

FED BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

FEB 21 1968

TELETYPE

FBI WASH DC

FBI MIAMI

9:18PM EST 2-21-68 URGENT RGT

TO DIRECTOR

FROM MIAMI (157-NEW)

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Bishop	✓
Mr. Casper	✓
Mr. Callahan	✓
Mr. Conrad	✓
Mr. Felt	✓
Mr. Gale	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Sullivan	✓
Mr. Tavel	✓
Mr. Trotter	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Miss Holmes	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

UNSUB; THREAT TO KILL MARTIN LUTHER KING, TWO TWENTYONE SIXTYEIGHT;
MIAMI, FLA. ^{RACIAL MATTER} ~~EM~~ - THREAT.

Bombing matter

Harold Charles Knochen

AT EIGHT ZERO FIVE PM, INSTANT, ANONYMOUS TELEPHONE CALL
RECEIVED BY MIAMI OFFICE FROM MALE CALLER. CALLER ASKED IF
FBI AWARE MARTIN LUTHER KING IN MIAMI. CALLER STATED INTENDED
TO KILL KING AND WOULD LIKE TO BOMB ROOM OF KING AT HOTEL BUT
FEARED INJURING OTHERS.

KING STAYING SHERATON FOUR AMBASSADORS HOTEL, MIAMI.
SIMILAR CALL RECEIVED BY SWITCHBOARD OPERATOR SHERATON SHORTLY
BEFORE EIGHT PM INSTANT.

SECRET SERVICE, ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH ^{military intelligence} ~~W-1~~ GROUP, LOCAL
AUTHORITIES, MIAMI, AND SECURITY OFFICER SHERATON ADVISED.
HOTEL SECURITY ADVISING KING RE THREAT.

memo
FOLLOWS.

END

LFO

HOLD MXS FEB 1968

ST. 114

REC 8

157-6-29-1203
44-38861-X6
18 FEB 29 1968

2 MAR 6 1968

CC-MR. ROSEN

cc sent AD & IDI4

FEB 23 4 43 PM '68
REC'D - SULLIVAN
FBI - JUSTICE

RECEIVED
TELETYPE UNIT
FEB 21 3 29 PM '68

FEB 23 8 45 AM '68

FEB 23 9 30 AM '68
FEB 23 11 13 AM '68
F.B.I.
RECEIVED DIRECTOR

REC'D DE LOACH
F B I

FEB 23 10 07 AM '68

REC'D BISHOP
F B I

FEB 23 11 13 AM '68

FEB 23 4 27 PM '68
FEB 21 10 20 PM '68

REC'D DOM INTELL DIV.
REC'D DOM INTELL DIV.

REC'D DE LOACH
F B I
FEB 23 8 37 AM '68

PLAINTEXT

April 4, 1968

TELETYPE

URGENT

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. G.C. Moore

TO: ALL OFFICES
FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

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.

COPIES MADE, DATE 5/14/78 BY
PCB/SS RE M.L.K. Jr.
FOR REVIEW AT FEINQ AND/OR DELIVERY
TO HSCA RE REQUEST DATED 5/13/78
(SEE BUFILE 62-117200)

GCM:chs (5)

VIA TELETYPE

APR 5 1968

ENCIPHERED

REC-114

38861 - 1

APR 5 1968

Tolson _____
DeLoach _____
Mohr _____
Bishop _____
Casper _____
Callahan _____
Conrad _____
Felt _____
Gale _____
Rosen _____
Sullivan _____
Tavel _____
Trotter _____
Tele. Room _____
Holmes _____
Gandy _____

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

APR 4 1968

TELETYPE

67 APR 8 - 1968

TELETYPE UNIT

02 APR 8 - 1968

TELETYPE

APR 4 1968

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REC'D-TELETYPE UNIT
FBI

APR 4 9 06 PM '68

ENCIPHERED

APR 2 1968

VIA TELETYPE

APR 4 1968

38884

CCM:cpa (2)

(SEE SOURCE REPORT)
TO HQS OF FBI AND ALL FIELD OFFICES
FROM BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
SUBJECT: RE: [REDACTED]
COPIES MADE: DATE [REDACTED] BY [REDACTED]

DISSEMINATION: BOTH POSITIVE AND TO BUREAU
VIA BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION REPORTS SHOULD BE MADE EXHIBITING
POSITION TO POSSIBLE LEADS OF INFORMATION ON THIS MATTER.
VIT SOURCE (BASIC) [REDACTED] AND ARE IN
AS REPORT OF THE ASSASSINATION OF KING, INTERVIEWED WITH

IN AIRM OF POSSIBLY OF [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

TO: VIT OFFICES

1 - MR. G.C. MOORE
1 - MR. GILFILLAN
1 - MR. DELOACH

DETAILS

URGENT

RECEIVED

APR 4 1968

1 - Mr. DeLoach 1 - Mr. Long
 1 - Mr. Rosen 1 - Mr. Bishop
 1 - Mr. Malley 1 - Mr. Conrad
 1 - Mr. McGowan 1 - Mr. Sullivan
 1 - Mr. Martindale
 1 - Mr. McDonough

April 5, 1968

MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

At approximately 6:03 p. m., April 4, 1968, Martin Luther King, Jr., was on a second floor balcony of the Lorraine Hotel and Motel, Memphis, Tennessee. King's associates, who were at the street level, heard a shot and King fell immediately after the shot was heard. He was taken at once to St. Joseph Hospital where he was pronounced dead at 7:05 p. m. Death resulted from bullet damage to major neck vessels and the spinal cord.

Investigation indicates that the shot may have been fired from the second floor bathroom of a rooming house at 422 1/2 South Main Street, approximately 205 feet from where King was standing. A shot was heard from the second floor at approximately 6 p. m. and immediately after the shot was fired, a white man left the bathroom and ran out of the building. The bathroom provides an open view of King's room. Occupants of the rooming house had observed a white man carrying a package approximately three feet in length and possibly wrapped in a piece of blanket. This man occupied Room 5B on April 4, 1968.

REC-114

44-38861-2

Bessie Ruth Brewer, manager of the rooming house, advised that a white man who identified himself only as John Willard and who gave no address, appeared at the rooming house sometime between 3 p. m. and 3:30 p. m., April 4, 1968, and rented Room 5B, paying one week's rent in advance. Room 5B affords a view of the Lorraine Hotel and Motel. We are making every effort to locate Willard as quickly as possible.

APR 5 1968

Guy Warren Canipe, Sr., operates an amusement machine company approximately 300 feet from King's room. At approximately 6 p. m. he heard a noise at his door. He looked up and saw a man walking away.

1 cc - The White House, the Attorney General, the Deputy Attorney General, Assistant Attorney General Stephen J. Pollak by routing slip dated 4/5/68.

Tolson _____
 DeLoach _____
 Mohr _____
 Bishop _____
 Casper _____
 Callahan _____
 Conrad _____
 Felt _____
 Gale _____
 Rosen _____
 Sullivan _____
 Tavel _____
 Trotter _____
 Tele. Room _____
 Holmes _____
 Gandy _____

WLM:vea
 (15)

67 APR 8 - 1968

TELETYPE UNIT ☐

(19)
ATTN: AGS

RECEIVED-DIRECTOR

FBI

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 08-19-2010 BY 60322 UCBAW/SJS

APR 5 8 35 AM '68

[illegible]

darceja se boazjje'

JE YBB 2 1998

Hotel and Motel. The following check books to January 1936 are
one week, a rent in advance. Room 25 shows a check of the Police
3:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. April 4, 1936, and rented room 25, building
Kale to 3:30 p.m. checked at the rooming house something per cent
just a white man who identified himself only as John Smith and who
Bessie Ann Hester, manager of the rooming house, advised

ON JULY 5, 1928.

