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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: April 9, 1968

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

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. 44-38861
Lab. No. D-560301 JK

Examination requested by: Birmingham

Reference: Memo 4/8/68

Examination requested: Firearms (G&A) - Toolmarks - Document - Fingerprint

Remarks:

As pointed out in Bureau teletype to Columbia and Memphis dated 4/8/68, a limited number of handwriting similarities were noted between the signatures of BOBBY RAY GRAVES, FBI #410150D, and the questioned signature appearing on Q74 and Q75. However, because of the limited nature of the comparable material any significance of these few similarities could not be assessed. Other information regarding GRAVES was set forth in the above teletype.

The results of the other examinations will be furnished to you separately.

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Specimens received 4/6/68

Q72 .243 Winchester caliber Remington bolt-action rifle, Model 700, Serial Number 283749 from Aeromarine Supply Company

Q73 Telescope sight mount from .243 Winchester caliber rifle

Q74 Original invoice dated 3/29/68, Number 2251A, covering sale of rifle to Harvey Lowmeyer

Q75 Copy of invoice, Number 2251A

ALSO SUBMITTED: Factory box for .243 Winchester caliber rifle

Nine boxes of caliber .243 Winchester ammunition
Elimination major case prints of Donald F. Wood and U. L. Mathew Baker

Result of examination:

The name and signature on Q74 and Q75 were searched through the National Fraudulent Check File and compared with signatures appearing on fingerprint cards located for the suspects who had been named in this matter, but no identification could be made.

Q74 and Q75 are temporarily retained.

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FBI

Date: 4/9/68

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Via AIRTEL   AIRMAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY - REGISTERED (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI 44-38861
Attention: Identification Division
Latent Fingerprint Section

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FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)(P)

MURKIN
CR
OO: MEMPHIS

Enclosed for the Bureau for examination are the following documents:

1. Record of Access to Safe Deposit Box No. 5517 of ERIC S. GALT.

2. Contract for Safe Deposit Box with ERIC S. GALT.

3. Ledger Card (rental record) for Safe Deposit Box No. 5517 in name of ERIC S. GALT.

4. Undated letter from ERIC S. GALT to Birmingham Trust National Bank.

The Laboratory is requested to examine the above documents for latent fingerprints and make necessary comparisons of latents and handwriting specimens previously submitted.

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Attention: Identification Division
Latent Fingerprint Section

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)(P)

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FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

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SUBJECT: MURKIN

Enclosed are a paper sheet and a cloth square, each containing 12 samples of laundry marking printed by a Thermo Seal marking machine manufactured by the Textile Marking Company, Syracuse, New York. These samples were obtained on 4/10/68 from Miss LUCY PINELA, manager, Home Service Laundry and Dry Cleaning, 5280 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California.

The paper sample was obtained by SA's FRANCIS G. KAHL and LLOYD D. JOHNSON. The cloth sample was obtained by SA's FRANCIS G. KAHL and DENNIS LEMASTER.

The Bureau is requested to compare these samples with markings on the clothing that was apparently abandoned by Unsub in Memphis. Samples need not be returned, and more can be obtained if the Bureau so desires.

Information copy being furnished Memphis, inasmuch as that office is origin.

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FBI ST LOUIS

652PM URGENT 4-7-68 JLS

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, PHILA (157-2574)

FROM ST. LOUIS (157-5883)

MURKIN

RE PH TEL HOUR SIX DASH SEVEN SIXTYEIGHT

DELTA FLIGHTS DEPARTING SL ENROUTE TO MEMPHIS FROM NOON TO SIX THIRTY P.M. INSTANT DATE NEGATIVE RE JOHN BRYANT AND OTHERS IN REFERENCED TELETYPE. DELTA ONLY AIRLINE WITH SERVICE FROM SL TO MEMPHIS.

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TO: SAC'S, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN. RE MEMPHIS AIRTEL APRIL NINE AND BIRMINGHAM AIRTEL APRIL NINE.

TWO LATENT FINGERPRINTS DEVELOPED ON REBEL MOTEL REGISTRATION CARD DATED APRIL THREE LAST SUBMITTED WITH MEMPHIS AIRTEL. ONE OF THESE LATENTS IDENTICAL FINGERPRINT SA JOHN W. BAUER. OTHER LATENT FINGERPRINT NOT IDENTICAL FINGERPRINTS SA BAUER, SA STEPHEN M. DARLINGTON, OR SAC JENSEN.

