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TO: SAC'S, JACKSON (157-9586)
MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

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RE JACKSON TELETYPE APRIL EIGHT, SIXTYEIGHT, AT FIVE TWENTYTWO P. M.

NO FINGERPRINTS LOCATED BUFILES FOR JIMMY GARLAND COPELAND, BURRIS LEE DUNN, JR., JAMES LEWIS HARPER, GATHO OVERBY, WILLIAM HENRY WATKINS OR BENNIE FLOYD, JR.

LATENT FINGERPRINTS THIS CASE NOT IDENTICAL FINGERPRINTS OTHER NAMED SUSPECTS. NO PALM PRINTS BUFILES FOR ANY OF SUSPECTS.

1 - Mr. Rosen
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From: Director, FBI (44-38861) — 203

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Enclosed are two copies of a letter from James A. Ward, 4870 Orchard Avenue, San Diego, California, setting forth information regarding one Willard Buck of 862 Rosecrans, San Diego, whom Ward believes may have been connected with instant case.

CALIF.

Conduct appropriate investigation immediately including interview of Ward at which time you should orally acknowledge receipt of his letter.

Under no circumstances should anyone be told this investigation is in connection with captioned matter.

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TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, CHICAGO, CLEVELAND, DENVER, LOS ANGELES SAN FRANCISCO, SEATTLE, AND LOUISVILLE

FROM BIRMINGHAM 44-1740

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ERIC STARVO GALT, TWO SIX ZERO EIGHT HIGHLAND AVENUE SOUTH, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, DEVELOPED AS POSSIBLE SUSPECT THIS CASE. GALT WHITE MALE, DOB [redacted] ONWER OF NINETEEN SIXTYSIX MUSTANG, NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN ALABAMA LICENSE ONE A EIGHT EIGHT THREE FIVE FOUR, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT ALABAMA REGISTRATION ONE DASH THREE EIGHT NINE NINE THREE.

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950 AM URGENT 4/9/68 PHM

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), DENVER 157-203, MEMPHIS, NEW ORLEANS

SEATTLE, SALT LAKE CITY

FROM KANSAS CITY 44-760 1P

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Date: 4/9/68

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Via
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI 44-38861
Attn: FBI Laboratory

FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-2627)(P)

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RE: MURKIN

Re Bureau call to BH 4/9/68

Enclosed herewith for Laboratory are the following items:

1) Two zerox copies of the transfer of 1967 Alabama license #1A-88354 dated 8/30/67 which bears signature of ERIC S. GALT, 2608 Highland Ave., Birmingham, Ala.

2) Two zerox copies of the tag receipt for 1968 Alabama license #1-38993, which bears signature of ERIC S. GALT.

3) Two zerox copies of application for Alabama driver's license dated 9/6/67, which bears signature of GALT.

4) One package of exposed FX 135-20 film containing photographs of the above-described documents.

These items were forwarded direct from Montgomery, Ala RA after being obtained from Motor Vehicle Division, Alabama Department of Revenue and Driver's License Division, Alabama Department of Public Safety, Montgomery, Ala. on 4/9/68. Original copies of these documents could not be obtained.

Laboratory is requested to conduct handwriting comparison between these signatures of GALT with the specimans of handwriting obtained in captioned case.

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ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

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FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

SUBJECT: UNSUB, aka
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COPY & SPECIMENS RETAINED IN LAB FOR LAB ACTION & REPORT 4-8-68

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Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: ~~Unknown~~ UNSUB, aka John Willard; MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM CR

File # 44-38861
Lab. # PC-A5530 BX GH JV

E X P E DI T E

Examination requested by: FBI, Memphis (44-1987) Airtel 4-4-68

Examination requested: Firearms(GT) Spectro. Microscopic (Hair & Fibers)

Date received: 4-8-68 aexp

Result of Examination:

Examination by: FRAZIER GALLAGHER Stombaugh

To Stombaugh 4/10/68
To Gallagher 4/10/68 - Retd 4/11/68

Dict ④ Due to the size and ragged edges of the damaged areas of the Q76 shirt, Q77 necktie and Q78 suit jacket it was not possible to recognize any bullet holes or to determine from visual examination whether or not a bullet or any bullet fragments had passed through or struck these items. No bullet holes were found in Q79 through Q85.