[illegible]

WISJOL UGCK A622G12 SUG THE EINDSI COLG.

[illegible]

WILDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

APR 11 1968

I - MR. WAG. CROSBY	
I - MR. WESLEY STE	
I - MR. WINGGARD	I - MR. SMITHSON
I - MR. BETHEN	I - MR. GORLSON
I - MR. E. W.	I - MR. HOPOL
I - MR. O. ROSEN	I - MR. FORD

MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

He then found an open carton and saw a gun barrel in the carton. A piece of green cloth was wrapped around the carton and a small zipper bag was nearby. Canipe also observed a white Mustang being driven away at a high rate of speed.

The items found by Canipe are presently undergoing exhaustive examinations in the FBI Laboratory and extensive efforts are being made to trace each item. The carton contained a .30-06 Springfield caliber Remington Gamemaster rifle, Model 760, serial number 461476. The rifle is equipped with a Redfield variable power telescopic sight. The zipper bag contained various personal items including a pair of binoculars.

The bullet recovered from King's body is also being examined by the FBI Laboratory.

Press reports have referred to two suspects who were arrested after they were observed changing clothes in a garage. These men are Manuel Marcus Levin and Alex J. Hurder. Both have been identified as civil rights workers by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and have been released.

A full investigation has been instituted and every effort is being made to promptly identify the person or persons responsible for this murder.

4/5/68

AIRTEL (RM) (AMSD)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA

CONFIDENTIAL OF SOLE
IS - C
BUFILE 100-438794
ATFILE 100-5718

DECLASSIFIED
Authority: NW 23176
By: *[initials]*, NARA, Date: 10/5/83

ASSASSINATION OF DR.
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
RACIAL MATTERS
ATFILE 157-3004

DECLASSIFIED BY 1678 RFP/KH
ON OCT 22 1985
Garratt/SLC

Enclosed for the Bureau is the original and eight copies of LHM.

Source referred to is AT 1387-R.

Enclosed LHM submitted at this time for Bureau's information. Active investigation of ABERNATHY has not previously been conducted by Atlanta.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

- 4- Bureau (Enc. 9) (AMSD) (RM)
(1 - 100-438794)
(1 - ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.)
5- Atlanta
(1 - 100-5718)
(1 - 157-3004)
(1 - 157-2007) (RALPH ABERNATHY)
(1 - 170-2004)
(1 - 100-5586) (M. L. KING, JR.)

AGS:jhs
(9)

1- ENCLOSURE

44-38861-
NOT RECORDED
178 APR 15 1968

ACST, OSI,
SS, 153

70 APR 18 1968

ORIGINAL FILED IN 100-438794-2110



*In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.*

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Atlanta, Georgia
April 5, 1968

Title COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF SOUTHERN
CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Character INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Reference RACIAL MATTERS

Atlanta Memorandum dated and captioned
as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities
are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable
information in the past.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

DECLASSIFIED

Authority NW 2317C
By ///, NARA, Date 10/3/2

Atlanta, Georgia
April 5, 1968

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 10-22-88 BY 16782EP/LL
6/11/01/SCLC

COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF SOUTHERN
CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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

*Declassified 4417
11-16-76
EO 12812
appropriate of declass. 11/16/76
SCLC*

Radio Station WSB, Atlanta, Georgia, during a one p.m. newscast April 5, 1968, announced that Reverend Ralph D. Abernathy, Vice President and Treasurer, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), would assume leadership of SCLC following the assassination of Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., former President, SCLC.

A confidential source advised on April 5, 1968, that SCLC for several years had named Abernathy to succeed Reverend King in the event the latter should become incapacitated.

In addition to his duties with SCLC, Abernathy has also served as pastor of the West Hunter Street Baptist Church, 775 Hunter Street, N. W., Atlanta.

Source furnished the following descriptive data concerning Abernathy:

Name	Ralph David Abernathy
Sex	Male
Race	Negro
Age	Approximately 42

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency. 44-38861-

ENCLOSURE

[REDACTED]

COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN
LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Born	Alabama
Height	5 feet 9 inches
Weight	185 pounds
Education	Graduate of Alabama State College, Montgomery, Alabama
Marital Status	Married (spouse - Juanita Abernathy, nee Jones)
Dependents	Three children
Residence	690 Laverne Drive, N. W. Atlanta

F B I

Date: 4/6/68

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

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI ATTN: FBI LABORATORY
 FROM : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
 SUBJECT: MURKIN
 CIVIL RIGHTS

Submitted herewith are additional items recovered in connection with the murder of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.:

- (1) One pair of men's shorts. (Waistband in unstretched condition, one side, measures approximately 11 3/4 inches, which would be waistband of approximately 23 1/2 inches. Fully extended waistband measures approximately 17 1/2 inches, one side or a total of 35 inches.
- (2) T-shirt, size 42-44, designated "Jockey Power Knit" T-shirt, large size. It appears on visual examination that lower portion of T-shirt has been cut.

Laboratory requested to examine T-shirt and shorts for any hidden laundry marks and any other examination that may help to determine origin of garments. In connection with the laundry tape that appears on both the shorts and T-shirt, the number 02B-6 appears. Since a portion of the left side of each of these tapes is missing, the possibility that the "O" might be the remnant of the letter "P" or some other combinations should not be overlooked.

Inquiry of the Albany Office discloses that the Textile Marking Machine Co., Syracuse, N.Y., has a representative, JOE COMBS, 5232 Devonshire Dr., Oxenhill, Maryland, Tel. 301-248-6128, in residence at Oxenhill. COMBS reportedly has the ability to determine on inspection of laundry marking tapes as to whether or not this is type tape produced by his company and type of machine producing same.

3 - Bureau (Enc. -)
 1 - Albany
 1 - Birmingham
 2 - Memphis

RGJ:ME

Approved: [Signature]
 Special Agent in Charge

Sent

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

F B I

Date:

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

ME# 44-1987

4/6 O'Keefe handling
Request that Laboratory prior to conducting its examinations arrange for COMBS to view tape.

In addition, there is submitted herewith one board which is part of a window sill in window of bathroom at 422½ South Main, from which it appears that fatal shot was fired.

Laboratory requested to examine board to ascertain any possibility of breech powder burns or any other identifiable markings that may be made by weapon in question. Possibility that recoil marks may appear on board. Texture of board was such that no latents of significance could be developed. Suggest however that the Bureau reexamine for possibility latents might be developed by FBI.

In addition, there is submitted herewith five cards appropriately identified of various latents lifted by representatives of the Memphis PD. These latents should be examined against any latents developed in examinations conducted by FBI.

10:50 PM 4/6 Supv O'Keefe advised that SAC Jensen wanted laundry tapes processed for latents but not until after Combs have seen them.
Jee

-2-

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

FBI WASH DC

FBI JACKSVLE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

APR 6 1968

3:36 PM EST URGENT 4/6/68 VEU

TELETYPE

TO: BUREAU, MEMPHIS, AND KNOXVILLE

FROM: JACKSONVILLE (157-1535)

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. RM

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

ST
H
MRS. BELE ROACH, JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, ADVISED THAT ARTIST CONCEPTION PHOTO OF INDIVIDUAL BELIEVED TO HAVE ASSASSINATED MARTIN LUTHER KING THAT APPEARED IN TODAY'S ISSUE OF "FLORIDA TIMES UNION," A JACKSONVILLE NEWSPAPER, CLOSELY RESEMBLES ONE OLAF (PHONETIC) WEBB. ROACH SAID SHE KNEW WEBB TEN YEARS AGO WHEN BOTH EMPLOYED FOREE HOSPITAL IN ATHENS, TENNESSEE. ROACH STATED WEBB LEFT ATHENS, TENNESSEE, NINETEEN FIFTY SEVEN OR FIFTY EIGHT AND TRAVELED TO CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, WHERE HE REPORTEDLY WAS EMPLOYED BY THE CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, POLICE DEPARTMENT. SHE DESCRIBED WEBB AS WHITE MALE AMERICAN, FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY LBS., BROWN HAIR, BLUE EYES, LARGE BUSHY EYEBROWS, LONG POINTED NOSE, WORE HAIR SLICK STRAIGHT BACK AND HAD "FUNNY WALK" IN THAT HE KEPT HIS RIGHT ARM STIFF AND STRAIGHT WHEN WALKING.

