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*See memo dated 2/21/68
Re: Martin Luther King, Jr.*

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See also Nos.

FBI WASH DC

931PM URGENT 4-4-68 MXS

TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR 1P

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., RACIAL MATTERS.

IN VIEW OF POSSIBILITY OF RETALIATORY MEASURES TAKEN
AS RESULT OF THE ASSASSINATION OF KING, IMMEDIATELY ALERT
ALL SOURCES (RACIAL, SECURITY, AND CRIMINAL), WHO ARE IN
POSITION TO POSSIBLY LEARN OF INFORMATION OF THIS NATURE.
ANY PERTINENT INFORMATION DEVELOPED SHOULD RECEIVE EXPEDITIOUS
DISSEMINATION, BOTH LOCALLY AND TO BUREAU.

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*Mr. George Moore, Racial & Intell. Div. Bureau
advised FTS, 9:08p 4-4-68 some info as
above and SAC, must ~~use~~ and agents were
advised.*

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*Stat. & Sec.
Handy V advised
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FBI BIRMGHAM

10 13 PM DEFERRED 4-6-68 DLR
TO CLEVELAND AND MEMPHIS
FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

MURKIN

REURTEL TODAY.

NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT ALA. LICENSE FOUR SEVEN DASH
FIVE ONE SIX FIVE. ISSUED TO JOSEPH SVESTKA, SIX THREE
TWO DAWSON HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA, FOR SIXTYSEVEN OPAL.

INQUIRIES SIX THREE TWO DAWSON DETERMINED SVESTKA
CURRENTLY ATTENDING CASE INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY GRADUATE
SCHOOL, CLEVELAND, OHIO, WHERE HE REPORTLY RESIDES IN DORM.

CLEVELAND SHOULD CONDUCT APPROIATE INVESTIGATION,
TO ELEMATE SVESTKA AS UNSUB.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CLEVELAND (44-New)

DATE: 4/7/68

FROM : IC CECIL E. MOSES

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CIVIL RIGHTS

OO: MEMPHIS

This is to record that at 2:00 PM this date, Mrs. LOUISE NOLT, 1211 Girard St., Akron, Ohio, home phone 773-3494, telephonically contacted the Office to advise that while driving North on I-71 near Mansfield, Ohio about 1:45 PM instant date, she observed an old model car, pale blue with rusty top, bearing Ala. License plates 3 -34652, travelling at high rate of speed. She stated this car appeared to have only the driver as a passenger and was likewise travelling North on I-71. Mrs. NOLT further noted she became suspicious of the individual driving this car as he held his hand to his face each time he passed another car.

Mrs. NOLT also advised the above desc. car had a KKK emblem about 2 to 3 ins. high in center of rear window.

Mrs. NOLT stated she was bringing the above info. to the FBI's attention in view of "what happened in Memphis."

It is noted that Mrs. NOLT seemed rational and sincere in furnishing this info. and it is to be further noted that she called from a pay station near I-71 at the Ashland Interchange.

It is suggested that appropriate inquiries be conducted to further identify the driver of above Ala. car. Mrs. NOLT desc. him only as white male, possible 30's, heavy beard and shaggy hair.

Supv. Arrendt advised 3:00 pm
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CLEVELAND (44-New)

DATE: 4/6/68

FROM : SA AMBROSE P. BURKE, JR.

SUBJECT: ~~MURKIN~~
CIVIL RIGHTS
OO: Memphis

Re telephone conversation of SAC CHARLES G. CUSICK, Cleveland, with SAC ROBERT G. JENSEN, Memphis on 4/6/68.

SAC JENSEN advised that the investigation regarding the assassination of DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING at Memphis on 4/4/68 is being handled under the code name of MURKIN.

Mr. JENSEN advised that the subject of this murder has not been identified to date. The rifle used in this killing has been traced to Birmingham, Alabama. He advised that numerous prints of the subject were located on personnel effects abandoned by the subject in the rooming house. Mr. JENSEN also stated that additional artists conceptions are being prepared from other witnesses who observed the unknown subject. The subject is considered to be a good size man and may be about 6'1".

All of the latent fingerprints regarding the unknown subject have been forwarded to the Latent Fingerprint Section, FBI Laboratory.

In the event information is received at the Cleveland Office regarding suspects to this murder where the name of suspect is known, it should be determined if this suspect has a local police record. The identity of the suspect, along with any local police department number should be furnished to the Identification Bureau to have his prints compared with the subjects prints.

In view of the fact the identity of the subject is unknown to the Memphis Office, all leads regarding captioned matter should be thoroughly handled.

The Memphis Office should receive a copy of any communications directed to the Identification Bureau of other Field Offices.

It is to be noted this file pertains only to the assassination and has nothing to do with Racial Disorders.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CLEVELAND (44-
FROM : SA AMBROSE P. BURKE, JR.
SUBJECT: MURKIN
CIVIL RIGHTS
OO: MEMPHIS

DATE: 4/6/68

Mr. SANFORD SOBUL, WJW TV, telephonically advised ~~he~~ received a telephone call from a source who told him that one WALTER ISSELL resembles the artists conception drawing of the assassin of MARTIN LUTHER KING. SOBUL stated his source believes ISSELL was arrested in Cleveland in 1967 on a Neglect Charge and subsequently left town. The source believes that after ISSELL left, a small ^{arsenal} ~~arsenal~~ was located in his home in Chesterland. Because of this SOBUL believes Secret Service might have checked ISSELL out as they may have considered him a threat to the President.

The writer telephonically contacted the CVPD and determined the following:

WALTER NATHANIEL ISSELL has CVPD # 93528 and FBI # 397545C. He is described as a white male, born [redacted] 5'9", 157, dark chestnut eyes, medium blond hair, 2" scar on left cheek bone. This description was dated in 1958. His last known residence was listed as 36085 Matoma Blvd., Eastlake in 1964. His record consisted mostly of traffic violations, but he was confined to Mansfield Reformatory in 1958 for Grand Larceny, and he was charged with Resisting Arrest in 1964.

In view of the information furnished by SAC ROBERT JENSEN, Memphis Office indicating the assassin is believed to be over 6' tall, and no mention of a noticeable scar on left cheek bone, it does not appear ISSELL fits the description of the assassin.

