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CHICAGO FILES INDICATE BUXTON WAS DRUNK AND INCOHERENT WHEN HE CALLED FBI OFFICE. UPON INTERVIEW, BUXTON COULD NOT RECALL TELEPHONE CALL MADE TO FBI, CHICAGO, ON ST. PATRICK'S DAY, NINETEEN SIXTY FIVE, BUT SAID HE MAY HAVE MADE CALL AND WAS PROBABLY DRUNK AT TIME. BUXTON SAID HAS NOT LEFT CHICAGO LAST TWO MONTHS AND EMPLOYMENT RECORDS SHOW BUXTON STEADILY EMPLOYED INCLUDING WORK DATES ON MARCH TWENTY NINE AND APRIL FOUR LAST.

BUXTON DENIED KNOWING SUBJECT.

CHICAGO PD RECORDS REVEAL BUXTON HAS THREE ARRESTS FOR SLEEPING ON SIDEWALK AND DISORDERLY CONDUCT. NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION FAVORABLE.

BUXTON ACCORDINGLY ELIMINATED AS POSSIBLE CONSPIRATOR THIS CASE AND NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION CONTEMPLATED UACB.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

FROM : SA RAMON W. STRATTON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/26/68

Re: Threats to MARTIN LUTHER KING

Attached hereto are Xerox copies of pertinent serials basically relating to JOSEPH JOHN GAFFNEY which should be reviewed in detail by Agents assigned this lead.

Briefly, PFC STEPHEN CLARK LANE, U.S. Army, in March, 1967, reported that he had attended school with GAFFNEY who was an Army reservist at Fort Holabard, Maryland. LANE claimed that GAFFNEY told him that he was a member of a two-man sabotage group working for the Minutemen. This Minutemen team was allegedly going to assassinate MARTIN LUTHER KING.

Subsequent investigation was conducted regarding this allegation. The Army desired that LANE's identity be protected.

On April 7, 1967, GAFFNEY was interviewed at his residence at 285 Elm Park Avenue, Elmhurst, Illinois. He is a white male, born [redacted] at Chicago, 6'2" tall, 155 pounds, brown hair, blue eyes, residence phone number 832-6161 (with parents, Mr. and Mrs. JOSEPH W. GAFFNEY). GAFFNEY said he joined the U.S. Army Reserve on April 2, 1966, and went on active duty for six months August 29, 1966. After completing basic training at Fort Benning, Georgia, he returned home for several weeks leave at the end of October, 1966, and thereafter, attended Intelligence School at Fort Holabard, Maryland, and left active military service on February 4, 1967.

GAFFNEY related that while he was home on leave he associated with ORVILLE BRETTMAN, a long-time friend. During their conversations, BRETTMAN mentioned the Minutemen organization and BRETTMAN furnished GAFFNEY with several Minutemen flyers. BRETTMAN was reported to be in the Marine Corps and according to the Chicago file has never been interviewed.



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AT ELMHURST, ILLINOIS. 1. Will locate and interview JOSEPH JOHN GAFFNEY, 285 Elm Park Avenue, Elmhurst, Illinois, to determine his whereabouts during March and April, 1968, and thereafter, conduct such investigation as is necessary to confirm his whereabouts during this period of time.

2. Will ascertain information in his possession relative to ORVILLE BRETTMAN as to identity of BRETTMAN, Chicago area addresses, and any information as to location of BRETTMAN during March and April, 1968.

Note: Hand print names legibly; handwriting satisfactory for remainder.

Subject's name and aliases Martin Luther King			Address of subject		Character of case SM - C
Complainant Gordon Tyler, Region 1 113th Mil. Int. Group.			Complainant's address and telephone number 273-3575 2231 Howard St., Evanston, Illinois		Complaint received <input type="checkbox"/> Personal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Telephonic Date 3-25-67 Time 4:50 p.m.
Subject's Description	Race	Sex <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Height	Hair	Birth date and Birthplace
	Age		Weight	Eyes	
	Complexion				
Scars, marks or other data					

Facts of complaint **Gordon Tyler, Liaison Officer, advised he had received a telephone call from Col. Trenathen, Heidleberg, Germany. Col. Trenathen stated he had been informed by their 66th Military Intelligence Group in Germany that a special of the 66th had received a confession from a man named Joseph Gaffney that he had recruited a man by the name of Stephen Lane, PFC, [REDACTED], to serve as a member of a two man assassination team.**

Gaffney furnished information that he has personal knowledge of weapons stored in Elmhurst.

The target for assassination is MARTIN LUTHER KING on occasion of his visit to Chicago in 1967.

Mr. Tyler advised Gaffney is in Germany at present. He did not know where Lane is stationed but is checking with the Pentagon to ident him.

Mr. Tyler stated information reflects Gaffney lives on Elm Park Ave., in Elmhurst. A check of the telephone directory reflects the listing of a Joseph W. Gaffney, 285 Elm Park Ave., Elmhurst.

Mr. Tyler said he is expecting confirmation by teletype and when he receives this he will notify this office. He will also keep this office advised of any new information received on this matter.

Action Recommended

Paul B. Frankfurt
(Agent)

*Officer Terry Komrskas
Elmhurst PD
adv 7:00 P.M.
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Tyler called again at 6:40 p.m. to advise he had received info from Washington, D. C. that Stephen Lane left for Orleans, France, on February, 1, 1967. He is still awaiting a teletype confirmation on info from Col. Trenathen.

Per Tyler, 113th MI gp.

(Via Courier)

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Info was rec'd by Heidelberg 3/4/67 & furnished
113th this date only because they heard MLK in Cgo this date.

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SUBJ: INCDT REPT

1. ON 2 MAR 1967, STEPHEN CLAK LANE, PFC, ■ ■ ■ ■ ■, HHC,
11TH TML TRANS COMD, APO N.Y. 09069, CONTACTED THIS STA AND STATED
ESN FOL INFO:

IN DEC 1966, WHILE STU AT FT. HOLABIRD, MD, SOURCE MET AND
ASSOC W JOSEPH J. GAFFNEY, VT ELM LARK AVE, ELMHURST, ILL, ALSO A
STU AT FT. HOLABIRD. AT THIS TIME, DEC 1966, GAFFNEY INFO SOURCE
THAT HE WAS MBR OF MINUTMAN, BELONGED TO SBTG CELL CONS OF HIMSELF
ANDG FCOVER MAN IN CITY OF CHICAGO ILL. GAFFNEY STATED THAT HE KNEW

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LOC OF WPN, WHICH WERE STORED IN CHICAGO BY MINUTEMAN AND THAT THESE WPN WERE IN CELLAR. GAFFNEY STATED THAT WHEN MARTIN LUTHER KING JR VISITED CHICAGO IN 1967, THAT KING WAS TO BE TGT OF ASSASDWPAATION ATTEMPT BY MINUTEMAN.