ONE LATENT FINGERPRINT DEVELOPED ON BIRMINGHAM ITEM NUMBER ONE QUOTE RECORD OF ACCESS TO SAFE DEPOSIT BOX NUMBER FIVE FIVE ONE SEVEN OF ERIC S. GALT, END QUOTE AND ONE LATENT FINGERPRINT ON BIRMINGHAM ITEM NUMBER TWO QUOTE CONTACT FOR SAFE DEPOSIT BOX END QUOTE.

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1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Trotter
1 - Mr. McDaniel
1 - Mr. Gauley
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MURKIN
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THESE LATENT PRINTS COMPARED WITH EACH OTHER AND WITH ALL LATENT PRINTS REMAINING UNIDENTIFIED THIS CASE BUT NO IDENTIFICATION EFFECTED.

LABORATORY ADVISING SEPARATELY.

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TO DIRECTOR LOUISVILLE AND MEMPHIS

FROM BIRMINGHAM 44-1740 2P

MURKIN. CR. OO: MEMPHIS.

ALBERT HANN, ATTENDANT, ARNOLD'S TRUCK STOP, HIGHWAY TWENTY, RURAL ROUTE, TUSCUMBIA, ALA., ADVISED ON APRIL NINE, INSTANT, THAT BETWEEN MARCH TWO SEVEN, AND APRIL FOUR, LAST, (POSSIBLY MARCH TWONINE, LAST), AN INDIVIDUAL GENERALLY ANSWERING DESCRIPTION OF ARTIST CONCEPTION, DRIVING WHITE MUSTANG WITH RED AND WHITE ARKANSAS TAGS, STOPPED AT HIS STATION BETWEEN ELEVEN A.M. AND ONE P.M. AND PURCHASED GASOLINE, FOR WHICH HE PAID WITH STANDARD COURTESY CARD. COURTESY CARD TURNED OVER TO DISTRIBUTOR, STANDARD OIL CO., SHEFFIELD, ABOUT APRIL ONE, LAST. HANN STATED HE BELIEVED THIS INDIVIDUAL WAS IN HIS TWENTIES AND PROBABLY HAD LIGHT HAIR.

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MR. WILLIAM STONE, STANDARD OIL CO., SHEFFIELD, ADVISED APRIL NINE, LAST, COURTESY CARDS PICKED UP FROM ARNOLD'S ABOUT APRIL ONE, LAST, WERE SENT TO STANDARD OIL CO., EIGHT ZERO ONE

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ATTN: CRIM LIBRARY, FBAI, COORDINATOR CRIMINAL DIV DOJ, ATTN: CIVIL RIGHTS DIV DOJ, FBAI, ATTN: CIVIL RIGHTS DIV DOJ, FBAI, ATTN: CRIM

SIXTH AVE. SOUTH, THREE H. IN CARE OF MR. CHARLES JOHNSON.

ON APRIL NINE, INSTANT, MR. CHARLES JOHNSON, STANDARD OIL CO., EIGHT ZERO ONE SIXTH AVENUE SOUTH, BIRMINGHAM, STATED CREDIT CARD TICKETS FROM ALL OVER THE STATE ARE RECEIVED EACH DAY AND ARE BOXED UP AND SENT TO THEIR E.D.P. CENTER, AT LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY, FOR PROCESSING.

LOUISVILLE, AT E. D.P. CENTER, STANDARD OIL CO., CHECK STANDARD COURTESY CARD TICKETS SOLD BY ARNOLD'S TRUCK STOP BEARING ARKANSAS TAGS DURING PERTINENT PERIOD, AND IMMEDIATELY SET OUT APPROPRIATE LEADS TO IDENTIFY WITH UNSUB THIS CASE. NOTE, ARNOLD'S TRUCK STOP HAS CODE NUMBER TWO ZERO NINE NINE ZERO ZERO SEVEN AND MUSCLE SHOALS CITY MAY APPEAR ON TICKET.

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OR VERBIT NAME, INSTANT, MR. CHARLIE TOMMCOM, STANDARD OIL

SIXIN VAE, SOUTH, INBEE H. IN CASE OF MR. CHARLIE TOMMCOM,

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FBI JACKSVLE

10:13 PM EST URGENT 4/8/68 JLC

TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

FROM JACKSONVILLE (44-769) 2P

MURKIN; CR.

RE MEMPHIS TEL THIS DATE.

