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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Atlanta, Georgia

October 14, 1977

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On October 7, 1977, Mason Evans, 2574 River Glen Circle, Atlanta, Georgia, telephone number 458-3621, telephonically contacted the Atlanta Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), on October 7, 1977, and advised that on the day that Martin Luther King was killed in Memphis, Tennessee, he was at the Coach and Six Restaurant located next door to the 1776 Peachtree Street Building Atlanta, Georgia. He was having lunch with Henry Hay and Bill Gordan of the Cadillac Division of General Motors. Evans was sitting at the bar when he overheard the bartender described as a white male, approximately 38 to 40 years old, 6'2", 200 pounds, blond hair, who stated that if Martin Luther King goes to Memphis he will be killed. Evans stated that he did not think too much of this remark and did not pay much attention until later that day he heard that Martin Luther King had been killed in Memphis.

Evans stated that he still did not place too much emphasis on this matter until he read in the newspaper several weeks ago that a Jack Peetee was arrested by the United States Secret Service and charged with threatening the President of the United States. Evans understood that a number of weapons were recovered from Peetee's residence by the United States Secret Service. Evans stated that he believed a Jack Peetee was the building manager of the 1776 Peachtree Street Building and possibly could be acquainted with the bartender at the Coach and Six Restaurant which is next door. Evans was unable to substantiate why he felt that the manager Peetee of the 1776 Peachtree Building might be associated with the bartender from the Coach and Six Restaurant.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

4 - Bureau 2 - Memphis (2) Atlanta (44-2386) JJH:psm (8)

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Date: **10/14/77**Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL _____
(Precedence)

To: Director, FBI (44-38861)

ATTENTION:

☒ GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION☒ CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION☐ CRIMINAL SECTION☐ INTELLIGENCE DIVISIONFrom: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) *P*Subject: **MURKIN**

☒ CRA) ☐ EL ☐ DIH ☐ CRA-64
☐ PA ☐ PE ☐ PF ☐ E
☐ DAMV ☐ DAMV-FR ☐ CAA
☐ AP ☐ IWFC ☐ CWAA ☐ FI
☐ EID ☐ Bomb Threats ☐ Extremist Matters
☐ White Hate ☐ Black

Summary of Complaint:

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ACTION: UACB:

☒ No further action being taken and
☒ LHM enclosed ☐ Copy to: ☐ USA
☐ FD-376 (Enc. to LHM) ☐ Secret Service
☐ LHM being submitted ☐ ATF
☐ Report being submitted
☐ Preliminary investigation instituted
☐ Limited investigation instituted
☐ Investigation continuing

2 - Bureau (Enc. 4)

2 - Memphis (Enc. 2)

2 - Atlanta

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Special Agent in Charge

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United States. EVANS stated that he understands a number of weapons were recovered from PEETEE's residence by the Secret Service. EVANS stated that he believes PEETEE was the manager of the 1776 Peachtree Street Building and might have been acquainted with the bartender at the Coach and Six Restaurant located next door. EVANS was unable to substantiate why he thought that PEETEE and the bartender at the Coach and Six Restaurant would have been acquainted. Contact with United States Secret Service Atlanta, Georgia, indicates that they did not arrest a JACK PEETEE and that in fact, a JOHN CRAIN PETEET had been arrested by the Treasury Department for illegal possession of firearms. The Secret Service advised that JOHN CRAIN PETEET was not the manager of the 1776 Peachtree Street Building.

The Bureau is requested to contact the Department of Justice in order to determine if additional investigation is desired.

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Special Agent in Charge

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Review of 'Code Name Zorro'

BEHIND KING'S MURDER

Mark Lane and Dick Gregory have produced a book entitled *Code Name "Zorro"* that is the best exposure to date of the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. The book brings to light some of the significant events and information surrounding the King murder that the bourgeoisie has tried to conceal over the last nine years.

The authors conclude that the present available and known evidence leads inexorably to the conclusion that persons employed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in 1968 must be considered to be prime suspects in the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

"Zorro" was the code name given to King by the FBI under its COINTELPRO

(Counter-intelligence Program) tactics to attack the Black liberation movement. According to former FBI agent who is interviewed in the book, "Zorro" was constantly spied upon.

The authors show how the FBI successfully lured Dr. King to the Hotel Lorraine in Memphis, where he was assassinated, by having their agents get articles published in the press accusing King of "hypocrisy in turning his back on the striking sanitation workers in Memphis" and of "staying in a plush hotel instead of the Negro hotel, Hotel Lorraine." The authors comment: "The FBI had prevailed. Dr. King was to return not just to Memphis but to the Hotel Lorraine."

