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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
DISSEMINATION, BOTH LOCALLY AND TO BUREAU.

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Date: 4/5/68

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TO: DIRECTOR AND SACS MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM ²⁷³ ~~NEW~~ *NEW HAVEN*
 FROM: SAC ALBANY (157-~~NEW~~)

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., RM.

RE NEW HAVEN TELCALL TO ALBANY AND ALBANY TELCALLS TO
 BIRMINGHAM APRIL FIVE INSTANT.

RECORDS OF REMINGTON ARMS COMPANY, ILION, NEW YORK, SHOW
 REMINGTON MODEL SEVEN SIX ZERO, SERIAL NUMBER FOUR SIX ONE
 FOUR SEVEN SIX WAS ONE OF THREE RIFLES IN SINGLE CARTON SHIPPED
 BY REMINGTON INVOICE NUMBER FIVE FIVE EIGHT SIX EIGHT ON
 MARCH THIRTY NINETEEN SIXTYSIX TO WIMBERLY THOMAS HARDWARE
 COMPANY, ONE EIGHT ZERO NINE FIRST AVENUE SOUTH, BIRMINGHAM,
 ALABAMA. INSTANT CARTON WAS PART OF A SEVENTYONE CARTON
 SHIPMENT OF FIREARMS DELIVERED ON CUSTOMER'S ORDER NUMBER
 TWO SIX THREE THREE EIGHT. OTHER TWO RIFLES OF SAME MODEL
 IN CARTON WITH INSTANT WEAPON BORE SERIAL NUMBERS FOUR SIX
 ONE FOUR FIVE ZERO AND FOUR SIX ONE FOUR FOUR TWO. TOTAL OF
 FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTEEN FIREARMS INCLUDED IN ABOVE SHIPMENT.

BIRMINGHAM DETERMINE DISPOSITION OF RIFLE

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Tom Kelly *TCK*

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Approved: *RUH*
 Special Agent in Charge

Sent *per 959 Memphis 1003*
Birmingham 1003
new Haven 1009

Per *pr*

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-273)

DATE: 4/5/68

FROM : ASAC

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
RM

At 12:30 a.m. today, I was telephonically advised by ASAC THEODORE GUNDERSON, New Haven office, that a telephone call had been received from ASAC CLIFF HALTER, Memphis office, requesting that the rifle used in the assassination of the captioned subject be traced through the Remington Company. GUNDERSON advised that leads should be handled telephonically.

GUNDERSON stated that information developed by New Haven revealed that the gun described by ASAC HALTER as a Remington Gamemaster, model 760 rifle, serial number 461476, firing a 30.06 cartridge, was manufactured at Remington's plant at Ilion, New York, and that it would be necessary to check at that plant in order to determine to whom the gun was consigned.

Immediately thereafter I instructed SRA LEW KELLY to make the necessary contact to determine whether records could be checked immediately, and he informed me shortly thereafter that this could be done after 8:00 a.m. same date. I thereupon telephonically informed ASAC CLIFF HALTER at Memphis of the developments in regard to the gun and the fact that the records would be checked at 8:00 a.m. today.

At 8:55 a.m., SRA KELLY advised that he had been telephonically informed by GEORGE ROCKWELL, Manager, National Accounts, Bridgeport, Conn., that the above described rifle had been shipped on Remington invoice from Ilion, New York, dated 3/30/66 to the Wimberly Hardware Company, Birmingham, Alabama, exact address unknown. KELLY also advised that ROCKWELL had informed him there was a remote chance that although the gun was shipped to the Wimberly Hardware Company it might have been dropped off to an individual customer. In order to close the door on this remote chance, the Remington Company was making an additional check.



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I immediately telephonically advised SAC JOSEPH GAMBLE of the Birmingham office concerning the foregoing facts and he advised that he would cause the necessary checks to be made immediately to determine whether the gun was received by the Wimberly Hardware Company and to whom the gun was sold and that Memphis would be telephonically advised.

SRA KELLY was instructed to advise the Bureau, Birmingham and Memphis by teletype of the information he had developed.

Immediately subsequent to the above, SRA KELLY telephonically advised that the invoice in regard to the shipment of the gun located by the company revealed that the consignee was correctly named the Wimberly Thomas Hardware Company, 1809 First Avenue South, Birmingham, Alabama. It also revealed that this gun was part of a large shipment consisting of 71 boxes of firearms and the above-mentioned rifle was in a carton containing three guns in all. I furnished the foregoing information to SAC GAMBLE, Birmingham, immediately upon receipt, and he advised that an agent had already been assigned to this case and the Wimberly Company was being contacted.