Specimens submitted for examination

CLOTHING FROM MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Q76 Shirt
Q77 Necktie
Q78 Suit jacket
Q79 Trousers
Q80-Q81 Pair of socks
Q82 Undershorts
Q83 Undershirt
Q84-Q85 Pair of shoes

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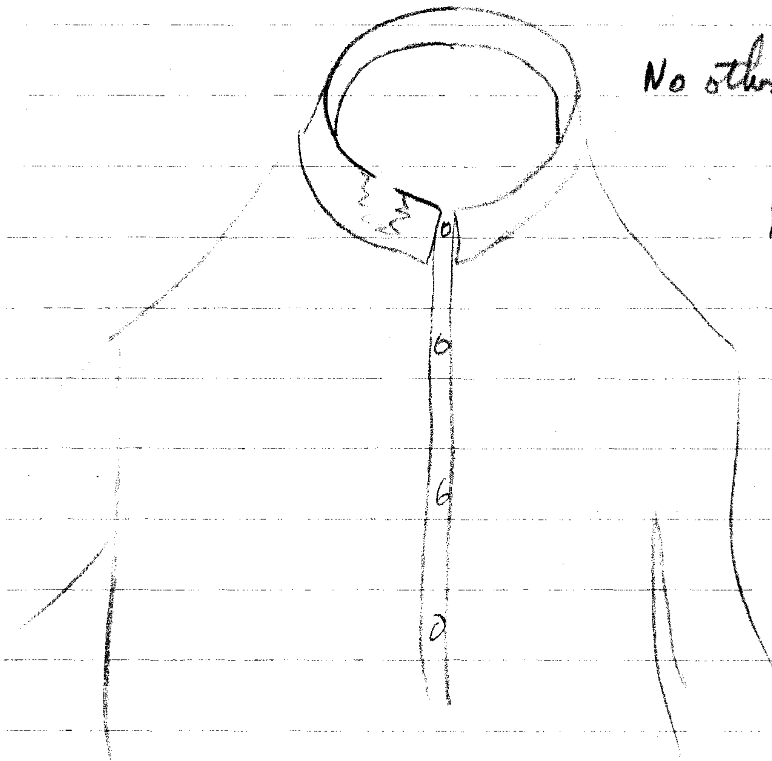
Q76 Shirt - wet blood when rec'd - Dried, photo'd in color

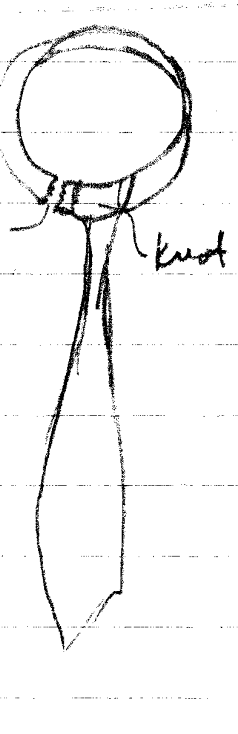


No other holes except front collar

Due to size and ragged edges of the hole it was not possible to determine whether or not a bullet or bullet fragments had passed through the Q76 shirt or Q77 tie or had caused either of the nonpenetrating tears in the Q28 suit jacket.

No bullet holes were found in Q79 through Q85.