On April 4, 1968, at least two

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

"The Call"

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Author:
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hours before the assassination, Ed Redditt, a Black detective assigned to protect King, was ordered by his superiors to leave the area. After learning of King's murder hours later, Redditt was convinced that someone higher up wanted no protection for King.

Earlier that day, two Black firemen, who worked in Fire Station No. 2 directly across the street from the Lorraine Hotel, were issued temporary transfers to other stations. These two firemen would have probably been sitting in front of the fire station and observed the whole incident.

All these efforts to lure King into the Lorraine Hotel and to strip away the security (in order to facilitate the escape of the sniper) were, according to the book, "an ultimately successful plan." The murderers fled, unobserved and unimpeded.

Arthur Murtagh, a veteran FBI agent interviewed in the book, said that when the news of King's death was learned at

the Atlanta FBI office, one agent at the supervisory level literally jumped for joy, exclaiming, "They got Zorro!" This same FBI squad, including the agent who celebrated when King died, was later placed in charge of the entire "investigation" of the murder.

Code Name "Zorro" also exposes the FBI's theory of a "lone assassin" and their efforts to frame James Earl Ray. Lane takes as his starting point Ray's own words that there was a conspiracy and that he was used, without his knowledge, by those who murdered Dr. King.

Examining the evidence against Ray, Lane says that "the state was unable to prove that Ray was in the rooming house, that he had fired a weapon, or even that the weapon which he had purchased fired the shot which killed Dr. King."

The book shows that Ray was forced into making a guilty plea and remaining silent about the conspiracy he was involved in. He was tricked into taking a

Texas lawyer named Percy Forman, who actually worked out a no-jury trial deal with the judge.

Forman was later indicted in 1975 for conspiracy with the oil-rich H.L. Hunt family in another case. This link with the Hunt family is one of several connections that Lane draws between the King and Kennedy assassinations.

Code Name "Zorro" gives the reader a small glimpse of how the state functions in attempting to suppress the people's struggles. While Lane and Gregory do not draw any revolutionary conclusions from all this, the evidence they present stands as a burning indictment of the big financial interests and their FBI hirelings who conspired to assassinate Dr. King.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (RUC)

FROM : SUPV. BERNARD R. BERRY

SUBJECT: MURKIN (A)

DATE: 11/8/77

Re Atlanta airtel to Bureau, 10/14/77.

A review of this matter reflects that pursuant to re airtel, Bureau was requested to contact Dept. of Justice to determine if additional investigation concerning information furnished in LHM dated 10/14/77, was necessary.

To date, no response has been received from the Bureau; therefore, Atlanta is placing this matter in an RUC status until such time as the Bureau responds.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-117296)
Attn: Congressional Inquiry Unit,
Special Investigative Division

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (66-2242) (RUC)

SUBJECT: HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)
BUREAU DEADLINE - 1/13/78

Re FBIHQ teletype to numerous offices, including
Atlanta, 12/27/77.

Referenced Bureau teletype indicated that the
HSCA was currently conducting investigation into the assassination
of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. (MURKIN); and in connection with
this investigation, the HSCA had requested the FBI provide
the following:

(1) The identification of field office case agent(s)
assigned to the MURKIN investigation in recipient offices
and this was to include the division, section or squad assign-
ment, and the nature of the agent's assignment immediately
prior to his involvement in the MURKIN investigation.

(2) Identification of the field office case agent(s)
assigned to counterintelligence program (Cointelpro), efforts
directed against KING and the Southern Christian Leadership
Conference (SCLC) during the period 1965 - 1968 in recipient
offices, and this was to include the division, section or
squad assignment, and the nature of the agent's assignment
immediately prior to his involvement in the Cointelpro,
KING, and SCLC investigations.

In addition, recipients were to identify the case
agent(s) involved in the security investigation of KING
and SCLC, as well as the Cointelpro.

