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AIRTEL

To: SACs, Mobile
Atlanta

From: Director, FBI (100-106679)

ANONYMOUS THREAT TO KILL
MARTIN LUTHER KING - SELMA,
ALABAMA ON 3/20/65

King, Martin Luther (Rev)

*POLICY RE
THREATS AGAINST
KING*

ReCOTel to Bureau, Mobile, Atlanta and Selma 3/17/65 captioned as above which reported that the Chicago Police Department had received an anonymous telephone call wherein the caller stated "I will kill Martin Luther King in Selma, Alabama, on next Saturday. I have made this threat previously, but this time I will keep it." Retel had date 3/21/65 in caption.

Mobile and Atlanta Offices are instructed to immediately advise local police authorities at Selma, Alabama, and Atlanta, Georgia, of the information contained in retel.

For the future guidance of the Mobile and Atlanta Offices, and to obviate the necessity for communications such as instant airtel, the following policy should be followed relative to information received concerning threats against King. In all instances, unless the Bureau indicates otherwise, the Atlanta, Georgia, Police Department which covers the permanent residence of King should be advised of the information concerning the threat. This applies even though the threat indicates that some action will be carried out in an area away from Atlanta. In addition, whenever the area where the threat is to be carried out is known, the local law enforcement agency covering that area should be advised.

Until further notice from the Bureau, the foregoing policy should be followed. Any deviations must be only with Bureau approval. Neither King nor representatives for him should be advised of the information concerning the threats.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : ✓ SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

DATE: 4/25/68

FROM : SA RAMON W. STRATTON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: THREATS TO MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr.

Attached is a copy of Chicago airtel and letter-head memorandum to Bureau 8/15/66, concerning ALFRED G. SCHNEIDER, white male, age 54, residence 5054 North Leavitt Street, Chicago, who telephoned 20th District, Chicago Police Department on August 13, 1966, and reported he wanted to be on record that if KING came to Winnemac Park he would kill him.

SAs ALEXANDER and KOGUT of C-1 assigned to determine identity of SCHNEIDER.

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Kogut MK*



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Date: 8-15-66

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-35356)
SUBJECT: THREAT TO KILL MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
BY ALFRED SCHNEIDER, 5054 LEAVITT
STREET, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
8/13/66
RM

Re Chicago teletype to the Bureau dated 8/13/66.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 13 copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) concerning captioned matter.

One copy of the LHM is being furnished to the Office of the USA, Chicago.

Chicago indices are negative re ALFRED SCHNEIDER.

The Chicago Police Department is investigating this matter and the Chicago Division is following the matter closely.

Atlanta and Jackson Divisions are to furnish the information re ALFRED SCHNEIDER to local police departments.

- 5 - Bureau (Encl. 13)
 - (1 - 100-438794) (1 - 100-106670)
- 2 - Atlanta (Encl. 2)
 - (1 - 100-5718) (1 - 100-5586)
- 1 - Jackson (Encl. 1) (Info.)
- ③ - Chicago (1 - 100-16238) (1 - 157-413)

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Approved: *[Signature]*
Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Chicago, Illinois
August 15, 1966

**THREAT TO KILL MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.,
BY ALFRED SCHNEIDER, 5054 LEAVITT STREET,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, AUGUST 13, 1966
RACIAL MATTERS**

On August 13, 1966, at 9:30 PM Sergeant Kevin O'Malley, 20th District, Chicago Police Department, Chicago, Illinois, advised a representative of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) in Chicago that at approximately 8:30 PM on August 13, 1966, Alfred G. Schneider, a white male, age 54, who resides at 5054 North Leavitt Street, Chicago, Illinois, telephonically contacted the 20th District of the Chicago Police Department stating he will kill Martin Luther King, Jr., if King goes to Winnemac Park, Leavitt and Foster Streets, Chicago, Illinois. Sergeant O'Malley stated that Schneider told him he wanted to be on record should Martin Luther King, Jr., appear in Winnemac Park and be killed. Sergeant O'Malley stated that Schneider appeared to be sober and rational. Sergeant O'Malley advised that the Chicago Police Department is investigating this matter. Sergeant O'Malley further advised that he knows of no marches that have been held near Winnemac Park and he further understands that Martin Luther King, Jr., is not currently in the Chicago, Illinois, area.

One copy of this memorandum is being furnished to the Office of the United States Attorney, Chicago, Illinois.

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.

- 13 - Bureau
- 2 - Atlanta
- 1 - Jackson
- ③ - Chicago (100-35356)
 - 1 - 100-16238
 - 1 - 157-413
- 1 - USA, Chicago
(via Courier)

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RE: THREAT TO KILL MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.,
BY ALFRED SCHNEIDER, 5054 LEAVITT STREET,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, AUGUST 13, 1966

The above information was furnished to the following
individuals on August 13, 1966:

Assistant United States Attorney
M. B. Nash
Chicago, Illinois

Edward Tucker
United States Secret Service
Chicago, Illinois

Edward Revuelta
Region I, 113th INTC Group
Evanston, Illinois

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Date: 8-13-66

Transmit the following in PLAINTEXT
(Type in plaintext or code)Via TELETYPE URGENT
(Priority)

TO DIRECTOR (100-106670) AND JACKSON (100-5586)
FROM CHICAGO (100-35356) ✓

SUBJECT; THREAT TO KILL MARTIN LUTHER KING BY ALFRED SCHNEIDER,
FIVE ZERO FIVE FOUR LEAVITT, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, EIGHT THIRTEEN SIXTYSIX.

SGT. KEVIN O'MALLEY, TWENTYTH DISTRICT CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT ADVISED NINE THIRTY PM TODAY THAT AT APPROXIMATELY EIGHT THIRTY PM TODAY ALFRED G. SCHNEIDER, W/M AGE FIFTYFOUR, RESIDING FIVE ZERO FIVE FOUR NORTH LEAVITT, CHICAGO TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED TWENTYTH DISTRICT PD STATING HE WILL KILL KING IF KING GOES TO WINNEMAC PARK, LEAVITT AND FOSTER, CHICAGO. O'MALLEY STATED SCHNEIDER TOLD HIM HE WANTED TO BE ON RECORD SHOULD KING APPEAR IN WINNEMAC PARK AND BE KILLED. O'MALLEY STATED SCHNEIDER APPEARED SOBER AND RATIONAL. CHICAGO PD INVESTIGATING CHICAGO INDICES NEGATIVE ON SCHNEIDER. NOTED NO MARCHES HAVE BEEN HELD NEAR WINNEAMAC PARK AND KING NOT CURRENTLY IN CHICAGO. ATLANTA AND JACKSON ADVISE PD. MILITARY, USA, SECRET SERVICE ADVISED. LHM FOLLOWS.