Q77 Tie



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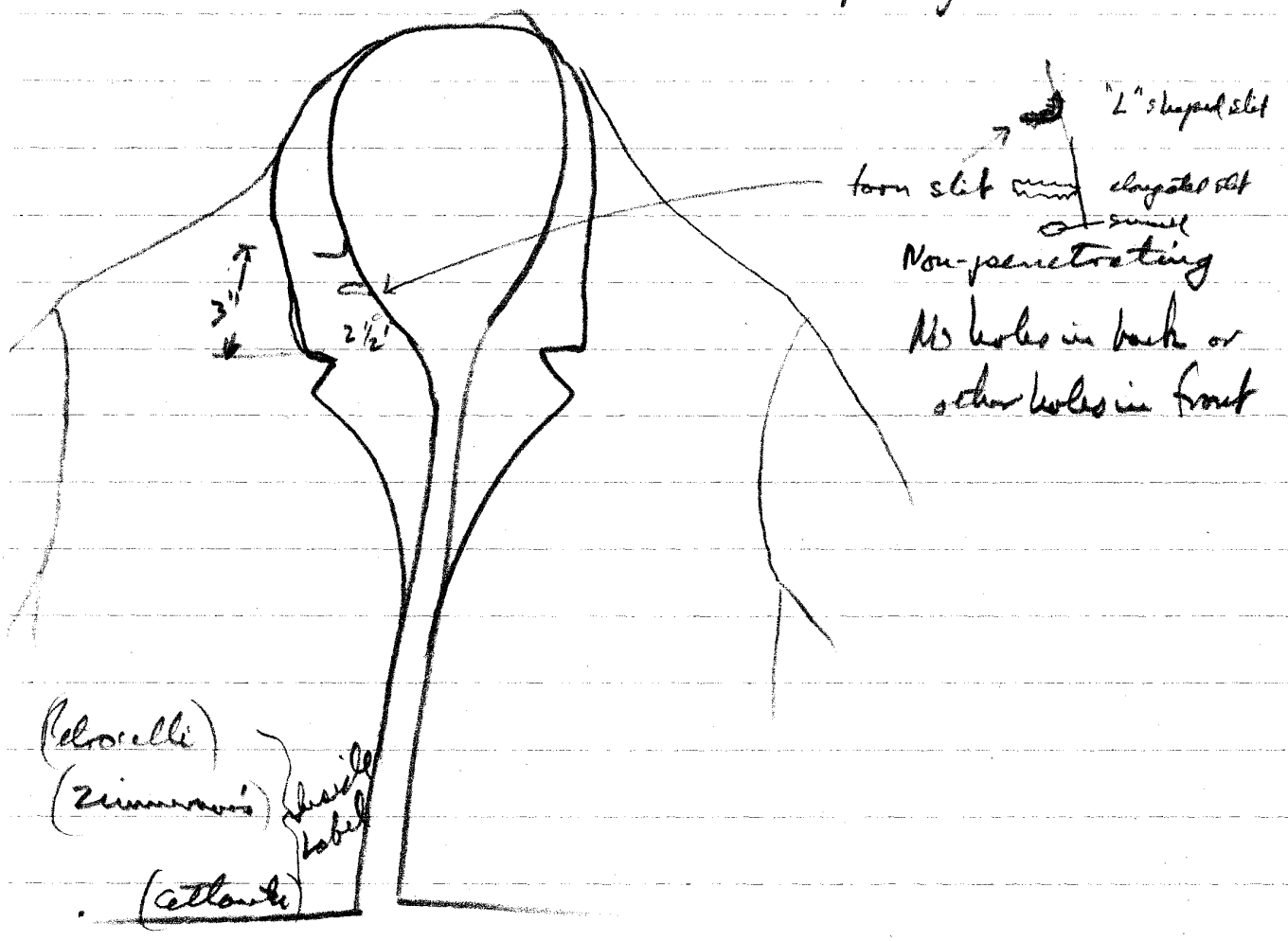
Q78 Suit Jacket – Bloody-dark when rec'd in plastic bag
all clothes bunched together



No bullet holes found in other clothes Q 79 – Q85

Color photos of Q 76 – Q85 before any exams made

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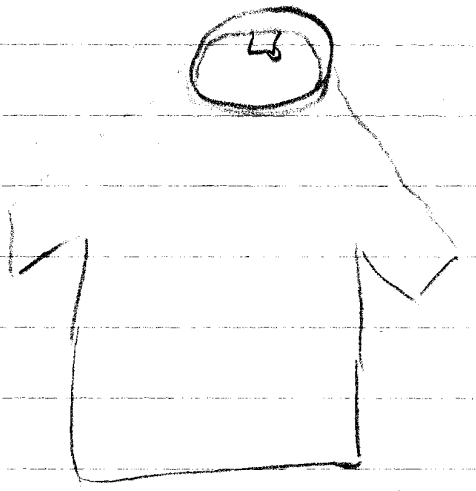
Q79 - Trousers Nothing of value from FA aspect
No bullet fragments or holes

Q 80-81 Pair of socks - Nothing of Value from FA aspect

Q82 - Black undershorts Nothing of Value from FA airport

Q83 - T shirt - hole near label at back = wear-tear
No corresp hole in shirt or jacket



