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SEVENTY THREE INCHES TALL, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY POUNDS, SLIM BUILD, BLUE EYES, HAIR LIGHT BROWN, RECEDING AT TEMPLES, BRUSHED BACK IN CENTER, SPARSE ON TOP, POINTED NOSE, FAIR COMPLEXION, FOUR INCH SCAR INSIDE LEFT FOREARM, MOLE ON RIGHT SIDE OF CHEEK NEAR MOUTH, MOLE ON RIGHT SIDE OF NECK. SOURCE, LULUBELLE CHESTER, ONE FIVE FOUR ONE ONE EAST FORTY FIRST STREET, INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER FOR SUSPECT [redacted] LAST EMPLOYMENT, SALESMAN HYPHEN EDUCATIONAL COUNSELLOR, AIRLINE TRAINING CENTER, INCORPORATION, THREE NINE FOUR ZERO BROADWAY, KANSAS CITY, MISOURI.

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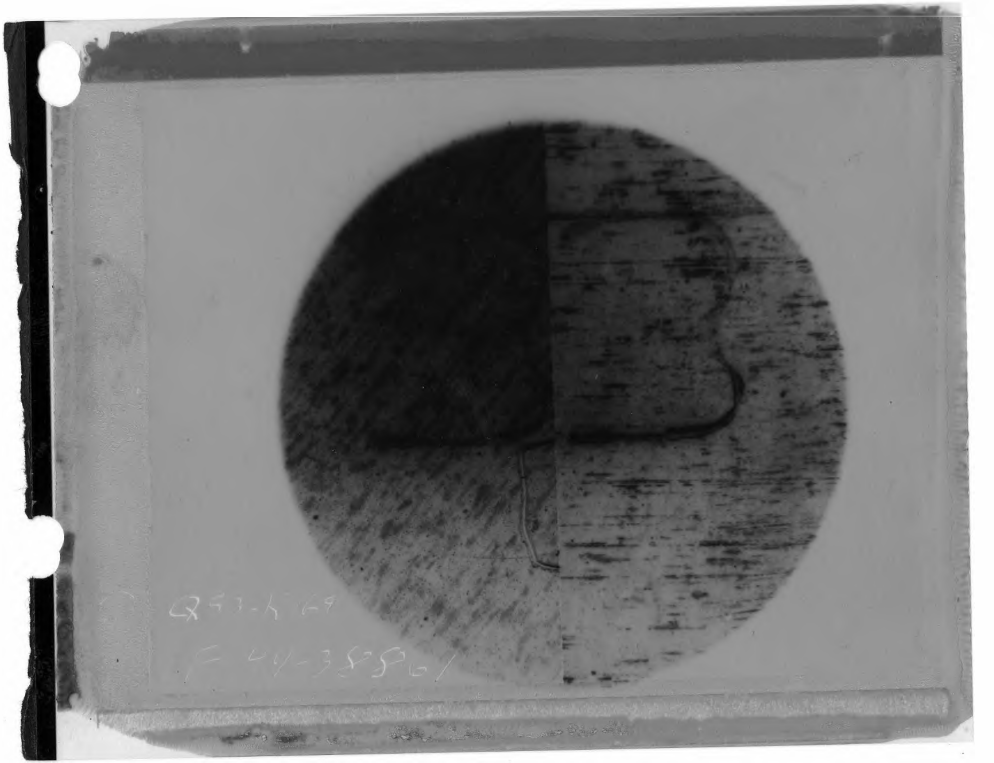

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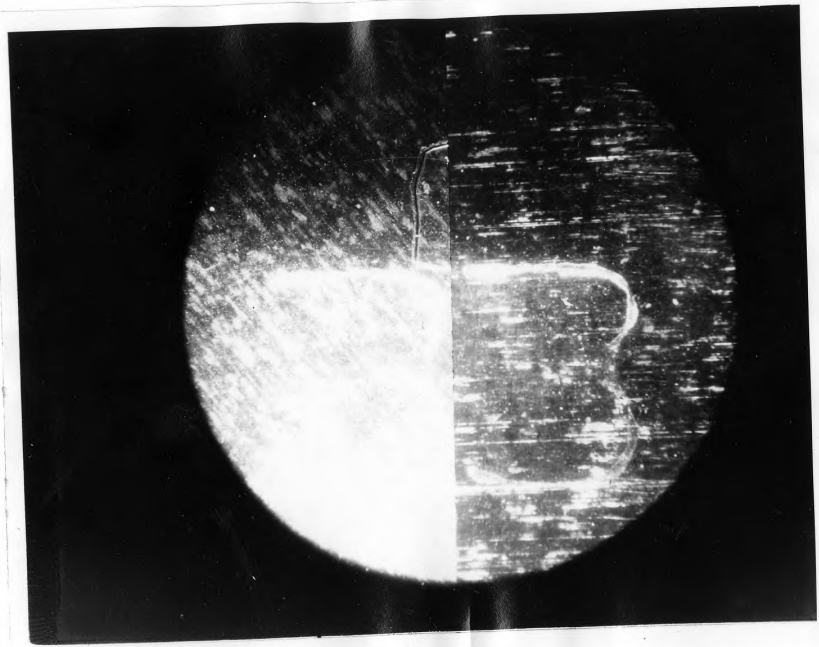