File - Serial Charge Out
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File _____ Class. _____ Case No. _____ Last Serial _____ Date _____
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To _____ From _____

Date charged

Employee

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Date: 4/6/68

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Via TELETYPEURGENT

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TO: DIRECTOR, BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS, BOSTON, NEWARK, NEW HAVEN
AND NEW YORK

FROM: ALBANY (157-273)

MURKIN CR OO MEMPHIS

RE TEL CALLS TO BUREAU MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM THIS DATE.

SEARCH OF PREMISES BELIEVED OCCUPIED BY UNSUB WHO
ASSASSINATED DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING ON FOUR FOUR SIXTYEIGHT
DISCLOSED SUITCASE IN WHICH WAS LOCATED TEE SHIRT AND UNDER
SHORTS BEARING LAUNDRY MARK ON RED TAPE WITH BLACK LETTERING
BELIEVED TO BE THERMO-SEAL TYPE, MANUFACTURED BY TEXTILE
MARKING MACHINE CO., INC., SYRACUSE, N.Y. THE TAPE IS ONE
QUARTER INCH WIDE AND ONE AND ONE SIXTEENTH INCH LONG AND BEARS
LETTERS AND NUMBERS EITHER D TWO B DASH SIX OR ZERO TWO B DASH
SIX.

BUREAU HAS INSTRUCTED THAT ALL TEXTILE MACHINES USING
THIS TYPE TAPE BE LOCATED AND THE MACHINE USING THIS CODE BE
IDENTIFIED.

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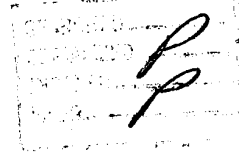
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Special Agent in Charge

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CALLS BY ALBANY OFFICE TO ALL SALES REPRESENTATIVES OF TEXTILE MARKING MACHINE CO. DISCLOSED THAT ONLY ONE AREA OF UNITED STATES (NORTHEAST) UTILIZES THE CODE SYSTEM ON THIS TAPE. THE CODE IS AS FOLLOWS: THE FIRST LETTER O OR D STANDS FOR LOT NUMBER; FIRST NUMBER DESIGNATES DAY OF WEEK, TWO BEING TUESDAY; SECOND LETTER IS FIRST LETTER OF THE STORE NAME; LAST NUMBER IS THE BUNDLE NUMBER. COLOR CODING OF TAG MAY DESIGNATE VARIOUS THINGS SUCH AS THE IDENTITY OF A STORE IN A CHAIN. FOR IDENTIFICATION IT APPEARS THAT THE MACHINE PRODUCING THE TAPE WAS DEFECTIVE CAUSING A CUT OFF OF THE TAPE BY ONE SIXTEENTH INCH AND CUTTING A PORTION OF THE FIRST LETTER. ALSO DETERMINED THAT THE USE OF THIS SYSTEM ON LAUNDRY ITEMS IS UNUSUAL IN THAT IT IS NORMALLY USED ON GARMENTS BEING DRY-CLEANED.

FOLLOWING ARE DISTRIBUTORS OF THERMO-SEAL MACHINES WHO MAY HAVE SOLD MACHINES TO STORES WHOSE NAMES BEGIN WITH THE LETTER B.

BOSTON: LEWIS NATIONAL CORP., ONE MT. VERNON ST.
DORCHESTER, MASS.; NEWARK: PROSPERITY DIVISION OF AMETEK
ONE SEVEN TWO FIVE ORIENT WAY RUTHERFORD, N.J.; NEW YORK
DELTA CLEANERS EQUIPMENT CO. EIGHT SEVEN FIVE PROSPECT
AVE. WESTBURY, L.I.; EXCELL LAUNDRY MACHINERY CO. FIVE
ONE FOUR SECOND ST. BROOKLYN, N.Y. WHO SOLD A MACHINE
DELIVERED SEVEN TWENTYTWO SIXTYSIX TO BIG SIX DRIVE IN
CLEANERS, ADDRESS NOT KNOWN AT SYRACUSE, N.Y.;

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MILL NATIONAL CORP. ONE ONE ZERO ONE EAST TREMONT AVE. BRONX
N.Y. AND KAY-BEE EQUIP. CORP. SEVEN SEVEN DASH ZERO FIVE
SEVENTYSIXTH ST. GLENDALE, L.I..