No bullet hole characteristics

Q84-Q85 Pr of shoes - Nothing of value from FA aspect

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REPORT of the

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis

Re: MURKIN

Date: April 18, 1968

FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. PC-A5530 BX GH JV

Specimens received 4/8/68

CLOTHING FROM MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Q76 Shirt
Q77 Necktie
Q78 Suit coat
Q79 Trousers
Q80-Q81 Pair of socks
Q82 Undershorts
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Q84-Q85 Pair of shoes

Results of examination:

There is a large hole in the right front portion of the collar of the Q76 shirt. The Q77 necktie has been forcibly torn apart in the right front neck portion also. The object or objects causing the damage were larger than a bullet of .30 caliber size and irregular in shape as all of the yarns were broken, not cut. One or more segments of bone could not be eliminated as the cause of the damage.

The right lapel of the Q78 coat has three damaged areas on the surface of the fabric. These areas have been torn by some object or objects, but the damage does not extend through the lapel. The torn areas vary from ¼" to 1" in length and the condition of the yarn indicates the object or objects struck the coat from above and probably glanced off the coat.

Due to the sizes and ragged edges of the damaged areas of the Q76 shirt, Q77 necktie and Q78 suit coat, it was not possible to recognize any bullet holes or to

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determine from visual examination whether or not a bullet or any bullet fragments had passed through or struck these items.

No bullet holes were found in Q79 through Q85.

The edges of the hole torn in the Q76 shirt collar, the edges of the three tears on the collar of the Q78 suit coat and the material near the ends of the Q77 necktie were contaminated with traces of lead which could have come from a bullet or from bullet fragments. The lead contamination of these items could not be associated with a particular bullet or lead source.

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1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Long
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1 - Lab Files
1 - Office, 7133

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)** Date: **April 18, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861** -207
Lab. No. **PC-A5530 BX GH JV**

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Examination requested by: **Memphis**

Reference: **Airtel 4/4/68**

Examination requested: **Firearms - Spectrographic - Microscopic**

Remarks: **Specimens Q76 through Q85 are being temporarily retained in the Laboratory.**

Serological examinations of the victim's clothing will be reported separately.

A microscopic examination of the fabric and yarns in the damaged areas of Q76 and Q77 indicates the object or objects causing the damage may have entered the collar from above and traveled downward through the collar, severed the necktie and exited immediately below the collar. Some of the material causing the damage to Q76 and Q77 could have also caused the damage to the Q78 coat at the same time due to the type and location of the damage.

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FBI MEMPHIS

309PM URGENT 4-5-68 PGD

TO: DIRECTOR (ATTN. FBI LABORATORY), AND INDIANAPOLIS

FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987) 1P

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

RE MEMPHIS PHONE CALLS TO INDIANAPOLIS TODAY.

MR. WILLIAM MESHAW, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, NATIONAL RETAIL HARDWARE ASSOCIATION (NRHA), INDIANAPOLIS, ADVISED NO RECORD FOR COMPAGE OR ROMPAGE HARDWARE CO. HE STATED THAT IT MAY BE POSSIBLE TO IDENTIFY THE MANUFACTURER OF THE PRICE LABEL STICKER ON THE PLIERS.

FBI LABORATORY IS REQUESTED TO FURNISH INDIANAPOLIS WITH A COMPLETE DESCRIPTION OF THE PAPER PRICE LABEL ON THE PLIERS WHICH WERE PREVIOUSLY SENT TO THE LABORATORY IN ORDER THAT INDIANAPOLIS MAY REQUEST THE NRHA TO IDENTIFY THE LABEL MANUFACTURER X

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ORIGINAL: MR. ROSEN

CALLED:
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By Time 5:22

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Ans. telephonically 4/5/68 5:40 PM by Bowbank of HPB who has evid under exam.

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DID YOUR RECEIVE MESSAGE OF 309?? WE RECEIVED PAGE ONE UP TO INDIANAPOLIS MAY REQUEST THE NRHA TO IDENTIFY THE LABEL MANUFACTURER THAT IS END P OF MESSAGE. CORR LINE THREE WRD ONE IS HARDWARE. END.

