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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, SAN DIEGO (44-387) (P)

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Re telephone call from SAC, Albany, to ASAC, San Diego, 4/10/68.

For the information of the Bureau, referenced telephone call from SAC HANCOCK, Albany, indicated that information from the Textile Marking Machine Company, Syracuse, New York, revealed that only two machines, one located in the Los Angeles area, and the other, bearing Serial No. 30769, owned by the Holly Laundry and Cleaners, 48 Broadway, Chula Vista, California, were likely to have produced a laundry mark similar to that found in the abandoned clothing of unknown subject in instant case.

The Albany Office requested that the Holly Laundry and Cleaners be immediately contacted and the owner interviewed concerning their use of the thermo seal laundry mark, and, further, to obtain a sample of this mark.

Mr. R. J. HALFERTY, Manager, Holly Laundry and Cleaners, 48 Broadway, Chula Vista, California, made available thermo seal machine, Model No. H5J1, bearing Serial No. 30769, and samples of this machine were made by ALMA FORD, operator, who normally operates this machine.

- 3 - Bureau (Enc. 1) (AM-REGISTERED)
- 2 - Albany
- 2 - San Diego

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Approved: 62 APR 29 1968 Special Agent in Charge

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Upon viewing the colored photograph of the clothing abandoned by unknown subject, Mr. HALFERTY advised the code "02B-6" was not similar to the code used at the Holly Laundry and Cleaners.

Mr. HALFERTY also advised, as did Mrs. ALMA FORD, that the color red appearing on the laundry mark in this colored photograph was in no way similar to the tape used at the Holly Laundry and Cleaners. According to them, they have never used this color of red, and the nearest shade is a light pink, upon which were made the sample laundry marks.

Enclosed for the Bureau is a white handkerchief containing samples of Model No. H5J1, Serial No. 30769, in the identical code "02B-6" as are pictured in the colored photographs received from the Bureau. Also contained on this handkerchief are sample laundry marks similar to those used by the Holly Laundry and Cleaners.

The enclosure is being forwarded to the Bureau for comparison with the laundry marks on abandoned clothing. It is not necessary that the Bureau return the enclosure to the San Diego Division and may dispose of it as it so desires.

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To: SAC'S, Jacksonville (44-769)
Memphis (44-1987)
REC-128
From: Director, FBI (44-38861) - ~~325~~ 325
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EX 107

Re Jacksonville airtel 4-10-68, submitting a post card and a registration card for Holiday Inn of Williston, Florida, K31.

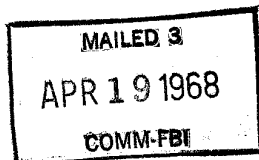
One latent fingerprint of value developed on the registration card. No latent prints of value developed on the post card. The latent print of value was compared with latent prints previously reported in this case, but no identification was effected.

Results of laboratory examination and disposition of post card and registration card subjects of separate report.

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TO : Mr. Rosen

DATE: April 4, 1968

FROM : C. L. McGowan

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

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING (DECEASED) - VICTIM
CIVIL RIGHTS

SEE NOTE ON REVERSE SIDE

ASAC Cliff Halter, Memphis Division, by telephone at 9:40 p. m., advised of developments in the shooting by a sniper of Dr. Martin Luther King. King was shot shortly before 7 p. m., April 4, 1968, as he stood on the balcony of his second floor room at the Lorraine Hotel and Motel, 406 Mulberry Street, Memphis. Witnesses heard a shot, saw King fall, and it is believed the shot came from a low class hotel across the street. Drs. J. N. Barrasso and Frederick Giora, St. Joseph's Hospital, Memphis, advised our Agents Dr. King was pronounced dead at 7:05 p. m. Death was caused by a bullet which tore major neck vessels and severed the spinal cord at the root of the neck.

A Deputy Sheriff patrolling routinely in the area observed a young white male throw a rifle and bag on the sidewalk and keep running. Police recovered a Remington Game Master, Model 760, with a scope sight containing one 30.06 shell. The bag recovered by police contains a box of Peters cartridges, binoculars, and various items of clothing.

