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COMPANY SHOW SIX DIGITS. ALL OF THESE MACHINES SHOULD BE CHECKED TO DETERMINE WHETHER THEY USE THE CODE ON INSTANT TAPE.

THE BUREAU HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO FURNISH ALL OFFICES SET FORTH ABOVE WITH PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE GARMENTS BEARING THE TAPE IN SUFFICIENT QUANTITY TO COVER THESE LEADS.

ALL OFFICES ARE DIRECTED BY THE BUREAU TO IMMEDIATELY CONTACT THE ABOVE CONCERNS AS DESIGNATED, DETERMINE IF THEY USE THE CODE SYSTEM AS SHOWN ON INSTANT TAPE AND IF THEY DO USE THAT SYSTEM, OBTAIN ALL INFORMATION AVAILABLE IN AN EFFORT TO IDENTIFY UNSUB. THE BUREAU HAS FURTHER DIRECTED THAT EVEN IF THEY DO NOT USE THIS SYSTEM, TAPES SHOULD BE OBTAINED USING THE CHARACTERS IN INSTANT TAPE WHICH SHOULD BE FORWARDED IMMEDIATELY TO THE FBI LAB FOR

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COMPARISON WITH INSTANT TAPE.

COPY OF THIS TELETYPE IS FURNISHED TO BIRMINGHAM
IN VIEW OF CHECKS BEING MADE WITH AIRLINE COMPANIES. P.

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IMMEDIATE 4-8-68 DER

TO DIRECTOR BIRMINGHAM MEMPHIS ATLANTA

BALTIMORE BOSTON CINCINNATI LAS VEGAS

LOS ANGELES NEWARK RICHMOND SAN DIEGO AND SAN FRANCISCO

FROM ALBANY 157-273

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 NUMBER F R TWO ONE TWO NINE
ZERO.

BALTIMORE AND RICHMOND

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JOE COMBS, FIFTY TWO THIRTY 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. P.

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FI MEMPHIS

4:23 PM EST

4/8/68 URGENT VSC

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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DIRECTOR, FBI
Attention: FBI Laboratory

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SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)

MURKIN

Re Atlanta teletype to Bureau, Memphis and Albany,
dated 4/8/68.

Transmitted herewith are five sample laundry tapes
bearing Code # 02B-6.

Enclosed sample tapes were obtained from from Thermo Seal
tape machine, Serial Number 31973, Model H5L1, owned and operated
by Blum's Individual Laundry and Dry Cleaning Co., 463 Cotton
Avenue, Mableton, Georgia.

Investigation at Blum's revealed this establishment does
not use a code similar to Code #02B-6. Their code consist of
1- through 99 for lot number, a letter for week and last two
digits for bundle numbers running -1 through 20. Red tape is
used by Blum's for special work. They do not ordinarily place
a tape on small items such as shorts unless the work only consists
of two or three items. Blum's machine has only five characters.
The tape is cut one and one eighth inch long and there is no
indication that the machine has malfunctioned in the past causing
tape to be cut one and one sixteenth inch long.

FBI Laboratory is requested to compare enclosed sample
tapes with tape from suspect's shorts previously submitted by
the Memphis Office.

3 Bureau (AMSD) (Encls 5)
1 Memphis (Info)
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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: ATLANTA (157-3094)

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

AT TWELVE THIRTY PM THIS DATE, ROBERT SHATTLES, ATLANTA PD, ADVISED ALL CITY OFFICE BUILDINGS AND STATE OFFICE BUILDINGS, ATLANTA, GEORGIA, WILL BE CLOSED TEN AM APRIL NINE NEXT. SHATTLES ALSO ADVISED THAT THE ATLANTA PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM WILL ALSO BE CLOSED ON APRIL NINE NEXT IN ORDER TO PERMIT STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN REVEREND KING'S FUNERAL AND INTERMENT.

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2:04PM URGENT 4/8/68 AMM 4P

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHUS (44-1987), BIRMINGHAM, ATLANTA & JACKSONVILLE
FROM BUFFALO (44-374)

MURKIN; CR, OO; MEMPHIS

ON APRIL EIGHT, INSTANT, FORMER SA BIRL WILSON,
NOW AN OFFICER, LIBERTY BANK, BUFFALO, N.Y., ADVISED DR.
ALVIN EUGENE FRENCH, BORN AUGUST TWELVE, TWENTYSEVEN, IN
INDIANA, AND WHO HAS PAST HISTORY OF MENTAL DISTURBANCE,
IS UNDER INVESTIGATION BY HIS BANK FOR ISSUANCE OF NUMBER
OF BAD CHECKS AND USE OF CREDIT CARDS, USING HIS TRUE NAME,
SINCE SEPTEMBER, SIXTYSEVEN, WHEN HE LEFT ROCHESTER STATE
HOSPITAL, ROCHESTER, N.Y. FRENCH CALLED GIRL FRIEND AT
LINCOLN ROCHESTER BANK, ROCHESTER, N.Y., AT FOUR P.M. ON
APRIL FIVE LAST FROM MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE. CALL INTERCEPTED
BY OFFICER OF BANK. FRENCH SAID HE WAS EN ROUTE TO AIRPORT
HOLIDAY INN, ATLANTA, GEORGIA, WHERE HE PLANNED TO STAY
APRIL SIX THROUGH TODAY. WILSON CONTACTED AUTOMOBILE
RECOVERY BUREAU, TWO SIX EIGHT ZERO GARDEN ROAD, SOUTHWEST,
ATLANTA, TODAY AND THROUGH PRIVATE DETECTIVE BOB DEMPSEY,
VERIFIED THAT FRENCH IS NOW LOCATED AT AIRPORT HOLIDAY INN,
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ATLANTA, ROOM FOUR SIX SIX AND PLANS TO REMAIN THERE THROUGH APRIL TEN NEXT. FRENCH TOLD DEMPSEY HE PLANNED TO MEET WITH SOME COLORED PEOPLE WHO WILL BE SUCCESSORS TO DR. KING.