GLOIS A. BRAND, OWNER, DESTIN, FLA. AIRPORT, ADVISED THIS DATE THAT ON MARCH TWENTYTHREE LAST A PARTY OF SIX MEN ARRIVED IN AN AZTEC PLANE, NO. FIVE NINE FOUR ZERO Y. THESE INDIVIDUALS WERE FROM MEMPHIS. LATER SAME EVENING THEY RETURNED AND TOLD BRAND THAT THEY HAD TO LEAVE THAT EVENING. THEY STATED THEY HAD PLANNED TO DO SOME FISHING THE NEXT DAY, HOWEVER, THEY HAD CALLED THEIR WIVES WHO HAD REQUESTED THAT THEY RETURN SINCE MARTIN LUTHER KING WAS ARRIVING IN MEMPHIS AND TROUBLE WAS EXPECTED. DURING THE CONVERSATION, ONE OF THESE INDIVIDUALS MADE WHAT BRAND CONSIDERED A CASUAL AND JEST LIKE COMMENT THAT SOMEONE OUGHT TO KILL KING BECAUSE OF ALL THE TROUBLE HE CAUSES INCLUDING THE INTERRUPTION OF THEIR PLANNED FISHING WEEKEND. NO FURTHER COMMENTS WERE MADE CONCERNING THE SUBJECTS. MR. BRAND STATED THAT HE HAS NEVER FELT THAT THERE WAS ANY SERIOUS INTENT ON THE PART OF THE

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INDIVIDUAL MAKING THE AFOREMENTIONED COMMENT. MR. BRAND RELATED THIS STORY TO THE WIFE OF CHARLES CLARK MERELY AS A POINT OF CONVERSATION SINCE THE CLARKS WERE ALSO FROM MEMPHIS. THE AFOREMENTIONED PLANE WAS LAST REGISTERED TO THE MEMPHIS MACHINERY AND SUPPLY COMPANY, INC., THREE ZERO ONE SOUTH FRONT ST., MEMPHIS, ACCORDING TO LATEST AIRCRAFT REGISTRATION BOOK.

MEMPHIS CONDUCT WHATEVER INVESTIGATION DEEMED APPROPRIATE CONCERNING THIS AIRCRAFT.

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321PM IMMEDIATE 4-8-68 DER

TO DIRECTOR BIRMINGHAM MEMPHIS ATLANTA BALTIMORE BOSTON CINCINNATI LAS VEGAS LOS ANGELES NEWARK RICHMOND SAN DIEGO AND SAN FRANCISCO

FROM: ALBANY /1[redacted]-273/

O MURKIN; CR[redacted] OO MEMPHIS

RE ALBANY TEL TO BUREAU APRIL SEVEN LAST AND TELEPHONE CALLS TO BUREAU, ATLANTA, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, AND SANFRANCISCO, APRIL EIGHT INSTANT.

SEARCH OF PREMISES BELIEVED OCCUPIED BY UNSUB WHO ASSASSINATED DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING ON FOUR FOUR SIXTYEIGHT DISCLOSED SUITCASE IN WHICH WAS LOCATED TEE SHIRT AND UNDERSHORTS BEARING LAUNDRY MARK ON RED TAPE WITH BLACK LETTERING BELIEVED TO BE THERMO-SEAL TYPE, MANUFACTURED [redacted] EXTRA MARKING MACHINE CO. INC., SYRACUSE, N.Y. THE TAPE IS ONE QUARTER INCH WIDE AND ONE AND ONE [redacted] INCH LONG AND

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TO DIRECTOR BIRMINGHAM MEMPHIS ATLANTA BALTIMORE BOSTON

CINCINNATI LAS VEGAS LOS ANGELES NEWARK RICHMOND SAN DIEGO

AND SAN FRANCISCO

FROM: ALBANY \1[redacted]-STA\

WUR[redacted]: CRI[redacted] DO MEMPHIS

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BEARS LETTERS AND NUMBERS ZERO TWO B DASH SIX.

EXPERTS AT TEXTILE MARKING MACHINE COMPANY ADVISE TYPE ON THIS MACHINE IS UNUSUAL IN THAT THE FIRST TWO CHARACTERS ARE FIFTEEN POINT TYPE AND THE LAST THREE CHARACTERS ARE EIGHTEEN POINT TYPE, WITH THE MIDDLE CHARACTER, THE LETTER B, PROBABLY BEING NARROW RATHER THAN REGULAR TYPE. THE USUAL MACHINE CARRIES FIFTEEN POINT TYPE FOR THE FIRST THREE CHARACTERS AND EIGHTEEN POINT TYPE FOR THE LAST TWO CHARACTERS.