SA BURKE telephonically furnished above information to Fingerprint Examiner LOGAN CATTERALL, Identification Division who stated he would have suspect latents compared with those of WALTER NATHANIEL ISSELL. If check negative Cleveland would not receive any reply.

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DIRECTOR AND
TO: SACS, BIRMINGHAM AND MEMPHIS
FROM: CLEVELAND (157-1416)

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.; RACIAL MATTERS.

RE BUTEL TO ALL OFFICES, APRIL FOUR LAST.

ON APRIL SIX INSTANT, STEVE DOMCHICK, ENGINEER, GOODYEAR AERO SPACE, WHO RESIDES ONE EIGHT SIX FIVE GAYLORD DRIVE, AKRON, OHIO, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED THAT WHILE DRIVING INTO CLEVELAND THIS DATE HE OBSERVED A WHITE MALE DRIVING TOWARD CLEVELAND IN A WHITE SMALL COMPACT CAR WITH ALABAMA PLATES FOUR SEVEN FIVE ONE SIX FIVE. HE SAID HE CAUGHT ONLY A QUICK GLANCE OF DRIVER BUT BELIEVED DRIVER LOOKED SIMILAR TO ARTIST SKETCH OF UNSUB APPEARING IN LOCAL NEWSPAPER.

BIRMINGHAM WILL DETERMINE REGISTERED OWNER AND ASCERTAIN WHETHER HE COULD BE IDENTICAL WITH UNSUB.

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Approved: CGC *CGC*
Special Agent in Charge

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Per

Bye

FBI WASH DC

248PM URGENT 4-7-68 SAA

TO ALL CONTINENTAL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR 1P

MURKIN

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

ALL INVESTIGATION MUST BE HANDLE UNDER THE PERSONAL DIRECTION OF THE SAC. LEADS ARE TO BE AFFORDED IMMEDIATE, THOROUGH IMAGINATIVE ATTENTION. YOU MUST EXHAUST ALL POSSIBILITIES FROM SUCH LEADS AS ANY ONE LEAD COULD RESULT IN THE SOLUTION OF THIS MOST IMPORTANT INVESTIGATION. SAC WILL BE HELD PERSONALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY FAILURE TO PROMPTLY AND THOROUGHLY HANDLE INVESTIGATIONS IN THIS MATTER.

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*Mr. Ciesick advised 3:30 pm
Supv. Arendt advised 3:40 pm*

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FBI MEMPHIS

752PM URGENT 4/7/68 CAF

TO ALL SACS

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987) 2P

MURKIN; CR. OO MEMPHIS.

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

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

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

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

COMPOSITE DESCRIPTION, BASED ON DATA DEVELOPED IN BIRMINGHAM
AND MEMPHIS, IS AS FOLLOWS:
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SUSPECT MALE WHITE, AGE TWENTY SIX TO FORTY YEARS, HEIGHT FIVE FT. EIGHT TO FIVE FT. ELEVEN INCHES, ONE HUNDRED FIFTY TO ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY LBS.; DARK BROWN OR SANDY HAIR, COMBED STRAIGHT BACK. EYES BLUE OR GREEN; MEDIUM BUILD; COMPLEXION AVERAGE, SMOOTH. GENERAL PHYSICAL APPEARANCE; NEAT.

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

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

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Date: 4/8/68

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TO BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) AND MEMPHIS
FROM CLEVELAND (44-565) 1P
MURKIN

MRS. LOUISE NOLT WHO RESIDES AT ONE TWO ONE ONE GIRARD ST., AKRON, OHIO, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED SHE SEEN AN OLD MODEL CAR, PALE BLUE, BEARING ALABAMA LICENSE THREE DASH THREE FOUR SIX FIVE TWO DRIVING AT HIGH RATE OF SPEED ON RT. I SEVENTYONE NEAR MANSFIELD, OHIO, ON APRIL SEVEN LAST.

MRS. NOLT STATED ABOVE CAR HAD A KKK EMBLEM LOCATED IN CENTER OF REAR WINDOW. SHE DESCRIBED DRIVER AS WHITE MALE IN THIRTIES, HEAVY BEARD AND SHAGGY HAIR. MRS. NOLT ADVISED DRIVER APPEARED SUSPICIOUS BY HIS ACTION OF PUTTING HIS HAND TO HIS FACE EACH TIME HE PASSED ANOTHER CAR.

BIRMINGHAM: WILL DETERMINE REGISTERED OWNER AND ASCERTAIN WHETHER HE COULD BE IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT. /P/

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Date: 4/8/68

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TO: MEMPHIS

FROM: CLEVELAND (44-565)

MURKIN

J. HUBACH, FORMER CHIEF OF POLICE, BAY VILLAGE, OHIO, ADVISED APRIL EIGHT, SIXTYEIGHT, THAT ON APRIL FIVE, SIXTYEIGHT, AROUND TWELVE PM, HE OBSERVED INDIVIDUAL ON CLIFTON BLVD., LAKEWOOD, OHIO, WHITE, MALE, BLACK LONG HAIR, BEARD AND MUSTACHE, WEARING A BLUE JACKET. HE STATED INDIVIDUAL ACTED IN SUSPICIOUS MANNER AND WHEN LAST OBSERVED WAS HEADING WEST ON SLOANE. HE ADVISED INDIVIDUAL DRIVING NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE WHITE PLYMOUTH CONVERTIBLE, BLACK TOP, BEARING TENN. LICENSE II ONE SEVEN NINE NINE.

MEMPHIS WILL DETERMINE REGISTERED OWNER AND ASCERTAIN WHETHER HE COULD BE IDENTIFIABLE WITH UNSUB.

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FBI KNOXVLE

1:04 PM URGENT 4/8/68 SER

TO CLEVELAND AND MEMPHIS

FROM KNOXVILLE (44-696)

MURKIN; CIVIL RIGHTS.

RE MEMPHIS TELETYPE TO KNOXVILLE APRIL SEVEN, LAST.

MEMPHIS TELETYPE TO ALL OFFICES APRIL SEVEN, LAST.