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Atlanta has reviewed pertinent files as requested by FBIHQ, and the information sought by the HSCA is set forth below in chart form:

1. MURKIN
(Atlanta file 44-2386)

Case Agent	Period assigned	Division, Section, or Squad of Assignment	Nature of Agent's Assignment prior to involvement in MURKIN investigation
ALAN G. SENTINELLA	4/8/68 - 4/29/68	Atlanta - #3, Security/extremist Squad	Security/extremist investigations
ROBERT R. PERRY	4/29/68 - 7/30/68	Atlanta #4 Fugitives	Fugitive investigations
O. RICHARD HAMILTON	7/30/68 - 7/31/69	Atlanta - #3	Extremist investigations
O. RICHARD HAMILTON	5/30/70 - 7/13/70	Atlanta - #3	"
O. RICHARD HAMILTON	2/8/71 - 3/16/71	Atlanta - #3	"
O. RICHARD HAMILTON	3/31/71 - 4/7/71	Atlanta - #3	"
O. RICHARD HAMILTON	7/13/73 - 8/31/73	Atlanta - #3	"
O. RICHARD HAMILTON	6/19/74 - 6/27/74	Atlanta - #3	"
O. RICHARD HAMILTON	8/13/74 - 9/24/74	Atlanta - #8 Civil rights, thefts from interstate shipment (TFIS) Etc.	Civil rights matters

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Case Agent	Period assigned	Division, Section, or Squad of Assignment	Nature of Agent's Assignment prior to involvement in MURKIN investigation
THOMAS J. WILSON	8/26/75 - 9/8/75	Atlanta - #8	Civil Rights, TFIS
THOMAS J. WILSON	1/7/78 - 3/23/76	Atlanta - #8	"
JOHN J. HAYMAN	10/12/77 - 11/8/77	Atlanta - #8	Civil Rights matters

2. Atlanta Agents assigned to/or who handled the Atlanta Counterintelligence Program (Cointelpro) during the period 1965 - 1968 in which efforts were directed against KING and the SCLC

Case Agent	Period assigned	Division, Section, or Squad of Assignment	Nature of Agent's Assignment prior to involvement in Cointelpro
<u>CPUSA</u>			
<u>Cointelpro</u>			
ALDEN F. MILLER	4/14/64 - 8/13/65	Atlanta - #3	Security Investigations
<u>Cointelpro</u>			
<u>Black Nationalist-Hate Groups</u>			
EDWARD U. CRIM	8/29/67 - 7/30/69	Atlanta - #3	Security/extremist Investigations
<u>CPUSA Negro</u>			
<u>Question; Communist Influence in Racial Matters (CIRM)-</u>			
<u>Cointelpro</u>			
No case agent assigned - matters handled by:			

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Case Agent	Period assigned	Division, Section, or Squad of Assignment	Nature of Agent's Assignment prior to involvement in Cointelpro
ROBERT R. NICHOLS	1/1/64 - 8/20/64	Atlanta - #3	Security/extremist investigations
ALDEN F. MILLER	2/4/64 - 8/21/64	Atlanta - #3	Security investigations
ALAN G. SENTINELLA	7/22/65 - 4/15/69	Atlanta - #3	Security/extremist investigations

3. Identity of case agent(s) involved in the security investigation of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., and the SCLC

Case Agent	Period assigned	Division, Section, or Squad of Assignment	Nature of Agent's Assignment prior to involvement in KING and SCLC investigations
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SM-C			
ROBERT R. NICHOLS	3/7/61 - 5/12/61	Atlanta - #3	Security/extremist investigations
ROBERT R. NICHOLS	2/28/62 - 10/16/62	Atlanta - #3	"
ROBERT R. NICHOLS	1/9/63 - 7/31/63	Atlanta - #3	"
ROBERT R. NICHOLS	11/6/63 - 5/21/65	Atlanta - #3	"
ALAN G. SENTINELLA	5/21/65 - 6/5/68	Atlanta - #3	"

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Case Agent	Period assigned	Division, Section, or Squad of Assignment	Nature of Agent's Assignment prior to involvement in KING and SCLC investigations
<u>Communist infiltration of the SCLC</u>			
ROBERT R. NICHOLS	4/17/62 - 12/1/64	Atlanta - #3	Security/extremist investigations
ALDEN F. MILLER	12/1/64 - 4/26/66	Atlanta - #3	Security investigations
ALAN G. SENTINELLA	4/26/66 - 3/12/71	Atlanta - #3	Security/extremist investigations
O. RICHARD HAMILTON	3/12/71 - 5/23/73	Atlanta - #3	Extremist investigations
O. RICHARD HAMILTON	7/10/73 - 10/20/73	Atlanta - #3	"

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4/14/78

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-117290)
(ATTN: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT
RECORDS MANAGEMENT DIVISION)

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (66-2242)

SUBJECT: HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE
ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)
BUDED 4/14/78

Re Bureau teletype to Atlanta, 4/7/78.