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TO: SAC, ATLANTA (100-5586)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (100-35356)

THREAT TO KILL MARTIN LUTHER KING BY ALFRED SCHNEIDER, FIVE
ZERO FIVE FOUR LEAVITT, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, EIGHT THIRTEEN SIXTYSIX.

REBUTEL TO CHICAGO AUG. SIXTEEN INSTANT AND CHICAGO TELETYPE
TO BUREAU AND JACKSON AUG. THIRTEEN LAST.

RETEL AUG. THIRTEEN LAST INADVERTENTLY NOT SENT TO ATLANTA.
FOLLOWING IS CONTENTS OF RETEL:

"SGT. KEVIN O'MALLEY, TWENTIETH DISTRICT, CHICAGO PD, ADVISED
NINE THIRTY PM AUG. THIRTEEN THAT AT APPROXIMATELY EIGHT THIRTY PM
AUG. THIRTEEN ALFRED G. SCHNEIDER, WM, AGE FIFTY FOUR, RESIDING
FIVE ZERO FIVE FOUR N. LEAVITT, CHICAGO, TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED
TWENTIETH DISTRICT PD STATING HE WILL KILL KING IF KING GOES TO
WINNEMAC PARK, LEAVITT AND FOSTER, CHICAGO. O'MALLEY STATED
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IN WINNEMAC PARK AND BE KILLED. O'MALLEY STATED SCHNEIDER APPEARED
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NEGATIVE ON SCHNEIDER. NOTED NO MARCHES HAVE BEEN HELD NEAR
WINNEMAC PARK AND KING NOT CURRENTLY IN CHICAGO. ATLANTA AND
JACKSON ADVISE PD, MILITARY, USA, SECRET SERVICE ADVISED. LHM FOLLOWS."

AM COPY SENT TO BUREAU.

1 - BUREAU (AM)

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Approved: WJ/AD

Special Agent in Charge

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SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

4/25/68

SA RAMON W. STRATTON

MURKIN

RE: THREATS TO MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr.

Attached is a copy of Chicago airtel and letter-head memorandum to Bureau 8/15/66, concerning ALFRED G. SCHNEIDER, white male, age 54, residence 5054 North Leavitt Street, Chicago, who telephoned 20th District, Chicago Police Department on August 13, 1966, and reported he wanted to be on record that if KING came to Winnemac Park he would kill him.

SAs ALEXANDER and KOGUT of C-1 assigned to determine identity of SCHNEIDER.

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(Priority)TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
SACS, ATLANTA (44-2386)
MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114) P

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RE: THREATS TO MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

ON EVENING AUGUST THIRTEEN, SIXTYSIX, ALFRED G. SCHNEIDER, WHITE, MALE, AGE FIFTYFOUR, RESIDING FIVE ZERO FIVE FOUR NORTH LEAVITT, CHICAGO, TELEPHONED TWENTIETH DISTRICT, CHICAGO PD, AND REPORTED HE WANTED TO BE ON RECORD THAT HE WOULD KILL KING IF KING APPEARED AT WINNEMAC PARK, CHICAGO. KING WAS NOT IN CHICAGO AT THAT TIME AND NO MARCHES HAVE BEEN HELD THIS AREA. BUREAU AND ATLANTA WERE ADVISED AT THE TIME BY LHM CONSISTENT WITH THEN EXISTING POLICY.

NO IDENTIFIABLE RECORD SCHNEIDER AT CHICAGO PD. RECORDS BEING FURTHER SIFTED TO LOCATE ANY INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED AT THAT TIME RE SCHNEIDER BY CGPD. CHICAGO FBI INDICES NEGATIVE. SCHNEIDER NOT LISTED CURRENT CHICAGO DIRECTORIES.

ATLANTA DETERMINE WHETHER ATLANTA PD DISCUSSED SCHNEIDER WITH KING.

CHICAGO HAS INSTITUTED INVESTIGATION DESIGNED

1 CG 44-1114

RWS:s
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Approved: _____

Special Agent in Charge

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TO DETERMINE PRECISE WHEREABOUTS SCHNEIDER RECENTLY AND WHETHER
HE COULD BE CO-CONSPIRATOR THIS CASE.

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Special Agent in Charge

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

DATE: 4/25/68

FROM : SA RAMON W. STRATTON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: THREATS TO MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr.

Attached is a copy of Chicago airtel and letterhead memorandum to Bureau dated 3/17/65.

ROBERT C. BUXTON, 3102 South Wallace, Chicago, Illinois, who stated that his telephone number is ~~222-7020~~, and who said he was born in Bockville, Ontario, Canada, age 49, phoned the Chicago FBI Office and made threats against KING.

Leads to develop background information concerning BUXTON have been assigned to SAs GARRETT and W. O'BRIEN of C-5.

RWS:pas
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W. O'Brien

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A I R T E L

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-35356)
SUBJECT: ROBERT C. HINEMAN
3100 WILSON AVENUE
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS;
THREAT TO KILL
MARTIN LUTHER KING
3/17/68
RM

Re Chicago teletype dated 3/17/68, captioned as above.

Enclosed herewith are eight (8) copies to the Bureau, one (1) to Atlanta, and two (2) to Mobile of a letterhead memorandum concerning a threat to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING.

It is noted that the indices of the Chicago Office are negative regarding the captioned subject.

3 - Bureau (Enc. 3)
1 - Atlanta (Enc. 1)
1 - Mobile (Enc. 2)
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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In Reply, Please Refer to
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Chicago, Illinois
March 17, 1965

ROBERT C. BUXTON, 3102 SOUTH WALLACE,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS; THREAT TO KILL MARTIN
LUTHER KING, MARCH 17, 1965
RACIAL MATTERS

At 6:05 a.m. on March 17, 1965, Robert C. Buxton, 3102 South Wallace, Chicago, Illinois, who stated that his telephone number is 222-7029, born Bockville, Ontario, Canada, age 49, four and a half years in Army as a commando, telephonically contacted the Chicago Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and stated "Martin Luther King is a man to be watched. Where is he getting that garbage. I'd blade him if he got in my way." When asked what he meant by blade him, Buxton stated, "I'd kill him if he got in my way, yes I am a threat to him. I'm not prejudiced. Have you got that written down? I'm sincere. I have no malice against the man. The man has agitated too long. I don't want a man like this. I hate spooks. He belongs home and has no right agitating."