2. LANE EXEC AFJHRAVIT CONCERNING INFO CONTAINED IN PARA 1,
3. AFN, FRANKFURT BCST THIS DATE REPT KING IS CURR VISVTVNG CHICAGO.
4. NO FUR INVES AEALENTEM BY THIS STA.O
5. AGENT REPORT AND AFFIDAVIT WILL BE D T YOUR HQ ON 27 MAR 1967.

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FROM CHICAGO (100-35356)

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. (THREAT TO KILL) SM - C

RECSTEL TODAY INSTANT CAPTION AND " MARCH TWENTY FIFTH PEACE
COMMITTEE, IS - C AND NATIONAL SOCIALIST WHITE PEOPLE PARTY AKA,
ARM (ORGANIZATION), NO COPY TO ST. LOUIS.

KING PARTICIPATED IN ANTI-VIET NAM PEACE MARCH IN CHICAGO
INSTANT DATE.

CHICAGO RACIAL INFORMANT ADVISED INSTANT KING DEPARTING CHICAGO
VIA AIR AIRLINE EXPECTED TIME NOT KNOWN, FOLLOWING PEACE RALLY AT CHICAGO
COLISEUM THIS DATE FOR ST LOUIS. PURPOSE OF ST LOUIS TRIP UNKNOWN.

GORDON TYLER, LIAISON OFFICER, REGION ONE, ONE ONE THREE
MILITARY INTELLIGENCE GROUP, EVANSTON, ILLINOIS, ADVISED HE RECEIVED
TELEPHONE CALL FROM COLONEL RENATHEN, HEIDLEBERG, GERMANY.

HE ADVISED SPECIAL AGENT OF SIX SIX M.I. GROUP GERMANY OBTAINED CON-
FESSION FROM ONE JOSEPH GAFFNEY THAT HE RECRUITED STEPHEN LANE,
PFC, [REDACTED] TO SERVE AS
MEMBER OF TWO MAN ASSASSINATION TEAM. TARGET OF ASSASSINATION IS
TO BE MARTIN LUTHER KING ON OCCASION OF VISIT TO CHICAGO NINETEEN
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GAFFNEY REPORTEDLY HAS INFORMATION OF WEAPONS STORED IN ELMHURST ILLINOIS. GAFFNEY ALLEGED TO RESIDE ON ELY PARK AVE., ELMHURST, TELEPHONE DIRECTORY REFLECTS A JOSEPH M. GAFFNEY, TWO EIGHT FIVE ELM PARK AVE., ELMHURST.

MR. TYLER ADVISED HIS OFFICE CONDUCTING INQUIRY TO FURTHER IDENTIFY GAFFNEY AND LANE AND WILL ADVISE CHICAGO.

CHICAGO INDICES NEGATIVE AS TO GAFFNEY.

CPD INTELLIGENCE, SECRET SERVICE, USA, AND ELMHURST PD ADVISED. ATLANTA ADVISE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES. LHM FOLLOWS

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 SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
 (THREAT TO KILL)
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 CG file 100-35356 (P)
 (OO: ATLANTA)

MINUTEMEN
 (INFORMATION CONCERNING)
 (INTERNAL SECURITY)
 BU file 62-107261
 CG file 105-11643 (P)
 (OO: KANSAS CITY)

Re Chicago teletype under first caption 3/25/67, and
 Chicago tel 3/28/67, under dual caption.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau is the original and
 ten copies of an LHM concerning captioned matter and enclosed
 for each recipient office are two copies of LHM.

In view of the violence potential copies of enclosed
 LHM are being disseminated locally to the office of the USA and
 U. S. Secret Service, Chicago. No copy is being disseminated
 to Region 1, 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois, since informa-
 tion in enclosed LHM originates from that agency. Chicago notes

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- 2 - Atlanta (100-5586) (MARTIN LUTHER KING) (Encl. 2) (RM)
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that referenced tel of 3/25/67, reflected JOSEPH GAFFNEY as source of information concerning the threat to KING; however, subsequent contact with Region 1, 113th MI Group determined original information furnished to the Chicago Office was erroneous and that actual source of information is STEPHEN CLARK LANE, PFC, U. S. Army, assigned Germany, [REDACTED] Information apparently was received by 66th MI group, Germany, on 3/2/67, when LANE contacted that station and according to information received from GORDON TYLER, Region 1, 113th INTC Group, Evanston, Illinois, on 3/28/67, LANE has furnished two sworn signed statements concerning the alleged threat to KING by a Minutemen assassination team. Information was telephonically provided to the 113th MI Group in Evanston on 3/25/67, when military authorities in Germany learned of KING's presence in Chicago on that date.

Mr. TYLER advised on 3/28/67, that his group is awaiting copies of above referred to signed statements by LANE and stated on receipt of same, copies will be made available to the Chicago Office. TYLER also advised that Region 1, 113th MI Group will furnish the Chicago Office with additional pertinent data as it is received by his agency. TYLER stated that information as orally furnished on 3/25/67, was correct as received telephonically by his group, however, subsequent communications received reported LANE as source of information and that GAFFNEY was the individual who attempted to recruit LANE as part of an assassination team. According to TYLER, GAFFNEY reportedly currently resides in the Chicago area and is not now on active duty although he is still apparently a member of the Army reserves.

Chicago indices contain no references to the name JOSEPH GAFFNEY and no identifiable references to JOEY ORHM (phonetic) and (FNU) ARMENTO (phonetic), based on available data.

As the Bureau is aware ROBERT DE PUGH, National leader of the Minutemen, was recently in Chicago where he made a speech before approximately 150 individuals at the Teutonia Club. Sources contacted at that time advised knew of no organized functioning Minutemen groups in the Chicago area.

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AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA. Advise appropriate authorities of alleged plot to assassinate KING.

*BALTIMORE

AT FORT HOLABIRD, MARYLAND. Through liaison obtain full particulars concerning alleged plot, noting that Region 1, 113th MI Group has advsed information in this matter is being funneled through Army intelligence headquarters through Fort Holabird.

Baltimore also requested to develop full background information from Fort Holabird records concerning GAFFNEY and LANE.