Agents are to fly all items of evidence to Washington, D. C., tonight for Laboratory examination. As far as known, one bullet was fired and the spent bullet has not been recovered as yet and is believed to be in King's body.

ASAC Halter mentioned there has been sporadic looting in the City of Memphis. News reports reflected a curfew has been imposed on the City of Memphis and 4,000 National Guard troops have been ordered into the city.

Assistant Director Conrad was advised and will arrange standby coverage for Laboratory examination.

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John Creighton, Identification Division, was advised and has two latent fingerprint men standing by on duty.

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1 COPIES MADE, DATE 5-4-78 BY
RECEIVED RE ml 4-15-78
FOR REVIEW AT FBIHQ AND/OR DELIVERY
TO HSCA RE REQUEST DATED 5-3-78
(SEE BUFILE 62-117290)

5 MAY 11 1978

Memorandum to Mr. Rosen
RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT; DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING (DECEASED)

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At 10:20 p.m., ASAC Halter advised two suspects were picked up by Memphis police when they were found to be changing clothes in a "garage" one or two blocks from the scene of the shooting. The suspects are Manual Marcus Levin, white male, born [redacted] who claims to be a civil rights worker and a law student at the University of Mississippi, Oxford, Mississippi; the other is Alex Jay Hurder, white male, born [redacted] resides 926 West Markham, Durham, North Carolina, and claims to be a civil rights worker and a law student at Duke University. Bureau indices were checked and no direct references to these individuals were found and references on variations being reviewed. Identification Division advised they have no record of fingerprints in civil or criminal files. *Tein*

The shot is now believed to have been fired from a bathroom window at 420 South Main Street, Memphis, about 100 yards from where King was standing. Three witnesses who reportedly saw the shooting are being interviewed by Memphis Agents.

Senior Resident Agent, Nashville, has been in touch with the Governor of Tennessee who has called out the National Guard.

Memphis anticipates forwarding evidence by plane departing Memphis 12:25 a.m., or 12:30 a.m., 4-5-68, arriving Dulles Airport 4:05 a.m., or 4:17 a.m., and will advise when definitely arranged.

ADDENDUM:

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At 11:20 p.m., ASAC Halter advised at this point they have three witnesses interviewed, have determined the serial number of the rifle to be 461476, a Remington Gamemaster Model 760. ASAC Halter was instructed to immediately call the New Haven Office to have tracings of this rifle instituted. ASAC Halter further stated that according to the news releases one Charles Stephens was a witness to this case and ASAC Halter stated that he would make arrangements to interview this person, if not already done. ASAC Halter also was instructed to obtain fingerprints of both suspects Levin and Hurder, along with major case prints. ASAC Halter was instructed to maintain the chain of evidence, to obtain copies of any autopsy reports and to

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particularly try to obtain the bullet from the body of victim. ASAC Halter was reminded again of the paramount importance of keeping the Bureau advised on all developments and to particularly alert Charlotte and Jackson Offices to obtain information regarding the suspects, if this matter works out.

At 11:47 p.m., ASAC Halter stated that reservations had been made for Agent Bob Fitzpatrick, Flight 610 of Braniff Airways, departing Memphis at 12:25 a.m. and to arrive at Dulles Airport, Washington, D. C., at 4:05 a.m. 4/5/68. ASAC Halter stated that Fitzpatrick will have with him all the evidence as gathered to date.

At 12:05 a.m., 4/5/68, Mr. Jevons of the Laboratory was notified of the above and Mr. Creighton of the Laboratory was advised of this matter.

