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

ALL INVESTIGATION MUST BE HANDLE UNDER THE PER-  
SONAL 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 INVES-  
TIGATION. SAC WILL BE HELD PERSONALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY  
FAILURE TO PROMPTLY AND THOROUGHLY HANDLE INVESTIGATIONS  
IN THIS MATTER.

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FBI MEMPHIS

733PM URGENT 4/7/68 CAF

TO ALL SACS

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987) 2P

MURKIN; CR. OO MEMPHIS.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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TO DIRECTOR  
SAC DENVER  
SAC KANSAS CITY  
SAC MEMPHIS  
SAC SPRINGFIELD

FROM: SAC CHICAGO (44-NEW) (P)

MURKIN. CR

RE SPRINGFIELD TEL TO CHICAGO APRIL SIX LAST.

SPRINGFIELD DIVISION ADVISE RONALD LORENZEN, MANAGING  
EDITOR, TIMES DEMOCRAT, DAVENPORT, IOWA, ADVISED HE RECEIVED  
TELEPHONE CALL FROM EDWARD BAUMGARDNER OF NINE ONE  
SEVEN SIXTH AVENUE, ERIE, ILLINOIS, ON APRIL FIVE LAST.  
BAUMGARDNER ADVISED HIM THAT ~~THE~~ <sup>ARTIST'S CONCEPTION</sup> PHOTOGRAPH DISPLAYED  
ON TELEVISION OF ASSASSINATION SUSPECT APPEARS TO BE THAT OF ONE  
VINCENT DE PALMA. BAUMGARDNER ALSO ADVISED THAT HE IS  
FORMER MINUTEMAN AND ~~THE~~ ASSASSINATION MAY HAVE BEEN  
COMMITTED BY ~~A~~ MEMBER OF ~~THE~~ MINUTEMEN.

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

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

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

DE PALMA DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, ABOUT TWENTY FIVE  
FIVE FEET ELEVEN TO SIX FEET, ONE EIGHT ZERO POUNDS,  
MEDIUM BROWN HAIR, DARK COMPLEXION, POSSIBLY AMERICAN  
INDIAN.

BAUMGARDNER ADVISED PHOTO OF DE PALMA IN POSSESSION  
DENVER POST NEWSPAPER, DENVER, COLORADO. IN CONNECTION WITH  
COURT HEARING IN BRECKINRIDGE, COLORADO WHERE DE PALMA  
APPEARED AS WITNESS AGAINST BOB WHERLEY (PH) ., EDITOR  
OF DENVER POST.

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DENVER OBTAIN PHOTO OF DE PALMA AND FORWARD TO MEMPHIS  
FOR DISPLAY TO WITNESSES. KANSAS CITY FURNISH MEMPHIS  
WITH ANY PERTINENT INFO FROM MINUTEMEN FILE RE DE PALMA.

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1141AM URGENT 4-6-68 KJF

TO CHICAGO (100-35356)  
FROM SPRINGFIELD (157-838) 1P.

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., RM.

RONALD LORENZEN, MANAGING EDITOR, TIMES DEMOCRAT, DAVENPORT, IOWA, ADVISED HE RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALL FROM EDWARD BUMGARDNER OF NINE ONE SEVEN SIXTH AVENUE, ERIE, ILLINOIS, ON APRIL FIVE LAST. BUMGARDNER ADVISED HIM THAT THE PHOTOGRAPH DISPLAYED ON TELEVISION OF ASSASSINATION SUSPECT APPEARS TO BE THAT OF ONE VINCENT DE PALMA. BUMGARDNER ALSO ADVISED THAT HE IS A FORMER MINUTEMAN AND THE ASSASSINATION MAY HAVE BEEN COMMITTED BY A MEMBER OF THE MINUTEMEN.

CHICAGO REFER TO SPRINGFIELD LETTER TO KANSAS CITY DATED MARCH THIRTY, NINETEEN SIXTY SIX, ENTITLED EDWARD BUMGARDNER, PCI, AND SPRINGFIELD AIRTEL TO BUREAU DATED SEPTEMBER NINE, NINETEEN SIXTY SIX, ENTITLED THREATS AGAINST THE PRESIDENT, SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, SECRETARY OF STATE; MINUTEMEN-PATRIOTIC PARTY, FOR BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON BUMGARDNER AND DE PALMA.

CHICAGO CONTACT BUMGARDNER RE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR COMPLETE DETAILS.

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SAC KNOXVILLE  
SAC JACKSONVILLE  
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (P)

**MURKIN**

RE JACKSONVILLE AND KNOXVILLE TELS THIS DATE  
CAPTIONED ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

SEARCH OF RECORDS OF PERSONNEL DIVISION AND BUREAU  
OF RECORDS AND COMMUNICATIONS, CHICAGO PD THIS DATE  
FAILED TO DISCLOSE ANY EMPLOYMENT OR ARREST RECORD  
IDENTIFIABLE WITH OALF WEBB OR WEBB COOK. *4 serial*

UNLESS ADDITIONAL IDENTIFYING DATA OR MORE DEFINITE  
INFORMATION AS TO WHEREABOUTS OF WEBB CAN BE FURNISHED  
CHICAGO, NO FURTHER ACTION BEING TAKEN.

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FBI MEMPHIS  
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TO DIRECTOR, CHICAGO, MINNEAPOLIS, AND BIRMINGHAM  
FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987) 3P

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FOR INFO OF CHICAGO AND MINNEAPOLIS INVESTIGATION  
CONDUCTED BIRMINGHAM DIVISION SUGGESTS INDIVIDUAL BY NAME OF  
WILLIAM J. LEHMEYER MAY BE OF INTEREST THIS CASE.