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FBI MEMPHIS

309PM URGENT 4-5-68 PGD

TO: DIRECTOR (ATTN. FBI LABORATORY), AND INDIANAPOLIS

FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987) 1P

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

RE MEMPHIS PHONE CALLS TO INDIANAPOLIS TODAY.

MR. WILLIAM MESHAW, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, NATIONAL RETAIL HARDWARE ASSOCIATION (NRHA), INDIANAPOLIS, ADVISED NO RECORD FOR COMPAGE OR ROMPAGE HARDWARE CO. HE STATED THAT IT MAY BE POSSIBLE TO IDENTIFY THE MANUFACTURER OF THE PRICE LABEL STICKER ON THE PLIERS.

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FBI LABORATORY IS REQUESTED TO FURNISH INDIANAPOLIS WITH A COMPLETE DESCRIPTION OF THE PAPER PRICE LABEL ON THE ~~PLIERS~~

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WHICH WERE PREVIOUSLY SENT TO THE LABORATORY IN ORDER ~~THAT~~ INDIANAPOLIS MAY REQUEST THE NRHA TO IDENTIFY THE LABEL MANUFACTURER X

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Via AIRTEL AM
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1978) P

MURKIN

Submitted herewith for Bureau's information are photographs of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING which were taken by Detective CALVIN C. ELLISON of the Memphis PD at St. Joseph's Hospital, Memphis, Tennessee.

No copies of these photographs are being retained by Memphis. Request that Bureau prepare additional copies and return one copy each to Memphis.

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Via AIRTEL AM (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI 44-38861

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

MURKIN

Submitted herewith for assistance of Bureau is the original registration card received from Miss KELLY, Resident Manager, Rebel Motel, 3466 Lamar Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee. Suspect in instant case did in his own handwriting fill out this registration card. It is his writing that appears after the word "Name," after the word "State," and after the word "City."

Mrs. HENRIETTA HAGEMASTER, Assistant Manager, Rebel Motel, with whom this guest registered, stated that the numbers appearing under car license, the "Ala" appearing under "State", and the make of car "Mustang" were also written in by the guest. Mrs. HAGEMASTER stated the other writing in the lower portion of this card is her own. The writing on the reverse side of the card is also Mrs. HAGEMASTER's. This card was received by SAC JENSEN from Miss KELLY, Resident Mgr., on April 9, 1968.

It is requested that the Document Section compare writing on this registration card with handwriting which appears on material submitted by the Birmingham Division.

Also submitted herewith for assistance of the Laboratory is one bar of Cameo toilet soap which is the brand used by the Rebel Motel. Laboratory is requested to confirm that this is identical with what appears to be one bar of Cameo soap in photograph previously submitted to Memphis reflecting contents of blue bag submitted in this case.

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FBI EL PASO

724 PM 4-6-68 URGENT RPC

TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

FROM EL PASO (157-186)

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

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MR. LEONARD BARKSDELL, ENGINEER, SOUTHERN PACIFIC RR OBSERVED SKETCH OF ASSASSIN ON FRANK MCGEE, TV NEWS REPORT. STATED THE LIKNESS FOR PERSON OBSERVED AT VALENTINE, TEXAS, CAFE, THIS MORNING APPEARED TO BE IDENTICAL WITH UNSUB ASSASSIN SKETCH.

BARKSDELL REPORTED HAVING BREAKFAST AT VALENTINE, TEX, APPROX. EIGHT FORTYFIVE AM CST, THIS DATE, WHEN OBSERVED THIS PARTY ALSO EATING. STATED HE HAD SHORT CONVERSATION WITH PERSON WHO MENTIONED HE HAD DRIVEN FROM WEST VIRGINIA AND WAS ENROUTE TO FORT HUACHUCA, ARIZONA AND HAD TO BE THERE BY NIGHT OF APRIL SIX AND WAS GOING TO VISIT FRIEND AT EL PASO ENROUTE.