ROACH HAS HAD NO ASSOCIATION WITH WEBB FOR PAST SEVERAL YEARS, HOWEVER, BELIEVES ARTIST CONCEPTION VERY CLOSELY RESEMBLES WEBB.

KNOXVILLE AT ATHENS, TENNESSEE, DETERMINE BACKGROUND OF WEBB THROUGH RECORDS OF FOREE HOSPITAL AND FURNISH RESULTS.

57 APR 23 1968

Xerox - 1

J. M. A. W. RAC. SEC

CHICAGO 44-1110-100

REC'D
RECEIVED IN INTEL DIV.
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE
DIVISION

REC'D DOM INTELL DIV

APR 6 7 17 PM '68

APR 6 4 58 PM '68

W. J. Hudson
SIX
CH-17

RECEIVED AM FBI MEMPHIS* OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

U. S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE

BOYCH HAD HAD NO PROSECUTION WITH ANY OF THE

RECEIVED HIS HIGH OWN STATE AND NATIONAL WHEN WORKING

ATTORNEY GENERAL BOYCH HAD HAD NO PROSECUTION WITH ANY OF THE REC 30

BOYCH* HAD HAD NO PROSECUTION WITH ANY OF THE

BOYCH* HAD HAD NO PROSECUTION WITH ANY OF THE

BOYCH* HAD HAD NO PROSECUTION WITH ANY OF THE

BOYCH* HAD HAD NO PROSECUTION WITH ANY OF THE

BOYCH* HAD HAD NO PROSECUTION WITH ANY OF THE

BOYCH* HAD HAD NO PROSECUTION WITH ANY OF THE

BOYCH* HAD HAD NO PROSECUTION WITH ANY OF THE

BOYCH* HAD HAD NO PROSECUTION WITH ANY OF THE

BOYCH* HAD HAD NO PROSECUTION WITH ANY OF THE

BOYCH* HAD HAD NO PROSECUTION WITH ANY OF THE

BOYCH* HAD HAD NO PROSECUTION WITH ANY OF THE

BOYCH* HAD HAD NO PROSECUTION WITH ANY OF THE

BOYCH* HAD HAD NO PROSECUTION WITH ANY OF THE

BOYCH* HAD HAD NO PROSECUTION WITH ANY OF THE

BOYCH* HAD HAD NO PROSECUTION WITH ANY OF THE

BOYCH* HAD HAD NO PROSECUTION WITH ANY OF THE

BOYCH* HAD HAD NO PROSECUTION WITH ANY OF THE

BOYCH* HAD HAD NO PROSECUTION WITH ANY OF THE

BOYCH* HAD HAD NO PROSECUTION WITH ANY OF THE

BOYCH* HAD HAD NO PROSECUTION WITH ANY OF THE

PAGE TWO

CHICAGO THROUGH CHICAGO PD RECORDS OR OTHER SOURCES
ATTEMPT TO LOCATE WEBB AND ESTABLISH HIS WHEREABOUTS ON
APRIL FOUR LAST.

END.

GFH

FBI WASH DC

APR 4 3 48 PM '68

FBI
REC'D - TELETYPE UNIT

cc - Mr. Trainor cc - Long

RECEIVED
GENERAL INVESTIGATION
DIVISION 573

REC'D-TELETYPE UNIT
FBI

APR 6 7 26 PM '68

APR 6 3 40 PM '68

FBI WASH DC B. I.
U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE

GEN

END

REBIT FROM LARI

ATTENTION TO LOCATE ABBE AND ESTABLISH HIS WHEREABOUTS ON

CHICAGO THROUGH CHICAGO PD RECORDS OR OTHER SOURCES

LOVE LMO

APR 8 5 52 AM '68

REC'D - CIV RIGHTS
FBI

NR
4/16/68
2
con

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

APR 6 1968

TELETYPE

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

FBI WASH DC

FBI DALLAS

1247AM URGENT 4/6/68 JDP

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND NEW ORLEANS

FROM DALLAS (44-2649)

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.; CIVIL RIGHTS. OO-MEMPHIS.

ON APRIL FIVE LAST, JOE CONLEY, DEPUTY SHERIFF, POTTER CO. SO, AMARILLO, TEXAS ADVISED ONE DALE NEWBY WAS AT A PAY PHONE AND WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK TO AN FBI AGENT. CONTACT WAS MADE WITH NEWBY WHO ADVISED HE HAD READ IN NEWSPAPER CONCERNING THE ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. AND BELIEVES THE MAN WHO MIGHT BE RESPONSIBLE IS JAMES JOHNNY HALL. NEWBY SERVED TIME WITH HALL IN FCI, EL RENO, OKLA. HALL HAS BEEN RELEASED FROM FCI AND IS REPORTEDLY LIVING WITH MOTHER (NAME UNKNOWN) AT TWO NINE SIX ONE GROON OR GROOM ST., BAKER, LA.

NEWBY ADVISED THAT DURING TIME HE WAS AT FCI EL RENO, HALL HAD NUMEROUS FIGHTS WITH NEGRO INMATES AND INFORMED HIM WHEN HE GOT OUT HE WANTED TO KILL A "NIGGER" AND MARTIN LUTHER KING WAS SINGLED OUT BY HALL AS BEING A GOOD ONE TO KILL. HE FURTHER

END PAGE ONE

SEARCHED RD 47243
By Amw MARA, Delo 4/22/2023

REC-4 44-38861-5

APR 10 1968

62 APR 17 1968

21X
no Hudson
APR 10 1968

APR '68 2 47 AM '68

F. B. I.
U. S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE

[illegible]

VEHICLE/DRIVER OF VEHICLE: FRANK RICH, JR.; CITY: VICTOR; CO-CITY:

FROM DIRECTOR (44-38861)
TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND NEW ORLEANS
FROM DIRECTOR, NEW ORLEANS
RE DIRECTOR

21 April 68

ЛЕГЕЛЫЕ

88670 89A

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

PAGE TWO

DL 44-2649

STATED HALL TOLD HIM HE WOULD KILL KING IF HE HAD THE CHANCE.

NEWBY DESCRIBED HALL AS FOLLOWS: WHITE MALE, AGE TWENTY-THREE OR TWENTY-FOUR, FIVE FEET FIVE OR SIX INCHES, ONE FORTY LBS., BALD WITH DARK BROWN HAIR AROUND SIDE OF HEAD, BROWN EYES, DARK COMPLEXION, SCARS ON ARMS (SUICIDAL ATTEMPTS); TATTOOS ON BOTH ARMS (ONE DESCRIBED AS EAGLE ON LEFT ARM).

NEWBY ADVISED THAT HALL VISITED MEMPHIS FREQUENTLY.

NEW ORLEANS AT BAKER, LA. ENDEAVOR TO ESTABLISH WHEREABOUTS OF HALL ON AFTERNOON OF APRIL FOUR LAST.