BIRMINGHAM HAS ADVISED THAT INQUIRIES IN CONNECTION  
WITH MARCH TWENTYSEVEN RESERVATION, SOUTHERN AIRLINES,  
APPARENTLY WERE NOT FILLED. BIRMINGHAM INVESTIGATION  
DISCLOSED THAT CONTACT POINTS OF PARLIMENT HOUSE AND AIRPORT  
MOTEL HAD NO RECORD FOR WILLIAM J. LEHMEYER.

INDIVIDUAL WHO PURCHASED GUN OF INTEREST IN INSTANT  
CASE DID USE NAME OF LOWMEYER IN BIRMINGHAM. SIMILARITY OF  
NAMES WARRANTS ADDITIONAL INQUIRIES.

MEMPHIS INVESTIGATION DISCLOSED THAT WILLIAM J. LEHMEYER  
DID PASS THROUGH GATE DELTA AIRLINES, MEMPHIS, EN ROUTE TO  
CHICAGO, FLIGHT NINE THREE TWO, DELTA AIRLINES, DEPARTING  
MEMPHIS EIGHT FORTYFIVE P.M. MARCH TWENTYSEVEN. THIS  
CONFIRMS SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION FURNISHED BY BIRMINGHAM  
INVESTIGATION.

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BIRMINGHAM INVESTIGATION SHOWED THAT LEHMEYER REPORTEDLY HAD TICKETS ROUTING HIM FROM BIRMINGHAM THROUGH MEMPHIS TO CHICAGO WITH SUBSEQUENT STOP IN MINNEAPOLIS.

PLANE ON WHICH LEHMEYER ARRIVED IN MEMPHIS LANDED AT SEVEN O SEVEN P.M. AND DEPARTED EIGHT FORTYFIVE P.M. AIRPORT IN MEMPHIS IS APPROXIMATELY TWENTYFIVE MINUTE DRIVE EACH WAY FROM AREA IN WHICH MURDER TOOK PLACE. THIS ALLOWS APPROXIMATELY FIFTY MINUTES IN WHICH THIS PERSON, IF SUBJECT OF INTEREST, COULD HAVE CANVASSED AREA FOR FUTURE USE.

REQUEST THAT MINNEAPOLIS MAKE APPROPRIATE INQUIRIES WITH CONNECTING AIRLINES FROM CHICAGO ON MARCH TWENTYSEVEN ON WHICH WILLIAM J. LEHMEYER MIGHT ARRIVED IN MINNEAPOLIS. THEREAFTER CONDUCT SUFFICIENT DISCREET INQUIRIES TO ESTABLISH BACKGROUND OF WILLIAM J. LEHMEYER AND ASCERTAIN HIS WHEREABOUTS AS OF APPROXIMATELY SIX P.M. ON EVENING OF APRIL FOUR. CONDUCT SUFFICIENT INVESTIGATION TO ELIMINATE IF THIS CAN BE DONE.

INQUIRY AT MEMPHIS DISCLOSED THAT WILLIAM J. LEHMEYER REPORTEDLY HAD FLIGHT FROM CHACAGO VIA NORTHWEST AIRLINES, FLIGHT TWO THREE NINE.

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CHICAGO OFFICE REQUESTED TO MAKE APPROPRIATE INQUIRY  
TO DETERMINE WHETHER WILLIAM J. LEHMEYER DID TAKE FLIGHT  
TO MINNEAPOLIS. P.

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TO ATLANTA  
FROM CHICAGO (44-NEW) (P)

MURKIN, OO: MIMPHIS

RE MEMPHIS TEL TO DIRECTOR, BIRMINGHAM AND MINNEAPOLIS, APRIL  
SIX LAST.

ROBERT MINK, DELTA AIRLINES, CHICAGO, O'HARE INTERNATIONAL  
AIRPORT, ADVISED APRIL SIX LAST ALL INFO RELATING TO PRIOR  
RESERVATIONS CONTAINED DELTA AIRLINES, DATA PROCESSING CENTER,  
MEMORY BANK, ATLANTA, IN CARE OF E. R. BENNETT. RANCE POWERS,  
UNITED AIRLINES, UNABLE TO LOCATE ANY INFO RE WILLIAM J.  
LEHMEYER. EASTERN AIRLINES HAS NO FLIGHT DEPARTING CHICAGO  
TO MINNEAPOLIS AFTER DELTA NINE THREE TWO ARRIVES CHICAGO  
UNTIL FOLLOWING DAY.

MILO MATHEWS, NORTHWEST AIRLINES, ADVISED RES. INFO SHOWS  
LEHMEYER, CHICAGO - MINNEAPOLIS, PASSENGER MARCH TWO SEVEN  
LAST FROM DELTA NINE THREE TWO; ALL RES. AND HISTORY INFO ON  
DELTA MEMORY BANK TAPE SEVEN ZERO FIVE FIVE SEVEN THREE ONE  
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NO FURTHER INFO AVAILABLE CHICAGO.

RE MEMPHIS TEL BEING QUOTED AND COPIED TO ATLANTA ONLY FOR INFO.

ATLANTA, AT DELTA AIRLINES. IMMEDIATELY CONTACT DATA PROCESSING, TELEPHONE SEVEN SIX TWO - TWO THREE FOUR SIX AND OBTAIN PRINT OUT OF TAPE SEVEN ZERO FIVE FIVE SEVEN THREE ONE ZERO FIVE, FURNISHING PASSENGER HISTORY AND CONTACT POINTS RE PASSENGER WILLIAM J. LEHMEYER AND FURNISH INFO TO BUREAU, MEMPHIS, MINNEAPOLIS AND OTHER INTERESTED OFFICES.