FRENCH DESCRIBED AS BORN AUGUST TWELVE, TWENTYSEVEN IN INDIANA, MALE, WHITE, FIVE FEET TEN INCHES AND ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY TO ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY POUNDS. FRENCH ONCE SERVED AS MISSIONARY IN AFRICA FOR THREE YEARS AND EIGHT OR NINE YEARS AGO CONTRACTED BRAIN FEVER. ONCE SERVED AS PART-TIME PSYCHIATRIC CONSULTANT AT GOWANDA STATE HOSPITAL, LEAVING THERE FEBRUARY TWELVE, SIXTYSEVEN. APPARENTLY, WAS ALSO A PATIENT THIS INSTITUTION. FRENCH HAS TRAVELED EXTENSIVELY THROUGHOUT FLORIDIA IN MARCH, SIXTYEIGHT, USING RENTAL CARS AND ON APRIL THREE, LAST WAS AT HOLIDAY INN, WILLISTON, FLORIDA. FRENCH INDICATED HE HAD BREAKFAST AT THIS INN AND HE IS FRIENDLY WITH A GIRL WHO WORKS AT HOLIDAY INN.

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FORMER SA WILSON ADVISED INTERVIEW OF MANAGER ROSALIE STELL, HOLIDAY INN, WILLISTON, FLORDIA REVEALED SHE KNOWS IDENTITY OF GIRL FRIEND AND AVISED FRENCH WAS A GUEST AT THE INN ON MARCH THIRTY, LAST, VISITING THIS GIRL.

HANDWRITING SPECIMEN FROM LIBERTY NATIONAL BANK OBTAINED AND BEING FORWARDED TO LAB, MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM, AMSD TODAY.

ATLANTA LOCATE AND INTERVIEW FRENCH, OBTAIN FINGERPRINTS AND PHOTOGRAPH AND ASCERTAIN HIS WHEREABOUTS ON PERTINENT DATES. //

ATLANTA SHOULD DISSMINATE ABOVE INFORMATION ON FRENCH TO SECRET SERVICE IN VIEW OF ANNOUNCED ATTENDANCE OF PRESIDENT JOHNSON AT FUNERAL SERVICES FOR DR. KING ON APRIL NINE, NEXT, IN VIEW OF THE IRRATIONAL BEHAVIOR.

JACKSONVILLE AT WILLISTON, FLORDIA. IDENTIFY GIRL FRIEND AND DETERMINE FRENCH'S WHEREABOUTS AND ACTIVITIES ON PERTINENT DATES, OBTAIN MOTEL REGISTRATION CARDS FRO HANDWRITING AND LATENT PRINTS.

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ATLANTA AND JACKSONVILLE FORWARD RESULTS INQUIRY
CONCERNING FRENCH TO MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM FOR IDENTIFICATION
OR ELIMINATION AS POSSIBLE SUSPECT IN ASSASSINATION OF DR.
KING. APPROACH SUSPECT FRENCH WITH CAUTION IN VIEW OF HIS
MENTAL HISTORY.

UNSUB ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI ATLANTA

3:27 AM URGENT 4-9-68 JWE

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS (44-1987), BIRMINGHAM, BUFFALO (44-374)

AND JACKSONVILLE

FROM ATLANTA

MURKIN; CIVIL RIGHTS. OO: MEMPHIS.

RE BUFFALO TELETYPE TO BUREAU APRIL EIGHT SIXTYEIGHT.

ALVIN EUGENE FRENCH INTERVIEWED ROOM ONE FIVE NINE, HOLIDAY INN, ATLANTA AIRPORT, WHERE REGISTERED APRIL SEVEN SIXTYEIGHT, ELEVEN FORTY TWO P.M. ALSO RESERVED ROOMS ONE SIX ONE AND ONE SIX THREE FOR USE REVEREND BREWSTER AND SON, TWO NEGRO MINSTERS TRAVELING TO ATLANTA, GA. FOLLOWING MARCH MEMPHIS, TENN. APRIL EIGHT SIXTYEIGHT. FRENCH CLAIMED TO BE ADMIRER OF DR. KING AND STATED HE WAS IN SYMPATHY WITH KING'S MOVEMENT. FRENCH ADVISED HE PROVIDED ROOMS FOR REV. BREWSTER IN EFFORT TO SHOW GOOD FAITH IN TIME OF INSTANT CRISIS.

DR. FRENCH ALLEGEDLY TRAVELED ON OUTER PERIMETER ROAD AND AFTER ARRIVING AT MEMPHIS ON APRIL FOUR LAST, REGISTERED AT POPLAR EAST HOLIDAY INN UNDER TRUE NAME, ROOM TWO ZERO TWO, AT
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APPROXIMATELY SEVEN P.M. REMAINED IN ROOM WITH NO OUTSIDE CONTACT OF ANY KIND UNTIL ELEVEN P.M. WHEN HE ATTEMPTED TO HAVE "NIGHTCAP" BROUGHT TO HIS ROOM. HE USED TELEPHONE IN ROOM FOR THIS PURPOSE AND WAS ADVISED BY FEMALE OPERATOR THAT NO DRINKS AVAILABLE. WHEN FRENCH INQUIRED AS TO REASON, SHE SUGGESTED HE TURN ON TV, AND HE SURMISED SHE WAS TOO EMOTIONALLY INVOLVED TO DISCUSS THE DEMISE OF DR. KING. HE ALLEGES HE THEN TURNED ON TV AND FOR THE FIRST TIME BECAME AWARE OF THE DEATH OF KING.

ALLEGES HE HAS NO SUSPECTS BUT KNOWS MANY PEOPLE WOULD BE CAPABLE OF SUCH AN ACT.

MAJOR CASE PRINTS AND PHOTOS OBTAINED. ARRANGEMENTS TO OBTAIN REGISTRATION CARD FROM HOLIDAY INN NOT INSTANTLY AVAILABLE.

FRENCH IS W/M, AMERICAN, BORN [REDACTED] MARION, INDIANA; FIVE ELEVEN, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE LBS., HAIR AND EYES BROWN, WEARS DARK RIMMED GLASSES, COMPLEXION NOTICEABLY POCK-MARKED; NOTICEABLY BALD. OCCUPATION, PHYSICIAN, HOME AND BUSINESS ADDRESS TWO THREE TWO THREE COLLINS ROAD, COLLINS, NEW YORK, SOCIAL SECURITY NO. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
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MEMPHIS AT MEMPHIS: AT POPLAR EAST HOLIDAY INN MOTEL, VERIFY
REGISTRATION DATA AS PROVIDED BY FRENCH.