TEXTILE MARKING MACHINE EXPERTS ALSO STATED THIS MACHINE IS DEFECTIVE IN THAT IT IS PRODUCING A TAPE ONE AND ONE SIXTEENTH INCH LONG INSTEAD OF ONE AND ONE EIGHTH INCH LONG AND IS NOT PROJECTING THE TAPE FAR ENOUGH RESULTING IN CUTTING OFF A PORTION

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OF THE FIRST LETTER. THE CODE USED IN THE NORTH EASTERN PART OF THE UNITED STATES IS AS FOLLOWS:

THE FIRST LETTER O STANDS FOR LOT NUMBER; THE FIRST NUMBER TWO INDICATES THE DAY OF THE WEEK, TWO BEING TUESDAY; THE SECOND LETTER INDICATES THE FIRST LETTER OF THE STORE NAME, THIS IS THE LETTER B; THE LAST NUMBER IS THE BUNDLE NUMBER, THIS IS SIX. COLOR CODING OF THE TAG MAY DESIGNATE VARIOUS THINGS SUCH AS A DIFFERENT MONTH OR THE IDENTITY OF A STORE IN A CHAIN. EXPERTS ALSO STATE THE USE OF THIS SYSTEM ON LAUNDRY ITEMS IS UNUSUAL IN THAT THE SYSTEM IS NORMALLY USED ON GARMENTS BEING DRY CLEANED.

THE BUREAU HAS INSTRUCTED THAT ALL TEXTILE MACHINES USING THIS TYPE TAPE BE LOCATED AND MACHINES USING THIS CODE BE IDENTIFIED.

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THE CODE USED HAS BEEN TRACED TO THE NORTHEASTERN PART OF THE UNITED STATES, HOWEVER A SIMILAR CODING IS USED IN THE WESTERN PART OF THE UNITED STATES ALSO AND A SIMILAR CODE IS ALSO USED BY COMPANIES WITHOUT THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE COMPANY'S REPRESENTATIVES, THEREFORE ALL THESE MACHINES MUST BE CHECKED.

FOLLOWING ARE MACHINES HAVING FIVE CHARACTERS OR SIX CHARACTERS CAPABLE OF PRODUCING THE INSTANT LAUNDRY TAPE:

ATLANTA:

BLUM'S, MACON, GEORGIA, MODEL NUMBER H FIVE L ONE, SERIAL NUMBER THREE ONE NINE SEVEN THREE.

BALTIMORE:

STAR LAUNDRY, NINE ZERO EIGHT NORTH SALISBURY BOULEVARD, SALISBURY, MARYLAND, MODEL NUMBER H FIVE L FOUR, SERIAL NUMBER THREE TWO FIVE ZERO ZERO.

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BOSTON:

LEWIS NATIONAL CORP., ONE MT. VERNON AVE, DORCHESTER, MASS., MODEL NUMBER H FIVE L FOUR, SERIAL NUMBER THREE TWO TWO NINE ZERO (A DISTRIBUTOR FOR TEXTILE MARKING MACHINE CO., THIS MACHINE SHIPPED APRIL SIXTYTWO); SUPERIOR LAUNDRY SIX TWENTYFIVE CONCORD AVE, CAMBRIDGE, MASS., MODEL NUMBER H FIVE K ONE, SERIAL NUMBER R THREE ONE SEVEN SIX TWO.

CINCINNATI:

SWAN CLEANERS, EIGHT ZERO FOUR MOUNT VERNON AVENUE, COLUMBUS, OHIO, MODEL NUMBER H FIVE K ONE SERIAL NUMBER R THREE ONE FIVE FOUR SEVEN.

LAS VEGAS:

MONARCH CLEANERS, ONE FOUR THREE ZERO SOUTH MAIN LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, MODEL NUMBER H FIVE L FOUR, SERIAL

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NUMBER THREE TWO FOUR NINE EIGHT.

LOS ANGELES:

BEACH CITIES LAUNDRY, SIX TWO ZERO MAIN STREET, HUNTINGTON BEACH, CALIFORNIA, MODEL NUMBER R H FIVE K ONE, SERIAL NUMBER THREE ONE THREE NINE FOUR; CALIFORNIA OVERALL COMPANY, ONE SIX TWO ZERO COMPTON AVENUE, LOS ANGELES, CALIF.; MODEL NUMBER H FIVE K ONE, SERIAL NUMBER THREE ONE THREE FIVE TWO; DELITE LAUNDRY, ONE SIX ZERO SEVEN, BROOKLYN AVENUE, LOS ANGELES, CALIF., MODEL NUMBER R H FIVE K ONE, SERIAL NUMBERS THREE ONE FOUR FOUR NINE, THREE ONE FOUR FIVE FOUR, THREE ONE THREE NINE TWO, THREE ONE FOUR FOUR SEVEN; GOLD COAST LAUNDRY, ONE EIGHT THREE EIGHT EAST FORTY FIRST PLACE, LOS ANGELES: MODEL NUMBER H FIVE K FOUR, SERIAL NUMBER R THREE TWO THREE TWO ONE; NICOLAY KETZBECK INC., GAMMATU LAUNDRY,