EXPEDITE.

FOR INFO ATLANTA, FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF RETEL:

FOR INFO OF CHICAGO AND MINNEAPOLIS INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED BIRMINGHAM DIVISION SUGGESTS INDIVIDUAL BY NAME OF WILLIAM J. LEHMEYER MAY BE OF INTEREST THIS CASE.

BIRMINGHAM HAS ADVISED THAT INQUIRIES IN CONNECTION WITH MARCH TWENTY-SEVEN RESERVATION, SOUTHERN AIRLINES, APPARENTLY WERE NOT FILLED. BIRMINGHAM INVESTIGATION DISCLOSED THAT CONTACT POINTS OF PARLIMENT HOUSE AND AIRPORT MOTEL HAD NO RECORD FOR WILLIAM J. LEHMEYER.

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INDIVIDUAL WHO PURCHASED GUN OF INTEREST IN INSTANT CASE DID USE NAME OF LOWMEYER IN BIRMINGHAM. SIMILARITY OF NAMES WARRANTS ADDITIONAL INQUIRIES.

MEMPHIS INVESTIGATION DISCLOSED THAT WILLIAM J. LEHMEYER DID PASS THROUGH GATE DELTA AIRLINES MEMPHIS, EN ROUTE TO CHICAGO, FLIGHT NINE THREE TWO, DELTA AIRLINES, DEPARTING MEMPHIS EIGHT FORTY FIVE PM MARCH TWENTY SEVEN. THIS CONFIRMS SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION FURNISHED BY BIRMINGHAM INVESTIGATION.

BIRMINGHAM INVESTIGATION SHOWED THAT LEHMEYER REPORTEDLY HAD TICKETS ROUTING HIM FROM BIRMINGHAM THROUGH MIMPHIS TO CHICAGO WITH SUBSEQUENT STOP IN MINNEAPOLIS.

PLANE ON WHICH LEHMEYER ARRIVED IN MEMPHIS LANDED AT SEVEN O SEVEN PM AND DEPARTED EIGHT FORTY FIVE P.M. AIRPORT IN MEMPHIS IS APPROXIMATELY TWENTY FIVE MINUTE DRIVE EACH WAY FROM AREA IN WHICH MURDER TOOK PLACE. THIS ALLOWS APPROXIMATELY FIFTY MINUTES IN WHICH THIS PERSON, IF SUBJECT OF INTEREST, COULD HAVE CANVASSED AREA FOR FUTURE USE.



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INQUIRY AT MEMPHIS DISCLOSED THAT WILLIAM J. LEHMEYER REPORTEDLY HAD FLIGHT FROM CHICAGO VIA NORTHWEST AIRLINES, FLIGHT TWO THREE NINE.

CHICAGO OFFICE REQUESTED TO MAKE APPROPRIATE INQUIRY TO DETERMINE WHETHER WILLIAM J. LEHMEYER DID TAKE FLIGHT TO MINNEAPOLIS.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI, SACS MEMPHIS (44-1987), ~~REDACTED~~,  
BIRMINGHAM AND MINNEAPOLIS

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-New) (P)

MURKIN, OO: MEMPHIS

RE MEMPHIS TELE TO ~~REDACTED~~ <sup>OFFICES</sup> ~~REDACTED~~ <sup>CAPTIONED</sup> ~~REDACTED~~, APRIL SIX LAST.

ROBERT MINK, DELTA AIRLINES, CHICAGO, O'HARE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, ADVISED APRIL SIX LAST ALL INFO RELATING TO PRIOR RESERVATIONS CONTAINED DELTA AIRLINES, DATA PROCESSING CENTER, MEMORY BANK, ATLANTA, IN CARE OF E. R. BENNETT. RANCE POWERS, UNITED AIRLINES, UNABLE TO LOCATE ANY INFO RE WILLIAM J. LEHMEYER. EASTERN AIRLINES HAS NO FLIGHT DEPARTING CHICAGO TO MINNEAPOLIS AFTER DELTA NINE THREE TWO ARRIVES CHICAGO UNTIL FOLLOWING DAY.

MILO MATHEWS, NORTHWEST AIRLINES, ADVISED RES. INFO. SHOWS LEHMEYER, CHICAGO - MINNEAPOLIS, PASSENGER MARCH TWO SEVEN LAST FROM DELTA NINE THREE TWO, ALL RES. AND HISTORY INFO ON DELTA MEMORY BANK TAPE SEVEN ZERO FIVE FIVE SEVEN THREE ONE ZERO FIVE.

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RE MEMPHIS TEL~~BE~~ BEING QUOTED AND COPIED TO ATLANTA<sup>ONLY</sup> FOR  
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~~RE~~ ~~AND~~ ~~PASSE~~NGER WILLIAM J. LEHMEYER AND FURNISH INFO TO BUREAU,  
MEMPHIS, MINNEAPOLIS AND OTHER INTERESTED OFFICES.

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909PM URGENT 4-7-68 LCS

TO DIRECTOR, BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS, MINNEAPOLIS, AND CHICAGO  
FROM ATLANTA

MURKIN. OO: MEMPHIS.

RE CHICAGO TEL TO ATLANTA APR. SEVEN SIXTYEIGHT, WHICH  
REFERENCES MEMPHIS TEL TO DIRECTOR, BIRMINGHAM, AND MINNEAPOLIS,  
APR. SIX SIXTYEIGHT.