MAJOR CASE PRINTS WILL BE SUBMITTED FBI LABORATORY.

OBTAINED PHOTOS WILL BE SUBMITTED TO MEMPHIS.

END.

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FBI JACKSVLE

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AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Atlanta tel 4/7/68.

Enclosed for Memphis is one photo of
FLOYD EUGENE AYERS.

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FBI ATLANTA

1154 AMEST URGENT 4/9/68 SHR

TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM AND MEMPHIS
FROM MIAMI 44-1854 2 P

MURKIN

ANONYMOUS NOTE SCRIBBLED ON SCRAP OF PAPER RECEIVED MIAMI OFFICE, FBI, TODAY IN AIRMAIL ENVELOPE ADDRESSED FBI, MIAMI, FLA., POSTMARKED MIAMI BEACH, PM, SEVEN APRIL SIXTYEIGHT. NOTE STATES "GET TOMMY NASH, JR. IN LABRANGE, GA. YOU WILL HAVE KING'S KILLER."

MIAMI INDICES NEGATIVE. NOTE AND ENVELOPE BEING FORWARDED FBI LABORATORY.

AT NINE FORTY AM THIS DATE, TROOPER JOSEPH CHANCY, FLA. HIGHWAY PATROL, ADVISED HIS BROTHER-IN-LAW, JOHN EDWARDS, HOLLYWOOD, FLA., IS FIREARMS SALESMAN. DURING OCT., SIXTYSEVEN, HAD OCCASION TO OCCUPY A BOOTH AT FIREARMS SHOW, MEMPHIS, TENN. ON OCT. TWENTYNINE, SIXTYSEVEN, ONE J. CONRAD MORGAN, ONE ZERO ONE EIGHT N. WATKINS, APT. FOUR, MEMPHIS, TENN., APPEARED AT BOOTH AND PURCHASED TWENTYTWO CALIBER RIFLE. DURING CONVERSATION, MORGAN COMMENTED THAT HE OWNED A THIRTY POINT ZERO SIX CALIBER AUTOMATIC RIFLE. EDWARDS RECALLS MORGAN GENERALLY FIT DESCRIPTION OF UNSUB APPEARING IN LOCAL PRESS STORIES AND ARTIST'S

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CONCEPTION. MORGAN BELIEVED EMPLOYED AT BURGER CHEF LOCATED THREE SEVEN ZERO ONE LAMAR, MEMPHIS. MORGAN FURTHER DESCRIBED AS "WEIRD AND FUNNY TALKING."

ATLANTA ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY TOMMY NASH, JR., AS POSSIBLE SUSPECT. (X)

MEMPHIS HANDLE MORGAN AS POSSIBLE SUSPECT.

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CORR PAGE 1 LINE 5 LAGRANGE, GA.

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FBI ATLANTA

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA 44-2386

DATE: 4-8-68

FROM : Complaint Clerk Jerry D. Roseberry

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On this date at 3:08pm JOHN GILLOLY (protect identity), 3089 Corbin, Decatur, Ga., 241-2968, called and furnished following:

GILLOLY feels that the picture of unsub in captioned case that appeared in the Atlanta Journal looks similar to one SAM WILEY. WILEY is employed as a ~~XXXX~~ counselor by Greenleaf College and lives in Fayetteville, Ga. WILEY did not appear at work during week of April 1, until Friday 4-5-68 to obtain his pay check.

WILEY's wife is employed by Eastern Airlines and he can fly EAL anywhere for about \$2.00. He told GILLOLY that he had been to New Orleans and spent the week with his girlfriend. He stated he had flown EAL, but when GILLOLY mentioned the Delta envelope WILEY had with him, WILEY stated he had to fly via Delta from New Orleans.

WILEY is a white male, about 32 years, 5'10", 150 lbs., sandy blond hair, cut short and receding on sides. WILEY has not been known to make any threats against ~~any~~ anyone to GILLOLY's knowledge.

GILLOLY stated he would probably lose his job should he be revealed as source of above info. He has no reason other than the suspicious disappearance of WILEY last week to suspect WILEY has any connection with captioned case.

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FBI NEW YORK

253PM URGENT 4-8-68 JLW

TO DIRECTOR ATLANTASAVANNAH AND MEMPHIS
FROM NEW YORK 44-1609 2P

MURKIN; CIVIL RIGHTS; OO - MEMPHIS

ROBERT HAYNES, TWO ZERO SEVEN FIVE FIRST AVE., APARTMENT
SIXTEEN E, NEW YORK CITY, ADVISED THIS DATE AS FOLLOWS.

ON APRIL FIVE LAST, HAYNES FLEW DELTA, FLIGHT NUMBER EIGHT ONE
SEVEN, FROM ATLANTA, GEORGIA, TO SAVANNAH, GEORGIA, ARRIVING AT
SVANNAH AT TWO TEN PM. HAYNES OCCUPIED SEAT NUMBER FOUR
THREE, NEXT TO THE LEFT HAND WINDOW DURING THIS FLIGHT. THE AISLE
SEAT NEXT TO HAYNES WAS OCCUPIED BY A MAN HAYNES DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS
AND WHOM HE STATES MATCHES UNSUBS DESCRIPTION AND ARTIST'S CONCEPTION
PUBLISHED IN TODAYS NEWSPAPERS. RACE, WHITE, SEX, MALE, AGE TWENTY
EIGHT - THIRTY TWO YEARS, WEIGHT APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED SIXTY
POUNDS, SKIN - PALE (LIKE UNDERTAKERS), NOSE HOOKED (LIKE DICK TRACY)
HAIR, THIN ON SIDES, THICK ON TOP, LOOKED VERY MUCH LIKE A FALSE
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HAIRPIECE. THIS INDIVIDUAL WAS WEARING A BLACK, SUMMER DASH TYPE HALF TURTLE NECK JERSEY SHIRT AND BLACK TRENCH COAT. THE INDIVIDUAL STRUCK UP A CONVERSATION WITH A BLOND HAired MAN WHO WAS SEATED BEHIND HIM ON THE PLANE WHILE BOTH WERE WAITING FOR BAGGAGE AT SAVANNAH.