Enclosed for the Bureau is one xerox copy each of 14 documents, plus one envelope of latent prints, which were taken from the Atlanta MURKIN file, as requested by FBIHQ in referenced teletype.

Referenced teletype indicated that the HSCA had requested that the FBI furnish "all original transparent latent lifts of value and of no value in the possession of FBIHQ or field offices which were collected during the course of the MURKIN investigation". FBIHQ has pulled photographs of all latents of value submitted by field offices from the FBIHQ MURKIN file. X

The Bureau requested Atlanta to review its MURKIN file for any latent fingerprint lifts obtained during the course of the MURKIN investigation and if feasible, submit photographs of those lifts. If not, the actual lifts were to be submitted to FBIHQ, which would be returned to Atlanta after copying by FBIHQ. Atlanta reviewed the 1A Section of Atlanta's MURKIN file (44-2386) as well as the bulky exhibit sheets and noted there were 124 1A exhibits and five bulky exhibit sheets. Only four 1A envelopes and one bulky exhibit pertained to latent fingerprints obtained during the course of the Atlanta MURKIN investigation and all of these were previously sent to FBIHQ in 1968. Only one of these Atlanta 1A exhibit envelopes currently contained latent fingerprint lifts.

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These 1A exhibits and the one bulky exhibit are set forth below:

1) 44-2386-1A-42

This 1A envelope noted that this had contained latents recovered from the right and left arm rests of the 1966 Mustang, 4/17/68, and were sent to the Bureau by airtel on 4/18/68. There were no latent fingerprint lifts in this 1A envelope.

A xerox copy of this 1A envelope, the Atlanta airtel to FBIHQ, 4/18/68, and FBIHQ airtel to Atlanta and Memphis, 4/22/68, regarding these Mustang fingerprint lifts are enclosed for FBIHQ.

2) 44-2386-1A-84

This 1A envelope noted that this had contained 19 unidentified latent fingerprints received on 5/1/68, from the Gwinnett County Police Department, Lawrenceville, Georgia, and were to be returned to this police department. These latent fingerprints were sent to FBIHQ on 5/2/68. There were no latent prints in this 1A envelope.

A xerox copy of this 1A envelope, an Atlanta airtel of 5/2/68, transmitting these prints and a Bureau airtel of 5/8/68, with the results of the examination are enclosed for FBIHQ.

3) 44-2386-1A-90

This 1A envelope noted that this had contained 15 lifts of fingerprints obtained from the Rome, Georgia, Police Department on 5/3/68, and these were sent to the Identification Division on 5/13/68, by Atlanta. There were no latent fingerprint lifts in this 1A envelope.

A xerox copy of this 1A envelope, and the Atlanta airtel of 5/13/68, to the Identification Division are enclosed.

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4) 44-2386-1A-98

This 1A envelope noted that it contained 18 lifts and seven negatives of latent fingerprint impressions from the files of the Rome, Georgia, Police Department which had been returned by FBIHQ. These were the same latents as in item 3 above (44-2386-90), but were entered in the 1A Section as a new item and showed 18 latents rather than 15.

A xerox copy of this 1A envelope, a copy of the FBIHQ airtel to Atlanta, 5/21/78, relative to these latents, and an envelope containing all these latent prints is enclosed for FBIHQ.

5) 44-2386-1B-2

This bulky exhibit sheet dated 4/15/78, listed 10 items obtained from JIMMY GARNER, 113-14th Street, Atlanta, on 4/15/68, and it showed that items 9 and 10 were latent lifts. There was a notation on this bulky exhibit sheet that these items had been sent to FBIHQ on 4/15/68.

A xerox copy of this bulky exhibit sheet, an FD-302, dated 4/22/68, an Atlanta airtel to FBIHQ, 4/15/68, and FBIHQ airtel to Atlanta and Memphis, 4/16/68, are enclosed for FBIHQ.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) ROUTINE

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MURKIN

RE TAMPA AIRTELS JULY 2, 1974 AND DECEMBER 19, 1975,
WITH ENCLOSED LHMS CAPTIONED, "JAMES EARL RAY; DR. MARTIN
LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM."