DERRELL PARHAM, SENIOR OPERATOR, DELTA AIRLINES DATA PROCESSING  
CENTER, ATLANTA, GA., ADVISED ON APR. SEVEN SIXTYEIGHT THAT  
MEMORY BANK "PRINT OUT OF PAST DATE PASSENGER NAME RECORDS" REVEALS  
FOLLOWING:

PASSENGER LEMEYER - L MADE RESERVATION AT BIRMINGHAM AIR  
FIELD TICKET OFFICE AT SIX FOURTEEN PM ON MAR. TWENTYSEVEN  
SIXTYEIGHT WITH DELTA TICKET AGENT C C ONE, FOR RESERVATION ON  
DELTA FLIGHT NINE THREE TWO FROM MEMPHIS TO CHICAGO ON MAR.  
TWENTYSEVEN SIXTYEIGHT, GIVING NO CONTACT SUCH AS TELEPHONE  
NUMBER IN BIRMINGHAM.

AT SAME TIME OF ABOVE ARRANGEMENTS, LEMEYER MADE  
RESERVATION ON NORTHWESTERN AIRLINES FLIGHT TWO THREE NINE ON  
MAR. TWENTYSEVEN SIXTYEIGHT FROM CHICAGO TO MINNEAPOLIS - ST. PAUL  
AND HAD SAME CONFIRMED.

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ABOVE DELTA RECORDS FURTHER REVEAL PASSENGER WAS LISTED AS LEHMEYER - L ON STANDBY FOR DELTA FLIGHT FIVE NINE FIVE ON MAR. TWENTYSEVEN SIXTYEIGHT FROM BIRMINGHAM TO MEMPHIS, WITH NO CONTACT IN BIRMINGHAM GIVEN. THIS STANDBY RESERVATION WAS MADE AT TWELVE FIFTYFOUR PM ON MAR. TWENTYSEVEN SIXTYEIGHT WITH DELTA BIRMINGHAM CLERK F W THREE; HOWEVER, NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT COMPUTER CENTER AS TO WHETHER PASSENGER ACTUALLY MADE THIS FLIGHT.

COPIES OF ABOVE MENTIONED PAST DATE PASSENGER NAME RECORDS FOR DELTA FLIGHTS FIVE NINE FIVE AND NINE THREE TWO ON MAR. TWENTYSEVEN SIXTYEIGHT BEING FURNISHED BIRMINGHAM AND MEMPHIS AMSD APR. SEVEN SIXTYEIGHT IN ACCORDANCE WITH TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS OF APR. SEVEN SIXTYEIGHT WITH SAC, BIRMINGHAM, AND ASAC, MEMPHIS.

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TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, CHICAGO, AND JACKSONVILLE

FROM KNOXVILLE (157-1298) RUC

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. RM.

RE JACKSONVILLE TELETYPE TO BUREAU APRIL SIX, INSTANT.

KATHLEEN BAKER, FOREE HOSPITAL, ATHENS, TENN., RECALLS  
INDIVIDUAL ANSWERING DESCRIPTION AS OLAF (PH) WEBB IDENTICAL  
TO WEBB COOK. COOK EMPLOYED FOREE HOSPITAL FOR APPROXIMATELY  
FIFTEEN YEARS. COOK DIED TWO YEARS AGO AFTER HAVING BOTH  
LEGS AMPUTATED DUE TO A DIABETIC CONDITION. ESTIMATED IF  
COOK WERE ALIVE TODAY, HE WOULD BE ABOUT FIFTYFIVE YEARS  
OF AGE. BAKER HAD NO INFORMATION CONCERNING COOK SEEKING  
EMPLOYMENT WITH CHICAGO PD OR GOING TO CHICAGO TO WORK FOR  
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TO: DIRECTOR NEW HAVEN MEMPHIS

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DAVE POTTER, DAILY DEFENDER, CHICAGO RECEIVED ANONYMOUS CALL FOUR SIX LAST REFLECTING "SPERLING OF UNITED MOTORS, SIX FIVE FIVE ONE W. BELMONT, HAS WHITE CAR AND MEETS GENERAL DESCRIPTION KING ASSASSIN." SPERLING IN MEMPHIS WHEN KING ASSASSINATED AND SAID "HE HAD TO GET OUT OF MEMPHIS BECAUSE HE MET DESCRIPTION OF KILLER."

FRANK M. SCHWAB, CG DISTRIBUTION MANAGER, U.S. ELECTRICAL MOTORS, SIX FIVE FIVE ONE W. BELMONT ADVISED FOUR SIX LAST NO EMPLOYEE NAMED SPERLING. ALFRED C. SPOERL, NATIONAL DISTRIBUTION MGR. OF COMPANY'S MILFORD, CONN. OFFICE, TELEPHONE TR FOUR DASH TWO FIVE FIVE ONE. SPOERL RESIDES TRUMBEE, CONN. SCHWAB BELIEVES SPOERL IN MEMPHIS FOUR TWO LAST AND DROVE TO PHILADELPHIA, MISSISSIPPI IN AVIS RENT A CAR. RETURNED MEMPHIS BY CAR AND THEREAFTER FLEW CHICAGO FOUR FIVE LAST.

SPOERL NOT CONSIDERED SUSPECT BY SCHWAB. SPOERL DESCRIBED WM, FORTY YEARS, SIX ONE, ONE NINETY- NINETY FIVE POUNDS, BLONDISH HAIR.