*KANSAS CITY

AT KANSAS CITY and NORBOWNE, MISSOURI. Will contact appropriate sources for any information concerning GAFFNEY, ORHM and ARMENTO allegedly involved with Minutemen and in alleged assassination plot. Also any information regarding alleged Minutemen plot to assassinate KING.

CHICAGO

AT CHICAGO AND ELMHURST, ILLINOIS. On receipt of requested information Chicago will consider possible interview of GAFFNEY relative to alleged Minutemen activities and storage of guns.

ADMINISTRATIVE

A copy of enclosed LHM is also being made available to the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Unit in view of their interest in the Minutemen organization.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 100-35356
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Chicago, Illinois
March 29, 1967

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
(THREAT TO KILL)
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(INTERNAL SECURITY)

On March 25-28, 1967, representatives of Region 1, 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois, made available information concerning an alleged plot to assassinate Martin Luther King, Jr. as such information was received by that agency:

Stephen Clark Lane, Private First Class, United States Army, assigned in Germany, Serial Number [REDACTED], on March 2, 1967, contacted the 66th MI Group in Germany and advised that in December, 1966, while a student at Fort Holabird, Maryland, met and associated with Joseph J. Gaffney whose home residence was on Elm Park Avenue, Elmhurst, Illinois. Lane advised that Gaffney was a student at Fort Holabird at the same time. According to Lane, Gaffney told him that he, Gaffney, was a member of the Minutemen and belonged to a sabotage cell consisting of himself and an unnamed undercover man in the City of Chicago. Lane advised that Gaffney claimed to know the locations of weapons which were stored in Chicago by the Minutemen and allegedly these weapons were stored in a cellar. Lane stated Gaffney told him that when Martin Luther King, Jr. visits Chicago in 1967 that King was to be the target of an assassination attempt by the Minutemen.

On March 28, 1967, a representative of Region 1, advised that inquiry by that agency had verified that Joseph Gaffney had been a student at Fort Holabird in December, 1966, in a reserve status. Further that Lane was also a student at Fort Holabird at that time. This representative also advised that the undercover man allegedly working with Gaffney in Chicago was one Joey Orhm (phonetic) who is supposedly in California now, exact whereabouts unknown. Further that the individual who allegedly stored the arms to assassinate King is one (first name unknown) Armento (phonetic), no address known.

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Above Army representative advised that information developed is that Gaffney is not currently on active military duty, is apparently currently in the Chicago area and Army records indicate his home address as 285 Elm Park Avenue, Elmhurst, Illinois.

On March 28, 1967, Chief of Police Victor Maul, Elmhurst, Illinois, advised Gaffney was unknown to him.

Information as received was furnished the following agencies:

March 25, 1967

Special Agent Joseph Sheehy
United States Secret Service
Chicago, Illinois

Assistant United States Attorney
A. T. Le Cesne
United States Attorney's Office
Chicago, Illinois

Officer Terry Komrska
Elmhurst, Illinois, Police Department

Detective Edward Waters
Intelligence Unit
Chicago, Illinois, Police Department

March 28, 1967

Chief of Police Victor Maul
Elmhurst, Illinois, Police Department

Sergeant Burton Lovely
Intelligence Unit
Chicago, Illinois, Police Department

Special Agent Charles H. Collins
United States Secret Service
Chicago, Illinois

Assistant United States Attorney
J. M. Connery
United States Attorney's Office
Chicago, Illinois

Information concerning the Minutemen may be found on the attached appendix page. Source utilized in characterizing this organization has furnished reliable information in the past.

APPENDIX"MINUTEMEN"

The "Minutemen" was organized in June, 1960, Its present headquarters are Norborne, Missouri, and ROBERT B. DE PUGH, Norborne, Missouri, is the national coordinator. Statements by DE PUGH and literature distributed by the organization in the past indicated its purpose to be the resistance to, and exposure of, the spread of communist influence within the United States; for the formation of a guerrilla or underground organization to combat the troops of any foreign powers which might eventually occupy this country; and resist passage of laws which would regulate private ownership of firearms.

The Kansas City Star Newspaper, Kansas City, Missouri, has on numerous occasions, carried various articles concerning DE PUGH and the "Minutemen," wherein it was stated that members of the organization participate in maneuvers utilizing guerrilla tactics with machine guns, mortars, grenades, and other firearms.

DE PUGH has publicly stated on numerous occasions that the "Minutemen" as an organization does not buy or store arms or ammunition; however, the individual members of the organization maintain arms and ammunition, which is their constitutional right.

"Minutemen" literature mailed to members in the past has furnished instructions in the use of explosives and has also given details for the making of explosive compounds from such readily accessible ingredients as a common fertilizer, ammonium nitrate.

In May, 1966, a confidential source advised that ROBERT B. DE PUGH, in a recent message to the national coordinators of "Minutemen," announced the "Minutemen" organization was being divided into two separate bodies. One group to be composed directly of members who have been able to maintain complete secrecy of their identity, from both the public and from Government investigative agencies. The second group to be made up of all members who have been publicly identified, or who there is reason to believe have been identified as "Minutemen" members by an agency of the Federal Government.

APPENDIX"MINUTEMEN"

In announcing the reorganization, DE PUGH stated that a complete resistance movement involving total resistance must involve not only guerrilla warfare, but that it must involve psychological and political warfare as well.

DE PUGH stated that what he was proposing and trying to effect was to build a political party that as such would have legal immunity, which would serve as a communications network for patriots that have other interests, and among whose members these other patriots can maintain their secrecy of identify. All future correspondence and communications on the national level will be done in the name of the Patriotic Party. DE PUGH also advised that if ever called to court, as he expected to be in the future, he was going to state that as far as the national organization is concerned, the "Minutemen" had ceased to exist.

DE PUGH, in the announcement, continued to the effect there is no reason why at some future date, when the environment is more conducive to military action, that the Patriotic Party cannot be used once again to pull together various local organizations into one national organization. By acting both as a front and as a means of coordination, the Patriotic Party can be invaluable in the building of a future resistance movement.

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TO : DIRECTOR AND ASCS ATLANTA, KANSAS CITY AND
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FROM: SAC CHICAGO (100-35356) (105-11643)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. (THREAT TO KILL); SM - C. OO:
ATLANTA. P.

MINUTEMEN; INFORMATION CONCERNING (INTERNAL SECURITY).

OO: KANSAS CITY.

REMYTEL MARCH TWENTYEIGHT LAST.