ON JULY 26, 1978, SGT. ROBERT THOMAS WEHUNT, JR.,
HEADQUARTERS SQUADRON, MAC DILL AFB (MAFB), TAMPA, FLA.,
HOME ADDRESS, 3109 HARTNETT AVE., TAMPA, FLA., CAME TO THE
TAMPA OFFICE (TPO) OF THE FBI AND ADVISED THAT HE HAD READ AN
ARTICLE IN "THE TAMPA TRIBUNE" OF JULY 26, 1978, TO THE EFFECT
THAT A RUSSELL G. BYERS HAD TOLD THE HOUSE ASSASSINATION
COMMITTEE THAT HE HAD BEEN OFFERED MONEY ON BEHALF OF A GROUP OF

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BUSINESSMEN TO KILL DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. IN 1966 OR EARLY 1967. SGT. WEHUNT ADVISED THAT HE HAD PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED INFORMATION TO THE TPO OF THE FBI IN 1974, TO THE EFFECT THAT HIS FATHER, WHO WAS FORMERLY A GUARD AT THE FULTON COUNTY JAIL, ATLANTA, GEORGIA, HAD STATEMENTS FROM CONVICTS IN THE FULTON COUNTY JAIL THAT THESE CONVICTS HAD BEEN APPROACHED BY VERY INFLUENTIAL BUSINESSMEN TO KILL DR. KING FOR ONE-HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS. SGT. WEHUNT ADVISED THAT HE DID NOT FEEL THAT APPROPRIATE ACTION HAD BEEN TAKEN CONCERNING THE INFORMATION THAT HE HAD FURNISHED AS HIS MOTHER AND SISTER HAD NEVER BEEN INTERVIEWED. SGT. WEHUNT STATED THAT HE HAD TALKED WITH THE LEGAL ADVISOR AT MAFB CONCERNING THIS MATTER AND WAS ADVISED TO RECONTACT THE TPO OF THE FBI. SGT. WEHUNT MADE AVAILABLE A THREE PAGE STATEMENT THAT HE HAD WRITTEN OUT AND WHICH HE HAD SIGNED. THIS STATEMENT IS AS FOLLOWS:

"IN 1966-67 MY FATHER HAD STATEMENTS THAT I SAW THAT WAS MADE BY APP-3 PRISONERS AT THE FULTON COUNTY JAIL THAT STATED THEY WERE OFFERED LARGE SUMS OF MONEY TO KILL MARTIN LUTHER

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KING, JR. MY FATHER WAS A DEPUTY SHERIFF OF FULTON COUNTY AND WAS WORKING AT THE FULTON COUNTY JAIL AT THE TIME. (OVER 9 YEARS). I SAW THE STATEMENTS. I DO NOT REMEMBER THE NAMES, HOWEVER, I DO REMEMBER THAT THERE WERE THREE PEOPLE MY FATHER DESCRIBED AS INFLUENTIAL BUSINESS MEN WHO OFFERED THE MONEY. LATER MY FATHER TOLD ME HE HAD TRIED TO TURN THE STATEMENTS OVER TO THE GBI AND WAS TOLD HE HAD BETTER NOT IF HE WANTED TO LIVE. LATER HE TOLD ME THAT HE HAD BEEN TOLD IF HE TOLD ANY ONE THEY WOULD KILL MY FATHER AND HIS ENTIRE FAMILY. MY FATHER ALSO TOLD ME THAT HE KEPT THE STATEMENTS AND A LARGE SUM OF MONEY THAT HE HINTED TO BEING AROUND \$3 MILLION TO 3! MILLION DOLLARS. LATER MY MOTHER TOLD ME SHE THOUGH MY FATHER TOLD HER HE TURNED THE STATEMENTS OVER TO A MAN WHO WAS GOING TO WRITE A BOOK. THE MAN'S NAME IS BOB SOMETHING - MY MOTHER KNOWS HIS NAME. MY FATHER DIED IN 1973 AND I TOLD ALL THIS TO THE FBI IN 1974.

I DO NOT KNOW THE NAME OF THE BANK WHERE MY FATHER

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KEPT THE STATEMENTS BUT IT WAS LOCATED IN LITTLE FIVE POINTS IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA. MY SISTER, NOW MRS. WAYNE UPSHAW OF STONE MT. GEORGIA, SAID SHE TYPED THE STATEMENTS FOR MY FATHER. MY MOTHER, ALMA L. WEHUNT OF 3015 ALBATROSS LANE, DECATUR, GEORGIA, KNOWS, PROBABLY, MORE THAN I, HOWEVER, I KNOW SHE IS SCARED ABOUT TALKING ABOUT IT.