HALL SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS HAVING SUICIDAL TENDENCIES.

END

ELR

FBI WASH DC

CC- MR. SULLIVAN

REC'D-TELETYPE UNIT
F B I

APR 6 4 53 AM '68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

APR 9 1968

TELETYPE

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. DeLoach _____
Mr. Mohr _____
Mr. Bishop _____
Mr. Casper _____
Mr. Callahan _____
Mr. Conrad _____
Mr. Felt _____
Mr. Gale _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Sullivan _____
Mr. Tavel _____
Mr. Trotter _____
Tele. Room _____
Miss Holmes _____
Miss Gandy _____

AM 4/6/68 URGENT WHD

TO: DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, DALLAS, AND KNOXVILLE

FROM: NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. OO: MEMPHIS.

RE DALLAS TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND NEW ORLEANS

FOUR SIX INSTANT.

RE KNOXVILLE (NINETY ONE DASH TWO SIX THREE TWO) TELETYPE TO

DIRECTOR AND NEW ORLEANS FOUR TWO SIXTYEIGHT.

FOR INFORMATION KNOXVILLE, INFORMATION RECEIVED AT DALLAS,

TEXAS, JAMES JOHNNY HALL, OF TWO NINE SIX ONE GROOM ST.,

BAKER, LOUISIANA, WAS POSSIBLE SUSPECT IN ASSASSINATION OF

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HALL DESCRIBED AS RACIST WHO HAS INDICATED

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. WOULD BE A GOOD "NIGGER" TO KILL.

HALL REPORTED BY KNOXVILLE ARRESTED BY AGENTS

AT KINGSPOINT, TENNESSEE APRIL TWO SIXTY EIGHT FOR BANK ROBBERY.

HALL CHARGED BEFORE UNITED STATES COMMISSIONER SAME DATE.

KNOXVILLE AT KNOXVILLE, TENN., ADVISE IF HALL IN CUSTODY

AT TIME OF ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. AND IF NOT

ENDEAVOR TO ESTABLISH WHEREABOUTS OF HALL ON AFTERNOON OF APRIL

FOUR LAST.

HALL SHOULD BE CONSIDERED TO HAVE SUICIDAL TENDENCIES.

END.

SCREENED RD47243
By Ann NARA, Date 11/21/2013

APR 10 1968

ELR

FBI WASH DC

66 APR 17 1968

REC'D DOMESTIC DIA
APR 9 1968
RECEIVED S&D

cc - Mr. Sullivan

REC'D DOM INTELL DIV

APR 6 4 53 AM '68

SDX

APR 10 1968

REC'D-TELETYPE UNIT
FBI
APR 6 4 02 AM '68

TO DIRECTOR
FROM SAC, NEW YORK (100-100000)
SUBJECT: [Illegible]
[Illegible text follows, appearing to be a teletype message body with several lines of information.]

WA ----10----

FBI NEW YORK

5:10 PM URGENT 4-5-68 AWS

TO DIRECTOR, CHARLOTTE AND MEMPHIS (PLAIN)

ATTENTION DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION
FROM NEW YORK 157-2269

VIA TELETYPE
APR 5 1968
ENCIPHERED

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.; RM.

REMY TEL CALL TO MEMPHIS FOUR FIVE, SIXTYEIGHT.

ON APRIL FIVE INSTANT, INSPECTOR AL OWENS, NASSAU COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT (NCPD), ADVISED INFORMATION WAS RECEIVED FROM A HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL RELIABLE, SOURCE, DURING ONE NINE SIXTYSIX, WHOSE IDENTITY IS KNOWN ONLY TO THE NYCPD INDICATING THAT A LETTER, SIGNED ROBERT E. BAGWELL, REFLECTED IN PART: " I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT DOING AWAY WITH KING WOULD BE A NICE JOB TO START WITH." BAGWELL WAS ARRESTED OCTOBER THIRTY SIXTY SIX, WITH OTHER MINUTEMEN BY NYCPD. CHARGES SUBSEQUENTLY DISMISSED.

BAGWELL, SUBJECT OF CHARLOTTE FILE ONE HUNDRED DASH ONE ZERO FOUR THREE SIX, IS DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, FIVE SEVEN, HUNDRED FIFTY LBS. BORN [REDACTED], ASHVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA, HAIR BROWN, EYES HAZEL, DEEP SET, NOSE SMALL, MOUTH

END PAGE ONE

CORR L7 W9 "DO"

APR 17 1968

PAGE TWO

SMALL NARROW, CHIN SQUARE, EARS SMALL, COMPLEXION DARK, SWARTHY.
TATTOOS -CROSS, "BORN TO RAISE HELL," SKULL AD CROSS BONES,
WITH SNAKE RUNNING THROUGH, WITH INITIALS NSRP. LOCATION OF
TATTOOS NOT KNOWN.

CHARLOTTE. AT CHARLOTTE, N. C. THROUGH INTERVIEW
DETERMINE AND ADVISE OF BAGWELL'S WHEREABOUTS AT TIME OF ASSASSINATION
OF MARTIN LUTHER KING.

END

WA...

WA...2/-,/6

WA WILL YOU PLS ACK FOR NUMBER QP

FJB

FBI WASH DC

cc - Sullivan

WM 2 0 58 41, 88

11 11 11 11 11

RECEIVED
TELETYPE UNIT
APR 5 5 28 PM '68

ALL AGENTS

END

RECEIVED APR 5 5 28 PM '68

37-18-18

37-18-18

37-18-18

37-18-18

37-18-18

37-18-18

37-18-18

37-18-18

37-18-18

37-18-18

37-18-18

COULD NOT UNIT

APR 5 5 25 PM '68

NA

4/6/68
13:00
FBI WASH DC
FBI ATLANTA

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

APR 6 1968

TELETYPE

W. J. Sullivan
J. J. Jones

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

12:47AM URGENT 4/6/68 LBN
TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS
FROM ATLANTA (157-3094)

ST
JP

UNSUB, AKA JOHN WILLARD; MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. -
VICTIM, CR. OO: MEMPHIS.

RE MEMPHIS TELS APRIL FIVE LAST.

CEDERTOWN, GA. TEL. NO. SEVEN FOUR EIGHT DASH NINE
ZERO NINE SIX LISTED TO CITY PACKAGE SHOP, MAIN STREET,
CEDARTOWN, GA. WILLIAM GOLDEN, PROPRIETOR ADVISED SHERMAN
SANDERS IN SHOP AFTERNOON APRIL FIVE, USED TELEPHONE. AFTER
HANGING UP, OPERATOR CALLED BACK AND GOLDEN BROUGHT SANDERS BACK
TO PHONE. STATED SANDERS WAS DRUNK.

MS

AGENTS WENT TO HOME OF SANDERS. HIS WIFE WAS OUT SIDE
OF HOME. SHE SAID SANDERS WAS VERY DRUNK, HAD LOCKED HER
OUT OF HOUSE, AND HAD GUN. AGENTS WERE ABLE TO GET INTO HOUSE
AND GET GUN AWAY FROM SANDERS. HE ADMITTED HE WAS IN CITY
PACKAGE SHOP IN AFTERNOON BUT DENIED MAKING TELEPHONE CALL.

DOES NOT KNOW CHARLES WADELL WILSON BUT KNOWS CHARLES WENDELL
WILSON AND BUD DAWSON. DENIES ANY KNOWLEDGE INSTANT MATTER.

REC 36

44-38861-8

SANDER'S WIFE STATED WHEN HE IS DRUNK, HE DOES CRAZY
THING AND DOES NOT REMEMBER THEM. SHE STATED HE WAS IN
END PAGE ONE.