GORDON TYLER, LIAISON OFFICER, REGION ONE, ONE HUNDRED
AND THIRTEENTH MI GROUP, EVANSTON, ILLINOIS, FURNISHED ADDITIONAL
ARMY COMMUNICATIONS THIS DATE CONCERNING JOSEPH J. GAFFNEY AND
REINTERVIEW WITH STEPHEN CLARK LANE RE ALLEGED PLOT TO
ASSASSINATE KING. ACCORDING TO LANE, GAFFNEY CLAIMED HAD BEEN
MEMBER OF MINUTEMEN ORGANIZATION SINCE EARLY NINETEEN SIXTYSIX.
GAFFNEY GAVE NO REASONS FOR MEMBERSHIP WITHIN MINUTEMEN AND
NOT BELIEVED TO HOLD ANY OFFICIAL POSITION. LANE ADVISED TO
HIS KNOWLEDGE NO ONE ELSE AT FT. HOLABIRD KNOWLEDGEABLE OF
GAFFNEY'S ASSOCIATION WITH MINUTEMEN. GAFFNEY STATED KNEW OF
CACHES OF WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION ALLEGEDLY STORED IN BASEMENT
OF HOUSE BELONGING TO JOEY ARMENTO (PHONETIC) IN CHICAGO.

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GAFFNEY FURTHER STATED WHEN MARTIN LUTHER KING NEXT VISITED CHICAGO, BELIEVED SOMETIME IN NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN, ARMENTO, GAFFNEY AND ONE (FNU) ORHM (PHONETIC) WOULD BE INVOLVED IN ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT.

LANE ALSO ADVISED GAFFNEY HAD IN HIS POSSESSION WHILE AT FT. HOLABIRD, MINOX CAMERA WHICH HE TOOK TO CLASS IN BRIEFCASE. LANE CLAIMED PRESENT WITH GAFFNEY WHEN GAFFNEY DEVELOPED FILM FROM MINOX CAMERA BUT UNABLE TO DETERMINE CONTENTS. ACCORDING TO LANE, GAFFNEY PLACED DEVELOPED FILM IN ENVELOPE AND MAILED TO AN UNKNOWN ADDRESS. LANE NEVER OBSERVED GAFFNEY USING MINOX AT FT. HOLABIRD.

LANE CLAIMS GAFFNEY IMPLIED THREATS TO HIM IF LANE REPORTED GAFFNEY TAKING CAMERA TO CLASS OR REPORTED INFORMATION CONCERNING MINUTEMEN AFFILIATIONS OF GAFFNEY. LANE CLAIMED FEAR FOR PERSONAL SAFETY WAS REASON HAD NOT PREVIOUSLY
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DISCUSSED KNOWLEDGE OF ALLEGED PLOT TO ARMY INTELLIGENCE.

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ARMY INTELLIGENCE COMMUNICATIONS REFLECTED LIST OF INDIVIDUALS WHO ASSOCIATED WITH GAFFNEY DURING HIS STAY AT FT. HOLABIRD. TYLER ADVISED ARMY INTELLIGENCE WILL UNDOUBTEDLY INTERVIEW SAME REGARDING GAFFNEY.

PER LANE, GAFFNEY TOLD HIM HE, GAFFNEY, WAS IN POSSESSION OF SAWED OFF SHOTGUN, RIFLE, RIFLE SCOPE AND TWENTY CALIBER PISTOL.

LANE DECLINED TO TAKE POLYGRAPH TEST STATING EVERYTHING HE SAID WAS TRUE.

COMMUNICATIONS FURNISHED BY TYLER INDICATE GAFFNEY ALLEGEDLY A SENSATIONALIST, ALWAYS ATTEMPTING TO DRAW ATTENTION TO HIMSELF. GAFFNEY REPORTEDLY ADOPTED AND ONLY CHILD. GAFFNEY'S FATHER REPORTEDLY QUITE WEALTHY AND EMPLOYED BY SEARS AND ROEBUCK, CHICAGO.

DU PAGE CREDIT BUREAU, WHICH SERVICES ELMHURST, ILLINOIS, REFLECTS RECORD FOR JOSEPH W. GAFFNEY, APPROXIMATELY FIFTY IN NINETEEN FIFTYTHREE, RESIDING TWO EIGHT FIVE ELM PARK, ELMHURST,

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ILLINOIS. HE IS REPORTED AS GENERAL PURCHASING AGENT FOR TWENTYFOUR YEARS AS OF NINETEEN FIFTYTHREE FOR SEARS, ROEBUCK AND COMPANY, CHICAGO. DESCRIBED AS WHITE WITH TWO DEPENDENTS.

ELMHURST PD RECORDS REFLECT JOSEPH JOHN GAFFNEY, WM AGE NINETEEN, AS OF DECEMBER EIGHTEEN, NINETEEN SIXTYSIX, RESIDING TWO EIGHT FIVE ELM PARK, ELMHURST, SUBJECT OF COMPLAINT DECEMBER EIGHTEEN, NINETEEN SIXTYSIX AS OCCUPANT OF SUSPICIOUS CAR. PD INVESTIGATION REVEALED NO WRONGDOING AND JOSEPH JOHN GAFFNEY NOT ARRESTED.

TYLER ADVISED BALTIMORE OFFICE IN CONTACT WITH ARMY INTELLIGENCE HEADQUARTERS, FT. HOLABIRD RE THIS MATTER.

NO IDENTIFIABLE REFERENCES CHICAGO INDICES RE JOEY ARMENTO (PHONETIC).

CHICAGO PD INTELLIGENCE UNIT, ELMHURST PD, SECRET SERVICE AND USA ADVISED. LHM FOLLOWS.

ON RECEIPT OF BACKGROUND INFORMATION RE GAFFNEY AND LANE FROM BALTIMORE, CHICAGO PLANS TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW JOSEPH

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JOHN GAFFNEY RE ALLEGED MINUTEMEN AFFILIATIONS.

*ATLANTA ADVISE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES.*Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
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SAC, KANSAS CITY

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (100-35356)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. THREAT TO KILL; SM - C.

ONE HUNDRED - THREE FIVE THREE FIVE SIX.

MINUTEMENT: INFORMATION CONCERNING. IS. ONE ZERO
FIVE - ONE ONE SIX FOUR THREE.