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EIGHT SIX ONE ONE WEST THIRD STREET, LOS ANGELES, MODEL NUMBER H FIVE K ONE, CONVERTED FROM H FIVE J ONE, SERIAL NUMBER THREE ZERO NINE ZERO TWO.

NEWARK:

CUSTOM SHIRT LAUNDRY, TWO ZERO SEVEN HADDON AVENUE, WESTMONT, N.J., MODEL NUMBER H FIVE M FOUR, SERIAL NUMBER THREE TWO SIX FOUR FOUR.

RICHMOND:

FARLINGTON OR FANLINGTON LAUNDRY, THREE EIGHT ZERO ZERO SOUTH FOUR MILE RUN DRIVE, ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA, MODEL NUMBER H FIVE L FOUR, SERIAL NUMBER THREE TWO FIVE ZERO FOUR.

SAN DIEGO

KELLY ORIGINAL FRENCH LAUNDRY, ONE ZERO FOUR TWO UNIVERSITY AVE., SAN DIEGO, CALIF., MODEL NUMBER R H FIVE K ONE, SERIAL NUMBERS, THREE ONE

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THREE NINE ONE, THREE ONE THREE NINE FIVE, MODEL
NUMBER H FIVE K ONE, SERIAL NUMBERS THREE ONE FOUR
SIX ONE AND THREE ONE FOUR NINE ONE.

SAN FRANCISCO:

GOLDEN STATE DRIVE IN CLEANERS, TWO ONE SEVEN
FIVE WINCHESTER BLVD., CAMPBELL, CALIF.,
MODEL NUMBER H FIVE L FOUR, SERIAL NUMBER THREE TWO
FIVE ZERO THREE; HIGHLAND DRIVE IN CLEANERS, ONE TWO ZERO
ONE LA SALLE AVENUE, SEASIDE, CALIF., MODEL NUMBER
H FIVE L ONE, SERIAL NUMBER THREE ONE SIX THREE TWO
MARSHALL STEEL COMPANY, FIVE FOUR TWO SEVEN TELEGRAPH,
OAKLAND, CALIF., MODEL NUMBER H FIVE K ONE, SERIAL
NUMBER THREE ONE TWO TWO SIX; SANFORD CLEANERS, TWO
EIGHT SEVEN FIVE EL CAMINO, PAO ALTO, CALIF.,
MODEL NUMBER H FIVE L FOUR, SERIAL NUMBER THREE TWO
FIVE ZERO SIX; STERLING CLEANERS AND LAUNDRY, ONE

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ONE FOUR ZERO HOWARD AVE., BURLINGAME, CALIF., MODEL NUMBER H FIVE L FOUR, SERIAL NUMBER THREE ONE SIX FOUR SEVEN; SUPERIOR FRENCH LAUNDRY, ONE TWO EIGHT FOUR WEST MAIN AVENUE, OAKLAND, CALIF., WHICH HAS NUMEROUS MACHINES OF THIS TYPE SOME OF WHICH HAVE BEEN RETURNED TO REPRESENATIVE. MACHINE H FIVE K ONE SERIAL NUMBER THREE ONE THREE FIVE EIGHT RETURNED TO TEXTILE MARKING MACHINE HAS BEEN CHECKED BY ALBANY.

REGARDING THE ABOVE MACHINES ALL OF THOSE HAVING FIVE CHARACTERS HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AND THE NUMBERS FURNISHED BY TELEPHONE TO BALTIMORE, BOSTON AND SAN FRANCISCO. OTHER MACHINES SET FORTH ABOVE FOR THE DESIGNATION IN THE MODEL NUMBER INDICATING THAT THEY ARE FIVE CHARACTER MACHINES. HOWEVER THE RECORDS OF TEXTILE MARKING MACHINE

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COMPANY SHOW SIX DIGITS. ALL OF THESE MACHINES SHOULD BE CHECKED TO DETERMINE WHETHER THEY USE THE CODE ON INSTANT TAPE.

THE BUREAU HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO FURNISH ALL OFFICES SET FORTH ABOVE WITH PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE GARMENTS BEARING THE TAPE IN SUFFICIENT QUANTITY TO COVER THESE LEADS.