Buxton gave the impression to the interviewing personnel of possibly being intoxicated and at times was incoherent. The telephone call was being made from his Chicago telephone according to Buxton.

The above information was furnished to Joseph Terry, Deputy Superintendent's Office, Chicago Police Department, at 6:28 a.m. on March 17, 1965; Specialist James Oates, Region I, 113th INTC Group, Chicago, Illinois, at 6:33 a.m. on March 17, 1965; and Special Agent Nemo Ciochina, Secret Service, Chicago, at 6:45 a.m. on March 17, 1965.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

DATE: 4/25/68

FROM : SA RAMON W. STRATTON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: THREATS TO MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr.

Attached herewith is a copy of Chicago airtel and letterhead memorandum to Bureau 11/3/66. SYDNEY FINLEY, National Office, NAACP, advised that an anonymous caller told the NAACP that "TONY DEXTER" was an employee of the City of Chicago "working for the city of Chicago Asphalt Company". The caller said DEXTER was aware of an individual who was currently reported to be offered \$10,000 for the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING when he again returns to Chicago.

Leads to determine whether or not DEXTER exists and to determine his identity were assigned to SAs KELLERMEYER and BYDLON of S-1.

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11/3/66

A i r t e l

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-105670)
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (100-35356)
SUBJECT: UNSUB; Reported Offer of
\$10,000 For Assassination
of Martin Luther King, Jr.,
11/3/66, Chicago, Illinois
RM

Re Chicago teletype 11/3/66, above captioned.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven, for Atlanta two
copies of an LHM concerning captioned matter.

There are no identifiable references in Chicago indices
to "TONY DEXTER", referred to in the enclosed.

- 3 - Bureau (Encls 11)
- 2 - Atlanta (100-5586) (MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.) (Encls 2)
- ③ - Chicago
 - (1 - 157-413)
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

CG 100-35356

Chicago, Illinois
November 3, 1966

UNKNOWN SUBJECT; REPORTED OFFER
OF \$10,000.00 FOR ASSASSINATION
OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.,
NOVEMBER 3, 1966, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
RACIAL MATTER

On November 3, 1966, Mr. Sydney Finley, National Office, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), telephonically provided the following information to the Chicago Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI):

At approximately 9:40 a.m., November 3, 1966, Mr. Finley received an anonymous telephone call at his offices, 413 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, from a male individual whom Finley believed to be a Negro. This caller advised that he was acquainted with an individual named "Tony Dexter" and that Dexter was an employee of the City of Chicago, "working for the City of Chicago Asphalt Company."

This caller advised that he had learned that Dexter was aware of an individual who was currently reported to be offering \$10,000.00 for the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. if and when King returns to the Chicago area again. This caller did not know the address of the City of Chicago Asphalt Company or any further details regarding Dexter. He advised, however, that if he subsequently learned any additional information, he would furnish same to Finley.

Finley advised that this caller seemed rational and sober. He stated that this call appeared to be local in nature as there was no indication that it was from outside Chicago.

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The above information was subsequently provided to the following individuals:

Officer Theron Toole
Human Relations Unit
Chicago, Illinois Police
Department;

Mr. Ed Tucker
U.S. Secret Service
Chicago, Illinois;

Mr. L.E. Morrissey
Office of the United
States Attorney
Chicago, Illinois;

Tom Dooley
Region I
113th MI
Evanston, Illinois

A copy of this memorandum is being provided to the office of the United States Attorney, Chicago.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO

DATE: 11/3/66

~~1573~~ 100-35356 ✓

FROM : Thomas Nicodemus
Complaint Clerk

SUBJECT: UNSUB: Offering of \$10,000. for the assassination of Martin Luther King, Chicago, Illinois, 11/3/66
EXT.: RM

On instant date, Mr. Syd Finley, National Office, NAACP, Rm. 815 431 S. Dearborn St., Chicago, Tel. # 922-6781, telephonically advised as follows:

At approximately 9:40 AM, instant date, complainant received an anonymous call from what is believed to be a Negro male. The caller advised that he knows an individual by the name of Tony Dexter and that he(Dexter) is an employee of the City of Chicago, "working for the City of Chicago Asphalt Co.". Further, that Dexter is aware of an individual who is offering \$10,000. for the life of Martin Luther King, if and when he(King) returns to Chicago.

Anonymous caller was asked by the complainant the address of the "City of Chicago Asphalt Co.", to which Unsub stated "he didn't know," however he would find out and return his call to the complainant approximately 1:30 PM-2:00 PM, this date.

Complainant added that caller would not furnish his identity, however was, according to complainant, rational and sincere about this call.

Complainant advised that he had not notified the Cg Pd of this call and "would leave the matter up to the FBI". It is noted that complainant stated above call was believed made locally and although complainant was aware of the local nature of this complaint, he wished to furnish same to FBI and not the CG PD.

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(Priority)TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670) AND
SAC, ATLANTA (100-5586)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (100-35356)

UNSUB; REPORTED OFFER OF TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR
ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., NOVEMBER THREE
NINETEEN SIXTY SIX, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, RM.

ON NOVEMBER THREE INSTANT, MR. SYDNEY FINLEY, NATIONAL
OFFICE, NAACP, FOUR THREE ONE SOUTH DEARBORN STREET,
CHICAGO, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED THE CHICAGO OFFICE AS
FOLLOWS:

AT APPROXIMATELY NINE FORTY AM TODAY, FINLEY RECEIVED
ANONYMOUS CALL FROM MALE BELIEVED TO BE NEGRO. CALLER
ADVISED HE KNOWS AN INDIVIDUAL NAMED "TONY DEXTER", AND
THAT DEXTER IS CITY OF CHICAGO EMPLOYEE, "WORKING FOR
THE CITY OF CHICAGO ASPHALT COMPANY". CALLER STATED THAT
DEXTER IS AWARE OF INDIVIDUAL OFFERING TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS

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FOR ASSASSINATION OF KING IF AND WHEN KING RETURNS TO
CHICAGO.

CALLER DID NOT KNOW ADDRESS OF CITY OF CHICAGO
ASPHALT COMPANY OR FURTHER DETAILS CONCERNING DEXTER, BUT
ADVISED IF HE LEARNED ADDITIONAL INFO, WOULD SUBSEQUENTLY
FURNISH TO FINLEY. FINLEY ADVISED CALLER SEEMED RATIONAL
AND SOBER.