THESE COMPANIES WILL BE CONTACTED BY OFFICES DESIGNATED
TO DETERMINE IF ANY MACHINES WERE SOLD TO ANY OTHER COMPANIES
BEGINNING WITH LETTER B, WHICH MACHINES MAKE TAPES ONE QUARTER
INCH WIDE AND ONE AND ONE EIGHTH INCH LONG.

FOLLOWING ARE STORES KNOWN TO TEXTILE MARKING MACHINE CO.
WHO HAVE ABOVE DESCRIBED MACHINES AND MAY USE THIS CODING
SYSTEM;

BOSTON: BELFORTE CLEANERS INC. ONE SIX FIVE HIGH ST.
CLINTON, MASS.

NEWARK: BARCLAY CLEANERS BARCLAY CENTER ROUTE SEVENTY
HADDENFIELD, N.J., BERGEN VALET INC. TWO EIGHT EAST MAIN ST.
BERGENFIELD, N.J.; BOND CLEANERS TWO ZERO FIVE TWO
NOTTINGHAM WAY, TRENTON, N.J.

NEW HAVEN: BARRY CLEANERS THREE ONE SIX BRIDGE APPROACH
NEW LONDON SHOPPING CENTER, NEW LONDON, CONN., BARTON AND
ROY SIX EIGHT JENSEN ST., MANCHESTER, CONN.

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NEW YORK: BELL BOY DRIVE IN CLEANERS THREE SIX ONE
BEACH CHANNEL DRIVE, FAR ROCKAWAY, L.I., BEACHURST CLEANERS
ONE ONE DASH ZERO FIVE ONE FIFTYFOURTH ST. BEACHURST, L.I.,
BEVY CLEANERS BOICES LANE AND TOUTE NINE W, ULSTER, N.Y.,
BON-ART CLEANERS AND LAUNDRY THIRTYFIFTH AND THREE FIVE ZERO
FIVE JUNCTION BLVD., CORONA, N.Y., JOSEPH G. BRICKNER AND
CHARLES E. MARTIN TWO NINE FIVE MEDFORD AVE. PATCHOGUE, N.Y.,
BRIGHTON LAUNDRY TWO SIX TWO THREE WEST SIXTH ST. BROOKLYN, N.Y.,
BRONX PRESSING MACHINE CO. ONE ONE ZERO ONE E. TREMONT AVE.
BRONX, N.Y. (ALSO LOCATION OF MILL NATIONAL CORP. LISTED
ABOVE AND ALSO HAS SOLD TWO MACHINES IN NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE,
LOCATIONS NOT KNOWN.), BUDGET CLEANERS FOUR FIVE AVENUE
B, N.Y.C., BUDGEWOOD SERVICE TWO FOUR SEVEN TWO THIRD AVE.
BRONX, N.Y., BURRACHIO BROS. ONE TWO FOUR FOUR WEST BROADWAY
HEWLITT, L.I..

ABOVE OFFICES WILL, UPON RECEIPT OF COLOR PHOTO OF TAPE
AND ARTISTS CONCEPTION, IMMEDIATELY CONTACT THESE BUSINESS
PLACES TO IDENTIFY LAUNDRY MARK AND UNSUB. BUREAU HAS

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INSTRUCTED LEADS MUST BE HANDLED IMMEDIATELY.

BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO FURNISH COLOR PHOTOS OF LAUNDRY TAPES TO ALBANY, BOSTON, NEWARK, NEW HAVEN AND NEW YORK IN SUFFICIENT QUANTITIES TO ENABLE COVERAGE OF ABOVE LEADS.

BIRMINGHAM OR MEMPHIS WILL FURNISH COPIES OF ARTISTS CONCEPTION TO BOSTON, NEWARK, NEW HAVEN AND NEW YORK IN SUFFICIENT QUANTITIES TO COVER LEADS.

NEW YORK MAY DESIRE TO CONTACT FRED WEBER THREE THREE SKYLARK LANE, STONYBROOK, L.I., TEL. NO. SEVEN FIVE ONE TWO ONE THREE FIVE WHO IS SALES REPRESENTATIVE FOR TEXTILE MARKING MACHINE CO. AND WHO MAY BE ABLE TO GIVE ASSISTANCE.