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TO DIRECTOR, KANSAS CITY, SPRINGFIELD, MEMPHIS AND CHICAGO  
 FROM DENVER (157-203)1P

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RE CHICAGO TEL TWELVE THIRTYFIVE A.M. APRIL SEVEN NINETEEN  
 SIXTYEIGHT.

REVIEW DENVER FILES INDICATES KANSAS CITY HAS CURRENT PHOTO  
 OF DE PALMA AS INDICATED PAGE TWENTY ONE OF REPORT SA WILLIAM H.  
 BOOTH, JR DATED DECEMBER SEVEN NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN AT NEW HAVEN  
 CAPTIONED " CHANGED VINCENT PAUL DE PALMA AKA" COPIES BUREAU,  
 DENVER AND KANSAS CITY. NO PHOTO DE PALMA IN DENVER FILES.  
 KANSAS CITY FURNISH PHOTO TO MEMPHIS. SINCE ABOVE PHOTO AVAIL-  
 ABLE NO CONTACT BEING MADE WITH "DENVER POST" LOCAL DENVER  
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LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

MURKIN, OO: CHICAGO *ME*

INDIVIDUALS LISTED BELOW WERE FORMERLY EMPLOYED AS  
POLICE OFFICERS, CHICAGO PD. ALL HAVE BEEN SEPARATED FROM  
THIS DEPARTMENT AT THIS TIME AND WITH EXCEPTION OF LUTZ,  
TERMINATION FROM EMPLOYMENT RESULTED FROM PUBLIC EXPOSURE  
OF THEIR ASSOCIATION WITH THE NKKKK. LUTZ HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED  
AS A MEMBER OF NKKKK IN CHICAGO:

DONALD R. HEATH, WHITE MALE, BORN , CHICAGO, ILLINOIS NATIONAL GUARD SERIAL NUMBER  
US TWO SIX THREE NINE SEVEN NINE SIX FOUR;RICHARD STANTON, WHITE MALE, BORN , CHICAGO, U.S. NAVY SERIAL NUMBER  
FOUR THREE SEVEN TWO ZERO NINE SIX, HONORABLE DISCHARGE  
JUNE TWENTY-THREE, NINETEEN SIXTY;

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DENIS ALOIA, WHITE MALE, BORN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], CHICAGO, U.S. NAVY SERIAL NUMBER FIVE TWO  
NINE ZERO TWO ZERO SEVEN;

ERNEST R. SEMET, WHITE MALE, BORN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], CHICAGO;

WILLIAM H. PLOGGER, AKA HARVEY PLOGGER, WHITE  
MALE, BORN [REDACTED],  
AT ROCKBRIDGE, VIRGINIA, OR LEXINGTON, VIRGINIA, U.S. ARMY  
SERIAL NUMBER THREE EIGHT FIVE FIVE THREE ONE NINE SEVEN;

JON TORE JAHANSSEN, WHITE MALE, BORN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], CHICAGO, U.S. NAVY SERIAL  
NUMBER FIVE THREE SIX TWO SEVEN THREE FIVE;

JOHN LUTZ, WHITE MALE, BORN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, U.S. MARINE CORP,  
MARCH FIFTEEN, NINETEEN FORTY-FOUR, TO FEBRUARY TWENTY-ONE,  
NINETEEN FORTY-SIX, SERIAL NUMBER NOT AVAILABLE THIS TIME.Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
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THE ABOVE INDIVIDUALS ARE BEING FURNISHED AS SUSPECTS  
DUE TO THEIR REPORTED AFFILIATION WITH THE NKKKK AND THE  
FACT THAT HEATH REPORTEDLY MADE STATEMENT DESIRING TO KILL  
CHICAGO'S MAYOR RICHARD DALEY.

BUREAU HAS RECEIVED LHM AND OTHER INFORMATION CON-  
CERNING THE ABOVE INDIVIDUALS FROM CHICAGO UNDER BUREAU  
FILE NUMBER ONE FIVE SEVEN-ONE SIX EIGHT.

LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION REQUESTED TO COMPARE  
FINGERPRINTS OF ABOVE SUSPECTS WITH ANY LATENT PRINTS  
DEVELOPED IN CAPTIONED MATTER. *Photos being forwarded*  
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TO: DIRECTOR  
SACS, MEMPHIS AND KNOXVILLE

FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (157-1535)

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. RM.  
MRS. ENGLE ROACH, JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, ADVISED THAT  
ARTIST CONCEPTION PHOTO OF INDIVIDUAL BELIEVED TO HAVE  
ASSASSINATED MARTIN LUTHER KING, APPEARED IN TODAY'S ISSUE  
OF "FLORIDA TIMES UNION," A JACKSONVILLE NEWSPAPER, CLOSELY  
RESEMBLES ONE OLAF (PH) WEBB. ROACH SAID SHE KNEW WEBB TEN  
YEARS AGO WHEN BOTH EMPLOYED FOREE HOSPITAL IN ATHENS,  
TENNESSEE. ROACH STATED WEBB LEFT ATHENS, TENNESSEE, NINETEEN  
FIFTYSEVEN OR FIFTYEIGHT AND TRAVELED TO CHICAGO, ILLINOIS,  
WHERE HE REPORTEDLY WAS EMPLOYED BY THE CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, PD.  
SHE DESCRIBED WEBB AS WHITE MALE AMERICAN, FIVE EIGHT, ONE  
SEVENTY LBS., BROWN HAIR, BLUE EYES, LARGE BUSHY EYEBROWS,  
LONG POINTED NOSE, WORE HAIR SLICKED STRAIGHT BACK AND HAD  
"FUNNY WALK" IN THAT HE KEPT HIS RIGHT ARM STIFF AND STRAIGHT  
WHEN WALKING.