FINLEY STATED HAD NOT NOTIFIED CHICAGO PD OF THIS
CALL AND "WOULD LEAVE MATTER TO THE FBI". FINLEY STATED
CALL WAS LOCAL IN NATURE. FINLEY WAS ADVISED INFO WOULD
BE PROVIDED TO CHICAGO PD AND THAT ~~FINLEY CONDUCTED NO~~
~~FURNISHED NO FBI JURISDICTION. and FBI could not furnish protection~~
~~INVESTIGATION IN SUCH MATTERS~~: NO EXTORTION INVESTIGATION
BEING CONDUCTED DUE TO LOCAL NATURE OF CALL.

~~NO IDENTIFIABLE REFERENCE TO INDICES RE DEXTER BASED ON AVAILABLE DATA~~
ATLANTA ADVISE ATLANTA PD. INFO FURNISHED TO OFFICER
THERON TOOLE, CHICAGO PD, HUMAN RELATIONS UNIT. SECRET
SERVICE, USA, AND MILITARY ADVISED. LHM FOLLOWS.

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

DATE: 4/25/68

FROM : SA RAMON W. STRATTON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: THREATS TO MARTIN LUTHER KING

Attached hereto is a copy of Chicago airtel and letterhead memorandum to Bureau dated 4/12/68, concerning JOHN MEDIZER who was connected with the National Socialist White People's Party, and who has made threats against KING.

Leads to determine whether MEDIZER could be involved in a conspiracy in this case are assigned to SA ELOFSON of S-5.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO
SUBJECT: NATIONAL SOCIALIST WHITE
PEOPLE'S PARTY (NSWPP)
RM (ORGANIZATION)
CHICAGO FILE 157-3 (P)
BUREAU FILE 105-70374
(OO: Richmond)

JOHN MEDIZER
RM (ORGANIZATION)
CHICAGO FILE 157-2259 (C)
(OO: Chicago)

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM concerning captioned matter and two copies of FD 376. Copies of LHM are also being furnished to Dallas and to Richmond as MEDIZER has indicated he could be going to these cities, and as Richmond is office of origin regarding NSWPP.

Copies of this LHM are also being furnished to USA, Chicago, U. S. Secret Service, Chicago, and Region I, 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois.

Information concerning MEDIZER also furnished to Sergeant JOHN O'MALLEY, Intelligence Unit, Chicago Police Department.

- 3 - Bureau (Encls. 13) (RM)
- 2 - Dallas (Encls. 1) (RM) (Info.)
- 2 - Memphis (Encls. 2) (RM) (Info.)
- 2 - Richmond (157-2232) (Encls. 1) (RM) (Info.)
- 1 - St. Louis (Encls. 1) (RM) (Info.)
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CG 157-3
157-2259

The Chicago sources mentioned in this LHM are:
CG 7128-R, and CG 7127-R.

This case is being closed by the Chicago Division
as MEDIZER holds no official position with the NSWPP.

Information copies of LHM being furnished to
Richmond and Dallas should MEDIZER become active in these
cities; also to WFO and St. Louis in view of MEDIZER's
stated intention to travel to Washington and St. Louis;
two copies being furnished to Memphis, should any inquiry
be desired concerning MEDIZER in any of the above cities
based on his statement regarding Dr. KING.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois 60604

April 2, 1968

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157-2259

NATIONAL SOCIALIST WHITE
PEOPLE'S PARTY (NSWPP)

JOHN MEDIZER

A Chicago source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, and who has knowledge of the NSWPP, advised that John Medizer became active in the affairs of the Chicago unit of the NSWPP in August, 1967. Medizer is described as a white male, 5'11", tight wavy blond hair, blue eyes, 28 years old, ruddy complexion, born in West Frankfort, Illinois, who has reportedly spent some time in past years working as a drummer in various Dallas, Texas night clubs.

This source, and a second Chicago source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, subsequently advised, Medizer took up residence in the Chicago unit headquarters of the NSWPP at 1314 West Ohio Street, Chicago, in September, 1967, and became active in the affairs of the NSWPP.

Medizer took part in a NSWPP sponsored counter-demonstration against certain Anti-Viet Nam peace demonstrators in Washington, D.C. on October 20, 21, 1967, according to these sources.

Sources have advised that Medizer remained active and resided at the NSWPP headquarters in Chicago until January, 1968, when this headquarters was vacated and the NSWPP members living here had to locate other residences.

The records of the Chicago Police Department, Records and Communications Section, as checked March 22, 1968, concerning Medizer were negative.

The records of the Chicago Credit Bureau, Incorporated, as checked March 22, 1968, regarding Medizer were negative.

A check of the Auto Registration Records, Secretary of State, Springfield, Illinois, on February 29, 1968, were negative regarding Medizer.

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Re: NATIONAL SOCIALIST WHITE
PEOPLE'S PARTY (NSWPP)

JOHN MEDIZER

Geneva Jones, Supervisor, Driver's License Section, Secretary of State, Springfield, reflected only one record being issued to any John Medizer. Driver's License [REDACTED] issued April 19, 1962, to one John C. Medizer, 3117 Sarah Street, Franklin Park, Illinois, described as 5'11". 145 pounds, blond hair, blue eyes, date of birth [REDACTED]

On March 23, 1968, Vincent Burnell, Foreman, Roto Print Company, 4601 West Belmont Avenue, Chicago, advised that John Medizer, born [REDACTED] Social Security Number [REDACTED] residing 3208 North Sheffield, (Diplomat Hotel), was one of his shop workers. For several months, Medizer has been bragging to his co-workers about his activities in the Nazi Party in the United States. According to Burnell, Medizer has displayed photographs of himself with women whom Medizer claimed were the daughters of Eichmann and Himmler both of whom had been high party functionaries in the Third Reich.

On March 20, 1968, Medizer advised Burnell that he was quitting his job at Roto Print to work for the Nazi Party in Argentina. He advised he would travel to Dallas, Texas, first, visit relatives, then travel to Argentina, reportedly on a "forged passport."

Burnell has subsequently advised that during his "bragging" to other employees he reportedly read letters from someone in Dallas connected with the American Nazi Party, that they were active in Dallas, and "having a ball." Medizer also mentioned in vague terms threats against Martin Luther King, and plans to "take care of him."

On March 29, 1968, Burnell advised Medizer picked up his last paycheck, passed out some NSWPP literature and stated that his present plans included a visit to St. Louis, Missouri, then a trip to the Washington, D. C. area where he would discuss his plans with Major Koehl at Arlington and do what ever "The Major" wanted. He indicated that his plans may not include a trip to Argentina depending on what "The Major" had to say.