RE CHICAGO AIRTEL TO BUREAU DATED MARCH THIRTY ONE, LAST. *Re alleged Plot of Minutemen involving Gaffney to assassinate King.*
JOSEPH JOHN GAFFNEY, WHITE MALE, BORN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, RESIDING AT TWO
EIGHT FIVE ELM PARK, ELMHURST, ILLINOIS. PRESENTLY A
COLLEGE STUDENT AND MEMBER OF ARMY RESERVE. GAFFNEY INTER-
VIEWED THIS DATE DENIED MEMBERSHIP OR ASSOCIATION WITH
MINUTEMEN. CLAIMED ORVILLE BRETTMAN, WHITE MALE, TWENTY
YEARS, ELGIN, ILLINOIS, A CLOSE FRIEND, NOW IN MARINE CORPS,
CAMP PENDLETON, CALIFORNIA, TALKED TO HIM IN NINETEEN SIXTY
SIX ABOUT MINUTEMEN. GAFFNEY CONSIDERS BRETTMAN TO BE MEMBER
OF MINUTEMEN. BRETTMAN SENT MINUTEMEN LITERATURE TO GAFFNEY

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AT FORT HOLABIRD, MARYLAND IN DECEMBER, NINETEEN SIXTY SIX ONLY ONCE AND GAFFNEY RECEIVED NOTHING DIRECTLY FROM THIS ORGANIZATION.

IN MARCH, NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN, BRETTMAN ORALLY ADVISED GAFFNEY THAT MINUTEMEN WERE REORGANIZING, BUT GAVE NO FURTHER DETAILS.

GAFFNEY DENIED ANY OTHER MINUTEMEN ASSOCIATIONS OR KNOWLEDGE OF SUCH GROUPS OR ACTS OF VIOLENCE AND STORES OF WEAPONS.

SECRET SERVICE, USA, ARMY INTELLIGENCE, NISO, CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT, INTELLIGENCE UNIT AND ELMHURST POLICE DEPARTMENT ADVISED.

CHICAGO INDICES NEGATIVE RE BRETTMAN. LHM TO FOLLOW WITH COPIES TO SAN DIEGO.

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(INFORMATION CONCERNING)

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Bureau file: 62-107261

Chicago file: 105-11643 (P)

(OO: Kansas City)

Re Chicago teletypes dated 3/30/67 captioned as above.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau is the original and ten copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning captioned matter and enclosed for each recipient office are two copies of the letterhead memorandum. A copy of the enclosed letterhead memorandum is being disseminated locally to the Office of the United States Attorney and Secret Service, Chicago. A copy of the enclosed letterhead memorandum is also being made available to the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Unit, Chicago, Illinois, in view of their interest in the Minutemen organization.

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AT CHICAGO AND ELMHURST, ILLINOIS. On receipt of previously requested information, Chicago will consider possible interview of GAFFNEY relative to alleged Minutemen organization activities and storage of guns.

ADMINISTRATIVE

It should be noted that when LANE interviewed by the 66th MI Group, Germany, it was the opinion of the interviewing SAs that LANE was truthful and did not hesitate in furnishing information. It should be further noted that LANE was not willing to have the information which he gave released to GAFFNEY either with or without revealing LANE's identity, nor was he willing to appear before a board and/or court proceeding involving GAFFNEY.

On 3/30/67 Mr. GORDON TYLER, Region 1, 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois, stated that a list of individuals who associated with GAFFNEY during his stay at Fort Holabird, was in possession of Army Intelligence and advised that they will undoubtedly interview these individuals regarding GAFFNEY. TYLER stated that LANE has declined to take a polygraph test, stating that everything he said was true. Communications furnished by TYLER indicate GAFFNEY allegedly a sensationalist, always attempting to draw attention to himself. GAFFNEY reportedly adopted and an only child. GAFFNEY's father reportedly quite wealthy and employed by Sears and Roebuck Company, Chicago, Illinois.

TYLER advised Baltimore Office in contact with Army Intelligence Headquarters, Fort Holabird, regarding this matter.

Search of Chicago indices revealed no identifiable references regarding JOEY ARMENTO.

Credit and arrest checks at Elmhurst, Illinois, were conducted by SA RUDOLPH H. MANCINI.



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In Reply, Please Refer to
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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
(THREAT TO KILL)
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MINUTEMEN
(INFORMATION CONCERNING)
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

Re Chicago memorandum dated March 29, 1967,
captioned as above.

On March 30, 1967, a representative of Region 1, 113th Military Intelligence Group, Evanston, Illinois, furnished additional information concerning Joseph J. Gaffney and the reinterview with Stephen Clark Lane, regarding the alleged plot to assassinate Martin Luther King, Jr. The representative stated according to Lane, Gaffney claimed he had been a member of the Minutemen organization since early 1966. Gaffney gave no reasons for his membership within the Minutemen and is not believed to hold any official position. Lane advised to his knowledge no one else at Fort Holabird was knowledgeable of Gaffney's association with the Minutemen. Gaffney stated that he knew of caches of weapons and ammunition allegedly stored in the basement of a house belonging to Joey Armento (phonetic) in Chicago. Gaffney further stated that when Martin Luther King, Jr. next visited Chicago, which was believed to be some time in 1967, Armento, Gaffney, and one (first name unknown) Orhm (phonetic) would be involved in the assassination attempt. Lane further stated that Gaffney, while at Fort Holabird, had received several letters from Orhm, allegedly a member of a sabotage cell of the Minutemen in Chicago.

Lane stated in one of the above mentioned letters there were three pamphlets concerning the aims and purposes of the Minutemen organization. Gaffney gave one of the three pamphlets to Lane who took it home with him. Lane stated this incident occurred in early December, 1966. Lane stated that Gaffney told him that he was currently in possession of a

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sawed-off shotgun, a rifle, a rifle scope, and a .20 caliber pistol.

Lane also advised Gaffney had in his possession while at Fort Holabird a Minox camera which he took to class in a brief case. Lane claimed he was present with Gaffney when Gaffney developed film from the Minox camera but was unable to determine its contents. According to Lane, Gaffney placed the developed film in an envelope and mailed it to an unknown address. Lane stated he never observed Gaffney using the Minox camera at Fort Holabird.

Lane claims that Gaffney implied threats to him if he reported Gaffney taking the camera to class or reported information concerning the Minutemen affiliations of Gaffney. Lane claimed fear for his personal safety was the reason he had not previously furnished knowledge of the alleged plot to Army Intelligence.

Gaffney allegedly is a sensationalist who was always attempting to draw attention to himself.

The Du Page Credit Bureau, which serves Elmhurst, Illinois, reflects records for Joseph W. Gaffney, approximately 50 in 1953, residing at 285 Elm Park, Elmhurst, Illinois. He is reported as General Purchasing Agent for 24 years as of 1953 for Sears Roebuck and Company, Chicago.