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TO : MR. TROTTER

DATE: 4/6/68

FROM : S. F. Latona

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT, AKA JOHN WILLARD;
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM
CR

RESULTS OF LATENT PRINT EXAMINATION

All evidence delivered 4/5/68 by Memphis and Birmingham agents has been examined for latent prints with following results:

Memphis evidence
One fingerprint on side of Remington Model 760 rifle, Q2
One fingerprint on Redfield telescopic sight on rifle, Q2
One palm print on black box for rifle, Q1. (This palm print identified as palm print of Donald F. Wood, clerk in Birmingham store where rifle purchased)
One fingerprint on binoculars, Q14, from blue zipper bag. (This latent fingerprint identical with latent fingerprint on Q2 rifle)
One fingerprint on newspaper "Commercial Appeal, Memphis, April 4, 1968" from blue zipper bag
One fingerprint on after shave lotion bottle, Q24, from blue zipper bag
One fingerprint on beer can, Q53, from blue zipper bag

Birmingham evidence
Three fingerprints and three palm prints on Remington Model 700 rifle box. (These latent prints all identical fingerprints and palm prints of Birmingham store clerk, Wood)
Three fingerprint on cartridge box from shelf in Birmingham gun store
Fifteen fingerprints on two invoices from sale of two rifles in Birmingham. (Fourteen are identical fingerprints of store clerk, Wood, and one identical fingerprint agent recovering invoices)

ENCLOSURE ATTACHED

Both rifles have been disassembled and all parts examined for latent prints.

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GJB:anc (14)

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. Bishop
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Memorandum to MR. TROTTER
RE: Unknown Subject, AKA John Willard;
Martin Luther King, Jr. - Victim
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The aforementioned latent prints, that have not been eliminated as prints of store clerk Wood and agent, are not identical with fingerprints of suspects or of individuals whose names or prints have been furnished for elimination purposes. Latent prints have been compared with each other but no additional identifications effected.

All evidence presently being retained in either Laboratory or Identification Divisions.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

ADDENDUM; Memphis, Birmingham and General Investigation Divisions advised.

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1-Mr. Conrad-Enc.
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1-Office, 7133-Enc.

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TO : Mr. Conrad

FROM : R. H. Jevons

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
also known as John Willard;
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. -
VICTIM; CIVIL RIGHTS

Sixtyeight items were received from the Memphis Office today in connection with this case. They consisted of a bullet from the victim's body, a .30-06 Springfield caliber Remington "Gamemaster" slide-action rifle, Model 760, Serial Number 461476, with a Redfield telescope sight attached, bearing Serial Number A17350, several loaded .30-06 caliber cartridges of both commercial and military types, a bedspread, a suitcase containing numerous toilet articles, maps, a newspaper section, a binocular, towel, handkerchief, a pair of socks, two cans of beer, purchased in Mississippi, and several miscellaneous items. In addition to the above, three twenty-dollar bills were submitted for fingerprint examination.

The bullet from King's body is a .30 caliber metal-jacketed, soft point, sporting type rifle bullet, similar in all remaining characteristics to the bullets in five of the loaded cartridges found in the suitcase referred to above. This suitcase was recovered by the Memphis Police Department after being abandoned in the vicinity of 424 South Main Street. A cartridge case found in this suitcase was identified as having been fired in the Remington rifle referred to above which was also abandoned at this address.

Based on general rifling impressions, the bullet from King's body could have been fired from the Remington rifle but due to mutilation of the bullet, insufficient marks of value for identification remain and it was not possible to determine definitely whether or not the fatal bullet came from this rifle. This conclusion was reached independently by three of the Laboratory's firearms examiners.

REC- 44

44-38861-174

Enclosure
1-Mr. Tolson
1-Mr. Mohr
1-Mr. DeLoach
1-Mr. Rosen
1-Mr. Bishop
1-Mr. Martindale
1-Mr. Trotter
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Memorandum to Mr. Conrad
Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
also known as John Willard;
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. -
VICTIM; CIVIL RIGHTS

The Memphis Office requested the Laboratory to determine the sources of many of the items submitted. These examinations are going forward. Some of the items submitted contained hair and foreign fibers of possible value for comparison with suspect's hair and clothing; however, to date, we have received no suspect's hair or clothing for comparison.

All hairs recovered to date are of Caucasian origin rather than of Negroid or other origin.

All material received has been photographed and where appropriate, has been or is being examined for latent fingerprints.

The Memphis Office is being furnished a teletype concerning the firearms, hair and fiber, soil and document examinations today.

ACTION: None. For information.

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TO : MR. MOHR DATE: 4-8-68

FROM : W. S. HYDE

SUBJECT: MURKIN
Unknown Subject; WA or AKA John Williard
and Harvey Lowmeyer
Martin Luther King, Jr. - Victim
CIVIL RIGHTS

In connection with the above special, fifteen agents, six cars and three stenographers were dispatched to the Memphis Office on special assignment for an indefinite period. The following offices were contacted on Friday, 4-5-68, and instructed to send the number of personnel and cars indicated.

Office	Agents	Cars	Stenographers
Little Rock	3	1	1
Kansas City	2	1	0
Louisville	3	1	1
Cincinnati	2	1	1
Springfield	2	1	0
St. Louis	3	1	0
Total	15	6	3

All personnel reported to Memphis on Saturday, 4-6-68. Instructions were given that the personnel selected were to be experienced, mature, and having been the subject of no recent severe administrative action. Also, they were not to send agents who were former police officers.

