBER FOUR FOUR TWO

FOUR NINE, SIX FEET TWO INCHES, ONE HUNDRED NINETY POUNDS, BROWN

HAIR, AND AT TIMES WEARS GLASSES, PRESENTLY SOUGHT AS CHECK

ASSER. DISCHARGED UNITED STATES ARMY BECAUSE OF MENTAL CONDITION.

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PHOTO OF WILLARD SENT MEMPHIS.

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RE NEW HAVEN TELETYPE TO PHOENIX APRIL SIX INSTANT.

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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 DRUGS,
ALABAMA.

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

1909 7714 EASTWOOD MALL, BIRMINGHAM, ALA. 5928149 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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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 324WEST FIFTH ST., ATALLA, ALA.

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6-04PM URGENT 3/6/68 RJC

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TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND PHOENIX
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC

DATE: April 7, 1968

FROM : CLERK RALPH GRANUCCI

SUBJECT: VINCENT PAUL DE PALMA aka
100-19151

At 4:10 AM the NHO was telephonically advised by SA NEHRBASS, SOG, that subject was identified by an informant to be the man assigned by the MINUTEMEN to kill DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. Subject was given the code name "WILLARD" by the MINUTEMEN. The bureau requested that a photo of the subject be sent to Memphis, Tenn. on the next flight to Memphis. Also requested was a discription and information weather or not subject was ever fingerprinted.

NH file 100-19151 reflects that subjects photo was sent to the New York Office. SA TOM CROKE, NYO was advised of the situation and he stated that the photo would be on the next flight to Memphis, Tenn. Memphis will be advised by New York as to time of arrival and flight number.

SA BILL BOOTH was contacted and advised of situation. SA BOOTH talked with SA NEHRBASS and advised him of backround information concerning subject. SA BOOTH also advised that subject was in the US ARMY and his Army Service Number was RA 11360380 and from this fingerprints could be obtained and furnished to Memphis, Tenn.

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651AM URGENT 4-7-68 NDG

TO DIRECTOR MEMPHIS (44-1897) NEW HAVEN AND CHARLOTTE.
FROM KANSAS CITY (44-760)

MURKIN. CR.

RE CHICAGO TELETYPE FOUR SEVEN SIXTYEIGHT AND DENVER AIRTEL
AND LHM TWO TWO SIXTYEIGHT CAPTIONED MINUTEMEN; IS MISC.

FOR INFO NEW HAVEN AND CHARLOTTE, SPRINGFIELD DIVISION ADVISED
EDITOR, TIMES DEMOCRAT, DAVENPORT, IOWA, ADVISED HE RECEIVED
TELEPHONE CALL FROM EDWARD BUMGARDNER OF NINE ONE SEVEN SIXTH
AVENUE, ERIE, ILLINOIS, ON APRIL FIVE LAST. BUMGARDNER ADVISED
HIM THAT ARTIST'S CONCEPTION DESPLAYED ON TELEVISION OF ASSASSINATION
SUSPECT APPEARS TO BE THAT OF ONE VINCENT DE PALMA. BUMGARDNER
ALSO ADVISED THAT HE IS FORMER MINUTEMAN AND ASSASSINATION MAY
HAVE BEEN COMMITTED BY MEMBER OF MINUTEMEN.

ON APRIL SIX LAST BUMGARDNER INTERVIEWED AT ERIE ILLINOIS
AND ADVISED AS FOLLOWS.

BUMGARDNER ATTENDED MINUTEMAN SCHOOL IN COLORADO AND WAS
ASSIGNED TO "STRIKE TEAM" WITH VINCENT DE PALMA.

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IT WAS DISCUSSED AT SCHOOL THAT IF ROBERT DE PUGH, LEADER OF MINUTEMEN, WAS EVER ARRESTED "STRIKE TEAM" WOULD ASSASSINATE MARTIN LUTHER KING AND VARIOUS GOVERNMENTAL OFFICIALS TO CREATE DIVERSION THEREBY MAKING IT POSSIBLE TO RESCUE DE PUGH. BUMGARDNER NOTED DE PUGH PRESENTLY WANTED BY FEDERAL AUTHORITIES. BUMGARDNER ADVISED DE PALMA WAS ASSIGNED CODE NAME WILLARD AND HE NOTED PERSON WHO KILLED KING REPORTED BY NEWS MEDIA TO HAVE REGISTERED IN HOTEL IN MEMPHIS USING NAME WILLARD.