Elmhurst Police Department records reflect Joseph John Gaffney, white male, age 19, as of December 18, 1966, residing 285 Elm Park, Elmhurst, Illinois, subject of complaint December 18, 1966, as occupant of suspicious car. Police Department investigation revealed no wrong doing and Joseph John Gaffney not arrested.

The foregoing information was furnished to the following agencies on March 30, 1967:

Special Agent Charles H. Collins
United States Secret Service
Chicago, Illinois

RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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Assistant United States Attorney A. T. Le Cesne
United States Attorney's Office
Chicago, Illinois

Victor Maul
Chief of Police
Elmhurst, Illinois.

Sergeant Burton Lovely
Intelligence Unit,
Chicago, Illinois, Police Department

Information concerning the Minutemen may be found on the attached appendix page. Source utilized in characterizing this organization has furnished reliable information in the past.

APPENDIX"MINUTEMEN"

The "Minutemen" was organized in June, 1960, Its present headquarters are Norborne, Missouri, and ROBERT B. DE PUGH, Norborne, Missouri, is the national coordinator. Statements by DE PUGH and literature distributed by the organization in the past indicated its purpose to be the resistance to, and exposure of, the spread of communist influence within the United States; for the formation of a guerrilla or underground organization to combat the troops of any foreign powers which might eventually occupy this country; and resist passage of laws which would regulate private ownership of firearms.

The Kansas City Star Newspaper, Kansas City, Missouri, has on numerous occasions, carried various articles concerning DE PUGH and the "Minutemen," wherein it was stated that members of the organization participate in maneuvers utilizing guerrilla tactics with machine guns, mortars, grenades, and other firearms.

DE PUGH has publicly stated on numerous occasions that the "Minutemen" as an organization does not buy or store arms or ammunition; however, the individual members of the organization maintain arms and ammunition, which is their constitutional right.

"Minutemen" literature mailed to members in the past has furnished instructions in the use of explosives and has also given details for the making of explosive compounds from such readily accessible ingredients as a common fertilizer, ammonium nitrate.

In May, 1966, a confidential source advised that ROBERT B. DE PUGH, in a recent message to the national coordinators of "Minutemen," announced the "Minutemen" organization was being divided into two separate bodies. One group to be composed directly of members who have been able to maintain complete secrecy of their identity, from both the public and from Government investigative agencies. The second group to be made up of all members who have been publicly identified, or who there is reason to believe have been identified as "Minutemen" members by an agency of the Federal Government.

"MINUTEMEN"

In announcing the reorganization, DE PUGH stated that a complete resistance movement involving total resistance must involve not only guerrilla warfare, but that it must involve psychological and political warfare as well.

DE PUGH stated that what he was proposing and trying to effect was to build a political party that as such would have legal immunity, which would serve as a communications network for patriots that have other interests, and among whose members these other patriots can maintain their secrecy of identify. All future correspondence and communications on the national level will be done in the name of the Patriotic Party. DE PUGH also advised that if ever called to court, as he expected to be in the future, he was going to state that as far as the national organization is concerned, the "Minutemen" had ceased to exist.

DE PUGH, in the announcement, continued to the effect there is no reason why at some future date, when the environment is more conducive to military action, that the Patriotic Party cannot be used once again to pull together various local organizations into one national organization. By acting both as a front and as a means of coordination, the Patriotic Party can be invaluable in the building of a future resistance movement.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE (157-833) (P)
SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
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OO: ATLANTA

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OO: KANSAS CITY

Re Chicago teletype to Bureau, Atlanta, Baltimore,
and Kansas City dated 3/26/67.

Mr. ANDREW H. HAVRE, Operations IV, Office of the
Deputy Chief of Staff For Operations (DCS OPS), U. S. Army
Intelligence Command, Fort Holabird, Maryland, advised
3/29/67 and 3/30/67 that Signed Statements obtained from
Pfc. STEPHEN CLARK LANE by the 66th MI Group, Germany,
had not yet been received by DCS OPS.

Mr. HAVRE furnished copies of two TWX's dated
3/26/67 from the 66th MI Group, summarizing pertinent points
of statements made by LANE on 3/23/67 and 3/26/67, as well
as one copy of a Statement of Personal History (DD form 398),
executed and signed by JOSEPH JOHN GAFFNEY on April 2, 1966.

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Copies of the TWX's dated March 26, 1967, and the DD form 398 dated April 2, 1966, are enclosed for information of the Bureau, Atlanta, Chicago, and Kansas City.

HAVRE also advised that LANE, and other associates of GAFFNEY referred to during the interview of LANE on March 23, 1967, were all subjects of favorable National Agency Checks (NAC) completed in 1966 in connection with their attending the school at Fort Holabird, Maryland. He advised there are no files as such concerning LANE and these individuals.

According to HAVRE, GAFFNEY was subject of limited favorable background investigation completed June 2, 1966, resulting in his being granted Top Secret clearance for attendance at Intelligence School, Fort Holabird, Maryland. No photograph of GAFFNEY is available.

Bureau and other offices will be furnished with copies of LANE's Signed Statements as soon as they are made available by DCS OPS.

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 (Chicago file 105-11643) (P)
 OO: KANSAS CITY

Re Chicago teletype to Bureau, Atlanta, Baltimore
 and Kansas City, dated 4/7/67.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of a Letterhead
 Memorandum (LHM) captioned as above.

Two copies each of LHM are enclosed for recipient
 offices, except San Diego, for whom six copies are enclosed.

Copies of the LHM are also being disseminated
 in Chicago to USA, NISO, Secret Service, ATTU and to Region I,
 113th Military Intelligence Group, Evanston, Illinois.

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- 2 - Baltimore (Encl. 2) (RM)
- 2 - Kansas City (62-7797) (MINUTEMEN) (Encl. 2) (RM)
- 3 - San Diego (Encl. 6) (RM)
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AT KANSAS CITY, KANSAS. Will search indices for information regarding association of ORVILLE BRETTMAN, white, male, 20 years of age, with the Minutemen organization and advise Chicago and San Diego. Any positive information should be in form suitable for dissemination in view of BRETTMAN being in U.S.M.C.

SAN DIEGO

AT CAMP PENDLETON, CALIFORNIA. Will determine if NISO interviewed BRETTMAN re alleged Minutemen affiliations, and information re GAFFNEY, since BRETTMAN member of U.S.M.C. Additional copies of LHM being furnished for dissemination purposes. Furnish results to interested offices.