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RECOMMENDATION:

Submitted for information.

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JBA:crt (8)
1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Callahan
1 - Mr. Hyde
1 - Mr. Hereford
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1 - Mr. Long

To: SACs, Memphis (Enclosures - 15)
Birmingham (Enclosures - 3)

From: Director, FBI

MURKIN

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Enclosed for Memphis will be the following: three color photographs of green and brown cloth, six photographs of beer can bearing Mississippi tax paid printing, six photographs of items containing price tags.

Enclosed for Birmingham are three copies of a photograph of brown and green cloth.

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: April 5, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

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

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM
CIVIL RIGHTS

SEE NOTE ON REVERSE SIDE

We have been successful in tracing the Remington rifle which was found near the scene of the shooting and the box which was with the rifle to a supply company in Birmingham, Alabama. The rifle in question was sold on Saturday, 3/30/68, to an individual giving the name of Harvey Lowmeyer, 1907 South 11th Street, Birmingham, Alabama. This appears to be a fictitious name but the Birmigham Office is continuing thorough investigation to identify the purchaser.

B. APPROX.

The Birmingham Office determined that the Aero Marine Supply Company, 5701 Airport Highway, Birmingham, Alabama, had on Friday, 3/29/68, sold to Harvey Lowmeyer a .243 caliber Model 700 Remington rifle. He indicated he wanted to go hunting in Wisconsin and had the dealer mount a Redfield scope on the rifle.

The following day, Saturday, 3/30/68, the individual returned the gun stating that it was not the type rifle he wanted and he obtained a Model 760, .30-06 caliber Remington rifle, serial number 461476. At that time he did obtain a box of shells and had the Redfield scope removed from the first rifle and mounted on the .30-06 caliber rifle.

Birmingham Office has advised that it appears that the name Lowmeyer is a fictitious name and efforts are being made to identify the purchaser of the gun. Lowmeyer is described as white male, 36 years of age, 5 feet 8 inches tall, weighing between 150 and 160 pounds.

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The rifle which was obtained on 3/29/68 and returned on 3/30/68 together with the box in which it was returned are being obtained by the Birmingham Office and will be flown into the Bureau ~~to be examined~~ for latent fingerprints.

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ACTION:

You will be advised of pertinent developments in this matter.

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1258PM URGENT 4/7/68 BCS

TO DIRECTOR, TAMPA, MEMPHIS

FROM DETROIT 157-2362

MURKIN

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

ON THIS DATE, CAPT. DONALD E. SLOAT (NA), PORT HURON, MICH PD ADIVSED THAT MR. & MRS. WALTER LESTER, TWO FIVE TWO FOUR SPRUCE, PORT HURON, MICH, TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED PD TODAY AND INDICATED THEY RECENTLY RETURNED FROM PALM HARBOR, FLA. THE LESTERS INDICATED THEY HAD SEEN A SKETCH OF UNSUB IN CAPTIONED MATTER AND SAID SKETCH WAS SIMILAR AND DESCRIPTION MATCHES THAT OF JAMES KIDDER, WHO IS A W/M, LATE THIRTIES OR EARLY FORTIES, & WAS RESIDING IN A GARAGE APARTMENT AT OMAHA & ILLINOIS AVES., PALM HARBOR, FLA., WHICH IS OWNED BY MRS. MARIE MARYLAND. KIDDER WAS RESIDING WITH A WOMAN, VIRGINIA KIDDER, WHO MAY OR MAY NOT BE HIS WIFE.

KIDDER WAS EMPLOYED AT THE HOOD JUICE CO., DUNEDIN, FLA., AND WAS FIRED BECAUSE OF DRINKING.

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KIDDER HAS ALSO PURCHASED A NEW SUIT AT A GENERAL CLOTHING & GROCERY STORE, NAME UNKNOWN, AT PALM HARBOR. KIDDER IS BEING SOUGHT FOR NON-PAYMENT OF RENT AND FAILURE TO PAY FOR SUIT.

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ADVISED THAT MR. & MRS. WALTER LESTER, TWO FIVE TWO FOUR SPRUCE,

ON THIS DATE, CAPT. DONALD E. SLOAT (AU), FORT HURON, MICH PD

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FROM DETROIT 121-8368

TO DIRECTOR, TAMPA, MARKIS

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MEMPHIS--ATTEMPT TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW VIRGINIA KIDDER, W/F, ABOUT FORTY, RE THIS MATTER.

TAMPA AT HARBOR, FLA.--WILL CONTACT MARIE MARYLAND, DISPLAY SKETCH OF UNSUB TO DETERMINE IF POSSIBLY IDENTICAL AND DEVELOP BACKGROUND RE KIDDER.

AT DUNEDIN, FLA.--CONTACT HOOD JUICE CO., DISPLAY SKETCH AND OBTAIN BACKGROUND RE KIDDER.

DETROIT AT PORT HURON--WILL INTERVIEW MR. & MRS. WALTER LESTER, TWO FIVE TWO FOUR SPRUCE, FOR ADDITIONAL PERTINENT INFORMATION FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF INFORMATION REQUESTED FROM MEMPHIS.

MEMPHIS--SUTEL DETROIT SUMMARY OF FACTS INCLUDING BEST AVAILABLE DESCRIPTION OF ASSASSIN TO FACILITATE INTERVIEW OF THE LESTERS.

