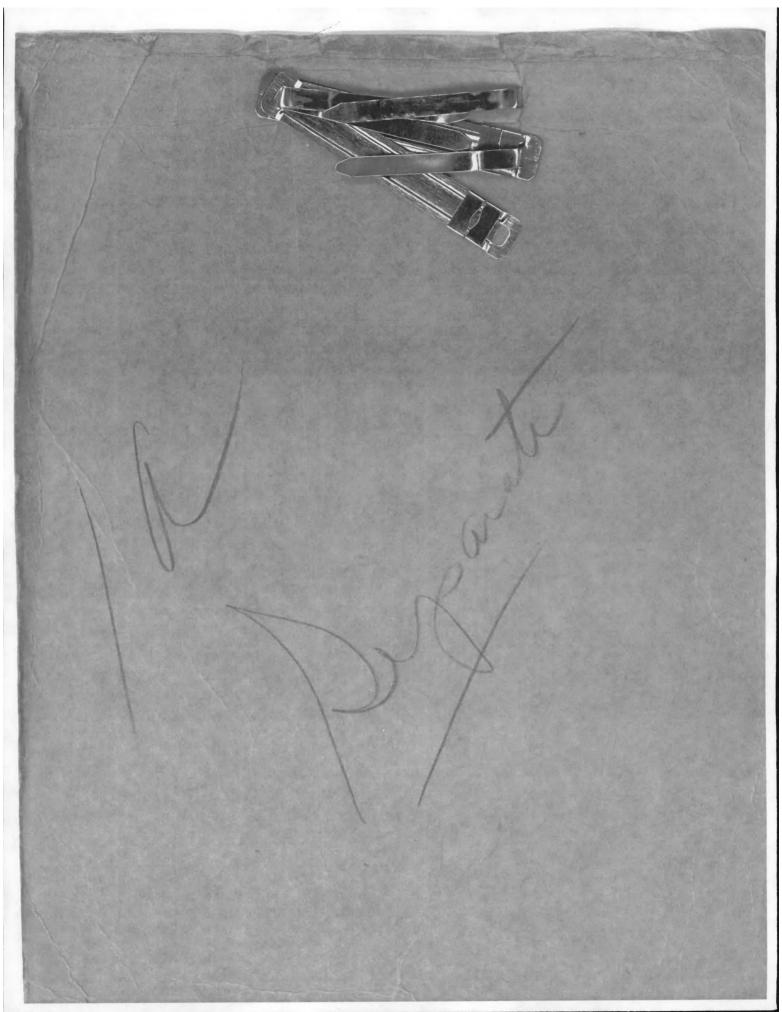
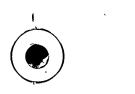


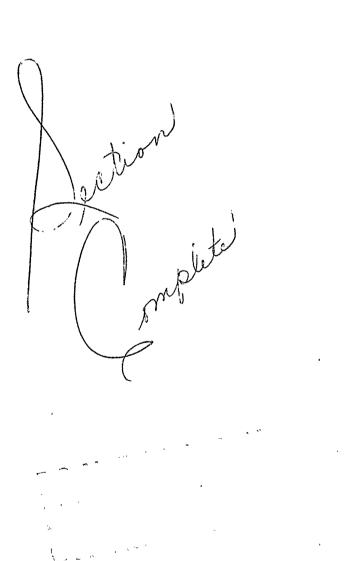
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745AM IMMEDIATE 4-5-68 DGB

TO DIRECTOR AND HOUSTON, KANSAS CITY AND SAN FRANCISCO

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1897)

UNSUB, AKA JOHN WILLARD; MARTIM LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM, CR. 00 MEMPHIS.