BARKSDELL DESCRIBED PERSON OBSERVED AS WHITE MALE, ABOUT FORTY FIVE YEARS, FIVE FEET TEN INCHES, TWO HUNDRED TO TWO ONE ZERO LBS, STOCKY BUILD, RECEDING HAIR, WEARING LIGHT BLUE SUIT, WHITE SHIRT, NO TIE. OBSERVED THIS PERSON FROM LEFT PROFILE. PARTY SEEMED VERY NERVOUS AND SMOKED FOUR CIGARETTES WHILE EATING. BARKSDELL REPORTED OBSERVED VEHICLE OUTSIDE CAFE WHICH WAS BELIEVED TO BE ABOUT NINETEEN SIXTY MODEL DESOTO OR CHRYSLER. HE NOTED LARGE TAIL FINS. LICENSE PLATE UNKNOWN. CAR WHITE TOP WITH CREME COLOR

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BOTTOM.

BARKSDELL REPORTS THAT PERSON WAS ALSO OBSERVED BY FIREMAN A.A. PETERSON ALSO OF EL PASO AND POSSIBLY BY A DEPUTY SHERIFF WILLIAMS OF VALENTINE AND UNIDENTIFIED SP BRAKEMAN OUT OF SANDERSON, TEXAS.

EL PASO HAS NO DESCRIPTIVE DATA RE UNSUB ASSASSIN OF KING AND IN NO POSITION TO EVALUATE THIS INFORMATION. ABOVE BEING FURNISHED FOR INFO OF BUREAU AND MEMPHIS.

BUREAU ADVISE IF FURTHER INQUIRY DESIRED.

END.

JMS

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TO: SAC, CINCINNATI (157-1893)
SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN.

RE CI TEL APRIL NINE LAST.

REMAINING LATENT FINGERPRINTS THIS CASE NOT IDENTICAL FINGERPRINTS DAVID ALLEN KROGOL, FBI NUMBER EIGHT NINE EIGHT THREE FOUR ZERO C. NO PALM PRINTS AVAILABLE.

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FROM: DIRECTOR' FBI (NY-2888T)

TO: SAC' MEMPHIS (NY-7084)
SAC' CINCINNATI (TEA-1108)

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Via AIRTEL AM
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TO: DIRECTOR

FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1978) P

MURKIN.

POSSIBILITY EXISTS WHITE MUSTANG MAY WELL BE AUTOMOBILE OF INTEREST IN INSTANT CASE. REQUEST BUREAU CHECK LIST OF STOLEN WHITE MUSTANGS THROUGH NCIC IF SUCH IS POSSIBLE. PARTICULAR INTEREST WOULD BE RECORD OF WHITEMUSTANGS REPORTEDLY STOLEN AND POSSIBLY RECOVERED IN STATES OF ALABAMA, TENNESSEE, MISSISSIPPI, AND ARKANSAS, PRIOR TO AND AFTER PERTINENT DATES. LIMIT PERIOD FROM MARCH TWENTYSIX TO DATE.

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RACIAL VIOLENCE CONTRIBUTED HAVE IF SUCH IS POSSIBLE. INVESTIGATIVE

TO THEREFORE IN INTERNAL CARE. SECURED BUREAU CHECK FBI OF RECEIVED

POSSIBILITY EXISTS WHILE WORKING AWAY MAY BE CONDUCTED

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FROM: MEMPHIS (89-1648)

TO: DIRECTOR

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FBI BOSTON

929 AM URGENT 4/8/68 2P PJC

TO DIRECTOR, KANSAS CITY, NEW HAVEN, NEW YORK, ALBANY & NEWARK

FROM BOSTON

INTERNAL SECURITY

MINUTEMEN, IS, MURKIN.

REBOSTEL FOUR EIGHT INSTANT.

FOLLOWING INFO FURNISHED ON CONFIDENTIAL BASES BY VINCENT DI PALMA.

MINUTEMEN HAD GENERAL PLAN TO FOMENT CIVIL STRIFE BY KILLING NEGRO LEADERS, MARTIN LUTHER KING, RAP BROWN, AND STOKELY CARMICHAEL AND THEREAFTER TO SEIZE POWER IN CONFUSION. NO SPECIFIC TIME TABLE SET AND CARMICHAEL HAD LEAST PRIORITY BECAUSE HE WAS ALREADY FOMENTING CIVIL STRIFE HIMSELF.