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ROACH HAS HAD NO ASSOCIATION WITH WEBB FOR PAST SEVERAL YEARS; HOWEVER, BELIEVES ARTIST CONCEPTION VERY CLOSELY RESEMBLES WEBB.

LEADS

KNOXVILLE, AT ATHENS, TENNESSEE. DETERMINE BACKGROUND OF WEBB THROUGH RECORDS OF FOREE HOSPITAL AND FURNISH RESULTS TO CHICAGO.

CHICAGO, THROUGH CHICAGO PD RECORDS OR OTHER SOURCES, ATTEMPT TO LOCATE WEBB AND ESTABLISH HIS WHEREABOUTS ON APRIL FOUR LAST.

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FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P  
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Note CHANGED title. Previously carried under  
"Assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR."

All offices receiving copies of this Airtel note that  
Bureau has designated above caption as approved code word for  
investigation dealing with murder of Dr. KING.

Information under above caption should pertain only to  
investigation that may have bearing on identifying subject instant  
case. All other information pertaining to racial incidents, and  
racial activity arising out of assassination Dr. KING should not  
be submitted under above caption, but should be submitted by  
interested offices under the appropriate caption pertaining to  
Racial Matters.

In addition, all offices in receipt of this information  
should re-canvass any Criminal Informants, Security Informants,  
and Racial Informants for possible knowledge concerning assassina-  
tion, with specific emphasis directed toward informants in known  
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TO DIRECTOR (MAIL), AND CHICAGO AND MEMPHIS

FROM JACKSON (157-9586)

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ROBERT OWEN SHERIDAN, TWO ZERO EIGHT, JOLIET ROAD,  
PLAINFIELD, ILLINOIS, ARRESTED HOLLY SPRINGS, MISS., THIS  
DATE BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND BEING HELD ON VAGRANCY CHARGE.  
SHERIDAN DESCRIBED AS A WHITE MALE, THIRTY TWO YEARS OLD,  
DOB [REDACTED], SIX FEET,  
TWO HUNDRED AND FIVE POUNDS, BROWN HAIR AND EYES, AND  
RECEDING FOREHEAD, HAS SELECTIVE SERVICE NUMBER ONE ONE  
ONE FOUR ONE THREE SIX ONE THREE. *Solter*

SHERIDAN ADMITS BEING ARRESTED BY AURORA, ILL., PD,  
IN NINETEEN SIXTY ONE ON A DWI CHARGE.

SHERIDAN CLAIMS HE WAS RELEASED FROM THE MERCYVILL  
HOSPITAL IN AURORA, ILL., WHERE HE WAS CONFINED DURING THE  
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PERIOD OF MARCH SEVENTEEN THROUGH APRIL TWO, LAST. STATES DOCTOR WAS FNU UREBEE OF CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

SHERIDAN CLAIMS HE ARRIVED IN MILLINGTON, TENN., ON THURSDAY, APRIL FOUR LAST AND HAS CONTINUOUSLY BEEN REGISTERED AT THE RIP VAN WRINKLE MOTEL IN MILLINGTON. SHERIDAN STATES THAT HE TRAVELED TO HOLLY SPRINGS, MISS., ON APRIL SEVEN LAST, AND CHECKED INTO THE HOLLY INN MOTEL WHERE HE WAS RESIDING WHEN ARRESTED. SHERIDAN CLAIMS HE WAS MAINTAINING TWO SEPARATE MOTEL ROOMS, ONE IN MILLINGTON, TENN., AND ONE IN HOLLY SPRINGS, MISS., BECAUSE HE WAS UNABLE TO MAKE LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE CALLS FROM TENNESSEE AS A RESULT OF TELEPHONE LINES BEING TIED UP AT ALL TIMES.

SHERIDAN STATES THAT HE CURRENTLY HAS CLOTHING AT THE RIP VAN WRINKLE MOTEL AT MILLINGTON, AND THAT HE INTENDED TO RETURN TO THIS MOTEL. HE STATES THAT A BROWN OR TAN COLORED SUITCASE CONTAINING A POLAROID CAMERA, ONE PAIR OF BLACK TROUSERS AND OTHER ASSORTED ITEMS WAS STOLEN FROM

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HIM ON APRIL SEVEN LAST, WHILE EN ROUTE TO HOLLY SPRINGS,  
MISSISSIPPI.

SHERIDAN IS DRIVING A NINETEEN SIXTY SIX CADILLAC, WHITE  
OVER GOLD IN COLOR, BEARING NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT ILLINOIS  
LICENSE HF ONE SIX SEVEN, VIN NUMBER J SIX TWO SIX THREE  
ZERO NINE TWO. SHERIDAN HAS NO IDENTIFICATION PAPERS FOR  
THIS VEHICLE, CLAIMING PAPERS STOLEN.

SHERIDAN DENIES OWNING OR PURCHASING ANY TYPE OF  
WEAPONS.

SHERIDAN BEING PHOTOGRAPHED AND FINGERPRINTED WITH SUCH  
BEING SUBMITTED TO BUREAU. MEMPHIS WILL BE FURNISHED  
PHOTOGRAPHS.

IT IS NOTED THAT MILLINGTON, TENN., IS APPROXIMATELY  
EIGHTEEN MILES NORTH OF MEMPHIS, TENN., AND THAT HOLLY  
SPRINGS, MISS., IS APPROXIMATELY FIFTY MILES SOUTHEAST OF  
MEMPHIS.