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REBIRAIRTELS APRIL FOUR, DELIVERY OF EVIDENCE APRIL FIVE BY MEMPHIS SA ROBERT FITZPATRICK AND BIRMINGHAM SA NEIL P. SHANAHAN.

ALL EVIDENCE EXAMINED FOR LATENT PRINTS WITH FOLLOWING RESULTS:

MEMPHIS EVIDENCE

ONE FINGERPRINT SIDE OF REMINGTON MODEL SEVEN SIX [illegible] RIFLE, Q TWO.

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ONE FINGERPRINT REDFIELD TELESCOPIC SIGHT ON RIFLE, Q TWO.

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ONE PALM PRINT ON BLACK BOX, Q ONE, FOR RIFLE. (THIS PALM PRINT IDENTIFIED AS PALM PRINT BIRMINGHAM STORE CLERK DONALD F. WOOD).

ONE FINGERPRINT ON BINOCULARS, Q ONE FOUR, FROM BLUE ZIPPER BAG. (THIS LATENT IDENTICAL LATENT Q TWO ON RIFLE).

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ONE FINGERPRINT ON MEMPHIS COMMERCIAL APPEAL NEWSPAPER, Q ONE NINE, FOR APRIL FOUR, SIXTYEIGHT, FROM BLUE ZIPPER BAG.

ONE FINGERPRINT ON GILLETTE AFTER SHAVE LOTION BOTTLE, Q TWO FOUR, FROM BLUE ZIPPER BAG.

1 - Mr. Rosen

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ONE FINGERPRINT ON SCHLITZ BEER CAN, Q FIVE THREE, FROM BLUE ZIPPER BAG.

BIRMINGHAM EVIDENCE

THREE FINGERPRINTS ON FEDERAL CARTRIDGE BOX.

THREE FINGERPRINTS AND THREE PALM PRINTS ON REMINGTON MODEL SEVEN NAUGHT NAUGHT RIFLE BOX.(THESE LATENTS ALL IDENTICAL PRINTS OF STORE CLERK WOOD).

FIFTEEN FINGERPRINTS ON TWO INVOICES FOR PURCHASE OF RIFLES. (FOURTEEN FINGERPRINTS XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX OF THESE LATENTS IDENTICAL PRINTS OF STORE CLERK WOOD AND REMAINING LATENT IDENTICAL FINGERPRINT OF AGENT RECOVERING INVOICES).

BOTH RIFLES DISASSEMBLED AND COMPLETELY EXAMINED FOR LATENTS.

LATENTS NOT IDENTICAL FINGERPRINTS OF JOHN HUBBARD WILLARD, FBI NUMBER NINE THREE FOUR FOUR FIVE FOUR C; HERMAN H. DANIELS, FBI NUMBER ONE SIX NINE THREE THREE FIVE C; EUGENE SMITH MANSFIELD, FBI NUMBER THREE NAUGHT TWO FOUR FIVE FIVE D; SAMUEL HOLLOWAY BOWERS, FBI NUMBER EIGHT THREE SEVEN ONE FIVE ONE E; THOMAS A. TARRANTS, FBI NUMBER NINE NINE TWO FIVE EIGHT TWO E; BYRON DE LA BECKWITH, FBI NUMBER FIVE FOUR ONE TWO ONE SIX E; WILLIAM J. LOWMEYER, XXXXXXXXXX ARMY SERVICE NUMBER THREE SEVEN SEVEN NINE FIVE SIX FOUR EIGHT; HARVEY E. LOWMEYER, FBI NUMBER SEVEN THREE NAUGHT NINE SEVEN NINE A; WILLIAM ARTHUR LOWMEYER, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI POLICE NUMBER SEVEN SIX NAUGHT EIGHT FIVE DASH FOUR; OR WILLIAM ALBERT LOWMEYER, PATTERSON, NEW JERSEY COUNTY JAIL NUMBER THREE EIGHT FOUR TWO SEVEN.

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LATENTS ON MEMPHIS EVIDENCE NOT IDENTICAL ELIMINATION FINGER-PRINTS OF GUY WARREN CANIPE, BORN [redacted] IN LUFKIN, TEXAS; NEVELYN ECKRAY ZACHARY, BORN [redacted] IN BOBBO, MISSISSIPPI; SA ORVILLE VERNON JOHNSON OR SAC JENSEN.

THREE LATENTS ON BIRMINGHAM CARTRIDGE BOX NOT IDENTICAL ELIMINATION PRINTS OF STONE CLARKE WOOD AND V.L. MATHEW BAKER OR SA NEIL P. SHANAHAN.

LATENTS COMPARED EACH OTHER BUT NO ADDITIONAL IDENTIFICATIONS EFFECTED.

LABORATORY REPORT AND DISPOSITION OF ALL EVIDENCE SEPARATE.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987) 4P

CHANGED: UNSUB, AKA JOHN WILLARD, HARVEY LOWMEYER;
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TITLE CHANGED TO ADD ALIAS HARVEY LOWMEYER.

IN VIEW OF THE VOLUMINOUS TITLE IN THIS CASE, IT IS REQUESTED THE BUREAU DESIGNATE A CODE NAME.

