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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; MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM,
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DATE: 4/5/68

FROM : IC VICTOR B. ROGERS

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
CIVIL RIGHTS

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Memorandum

TO : FILE (44-1509)

FROM : SAC WESLEY T. WHALEY

SUBJECT: UNSUB, aka,
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. -
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(OO: Memphis)

DATE: 4/5/68

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 shooting 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 W. DAVIS and B. CHIDLAW 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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TO : SAC, (44-1509)

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FROM : SA G.C. SCHOONOVER, JR.

SUBJECT: UNSUB, aka,
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(OO: Memphis)

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

It was determined from Miss SMITH, Delta Airlines, Houston 4/5/68, that Miss SUSAN KRAUSE residence telephone number 643-2571, and Miss VICKIE 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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As to passengers W. DAVIS and B. CHIDLAW who came aboard flight #157 at Memphis, 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

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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333PM 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 ASSASSINA-
TION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., IN MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, ON
APRIL FOUR LAST.

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

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TO ALL SACS

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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
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THIS MAY ELIMINATE SUSPECT. IF THIS CANNOT BE DONE, EFFORTS
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BUREAU FOR ELIMINATION.

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AND MEMPHIS, IS AS FOLLOWS:

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

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W M A

26 - 40

5'8" - 11"

150 - 170

DK Br Hr, straight back

gr - blue eyes

Med Bld

Neat appearance

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : 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-explanatory. The need for speed and accuracy in this investigation is obvious. Each SRA is accountable for all logical checks in his territory.

Lead: At Houston

Conduct the following checks, expeditiously on name ^{Lowmeyer} Lowmyer and

1. Indices Harvey Lowmeyer (Lowmyer)
2. City and Telephone directories
3. Voter Registration
4. Credit and Criminal

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Assign phone lead
to Rogers

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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 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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Set out Lead for R/As

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CREDIT AND CRIMINAL RECORDS ON THE SURNAMES LOWMEYER
AND LOWMYER, IN VIEW OF THE UNUSUAL NATURE OF THE NAMES,
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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.

END

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AT Houston

Indices - done

city directories - done

Tel directories - done

drivers license - San Antonio

Auto registrations -

Voters registration - done

cred & crim - done

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : FILE (44-1509)

FROM : SAC WESLEY T. WHALEY

SUBJECT: UNSUB, aka,
John Willard;
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. -
VICTIM
CR
(OO: Memphis)

DATE: 4/5/68

At 8:54 AM today CLARENCE VERNON JOHN PEACOCK, 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 deplorable 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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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)

DATE: 4/8/68

FROM : SA WILLIAM G. MORRISSEY

SUBJECT: MURKIN; CR
CR
(OO: 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 CULLIP, 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 San Francisco or Dallas to San Francisco passenger manifesto for 4/5/68.

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Date: 4/9/68

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(Priority)

TO: MEMPHIS

FROM: HOUSTON (44-1509)

MURKIN, CR.

TODAY INSPECTOR M. C. SNELL, BEAUMONT, TEXAS, PD,
ADVISED ~~WILLIAM LEO BEIER~~, PD TWO THREE SIX FIVE FIVE, W/M
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BORN NINE FOUR THIRTYSEVEN, TUCSON, ARIZ., TATTOO DASH
QUOTE ELLA UNQUOTE ON LOWER RIGHT ARM, RESIDENCE ONE ZERO
ONE FOUR SPEEDWAY AVE., TUCSON, FPC TWO ONE SPACE M SPACE
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NIGHT FOR INVEST. BEIER HAD NO ID AND CLAIMED WAS EX-CON
FROM WASHINGTON STATE. PHOTOGRAPH AVAILABLE.

ADVISE IF PHOTOGRAPH NEEDED.

END.

1. Houston

JIM:jas
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wsiApproved: RK
Special Agent in ChargeSent 1:58 P MPer RL

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1258PM URGENT 4-9-68 JLN

TO MEMPHIS

FROM HOUSTON (44-1509)

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TO : SAC, ALBUQUERQUE
FROM : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
SUBJECT: MURKIN - CR

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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.

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In addition, all offices in receipt of this information should re-canvass any Criminal Informants, Security Informants, and Racial Informants for possible knowledge concerning assassination, with specific emphasis directed toward informants in known hate groups.

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Approved: RG Jensen
Special Agent in Charge

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TELETYPE

TO: SACM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649)

MURKIN

PERSON IDENTIFIED AS GENE M. STAMM, WHITE MALE, THIRTY-FIVE TO FORTY, FIVE FEET NINE INCHES TALL, ONE HUNDRED FORTY-FIVE POUNDS, DARK BROWN HAIR, STOPPED FOR SPEEDING IN NACOGDOCHES, TEXAS, APRIL SEVEN, LAST. DRIVING SIXTY-FIVE WHITE CHEVROLET, TENNESSEE LICENSE BP DASH ZERO SIX SIX THREE, SHELBY COUNTY. EXHIBITED TENNESSEE DRIVERS LICENSE ONE SIX 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.

MEMPHIS HANDLE.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)

MURKING

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 ^{INFERRED} ~~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.

MULVANEY INDICATED THAT HE INTENDED TO TAKE NO FURTHER ACTION RE THIS ANONYMOUS TELEPHONE CALL AS REGARDS HIS PAPER, HOWEVER, THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS BEING FURNISHED TO THE BUREAU FOR ITS INFORMATION.

DCS:SJM

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[initials]Approved: KK
Special Agent in ChargeSent 1210 P M Per AC

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