CHICAGO DIVISION AT PLAINFIELD, ILLINOIS, AND AURORA,  
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ILLINOIS, CONDUCT CREDIT AND CRIMINAL CHECK RE SHERIDAN  
AND DEVELOP COMPLETE BACKGROUND INFORMATION.

MEMPHIS DIVISION AT MILLINGTON, TENNESSEE, CONDUCT  
APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION AT RIP VAN WRINKLE MOTEL AND  
DEVELOP BACKGROUND INFORMATION RE SHERIDAN'S ACTIVITIES.

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PCI ADVISES THAT IN NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR, WHILE IN JAIL WITH CECIL RAY MC AFEE, FBI NO. TWO SEVEN FIVE ZERO SIX ONE ZERO, MC AFEE TOLD HIM THAT HE HAD BEEN OFFERED FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS PURPORTEDLY FROM KKK, TO SHOOT KING. IN JUNE, NINETEEN FIFTYNINE, MC AFEE WAS SENTENCED TO TWENTY YEARS FOR ROBBING THE STATE BANK OF NEBO, NEBO, ILLINOIS, <sup>FOUR.</sup> ON APRIL, NINETEEN FIFTYNINE. *RELEASE DATE UNKNOWN.*

LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION REQUESTED TO COMPARE MC AFEE'S PRINTS WITH LATENTS OF VALUE IN INSTANT MATTER. *PHOTO*

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TO CHICAGO

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN..

MARTIN J. BRENNEN, CARE OF SEARS, ROEBUCK, NINE TWO FIVE S.  
HOMAN AVE., CHICAGO, ILL., USING ILLINOIS DRIVER LICENSE NO. B SIX  
FIVE FIVE - FIVE SEVEN ZERO TWO - TWO TWO FOUR THREE, RENTED A  
NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT WHITE FORD MUSTANG AT METRO AIRPORT, MEMPHIS,  
TENN., SEVEN FIFTY NINE P.M. APRIL THREE LAST AND RETURNED THIS  
VEHICLE TO METRO AIRPORT EIGHT TWENTY P.M. APRIL FOUR LAST..

CHICAGO DETERMIN IF BRENNEN POSSIBLY IDENTICAL WITH UNSUB  
THIS CASE..

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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 SIXTYPOUNDS, 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 COVER 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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FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-

MURKIN, OO: MEMPHIS.

ANONYMOUS FEMALE COMPLAINANT TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED CHICAGO OFFICE THIS P.M. ~~HE~~ 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, ~~TO SKETCH~~. 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, RECEIVING

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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 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 ~~IN~~ NINETEEN SIXTY-FOUR JEEP REGISTERED IN GEORGIA. COMPLAINANT LAST SAW EDWARDS APPROXIMATELY ONE YEAR AGO THOUGH HER SON <sup>IN CHICAGO, ILL.</sup> 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,

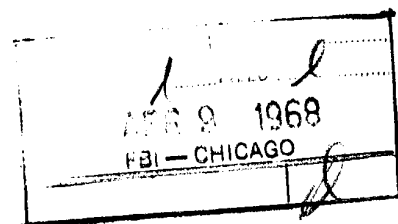
OBTAIN PHOTO AND FORWARD SAME TO MEMPHIS, ~~FOR IDENTIFICATION.~~  
**OBTAIN PRINTS AND FORWARD TO BUREAU.**  
ALSO IDENTIFY EX-WIFE AND SON FOR INTERVIEW AT CHICAGO.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

JERRY DWYER CALLED & LEFT THIS MESSAGE:

INFORMATION RECEIVED TODAY, 4/9/68, FROM FAYE SMITH,  
CLERK, ILLINOIS BUREAU OF CRIMINAL IDENTIFICATION &  
INVESTIGATION:

HARVEY E. LOHMEYER, FBI #730 979 A, ILL. STATE BUREAU #437 708,  
WMA, AGE 25 IN 1957, 5'8½", 125 lbs., LIGHT BROWN HAIR, BLUE-  
GRAY EYES, MEDIUM COMPLEXION, SMALL CUT SCAR UNDER LEFT EYE,  
AND CUT SCAR BETWEEN EYES, TATTOO ON LOWER RIGHT FOREARM,  
WAS RECEIVED AT ~~MENARD~~ ILLINOIS STATE PENITENTIARY, MENARD,  
ILLINOIS ON 5/19/55 ON A CHARGE OF BURGLARY & SENTENCE OF  
2-5 YEARS. HE WAS PAROLED 7/21/58, DISCHARGED 2/18/59;  
MENARD PRISON #24525. HE WAS RECEIVED ON THIS BURGLARY  
CHARGE FROM ADAMS COUNTY, ILL. RECORD ALSO SHOWS HE SERVED  
TIME ON 6/5/51 AT THE ILL. STATE PENITENTIARY, VANDALIA, ILL.  
FOR RIOTING. ON 8/10/50, HE WAS ARRESTED ON A ROBBERY  
CHARGE BY THE QUINCY, ILL., PD; ON 4/11/54, HE WAS ARRESTED  
BY QUINCY, ILL., PD FOR DESTRUCTION OF PRIVATE PROPERTY,  
AND WAS FINED \$25.00.



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Date: 4/8/68

Transmit the following in PLAIN  
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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861), SAC, SPRINGFIELD and MEMPHIS  
 FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

MURKIN.

REBUTEL TO ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES INSTANT.