UNSUB USING NAME HARVEY LOWMEYER ON MARCH TWENTY NINE LAST PURCHASED CALIBER TWO FORTY THREE W BROWNING RIFLE FROM WIMBERLY THOMAS HARDWARE, BIRMINGHAM, ALA. AT TIME OF PURCHASE LOWMEYER HAD TWO X - SEVEN X VARIABLE POWER REDFIELD SCOPE MOUNTED ON RIFLE.

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ON MARCH THIRTY LAST LOWMEYER RETURNED TO WIMBERLY THOMAS AND TRADED BROWNING RIFLE FOR A REMINGTON THIRTY - ZERO SIX, MODEL SEVEN SIXTY PUMP RIFLE. REDFIELD SCOPE SIGHT WAS REMOUNTED ON REMINGTON RIFLE. LOWMEYER ALSO TRADED ONE BOX OF TWO FORTY THREE CALIBER CARTRIDGES FOR ONE BOX OF THIRTY - ZERO SIX CARTRIDGES. TWENTY CARTRIDGES PER BOX.

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REMINGTON RIFLE HAS SERIAL NUMBER FOUR SIX ONE FOUR SEVEN SIX. HRVEY LOWMEYER NOT KNOWN AT ADDRESS IN BIRMINGHAM GIVEN

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BY HIM AT TIME OF PURCHASE.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, NATIONAL RETAIL HARDWARE ASSOCIATION, INDIANAPOLIS, IS ATTEMPTING TO IDENTIFY SALES OUTLET FOR NEEDLE NOSE PLIERS FOUND IN SUITCASE ABANDONED BY SUBJECT IMMEDIATELY AFTER SHOOTING.

BINOCULARS FOUND IN ABANDONED SUITCASE DETERMINED TO HAVE BEEN PURCHASED LATE AFTERNOON APRIL FOUR LAST FROM YORK ARMS, ONE SIX TWO S. MAIN ST., MEMPHIS. SALES CLERK DESCRIBED PURCHASER AS WM, AGE TWENTY SIX TO THIRTY TWO, FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, ONE SIXTY - ONE SEVENTY FIVE LBS., MEDIUM BUILD, DARK BROWN OR BLACK HAIR COMBED STRAIGHT BACK AND WITHOUT A PART, NEAT APPEARANCE, WEARING DARK COAT AND TROUSERS, WHITE SHIRT AND STRIPED NECKTIE.

YORK ARMS DOES NOT MAINTAIN RECORDS OF SERIAL NUMBERS OF BINOCULARS SOLD BY THEM. INVESTIGATION AT LOS ANGELES REFLECTS NO RECORD KEPT OF SERIAL NUMBERS BY MANUFACTURER OF BINOCULARS. HOWEVER, SALESMAN STATES HE CAN IDENTIFY BOX IN WHICH BINOCULARS PACKED BECAUSE HE WROTE PRICE OF PURCHASE AND TAX ON ONE SIDE OF THE BOX.

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THERE ARE THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY SEVEN FRIENDSHIP INN MOTELS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY, A NUMBER OF WHICH ARE LOCATED IN THE AREA IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO MEMPHIS. NOT ALL OF THESE USE BARS OF SOAP BEARING FRIENDSHIP INN WRAPPER, BUT SOAP IS AVAILABLE TO ALL AND NO RECORD KEPT AS TO WHICH INNS USE IT.

SAC, JACKSON, HAS STATED EUGENE SMITH MANSFIELD, FBI # THREE ZERO TWO FOUR FIVE FIVE B, SHOULD BE CONSIDERED SUSPECT AS HE IS REPORTEDLY BEING HIDDEN OUT IN MISSISSIPPI BY ONE L. E. MATTHEWS, PROVINCE GIANT, WKKKK. SAC, JACKSON, IS FURNISHING PHOTOGRAPHS OF MANSFIELD AND OF BYRON DE LA BECKWITH.

NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION AT SCENE OF SHOOTING HAS DISCLOSED SEVERAL PERSONS WHO BELIEVE A WHITE MUSTANG, LICENSE UNKNOWN, WAS SEEN TO LEAVE THE AREA SHORTLY AFTER SHOOTING. DMV RECORDS FOR TENNESSEE, ALABAMA AND MISSISSIPPI ARE NOT FILED IN SUCH A MANNER AS TO MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO DETERMINE OWNERS OF WHITE MUSTANGS. MV RECORDS FILED ONLY BY NUMBER. OTHER MEANS OF OBTAINING LIST OF WHITE MUSTANGS BEING EXPLORED.

SUSPECT IN MEMPHIS PD IDENT FILES WHO HAD IDENTICAL NAME AND LIVED IN PONTOTOC, MISS., AREA, INTERVIEWED BY JACKSON AGENTS. HE CURRENTLY RESIDES TUPELO, MISS., AND HAS BEEN

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ELIMINATED BY JACKSON AGENTS AS HIS WHEREABOUTS ACCOUNTED FOR DURING PERTINENT PERIOD.

LAUNDRY TAPE WHICH APPEARS ON T-SHIRT AND SHORTS OF SUBJECT INSTANT CASE HAS BEEN ELIMINATED FROM CONSIDERATION IN LAUNDRIES MEMPHIS AREA. BIRMINGHAM CONDUCTING INTENSIVE INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE IF LAUNDRY MARKS PERTINENT THAT CASE.