HERTZ CORP. RENTAL RECORDS REFLECT LIGHT GREEN SIXTYEIGHT MUSTANG RENTED BY C. H. MC CORMACK, GRALLA PUBLISHING CO., THREE FIVE ZERO SIX W. ONE HUNDRED FORTHFIFTH ST., CLEVELAND, OHIO. CAR SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN RETURNED APRIL THREE, LAST, NASHVILLE, TENN. CAR RETURNED TO METROPOLITAN AIRPORT, MEMPHIS, THREE FIFTEEN PM, APRIL FIVE, LAST. EMPLOYER HANDLING RENTAL RECALLED ONLY THAT MC CORMACK INSISTED ON A MUSTANG.

CLEVELAND, LOCATE MC CORMACK AND ELIMINATE HIM AS SUSPECT.

END

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC

DATE: 4-4-68

FROM : GARY D. SHINN

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING

This date at 11:45 PM writer was telephonically contacted by FTS, Night Supervisor James M. Sturigis, Detroit FBI office and advised the following info.

Sturigis stated the following info was given to him by GEORGE MOORE, FBI Washington and was advised to pass it along to both CV and CI offices.

In view of possible racial disturbances arising from assassination of King all offices should do the following:

Take all necessary precautions regarding personnel proceeding to office tonight, tomorrow and over week-end.

Be sure personnel are most judicious as to when and where to travel depending on local conditions.

Each SAC will have to exercise prudence and issue appropriate instructions under the circumstances.

Each SAC must understand he has the responsibility to have adequate manpower on duty to handle any emergency which might arise during hours ahead.

SAC Cusick and Supervisor were advised of the above.

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John P. Ryan - C.I. - begin
will handle Auto & Driver License

FBI WASH DC

708PM URGENT 4/8/68 GJM

TO ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 2P

MURKIN

Robert Wilson - Elgin 7:25 AM
Duke Hesse - Sandusky 8:15 AM
Trel Brubaker - Toledo 8:20 AM
Hal Weiler - Canton 8:35 AM
James Miller - Lima 8:45 AM
D. Peterson - Akron 8:55 AM
A. J. Anderson - Mansfield 9:05 AM
R. J. Greer - Youngstown 9:15 AM
R. Carrick - Mentor 9:35 AM
J. Foster - Maum 11:00 AM

THIS IS THE CASE INVOLVING THE MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., ON APRIL FOUR, LAST, IN MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD ANYONE BE TOLD THIS INVESTIGATION IS IN CONNECTION WITH CAPTIONED MATTER.

IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT A RIFLE ABANDONED NEAR SCENE OF CRIME WAS PURCHASED BY INDIVIDUAL USING THE NAME HARVEY LOWMEYER OR LOWMYER.

LOWMEYER OR LOWMYER IS GENERALLY DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, THIRTYSIX YEARS OLD, FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES TALL, ONE HUNDRED FIFTY - ONE HUNDRED SIXTY POUNDS, BLACK OR DARK BROWN HAIR.

IN VIEW OF THE UNUSUAL NATURE OF THE NAMES LOWMEYER AND LOWMYER, ALL OFFICES SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CHECK YOUR INDICES, ALL CITY DIRECTORIES, ALL TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES COVERING YOUR TERRITORIES, ALL DRIVERS LICENSE RECORDS, ALL AUTOMOBILE

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REGISTRATION RECORDS, VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS, AND
CREDIT AND CRIMINAL RECORDS ON THE SURNAMES LOWMEYER
AND LOWMYER, IN VIEW OF THE UNUSUAL NATURE OF THE NAMES,
DO NOT CONFINE YOUR CHECK TO HARVEY LOWMEYER AND LOWMYER
ONLY. ANY INDIVIDUALS IDENTIFIED AS BEARING THESE SURNAMES
SHOULD BE IMMEDIATELY CHECKED OUT COVERING THE PERTINENT
PERIOD. YOU SHOULD ALSO APPROPRIATELY CHECKOUT ALL
BOMBING SUSPECTS IN YOUR TERRITORIES.

HANDLE IMMEDIATELY AND GIVE TOP PRIORITY ATTENTION.

BUFILES CONTAIN NO INFORMATION IDENTIFIABLE ON
HARVEY LOWMEYER OR LOWMYER.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: CLEVELAND (44-565)

MURKIN

ALFRED JOSEPH KAMINSKI LOCATED MANSFIELD, OHIO, TODAY
AFTER CITIZEN'S COMPLAINT RECEIVED INDICATING HE RESEMBLED
ARTIST'S CONCEPTION PHOTO OF UNSUB INSTANT MATTER.

KAMINSKI DENIES KNOWLEDGE OR IMPLICATION INSTANT MATTER,
STATING THAT ON MARCH TWENTYNINE, SIXTYEIGHT, HE WAS IN
SPRINGFIELD, ILL., CARE OF SALVATION ARMY, AND ON APRIL FOUR,
SIXTYEIGHT, HE WAS AT THE MISSION IN MUNCIE, IND.

KAMINSKI HITCHHIKING AND WORKING HIS WAY FROM TEXAS TO
RESIDENCE OF SISTER, MRS. RITA FRIEND, FIVE PAVONIA COURT,
BAYONNE, N. J.

KAMINSKI WHITE, MALE, BORN [REDACTED] BAYONNE, P11
N. J., FIVE FT. EIGHT INS., ONE FORTYFIVE LBS., LIGHT BROWN
HAIR COMBED STRAIGHT BACK, RECEDING AT TEMPLES, LIGHT BLUE EYES,
HEAVILY TANNED, POINTED NOSE, CLEFT CHIN, NO UPPER FRONT TEETH,
ONLY SIX FRONT LOWER TEETH, CLAIMED IN U.S. ARMY ON THREE

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OCCASIONS UNDER SERIAL NUMBERS THREE TWO ZERO SIX THREE NINE EIGHT TWO AND RA SIX EIGHT SEVEN THREE TWO FOUR ONE. CLAIMS ONE ARREST ONLY, SAN DIEGO, CALIF., NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE, FOR INTOXICATION.

KAMINSKI PRESENTLY AT VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA, MANSFIELD, OHIO, AND WILL CONTINUE HIS TRAVELS.