Re: NATIONAL SOCIALIST WHITE
PEOPLE'S PARTY (NSWPP)

JOHN MEDIZER

On April 1, 1968, William Whorton, Passport Office, United States Department of State, Chicago, advised their was no record for Medizer in their files.

Attached to this memorandum are characterizations of the National Socialist White People's Party, national and local.

The above information has been furnished to United States Attorney, Chicago, Region I, 113th Military Intelligence Group, Evanston, and U. S. Secret Service, Chicago.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

DATE: 4/25/68

FROM : SA RAMON W. STRATTON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: THREATS TO MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr.

Attached herewith is a copy of Chicago airtel and letterhead memorandum to Bureau dated 9/6/66.

THOMAS E. CREAMER, also known as THOMAS E. CRAMER, phoned the Chicago FBI Office on September 6, 1966, and stated that he lived at 1909 School Street, first floor, Chicago, phone 472-2817. He initially stated he had "joined the Nazis" and that an offer had been made to him to kill KING when he returned to Chicago. He indicated that he had a high-powered rifle collection. CREAMER said that following the discussion at the Josephine Five-Step Inn, School Street and Roscoe, Chicago, he had gone with a white female named HELENA KAUFMAN to a meeting in the 1900 block of West School Street where he met with three other people and was given an assignment to shoot KING.

Leads to determine the background of CREAMER have been assigned SAs ZIMMERMANN and POND of C-3.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-New)
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (157-New)
SUBJECT: ALLEGATION BY THOMAS E. CREAMER, aka
Thomas E. Cramer,
Of Plot to Kill MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
Chicago, Illinois
9/6/66
INFORMATION CONCERNING - RACIAL MATTER

Re Chicago teletype to Bureau and Atlanta dated
9/6/66.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 12 copies of a LHM
dated and captioned as above. An extra copy is being
furnished for the Bureau file re MARTIN LUTHER KING. Two
copies of the LHM are being furnished to Atlanta for
information and for their file on MARTIN LUTHER KING.

One copy of the enclosed LHM is being furnished
to the United States Attorney, Chicago, Illinois.

CREAMER, who spelled his name also as
CRAMER did not sound intoxicated when he called the
Chicago Office and furnished the information set forth
in the enclosed LHM; however, his thoughts were completely
disorganized and either he could nor or would not answer
questions asked him nor would he confine his thoughts to

- 3- Bureau (Encls. 12)
 - (1- 100-106670) (MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.)
- 2- Atlanta (Info)
 - (1- 100-3586) (MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.)
- 2- Chicago
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any one incident. Instead, he would just jump from one point to another without furnishing logical answers to the questions asked him.

The Chicago Police Department advised that they plan to interview CREANER.

Chicago is opening a new 157 investigation and will follow this matter with the Chicago Police Department.

Index negative re Creaner



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
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157-New

Chicago, Illinois
September 6, 1966

ALLEGATION BY THOMAS E. CREAMER,
ALSO KNOWN AS THOMAS E. CRAMER,
OF PLOT TO KILL MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
SEPTEMBER 6, 1966
INFORMATION CONCERNING - RACIAL MATTER

Thomas Creamer, who also spelled his name Cramer, called the Chicago Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at 12:05 a.m. September 6, 1966. He stated that he resided at 1909 School Street, first floor, Chicago, Illinois, and had telephone number 472-2817. At the time he called he stated he was making the call from the Josephine 5-Step Inn, at the corner of School Street and Roscoe, Chicago, Illinois, telephone number LI-9-9382. Creamer furnished the following information:

He initially stated that he had "joined the Nazis" and an offer had been made to him to kill Martin Luther King, Jr. when King returned to Chicago. He was to kill King in exchange for the safety of his wife and child. Creamer described himself as a veteran of the 101st Airborne Division, a native of Ohio, and an expert "varmit shooter". He indicated he had a high-powered rifle collection.

When pressed for details regarding the above information, Creamer stated that he had participated in a discussion at Josephine 5-Step Inn during the early evening hours of September

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ALLEGATION BY THOMAS E. CREAMER,
ALSO KNOWN AS THOMAS E. CRAWER,
OF PLOT TO KILL MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
SEPTEMBER 6, 1966

5, 1966. This discussion was with regards to the racial unrest in Chicago. One other person taking part in the discussion was described by Creamer as a white female, named Helena Kaufman (phonetic). Subsequently Kaufman took Creamer to a meeting in the 1900 block of West School Street, Chicago, and at this meeting there were three other people present, two of whom were males. Creamer either could not or would not furnish any additional information regarding the other people attending this meeting.

Creamer then stated that he was given an assignment to shoot Martin Luther King in return for his family's safety. Subsequently, he stated that he was told by Kaufman that his family would be killed if he did not attend the meeting in the 1900 block of School Street. Then Creamer stated he was told he must "cooperate" before sunrise so he joined them. At this point he denied that they were members of the American Nazi Party and refuted his original statement that he "had joined the Nazis". He stated that he was sympathetic to the ideas practiced by the John Birch Society, and Creamer denied any connection with the American Nazi Party.

Creamer was unable to furnish any other information stating that he was too frightened to recall and then stated that he had run out on the above described meeting by way of the back stairs.

Creamer was advised that the Federal Bureau of Investigation did not afford protection to individuals and was told that his information would be furnished to the Chicago Police Department.

The above information was furnished to Officer Patrick Gleason of Deputy Superintendent Conlisk's Office on September 6, 1966.

ALLEGATION BY THOMAS E. CREAMER,
ALSO KNOWN AS THOMAS E. CRAMER,
OF PLOT TO KILL MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
SEPTEMBER 6, 1966

It should be noted that at one point while Creamer was furnishing the above information he hung up and when a call was made to the Josephine 5-Step Inn Creamer was there.

The above information was furnished to the following people on September 6, 1966:

E. I. Katz, United States Attorney's Office,
Chicago, Illinois

Edward Tucker, United States Secret Service,
Chicago, Illinois

Don Henry, Region One, 113th INTC Group,
Evanston, Illinois

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TO DIRECTOR AND ATLANTA
FROM CHICAGO (100-35356)

SUBJ: ALLEGATION BY THOMAS E. CREAMER, AKA THOMAS E. CRAMER, OF
PLOT TO KILL MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, NINE
SIX SIXTYSIX. INFORMATION CONCERNING.