ALL OFFICES ARE DIRECTED BY THE BUREAU TO IMMEDIATELY CONTACT THE ABOVE CONCERNS AS DESIGNATED, DETERMINE IF THEY USE THE CODE SYSTEM AS SHOWN ON INSTANT TAPE AND IF THEY DO USE THAT SYSTEM, OBTAIN ALL INFORMATION AVAILABLE IN AN EFFORT TO IDENTIFY UNSUB. THE BUREAU HAS FURTHER DIRECTED THAT EVEN IF THEY DO NOT USE THIS SYSTEM, TAPES SHOULD BE OBTAINED USING THE CHARACTERS IN INSTANT TAPE WHICH SHOULD BE FORWARDED IMMEDIATELY TO THE FBI LAB FOR

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COMPARISON WITH INSTANT TAPE.

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Via AIRTEL ______________________
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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(OO:MEMPHIS)

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"Dear Sirs,

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"Thank you.

"Very truly yours,

Harold F. Palmer"

Printed at the bottom of this letter is the following phrase:

"THE KING IS DEAD"

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It is noted that this letter was written and mailed several days prior to the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Cincinnati is to expeditiously locate and interview HAROLD F. PALMER regarding the printed phrase on his subscription to the Times.

Enclosed for Cincinnati is the original letter and envelope directed to the Times as set forth above. One Xerox copy of the letter and envelope is enclosed for Memphis.

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628 PM URGENT 4-9-68 GDS

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM CLEVELAND (44-565) 3P

MURKIN

~~RACIAL MATTERS~~

RE WASHINGTON FIELD TEL TO THE BUREAU, APRIL NINE, SIXTYEIGHT, CONCERNING ONE ED MEARS, MADONNA, OHIO.

THE ONLY CITY WITHIN CLEVELAND TERRITORY HAVING ANY SIMILARITY TO MADONNA, OHIO IS MEDINA, OHIO.

ON APRIL NINE, SIXTYEIGHT, COP HOMER DAVIS (NA), MEDINA, OHIO, PD, ADVISED THAT EDWARD MEARS, GRANGER LAKE, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO, IS SON OF MILLIONAIRE AMOS MEARS, FORMERLY OF MEDINA, NOW RESIDING FORT LAUDERDALE, FLA. EDWARD MEARS IS NATIVE OF MEDINA COUNTY AND EXTREMELY WEALTHY. MEARS IS IN THE REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT BUSINESS AND IS CURRENTLY DEVELOPER OF GRANGER LAKE APARTMENTS, AN EXCLUSIVE APARTMENT PROJECT. APPROXIMATELY TEN YEARS AGO, EDWARD MEARS RETURNED TO MEDINA FROM FLA. AND COMMENCED A DEVELOPMENT CALLED RUSTIC HILLS LOCATED ON EAST SIDE OF MEDINA. THIS TOO IS EXCLUSIVE RESIDENTIAL AREA. CHIEF DAVIS STATED MEARS HAS NEVER BEEN

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PRESIDENTIAL YEAR. CHIEF PUBLIC SERVICE AND WORK WITH
FLORIDA DO EACH SIDE OF MIAMI. THE ICC IS EXPECTED
HERE MAY. AND COMMENCED A CONTRACTOR CALLED PUBLIC RIGHT
TO ACQUIRE LAND. EDWARD MARAN SPEAKING TO AN
APPROXIMATELY ONE HOUR AGO. THE VIEW OF THE
THE NEW ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ENGINEERS AND TO CONSERVING DEVELOPED
OF CHANGES LAKE MATERIALS. AN EXPERIMENTAL PROJECT
WITHIN OF MEDINA COUNTY AND EXPERIENCE MEANING. NEWS IN IT
MEDIA. NOW DECIDING FROM LANDSCAPE. ALA. STEAMED MARAN IS
COUNTY. OHIO. IS NOW OF MILLIONAIRE WHO MEANS. ROSWELL OF
OHIO. CA. ADVISED THAT EXPAND MARAN. CHANGES LAKE. MEDINA

AN VERY WINE. SIXTEEN. CCC POWER DAVIS (AV). WEIRD.
SIMILARLY TO ANDOVER. OHIO IS FROZEN. OHIO.

THE ONLY CITY WITHIN CLEVELAND TERRITORY HAVING NAN
CONCERNING ONE ED MARAN. ANDOVER. OHIO.

BY WASHINGTON FIELD OFF TO THE BUREAU. VERY WINE. SIXTEEN.