25 APR 10 1968

62 APR 17 1968

JW

no 17/4/68

RECEIVED
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE
DIVISION

APR 6 1 52 PM '68

F.B.I.
U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE

PAGE TWO..

CEDARTOWN ALL DAY APRIL FOUR. OTHER INVESTIGATION REFLECTS SANDERS DID NOT REPORT TO WORK EVENING APRIL FOUR BUT CALLED SUPERVISOR AND STATED WAS HAVING CAR TROUBLE. NEIGHBOR STATES WAS IN CEDARTOWN ELEVEN PM APRIL FOUR.

~~CHARLES~~ CHARLES WENDELL WILSON ARRESTED ABOUT ONE MONTH AGO AS UFAP ~~SUBJECT~~ AND BELIEVED STILL IN CUSTODY. THIS BEING CHECK OUT.

CHARLES HAYNES, CALLOWAY GARDEN APARTMENTS, ATHENS IS TWENTY ~~ONE~~ YEAR OLD GRADUATE STUDENT AT UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA. HAS NO KNOWLEDGE INSTANT MATTER AND DOES NOT KNOW SANDERS OR OTHER INDIVIDUALS.

BUD DAWSON NOT AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW. HOWEVER, SEVERAL NEIGHBORS SAW HIM IN CEDARTOWN DURING AFTERNOON AND EVENING APRIL FOUR.

IN VIEW OF FOREGOING, NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED THIS FACET.

END...

ELR

FBI WASH DC

CC- MR. SULLIVAN

Tracy

REC'D-TELETYPE UNIT

F B I

APR 6 12.52 AM '68

F. B. I.
U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE

APR 6 1 32 AM '68

4-7-68

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS

FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-775) (P)

MURKIN

Re SL Teletype to Bureau and Memphis, 4-7-68

Enclosed for Memphis Division is five copies
of photograph of BENJAMIN FRANKLIN GIBSON, Imperial
Wizard, Ozark Klan of Missouri.

44-38861-

APR 8 1 13 PM '68

NOT RECORDED
6 APR 9 1968

2 - Memphis (enc 5)
1 - Bureau (info)
1 - St. Louis
JAF:jaf
(4)

EBI

REC'D - CIA BICH?

70 APR 10 1968

SLX

(4)
174:151
I - 24' FORTS
I - 24' FORTS (174:10)
I - 24' FORTS (688 2) REC'D - CIV RIGHTS
FBI

APR 9 1 47 PM '68

APR 8 1968
RECORDED

MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE
OF MEMPHIS OF MEMPHIS CIVIL RIGHTS
ENCLOSED FOR MEMPHIS DIRECTOR IS ALSO COPIES

RE 24' FORTS TO 24' FORTS AND MEMPHIS, 4-1-68

MEMPHIS

FROM: SAC, 24' FORTS (44-112) (E)

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS

VIRGINIA

VIRGINIA

4-1-68

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 4/8/68

FROM : T. E. Bishop

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Tolson _____
DeLoach _____
Mohr _____
Bishop _____
Casper _____
Callahan _____
Conrad _____
Felt _____
Gale _____
Rosen _____
Sullivan _____
Tavel _____
Trotter _____
Tele. Room _____
Holmes _____
Gandy _____

ST
K

Mr. Fred Ramsey, a former NBC producer who is known to Leinbaugh in my office, called this afternoon regarding captioned case. Ramsey said that several years ago he had co-produced a TV documentary regarding Neshoba County, Mississippi, and the Miburn case. Ramsey said he spent some time interviewing "Preacher" Killen (Reverend Edgar Roy Killen) and his three sons. Ramsey said the three Killen boys would be in their late 20's or early 30's and he said all of them had very prominent noses and he felt the artist's conception in this case bore a resemblance to "Preacher" Killen's sons. Ramsey said he specifically recalled that all three of the Killen boys considered King as the most dangerous man in the country and they all made comments to the effect that sooner or later he had to be killed.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that this memorandum be referred to the General Investigative Division and that appropriate instructions be issued to the Jackson Office to check out the three sons of "Preacher" Killen as possible suspects in the slaying of King.

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Richard Long

HPL:mls
(5)

REC-5
44-38861-9
APR 10 1968

had call to ASHC Lundberg
Jackson - to check out the
3 Killen boys. also 4/10/68
60 APR 11 1968

U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE
DIVISION

APR 8 6 25 PM '68 REC'D CIV RIGHTS
FBI

U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE

APR 9 10 46 AM '68

APR 9 9 25 AM '68

REC'D CIV RIGHTS

FBI

APR 9 10 33 AM '68

REC'D - ROSEN
FBI

()

TO :

FROM :

SUBJECT :

RE :

1. On April 8, 1968, the following information was received from the

Atlanta Office of the FBI: A letterhead memorandum (LHM) was received from the Atlanta Office of the FBI dated April 8, 1968, and captioned as above. The LHM advised that the Atlanta Office of the FBI had received information from a confidential source that a person or persons were planning to travel to the Atlanta area for the purpose of conducting a demonstration or protest in connection with the civil rights movement. The LHM also advised that the Atlanta Office of the FBI was conducting an investigation of this matter and was seeking information from other offices of the FBI.

2. The following information was received from the Atlanta Office of the FBI:

3. The following information was received from the Atlanta Office of the FBI:

4. The following information was received from the Atlanta Office of the FBI: A letterhead memorandum (LHM) was received from the Atlanta Office of the FBI dated April 8, 1968, and captioned as above. The LHM advised that the Atlanta Office of the FBI had received information from a confidential source that a person or persons were planning to travel to the Atlanta area for the purpose of conducting a demonstration or protest in connection with the civil rights movement. The LHM also advised that the Atlanta Office of the FBI was conducting an investigation of this matter and was seeking information from other offices of the FBI.

5. The following information was received from the Atlanta Office of the FBI:

6. The following information was received from the Atlanta Office of the FBI:

7. The following information was received from the Atlanta Office of the FBI:

VIA TELETYPE

APR 9 1968

ENCIPHERED

WASHINGTON --07-- 415 PM BAG

URGENT 4-9-68

TO DIRECTOR, RICHMOND, MEMPHIS AND CHARLOTTE
FROM NEWARK (44-854)

PLAINTEXT

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

MURKIN

RE RICHMOND TEL TO BUREAU APRIL NINE SIXTY EIGHT RE
SUSPECT LESTER FORSYTHE.
RICHMOND SHOULD REFER TO CASE CAPTIONED LESTER IRVING
FORSYTHE JR., AKA-FUGITIVE, PV, OO RICHMOND, RICHMOND FILE
SEVENTY SIX DASH ONE FIVE NINE ZERO, BUFILE SEVENTY SIX DASH TWO
FOUR SEVEN FOUR TWO; FBI NUMBER EIGHT TWO EIGHT FOUR SEVEN FOUR A.

P.O. BOX TWELVE, CALDWELL, NJ, IS MAILING ADDRESS FOR
UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC. PAREN UKA, END PAREN, IN N.J.
LESTER FORSYTHE IS NOT KNOWN TO NEWARK AS BEING ANYONE
CONNECTED WITH UKA, AND INDICES NEGATIVE EXCEPT FOR ABOVE
REFERENCE

RICHMOND, AT STAUNTON, VA., EXHIBIT PHOTO OF LESTER IRVING
FORSYTHE, MR. TO ROBERT JONES, TO DETERMINE IF IDENTICAL TO
PERSON IN SAVANNAH.

NEWARK WILL ATTEMPT TO INTERVIEW JOHN BEHRINGER, GRAND
DRAGON OF UKA IN N.J., UNDER SUITABLE PRETEXT ON APRIL TEN
NEXT TO FURTHER IDENTIFY SUSPECT.