REQUESTED THAT LATENT FINGERPRINTS INSTANT MATTER BE IMMEDIATELY COMPARED WITH KNOWN LATENTS SUBMITTED BY MEMPHIS. MEMPHIS ADVISED BY AIR MAIL.

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

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AS "RELIGIOUS FANATIC". THOROMAN IS NOT BELIEVED TO BE A RACIST
AND IS NOT KNOWN TO HAVE EXPRESSED DISLIKE FOR KING.

CLEVELAND AT SPENCERVILLE CONDUCT IMMEDIATE INVESTIGATION TO
LOCATE THOROMAN AND SET OUT LEADS TO CHECK ON HIS WHEREABOUTS AND
ACTIVITIES.

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JACKSONVILLE AT EUSTIS AND TAVARES, CONDUCT APPROPRIATE
INVESTIGATION TO CHECK OUT THOROMAN AS POSSIBLE SUSPECT.

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FBI CLEVELAND

FBI WASH DC

1-28AM URGENT 4-9-68 HFL

TO DIRECTOR CINCINNATI AND CLEVELAND
FROM WASHINGTON FIELD (157-1579)

MURKIN

FOLLOWING INFO FURNISHED AS RECEIVED BY WFO BY AN
ANONYMOUS TELEPHONE CALL FROM A MALE INDIVIDUAL:

CALLER MADE STATEMENT "I WANT TO GIVE YOU THE NAME
OF THE MAN IN THE MARTIN LUTHER KING KILLING, HIS NAME IS
ED MEANS (PHONETIC) OF MADONNA (PHONETIC) OHIO."

WHEN WFO ENDEAVORED TO OBTAIN FURTHER INFO, HE HUNG
UP THE TELEPHONE. CURRENT POSTAL DIRECTORY REFLECTS NO
NAME MADONNA, HOWEVER, INFO IS FURNISHED TO CV AND CI FOR
INFORMATION PURPOSES.

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

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

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TO MEMPHIS (44-1987) CLEVELAND (44-565) ST LOUIS (44-775)
FROM DIRECTOR

MURKIN;

RE CV TELEPHONE CALL AND TELETYPE APRIL EIGHT; SL TELETYPE
APRIL EIGHT; MI TELEPHONE CALL APRIL EIGHT.

REMAINING UNIDENTIFIED LATENT FINGERPRINTS THIS CASE NOT
IDENTICAL FINGERPRINTS ALFRED JOSEPH KAMINSKI, ARMY SERVICE NUMBER
THREE TWO ZERO SIX THREE NINE EIGHT TWO, FBI NUMBER FOUR EIGHT ONE
FOUR TWO NINE E; TOMMIE ROBERT HENDERSON, FBI NUMBER SEVEN ONE
NINE THREE TWO ZERO C; THEODORE J. ADANK, FBI NUMBER THREE EIGHT
SEVEN ONE ZERO EIGHT ZERO; ALLAN PAUL ADANK, FBI NUMBER EIGHT NINE
ZERO ZERO ZERO NINE D; OR ROBERT THOMAS LANHAM, JR. FBI NUMBER SEVEN
SIX ONE SIX ONE FIVE E. NO PALM PRINTS AVAILABLE FOR THESE
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TO DIRECTOR, BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS AND CLEVELAND
FROM CHARLOTTE (44-1365)

MURKIN

RE CLEVELAND TELETYPE APRIL NINE INSTANT.

TOM HICKS, CREDIT DEPARTMENT, HUMBLE OIL AND REFINING
COMPANY, CHARLOTTE, ADVISED SUSPECT GALT HAS NEVER BEEN
ISSUED A HUMBLE CREDIT CARD.

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TO DIRECTOR, BIRMINGHAM, CHARLOTTE AND MEMPHIS
FROM CLEVELAND (44-565) 2P
MURKIN

RE BIRMINGHAM TEL, APRIL NINE INSTANT.

JOSEPH PERRAULT, CREDIT AUDITOR, CREDIT CARD CENTER,
STANDARD OIL COMPANY OF OHIO, CLEVELAND, ADVISED SUSPECT GALT
HAS NEVER BEEN ISSUED A SOHIO CREDIT CARD, FLEETWING CREDIT
CARD OR BORON CREDIT CARD. PERRAULT NOTED BASED ON GALT'S
ADDRESS, AND IF HE IS A USER OF STANDARD OIL COMPANY PRODUCTS,
HE MIGHT POSSIBLY HOLD A HUMBLE OIL CO. CREDIT CARD. HE SAID
THIS COULD BE CHECKED BY CONTACTING HUMBLE OIL CO., SOUTHEAST
ESSO REGION, CHARLOTTE, N.C., TELEPHONE NO. FIVE TWO THREE DASH
TWO TWO ONE ONE.

FOR THE INFO OF CHARLOTTE, ERIC STARVO GALT, TWO SIX ZERO
EIGHT HIGHLAND AVE. SOUTH, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, DEVELOPED AS
POSSIBLE SUSPECT THIS CASE. GALT, WM, BORN

OWNER OF SIXTYSIX MUSTANG, SIXTYSEVEN ALABAMA LICENSE

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ONE A EIGHT EIGHT THREE FIVE FOUR, SIXTYEIGHT ALABAMA
REGISTRATION ONE DASH THREE EIGHT NINE NINE THREE.

RECEIVING OFFICES WERE REQUESTED TO IMMEDIATELY CONTACT
CREDIT CARD OFFICES TO DETERMINE WHETHER GALT HAS STANDARD OIL
CREDIT CARD AND IF SO DETERMINE PURCHASES MADE BY HIM FROM
MARCH ONE LAST TO DATE.

CHARLOTTE REQUESTED TO HANDLE ABOVE LEAD AT HUMBLE OIL
CO. AND SUTEL PERTINENT OFFICES RESULTS.
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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND TAMPA
FROM: CLEVELAND (44-565)

MURKIN

RE TAMPA TEL TO BUREAU, APRIL EIGHT, SIXTYEIGHT.