ATLANTA AND SAVANNAH CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION AT DELTA AIRLINES IN AN ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY UNSUB. X

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FBI SAN FRAN

430 PM URGENT 4/8/68 VLT

TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, LOS ANGELES, MEMPHIS, (44-1987) & BIRMINGHAM
FROM SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) (P) 3P

MURKIN; CR; OO: MEMPHIS.

ON APRIL EIGHT, INSTANT, INSPECTOR KEN MANLEY, SAN FRANCISCO PD, ADVISED THAT AN INDIVIDUAL NAMED HERBERT WILSON BOWEN HAD INFORMATION REGARDING CASE.

HERBERT WILSON BOWEN INTERVIEWED AND SUPPLIED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

HERBERT WILSON BOWEN, WMA, DATE OF BIRTH

IN GEORGIA, SIX FEET TALL, TWO ZERO FOUR POUNDS, BROWN HAIR, BROWN EYES, ONE ZERO FIVE NORTH DAWSON STREET, LA GRANGE, GEORGIA, HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA ADDRESS SEVEN TWO THREE ONE COLEVATER CANYON, ADVISED HE IS IN SAN FRANCISCO TO WORK ON THE MOVIE "BULLIT." HE STATED THAT HE ARRIVED AT THE GREYHOUND BUS STATION ON LANKER SHIM AVENUE, NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA, PRIOR TO TEN THIRTY PM APRIL SEVEN, LAST, TO BUY BUS TICKET TO SAN FRANCISCO. BUS SCHEDULED TO LEAVE TWELVE FIFTYFIVE AM, APRIL EIGHT, INSTANT. WHILE WAITING FOR BUS TO LEAVE, BOWEN WALKED FOUR OR FIVE BLOCKS ON LANKERSHIM AVENUE TO

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VICINITY OF PRELUDE (PHONETIC) CLUB. WHILE APPROACHING PRELUDE CLUB, HE OBSERVED A WHITE ONE NINE SIX EIGHT MUSTANG PARKED NEAR THE CLUB BEARING GEORGIA LICENSE PLATES. CHROME FRAME AROUND LICENSE PLATE CONTAINED WORDING WADE MOTOR COMPANY WHICH BOWEN BELIEVES IN MARIETTA, GA. BOWEN STATED LICENSE NUMBER STARTED WITH SEVEN WHICH STANDS FOR THE COUNTY AND WAS FOLLOWED BY FOUR NUMBERS. HE BELIEVES THE FIRST THREE OF THESE NUMBERS WERE ONE, SIX, SEVEN, BUT IS NOT POSITIVE AND COULD NOT RECALL THE LAST NUMBER. BOWEN OBSERVED MAN IN DRIVER'S SEAT DESCRIBED AS WMA, IN HIS THIRTIES, WITH THICK HAIR, BLACK IN COLOR, FIVE FEET SIX INCHES, MEDIUM BUILD WEARING SPORTS SHIRT. BOWEN DESCRIBED HIM AS WEIRD-LOOKING BECAUSE OF THICK BLACK HAIR AND STATED HE HAD A "SILLY GRIN." BOWEN DESCRIBED SECOND MAN WHO WAS STANDING ON SIDEWALK AS WMA, APPROXIMATELY TWO SIX YEARS OF AGE, FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES TALL, MEDIUM BUILD, WEARING WHITE SHIRT AND TIE WITH SPORTS COAT AND DRESS TROUSERS. THIS SECOND MAN REFERRED TO BY FIRST MAN AS TIM. DRIVER SAID, "COME ON TIM, LET'S GET THE HELL OUT OF HERE, YOU TALK TOO MUCH." THE TWO MEN DROVE AWAY, THEN QUICKLY PUT ON THE BRAKES AND BACKED UP TO WHERE BOWEN WAS STANDING. THEY ASKED HIM FOR THE MATCHBOOK BECAUSE IT HAD AN ADDRESS IN IT THAT THEY NEEDED. BOWEN PICKED UP THE MATCHBOOK FROM THE GROUND AND NOTED THAT THERE WAS NO ADDRESS THEREIN, BUT HE DID NOTE THAT

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ON THE COVER OF THE MATCHBOOK A MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, WAS NAMED. BOWEN ADVISED HE DID NOT SEE THE NAME OF THE MOTEL. HE TOLD THEM THERE WAS NO ADDRESS ON THE MATCHBOOK BUT TIM SAID HE WANTED IT ANYWAY AND TOOK THE MATCHBOOK AT WHICH TIME THEY DROVE OFF. THIS OCCURRED AT APPROXIMATELY ELEVEN PM. BOWEN STATED THAT THE MEN HAD MENTIONED THEY MIGHT LOOK FOR A MOTEL THAT EVENING, LOCATION UNSPECIFIED. LEADS. LOS ANGELES CONDUCT INQUIRY PRELUDE CLUB, LANKERSHIM AVENUE, NORTH HOLLYWOOD, IN VICINITY OF GREYHOUND BUS DEPOT, IN ATTEMPT TO FURTHER IDENTIFY UNSUBS.

ATLANTA, AT DMV AND WADE MOTOR COMPANY ATTEMPT, IF FEASIBLE, TO IDENTIFY INCOMPLETE LICENSE NUMBER THROUGH VEHICLE DESCRIPTION AND POSSIBLE FIRST NAME OF UNSUB (TIM).

OTHER OFFICESM SDVISED.

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PM URGENT 4-8-68 DND

TO ATLANTA

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN; CIVIL RIGHTS.

INVESTIGATION MEMPHIS REVEALS ARTHUR C. FEATHERSTON, THREE FIVE FIVE EIGHT PINE NEEDLE, MARIETTA, GEORGIA. REGISTERED PARK LAYNE MOTEL, THREE ZERO SEVEN THREE LAMAR AVENUE, MEMPHIS, APRIL ONE, LAST, AND CHECKED OUT APRIL TWO, LAST. A CHECK OF PARK LAYNE'S RECORDS REFLECTS THE FACT THAT FEATHERSTON WAS DRIVING A FORD VEHICLE LICENSE SEVEN J ONE ZERO SIX SIX SEVEN.

ATLANTA ELIMINATE FEATHERSTON AS SUSPECT.

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810PM LCC URGENT 4/8/68 GJM

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 ⁽¹⁾ INDICES, ⁽²⁾ ALL CITY DIRECTORIES, ALL TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES COVERING 3 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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936PM URGENT 4/8/68 RSM

TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA AND MEMPHIS
FROM CHICAGO (44-

MURKIN, OO: MEMPHIS.