NEW HAVEN IS ORIGIN IN CASE CAPTIONED VINCENT PAUL DE PALMA, MINUTEMEN, IS-MISC.

DE PALMA RESIDED MINUTEMEN HEADQUARTERS, INDEPENDENCE, MO., IN SEPT. SIXTYSEVEN WITH EDWARD BUMGARDNER AND ROBERT BAGWELL. HE ALSO ATTENDED MM TRAINING SESSIONS IN COLORADO DURING AUGUST SIXTYSEVEN WITH THEM.

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CURRENT ADDRESS OF BAGWELL KNOWN TO CHARLOTTE, AS HE HAS RECENTLY FURNISHED INFO RE CASE CAPTIONED ROBERT BOLIVAR DE PUGH DASH FUGITIVE, BR-CONSPIRACY, BUFILE NINE ONE DASH TWO EIGHT EIGHT SEVEN TWO. IN ORDER TO VERIFY INFO DE PALMA ASSIGNED CODE NAME WILLARD, BAGWELL SHOULD BE INTERVIEWED IMMEDIATELY.

BUMGARDNER FORMERLY PCI OF SPRINGFIELD OFFICE WHO WAS DISCONTINUED DUE TO HIS DISCLOSING RELATIONSHIP WITH BUREAU. HE HAS CONSIDERABLE ARREST RECORD DATING NINETEEN FIFTYSIX TO PRESENT FBI NUMBER SEVEN TWO SEVEN THREE NINE FIVE C.

FOR INFO BUREAU, RE DENVER LHM CONTAINS REPORT FROM ATTU DENVER CONCERNING INTERVIEW WITH DE PALMA JANUARY FIFTEEN LAST WHEREIN HE FURNISHED INFO RE "STRIKE TEAMS" AND ASSASSINATION OF GOV'T AGENTS AND ALSO KING AMONG OTHERS, SHOULD DE PUGH GO TO JAIL.

CE INTERVIEW BAGWELL AND NH FURNISH MEMPHIS COMPLETE SUMMARY RE DE PALMA.

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FBI NEW HAVEN

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
Memorandum

TO : SAC: NEW HAVEN

DATE: 4/7/68

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SUBJECT: MURKIN: CR. (157-818)

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TO ALL CONTINENTAL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR 1P

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TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS /44-1897/ NEW HAVEN, KANSAS CITY /44-760/
AND JACKSON
FROM CHARLOTTE /44-1365/

MURKIN.

RE KANSAS CITY TELETYPE TODAY REFLECTING THAT SUSPECT
VINCENT DE PALMA WAS ASSIGNED CODE NAME WILLARD BY MINUTEMEN.

ROBERT ERVIN BAGWELL, THREE SEVENTY BROADWAY, ASHEVILLE,
N. C., FORMER MEMBER OF MINUTEMEN WHO HAS FURNISHED CONFIDENTIAL
INFORMATION ON MINUTEMEN ACTIVITIES, ADVISED TODAY HE NEVER
KNEW VINCENT DE PALMA, ROBERT DE PUGH OR WALLY PEYSON, NUMBER
ONE MAN OF DE PUGH, TO USE COVER NAMES, AND HE DOES NOT RECALL
ANY MINUTEMEN USING THE CODE NAME OF WILLARD OR JOHN WILLARD.

BAGWELL DESCRIBED DE PALMA WHOSE TRUE NAME IS WHITE HORSE
OR WHITE HAWK, AS INDIAN, MALE, AGE TWENTYFIVE APPROXIMATELY,
SIX ONE, ONE SEVENTY POUNDS, BROWN HAIR, BROWN EYES, LIGHT
BROWN COMPLEXION, MEDIUM BUILD, ORIGINALLY FROM CONNECTICUT AND
REARED IN AN ORPHANAGE. HE SAID HAD DE PALMA OR ANY OF THE
HARDCORE MINUTEMEN SHOT KING, THEY WOULD HAVE DISMANTLED THE
RIFLE AND PUT IT IN A BRIEFCASE, RATHER THAN ABANDON IT. 157 AND 878-19

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WOULD NOT HAVE RUN FROM THE SCENE.