MY NAME IS ROBERT THOMAS WEHUNT, JR. OF 3109 HARTNETT AVE., TAMPA, FLA. 33611 - TEL. 839-7281. I WORK AT A 56 HEADQUARTERS SQ. MACDILL AFB, TEL 830-3942-2724.

MY FATHER HAD A NICK NAME OF TWILIKER. (SPELLING UNKNOWN). I TALKED TO CPT. WHITE, LEGAL OFFICE AT MAC DILL WHO DIRECTED ME HERE AFTER TALKING TO HIS FRIEND, A FBI AGENT IN CALIFORNIA. SIGNED: ROBERT T. WEHUNT, JR."

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RE TAMPA AIRTELS JULY 2, 1974 AND DECEMBER 19, 1975,
WITH ENCLOSED LHMS CAPTIONED, "JAMES EARL RAY; DR. MARTIN
LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM."

ON JULY 26, 1978, SGT. ROBERT THOMAS WEHUNT, JR.,
HEADQUARTERS SQUADRON, MAC DILL AFB (MAFB), TAMPA, FLA.,
HOME ADDRESS, 3109 HARTNETT AVE., TAMPA, FLA., CAME TO THE
TAMPA OFFICE (TPO) OF THE FBI AND ADVISED THAT HE HAD READ AN
ARTICLE IN "THE TAMPA TRIBUNE" OF JULY 26, 1978, TO THE EFFECT
THAT A RUSSELL G. BYERS HAD TOLD THE HOUSE ASSASSINATION
COMMITTEE THAT HE HAD BEEN OFFERED MONEY ON BEHALF OF A GROUP OF

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"IN 1966-67 MY FATHER HAD STATEMENTS THAT I SAW THAT WAS MADE BY APP-3 PRISONERS AT THE FULTON COUNTY JAIL THAT STATED THEY WERE OFFERED LARGE SUMS OF MONEY TO KILL MARTIN LUTHER

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KING, JR. MY FATHER WAS A DEPUTY SHERIFF OF FULTON COUNTY AND WAS WORKING AT THE FULTON COUNTY JAIL AT THE TIME. (OVER 9 YEARS). I SAW THE STATEMENTS. I DO NOT REMEMBER THE NAMES, HOWEVER, I DO REMEMBER THAT THERE WERE THREE PEOPLE MY FATHER DESCRIBED AS INFLUENTIAL BUSINESS MEN WHO OFFERED THE MONEY. LATER MY FATHER TOLD ME HE HAD TRIED TO TURN THE STATEMENTS OVER TO THE GBI AND WAS TOLD HE HAD BETTER NOT IF HE WANTED TO LIVE. LATER HE TOLD ME THAT HE HAD BEEN TOLD IF HE TOLD ANY ONE THEY WOULD KILL MY FATHER AND HIS ENTIRE FAMILY. MY FATHER ALSO TOLD ME THAT HE KEPT THE STATEMENTS AND A LARGE SUM OF MONEY THAT HE HINTED TO BEING AROUND \$3 MILLION TO 3! MILLION DOLLARS. LATER MY MOTHER TOLD ME SHE THOUGH MY FATHER TOLD HER HE TURNED THE STATEMENTS OVER TO A MAN WHO WAS GOING TO WRITE A BOOK. THE MAN'S NAME IS BOB SOMETHING - MY MOTHER KNOWS HIS NAME. MY FATHER DIED IN 1973 AND I TOLD ALL THIS TO THE FBI IN 1974.

I DO NOT KNOW THE NAME OF THE BANK WHERE MY FATHER

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KEPT THE STATEMENTS BUT IT WAS LOCATED IN LITTLE FIVE POINTS IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA. MY SISTER, NOW MRS. WAYNE UPSHAW OF STONE MT. GEORGIA, SAID SHE TYPED THE STATEMENTS FOR MY FATHER. MY MOTHER, ALMA L. WEHUNT OF 3015 ALBATROSS LANE, DECATUR, GEORGIA, KNOWS, PROBABLY, MORE THAN I, HOWEVER, I KNOW SHE IS SCARED ABOUT TALKING ABOUT IT.