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TO ALL SACS

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AS RESULT OF THE ASSASSINATION OF KING, IMMEDIATELY ALERT

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TO

SAC, HOUSTON (44-NEW)

DATE: 4/5/68

FROM

IC VICTOR B. ROGERS

SUBJECT:

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

CIVIL RIGHTS

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FROM KANSAS CITY 44-760 1P

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TO DIRECTOR, HOUSTON, KANSAS CITY & MEMPHIS (44-1897)

FROM SAN. FRANCISCO (173-65) 2P (P)

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## Memorandum

TO :

FILE (44-1509)

DATE: 4/5/68

FROM:

SAC WESLEY T. WHALEY

SUBJECT:

UNSUB, aka,

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. -

VICTIM

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(00: Memphis)

In view of Memphis' tel today and results of our investigation thus far, I called ASAC HALTER 3:30 PM and asked if they had any more identifying data on the murderer. HALTER advised that the gun used in the shoting was purchased at the Wimberly Thomas Hardware, 1809 First Avenue South Birmingham, 3/30/68, (Remington with scope). Name used was HARVEY LOWMEYER (believed fictitious). Approximately two hours before the shooting person believed identical with LOWMEYER purchased binoculars at 162 South Main in Memphis (no name). These binoculars and gun recovered at 422½ South Main, believed to be the place where shots were fired from.

Person making purchases and believed murderer described as: WMA, 26 - 32, 5' 11", 160-175#, medium build, dark hair combed straight back, did not wear hat or glasses, neat appearance, wore dark coat and trousers.

In view of the above and since all investigation negative, it is imperative that we determine if <u>W. DAYIS</u> and <u>B. CHIDLAW</u> remained in Houston upon their arrival this AM. Accordingly, SA SCHOONOVER is running down hostesses and other background on crew members so they can be interviewed about possible descriptions of these two and any other pertinent information.

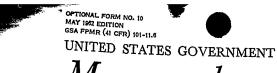
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FROM : SA G.C. SCHOONOVER, JR.

SUBJECT: UNSUB, aka,

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(00: Memphis)

Re SAC memo 4/5/68 (serial 7)

It was determined from Miss SMITH, Delta Airlines, Houston 4/5/68, that Miss SUSAN KWAUSE residence telephone number 643-2571, and Miss VICKIP McLUCAS residence telephone number 645-7267, were the two Stewardesses aboard Delta flight # 157, from Memphis, Tenn. to Houston, Texas which arrived at Houston 2:50 a.m. 4/5/68/

Miss KRAUSE was contacted 4/5/68, and questioned about passengers W. DAVIS and B. CHIDLAW who came aboard Flight 157 at Memphis. She stated that this flight was late in arriving at Memphis and had gone to Operations to pick up some forms and upon her return she went about her normal business. According to KRAUSE, the names of passengers coming aboard the airplane are not taken and the only thing she looks for is the envelope of the passenger that contains the ticket showing the passengers class of travel. As it was a late hour when this flight left Memphis, the lights inside the cabin were turned down for the convenience of other sleeping passengers and KRAUSE was not able to get a close look at anyone and could not make a definite statement that she could recall the passengers, W. DAVIS and B. CHIDLAW. She is to leave Houston at 10:50 p.m. on Friday 4 /5/68, flight 50 for Shreveport and Memphis.

Efforts were made to contact VICKIE McLUCAS at her residence telephone and she would not be in until about 7 p.m. McLUCAS has flight to New York on Delta Airlines night of 4/5/68.

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НО 44-1509

On the evening of 4/5/68, VICKIE McLUCAS, telephonically advised that she is a stewardess for Delta Airlines and was aboard Delta Flight #157, when it departed Detroit and later arrived Memphis, Tenn. She states that with her on this flight was SUSAN KRAUSE and did notice the flight arrived in Memphis afew minutes late. Early during the evening she did hear about the death of Dr. KING. While the plane was at the Memphis airport several passengers came aboard and the lights were turned down low for the convenience of the other passengers and she did not pay too much attention to the passengers coming aboard at Memphis. She did recall that a Negro male got on at Memphis who was a representative of Budweiser beer and got off at Houston. She believes his first name was ERIC and thought that he was to attend a convention or meeting in the Houston area.

As to passengers W. DAVIS and B. CHIDLAW who came aboard flight #157 at Memp'is, McLUCAS states that she does not recall these two as other passengers did board the plane at Memphis.