MINUTEMEN ALSO PLANNED TO KILL NEW YORK ATTORNEY GENERAL LOUIS LEFKOWITZ AND TO KIDNAP AND KILL USA, KANSAS CITY, MO., FOR PROSECUTION AGAINST MINUTEMEN AND ROBERT B. DE PUGH, AND ATTU AGENTS JAMES MOORE AND FRANK BELLIKI, KANSAS CITY, MO., AND FBI INVESTIGATOR OF MINUTEMEN IN KANSAS CITY DESCRIBED AS ELDERLY, SHORT AND WITH GRAY HAIR.

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THEY PLANNED TO PLACE A BOMB AT THE DOOR OF FBI OFFICE, NEW HAVEN, CONN., AFTER WORKING HOURS, NOT TO INJURE PEOPLE BUT TO CAUSE CONFUSION.

FROM TIME TO TIME MINUTEMEN HAVE CONDUCTED SURVEILLANCES OF INDIVIDUALS IN THEIR OFFICES CONCERNING THESE PLANS.

MINUTEMEN MEMBERS IN CONNECTICUT IDENTIFIED AS DR. CONVARD, OPTOMETRIST, BRIDGEPORT, CONN., GEORGE BROWN, FIRE DEPARTMENT, WATEBURY, CONN., THOMAS HART, BRIDGEPORT, CONN., JOSEPH FABIANO, TWENTYSEVEN AND A HALF WALL ST, WATERBURY, CONN. MEETINGS HELD ON FARM IN NAUGATUCK, CONN. DE PUGH HAS STANDING ORDERS TO BLOW UP COURTROOM OR COURT HOUSE RATHER THAN LET HIMSELF BE TRIED AND CONVICTED

AIRMAIL COPIES SENT DENVER, BUTTE, LITTLE ROCK, SALT LAKE CITY, AND MEMPHIS.

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TO : Mr. Rosen

FROM : C. L. McGowan

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: April 9, 1968

1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. Bailey

At 7:20 p.m., Mr. N. E. Kossack, Attorney General's Office, telephonically advised that at 7:15 p.m., he received a call for the Attorney General from an individual who identified himself as E. L. Bing, Plant City, Florida, telephone 752-6896. Bing advised he operates nightclub called Rainbow at Eatonville, Florida. Bing said on Sunday, 4-7-68, it about 6 or 7 p.m., unsub came into nightclub and stayed around until about 3 a.m., on Monday, 4-8-68. After he had a "few drinks," he asked to have a check cashed drawn on a Chattanooga, Tennessee, bank; unsub stated he lived in Memphis and worked at the Holiday Inn as a painter and claimed he had a bus ticket from Orlando to Miami. Unsub described as white male, six feet, 185 pounds, had slight limp--left leg, dressed in brown sport coat, white turtle neck sweater, dark brown trousers. Bing indicated the reason for his call was that unsub resembled sketch that he had seen on television of subject in MURKIN case.

ACTION:

The above information was immediately furnished to Duty Agent Robert W. Knight, Tampa Division, who will have Bing immediately interviewed and run out unsub as possible suspect in this matter. Tampa will immediately advise of any pertinent developments and will submit teletype containing investigation.

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TO : Mr. Rosen

FROM : C. L. McGowan

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: April 11, 1968

1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long

On 4/11/68, former SA Larry Hogan telephonically advised Extra Duty Supervisor H. E. Helgeson that he had just been contacted by Mayor Bob Yost, Colmar Manor, Maryland, phone 927-0371. Yost had a woman in his office who wanted to talk to an FBI Agent about the King assassination.

ACTION:

Above information was furnished to Senior Resident Agent James W. Sibert, Hyattsville Resident Agency and he was instructed to contact Mayor Yost and interview the woman. Sibert later called and advised she had been interviewed. She had seen an artist's conception of the unknown subject and thought it resembled Harry Burgess of Brentwood, Maryland. Sibert advised that based on descriptive data of Burgess, it did not appear he was similar to unknown subject; however, he will run it out completely. He was instructed to advise Bureau results of investigation.

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TO : Mr. Rosen

FROM : C. L. McGowan

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: April 11, 1968

1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. Shroder
1 - Mr. Long

At 2:11 a.m., 4/11/68, Robert Easton, Attorney, Inter-Division Information Unit of the Department, advised Extra Duty Supervisor H. E. Helgeson that he had just received a phone call from a man identifying himself as Frank Clemente, 2121 W. Erie Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, phone MO6-7409. Clemente stated he had observed an individual in Chicago on 4/7/68 who resembled the published artist's conception of unknown subject. This person was changing a tire on an automobile and when Clemente offered to help, he declined assistance.