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Chicago indices negative on ORVILLE BRETTMAN and JOSEPH JOHN GAFFNEY.

The Baltimore Office is in contact with Fort Holabird, Maryland, regarding this matter.

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Chicago, Illinois
April 10, 1967

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
(THREAT TO KILL)
SECURITY MATTER - C

MINUTEMEN
(INFORMATION CONCERNING)
INTERNAL SECURITY

Re Chicago memorandum dated March 31, 1967, captioned
as above.

On March 30, 1967, a representative of Region I, 113th Military Intelligence Group, Evanston, Illinois, advised that Stephen Clark Lane, a member of the United States Army in Germany, furnished information regarding Joseph John Gaffney, Elmhurst, Illinois. Lane and Gaffney served together at Fort Holabird, Maryland, in December, 1966, while Gaffney was on a six months tour of active duty.

During that time Gaffney reportedly told Lane that he was a member of a two man Minuteman sabotage cell in Chicago, Illinois. The other member of this cell, (first name unknown) Orhm (phonetic) was believed to be in California at that time. Gaffney claimed to have knowledge of a storage of arms in the Chicago area and of a plot to assassinate Martin Luther King, Jr., when King visited Chicago in 1967. Gaffney showed Minutemen literature to Lane. Lane claimed Gaffney implied threats to him if he mentioned Gaffney's affiliation in the Minutemen. ORV?

According to Lane, Gaffney was a sensationalist who was always attempting to draw attention to himself. Index 3/11

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Lane has advised Army representatives he was not willing to have information furnished released to Gaffney either with or without revealing Lane's identity.

Joseph John Gaffney, 285 Elm Park Avenue, Elmhurst, Illinois, was interviewed on April 7, 1967. He advised that he joined the United States Army Reserve on April 2, 1966, and went on active duty for a six month period on August 29, 1966. After completing his basic training at Fort Benning, Georgia, he returned home for several weeks leave at the end of October, 1966. He thereafter attended intelligence school at Fort Holabird, Maryland, and left active military service on February 4, 1967.

He said that while he was home on leave he associated with Orville Brettman, a long time friend. During their conversations Brettman mentioned the Minutemen organization, indicating that he belonged and received literature from it. At that time Brettman gave Gaffney several Minutemen printed flyers and told Gaffney that he would obtain Minutemen literature for him. At that time Gaffney assumed that Brettman would probably send his name to this organization to be placed on their mailing list. Gaffney did not give money to anyone for this purpose, and he has never received any information from this organization. He said that while he was at Fort Holabird, Maryland, in December 1966, he received from Brettman, through the mail, a Minutemen newsletter, "On Target."

Gaffney said that he again saw Brettman in Illinois at the end of March, 1966, when Brettman was home on leave from the Marines. During their conversations Brettman only slightly mentioned the Minutemen and said something about the organization being reorganized. Brettman did not ask Gaffney to join, nor has he sent him anymore literature. Gaffney said that he assumed that Brettman was a member of this organization, but he knew nothing about his activities in it.

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Gaffney said that his inquiry in the Minutemen was based entirely on his curiosity and because it was mentioned by his friend. He said that after reading of recent arrest of Minutemen for possession of weapons he has decided to have no association with this organization.

Gaffney denied knowledge of any storage of weapons by the Minutemen or similar groups or of any planned acts of violence by anyone.

Gaffney described Orville Brettman as a white, male, 20 years of age, who recently finished his basic training with the United States Marine Corps at Camp Pendleton, California. Brettman qualified for some type of electronics training and will remain at Camp Pendleton during the next year. Brettman is the son of Orville Brettman, Sr., rural route, Elgin, Illinois.

The following description was obtained during the course of this interview:

Name	<u>Joseph John Gaffney</u>
Alias	Joe Gaffney
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of birth	
Place of birth	Chicago, Illinois
Height	6'11 1/2"
Weight	155 lbs.
Build	Slender
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue, wears no glasses
Complexion	Fair
Features	Very slender face
Marital status	Single
Occupation	College student
Residence	With parents at 285 Elm Park Avenue, Elmhurst, Illinois, telephone number 312-832-6161 (for past 17 years).

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MINUTEMEN

Arrests	None claimed
Parents	Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Gaffney, same address.
Military service	United States Army Reserve at O'Hare Field, Chicago, Illinois
Serial number	[REDACTED]
Rank	Specialist 4th Class

The above information was furnished to the following agencies:

Edward Rebuelta, Military Coordinator,
Region I, 113th Military Intelligence
Group, Evanston, Illinois.

John L. Laird, District Intelligence
Office, Ninth Naval District, Chicago,
Illinois.

Assistant United States Attorney R. T.
Sikes, Chicago, Illinois.

Special Agent Charles H. Collins, United
States Secret Service, Chicago, Illinois.

Burton Lovely, Chicago, Illinois Police
Department.

Lieutenant John Bullaro, Elmhurst, Illinois
Police Department.

Information concerning the Minutemen may be found
on attached appendix pages. Source utilized has furnished
reliable information in the past.

4/27/67

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TO: SAC, CHICAGO

FROM: SAC, SAN DIEGO (105-6331) (P)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
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(Chicago file 100-35356)
OO: Atlanta

MINUTEMEN
(INFORMATION CONCERNING)
INTERNAL SECURITY
(Chicago file 105-11643)
OO: Kansas City

Re Chicago airtel 4/10/67 and Baltimore airtel
4/18/67.

On 4/26/67 Special Agent WILLIAM PHILLIP, NISO,
Camp Pendleton, California, advised his office has not
interviewed ORVILLE BRETTMAN, and he ascertained through
his district office in San Diego that they had no record
of BRETTMAN being interviewed by that office.

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Base Locator, Camp Pendleton, has record of
ORVILLE BRETTMAN assigned to H&S Company, 5th RECON Battalion,
5th Marine Division, Camp Pendleton.

Chicago advise whether interview of BRETTMAN
is desired.

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 OO: Atlanta

MINUTEMEN (P)
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 Bufile 62-107261
 Chicago file 103-11643
 OO: Kansas City

Re Chicago airtel and LHM to Bureau dated 4/10/67,
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 Evanston, Illinois.

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- 3 - San Diego (Enc. 6) (RM)
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Mr. GORDON TYLER is the representative of the military referred to in the LHM.

The source referred to is Sgt. BURTON LOVELY, Intelligence Unit, Chicago Police Department.