ANONYMOUS FEMALE COMPLAINANT TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED
CHICAGO OFFICE THIS P.M. WOULD NOT GIVE NAME. SHE
SAW A SKETCH IN PAPER OF REPORTED KILLER OF MARTIN LUTHER
KING AND WAS SHOCKED BY RESEMBLANCE OF HER EX-HUSBAND,
JESSE WILLARD EDWARDS. COMPLAINANT STATED
EDWARDS EXPERT MARKSMAN, OWNS THREE, THIRTY ZERO SIX,
ONE, THIRTY THIRTY, ONE, THREE ZERO EIGHT AND ONE, TWENTY-TWO
RIFLE AND HAD A PROFOUND HATE FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING AND
JOHN F. KENNEDY. SHE SAID EDWARDS HATED EVERYTHING WHEN
DRINKING TO EXCESS AND WOULD BEAT HER. SUCH TREATMENT
CONTRIBUTED TO HER DIVORCE FOUR YEARS AGO FROM EDWARDS.
SHE DESCRIBED EDWARDS AS WHITE MALE, FORTY - EIGHT YEARS,
BORN IN GEORGIA, FIVE FT. EIGHT OR FIVE FT. NINE INCHES,
ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE LBS., HUSKY BUILD, RECEDING

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Given to Joe Ayres*

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GRAY-BROWN HAIR, FULL FACE WITH DEEP IMPRINTS IN BOTH CHEEKS, SIMILAR TO DIMPLES, WALKS WITH LIMP AS LEFT LEG IS SLIGHTLY SHORTER THATXXX THAN RIGHT. EDWARDS REPORTEDLY A STEEL WORKER AND FORMER MERCHANT MARINER, HAS BEEN ARRESTED BY COLUMBUS, GA. PD ON ASSAULT AND DRUNK CHARGES. LAST KNOWN TO DRIVE NINETEEN SIXTY-FOUR JEEP REGISTERED IN GEORGIA. COMPLAINANT LAST SAW EDWARDS APPROXIMATELY ONE YEAR AGO THOUGH HER SON IN CHICAGO, ILL. RECENTLY RECEIVED A VALENTINE CARD POST-MARKED SEATTLE AND AN EASTER CARD POST-MARKED HOUSTON, TEXAS.

CHICAGO INDICES NEGATIVE.

ATLANTA IDENTIFY EDWARDS THROUGH COLUMBUS PD,
OBTAIN PHOTO AND FORWARD SAME TO MEMPHIS.
OBTAIN PRINTS AND FORWARD TO BUREAU.
ALSO IDENTIFY EX-WIFE AND SON FOR INTERVIEW AT CHICAGO.

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1115PM URGENT 4/8/68 LCC

TO MEMPHIS ATLANTA RICHMOND

FROM WASHINGTON FIELD 2P

Mark
~~ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., CIVIL RIGHTS.~~

AT ONE TWENTYFIVE PM APRIL EIGHT JOHN C. THOMAS,
AGRICULTURE, DU EIGHT SEVEN ZERO FOUR EIGHT, RESIDENCE FIVE
ZERO SIX FOUR SILVER HILL COURT, SUITLAND, MARYLAND, TELEPHONE
SEVEN THREE FIVE NINE TWO FOUR ZERO, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED
ON APRIL FIRST LAST, HE HAD FLOWN TO ATLANTA, GEORGIA, AND
ON PLANE SAW MAN WITH BOX WHICH APPEARED TO BE IDENTICAL WITH
ONE PICTURED IN ATLANTA JOURNAL THURSDAY AS BEING ONE THAT
HAD CONTAINED THE RIFLE USED TO SHOOT DR. KING. SAID BOX WAS
LAELED MAUSER. AT TIME, STEWARDESS TOOK FROM HIM AND
STORED IT IN PLANE COCKPIT UNTIL THE END OF THE FLIGHT WHEN
IT WAS RETURNED TO OWNER.

THE PLANE INVOLVED WAS DELTA AIRLINES FLIGHT SEVEN TWO ⁷²⁵
FIVE LEAVING WASHINGTON NATIONAL AIRPORT EIGHT ZERO NINE AM
AND ARRIVING ATLANTA AT NINE FORTYTHREE AM.

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THE MAN CARRYING THE BOX WAS DESCRIBED AS AVERAGE HEIGHT ABOUT FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES OR SO, STOCKY AND WEARING SUNGLASSES. HE COULD FURNISH NO FURTHER DESCRIPTION.

RICHMOND DETERMINE STEWARDESS OF ABOVE FLIGHT AND ALL DETAILS FOR HANDLING.

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12:07 AM 4-9-68 URGENT JWE

TO MEMPHIS 44-1987

FROM ATLANTA

MURKIN; CIVIL RIGHTS.

RE ME TEL APRIL EIGHT LAST.

AUTHUR C. FEATHERSTON, THREE FIVE FIVE EIGHT PINE NEEDLE DRIVE S.W., MARIETTA, GA., ADVISED TODAY EMPLOYED BY TROY LAUNDRY MACHINERY CO., DIVISION OF AMETEK, EAST MOLINE, ILL., AND DISPLAYED DAILY TIME SLIPS REFLECTING WAS INSTALLING HEAVY EQUIPMENT AT EAST TENNESSEE STATE HOSPITAL BETWEEN ARLINGTON AND MEMPHIS, TENN. APRIL ONE DASH THREE LAST. STAYED PARK LANE MOTEL, MEMPHIS, APRIL ONE AND TWO LAST; STAYED SIESTA MOTEL, ARLINGTON, TENN., APRIL TWO AND THREE LAST. CHECKING OUT OF SIESTA FOUR THREE LAST AND RETURNED TO MARIETTA, GA. RESIDENCE IN NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN FORD, SIXTYEIGHT GA. LICENSE SEVEN J ONE ZERO SIX SIX SEVEN.

FEATHERSTON DESCRIBED W/M, THIRTYSEVEN, FIVE SIX, ONE SIX EIGHT DASH ONE SEVEN FOUR, EYES BLUE, COMPLEXION RUDDY AND TANNED, HAIR BROWN, CREW CUT, WEARS GLASSES, MARRIED, TWO CHILDRED, TATTOO BLUE ANCHOR RIGHT FOREARM.