CREAMER, WHO FURNISHED VARIOUS SPELLINGS FOR NAME, CONTACTED
CHICAGO OFFICE TWELVE ZERO FIVE A.M. NINE SIX INSTANT ADVISING
THAT LAST NIGHT (NINE FIVE LAST) HE "JOINED THE NAZIS" CREAMER THEN
FURNISHED CONFLICTING AND NEBULOUS STORIES CONCERNING OFFER MAKE TO HIM
TO KILL KING, WHEN KING RETURNS TO CHICAGO IN EXCHANGE FOR SAFETY
OF CREAMERS WIFE AND CHILD.

DESCRIBED SELF AS VETERAN OF ONE ZERO ONE AIRBORNE DIV., NATIVE
OF OHIO, AND EXPERT "VARMINT" SHOOTER, WITH HIGH POWERED RIFLE
COLLECTION.

WHEN CREAMER PRESSED FOR DETAILS, VARIED STORY AND IMPOSSIBLE TO
GET LOGICAL, COHERENT STORY. IN GENERAL, FOLLOWING EMERGED: DISCUSSION IN
JOSEPHINE'S FIVE-STEP INN HELD EARLY EVENING NINE FIVE LAST CONCERNING
RACIAL UNREST CHICAGO. CREAMER PRESENT AS WAS A WHITE, FEMALE, HELENA
HAUFMAN (PH) HAUFMAN TOOK CREAMER TO MEETING IN ONE NINE ZERO ZERO
BLOCK WEST SCHOOL ST. CREAMER A RESIDENT AT ONE NINE ZERO NINE W.
SCHOOL. CREAMER KAUFMAN AND THREE OTHERS, TWO FEMALE MALES, PRESENT AT

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MEETING, BUT IDENTITIES UNKNOWN, CREAMER FIRST ADVISED THAT AT MEETING HE WAS ASIGNED TO SHOOT KING, IN RETURN FOR FAMILIES SAFETY, LATER STATED THAT HE WAS TOLD BY KAUFMAN HAS FAMILY WOULD BE KILLED IF HE DID NOT ATTEND MEETING, THIS PRIOR TO MENTION OF KILLING KING. FINALLY CREAMER ADVISED WAS TOLD HE MUST "COOPERATE" BEFORE SUNRISE, SO HE "JOINED" THEM , BUT DENIED KNOWLEDGE THEY WERE NAZIS. DESCRIBED HIMSELF AS SYMPATHETIC TO JOHN BRICH SOCIETY IDEAS, BUT NO NAZI.

WAS ADVISED FBI DOES NOT AFFORD PROTECTION TO INDIVIDUALS, AND OFFERED NO OBJECTION TO INFORMATION OR IDENTITY BEING FURNISHED TO CHICAGO PD, OR SUBSEQUENT POLICE INTERVIEW. DURING CONTACT CREAMER HUNGUP ON ONE OCCASION, WAS SUBSEQUENTLY RECONTACTED AT PHONE NO., FURNISHED BY HIM AS THAT OF FIVE-STEP INN.

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CREAMER DID NOT POSSESS ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION RE KAUFMAN, SEEMED SOBER BUT UNABLE TO RELATE CONSISTENT STORY WHEN PRESSED FOR DESCRIPTIONS OF SUBJECTS AT MEETING, UNABLE TO PROVIDE SAME, STATING TOO FRIGHTENED TO RECALL, AT ONE TIME ADVISING HE HAD RUN OUT OF MEETING, BY WAY OF BACK STAIRS.

ABOVE INFORMATION, INCLUDING CREAMERS ADDRESS AND HAVE PHONE NO., PROVIDED CG PD DEPT. SUPERINTENDANTS OFFICE. CHICAGO CONDUCTING NO ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION; INDICES REFLECT NO INFORMATION IDENTIFIABLE WITH CREAMER OR KAUFMAN.

LHM FOLLOWS. SS, MILITARY, AND USA ADVISED. ATLANTA ADVISE ATLANTA PD.
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (157-1414) (C)

ALLEGATION BY THOMAS E.
CREAMER, AKA. THOMAS E. CRAMER,
OF PLOT TO KILL MARTIN LUTHER
KING, JR., CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
9/6/66
INFORMATION CONCERNING - RM

Re Chicago airtel with enclosed LHM dated 9/6/66.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 12 copies of a LHM dated and captioned as above. An extra copy is being furnished for the Bureau file re MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. Two copies of the LHM are being furnished to Atlanta for information and for their file on MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

One copy of the enclosed LHM is being furnished to the USA's Office, Chicago, Illinois.

No further investigation is being conducted in this matter.

3 - Bureau (Encls 12)
 (1 - 100-106670) (MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.)
2 - Atlanta (Info) (Encls 2)
 (1 - 100-5536) (MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.)
2 - Chicago
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Chicago, Illinois
October 31, 1966

ALLEGATION BY THOMAS E.
CREAMER, ALSO KNOWN AS THOMAS
E. CRAMER, OF PLOT TO KILL
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, SEPTEMBER 6, 1966
INFORMATION CONCERNING - RM

Reference is made to Chicago communication dated
September 6, 1966.

Officer Patrick Gleason, Deputy Superintendent
Conlisk's Office, Chicago Police Department, advised on
September 14, 29 and October 20, 1966, that no additional
information had been obtained regarding the subject.

It is noted that subject called the Chicago Office
of the FBI on September 6, 1966, stating his name was Thomas
Creamer and also Thomas Cramer. He indicated that he was a
veteran of the 101st Airborne Division, a native of Ohio, and
an expert "varmit shooter". He also stated that one Helena
Kaufman (phonetic) had taken him to a meeting in the 1900 block
of West School Street, Chicago, the evening of September 5, 1966.
Three other unidentified persons were at this meeting. The
subject was given the assignment to shoot Martin Luther King, Jr.
in return for his family's safety. Subject stated he had run
out of this meeting by way of the back stairs. He called the
Chicago Office of the FBI at 12:05 AM September 6, 1966, from
Josephine's 5-Step Inn, Chicago, Illinois.

Records of the Chicago Police Department were caused
to be reviewed on October 12, 1966, and they reveal the
following information:

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Thomas Eugene Cramer, date of birth [redacted]
[redacted], at Lima, Ohio, was arrested for traffic violation
July 9, 1962. He was arrested for assault on July 30, 1962;
for causing a disturbance in a tavern at 1925 Wellington on
August 22, 1963; and for simple assault September 13, 1964.
His residences when he was arrested are as follows:

1. 2530 North Sacramento, Chicago.
2. 1801 West Nelson, Chicago.
3. 1734 Wellington, Chicago.
4. 1943 Henderson, Chicago.