MAIL COPY TO BIRMINGHAM WITH COPY OF RE TEL.
END

EFH
FBI WASH DC

66 APR 17 1968

28 APR 10 1968

APR 9 5 18 PM '68

not Hudson

END OVER

END

AMID COPY TO DIRECTOR WITH COPY TO BE SET.

NAME TO REMAIN IDENTICAL SUBJECT.

PERSON OF RKA IN M.T. FROM PHOENIX AGENCY ON MARCH 11.

REASON WITH VILLAGE TO INTERVIEW JOHN BENEFICES' COULD

PERSON IN BALTIMORE.

REASONING IS TO ROBERT JONES' TO DETERMINE IF IDENTICAL TO

RICHMOND' AT STATION' AA' EXHIBIT PHOTO OF FETTER ISLAND

REFERENCE

CONNECTED WITH RKA' AND INDICES NEGATIVE EXCEPT FOR ABOVE

FETTER ROSSALINE IS NOT KNOWN TO REMARK AS BEING ANYONE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA' INC. BUREAU RKA' AND BUREAU' IN M.T.

P.O. BOX 12676, CALDWELL, ID. IS KNOWN ADDRESS FOR

LONG BEACH LONG INC. FBI NUMBER EIGHT TWO EIGHT LONG BEACH LONG

SEVENIA SIX DASH ONE FIVE NINE ZERO' BELIEF SEVENIA SIX DASH

LONGALINE' IS' RKA-ENCLOSURE' BA' CO RICHMOND' RICHMOND EIGHT

RICHMOND SHOULD REFER TO CASE CAPTIONED FETTER ISLAND

SUBJECT FETTER ROSSALINE.

BE RICHMOND LET TO BUREAU APRIL NINE SIXTY EIGHT BE

AMERICAN

AMERICAN

FROM REMARK (AA-224)

TO DIRECTOR' RICHMOND' MEMPHIS AND CHICAGO' BUREAU

URGENT 4-8-68

WASHINGTON --11-- 412 PM 68

WASHINGTON --11-- 412 PM 68

WASHINGTON --11-- 412 PM 68

WASHINGTON --11-- 412 PM 68

WASHINGTON --11-- 412 PM 68

WASHINGTON --11-- 412 PM 68

WASHINGTON --11-- 412 PM 68

WASHINGTON --11-- 412 PM 68

REC'D: ROSEN
FBI
APR 9 4 46 PM '68

CODING UNIT
APR 9 4 46 PM '68

RECEIVED
TELETYPE UNIT
APR 9 4 26 PM '68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

APR 9 1968

TELETYPE

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

FBI WASH DC

FBI MEMPHIS

920AM URGENT 4-9-68 SAB

TO DIRECTOR

FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987 1P

MURKIN.

RE KANSAS CITY TEL DATED APRIL EIGHT, SIXTYEIGHT, TEN
EIGHTEEN PM, TO BUREAU, MEMPHIS, SALT LAKE CITY, AND BOSTON.

EXTENSIVE FUGITIVE INVESTIGATION BEING REQUESTED INSTANT
CASE IN CONNECTION WITH ROBERT BOLIVAR DE PUGH AND WALTER PATRICK
PEYSON, BOTH FUGITIVES IN A BR CONSPIRACY CASE IN WHICH SEATTLE
ORIGIN. SUGGEST BUREAU, IF NOT ALREADY HANDLED, COMPARE PRINTS
OF THESE TWO FUGITIVES WITH LATENTS INSTANT CASE. IN EVENT THEY
CAN BE ELIMINATED ON BASIS OF PRINTS, FUGITIVE INVESTIGATION RE
THESE TWO SUBJECTS CAN BETTER BE HANDLED IN THEIR OWN FUGITIVE
CASES. P. END

BJP

FBI WASH DC

P

66 APR 17 1968

44-38861-11

25 APR 10 1968

REC'D - ROSEN
CC MR. TROTTER

rs / Hedman

APR 9 10 24 AM '68

SECRET

1. THESE TWO CATEGORIES ARE BEING SEPARATED IN THEIR OWN DIVISIONS
 2. THE REFINEMENT OF CATEGORIES OF BEING'S' ESSENTIALS TRANSFERRED TO
 3. ON THESE TWO ESSENTIALS WITH FURTHER INCLUSIVE CASES. IT CAN BE
 4. ORIGIN. BEING'S' DIVISION. IT HAS BEEN REFINED. COMBINED WITH
 5. REASON. BEING'S' DIVISION. IT IS BEING CONSIDERED CASE IN WHICH BEING'S
 6. CASE IS CONSIDERED WITH FURTHER DIVISION OF BEING AND BEING'S'

[illegible]