Other sources referred to are:

CG 7127-R (Prob) (CG 170-103)
CG 7056-R (Prob) (CG 170-89)
STEVE HORVATH (conceal per request) (CG 170-128)

San Diego advised that GRVILLE BRETTMAN, close friend and person who reportedly furnished GAFFNEY with Minutemen literature, is presently serving at Camp Pendleton, California.

Interview of BRETTMAN as a suspected member of the Minutemen organization is being left to the discretion of San Diego.



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MINUTEMEN
(INFORMATION CONCERNING)
INTERNAL SECURITY

Reference is made to Chicago letter dated April 10, 1967, captioned as above.

On June 5, 1967, a representative of Region I, 113th Military Intelligence Group, Evanston, Illinois, advised that this agency had no further information regarding any association of Joseph John Gaffney with the "Minutemen" organization, or with any plan to assassinate Martin Luther King, Jr.

A Chicago source, who is a representative of an agency which gathers intelligence and security information in the Chicago area, advised that no information has been obtained which would indicate the association of Joseph John Gaffney with the "Minutemen" organization, or of any plan to assassinate Martin Luther King, Jr.

Other sources who are familiar with some aspects of "Minutemen" activity and membership in the Chicago area, have been unable to furnish any information to indicate that Joseph John Gaffney has been associated with this organization or of any plans to assassinate Martin Luther King, Jr.

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RE CHICAGO TEL BUREAU, FOUR TWENTYFIVE LAST.

RE THREATS TO MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

FOR INFO MIAMI, HARRY P. STEWART, US. SECRET SERVICE
REPORTED HIS NEPHEW, STEWART LINDH, TWO TWO ZERO SIX, GREENWOOD,
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF., CLAIMED HE AND TWO OTHERS THROUGH
NEWSPAPER AD OBTAINED RIDE WITH STOUT. AT KANSAS CITY, MO.,
STOUT DISAPPEARED WITH THEIR EFFECTS. BEFORE STOUT DISSAPPEARED,
HE TOLD THEN HE WAS GOING TO SHOOT KING.

ON FOUR TWENTYSIX INSTANT, RAYMOND ZACKOVICH, SECRET
SERVICE AGENT, PITTSBURGH, ADVISED HARRY P. STEWART, FORMER
SECRET SERVICE AGENT, RETIRED ONE YEAR AGO. STEWART NOW
RESIDING AT ROUTE ONE, BOX THREE EIGHT EIGHT, SEBASTIAN, FLA.

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MIAMI, INTERVIEW STEWART FOR ADDITIONAL DATA HE RECEIVED
AND PRESENT LOCATION OF HIS NEPHEW, STEWART LINDH.

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TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, CHICAGO 44-1114, MEMPHIS 44-1987
INDIANAPOLIS, AND NEW YORK
FROM BOSTON 157-644

MURKIN, OO: MEMPHIS.

RE THREATS TO MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

RE CHICAGO TEL THIS DATE CONCERNING DONALD STOUT.

RE PITTSBURGH AIRTEL TO BUREAU SEPT. NINE, NINETEEN
SIXTY SIX, CC BOSTON, CHICAGO, INDIANAPOLIS, AND BOSTON AIRTEL
TO DIRECTOR, INDIANAPOLIS AND OTHER OFFICES, SETP. TWENTY THREE,
NINETEEN SIXTY SIX, ENTITLED "MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SM - C."

NINETEEN SIXTY SIX MASSACHUSETTS LICENSE P EIGHT THREE
FOUR SEVEN THREE LISTED TO NATIONAL CAR RENTALS, BOSTON MASS.

INVESTIGATION NATIONAL CAR RENTALS, BOSTON, NEGATIVE
ON SEPT. THIRTEEN, SIXTY SIX CONCERNING RENTAL OF CAR
BY DONALD STOUT ALTHOUGH MANAGER OF RENTAL AGENCY HAD FREQUENT
CONTACT WITH STOUT AT THAT TIME.

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MANAGER STATED ROBERT GUNDY, NATIONAL CAR RENTALS, JFK AIRPORT, NYC, WAS FAIRLY WELL ACQUAINTED WITH STOUT. GUNDY CONTACTED STOUT THROUGH TELEPHONE NO. INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA, WA. FIVE, EIGHT NINE SIX FIVE. STOUT DESCRIBED AS BIG TALKER WHO LIKES TO HEAR HIMSELF TALK." HE HAS TRANSPORTED CARS FOR RENTAL AGENCIES AT MUCH LOWER RATE THAN OTHER CAR JOCKEYS. STOUT HAS NO RECORD AT MASS. STATE POLICE ALTHOUGH TROOPER HARDIN, MSP, LOGAN AIRPORT, BOSTON, RECALLS STOUT QUESTIONED CONCERNING THEFT OF PERSONAL BELONGINGS FROM RIDERS HE ABANDONED IN KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI.

RECORDS, BERLIN, NEW HAMPSHIRE, PD REFLECT DONALD L. STOUT, EIGHT TWO SIX SOUTH WABASH, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, DOB [REDACTED], NO LOCATION GIVEN, ARRESTED BERLIN PD, APRIL TEN, NINETEEN FIFTY EIGHT FOR OPERATING UNREGISTERED VEHICLE. STOUT DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, FIVE FEET EIGHT, MEDIUM BUILD, BLUE EYES. FINGERPRINTS SUBMITTED FBI IDENT. DIV. AND MATCHES FBI NO. FOUR NINE FIVE NINE THREE EIGHT

ZERO ACCORDING TO BERLIN PD. STOUT PAID FIVE DOLLAR FINE ON
ABOVE CHARGE AND RELEASED APRIL ELEVEN, NINETEEN FIFTY EIGHT.
NO PHOTO TAKEN. NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE POLICE HAS NO FURTHER
INFO RE STOUT.

CHICAGO IMMEDIATELY ATTEMPT TO LOCATE STOUT AT EIGHT TWO
SIX SOUTH WABASH AND CONDUCT OTHER INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE
WHETHER STOUT COULD BE CO-CONSPIRATOR THIS CASE.

INDIANAPOLIS DETERMINE SUBSCRIBER TO TELEPHONE NO.
WA. FIVE, EIGHT NINE SIX FIVE, IN SEPT., NINETEEN SIXTY SIX.

NEW YORK CONTACT ROBERT GUNDY, NATIONAL CAR RENTALS,
JFK AIRPORT, FOR INFO RE PRESENT LOCATION STOUT.

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