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ALBANY WILL DISPLAY PHOTOS OF LAUNDRY TAPE TO EDWARD BROWTON, TEXTILE MACHINE MARKING CO., SYRACUSE, N.Y. FOR ANY ADDITIONAL INFO HE MAY BE ABLE TO FURNISH.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-273)

DATE: 4/6/68

FROM : SA ROBERT S. REA

SUBJECT: UNSUB; Assassination of
Doctor MARTIN LUTHER KING,
Memphis, Tennessee
4/4/68
RACIAL MATTER

(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re Birmingham telephone call to Albany 4/5/68
at 2:30 p.m. and Albany telephone calls to Birmingham
4/5/68 at 2:40 and 3:10 p.m.

On 4/5/68 DAVID DALY of the Birmingham Office
called and advised the writer that a laundry mark had been
found on a T-shirt and a pair of shorts in the hotel room
from which it is believed Doctor MARTIN LUTHER KING was
assassinated on 4/4/68. He stated this laundry mark is
either "2B-6 or 02B-6" on red tape which is either stick-on
or iron down type and the measurements shown are 1/4 inch
wide by 1 1/16 long. He stated that investigation by
Birmingham had disclosed that much of the material found in
the room was traceable to Birmingham, therefore, they desired
to check on the laundry mark and had determined that this type
of laundry marking was made by Textile Marking Machine Company,
Syracuse, New York.

Mr. DON BROUGHTON, Textile Marking Machine Company,
2204 Erie Blvd., East, Syracuse, New York, advised the writer
that the only company in Birmingham, Alabama using tape which
was 1/4 inch wide and 1 5/16 long was Aladdin Cleaners,
112 55th Place, North Birmingham, and that this same size
was also used by Northington's Laundry, Incorporated,
Tuscaloosa, Alabama. He stated there was no such tape as
1/4 inch wide and 1 1/16 long.

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Mr. BROUGHTON stated that he would suggest contact with their distributors in Birmingham who might possibly recognize the laundry mark. He listed these distributors as follows:

S.H. Ross and Company, 3300 Ball St., Birmingham;

Morris and Eckels, 2200 Magnolia Avenue, South Birmingham;

Phenix Supply Company, 1201-Second Avenue, North Birmingham;

Mr. BROUGHTON stated that they also have laundries in Auburn, ~~Huntsville~~, Decatur, Enterprise, Florence and Montgomery, Alabama, using these different tapes.

This information was supplied to SA DAVID DALY of the Birmingham Office. Mr. DALY requested that Mr. BROUGHTON be re-contacted and requested to furnish the names of all laundries in the State of Alabama, utilizing the marking system with this size laundry marker.

Mr. BROUGHTON was re-contacted and furnished the following additional list which he stated would include not only those that were 1/4 inch wide and 1 5/16 long but also would include those 1/4 wide and 1 1/8 long.

The list is as follows:

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Alexander City Laundry, Alexander City, Alabama;

Capital City Laundry, 507 South Decatur, Montgomery,
Alabama;

Homer L. Corum, 2508 Memorial Parkway, South,
Huntsville, Alabama;

Empire Rouse, Incorporated, 1038 Adama Avenue,
Montgomery, Alabama;

Oakwood College Laundry Department, Huntsville,
Alabama;

James F. O'Dell, Huntsville, Alabama;

Quality Laundry and Cleaners, Auburn, Alabama;

Snow White Laundry and Cleaners, 1052 Park
Avenue, Enterprise, Alabama;

White Swan Laundry, Huntsville, Alabama;

Young's Laundry, 216 North College St., Auburn,
Alabama.

Mr. DALY was again called at Birmingham and was
furnished the above information.

Special Agent DALY at this time requested that no
communication be furnished to Birmingham unless they forwarded

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a communication to Albany.

This memorandum is prepared for recording the results of investigation, which were furnished telephonically to Birmingham.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC 157-273

DATE: 4/7/68

FROM : SPC RONALD W. PALMER

SUBJECT: UNSUB; ASSASSINATION OF DOCTOR MARTIN LUTHER KING,
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, 4/4/68. RACIAL MATTER.
OO: MEMPHIS.