His nationality is listed as German-Dutch and
he is described as:

Height	5'9" - 5'10"
Weight	135 - 145 pounds
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown, green and hazel
Social Security #	[redacted]

The following people were advised of the above
information on October 31, 1966:

M. B. Nash
United States Attorney's Office
Chicago, Illinois

Robert J. Motto
U. S. Secret Service
Chicago, Illinois

Donald Henry
Region I, 113th INTC Group
Evanston, Illinois

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

DATE: 4-26-68

FROM : SA RAMON W. STRATTON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re: THREATS TO MARTIN LUTHER KING

Attached hereto is copy of Pittsburgh airtel and LHM dated 9-7-66 concerning DONALD STOUT. Three boys, STEWART LINDH, JEFFREY KRONEN, and RICHARD LARKEY, through newspaper ad in San Francisco newspaper, obtained ride east with DONALD STOUT. During this trip, STOUT told them he was going to shoot MARTIN LUTHER KING. At Kansas City, Missouri, STOUT disappeared with all of their personal effects.

STOUT was described by LINDH as WM, 5'7"-8", 210 lbs., stout build, dark greasy hair, small wave in front. They thought he lived at 826 S. Wabash, Chicago, drove 1966 light green Chevrolet Impala with Mass. plates believed to be P83473, and was employed by Eastern States Freight Lines, Terre Haute, Indiana.

Also attached hereto are pertinent copies of material from CG 26-20721 concerning DONALD LAWRENCE STOUT, who appears likely identical with DONALD STOUT. He has performed merchant marine duty and lived in 1954 at 826 S. Wabash, the YMCA Hotel.

Leads to determine identity of DONALD STOUT are assigned to SAS PIPPENGER and BASHAM, C-6.

Check files of Chicago PD.

Check files of YMCA Hotel, 826 S. Wabash.

Check merchant marine files, which were at Seafarers Union, 3261 E. 92nd St., Chicago, in 1954. (Check both the union and separately merchant marine records with US Coast Guard).

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)
FROM: SAC, PITTSBURGH (100-15206) (RUC)
SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
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Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of a LHM captioned, "DONALD STOUT," which sets out information concerning a threat against MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. Two copies of the LHM are being furnished to Atlanta, office of origin, and Chicago, Indianapolis, and Boston, and one copy to San Francisco, New York, Kansas City, and Philadelphia for information in the event leads are set out for those offices in the future.

Information attributed to HARRY P. STEWART, Secret Service, Pittsburgh, was furnished to SA HOWARD A. MEYERJACK. Since the information came from a representative of Secret Service, that agency is not being advised and no further action is being taken by this office.

- 3 - Bureau (Encls.-8) (RM)
- 2 - Atlanta (100-5586) (Encls.-2) (AM-RM)
- 2 - Boston (Encls.-2) (RM)
- 2 - Indianapolis (Encls.-2) (RM)
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- 1 - Philadelphia (Enc.-1) (RM)
- 1 - Kansas City (Enc.-1) (RM)
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AT ATLANTA, GA.

Will promptly advise appropriate local authorities of above threat.

CHICAGO AND INDIANAPOLIS

1. Will promptly advise appropriate local authorities of above threat.

2. Will check indices and appropriate sources re DONALD STOUT.

BOSTON

AT BOSTON, MASS.

Will determine to whom Massachusetts license P83473 is issued and advise Bureau and offices receiving copies of this airtel.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

September 7, 1966

DONALD STOUT

On September 7, 1966, Harry P. Stewart, Secret Service, Pittsburgh, Pa., furnished the following information which he had received this date from his nephew, Stewart Lindh, 2206 Greenwich, San Francisco, California.

Recently, Lindh and two others, Jeffrey Kronen, 58 Miller Road, Farmingdale, Long Island, New York, and Richard Larkey, care of Mrs. Schonberger, 2829 Highland Street, Allentown, Pa., were in San Francisco and answered an advertisement placed in the "San Francisco Chronicle" by Donald Stout, who was seeking paying passengers to accompany him on a trip from San Francisco to New York City in his car. An agreement was reached whereby each of the above paid Stout \$50 for the trip.

On September 5, 1966, Stout and his passengers arrived in Kansas City, Mo., and drove to a local YMCA. While the three passengers were checking in, Stout disappeared with his car and their personal effects, which included suitcases, clothes, books, records, and a guitar. Richard Larkey also then noted that two blank Wells Fargo checks were missing from his pocketbook. Lindh estimated that the missing items were worth about \$1,000.

Before arriving at Kansas City, Stout made it clear to his passengers that he was rabidly anti-Negro and he told them that he was going to shoot Martin Luther King. He furnished no further details.

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DONALD STOUT

Lindh advised Mr. Stewart that Donald Stout was a white male, 5'7" - 5'8", 210 pounds, had a stout build, medium complexion, and dark, greasy hair which had a small wave in front. Stout had told Lindh that he resided at 826 South Wabash, Chicago, Illinois, and was employed by the Eastern States Freight Lines, Terre Haute, Indiana. He drove a 1966 light green Chevrolet Impala with Massachusetts plates. Lindh was reasonably certain that the plate number was P83473, and said that the Kansas City Police Department was told of the incident.

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SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
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Re Pittsburgh airtel and LHM 9/7/66, and Pittsburgh airtel 9/9/66.

Information as set forth in referenced LHM, captioned DONALD STOUT, was furnished on 9/9/66 to Officer ELLIOTT MATHEWS, Human Relations Unit, Chicago PD.

Chicago indices fail to reflect any information identifiable with STOUT. Sources of the Chicago Office, including those in hate-type groups such as the American Nazi Party, were contacted subsequent to receipt of referenced airtel, with negative results.

On 9/20/66, Officer JOSEPH WALTON, Human Relations Unit, Chicago PD, advised that he had personally checked the records of the YMCA Hotel, 826 South Wabash Avenue, on 9/15/66, concerning STOUT. WALTON advised that there was no record of STOUT residing at the YMCA Hotel at the present time, or as having been a guest there at any time in the past. He advised that the Chicago PD was conducting no further inquiry in this matter.

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The records of the Records and Communications Section, Chicago PD, were caused to be searched on a name-check only basis on 9/22/66, at the request of IC JACK RAY RIDENHOUR. No identifiable record could be located concerning STOUT, although extensive arrest records for such as DONALD RAY STOUT, RALPH DONALD STOUT, were available. There was no reasonable basis for assuming identity with the DONALD STOUT in this matter.