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FEATHERSON STATES RECORDS OF AMETEK EAST MOLINE, ILL.
CAN BE VERIFIED RE PRESENCE AND PURPOSE IN MEMPHIS, TENN.
APRIL ONE DASH THREE LAST.

FEATHERSTON EMPLOYED ABOVE COMPANY FOUR YEARS.

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TO DIRECTOR, CHICAGO, MEMPHIS

FROM ATLANTA (44-2386)

MURKIN. OO MEMPHIS.

RE CHICAGO TEL TO DIRECTOR FOUR EIGHT LAST.

RECORDS COLUMBUS, GA. PD REFLECT JESSE WILLARD EDWARDS,
W/M, AGE FORTYSIX IN NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE, ARRESTED ELEVEN TWENTYONE
AND TWENTYTHREE NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR ON DRUNK CHARGES, RECEIVED
TWELVE DOLLAR FINES. ARRESTED SIX TWELVE SIXTYFIVE - DUI - FINED
TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS AND COURT COSTS. EDWARDS NOT PHOTOGRAPHED
OR FINGERPRINTED. LAST ARRESTED LISTED GEORGIA DRIVERS LICENSE NINE
NINE SIX FIVE SEVEN SIX. EMPLOYMENT WILLIAMS CONSTRUCTION CO.,
RESIDENCE EIGHT ZERO FIVE THIRTIETH ST., COLUMBUS, GA. EDWARDS
INVOLVED IN ACCIDENT AT TIME OF LAST ARREST WHILE DRIVING NINETEEN
SIXTYFOUR JEEP, NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE GA. LICENSE FOUR R THREE FOUR
EIGHT ZERO. COMPLAINANT IN ACCIDENT LISTED AS EUNICE B. HARPE,
THREE ONE THREE "J" PEABODY APARTMENTS.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

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TO ATLANTA

FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987

MURKIN.

RE ATLANTA TEL APRIL NINE, SIXTYEIGHT, TWELVE ZERO SEVEN
A.M.

RETEL FURNISHED INFO RE ONE AUTHUR C. FEATHERSTON, WHICH
SEEMINGLY ELIMINATES HIM FROM CONSIDERATION. TO MAKE CERTAIN
OF ELIMINATION, ATLANTA REQUESTED SECURE IDENTIFYING NUMBER OR
RECORD OF FINGERPRINTS OF FEATHERSTON AND SUBMIT TO BUREAU
FOR COMPARISON WITH LATENTS INSTANT CASE.

A & D.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) DATE: 4/9/68

FROM : SA EDWARD U. CRIM

SUBJECT: MURKIN
RM

On 4/8/68, Detective E. S. HELMS, Atlanta Police Department, said that he had learned from CHARLES FERRELL, who operates a grocery store on Old National Highway, Hapeville, Georgia, Home Telephone Number 964-3052, Business Telephone Number 964-9177, ~~had advised him~~ that he is acquainted with a family named BROWDER (phonetic), who have a son named FRANK W. BROWDER, a white male, age 32 to 34, 5'6", 140 to 150 lbs., who is an expert on rifles. FRANK W. BROWDER is a well educated man, a self-made preacher who owns an Oldsmobile and has reddish-sandy hair. BROWDER, whose home is at 5180 Normandy Avenue, Memphis, Tenn., Telephone Number 683-4130, when visiting Atlanta, usually stays with his grandmother.

Detective HELMS does not know where BROWDER's grandmother resides, but CHARLES FERRELL can take them to this location. BROWDER's grandmother, a Mrs. CLARK, is believed to be a sister to former Governor of Georgia GENE TALMADGE and is believed to reside in Decatur, Ga.

FERRELL advised Detective HELMS that he believes BROWDER was in a mental institution in Tucson, Ariz., and after viewing an artist's interpretation of the subject in this case, which appeared in the local newspaper, said that BROWDER has many characteristics of this individual.

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AT ATLANTA, GA.

Will locate and interview CHARLES FERRELL to
secure detailed information relative to this complaint.

FBI SAVANNAH

550PM URGENT 4/7/68 PNR

TO ATLANTA

FROM SAVANNAH /44-1762/ 1P

MURKIN; CIVIL RIGHTS, OO MEMPHIS.

RE NEW YORK TEL, APRIL EIGHT INSTANT.

RE ROBERT HAYNES;

FRED DYCHES, STATION MANAGER, DELTA AIRLINES, SAVANNAH, GA., ADVISED APRIL EIGHT INSTANT THAT DELTA FLIGHT SIX FOUR NINE WAS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN SAVANNAH ONE THIRTYSEVEN PM, BUT DID NOT ARRIVE AT THE RAMP UNTIL TWO ZERO FOUR PM, APRIL FIVE LAST. HE SAID THIS FLIGHT IS FROM ATLANTA TO AUGUSTA AND SAVANNAH, AND RETURN, AND THAT THIRTYSEVEN PASSENGERS DEBARKED AT SAVANNAH THAT DATE. HE SAID HE HAS NO RECORD OF THE IDENTITIES OF THE PASSENGERS AND THAT THE MANIFEST FOR THIS FLIGHT WILL HAVE TO BE OBTAINED FROM DELTA, ATLANTA, GA.

DYCHES SAID THE STEWARDESSES HAVE PRETTY MUCH DISCONTINUED MAKING SEAT CHARTS.

ATLANTA, AT ATLANTA, GA., OBTAIN MANIFEST FOR FLIGHT SIX FOUR NINE FROM ATLANTA TO SAVANNAH, APRIL FIVE, AND ASCERTAIN IF POSSIBLY A SEAT CHART WAS MADE OF THIS FLIGHT.

AM COPY TO MEMPHIS. P.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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OO: Memphis

Re Buffalo teletype to Bureau, dated 4/8/68
and Atlanta teletype to Bureau, dated 4/9/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are two palm prints
and one fingerprint card of Dr. ALVIN E. FRENCH,
obtained 4/8/68 at Atlanta, Georgia, and two photographs
of FRENCH.

Enclosed for Memphis are four photographs
of Dr. ALVIN E. FRENCH, taken 4/8/68 at Atlanta, Georgia.

Memphis will consider displaying photos of
Dr. ALVIN E. FRENCH to pertinent witnesses.