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TO DIRECTOR AND ATLANTA

FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987 2P

UNSUB, AKA JOHN WILLARD; MARTIN LUTHER KING - VICTIM; CR.

RE MEMPHIS TEL THIS DATE.

INSPECTOR N. E. ZACHARY, HOMICIDE DIVISION, MEMPHIS PD, ADVISED THAT HE HAD JUST RECEIVED A SECOND CALL FROM CHARLES WADE WILSON, RT. THREE, CASON RD., CEDARTOWN, GA. ON THIS OCCASION WILSON ADVISED THAT HE, CHARLES HAINES OF ATHENS, GA., AND SHERMAN SANDERS, WHO ALSO RESIDES ON CASON RD., IN CEDARTOWN, GA. HAD PLANNED THE MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING , JR. HE CONTINUED THAT THEY WERE PAID FOUR THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR THE ASSASSINATION. OF THIS AMOUNT, HE RECEIVED ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS.

INSPECTOR ZACHARY STATED THAT HTEY WERE HAVING CONSIDERABLE TROUBLE WITH THE TLEPHONE DURING THE CONVERSATION AND HE HAD OCCASION TO TALK TO LONG DISTANCE OPERATOR HANDLING THE CALL. SHE INDICATED THIS CONVERSATION WAS COMING FROM PAY TELEPHONE IN CEDARTOWN, GA., TEL. SEVEN FOUR EIGHT DASH NINE ZERO NINE SIX, AND THAT SHE HAD, BECAUSE OF PREVIOUS CALLS, REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THE CALLER WAS IN REALITY SHERMAN SANDERS. AGENTS IN THEIR

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INVESTIGATION OF THIS MATTER SHOULD BE MADE AWARE OF THIS POSSIBILITY AND THAT THE CALLER MAY BE MENTALLY UNBALANCED. UNSUB ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P

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INSPECTOR N. E. ZACHARY, HOMICIDE DIVISION, MEMPHIS PD, ADVISED THIS DATE THAT CHARLES WADELL WILSON, ROUTE THREE, CASON ROAD, CEDARTWON, GA., HAD TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED HIM TO ADVISE HE BELIEVED VICTIM WAS SHOT BY SHERMAN SANDERS, MW, THIRTY TWO YEARS OF AGE, WHO ALSO RESIDES ON CASON ROAD, CEDARTOWN, GA., AND WHO WORKS AT ROCKMART, GA. WILSON STATED SANDERS ACCOMPANIED BY BUD DAWSON, WM, THIRTY, ADDRESS CANAL ST., CEDARTOWN, GA., AND CHARLES HUSER (PHONITIC), MW, THIRTY TWO, UNKNOWN ADDRESS, HAD COME TO MEMPHIS IN A WHITE SIXTY EIGHT CADILLAC, GA. LIC. TWENTY NINE DASH (LAST DIGITS NOT KNOWN), AND STAYED FOR UNKNOWN PERIOD OF TIME IN A "FLOP HOUSE" ON SOUTH MAIN ST., MEMPHIS. WILSON STATED

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HE DIDN'T KNOW SANDERS WAS GOING TO SHOOT KING AND WHEN HE HEARD KING HAD BEEN SHOT, HE BECAME FRIGHTENED. ACCORDING TO WILSON, SANDERS USED A THIRTY OUGHT SIX RIFLE WITH A SCOPE SIGHT THAT HAD BEEN PURCHASED SEVERAL MONTHS AGO IN CHICAGO.

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TO BE APPROXIMATELY THIRTY SIX YEARS, FIVE FT. EIGHT INCHES, ONE HUNDRED FIFTY TO ONE HUNDRED SIXTY LBS., DARK HAIR, MEDIUM COMPLEXION, AND WHEN LAST SEEN WAS WEARING DARK SUIT AND TIE.

INVESTIGATION HAS DETERMINED WEAPON USED IN THIS CASE PURCHASED MARCH THIRTY, SIXTY EIGHT, IN BIRMINGHAM, ALA. THIS INFO IS NOT TO BE DISSEMINATED OUTSIDE BUREAU.

ATLANTA, AT DEDARTOWN, GA., WILL CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION RE SANDERS, DAWSON AND HUSER (PHONETIC). UNSUB ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P. LST PARA FIRSTLINE WRD THREE IS CEDARTOWN. END.

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TO DIRECTOR MEMPHIS AND NEW YORK

FROM BUFFALO (44-374) (P)

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REBUTEL ALL SAC APRIL SEVEN INSTANT

METROPOLITAN TORONTO PD (MTPD) TORONTO CANADA TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED TODAY OF INTERVIEW REQUEST MADE BY JOEL ROHER, TORONTO ART STUDENT AGE TWENTY THEN IN TORONTO ON VACATION. SUBSTANCE OF MTPD INTERVIEW INSTANT DATE REVOLVES AROUND ARTISTS CONCEPTION OF UNSUB PUBLISHED PAGE ONE TORONTO STAR APRIL SIX LASR. ROHER RESIDES APARTMENT FIVE G ELEVEN WAVERLY PLACE NEW YORK N.Y. (PHONE FOUR SEVEN SEVEN NINE ZERO SIX ZERO) AND IS ART STUDENT COOPER UNION COLLEGE ,NYC. HAS BEEN IN TORONTO PAST EIGHT DAYS AND WILL RETURN TO NYC ADDRESS BY SIX PM INSTANT VIA TRANS CANADA FLIGHT FOUR TEN.