MR. BELTER, WFO ADVISED THAT COLOR PHOTO'S OF TAPE AND
ARTISTS CONCEPTION IS ON AMERICAN AIRLINE FLIGHT 252 DUE TO
ARRIVE AT ALBANY AIRPORT AT 1:45PM THIS DATE, CAPTAIN BRUCE
SIANA WILL HAVE THE PHOTOS. ~~A~~ AGENT IS TO MEET THE ~~D~~ PLANE
AND GET THE PHOTO'S FROM SIANA AND ARRANGE TO GET THEM TO
SYRACUSE AS SOON AS P POSSIBLE.

ALL LEADS ARE TO BE HANDLE IMMEDIATELY.

SAC AND SA LEVAN ADVISED.

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303PM 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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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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SAC advised

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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.

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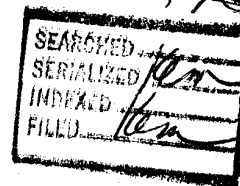
TO: DIRECTOR, BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS, BOSTON, NEWARK, NEW HAVEN
AND NEW YORK.

FROM: ALBANY /157-253/

MURKIN CR. OO MEMPHIS

REALBANY TEL FOUR SIX LAST.

EXPERT AT TEXTILE MARKING MACHINE CO. OBSERVED COLOR
PHOTOGRAPHS OF LAUNDRY TAPES AND ADVISED THIS IS FIVE CHARACTER
MACHINE, FIRST TWO CHARACTERS FIFTEEN POINT TYPE, LAST THREE
CHARACTERS EIGHTEEN POINT TYPE WITH THIRD CHARACTER DEFINITELY
A LETTER B, NOT NUMBER THREE. HE ADVISED THIS CODE USED NORTHERN
EASTERN UNITED STATES. THE TYPE ON TAPE VERY UNUSUAL, LIMITED
TO NO MORE THAN TEN MACHINES MANUFACTURED BY TEXTILE MARKING
MACHINE CO. IDENTITIES OF THOSE MACHINES WILL BE OBTAINED
AM FOUR EIGHT NEXT AND FURNISHED IMMEDIATELY TO INTERESTED OFFICES.

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Special Agent in Charge

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FBI NEWARK

312PM URGENT 4-8-68 BAG

TO DIRECTOR, ALBANY, BIRMINGHAM, BOSTON, MEMPHIS
FROM NEWARK (44-854)

MURKIN

RE ALBANY TEL TO DIRECTOR FOUR SEVEN LAST CONCERNING
LAUNDRY MARKS ON UNDERSHORTS AND "T" SHIRT.

LAUNDRY MARK INVESTIGATION - NJ

JOHN LIKOS, GENERAL MANAGER, BOND DRY CLEANING CO., TWO
ZERO FIVE ZERO NOTTINGHAM WAY, TRENTON, NJ, ADVISED AFTER
EXAMINING A PHOTO OF A TEE SHIRT AND SHORTS WITH LAUNDRY MARKS,
THAT THESE ITEMS WERE NOT SERVICED IN HIS STORE.

HE ADVISED HE FORMERLY USED THE TAGS OF TEXTILE MANUFACTURING
CO., BUT DISCONTINUED TO USE THESE TAGS APPROXIMATELY EIGHTEEN
MONTHS AGO. HE NOW UTILIZES TAGS OF THE LIBERTY TAG CO.,
PLAINVIEW, NY.

RAYMOND WILSON, BARCLAY CLEANERS, HADDONFIELD, NJ, ADVISED
HE DOES NOT LAUNDER UNDERWEAR, AND MORE SPECIFICALLY THE MARK
IN QUESTION IS NOT HIS SERIES AS BARCLAY USES ALL NUMBERS, NO
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LETTER NUMBER COMBINATIONS.

BERGEN VALET, INC., BERGENFIELD, NJ, ADVISED LAUNDRY MARK NOT THEIR CODE AND DO NOT LAUNDRY UNDERWARE.

INQUIRY RE DISTRIBUTORSHIP OF THERMO-SEAL MACHINE THROUGH AMETEK INDUSTRIES, RUTHERFORD, NJ, INDICATES LOCAL DISTRIBUTORS SUCH AS PROSPERITY DIVISION OF AMETEK, DO NOT MAINTAIN COMPLETE RECORDS RE LOCATIONS OF CLEANING ESTABLISHMENTS USING THERMO-SEAL MACHINE. PANTEX-PROSPERITY, ONE FOUR EIGHT PICKETT ST., SOUTH PORTLAND, MAINE, FURNISHED AS CENTRAL DISTRIBUTOR, AND POSSIBLY HAS ALL RECORDS AS TO PURCHASERS.