Chicago is conducting no further inquiry insofar as STOUT is concerned at the present time.

S C, Portland

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UNSUB; wa., Don L. Stout,
1954 Packard, 1954 Oregon
License 949-198
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On February 24, 1954, Assistant Chief of Police RALPH JOHNSON, Rapid City, South Dakota, Police Department, contacted SA ROBERT J. STEVENS concerning the above captioned matter.

JOHNSON stated that he had interviewed a discharged colored soldier by the name of ALBERT BATTLE concerning his transportation from Tacoma, Washington, to Rapid City, South Dakota, on February 22-23, 1954, and was of the opinion that the car in which BATTLE had made this trip was a stolen automobile. He continued that this automobile had been driven by the subject to the radio center, Rapid City, South Dakota, for repairs on the car radio, and that the repair man had become suspicious, had taken the license number which was Oregon 949-198, and had related this number to the state radio dispatcher in Rapid City for a check with Oregon officials. The Oregon authorities replied that this license on the Packard had been issued to a E. B. CALHOUN of Portland, Oregon, who was an airline pilot for a Drive-Out of a new car from Detroit, Michigan. Oregon authorities stated they were unable to contact Mr. CALHOUN as he was presently on a flight out of Oregon at that time.

JOHNSON stated that inasmuch as it was known that the subject had very little money at the time he left Rapid City that afternoon and the fact that there was a burglary of a cafe at scenic, South Dakota, before 5:00 p.m. that date, it had caused a state-wide alert to be issued for the pickup of the subject driving this automobile. He stated, however, that the authorities had been unsuccessful in picking up this automobile before it left the state.

ALBERT BATTLE, 1306 45th Place Northeast, Washington, D.C., was interviewed by SA ROBERT J. STEVENS and the following information obtained:

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BATTLE stated that he was discharged from the Army on February 22, 1954, at Fort Lewis, Washington, and had proceeded to the train station at Tacoma, Washington, at approximately 10:00 a.m. that date to catch a train to his home in Washington, D.C. Before purchasing his ticket, he was approached by the subject, who asked him where he was headed. When BATTLE said Washington, D.C., the subject replied that he was a Merchant Marine who had been off his ship for approximately two weeks and was headed for Baltimore, Maryland, through Chicago to catch his next ship. The subject stated that his parents lived in Chicago and that he wanted to visit them for about thirty minutes enroute. The subject told BATTLE he had purchased the 1954 Packard approximately three weeks previously at a Packard dealer in Oregon, and was broke as a result of his purchase. The subject told BATTLE that he would give him a ride to Washington, D.C., for \$70 which was \$21 less than the fare, to which BATTLE agreed, and they left right then from Tacoma, Washington. BATTLE stated that both men drove the automobile and as they came through the states of Idaho, Montana and Wyoming, they only made short stops for food and gasoline. At one place they were having motor trouble and when they stopped to get it fixed, BATTLE mentioned to the Subject that he had only to produce the purchase papers on the new car and it would not cost him anything for repairs due to the guarantee. To this the subject replied that the papers on the automobile were at home.

When they arrived in Rapid City, South Dakota, at approximately 2:30 p.m. on February 23, 1953, the radio in the automobile in the car was not working and the subject said that they would stop and have it repaired. They took the automobile to the Radio Center in Rapid City, where a repair man removed the radio and said the repairs would take approximately one and one-half hours. The subject and BATTLE then went to the Y.M.C.A. to take a shower and the subject then took the car to a service station nearby to have it washed and then he returned to the Y.M.C.A. where he took a shower. The subject then went to the barber shop and got his hair cut and returned to the Y.M.C.A. and told BATTLE he was going to get the car and have the radio put back in and that he would return to the Y.M.C.A. and pick up BATTLE. BATTLE stated that he waited about two hours and then called a taxi cab and rode around town looking for the subject. He, subsequently stopped a police car and reported the incident and the fact that his bag and discharge papers were still in this missing car.

BATTLE stated that he had been in the trunk of the car and the subject had absolutely no luggage. The subject, however, showed BATTLE a paper from his wallet which listed his address as somewhere on the south side of Chicago, the exact address BATTLE could not recall. BATTLE stated that he had paid the subject the \$70, which was the agreed price, but he was quite sure the subject has spent almost all of it as the car used a

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considerable amount of gas and also due to the repairs on the motor and on the radio. It was his opinion that the subject had between \$4 and \$6 at the time he left Rapid City, South Dakota.

When BATTLE reported this incident to the Police Department, they immediately checked with the Radio Center, which was closed at that time, and discovered that the subject had left all of BATTLE's clothing and papers at that place of business, saying that he would return to pick them up later.

THELBERT WADSWORTH, Deputy Sheriff, Pennington County, South Dakota, advised that he had been the investigator at the burglary at the Seenic Cafe, Seenic, South Dakota, on the afternoon of February 23, 1954, and there had been nothing in his investigation that would point to the subject as having been the burglar in this case.

Repeated attempts to ascertain whether or not this was a stolen automobile was made through State Headquarters at Pierre, South Dakota, with negative results on February 24, and 25, 1954.

Captain GEORGE WOODMAN, State Highway Patrol, advised on February 26, 1954, that the wife of the sheriff at Pierre, South Dakota, had received a wire from authorities at Portland, Oregon, to the effect that the car in question had been reported as stolen. The sheriff's wife at that time notified the Portland authorities that either the Police Department or the Sheriff's Office at Rapid City, South Dakota, could give them more information in this matter.

Chief of Police LEWIS NORSEY, Rapid City Police Department, and GLENN EAST, Sheriff, Pennington County, South Dakota, advised to date they have not been contacted by the authorities at Portland, Oregon.

Mr. LEONARD TIACHER, Radio Center, 723 Main Street, Rapid City, South Dakota, made available Repair Order Number 30734 dated February 23, 1954, which reflected that DON STOUT, whose address was listed as 1635 Tremont, Oceanside, California, signed a repair order on a Packard auto type radio, model 439279, Serial Number PT3522. This repair order reflected that a new transformer had been installed at a total charge of \$12.09. This repair order was signed by the subject, using the name of DON L. STOUT. It is noted, however, that the last t in the spelling of the name STOUT was not crossed and was made in such a manner that it could be taken as an l, which would make the spelling STOUL.

TIACHER advised that the subject first came to the Radio Center at approximately 2:00 p.m., on the afternoon of February 22, 1954, and said that he had gone to the Packard Garage and had been referred to the Radio