THOMAS THOROMAN, ROUTE TWO, SPENCERVILLE, OHIO, IS PAINTER AND PAPERHANGER WHO LEFT NOV., NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN, TO WORK IN FLORIDA. ADDRESS IN FLA. IS ROUTE ONE, BOX THIRTYTWO A, CLERMONT. INQUIRY, POST OFFICE AND WITH NEIGHBORS, REFLECTS THOROMAN EXPECTED TO RETURN ANY DAY FROM FLA., EXACT DATE NOT KNOWN. NEIGHBORS DESCRIBE THOROMAN AS WM, FORTYFIVE TO FIFTYFIVE YEARS, FIVE FT. TEN INS. TO SIX FT., ONE FIFTY TO ONE SIXTY LBS., BROWN HAIR GETTING GRAY. HE IS A SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST OR MENNONITE. HE TRAVELS WITH WIFE VIOLET AND CHILDREN IN HIS STATIONWAGON. THEY KNOW OF NOTHING DEROGATORY.

TAMPA, AT CLERMONT, FLA. IMMEDIATELY CHECK ROUTE ONE, BOX THIRTYTWO A, RE THOROMAN AND CONTINUE INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE HIS WHEREABOUTS DURING PERTINENT PERIOD. AIR MAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS. INFO IN REFERENCED TAMPA TEL BEING FURNISHED TO MEMPHIS.

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TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, CHICAGO, CLEVELAND, DENVER, LOS ANGELES
SAN FRANCISCO, SEATTLE, AND LOUISVILLE
FROM BIRMINGHAM 44-1740

MURKIN.

ERIC STARVO GALT, TWO SIX ZERO EIGHT HIGHLAND AVENUE SOUTH,
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, DEVELOPED AS POSSIBLE SUSPECT THIS CASE.

GALT WHITE MALE, DOB OWNER OF NINETEEN
SIXTYSIX MUSTANG, NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN ALABAMA LICENSE ONE A EIGHT
EIGHT THREE FIVE FOUR, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT ALABAMA REGISTRATION
ONE DASH THREE EIGHT NINE NINE THREE.

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RECEIVING OFFICES IMMEDIATELY CONTACT CREDIT CARD OFFICES
TO DETERMINE WHETHER GALT HAS A STANDARD OIL COMPANY CREDIT CARD
AND, IF SO, DETERMINE PURCHASES MADE BY HIM FROM MARCH ONE,
NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT, TO DATE. ADDRESSES LISTED BELOW:

CHICAGO. STANDARD OIL DIVISION OF AMERICAN OIL COMPANY,
CENTRAL CREDIT CARD OFFICE, ONE SIX FIVE NORTH CANAL STREET,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

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CLEVELAND. STANDARD OIL COMPANY OF OHIO, MIDLAND BUILDING,
CLEVELAND, OHIO.

DENVER. CHEVRON SERVICES, POST OFFICE BOX FIVE NINE NINE,
DENVER, COLORADO.

LOS ANGELES. STANDARD OIL COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA, POST
OFFICE BOX SEVEN FIVE NINE THREE, SANFORD STATION, LOS ANGELES,
CALIFORNIA.

SAN FRANCISCO. STANDARD OIL COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA,
WESTERN OPERATIONS CORPORATION, POST OFFICE BOX THREE FIVE SIX
FIVE, RINCON ANNEX, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA.

SEATTLE. STANDARD OIL COMPANY, POST OFFICE BOX TWO TWO
ZERO, SEATTLE, WASHINGTON.

LOUISVILLE. STANDARD OIL COMPANY OF KENTUCKY, E.P. CENTER,
POST OFFICE BOX EIGHTEEN SIX ZERO, LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY.
INDIVIDUAL TO CONTACT IS MR. F. D. GLAZE. GLAZE SHOULD BE
REQUESTED TO CONTACT FOUR DIVISIONS UNDER HIS JURISDICTION,
ATLANTA, JACKSON, LOUISVILLE, AND JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA.
LOUISVILLE LEAD TELEPHONICALLY FURNISHED DUE TO GEOGRAPHICAL AREA
COVERED.

ALL OFFICES IMMEDIATELY SUTEL.

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)
FROM: CLEVELAND (44-565)
MURKIN

RE WASHINGTON FIELD TEL TO THE BUREAU, APRIL NINE, SIXTYEIGHT,
CONCERNING ONE ED MEARS, MADONNA, OHIO.

THE ONLY CITY WITHIN CLEVELAND TERRITORY HAVING ANY
SIMILARITY TO MADONNA, OHIO, IS MEDINA, OHIO.

ON APRIL NINE, SIXTYEIGHT, COP HOMER DAVIS (NA), MEDINA,
OHIO, PD, ADVISED THAT EDWARD MEARS, GRANGER LAKE, MEDINA
COUNTY, OHIO, IS SON OF MILLIONAIRE AMOS MEARS, FORMERLY OF
MEDINA, NOW RESIDING FORT LAUDERDALE, FLA. EDWARD MEARS IS
NATIVE OF MEDINA COUNTY AND EXTREMELY WEALTHY. MEARS IS IN
THE REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT BUSINESS AND IS CURRENTLY DEVELOPER
OF GRANGER LAKE APARTMENTS, AN EXCLUSIVE APARTMENT PROJECT.
APPROXIMATELY TEN YEARS AGO, EDWARD MEARS RETURNED TO MEDINA
FROM FLA. AND COMMENCED A DEVELOPMENT CALLED RUSTIC HILLS
LOCATED ON EAST SIDE OF MEDINA. THIS TOO IS EXCLUSIVE
RESIDENTIAL AREA. CHIEF DAVIS STATED MEARS HAS NEVER BEEN
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1 - WASHINGTON FIELD

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CONSIDERED ANTI-NEGRO; IN FACT, HE HAS MANY NEGROES IN HIS EMPLOYMENT AT HIS REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT. TO CHIEF DAVIS' KNOWLEDGE, MEARS HAS NEVER HAD ANY TROUBLE WITH ANY OF HIS EMPLOYEES. MEARS IS ALSO OWNER MANAGER OF NEGRO HEAVYWEIGHT BOXING CONTENDER AMOS JOHNSON OF MEDINA. MEARS HAS FINANCED JOHNSON'S CAREER AND TRAVELED EXTENSIVELY WITH JOHNSON WHILE MEETING OTHER BOXERS. MEARS HAS NO KNOWN ARREST RECORD AND IS CONSIDERED EXTREMELY REPUTABLE.