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POSSIBLE INFORMATION RELATING TO THE ASSASSINATION OF
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

ON AUGUST 18, 1978, THE NYO WAS CONTACTED BY JIM
EYER, 16 RUGBY ROAD, CEDAR GROVE, NEW JERSEY, TELEPHONE
(201) 857-0465, WHO ADVISED BEING EMPLOYED IN THE NEWS
OFFICE OF WNBC RADIO, 30 ROCKEFELLER CENTER, NEW YORK,
NEW YORK, TELEPHONE 664-4315, AND FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING
INFO:

EYER ADVISED THAT WHILE WORKING IN THE NEWS OFFICE OF
WNBC, AT APPROXIMATELY 3:30 A.M., ON AUGUST 18, 1978, HE
RECEIVED AN ANONYMOUS CALL FROM A YOUNG MALE WHO ADVISED HIM

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NYO INDICES NEGATIVE.

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KNOWN TO THE CINCINNATI OFFICE.

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August 30, 1978

To: SAC, Atlanta

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

ASSASSINATION OF
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.,
APRIL 4, 1968
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

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FBIHQ files contain no information that Stewart was ever interviewed following Ray's escape from the Missouri State Penitentiary in 1967 or during the investigation of King's assassination.

Atlanta contact officials at U. S. Penitentiary and determine Stewart's status, in view of his claim in his letter that he is already on referral. Contact Stewart, acknowledge receipt of his letter and attempt to interview him regarding Ray and the King assassination. Advise him the FBI will take no action regarding his request for transfer and that any information he provides will be furnished the Department of Justice and the House Select Committee on Assassinations. Submit results of interview in form suitable for dissemination and direct to FBIHQ, Attention: Congressional Inquiry Unit, Records Management Division.

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8-11-78

FILE IN BOX OF REV.

Dear Sir

I'm a resident of Atlanta Federal
Penitentiary presently serving an (10) ten
year sentence for Interstate Transp
of Stolen Prop and a (5) five year
sentence for Conspiracy to escape

My Name is Jerry W Stewart
02792-35 alias Gene Small Jr

My letter is regarding James Earl Ray
I've enclosed what I know about
him

If you will get me transferred
to Memphis Tenn To the Federal
Institution there I'll be more than
glad to talk with you about Mr Ray

I'm already on referral to Memphis
from Atlanta so you shouldn't have
no problems getting me transferred

after I'm there I'll talk to you
about Mr Ray but not before
in the event there is a new
trial my help should prove very
helpful to the Gov.

I hope you are interested

CORRESPONDENCE

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in my information and don't waste
time in getting me transferred to Memphis
If you will the place same place I see
I guess even tho I'm on referral I
my record will stop my transfer I'm from
Nashville, Tenn.

Thank you for your
time and consideration I am

Respectfully Yours
Jerry Stewart
Alvin
None will be

(1) I was present during his two escape attempts
are when after three days of hiding, he fell
off the roof and broke his arm - two Turkish
men and another inmate tried to escape simultaneously,
by hiding in the rec shack after guard recall one
night without either being aware of the other
and because of a dummy being found in the
other guys cell they were caught.

(2) I was in maximum security with
him in the same cell.

(A) we talked about obtaining forms of
identification - forgery of the documents and
legitimate copies of foreign & local I.D.
Passports etc, etc.

(B) we discussed exits for the leaving
the country - Mexico, Porto Rico and Canada.

(3) During the two years I knowed Ray this
was the time of the racial disturbance in
Mick and on numerous occasions we
both expressed our feelings on this subject
in both visiting T.V. we were involved
in a little racial affair - T.V. Room Rec shack
over

I was arrested 11-11-69 Kansas City
Burgl-2nd Day
Adm
LARC

I was received at Jefferson City 5-28-65

I was released 11-3-67

I was under the name
(Dave Wall Jr.)

(4) I was present when he finally escaped from the food service dept.

(5) from talking to Ray by his conversation and action I believed he had an important reason to escape. In other words if he ever got free he would have all the money he could use and he could live high on the hog.

If you are interested in my information and like come to terms I'll fill in the missing parts and give you every thing else I know.

with regards
Jimmy Sheilds

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

April 16, 1968

Date _____

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Mrs. ESTELLE PETERS, Manager, Piedmont Laundry, Pick-Up Station, 1168 Peachtree, Northeast, home residence 1033 Milan Terrace Apartments, Clarkston, Georgia, home telephone number 433-4024, business telephone number 892-1467, advised that on April 1, 1968 shortly before 10 a.m. a white male came into the laundry and placed four undershirts, three underdrawers, one pair of socks, one wash cloth, as well as dry cleaning consisting of one pair of trousers, one coat and one tie and gave her the name ERIC GALT. She stated that she asked him if he spelled ERIC as ERIC and he replied yes and proceeded to spell his last name as GALT.