FEBRUARY 1970 MEMPHIS CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION

4E KVVHVC 011A ZLT 00100 VEBIT RICH1' SIXTAEIOM1' 000

Abstract

2000 MEMPHIS 77-1081 1A

10-1164108

2000 10-24 9-0-02 450

1. *Staphylococcus aureus*

1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030, 2031, 2032, 2033, 2034, 2035, 2036, 2037, 2038, 2039, 2040, 2041, 2042, 2043, 2044, 2045, 2046, 2047, 2048, 2049, 2050, 2051, 2052, 2053, 2054, 2055, 2056, 2057, 2058, 2059, 2060, 2061, 2062, 2063, 2064, 2065, 2066, 2067, 2068, 2069, 2070, 2071, 2072, 2073, 2074, 2075, 2076, 2077, 2078, 2079, 2080, 2081, 2082, 2083, 2084, 2085, 2086, 2087, 2088, 2089, 2090, 2091, 2092, 2093, 2094, 2095, 2096, 2097, 2098, 2099, 2100, 2101, 2102, 2103, 2104, 2105, 2106, 2107, 2108, 2109, 2110, 2111, 2112, 2113, 2114, 2115, 2116, 2117, 2118, 2119, 2120, 2121, 2122, 2123, 2124, 2125, 2126, 2127, 2128, 2129, 2130, 2131, 2132, 2133, 2134, 2135, 2136, 2137, 2138, 2139, 2140, 2141, 2142, 2143, 2144, 2145, 2146, 2147, 2148, 2149, 2150, 2151, 2152, 2153, 2154, 2155, 2156, 2157, 2158, 2159, 2160, 2161, 2162, 2163, 2164, 2165, 2166, 2167, 2168, 2169, 2170, 2171, 2172, 2173, 2174, 2175, 2176, 2177, 2178, 2179, 2180, 2181, 2182, 2183, 2184, 2185, 2186, 2187, 2188, 2189, 2190, 2191, 2192, 2193, 2194, 2195, 2196, 2197, 2198, 2199, 2200, 2201, 2202, 2203, 2204, 2205, 2206, 2207, 2208, 2209, 2210, 2211, 2212, 2213, 2214, 2215, 2216, 2217, 2218, 2219, 2220, 2221, 2222, 2223, 2224, 2225, 2226, 2227, 2228, 2229, 2230, 2231, 2232, 2233, 2234, 2235, 2236, 2237, 2238, 2239, 2240, 2241, 2242, 2243, 2244, 2245, 2246, 2247, 2248, 2249, 2250, 2251, 2252, 2253, 2254, 2255, 2256, 2257, 2258, 2259, 2260, 2261, 2262, 2263, 2264, 2265, 2266, 2267, 2268, 2269, 2270, 2271, 2272, 2273, 2274, 2275, 2276, 2277, 2278, 2279, 2280, 2281, 2282, 2283, 2284, 2285, 2286, 2287, 2288, 2289, 2290, 2291, 2292, 2293, 2294, 2295, 2296, 2297, 2298, 2299, 2300, 2301, 2302, 2303, 2304, 2305, 2306, 2307, 2308, 2309, 2310, 2311, 2312, 2313, 2314, 2315, 2316, 2317, 2318, 2319, 2320, 2321, 2322, 2323, 2324, 2325, 2326, 2327, 2328, 2329, 2330, 2331, 2332, 2333, 2334, 2335, 2336, 2337, 2338, 2339, 2340, 2341, 2342, 2343, 2344, 2345, 2346, 2347, 2348, 2349, 2350, 2351, 2352, 2353, 2354, 2355, 2356, 2357, 2358, 2359, 2360, 2361, 2362, 2363, 2364, 2365, 2366, 2367, 2368, 2369, 2370, 2371, 2372, 2373, 2374, 2375, 2376, 2377, 2378, 2379, 2380, 2381, 2382, 2383, 2384, 2385, 2386, 2387, 2388, 2389, 2390, 2391, 2392, 2393, 2394, 2395, 2396, 2397, 2398, 2399, 2400, 2401, 2402, 2403, 2404, 2405, 2406, 2407, 2408, 2409, 2410, 2411, 2412, 2413, 2414, 2415, 2416, 2417, 2418, 2419, 2420, 2421, 2422, 2423, 2424, 2425, 2426, 2427, 2428, 2429, 2430, 2431, 2432, 2433, 2434, 2435, 2436, 2437, 2438, 2439, 2440, 2441, 2442, 2443, 2444, 2445, 2446, 2447, 2448, 2449, 2450, 2451, 2452, 2453, 2454, 2455, 2456, 2457, 2458, 2459, 2460, 2461, 2462, 2463, 2464, 2465, 2466, 2467, 2468, 2469, 2470, 2471, 2472, 2473, 2474, 2475, 2476, 2477, 2478, 2479, 2480, 2481, 2482, 2483, 2484, 2485, 2486, 2487, 2488, 2489, 2490, 2491, 2492, 2493, 2494, 2495, 2496, 2497, 2498, 2499, 2500, 2501, 2502, 2503, 2504, 2505, 2506, 2507, 2508, 2509, 2510, 2511, 2512, 2513, 2514, 2515, 2516, 2517, 2518, 2519, 2520, 2521, 2522, 2523, 2524, 2525, 2526, 2527, 2528, 2529, 2530, 2531, 2532, 2533, 2534, 2535, 2536, 2537, 2538, 2539, 2540, 2541, 2542, 2543, 2544, 2545, 2546, 2547, 2548, 2549, 2550, 2551, 2552, 2553, 2554, 2555, 2556, 2557, 2558, 2559, 2560, 2561, 2562, 2563, 2564, 2565, 2566, 2567, 2568, 2569, 2570, 2571, 2572, 2573, 2574, 2575, 2576, 2577, 2578, 2579, 2580, 2581, 2582, 2583, 2584, 2585, 2586, 2587, 2588, 2589, 2590, 2591, 2592, 2593, 2594, 2595, 2596, 2597, 2598, 2599, 2600, 2601, 2602, 2603, 2604, 2605, 2606, 2607, 2608, 2609, 2610, 2611, 2612, 2613, 2614, 2615, 2616, 2617, 2618, 2619, 2620, 2621, 2622, 2623, 2624, 2625, 2626, 2627, 2628, 2629, 2630, 2631, 2632, 2633, 2634, 2635, 2636, 2637, 2638, 2639, 2640, 2641, 2642, 2643, 2644, 2645, 2646, 2647, 2648, 2649, 2650, 2651, 2652, 2653, 2654, 2655, 2656, 2657, 2658, 2659, 2660, 2661, 2662, 2663, 2664, 2665, 2666, 2667, 2668, 2669, 2670, 2671, 2672, 2673, 2674, 2675, 2676, 2677, 2678, 2679, 26

[illegible]

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

APR 6 1968

TELETYPE

3 31 PM IMMEDIATE 4/6/68 CAH

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

ST
81

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, AND PHOENIX
FROM NEW HAVEN (157-818)(P)
ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. RM

FOLLOWING FURNISHED BY DETECTIVE RUSSELL HUGHES, WEST
HARTFORD, CONN., POLICE DEPARTMENT, THIS DATE.

WILLIAM LESLIE WILLARD, BORN [REDACTED],
HARTFORD, CONN., RESIDENT FIVE SEVEN RAYMOND, ROAD, WEST
HARTFORD, CONN.; HARTFORD POLICE DEPT., NUMBER FOUR FOUR TWO
FOUR NINE, SIX FEET TWO INCHES, ONE HUNDRED NINETY POUNDS, BROWN
HAIR, AND AT TIMES WEARS GLASSES, PRESENTLY SOUGHT AS CHECK

REC 36

44-38861-12

ASSER. DISCHARGED UNITED STATES ARMY BECAUSE OF MENTAL CONDITION.
ABOUT ONE YEAR AGO KNOWN TO HAVE PURCHASED AND EXCHANGED RIFLES
AND SHOTGUNS AT SEARS ROEBUCK STORE, WEST HARTFORD.

APR 10 1968

WILLARD LEFT RESIDENCE THREE TO FOUR WEEKS AGO AND NOT
HEARD FROM UNTIL NIGHT OF APRIL FIVE, LAST, WHEN HE CALLED HIS

62 APR 17 1968

APR 6 4 04 PM '68
F.B.I.
U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE

RECEIVED
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION
DIVISION 5

APR 6 1968

U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE

PAGE TWO

MOTHER IN WETHERSFIELD, CONN., SEEKING FUNDS TO TRAVEL HOME ON APRIL SIX, INSTANT. NOT KNOWN IF MOTHER SENT HIM MONEY. FAMILY INTENDS TO COMMIT HIM TO MENTAL INSTITUTION WHEN HE RETURNS HOME. HE TOLD MOTHER HE WAS AT YUMA, ARIZONA, AND RECENTLY DISCHARGED FROM HOSPITAL FOLLOWING A FALL.

DETECTIVE HUGHES STATED WILLARD CLOSELY RESEMBLED ARTIST'S CONCEPTION OF UNSUB WHICH APPEARED IN HARTFORD PAPER THIS DATE AND SIGNIFICANT THAT UNSUB USED NAME JOHN WILLARD WHEN HE RENTED ROOM IN MEMPHIS.

PHOTO OF WILLARD SENT MEMPHIS.

PHOENIX AT YUMA, ARIZONA, WILL CHECK HOSPITALS FOR RECORD OF WILLARD AS TO DATES OF HOSPITALIZATION.

NEW HAVEN INDICES NEGATIVE.

END.

GFH

FBI WASH DC

666

APR 6 1968

FBI

RECEIVED

CC- MR. SULLIVAN

REC'D-TELETYPE UNIT
FBI

APR 6 3 38 PM '68

TO DIRECTOR

FROM

NY

RE NEW YORK TELETYPE TO BUREAU APRIL FIVE LAST.

RE NEW YORK TELETYPE TO BUREAU APRIL FIVE LAST.

RE NEW YORK TELETYPE TO BUREAU APRIL FIVE LAST.

RE NEW YORK TELETYPE TO BUREAU APRIL FIVE LAST.

RE NEW YORK TELETYPE TO BUREAU APRIL FIVE LAST.

RE NEW YORK TELETYPE TO BUREAU APRIL FIVE LAST.

RE NEW YORK TELETYPE TO BUREAU APRIL FIVE LAST.

RE NEW YORK TELETYPE TO BUREAU APRIL FIVE LAST.