ALSO CONTACTED CONCERNING THIS MATTER WERE SHERIFF NORM STUART AND CHIEF DEPUTY SHERIFF ART NAFTZGER, BOTH OF MEDINA COUNTY SO, AND THEY TOO DESCRIBED MEARS AS BEING OF VERY GOOD REPUTATION AND OUTSTANDING CITIZEN.

MEARS DESCRIBED AS WM, FORTYFIVE YEARS, FIVE FT. TWO INS. TO FIVE FT. FOUR INS., ONE SEVENTY TO ONE NINETY LBS., STOCKY BUILD.

EDWARD MEARS DESCRIBED ABOVE IS THE ONLY EDWARD MEARS LOCATED IN MEDINA, OHIO, AS A RESULT OF CREDIT AND TELEPHONE AND CITY DIRECTORY CHECKS.

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BASED ON ABOVE COMMENTS BY CHIEF DAVIS, SHERIFF STUART
AND CHIEF DEPUTY SHERIFF NAFTZGER, CLEVELAND IS TAKING NO
FURTHER ACTION, UACB.

AIR MAIL COPIES TO MEMPHIS, CINCINNATI, WASHINGTON FIELD.
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TO DETROIT (44-989)
FROM CLEVELAND (44-565) 1P

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RE URTEL THIS DATE.

CHARLES JONES TWO NINE ONE FIVE CHAUCER DR. NORTH CANTON, OHIO
A NEIGHBOR OF JACK CODY ADVISED THAT ENTIRE CODY FAMILY IN
CHICAGO, ILL. AT WIFES RELATIVES, WHEREABOUTS NOT KNOWN AND ARE
NOT DUE TO RETURN TO NORTH CANTON UNTIL FOUR FIFTEEN SIXTYEIGHT.
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TO: DIRECTOR AND SAC MEMPHIS AND CLEVELAND

FROM: DETROIT (44-989)

MURKIN

REBUTEL ALL DIVISIONS THIS DATE.

MILTON STRAUSS, PRESIDENT, MACHINIX EQUIPMENT COMPANY,
DETROIT, MICHIGAN, DISTRIBUTOR THERMO SEAL MARKING MACHINE
ADVISED HE TOOK OVER DISTRIBUTORSHIP ABOUT A YEAR AGO AND HAS SOLD
APPROXIMATELY SIX MACHINES. STRAUSS CURRENTLY CHECKING IDENTITY
OF CUSTOMERS. STRAUSS STATES ~~JACK CODY TWO NINE TWO NINE~~ CHAUCHER
DRIVE N. CANTON, OHIO, PHONE FOUR NINE TWO DASH SIX FOUR NINE
SEVEN IS CURRENT MANUFACTURERS REPRESENTATIVE FOR TEXTILE MARKING
MACHINE CO., SYRACUSE, NEW YORK, WHO COVERS STATE OF MICHIGAN.

CLEVELAND AT N. CANTON, CONTACT CODY FOR IDENTITY OF CUSTOMERS
TO WHOM HE SOLD THERMO SEAL MARKING MACHINE AND SUTEL RESULTS.

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 FROM: CLEVELAND (44-565)
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RE KNOXVILLE TEL TO CLEVELAND, APRIL EIGHT, SIXTYEIGHT (IO).
 HERTZ CORP. RENTAL RECORDS, KNOXVILLE, REFLECT LIGHT GREEN
 SIXTYEIGHT MUSTANG RENTED BY C. H. MC CORMACK, THREE FIVE ZERO
 SIX, WEST ONE FOUR FIVE ST., CLEVELAND, OHIO.

EUGENE H. MC CORMICK, INTERVIEWED THIS DATE, AND ADVISED
 HE WAS IN MEMPHIS, TENN., ON APRIL FOUR, SIXTYEIGHT. HE STATED
 HE STAYED AT HOLIDAY INN IN DOWNTOWN MEMPHIS ON THIRD STREET.
 HE ADVISED HE WAS EATING IN DINING ROOM OF HOLIDAY INN AROUND
 SIX OR SIX THIRTY PM, APRIL FOUR, SIXTYEIGHT, AND DURING COURSE
 OF HIS MEAL HE RECALLS HEARING THE ONLY NEGRO WAITRESS WORKING
 THERE SAY, "LOOK AT THAT MAN RUNNING." HE ADVISED SHE MADE
 THIS STATEMENT TWICE, AND BELIEVES SHE SAID IT TO THE HOSTESS.
 MC CORMICK ADVISED HE NEVER LOOKED UP AND IS UNAWARE AS TO WHAT
 SHE WAS REFERRING TO.

MC CORMICK GAVE COMPLETE ITINERARY OF TIME HE LEFT
 CLEVELAND ON APRIL ONE, SIXTYEIGHT, UNTIL HIS RETURN ON APRIL
 FIVE, SIXTYEIGHT. CLEVELAND WILL FURNISH PHOTO OF MC CORMICK
 TO MEMPHIS BY SEPARATE COMMUNICATION FOR ELIMINATION.

AIR MAIL COPY TO BIRMINGHAM. DIR 7:40.

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TO DIRECTOR ATTENTION IDENTIFICATION DIVISION, LATENT
FINGERPRINT SECTION (44-38861)
FROM CLEVELAND (44-565)
MURKIN

ON APRIL EIGHT AGNES DELL ANGELO, CLEVELAND, ADVISED HER ROOM
MATE IS GOING WITH ONE DONALD K. MILLER, GOLF PRO AT OAKWOOD COUNTRY
CLUB, CLEVELAND, WHO GENERALLY FITS DESCRIPTION OF UNSUB, RESEMBLES
ARTISTS CONCEPTION WHICH APPEARED IN LOCAL NEWSPAPER, AND DRIVES WHITE
MUSTANG.

MILLER INTERVIEWED THIS DATE AND ADVISED HE RETURNED TO AKRON,
OHIO AT APPROXIMATELY FIVE PM, APRIL FOUR LAST FROM MIAMI, FLA. WHERE
HE APENT THE WINTER. HE DEPARTED MIAMI ON MORNING OF APRIL TWO
LAST IN HIS SIXTYSIX WHITE MUSTANG BEARING SIXTYSEVEN OHIO REGISTRA-
TION C ONE THREE EIGHT EIGHT Y AND FOLLOWED ROUTE WHICH TOOK HIM
THROUGH ATLANTA AND MARIETTA, GA., KNOXVILLE, TENN., LEXINGTON,
KY., CINCINNATI, OHIO AND ON TO AKRON. DENIES BEING IN MEMPHIS
APRIL FOUR LAST.