ROHER TOLD MTPD ARTISTS CONCEPTION IS PRECISE LIKENESS OF PAUL ADAM HARMON ~~WHITE MALE TIRTY~~ THREE FIVE FEET SEVEN INCHES ONE FIFTY POUNDS SLIGHT BUILD SANDY BLOND HAIR RECEDING AT TOP. HARMON ORIGINALLY FROM PENSACOLA FLA. LIVES IN APARTMENT TWO A SAME BUILDING ~~AS ROHER AND~~ SHARES APARTMENT WITH ONE KEITH ILES, WHITE MALE TWENTY THREE FIVE FEET TEN INCHES ONE SEVENTY LBS. HUSKY BUILD. HARMON AND ~~ILES ARE SOCIAL~~ WORKERS FOR DIFFERENT NYC AGENCIES. BOTH ARE HOMOSEXUALS WITH HARMON

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THE AGGRESSOR. ILES CAME TO NYC FROM TALLAHASSEE FLORIDA.

ROHER STATED NEVER HEARD HARMON REFER TO KING NOR EXPRESS HATRED OF NEGROES BUT DESCRIBED HIM AS MORBIDLY INTERESTED IM NURDERS AND POSSIBLY PSYCHOTIC. ILES IS DESCRIBED AS HATING ALL NEGROES AND FEARFUL BECAUSE OF BEATINGS GIVEN HIM. ROHER TOLD MTPD HE ONCE SAW GRAY SUITCASE IN HARMON'S POSSESSION WHICH HARMON SAID HE HAD QUOTE USED WHEN IN JUVENILE COURT UNQUOTE. SUITCASE CONTAINED TWO PAIR HANDCUFFS PLUS BALL POINT TYPE PEN WHICH HARMON SAID WAS CAPABLE FIRING SOME TYPE BULLETS OR PROJECTILES. ROHER TOLD MTPD SUITCASE CONTAINED NO OTHER TYPE WEAPON.

ROHER IS PORTRAIT ARTIST AND FEELS HAIR LINE ,NOSE AND JAW DETAIL IN ARTISTS CONCEPTION ARE REPLICAS OF HARMONS.

NEW YORK CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE WHEREABOUTS HARMON AND ILESMARCH TWENTYNINE AND THIRTY LAST, DATE MURDER WEAPON PURCHASED BIRMINGHAM AND APRIL FOUR LAST. ROHER CANNOT ASSIST THIS ASPECT SINCE HE IN TORONTO THAT PERIOD.

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THE ASSASSIN. ILES CAME TO WAC FROM LAUDERDALE FLORIDA.

BOWER STATED WEVER HEARD HARMON REFER TO KING NOR EXPRESS HATRED

OF MEGROES BUT DESCRIBED HIM AS MORBIDLY INTERESTED IN MURDER AND

POSSIBLY PSYCHOTIC. ILES IS DESCRIBED AS HAVING ALL MARKS AND FEATURE

BECAUSE OF BEATINGS GIVEN HIM. BOWER TOLD WITD HE ONCE WAS GRAY

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BULLETS OR BROKEN ILES. BOWER TOLD WITD SUITCASE CONTAINED NO OTHER

TYPE WEAPON.

BOWER IS FOR TALL AND FEELS HAIR LINE, NOSE AND WAL DETAIL

IN ARTISTS CONCEPTION ARE REPLICAS OF HARMONS.

NEW YORK CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE WHERE-

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TO DIRECTOR, BIRMINGHAM, AND MEMPHIS

FROM JACKSON (157-9586)

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. RM.

RE ME PHONE CALL THIS DATE.

MEMPHIS ADVISED BY PHONE THIS DATE THAT SUSPECT WHILE RUNNING FROM ROOMING HOUSE ACROSS FROM LORRAINE HOTEL MEMPHIS, AFTER KING WAS SHOT DROPPED BAG AND WEAPON. SOME ITEMS IN BAG WERE HEAD AND SHOULDERS SHAMPOO TICKET NUMBER ONE SIX SEVEN EIGHT WITH PRICE ONE DOLLAR TEN CENTS AND PALMOLIVE RAPID SHAVE TICKET NUMBER THREE FOUR FIVE EIGHT WITH PRICE SEVENTY NINE CENTS. NO DATES ON TICKETS OR CITY AND STATE LISTED. PURCHASED LIGGETT REXALL PHARMACY. MEMPHIS ADVISED THERE IS LIGGETT REXALL IN COLUMBUS, MISS.

TOMMY HARROLSON, OWNER G & H LIGGETT REXALL, COLUMBUS, MISS., ADVISED TODAY ALL CASH REGISTER RECEIPTS FROM HIS STORE BEAR TITLE "G & H REXALL DRUG, COLUMBUS, MISS"; FOLLOWING TITLE IS DATE OF PURCHASE, AMOUNT OF PURCHASE; SACKS FOR PURCHASES DO NOT BEAR STORE'S NAME.

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HARROLSON ADVISED HIS STORE IS ONLY LIGGETT DRUGS IN MISSISSIPPI; OTHER STORES LOCATED PREDOMINENTLY IN ALABAMA AND IN GEORGIA AND FLA.