BAGWELL REITERATED HE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE THAT MINUTEMEN HAD HAD ANY PLANS TO KILL KING. BAGWELL WAS FORMER MEMBER OF WHITE KNIGHTS OF KU KLUX KLAN /WKKKK/ BEFORE BECOMING ACTIVE IN MINUTEMEN AND SAID KING WAS A MAJOR TARGET FOR THIS GROUP. HE DESCRIBED WKKKK AS AN ASSASSINATION SQUAD FOR KKK, WITH HEADQUARTERS IN MERIDAN, MISSISSIPPI. HE KNEW E. L. MC DANIEL TO BE HEAD OF THIS GROUP SEVERAL YEARS AGO BUT DOES NOT KNOW THE IDENTITIES OF THE PRESENT LEADERS AND ACTIVISTS OF WKKKK.

JACKSON IS REQUESTED TO CONTACT INFORMANTS AND SOURCES IN WKKKK FOR ANY INFORMATION THAT KING MAY HAVE BEEN A TARGET OF THIS GROUP OR THAT THIS GROUP OR ANY OF ITS MEMBERS HAD ANY PLANS TO TAKE ANY ACTION AGAINST KING.

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4-07PM URGENT 4/7/68 DES

TO DIRECTOR, BOSTON, MEMPHIS, KANSAS CITY, CHARLOTTE.

FROM NEW HAVEN (157-818)

MURKIN CR. 00: MEMPHIS.

RE KANSAS CITY TELETYPE FOUR SEVEN SIXTY EIGHT AND NEW HAVEN

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THIS DATE. HEG STATED THAT ABOUT THE SECOND WEEK OF FEBRUARY
DE PALMA VISITED HER AT HER HOME IN BRISTOL, AT THIS TIME
SHE GAVE DE PALMA A NOTE WHICH HAD BEEN LEFT WITH HER TO
HAVE DE PALMA CONTACT THE NEAREST OFFICE OF THE FBI IN THE
EVENT HE CONTACTED HER. SHE STATED HE TOOK THE NOTE AND THEN SAID
QUOTE THE FBI ONLY WANTS TO GET ME TO APPEAR IN COURT AGAINST
DE PAUGH AND I WON'T EVER DO IT AS I WOULD NOT LEAVE THE
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NERVOUS CONDITION BROUGHT ON BY HER SON. SHE STATED THAT AT
APPROXIMATELY SIX PM ON APRIL FIFTH LAST DE PALMA VISITED HER IN
THE HOSPITAL. HE TOLD HER THAT HE HAD COME TO BRISTOL FROM
NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND ARRIVING ABOUT NOON, HAD TAKEN HIS
FOUR CHILDREN FOR A DRIVE AND HAD THEN VISITED HIS FATHER AT
NORWICH STATE HOSPITAL, NORWICH, CONN. SHE STATED THAT
SINCE THE FIRST PART OF FEBRUARY DE PALMA HAS BEEN EMPLOYED
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BY A BUS COMPANY IN NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND AS A DRIVER. SHE BELIEVES HE DRIVES AT NIGHT. FURTHER THAT FOR THE FIRST FEW DAYS AFTER ARRIVAL HE RESIDED WITH HIS FATHER-IN-LAW, BERT KELLY, THREE ROSEDALE TERRACE, MIDDLETOWN, RHODE ISLAND. HE THEN OBTAINED A THREE ROOM APARTMENT AT SIXTY NINE RHODE ISLAND AVE., ROUTE TWO, MIDDLETOWN, RHODE ISLAND WHERE HE ALLEGEDLY RESIDES TO PRESENT. BOSTON IMMEDIATELY DETERMINE PRESENCE OF DE PALMA IN NEWPORT-MIDDLETOWN, RHODE ISLAND AREA DURING APRILFOUR LAST. BOSTON ALSO REFER TO REPORT OF SA WILLIAM H. BOOTH JR., DATED TWO FIFTEEN LAST ENTITLED VINCENT PAUL DE PALMA, AKA, MINUTEMEN IS DASH MISCELLANEOUS. EXHIBIT SECTION THIS REPORT SETS OUT INTERVIEW WITH DE PALMA BY A&TT OFFICE, DENVER COLORADO ON ONE SEVENTEEN LAST. BUREAU HAS INSTRUCTED THAT DE PALMA SHOULD BE IMMEDIATELY INTERVIEWED REGARDING ALLEGATIONS MADE TO ATTD. IN VIEW OF DE PALMA'S BACKGROUND INCLUDING HIS REPORTED POSSESSION OF PISTOL AND KNIFE, CAUTION SHOULD BE EXERCISED DURING INTERVIEW WHICH SHOULD BE CONDUCTED BY

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