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FROM CLEVELAND (44-282) 4P
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CONSIDERED ANTI-NEGRO; IN FACT, HE HAS MANY NEGROES IN HIS EMPLOYMENT AT HIS REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT. TO CHIEF DAVIS' KNOWLEDGE, MEARS HAS NEVER HAD ANY TROUBLE WITH ANY OF HIS EMPLOYEES. MEARS IS ALSO OWNER MANAGER OF NEGRO HEAVYWEIGHT BOXING CONTENDER ANOS JOHNSON OF MEDINA. MEARS HAS FINANCED JOHNSON'S CAREER AND TRAVELED EXTENSIVELY WITH JOHNSON WHILE MEETING OTHER BOXERS. MEARS HAS NO KNOWN ARREST RECORD AND IS CONSIDERED EXTREMELY REPUTABLE.

ALSO CONTACTED CONCERNING THIS MATTER WERE SHERIFF NORM STUART AND CHIEF DEPUTY SHERIFF ART NAFTZGER, BOTH OF MEDINA COUNTY SO, AND THEY TOO DESCRIBED MEARS AS BEING OF VERY GOOD REPUTATION AND OUTSTANDING CITIZEN.

MEARS DESCRIVED AS WM, FORTYFIVE YEARS, FIVE FT. TWO INS. TO FIVE FT. FOUR INS., ONE SEVENTY TO ONE NINETY LBS., STOCKY BUILD.

EDWARD MEARS DESCRIBED ABOVE IS THE ONLY EDWARD MEARS LOCATED IN MEDINA, OHIO, AS A RESULT OF CREDIT AND TELEPHONE AND CITY DIRECTORY CHECKS.

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BASED ON ABOVE COMMENTS BY CHIEF DAVIS, SHERIFF STUART AND CHIEF DEPUTY SHERIFF NAFTZGER, CLEVELAND IS TAKING NO FURTHER ACTION, UACB.

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NEWARK FOLLOW, NYCE.

PAD CHIEF DEPUTY GRESHAM WHITNEY, OKLAHOMA IS DOING NO
PASSED ON PHONE CONVERSATION BY CHIEF DEPUT, CHARLIE SIMMS

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7-55PM MST URGENT 4/8/68 LSB

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

FROM SALT LAKE CITY (44-253) 1P

MURKIN

RE NEW ORLEANS TEL FOUR EIGHT INSTANT.

REFERENCE IS MADE TO NEW ORLEANS AIRTEL TO SALT LAKE CITY DATED THREE TWENTYFIVE, SIXTYEIGHT, ENTITLED, "DUANE IVAN CARLSON; ROBERT BOLIVAR DE PUGH - FUGITIVE; ET AL, OO: SE," NEW ORLEANS FILE NO. NINETYONE DASH THREE FIVE SIX THREE, WHICH IS PENDING IN NEW ORLEANS AND SETS OUT INVESTIGATION RELATIVE TO THE ATTEMPTED IDENTIFICATION OF ONE MIKE FREEMAN AT SLIDELL, LOUISIANA.

NEW ORLEANS EXPEDITE REMAINDER OF INVESTIGATION.

OFFICES ADVISED SEPARATELY.

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TO DIRECTOR BUTTE AND DENVER

FROM BOSTON

MURKIN, CR.

RE DENVER TEL INSTANT.

FOR CLARIFICATION DE PALMA DID NOT STATE HE FURNISHED INFORMATION PREVIOUSLY TO ATTU CONCERNING MONTANA HIDEOUT.

DE PALMA HEARD ABOUT THIS HIDEOUT BUT HAS NEVER BEEN THERE AND HAS NO FURTHER DETAILS CONCERNING LOCATION.

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THE SACRAMENTO OFFICE

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM CHARLOTTE (44-1365) 4P

MURKIN

RE CHARLOTTE TELETYPE APRIL NINE LAST AND CHARLOTTE TELEPHONE CALL TO BUREAU TODAY.

FREDRICK DUNSTON, WHITEVILLE, NC, ARRESTED SEVEN THIRTY PM, APRIL NINE LAST BY WHITEVILLE PD CHARGED WITH POSSESSION NONTAX PAID WHISKEY AND PUBLIC DRUNK. ARRESTING OFFICER RALPH SPAULDING ADVISED DUNSTON ARRESTED BY HIM NUMEROUS OCCASIONS FOR PUBLIC DRUNK AND DISORDERLY CONDUCT AND DUNSTON HAS REPUTATION AS BEING A DRUNK. HE DOUBTFUL ANY INFORMATION FURNISHED BY DUNSTON WOULD BE RELIABLE.