RE ALBANY TEL FOUR SEVEN LAST INDICATES THE TYPE ON TAPE VERY UNUSUAL, LIMITED TO NO MORE THAN TEN MACHINES. IN VIEW OF THIS, IT IS SUGGESTED BOSTON NOT CONTACT PANTEX AT PORTLAND, PENDING INVESTIGATION BY ALBANY.

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TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS & ALBANY
FROM BOSTON 44-

MURKIN, CR, OO: MEMPHIS

RE ALBANY TEL APRIL SEVEN LST.

PAUL CAMPBELL, PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER, SUPERIOR
LAUNDRY CO., INC., SIX TWO FIVE CONCORD AVE., CAMBRIDGE,
MASS. ADVISED HIS COMPANY HAS FOUR LAUNDRY MARKING MACHINES,
ALL OBTAINED FROM TEXTILE MARKING MACHINE CO., SYRACUSE, N.Y.
CAMPBELL ADVISED THAT THE MACHINES PRINT SIX DIGIT NUMBERS.
ADVISED THAT HIS COMPANY PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER OR OCTOBER LAST
USED CODE OF ONE TO THREE NUMBERS, FOLLOWED BY TWO DASHES
FOLLOWED BY A LETTER. PRESENTLY USE CODE OF TWO NUMBERS,
A DASH ONE NUMBER A DASH AND A LETTER. CAMPBELL VIEWED PHOTO
OF LAUNDRY TAPE AND SAID THIS TAPE NOT HIS MARKING. CAMPBELL
MADE AVAILABLE FROM THE FOUR MACHINES SAMPLES OF CODE D TWO B
DASH SIX, WHICH WILL BE SUBMITTED TO FBI LAB BY AIRTEL.
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DER DONT HANG UP I GOT ONE FOR YOU 11PGS OK

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O OK HOW IS YOUR PAPER 1A 1TL OK

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TO DIRECTOR, ALBANY AND MEMPHIS
FROM ATLANTA 44-2386

MURKIN

RE ALBANY TELEPHONE CALL TO ATLANTA TODAY.

INVESTIGATION BLUM'S LAUNDRY, MACON, GEORGIA,
REVEALED THAT THEY HAVE THERMOSEAL TAPE MACHINE,
SERIAL NO. THREE ONE NINE SEVEN THREE, MODEL H FIVE L ONE,
WHICH PRINTS FIVE-CHARACTER TAPE ONE AND ONE-EIGHTH INCH
LONG. NO INDICATION OF TROUBLE IN PAST, CAUSING MACHINE TO
CUT TAPE SHORT. RED TAPE IS USED FOR SPECIAL WORK BUT TAPE
NOT ORDINARILY PUT ON SMALL ITEMS AS SHORTS. BLUM DOES NOT
USE AND HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF CODE NUMBER ZERO TWO B DASH SIX.
THEIR CODE CONSISTS OF ONE DASH THROUGH NINETYNINE FOR LOT
NUMBER; A LETTER FOR WEEK AND LAST TWO DIGITS FOR BUNDLE
NUMBER RUNS FROM DASH ONE THROUGH TWENTY. LAST B WEEK FOR
BLUM'S WAS FOR WEEK OF MAR. TWENTYFIFTH LAST AND CHECK OF RE-
CORDS REVEALED NO CODE ZERO TWO B DASH SIX. SAMPLES OF BLUM'S
TAPE WITH CODE ZERO TWO B DASH SIX OBTAINED ON RED TAPE AND
BEING FORWARDED DIRECT TO FBI LABORATORY FROM MACON, GA. RA
TODAY, AMSD. NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION AT BLUM'S INDICATED
AT THIS TIME. P

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TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, ALBANY, LOS ANGELES, NEW ORLEANS (INFO)
PHILADELPHIA AND SACRAMENTO (INFO).
FROM NEW YORK 44-1609

MURKIN; CIVIL RIGHTS; OO: MEMPHIS.

RE BH TELS TO THE BUREAU DATED APRIL SEVEN AND APRIL
EIGHT LAST AND ME TEL TO ALL SACS DATED APRIL SEVEN LAST.