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HARROLSON AND OTHER STORE EMPLOYEES CANNOT RECALL ANY ONE FITTING DESCRIPTION OF KING ASSASSIN HAVING MADE PURCHASES OF ITEMS RECOVERED BY MEMPHIS. NO MOTELS OR SERVICE STATIONS LOCATED NEAR VICINITY OF HARROLSON'S STORE.

LOCAL HARDWARE STORE OWNER, COLUMBUS ADVISED NO COMPAGE OR RAMPAGE HARDWARE LOCATED IN OR NEAR COLUMBUS, MISS., OR KNOWN TO HIM.

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TO DIRECTOR AND HOUSTON, KANSAS CITY AND SAN FRANCISCO

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1897)

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

J. W. FARRIS, DRIVER, YELLOW CAB CO., MEMPHIS, TENN., ADVISED HE MADE A PICKUP OF A WHITE MALE AT WILLIAM LEN HOTEL AROUND TWELVE ZERO FIVE AM, APRIL FIVE, WHO FIRST REQUESTED TO GO TO WEST MEMPHIS, ARKANSAS. IMMEDIATELY AFTER STARTING TO THIS DESTINATION, SUSPECT INSTRUCTED FARRIS TO TAKE HIM TO MEMPHIS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT.

UPON ARRIVAL AT AIRPORT, SUSPECT TOLD FARRIS TO WAIT FOR HIM WHILE HE CHECKED FLIGHT DEPARTURE SCHEDULE. ACCORDING TO FARRIS, SUSPECT ALSO MADE INSPECTION OF THE INSIDE AND IMMEDIATE AREA OUTSIDE OF THE AIRPORT TERMINAL. HE THEN REQUESTED FARRIS TO RETURN TO THE WILLIAM LEN HOTEL AND INSTRUCTED HIM TO WAIT. FARRIS STATED SUSPECT RETURNED WITH ANOTHER MALE WHITE AND

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REQUESTED THAT THEY BE TAKEN BACK TO THE MEMPHIS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT.

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RECORDS, WILLIAM LEN HOTEL REVEAL VINCENT WALKER, FOUR FOUR NINE STEINER, SAN FRANCISCO, AND LAWRENCE RAND, OR REND, TWO FIVE THREE TWO POLK, KANSAS CITY, KANSAS, CHECKED INTO HOTEL, TWO THIRTY EIGHT PM, APRIL FOUR LAST, AND CHECKED OUT APPROXIMATELY

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TWELVE TEN AM, INSTANT DATE.

INVESTIGATION REVEALED WALKER AND RAND IDENTICAL TO INDIVIDUALS FARRIS TRANSPORTED TO MUNICIPAL AIRPORT.

DELTA AIRLINES, MEMPHIS, ADVISED TWO INDIVIDUALS GOING BY NAMES OF W. DAVIS AND B. CHIDLOW DEPARTED MEMPHIS AT ONE FIFTY SEVEN AM THIS DATE, VIA DELTA AIRLINES, ENROUTE HOUSTON, TEXAS. THESE INDIVIDUALS HAD NO RESERVATIONS FOR THAT FLIGHT.

SUSPECT NO. ONE DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, TWENTY FIVE - TWENTY EIGHT YEARS, FIVE FT. TEN INCHES, ONE HUNDRED FIFTY LBS., BROWN HAIR, PARTED ON SIDE, WEARING GRAY SUIT.

SUSPECT NO. TWO DESCRIBED AS TWENTY FIVE TO THIRTY YRS., SIX FT. TWO INCHES, TWO HUNDRED LBS., BLOND HAIR, RUDDY FACE, DRESSED IN WHITE SHIRT AND DARK TROUSERS, CARRYING DARK BLUE COAT IN HAND.

FROM INFO RECEIVED, SUSPECT NO. ONE BELIEVED TO BE RAND. SUSPECT NO. TWO POSSIBLY VINCENT WALKER.

HOUSTON IMMEDIATELY CONTACT DELTA AIRLINES FOR ANY INFO TO IDENTIFY SUSPECTS AND FOR ANY INFO RE THEIR ACTIVITIES.

KANSAS CITY, APPEMPT TO IDENTIFY AND FURNISH BACKGROUND AS WELL AS PHOTO, IF AVAILABLE, RE LAWRENCE RAND, TWO FIVE THREE

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TWO POLK, KANSAS CITY, KANSAS.

SAN FRANCISCO, FURNISH SAME INFO FOR VINCENT WALKER, FOUR FOUR NINE STEINER, SAN FRANCISCO.

EXPEDITE AND SUTEL.

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cc - Mr. McGowan

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245 PM IMMEDIATE 4/5/68 PHM

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS 44-1897, HOUSTON 44-1509

FROM KANSAS CITY 44-760 1P

UNSUB, AKA, JOHN WILLARD; MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.,-VICTIM.

CR. OO: MEMPHIS

RE MEMPHIS TEL TO BUREAU TODAY.

PD RECORDS IN KANSAS CITY, KS., KANSAS CITY, MO., NORTH KANSAS CITY, MO. NEGATIVE RE LAWRENCE RAND OR REND. RECORDS, CREDIT BUREAU, NEGATIVE. CITY, COUNTY AND TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES AND MAPS OF GREATER KANSAS CITY AREA FAIL TO REVEAL ANY SUCH ADDRESS AS TWO FIVE THREE TWO POLK OR A LAWRENCE RAND OR REND IN KANSAS CITY, KS. AREA.

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