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TO ATLANTA MEMPHIS 44-1987

FROM DIRECTOR 1P

MURKIN; CIVIL RIGHTS.

RE ATLANTA TELETYPE APRIL NINE.

LATENT FINGERPRINTS THIS CASE NOT IDENTICAL FINGERPRINTS

ALVIN EUGENE FRENCH, BORN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MARION, INDIANA, CSC NUMBER CH [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] U.S. NAVY SERVICE NUMBER [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] NO PALM PRINTS HERE FOR

FRENCH.

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TO MEMPHIS (NEW YORK - MAIL 44-1609)

FROM ATLANTA 44-2386

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RENYTEL TO DIRECTOR APR. EIGHT LAST. SV TEL TO ATLANTA,
APR. SEVEN LAST.

REFERENCED TELS REFER TO INFO FURNISHED TO NEW YORK BY
ROBERT HAYNES.

ATLANTA OBTAINED THIS DATE MANIFEST OF FLIGHT REFERRED TO
BY HAYNES AND MANIFEST SHOWS ONE PASSENGER BY NAME HAYNES LISTED.
DELTA AUTHORITIES ADVISED REGISTRATION CARDS FOR PASSENGERS
WHICH WOULD CONTAIN ADDITIONAL INFO, NOT IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE.
HOSTESSES ON PERTINENT DELTA FLIGHT NO. SIX FOUR NINE WERE
MAUREEN BABBINGTON, BASED IN ATLANTA, AND S. WINSLETT, BASED IN
CHICAGO.

① ATLANTA FURNISHING CHICAGO ALL PERTINENT INFO BY SEPARATE
COMMUNICATION FOR INTERVIEW OF WINSLETT.

② ATLANTA WILL INTERVIEW BABBINGTON IN EFFORT TO IDENTIFY
INDIVIDUAL SITTING NEXT TO HAYNES ON FLIGHT.

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Special Agent in Charge

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CHICAGO BEING REQUESTED TO INTERVIEW WINSLETT FOR SAME
PURPOSE ON RECEIPT OF MANIFEST.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) DATE: 4/9/68

FROM : SA JACK B. SIMPSON

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

Reference Atlanta teletype to Director, Memphis, suggesting suspect AYERS. Lieutenant J. D. HEWATT and Major BOBBY BURGESS, Cobb County, Georgia Police Department, advised 4/9/68 they were monitoring the funeral of MARTIN LUTHER KING on television, and each identified suspect AYERS as being near the KING coffin as it was being loaded on the mule cart outside the church in Atlanta.

The above information furnished to Supervisor HARDING immediately by SA JACK B. SIMPSON.

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4-45PURGENT 4/9/68 CIM

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, JACKSONVILLE,
AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM BUFFALO (44-374)

MURKIN, OO: MEMPHIS.

REMYTEL, APRIL EIGHT LAST CONCERNING SUSPECT, DR. ALVIN
EUGENE FRENCH.

DOCTORS, GOWANDA STATE HOSPITAL, HELMUTH, N.Y.,
DIAGNOSED FRENCH'S MENTAL PROBLEM AS DEMENTIA PRAECO
TYPE PARANOID. HIS WIFE INFORMED HOSPITAL THAT HE
BECAME EMOTIONALLY DERANGED, ACCOMPANIED BY INCREASING
AGGRESSIVE TENDENCIES, HOSTILITIES AND HATE, EXPRESSED
BY DESIRE TO HARM HIS WIFE.

HOSPITAL PHYSICIANS ADVISE HE IS POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS.
APPROPRIATE CAUTION SHOULD BE TAKEN IN MAKING CONTACT WITH
HIM.

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TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS
FROM ATLANTA 44-2386

MURKIN. CR. OO: MEMPHIS

RE MIAMI TELETYPE TO BUREAU APR. NINE INSTANT.

TOMMY NASH, JR. COMPLETELY UNKNOWN, LAGRANGE,
GEORGIA. EVERY AVAILABLE RECORD AND SOURCE CONTACTED
WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

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~~Approved:~~

Special Agent in Charge

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Per MB

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TO DIRECTOR

ATLANTA

BIRMINGHAM

MEMPHIS

RICHMOND

FROM MINNEAPOLIS (157-450) 5P

MURKIN. CR.

RE MY TEL, AND BUREAU TEL TO ALL SACS APRIL SEVEN, LAST.

WILLIAM JOSEPH LEHMEYER, THREE FIVE THREE ZERO FAIRLAWN DRIVE, MINNETONKA, MINNESOTA, STATED HE DEPARTED MINNEAPOLIS MARCH TWELVE, LAST, TO CONTACT CLIENTS AND PROSPECTIVE CLIENTS OF HIS EMPLOYER FIRM. THE FIRST PLANS HE HAD RE TRAVEL TO ATLANTA, GEORGIA, AND BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, WERE DURING EVENING OF MARCH TWENTY-FIVE, LAST, AT ROANOKE, VIRGINIA, WHERE HE TELEPHONED ^{Gifford T. -} C. T. GODSEY, FIVE FOUR ZERO FIVE LONG MEADOW LANE, COLLEGE PARK, GEORGIA, A LOCAL CHAIRMAN OF THE BROTHERHOOD OF RAILWAY CARMEN RE AN APPOINTMENT FOR LEHMEYER TO TALK TO A CARMAN IN ATLANTA. DURING THE SAME EVENING, HE ALSO CALLED RICHARD EVANS, LOCAL CHAIRMAN OF BROTHERHOOD OF RAILWAY CARMEN, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, RE APPOINTMENT TO

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TO MEMPHIS

FROM ATLANTA 44-2386

MURKIN. CR.

RE SAN FRANCISCO TEL TO BUREAU APRIL EIGHT SIXTYEIGHT.

BASED ON INFORMATION SET FORTH IN RETEL, GA. DEPARTMENT
OF MOTOR VEHICLES UNABLE TO EFFECT IDENTIFICATION OF PARTIAL
LICENSE NUMBER FURNISHED BY HERBERT WILSON BOWEN.

WADE MOTOR COMPANY CLOSED APRIL NINE SIXTYEIGHT RE KING
FUNERAL. WILL BE CONTACTED APRIL TEN SIXTYEIGHT.