DUNSTON INTERVIEWED BY SA TODAY, COLUMBUS COUNTY JAIL, WHITEVILLE, NC, AND ADVISED ABOUT SEVEN PM APRIL NINE LAST HE AGAIN OBSERVED UNKNOWN WHITE MALE WHO ADMITTED KILLING KING

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RIDING IN WHITEVILLE IN NINETEEN SIXTYTWO FORD GALAXIE, BEIGE COLOR, OCCUPIED BY TWO OTHER PERSONS. DUNSTON ADVISED HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY HENRY BENNETT AT THE TIME. DUNSTON ATTEMPTED TO CALL ATTORNEY GENERAL, WASHINGTON, DC, TO FURNISH THIS INFORMATION AT THE TIME HE WAS ARRESTED BUT DID NOT COMPLETE CALL. DUNSTON VIEWED ARTIST'S CONCEPTION OF KING'S ASSASSIN AND ADVISED PHOTOGRAPH APPEARS SIMILAR BUT WOULD BE UNABLE TO RECOGNIZE MAN FROM SKETCH.

DENNIS WILLIAMS, JAILER, COLUMBUS COUNTY JAIL, ADVISED DUNSTON, FOLLOWING ARREST, ATTEMPTED TO MAKE TELEPHONE CALL TO ATTORNEY GENERAL AND TELEPHONE CALL TO RALEIGH, NC; HOWEVER, HE WAS IN DRUNKEN CONDITION AND WAS UNABLE TO COMPLETE CALLS.

SARAH MOORE, ROUTE FIVE BOX ONE FIVE ZERO, WHITEVILLE, ADVISED TODAY THAT DUNSTON RESIDES AT HER HOUSE WITH HIS WIFE AND TWO CHILDREN. SHE STATED DUNSTON HAS REPUTATION FOR DRINKING AND HAS BEEN ARRESTED AS PUBLIC DRUNK. SHE WAS AT HER RESIDENCE APRIL EIGHT LAST WHEN DUNSTON ALLEGEDLY CONTACTED BY UNKNOWN WHITE MALE. SHE STATED SHE WAS NOT AWARE OF ANYONE BEING AT RESIDENCE AND DOES NOT BELIEVE ANYONE WAS THERE AS

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SHE WOULD HAVE KNOWN. SHE DESCRIBED DUNSTON AS UNRELIABLE AND DOES NOT BELIEVE ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM HIM TO BE RELIABLE OR OF VALUE.

JOHN W. BENNETT, BROTHER OF HENRY BENNETT, ADVISED TODAY THAT DUNSTON AND HENRY BENNETT ARE ALCOHOLICS AND HAVE BEEN DRINKING HEAVILY FOR THE PAST FOUR OR FIVE DAYS. HE ADVISED ANY INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM DUNSTON OR HIS BROTHER WOULD NOT BE TRUTHFUL AS BOTH HAVE BEEN DRINKING AND ARE UNRELIABLE.

POLICE OFFICERS, WHITEVILLE, NC, WHO HAD BEEN ALERTED TO ATTEMPT TO LOCATE UNKNOWN WHITE MALE, ADVISED THEY HAD NOT SEEN ANYONE RESEMBLING THIS PERSON AND ALSO HAD NOT SEEN THE NINETEEN SIXTYTWO FORD GALAXIE DESCRIBED BY DUNSTON. POLICE OFFICERS CHARACTERIZED DUNSTON AS DRUNK WHO IS EXTREMELY UNRELIABLE.

NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RECEIVED CONCERNING UNKNOWN WHITE MALE, WHO ALLEGEDLY CONTACTED DUNSTON APRIL EIGHT LAST.

IN VIEW OF STATEMENTS MADE BY SARAH MOORE TO EFFECT THAT NO WHITE MALE WAS SEEN AT HER RESIDENCE WITH DUNSTON ON APRIL EIGHT LAST, FACT THAT UNKNOWN MALE NOT OBSERVED BY POLICE, AND FACT THAT DUNSTON IS DRUNKARD AND TOTALLY UNRELIABLE, UACB, NO FURTHER EFFORTS BEING MADE TO LOCATE UNKNOWN WHITE MALE;

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~~CORRECTION PAGE TWO LINE ONE NEXT TO LAST WORD SHOULD BE "GALAXIE". ALSO PAGE TWO LASXX NEXT TO LAST LINE WORD TO SHOULD BE "AWARE".~~

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