NO RECORD OF HARVEY LOWMEYER OR VARIATIONS IN CHICAGO  
 OFFICE INDICES, TELEPHONE DIRECTORY, AS WELL AS SUBURBAN  
 TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES. OTHER PUBLIC AGENCY RECORDS AND  
 UTILITY COMPANY RECORDS WILL BE CHECKED FIRST THING TOMORROW.

CHICAGO PD RECORDS REVEAL ONE HARVEY LOHMEYER, HAS RECORD  
 CARD INDICATING AGE TWENTY THREE IN NINETEEN FIFTY FIVE,  
 HEIGHT FIVE EIGHT AND ONE HALF INCHES, MENARD ILLINOIS PRISON  
 NUMBER TWO FOUR FIVE TWO FIVE, FINGERPRINT CLASSIFICATION  
 THIRTY ONE OVER TWENTY EIGHT M OVER I, I OVER I, O OVER I,  
 EIGHTEEN. NO CHICAGO ARRESTS INDICATED. NO RECORD OTHER  
 VARIATIONS OF HARVEY LOWMEYER.

IDENTIFICATION DIVISION. OBTAIN FINGERPRINT CARD FOR  
 LOHMEYER AND COMPARE WITH LATENTS CAPTIONED MATTER.

SPRINGFIELD, AT MENARD PRISON. OBTAIN LATEST PHOTOGRAPH,  
 BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND INSTITUTE EFFORTS TO DETERMINE  
 PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OF HARVEY LOHMEYER, ~~MENARD. SOME MEMPHIS.~~

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Approved: *[Signature]*  
 Special Agent in Charge

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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  
ENVOLVED 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..

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TO CHICAGO (44-1114) MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM DIRECTOR 1P

MURKIN

RECSTEL APRIL EIGHT.

REMAINING UNIDENTIFIED LATENT FINGERPRINTS THIS CASE NOT  
IDENTICAL FINGERPRINTS CECIL RAY ~~MC~~CAFFEE, FBI NUMBER TWO SEVEN  
FIVE ZERO SIX ONE ZERO. NO PALM PRINTS AVAILABLE FOR MC

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759AM URGENT 4/9/68 ELP

TO CHICAGO (44-1114) SPRINGFIELD (44-561) MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM DIRECTOR 1P

MURKIN

RE SI TELEPHONE CALL AND TELETYPE APRIL EIGHT AND CG TEL  
APRIL NINE.

REMAINING UNIDENTIFIED LATENT FINGERPRINTS THIS CASE NOT  
IDENTICAL FINGERPRINTS HARVEY EDWARD LOHMEYER, STATE PENITENTIARY,  
MENARD, ILLINOIS NUMBER TWO FOUR FIVE TWO FIVE, FBI NUMBER SEVEN  
THREE ZERO NINE SEVEN NINE A. NO PALM PRINTS AVAILABLE.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 5/22/68

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ANDREW WILSON DE CORE, 130 North Lotus, Chicago, Illinois, was interviewed at the residence of his sister, Mrs. MARTHA BUTTITTO, 9241 North Maple Court, telephone 965-7081. DE CORE furnished the following information:

DE CORE advised he was acquainted with JAMES EARL RAY while they were both incarcerated in the Menard Prison, Chester, Illinois. DE CORE pointed out while he knew RAY, it was on a casual acquaintance basis and at no time did they engage in any long conversations. DE CORE advised he has not been associated with RAY since last seeing RAY in Menard. DE CORE was shown numerous photographs of RAY at which time he advised the photograph taken in 1960 appears to be the best likeness of RAY as he knew him.

DE CORE advised he does not recall any individual named JAMES LOAMA OWENS.

DE CORE advised should he develop any information concerning RAY or recall any particularly close acquaintances of RAY, he would immediately notify the FBI. DE CORE pointed out at this time that numerous individuals were associated with RAY at Menard Prison; however, he does not recall any names or nicknames or other identifying data of these individuals.

DE CORE requested that any future attempts to contact him be made through his sister, Mrs. MARTHA BUTTITTO, inasmuch as the individual he resides with at 130 North Lotus is not aware of his prison record.

On 5/21/68 at Morton Grove, Illinois File # Chicago 44-1114-24A  
by SA ROBERT F. PEVAHOUSE & SA DAVID R. STRUCK /DRS:jap Date dictated 5/22/68

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TO CHICAGO (44-1114) MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM DIRECTOR 1P

MURKIN

RE CG TEL APRIL EIGHT LAST.

REMAINING UNIDENTIFIED LATENT FINGERPRINTS THIS CASE NOT IDENTICAL FINGERPRINTS DONALD RAY HEATH, BORN [REDACTED] IN TEXAS; RICHARD JAY STANTON, ARMY SERVICE NUMBER FOUR THREE SEVEN TWO ZERO NINE SIX; DENNIS (DENIS) ALFRED ALOIA, NAVY SERVICE NUMBER FIVE TWO NINE ZERO TWO ZERO SEVEN; WILLIAM HARVEY PLOGGER, ARMY SERVICE NUMBER THREE EIGHT FIVE FIVE THREE ONE NINE SEVEN, FBI NUMBER SEVEN TWO NINE SIX EIGHT TWO B; JON TORE JOHANSSON (JAHANSSON), NAVY SERVICE NUMBER FIVE THREE SIX TWO SEVEN THREE FIVE; OR JOHN RAYMOND LUTZ, BORN [REDACTED], CHICAGO ILLINOIS, MARINE SERVICE NUMBER FIVE FIVE TWO SIX TWO NINE. NO PALM PRINTS AVAILABLE FOR THESE INDIVIDUALS.

UNABLE TO LOCATE FINGERPRINT RECORD FOR ERNEST R. SEMET.

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