DONALD K. MILLER DESCRIBED, WM DOB AKRON, OHIO, SIX FEET ONE INCHES, ONE SEVENTY LBS.,END PAGE ONE
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SLENDER BUILD, BLOND HAIR, EXTREMELY PALE BLUE EYES, RUDDY COMPLEXION,
NO EISIBLE SCARS OR MARKS. HE SERVED IN U.S. COAST GUARD FROM
NOVEMBER NINETEEN SIXTY TO MAY NINETEEN SIXTYONE UNDER SERIAL NUMBER
TWO ZERO FIVE TWO DASH FOUR FOUR ONE.

LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION REQUESTED TO COMPARE COAST GUARD PRINTS
OF MILLER WITH LATENTS OBTAINED IN CAPTIONED MATTER.

AIR MAIL COPIES TO MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861), ATTENTION IDENTIFICATION DIVISION,
LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION.

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (44-565)

MURKIN.

RE CLEVELAND TEL TO BUREAU FOUR SIX SIXTYEIGHT.

JOSEPH A. SVESTKA, ONE ZERO SIX SIX ZERO CARNEGIE AVE., CLEVELAND,
OHIO, GRADUATE HOUSE IDENTIFIED AS DRIVER OF NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN OPEL
AND IS A GRADUATE STUDENT AT CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY, CLEVELAND,
OHIO.

SVESTKA ADVISED HE WAS FORMERLY EMPLOYED PHILCO CORPORATION RED-
STONE ARSENAL, NASA, MARSHALL SPACE FLIGHT CENTER , NARTHROP SPACE
LABORATORY. ALL AT HUNTSVILLE ALABAMA.

SVESTKA STATED THAT ON THREE DASH TWENTYNINE DASH THIRTY DASH
SIXTYEIGHT HE WAS IN BLISSFIELD, MICHIGAN, AND FROM FOUR DASH ONE
DASH FIVE DASH SIXTYEIGHT WAS IN HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA AT RESIDENCE
OF RICHARD M. WYSKIDA, TWO ZERO ZERO SPRING VALLEY COURT, HUNTSVILLE,
ALABAMA.

SVESTKA DESCRIBED AS W/M, DOB [REDACTED] DETR- PII
OIT, MICHIGAN, FIVE FT. NINE IN., ONE FOUR ZERO LBS., GREEN EYES LIGHT
BROWN HAIR, RECEEDING HAIRLINE OVER TEMPLES, MEDIUM BUILD,
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SVESTKA ADVISED HE HAS BEEN FINGERPRINTED AT LEAST TWICE FOR CLEARANCE ONCE BY THIRD ARMY.

LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION REQUESTED TO LOCATE PRINTS OF SVESTKA AND COMPARE WITH LATENTS IN CAPTIONED CASE.

AIRMAIL COPIES TO MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : FILE

DATE: 4-9-68

FROM : SAC CHARLES G. CUSICK

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At 6:15 P.M., 4/8/68, SA A. JAMES ANDERSON, JR. telephonically advised that the Mansfield Police Department had detained one ALFRED JOSEPH KAMINSKI, white, male, dob [redacted] Bayonne, New Jersey. According to ANDERSON, KAMINSKI fits the artist's conception, which has been publicized in the various press media in the Mansfield area.

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He indicated that he interviewed KAMINSKI, and KAMINSKI volunteered that he had been contacted by police on April 5, 1968 at Marion, Indiana concerning the assassination of KING. KAMINSKI related that on 4/4/68 he stayed at a mission in Muncie, Indiana; and on 3/29/68 at the Salvation Army in Springfield, Illinois. KAMINSKI indicated he was not involved in the captioned matter, and was cleared by police in Marion, Indiana.

KAMINSKI is described as follows:

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| Race: | White |
| Sex: | Male |
| DOB: | [redacted] |
| | Bayonne, New Jersey |
| Weight: | 145 |
| Height: | 5'8 |
| Hair: | Brown, straight receding at temples |
| Characteristics: | Sharp nose, upper front teeth missing, heavily sun-tanned |

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KAMINSKI mentioned he was hitch-hiking from Texas to visit with a relative in Bayonne, New Jersey.

At 6:30 P.M., Supervisor WILLIAM TELLER, Indianapolis office, was contacted and requested to attempt to verify KAMINSKI's stay in a mission in Muncie, Indiana on April 4th.

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ASAC DONALD SULLIVAN, Springfield, was telephonically contacted at 6:35 P.M. and requested to verify whether or not KAMINSKI did, in fact, stay at the Salvation Army in Springfield, Illinois, on 3/29/68.

Communications were received from the above offices indicating that KAMINSKI was in Muncie and in Springfield on the dates indicated.

In addition, the Identification Division advised that he is identical with ASN 32063982. They also advised that his fingerprints are not identical with any of the latent prints developed in captioned matter.

The above is for information.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : FILE

DATE: 4-9-68

FROM : SAC CHARLES G. CUSICK

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Mr. Hollingsworth of the Detroit office called at 5:00 P.M., 4/9/68 and advised as follows:

MILTON STRAUSS, President, Machinix Equipment Co., Detroit, Michigan, advised manufacturer's representative for the Textile Marking Machine Company, Syracuse, New York, distributing the Thermoseal Marking Machine, is JACK CODY, 2929 Chaucer Drive, North Canton, Ohio, telephone Area Code 216 - 492-6497. He is the manufacturer's representative covering the State of Michigan.

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At North Canton, Ohio

Contact JACK CODY, 2929 Chaucer Drive, and determine customers he has in the State of Michigan for that particular unit.