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INTERVIEW PROSPECTIVE CLIENT IN BIRMINGHAM. THESE TELEPHONE CALLS WERE MADE FROM DOWNTOWN HOLIDAY MOTEL, ROANOKE, WHERE LEHMEYER SPENT NIGHT.

ON MORNING OF MARCH TWENTY-SIX, LEHMEYER FLEW FROM ROANOKE TO RICHMOND, VIRGINIA. HE WAS MET AT RICHMOND AIRPORT BY COOPER GILL AND HIS WIFE. GILL IS A CARMEN CLIENT, HAVING RECENTLY HAD ACCIDENT RESULTING IN LEG INJURY.

AFTER ARRIVING AT RICHMOND AIRPORT ABOUT MID-MORNING, HE MADE RESERVATIONS ON EASTERN AIRLINES FOR TRAVEL TO ATLANTA ON MARCH TWENTY-SIX. GILL DROVE HIM TO DOWNTOWN PETERSBURG, VIRGINIA HOLIDAY INN WHERE HE CANCELLED RESEVATION IN THAT MOTEL AND REQUESTED RESERVATION AT HOLIDAY INN, ATLANTA, GEORGIA AIRPORT. UNABLE TO GET RESERVATION AT ATLANTA AIRPORT HOLIDAY INN. HE THEN TELEPHONICALLY MADE RESERVATION AT ATLANTA HILTON HOTEL FOR NIGHT OF MARCH TWENTY-SIX. GILL AND HIS WIFE DROVE LEHMEYER TO PETERSBURG, VIRGINIA, N AND W RAILROAD YARDS AND SHOPS, WHERE HE INTERVIEWED J.B. MILLER, ASSISTANT LOCAL CHAIRMAN OF BROTHERHOOD OF RAILWAY CARMEN RE MILLER'S RECENT JOB INCURRED INJURY.

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IN PETERSBURG HE ALSO CONTACTED CREDIT MANAGER AT SEARS ROEBUCK CO. IN BEHALD OF MILLER WHO WAS IN ARREARS RE PAYMENTS TO SEARS. AFTER CONTACT AS SEARS, HE WAS DRIVEN TO RICHMOND AIRPORT BY GILL. HE WAITED AT AIRPORT QUITE AWHILE AND DEPARTED RICHMOND VIA EASTERN AIRLINES, ENROUTE ATLANTA, GEORGIA, ARRIVING AT ATLANTA SEVEN PM, MARCH TWENTY-SIX.

UPON ARRIVAL AT ATLANTA AIRPORT, HE PROMPTLY MADE TELEPHONE CALL TO C.T. GODSEY RE INTERVIEW WITH PROSPECTIVE CLIENT AND WAS INFORMED BY GODSEY THAT CLIENT REFUSED TO TALK TO LEHMEYER. GODSEY WAS THE ONLY PERSON LEHMEYER CONTACTED IN ATLANTA. LEHMEYER SPENT NIGHT OF MARCH TWENTY-SIX AT ATLANTA HILTON HOTEL. WHILE AT HILTON, HE TELEPHONED RICHARD EVANS, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, RE HIS PLANS TO ARRIVE IN BIRMINGHAM MARCH TWENTY-SEVEN. HILTON HOTEL BILL HANDLED WITH AMERICAN EXPRESS CREDIT CARD WITH NAME WILLIAM J. LEHMEYER.

AT ATLANTA AIRPORT, MORNING OF MARCH TWENTY-SEVEN, LEHMEYER PURCHASED EASTERN AIRLINE TICKET TO BIRMINGHAM DEPARTING ATLANTA MID-MORNING THAT DATE AND ARRIVING BIRMINGHAM FORENOON.

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INFORMATION RE LEHMEYER'S ACTIVITIES SUBSEQUENT TO ARRIVAL IN BIRMINGHAM MARCH TWENTY-SEVEN FURNISHED IN REFERENCED MINNEAPOLIS TEL. LEHMEYER STATED HIS PLANS IN BIRMINGHAM ON MARCH TWENTY-SEVEN, LAST, WERE TO DEPART BIRMINGHAM SAME DAY AFTER INTERVIEW OF A MR. ELKOURIE. HE DID NOT REGISTER AT A MOTEL AND DID NOT GIVE NAMES OF PARLIAMENT HOUSE HOTEL OR AIRPORT MOTEL TO SOUTHERN AIRLINES OR DELTA AIRLINES CLERKS AS POINTS OF CONTACT WHEN HE MADE HOLD RESERVATIONS WITH THESE AIRLINES ON THAT DATE. HE STATED HE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF A PARLIAMENT HOUSE HOTEL IN BIRMINGHAM. HAD IT BEEN NECESSARY FOR HIM TO STAY OVER-NIGHT AT BIRMINGHAM, HE WOULD HAVE STAYED AT THE AIRPORT MOTEL. HE GAVE NO CONTACT POINTS FOR RESERVATIONS, NOR DID EVANS FURNISH PLACE OF CONTACT TO AIRLINE.

LEHMEYER SAYS HE TOLD AIRLINES RESERVATION CLERKS HE WOULD CONTACT AIRPORT TICKET COUNTERS RE FLIGHTS WHEN HE WAS AVAILABLE TO DEPART BIRMINGHAM ON MARCH TWENTY-SEVEN.

ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, RICHMOND SHOULD CONSIDER CONDUCTING DISCREET BACKGROUND INQUIRIES RE INDIVIDUALS CONTACTED BY LEHMEYER IN THEIR RESPECTIVE DIVISIONS AND OTHER APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE IF THESE INDIVIDUALS MAY BE

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SUSPECTS IN THIS MATTER.

TODAY WILLIAM DE PARCQ, PARTNER, MINNEAPOLIS LAW FIRM OF DE PARCQ, ANDERSON AND PERL, EMPLOYER OF LEHMEYER, STATED HIS FIRM HAS MANY CLIENTS IN SOUTHER U.S. HE EMPHATICALLY REQUESTED THAT FBI INQUIRIES AND CONTACTS WITH INDIVIDUALS PREVIOUSLY CONTACTED Y LEHMEYER BE HANDLED IN SUCH A MANNER THAT THE RELATIONSHIP OF HIS FIRM AND ITS REPUTATION WITH THESE INDIVIDUALS WOULD NOT BE JEOPARDIZED.

OTHER INVESTIGATION THIS MATTER BEING EXPEDITED.

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