FOR INFORMATION, BIRMINGHAM ADVISED UNSUB USED NAME HARVEY
LOWMEYER WHEN PURCHASING RIFLE IN BIRMINGHAM AND NAME JOHN
WILLARD IN REGISTRATION AT ME. BIRMINGHAM REQUESTED NY OFFICE
TO CONTACT DINERS CLUB TO DETERMINE IF EITHER NAME APPEARED AS
CREDIT CARD HOLDERS AND THEREAFTER SET OUT APPROPRIATE LEADS TO
ELIMINATE OR IDENTIFY AS UNSUB THIS CASE.

REVIEW OF DINERS CLUB'S RECORDS AT NEW YORK REVEALS NO
CREDIT CARD FOR HARVEY LOWMEYER.

RECORDS REFLECT THE FOLLOWING DINERS CLUB ACCOUNTS UNDER

THE NAME JON WILLARD:

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*Syracuse lead
J. Kelly
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this case to a 44 to eliminate
the racial aspects which is
chattering up file. per*

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JOHN F. WILLARD, WILLARD GENERAL TIRE SERVICE, INC.,
TWO THREE NINE WEST KING STREET, YORK, PENNSYLVANIA.
THIS ACCOUNT NUMBER TWO FOUR FOUR SIX SIX THREE ZERO SIX DASH
EIGHT HAS BEEN ACTIVE SINCE NINETEEN HUNDRED FIFTY THREE.

PH CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION TO ELIMINATE OR
IDENTIFY JOHN F. WILLARD AS UNSUB THIS CASE.

JOHN W. WILLARD, WIFE MARY R. WILLARD, ONE THREE FIVE
HAMPTON ROAD, SYRACUSE, NEW YORK, TELEPHONE NUMBER
GR NINE DASH NINE SEVEN FOUR FIVE, DINERS CLUB ACCOUNT
NUMBER ONE SEVEN TWO EIGHT DASH FIVE SIX ONE THREE DASH
ZERO. DINERS CLUB RECORDS REFLECT WILLARD AS PRESIDENT
OF J.W. WILLARD ASSOCIATES, INC. EMPLOYMENT AGENCY, TWO
TWO ZERO SOUTH WARREN STREET, SYRACUSE, NEW YORK,
TELEPHONE NUMBER FOUR TWO TWO DASH FIVE ONE ONE ONE,
AND HAS BANK ACCOUNT AT MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK AND TRUST
COMPANY, SYRACUSE, NEW YORK.

HIS SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER IS RECORDED AT [REDACTED]

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████████████████████ AND HE HAS
OPERATED ABOVE BUSINESS FOR PAST ELEVEN YEARS. THE ACCOUNT
WAS OPENED OCTOBER THIRTY, NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN, AND
IS PRESENTLY AN ACTIVE ACCOUNT.

AL CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION TO ELIMINATE
OR IDENTIFY JOHN W. WILLARD AS UNSUB THIS CASE.

JOHN D. WILLARD, JR., AGE TWENTY EIGHT IN NINETEEN
SIXTYFIVE, DINERS CLUB ACCOUNT NUMBER FIVE ONE TWO ONE DASH
ONE FOUR TWO FIVE DASH SEVEN, RESIDED AT FOUR FOUR ZERO
SEVEN BEACH STREET, LANCASTER, CALIFORNIA, TELEPHONE
NUMBER LI OR NI EIGHT DASH FIVE FOUR THREE EIGHT AS OF
NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE, AT WHICH TIME HE WAS DESCRIBED AS
BEING SINGLE. PRIOR TO THIS DATE, HE WAS FIRST LIEUTENANT
AT EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, CALIFORNIA, FOR THREE YEARS.
THIS ACCOUNT WAS CLOSED AT MEMBER'S REQUEST, MAY NINETEEN,
NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN. ACCOUNT HISTORY IDENTIFIES FATHER
AS JOHN D. WILLARD, SR., FOUR ONE FOUR CHICASAND STREET,
SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA, AND REFLECTS WILLARD, JR., MAINTAINED
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A BANK ACCOUNT AT THE COMMERCIAL NATIONAL BANK, SHREVEPORT,
LA. HE LISTED HIS PERSONAL REFERENCE AS KEN SMITH,
FOUR FOUR ZERO SEVEN BEACH STREET, LANCASTER, CALIFORNIA,
AND A CHARGE ACCOUNT AT KELEK, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.
THE ABOVE INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED TELEPHONICALLY FROM
DINERS CLUB, LOS ANGELES BY DINERS CLUB, NEW YORK.