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Letter Ed W. Dunning
CR - letter address
that Albany is from
a list of names in the
that have Thermoseal
equip. above furnished to
Hollingsworth, DE Note
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*also must
turn
In ch. at info. present
unit return until 4/11
working in area
in last territory*

*also from
2915 Chaucer
Machinix address*

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RECORDS OF BCII, LONDON, OHIO, CONTAIN RECORDS FOR FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS WITH LAST NAME PHONETICLY SAME AS HARVEY LOWMEYER. THESE INDIVIDUALS ARE:

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TO ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 2P

MURKIN

AMONG ARTICLES RECOVERED AT SCENE OF SHOOTING, APPARENTLY ABANDONED BY UNSUB, WERE A PAIR OF BROWNISH CHECKERED PRINT UNDERSHORTS AND WHITE JOCKEY TEE SHIRT BEARING CLOTH LAUNDRY TAGS. THESE TAGS WERE MADE BY A THERMO SEAL MARKING MACHINE MANUFACTURED BY THE TEXTILE MARKING MACHINE COMPANY, SYRACUSE, NEW YORK. THESE TAGS ARE ONE QUARTER INCH WIDE AND ONE AND ONE SIXTEENTH INCH LONG, RED IN COLOR AND BEAR MARKING WHICH APPEARS TO BE "O TWO B DASH SIX" OR "D TWO B DASH SIX." ONLY A PORTION OF THE FIRST CHARACTER IS PRESENT ON EACH TAG, AND THIS CHARACTER IS CUT ON A SLIGHT BIAS. NO OTHER VISIBLE LAUNDRY MARKS WERE FOUND ON EITHER GARMENT.

IMMEDIATE CHECKS OF LOGICAL LAUNDRIES SUGGESTED BY TEXTILE MARKING COMPANY HAVE TO DATE BEEN UNPRODUCTIVE.

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UPON RECEIPT, ALL OFFICES SHOULD IMMEDIATELY TELEPHONICALLY
CONTACT ALL LAUNDRIES IN YOUR DIVISIONS TO IDENTIFY
LAUNDRY USING THIS CODE AND THESE TAGS AND PURSUE LOGICAL
LEADS DEVELOPED.

IF PERTINENT LAUNDRY IDENTIFIED, IMMEDIATELY ADVISE
BUREAU TELEPHONICALLY.

THIS MUST BE GIVEN TOP PRIORITY HANDLING TO INSURE
THAT THESE CHECKS ARE IMMEDIATELY RUN OUT.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD ANYONE BE TOLD THIS
INVESTIGATION IS IN CONNECTION WITH CAPTIONED MATTER.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-565)

FROM : GARY D. SHINN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4-9-68

This date at 7:25 PM William Dubiel 151 Earl ave. North Madison, Ohio phone 428-2549 telephonically contacted the CV office and advised while at work ~~XXXX~~ Molded Fiberglass Ann ave., Ashtabula, Ohio this date at approximately 1:15 PM a man aproached him in the back of the shop and stated he just arrived here after a long freight train ride and ask Dubiel where he is as he did not know the name of the city. He also asked Dubiel the direction of the city area and he was given direction of Ashtabula, Ohio.

Dubiel stated this man generally fit the description of the picture he saw on TV. Caller further stated this person was wearing a fraternity jacket with insignia of Sigma Tau Nu, middle aged, sandy hair, fair complection, 5'8" to 6', and believes this man was to well dressed and did not appear to be the type to be hopping trains.

The man was last seen heading for Ashtabula.

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TO DIRECTOR CLEVELAND CINCINNATI
FROM WASHINGTON FIELD (44-703) 1P

Joseph E. Venier

MURKIN

AT ONE THIRTEEN P. M. TODAY, BUREAU TELEPHONE OPERATOR
JOYCE ANNE SHARP RECEIVED AN ANONYMOUS CALL FROM A MALE VOICE.
HE STATED HE DID NOT WANT TO GET INVOLVED BUT THAT HE HAD SOME
INFORMATION. HE SAID HE HAD INSIDE INFORMATION ON THE ASSASSIN-
ATION OF KING. IT STARTED WITH A GROUP OF MEN IN OHIO. THEY
GAVE THIS MAN VENIERS (PH) SOME MONEY TO GET THE JOB DONE. MISS
SHARP TRIED TO REFER THE UNKNOWN MAN TO AN AGENT AND HE REPLIED,
"THE NAME WAS VENIERS" AND HUNG UP. MISS SHARP SAID THE VOICE
SOUNDED LIKE THAT OF A MIDDLE-AGED WHITE MAN.

CLEVELAND AND CINCINNATI CHECK INDICES.

MEMPHIS ADVISED BY AIRMAIL. P.

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TO CLEVELAND 44-565 MEMPHIS 44-1987

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 1P

MURKIN.

RE CLEVELAND TELS APRIL NINE LAST.

REMAINING LATENT FINGERPRINTS THIS CASE NOT IDENTICAL

FINGERPRINTS OF ~~DONALD K. MILLER~~, BORN [REDACTED]

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AKRON, OHIO, US COAST GUARD NUMBER TWO ZERO FIVE TWO DASH FOUR FOUR

ONE OR ~~JOSEPH A. SVESTKA~~, BORN [REDACTED]

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DETROIT, MICHIGAN. PALM PRINTS NOT AVAILABLE FOR EITHER INDIVIDUAL.

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TO ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES
FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 1P

MURKIN OO: MEMPHIS.

RE: SUSPECT ERIC STARVO GALT

IMMEDIATELY CHECK YOUR INDICIES, ALL STATE SELECTIVE

SERVICE HEADQUARTERS, CITY AND TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES,
DRIVERS LICENSE BUREAUS, MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISIONS, FINANCIAL
INSTITUTIONS, CONDUCT CREDIT AND CRIMINAL CHECK AND
CONTACT OTHER LOGICAL SOURCES TO OBTAIN ANY INFORMATION
WHATSOEVER RE SUSPECT GALT. DRIVERS LICENSE ISSUED IN
ALABAMA DESCRIBES GALT AS WHITE MALE, BORN [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-
FIVE POUNDS, BLUE EYES, BROWN HAIR.

THIS MUST BE GIVEN TOP PRIORITY AND ALL LEADS MUST BE
COVERED BY TELETYPE TO THOROUGHLY RESOLVE. NO INDICATION
TO BE GIVEN THAT THIS LEAD IS IN CONJUNCTION WITH MURKIN CASE.
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