RE NEW YORK TELETYPE TO BUREAU APRIL FIVE LAST.

RE NEW YORK TELETYPE TO BUREAU APRIL FIVE LAST.

RE NEW YORK TELETYPE TO BUREAU APRIL FIVE LAST.

RE NEW YORK TELETYPE TO BUREAU APRIL FIVE LAST.

END

VIA TELETYPE

APR 9 1968

ENCIPHERED

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	<i>RL</i>
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

ST WA20

439PM URGENT 4-9-68 MMS

TO.. DIRECTOR, BIRMINGHAM, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

AND MEMPHIS PLAINTEXT

FROM.. NEW YORK (44-1609) 1P

0 MURKIN

RE LOS ANGELES TEL TO THE BUREAU APRIL EIGHT LAST.

RUTH PETERSON, MOTHER OF ALAN ROY PETERSON, CONFIRMED
ALAN TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED HER MORNING OF APRIL EIGHT
LAST TO DETERMINE WHY FBI TRYING TO CONTACT HIM. SHE
STATES ALAN FORWARDS ALL HIS MAIL TO HER WHICH CONSISTS
OF ONLY CHURCH BULLETINS. SHE STATES NEITHER
SHE NOR ALAN'S FATHER HAVE ANY BROTHERS OR SISTERS, THEREFORE
ALAN HAS NO COUSINS. SHE KNOWS OF NO ONE OTHER THAN
HERSELF WHO COMMUNICATES WITH ALAN PETERSON.

~~CORR. LN 8 WD 2 SHOULD READ "NOR"~~

END

HWL

FBI WASH DC

REC-44-38861-13

APR 10 1968

66 APR 17 1968

no index

REC'D - ROSEN
FBI

CODING UNIT

APR 9 5 03 PM '68

APR 9 4 47 PM '68

REC'D - CIV RIGHTS
FBI

APR 9 5 18 PM '68

RECEIVED
TELETYPE UNIT
APR 9 4 51 PM '68

ENCLOSURE
FBI
APR 10 1968

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

APR 9 1968

TELETYPE

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

FBI WASH DC

FBI MOBILE

ST 334PM URGENT 4/9/68 AAH

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS (44-1987), BIRMINGHAM AND DALLAS
FROM MOBILE (157-2627)

MURKIN. OO ME.

Handwritten:
4-10-68
9th Bombardment
checking
1040 Bombardment
Said Not Present
MS

ON JAN. EIGHTEEN, SIXTYFIVE, WHEN MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.,
WAS LEADING VOTER REGISTRATION ACTIVITIES AT SELMA, ALA., ONE
JIMMY GEORGE ROBINSON WENT TO THE ALBERT HOTEL, SELMA, WHERE
KING WAS STAYING, AND PHYSICALLY ASSAULTED KING WITH A BLOW TO
THE RIGHT SIDE OF HIS HEAD. ROBINSON, AT THAT TIME ALLEGEDLY AN
AFFILIATE OF THE NATIONAL STATES RIGHTS PARTY.

ROBINSON ALSO ASSAULTED FORMER SA DANIEL D. DOYLE, FBI, AT
SELMA, ALA., MAR. SEVEN, SIXTYFIVE, AND WAS CHARGED WITH VIOLATION
TITLE EIGHTEEN, SECTION ONE ONE ONE AND SIX FOUR ONE. SUBSEQUENTLY
ROBINSON TRIED AND ON AUG. THIRTYONE, SIXTYSIX FOUND NOT GUILTY
IN JURY TRIAL.

IN VIEW OF ABOVE, MOBILE FEELS ROBINSON SHOULD BE
CONSIDERED LOGICAL SUSPECT IN MURDER OF KING.

ROBINSON DESCRIBED AS WM AMERICAN BORN

END PAGE ONE

62 APR 17 1968

REC'D - 4025H

25 APR 10 1968

W. H. Hudson

REC'D CIV RIGHTS
FBI
JUN 9 5 18 PM '68

501 502 503

PAGE TWO

AT BONHAM, TEX., SIX FOOT ONE AND ONE HALF INCHES TALL, ONE SIXTY LBS., BROWN HAIR, BLUE EYES, SLENDER BUILD. ROBINSON HAS FBI NO. TWO TWO NINE SEVEN ONE D.

ROBINSON RESIDED AT FIVE TWO EIGHT ALA. AVE., SELMA, ALA., APR. TWENTYONE, SIXTYFIVE, AND IN INTERVIEW ADMITTED MEMBERSHIP IN NSRP, STATING HE SERVED AS NSRP ORGANIZER IN DALLAS. ROBINSON'S LAST KNOWN ADDRESS WAS GARLAND, TEXAS.

SUBSEQUENT TO ABOVE ASSAULT, ROBINSON IS KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN IN BIRMINGHAM, ALA., AREA WHERE HE WAS AN ASSOCIATE OF J. B. STONER.

BIRMINGHAM WILL ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE IF ROBINSON IN BH AREA AND REVIEW THEIR FILE ONE FIVE SEVEN DASH EIGHT SIX SEVEN FOR LOGICAL INVESTIGATION TO LOCATE ROBINSON.

DALLAS WILL REVIEW FILES EIGHT NINE DASH FOUR NINE AND ONE FIVE SEVEN DASH TWO ONE FIVE IN AN EFFORT TO DETERMINE ROBINSON'S LOCATION DURING PERTINENT PERIOD.

MOBILE AT SELMA, ALA., WILL CONTACT LOGICAL SOURCES IN AN EFFORT TO DETERMINE IF ROBINSON IN SELMA AREA DURING PERTINENT PERIOD.

END

CAB

FBI WASH DC

APR 24 4 01 PM '68

101

REC'D-TELETYPE UNIT
F B I

APR 9 4 41 PM '68

END PAGE 00

END

END

MEMO.

RECORD TO TELETYPE IN BIRMINGHAM IN SEVEN SEVEN DURING BIRMINGHAM

NOTICE VI SEVEN. VIV. ANT CONVINCE FURTHER EVIDENCE IN AN
FOCUSION DURING BIRMINGHAM PERIOD.

TIME SEVEN DASH TWO ONE LINE IN AN RECORD TO TELETYPE BIRMINGHAM.

DUTTY WITH SEVEN EIGHT EIGHT NINE DASH FOUR NINE ONE ONE
LOS FURTHER INVESTIGATION IN FOCUSION BIRMINGHAM.

SEVEN AND SEVEN DASH EIGHT ONE LINE SEVEN DASH EIGHT SIX SEVEN

BIRMINGHAM WITH EVIDENCE TO TELETYPE IN BIRMINGHAM IN AN
EIGHT.

SEVEN IN BIRMINGHAM. VIV. VIV. SEVEN HE WAS AN ASSOCIATE OF T. A.

INTERVIEW TO SEVEN SEVEN. BIRMINGHAM IN RECORD TO SEVEN

SEVEN SEVEN SEVEN AND SEVEN. SEVEN.

IN SEVEN. SEVEN HE SEVEN VS SEVEN SEVEN IN SEVEN. BIRMINGHAM.

SEVEN. SEVEN. SEVEN. SEVEN IN SEVEN SEVEN SEVEN SEVEN

BIRMINGHAM SEVEN VI SEVEN TWO SEVEN VIV. VIV. SEVEN. VIV.

AND TWO SEVEN SEVEN ONE D.

SEVEN. SEVEN SEVEN SEVEN SEVEN SEVEN SEVEN. BIRMINGHAM SEVEN SEVEN

VI SEVEN. SEVEN. SEVEN SEVEN ONE AND SEVEN SEVEN SEVEN SEVEN. SEVEN SEVEN
SEVEN TWO