ACTION:

Above information furnished to Night Supervisor Herbert Stallings, Chicago Office. He was instructed to have Clemente interviewed today and follow up any logical leads developed as a result of the interview.

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TO : Mr. A. Rosen

DATE: 4-7-68

FROM : Mr. Mc Gowan

1- Rosen
1 - Malley
1 - McGowan
1 - Long

SUBJECT: MURKIN

This is to advise that SAC JENSEN of Memphis called at 6:10 PM 4-7-68; He received the color photographs of evidence submitted to the FBI Laboratory except color photographs of the bedspread. JENSEN requested color photographs of the bedspread b e made immediately and sent to Memphis and Birmingham.

Arrangements were made with SA PAUL M. STOMBAUGH, FBI Laboratory, and SA DARWIN M. GREGORY, Mechnical Section, for color photographs of the bedspread be made immediately so they will be ready for submission to Memphis and Birmingham in the early mo rning of 4-8-68. Mr. Harry Bowers made photographs of the evidence having price tags and identification markings on the Schlitz beer cans (2) which can be used to make "blow-up" photographs as well as the blanket. These prints will be delivered to the General Investigative Division by 8 Am.

ACTION:

Send three copies of the bedspread color photographs to Memphis and Birmingham. Send six copies of the price tag evidence color photographs and the beer cans color photographs to Memphis.

ADDENDUM:

SAC Memphis called at 9 PM and requested that Birmingham be furnished with two copies of color photographs that were forwarded to Memphis on 4-7-68 as well as three copies of color photographs of the bedspread and the "blow-up" photographs of the evidence for investigative assistance to both offices. This request was also being made by teletype.

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: April 5, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

SEE NOTE ON REVERSE SIDE

SUBJECT: MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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

At the request of the Department a full investigation has been instituted into the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr., at Memphis, Tennessee, on the evening of 4/4/68.

Attached is a letterhead memorandum for the President, the Attorney General, the Deputy Attorney General and the Civil Rights Division setting out the basic facts of the shooting and summarizing information presently available.

The following details do not appear in the letterhead memorandum:

The individual using the name John Willard, who is a suspect in this case, may be identical with John Hubeart Willard, also known as John Hubbard Willard, FBI No. 934 454-C who received a probationary sentence, 6/25/58, in connection with an arson charge in Mississippi. Extensive efforts are being made to immediately locate John Hubeart Willard.

Although Manuel Marcus Levin and Alex J. Hurder, suspects arrested by the police, were released when they were vouched for by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, we are thoroughly checking them out.

ACTION:

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1. Attached is a letterhead memorandum for the White House, the Attorney General, the Deputy Attorney General and the Civil Rights Division.

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2. All-out investigation is continuing on a top priority basis.

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TO HSCA RE REQUEST [illegible]
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TO : MR. TROTTER

DATE: 4-8-68

FROM : S. F. Latona

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SUBJECT: MURKIN

LATENT PRINT EXAMINATION

Re my memo to you of 4-6-68, advising that six latent fingerprints remain unidentified on evidence submitted by Memphis including a latent print on the rifle that is identical with a latent print on the binoculars, also that three latent fingerprints were developed on a cartridge box from the gun store in Birmingham.

On 4-7-68, lifts from room in Memphis occupied by Unsub., board from sill in bathroom, and a T-shirt and pair of shorts were delivered by Memphis agent for laboratory and latent examination. A latent fingerprint on a lift from dresser in room, a latent fingerprint on lift from fireplace, and a latent fingerprint on the board are of value for identification.

These twelve latent fingerprints are not identical with all suspects named to date.

Memphis and General Investigative Divisions have been advised.

At 7 A.M. this date (4-8-68), three additional rifles from the gun store in Birmingham were delivered for latent examination. These three rifles were handled by Unsub. prior to his purchasing the two rifles mentioned in my memo to you dated 4-6-68. These rifles are presently being examined for latent prints and you will be advised of the results.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

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1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. Conrad

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