Mrs. PETERS described the dry cleaning and the coat as being a black checked coat with small check blocks and being an ordinary man's suit coat. She said it was not a sport coat or blazer, but an ordinary suit coat.

She described the trousers as a gray on the darker side and the tie as being black with tan and brown diagonal stripes.

She stated that GALT told her that he did not want any starch in his laundry and wanted the laundry folded.

An artist's sketch of GALT was exhibited to Mrs. PETERS and she advised that she could not say whether or not the sketch resembled GALT. She said she would not be in a position to state whether she could identify GALT if she were to see him again.

Mrs. PETERS continued that she recalled GALT as being in his thirties and slightly taller than Special Agent KANE, who is six feet in height and approximately the same weight as Special Agents KANE and ROSE whose weights are approximately 185 pounds.

On 4/16/68 at Atlanta, Georgia File # Atlanta 44-2386-2505
by SA CHARLES PAUL ROSE
SA ROBERT MICHAEL KANE CPR/RMK/pml Date dictated 4/16/68

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GALT was clean shaven, neat with ordinary complexion. She failed to notice any particular regional accent and did not notice any peculiar marks or clothing characteristics. She did not recall his attire at the time the laundry and dry cleaning was placed April 1, 1968.

Mrs. PETERS advised from her ledger maintained by her in the usual course of business, the laundry and dry cleaning of GALT was picked up between 9 and 10 a.m. possibly closer to 9 a.m., on April 5, 1968 by the same individual who placed the laundry on April 1, 1968. She did recall that he was one of the earlier customers in the day and was of the opinion that he picked the laundry up earlier than he deposited the cleaning and laundry. To the best of her recollection, GALT entered the laundry and stated that he was there to pick up the laundry and cleaning of ERIC GALT.

At the time he obtained the completed laundry and dry cleaning, he was abrupt and short in his manner of speech giving her the impression that he was in a hurry or had a car parked in an area where he should not have parked. He appeared impatient while waiting for her to locate his laundry and cleaning. GALT paid for the laundry and cleaning in cash and she was of the opinion that he walked North on Peachtree Street toward Fourteenth Street after leaving the Laundry. She was unable to furnish his mode of dress on April 5, 1968 other than to stated that he did appear to be well shaven and neatly attired. Mrs. PETERS explained that the only area visible to her on Peachtree Street has prohibited parking and that his car, if he had one, would not have been parked immediately in front of the Laundry. Both times GALT was observed he appeared to be alone and she did not associate any other person with GALT. She did not obtain the impression that GALT was depositing cleaning and laundry for anyone other than himself although she did not assign or mark the laundry. She did assign the dry cleaning

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items and was of the opinion that they would have been his clothing.

Mrs. PETERS produced a laundry slip from her transactions of April 5, 1968 indicating that ERIC GALT on April 1, 1968 deposited nine items of laundry described as three drawers, four undershirts, one pair of socks and one wash cloth. The notation appeared on the laundry slip "No Starch and Folded", indicating that the laundry would have been placed in a small rectangular stapled package. The laundry mark EGC83 would have been affixed in indelible black pencil in all the laundry items at the main plant of the Piedmont Laundry prior to laundering. She explained that the EG would indicate the customer as ERIC GALT and the C83 is the designation for her pick-up station. In addition, the laundry slip indicates the marker as A Lot 10 which she explained as being the laundry designation and the lot number. A 19-30 appears on the laundry slip and she explained this as meaning the ledger and entry number utilized by her in her bookkeeping system. The total amount of the laundry was \$1.16.

In addition, she furnished a green dry cleaning slip dated April 1, 1968 bearing the name ERIC GALT which has the dry cleaning tag 8 over 755 stapled to the slip. She explained that this tag 8 over 755 would have been placed in each dry cleaning item by staples and this is the Laundry's designation to identify the dry cleaning. The dry cleaning slip reflects one coat, black check; one pair of trousers, gray and one tie, black with tan and brown stripes were deposited on April and claimed on April 5, 1968 by GALT at a total cost of \$1.55.

Mrs. PETERS furnished the above described laundry and dry cleaning slips indicating they were prepared by her April 1, 1968.

Mrs. PETERS explained that no laundry slips are issued to the customer by the laundry and the laundry and the customer would not have been issued a slip to claim his laundry