LA CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION TO
ELIMINATE OR IDENTIFY JOHN D. WILLARD, JR., AS UNSUB
THIS CASE.

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LOS ANGELES, NEWARK, RICHMOND, SAN DIEGO,
AND SAN FRANCISCO

FROM: SAC, ALBANY (157-273) ⁴⁴⁻⁴⁹³

MURKIN; CR; OO: MEMPHIS

RE ALBANY TEL APRIL EIGHT INSTANT.

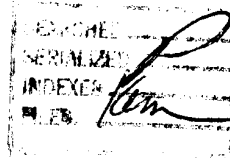
THE FOLLOWING ARE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF DISTRICT
MANAGERS FOR TEXTILE MARKING MACHINE COMPANY WHO MAY BE ABLE
TO FURNISH ASSISTANCE IN EVENT ANY PROBLEMS DEVELOP:

ATLANTA

DICK BRISTOW, THREE FOUR SIX TWO, N.W., THIRTEENTH
AVENUE, GAINESVILLE, FLA., TELEPHONE F R TWO ONE TWO NINE
ZERO. 20

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JOE COMBS, FIFTY TWO THIRTY TWO DEVONSHIRE, OXON HILL,
MARYLAND, TELEPHONE TWO FOUR EIGHT SIX ONE TWO SEVEN.

CINCINNATI

JACK CODY, TWENTYNINE TWENTYNINE CHAUCER DRIVE, SHERWOOD
VILLAGE, NORTH CANTON, OHIO, TELEPHONE FOUR NINE TWO SIX FOUR
NINE SEVEN.

BOSTON

FRED WEBER, THIRTYTHREE SKYLARK LANE, STONYBROOK, LONG
ISLAND, TELEPHONE SEVEN FIVE ONE TWO ONE THREE FIVE.

LOS ANGELES, SAN FRANCISCO, LAS VEGAS AND SAN DIEGO

FRED RAUPACK, ONE EIGHT FOUR ZERO NINE HIAWATHA,
NORTHRIDGE, CALIFORNIA, TELEPHONE EM THREE EIGHT NINE SIX
THREE.

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TO ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES
FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 2P

MURKIN

THIS IS THE CASE INVOLVING THE MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., ON APRIL FOUR, LAST, IN MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD ANYONE BE TOLD THIS INVESTIGATION IS IN CONNECTION WITH CAPTIONED MATTER.

IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT A RIFLE ABANDONED NEAR SCENE OF CRIME WAS PURCHASED BY INDIVIDUAL USING THE NAME HARVEY LOWMEYER OR LOWMYER.

LOWMEYER OR LOWMYER IS GENERALLY DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, THIRTYSIX YEARS OLD, FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES TALL, ONE HUNDRED FIFTY - ONE HUNDRED SIXTY POUNDS, BLACK OR DARK BROWN HAIR.

IN VIEW OF THE UNUSUAL NATURE OF THE NAMES LOWMEYER AND LOWMYER, ALL OFFICES SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CHECK YOUR INDICES, ALL CITY DIRECTORIES, ALL TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES COVERING YOUR TERRITORIES, ALL DRIVERS LICENSE RECORDS, ALL AUTOMOBILE
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REGISTRATION RECORDS, VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS, AND
CREDIT AND CRIMINAL RECORDS ON THE SURNAMES LOWMEYER
AND LOWMYER, IN VIEW OF THE UNUSUAL NATURE OF THE NAMES,
DO NOT CONFINE YOUR CHECK TO HARVEY LOWMEYER AND LOWMYER
ONLY. ANY INDIVIDUALS IDENTIFIED AS BEARING THESE SURNAMES
SHOULD BE IMMEDIATELY CHECKED OUT COVERING THE PERTINENT
PERIOD. YOU SHOULD ALSO APPROPRIATELY CHECKOUT ALL
BOMBING SUSPECTS IN YOUR TERRITORIES.

HANDLE IMMEDIATELY AND GIVE TOP PRIORITY ATTENTION.

BUFILES CONTAIN NO INFORMATION IDENTIFIABLE ON
HARVEY LOWMEYER OR LOWMYER.

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