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333PM URGENT 4-7-68 SAA

TO ALL CONTINENTAL SACS
FROM DIRECTOR 1P

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TO ALL SACS

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987) 2P

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FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987) 2P

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## Memorandum

\*\* SRAs, Beaumont, Galveston, Corpus Christi, DATE: 4/9/68

Bryan (College Station)

FROM : SA James S. Weir

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Your attention is directed to the attached teletype which is self-explanitory. The need for speed and accuracy in this investigations is obvious. Each SRA is accountable for all logical checks in his territory.

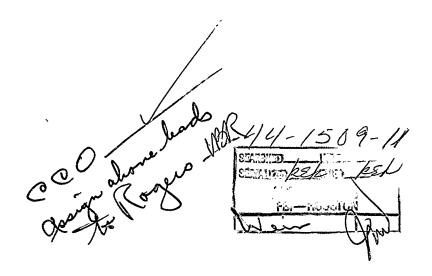
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Harvey Lowmeyer (Lowmyer)

- 2. City and Telephone directories
- 3. Voter Registration .
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830PM URGENT 4/8/68 GJM
TO ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES
FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 2P

MURKIN

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 UING THE NAME HARVEY LOWMEYER OR LOWMYER.

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IN VIEW OF THE UNUSUAL NATURE OF THE NAMES LOWMEYER

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## Memorandum

TO

FILE (44-1509)

DATE: 4/5/68

FROM:

SAC WESLEY T. WHALEY

SUBJECT:

UNSUB, aka, John Willard;

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. -

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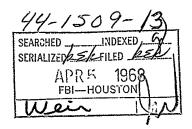
(00: Memphis)

At 8:54 AM today CLARENCE VERNON JOHN PRACOCK, aged 61, World War II veteran, called and wanted to go on record that he had telephoned the White House last night and this morning urging the President to lower all flags to half mast. Although PEACOCK is a white man, he thinks the shooting was deployable and also recommended that a fund should be started for a memorial to KING.

His address is 5405 Lawndale.

I told PEACOCK this would be made a matter of record.

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TO : SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)

DATE: 4/8/68

FROM : SA WILLIAM G. MORRISSEY

SUBJECT: MURKIN; CR

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(00: Memphis)

On 4/5/68, DAVID MAC DONALD, Ticket Supervisor, National Airlines, Houston, advised that National Airlines and American Airlines were the only carriers flying a direct route from Houston to San Francisco. Mr. MAC DONALD was furnished the names of the possible suspects and advised that none of these names appeared on the National Airlines, Houston to San Francisco passenger manifesto for 4/5/68.

On 4/5/68, JOSEPH CUTLIP, Reservations Salesman, American Airlines, Houston, was furnished the names of the possible suspects and advised that none of these names appeared on the American Airlines, Houston to SanFrancisco or Dallas to San Francisco passenger manifesto for 4/5/68.

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TELETYPE

TO: SACM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649)

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NACOGDOCHES, TEXAS, APRIL SEVEN, LAST. DRIVING SIXTY-FIVE
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FIVE SIX SIX FOUR FIVE. STATED WORKING FOR WAR ON POVERTY AND
ENROUTE MEMPHIS TO HOUSTON. ARRESTING OFFICER HAD NO INFORMATION CONNECTING STAMM WITH MURKIN, BUT REPORTED SAME TO
FBI.

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TODAY, TOM MULVANEY, CITY DESK, HOUSTON CHRONICLE, DAILY NEWSPAPER, HOUSTON, TEX. TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED THAT HE HAD RECEIVED AN ANONYMOUS CALL THIS DATE INDICATING THAT THE "MAFIA" IS SUFFERING A TREMENDOUS LOSS OF PROPERTY AS A RESULT OF THE RIOTS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY IN THE NEGRO COMMUNITY. THE ANONYMOUS CALLER ALSO INDICATED THAT THE "MAFIA" WAS BEHIND THE ASSASSINATION OF KING AND MORE SUCH VIOLENCE WOULD BE FORTHCOMING. THE CALLER FURTHER STATED THAT THE "MAFIA" WILL NOT TOLERATE MUCH MORE OF THE RIOTOUS TYPE ACTIVITY IN THE COUNTRY AND INDICATED THAT RETALIATORY STEPS WOULD SOON BE UNDERTAKEN.

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