At 12:15 a.m., 4/5/68, SAC Jensen of Memphis called and stated that he wanted to advise that he recovered three \$20 bills from the landlady, and one of these \$20 bills is a bill given to the landlady by the suspect. He stated that also included in the evidence would be a rifle in a box, the bullet from the body of King, one empty cartridge as well as bullets in a box. SAC Jensen also stated that in consideration of elimination points from any evidence submitted, the following should be considered as elimination: SA O. V. Johnson, SAC Jensen and Inspector N. E. Zackery (NA), Memphis Police Department. SAC Jensen further stated that a blanket would also be sent to the Laboratory which contains particles of mud. SAC Jensen advised that he would desire that all possible examinations be conducted of the evidence submitted in order to develop any suspects of any investigative aids possible.

At 12:25 a.m., Mr. Jevons of the Laboratory, at 12:35 a.m., Mr. Tony Latona of the Latent Fingerprint Section and Mr. Dan Bailey of the Latent Fingerprint Section were all advised of the information furnished by SAC Jensen and of his specific desires concerning examination of evidence.

420 South Main St Memphis
At 1:05 a.m., on 4/5/68, SAC Jensen advised that they have determined that a person fired a shot from the window of a bathroom approximately 205 feet from where victim was standing. They have conducted neighborhood investigation concerning this and have determined that one John Willard rented a room in the same house that shot came from, and upon paying landlady \$8.50 for a week's rent she recalled his name as

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John Willard. SAC Jensen advised that Willard lives at 420 South Main Street in Memphis. He stated that they are continuing to pursue every angle of this investigation and will keep the Bureau informed. At 1:28 a.m., SAC Johnson of Chicago called and stated that the informant who would be very helpful in a possible solution of this matter, is out of pocket, but they are endeavoring to try to locate him with the express purpose of recommending that he proceed to Memphis for possible solution of the case. SAC Johnson stated that before any of this is done, however, he will transmit a teletype to the Bureau for clearance.

At 2:15 a.m., SAC Jensen advised that he is extremely interested in the serial number of the scope as well as the manufacturer and of any information concerning the clamps used. SAC Jensen stated that nothing further has developed as yet. He stated that Agent Fitzpatrick is definitely airborne as of this minute en route to Washington, D. C.

At 3:50 a.m., SAC Jensen advised that nothing new has transpired in this matter, however, they have determined that the person who is a suspect is possibly aged 27-35, a white male and 5' 11" tall. He also stated that in the contents belonging to the suspect is a bar of soap (Cashmere Bouquet) from the Friendship Inn Motel, and also a couple of maps. He stated that they have also found articles of clothing which contain a laundry ticket, and they are presently checking this out.

At 4:32 a.m., the Identification Division advised that they have located a record for one John Hubert Willard, Memphis Police Department number 96257, also known as John Hubbard Willard, FBI number 934 454-C. Also his arrest record indicates that Willard was arrested by the Memphis Police Department on 4/18/58, based upon a fugitive warrant from Pontotoc, Mississippi. He was released to the Sheriff's Office Pontotoc on 4/18/58. The second and last entry records that fingerprints were contributed by Sheriff's Office, Pontotoc, Miss., on 6/25/58, for charges of arson and disposition given as three years' probation. The Identification Division also advised that they have advised Memphis of this information and Memphis is in receipt of the arrest record as well as photographs of Willard. Identification Division advised that a description of this individual would be as white male, height 5'11", weight 150-155, DOB [redacted] at Pontotoc, Miss., brown hair, dark green eyes, ruddy complexion and medium build.

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At 4:43 a.m., SAC Jensen also advised of this information record in the Identification Division concerning Willard, and he was advised that the Bureau would immediately call Jackson to thoroughly and exhaustively check this matter out concerning Willard at Pontotoc, Mississippi.

At 4:50 a.m., SAC Moore was advised of this information record in the Identification Division files and SAC Moore was instructed to immediately determine the whereabouts of Willard and also all possible avenues to thoroughly check this matter out to determine if Willard can be a suspect. SAC Moore stated he would immediately do this and he would, of course, keep the Bureau advised.

At 5:16 a.m., Mr. Jevons of the Laboratory called to advise that the evidence as delivered by SA Fitzpatrick is now in possession of the Laboratory, and they are commencing to process this material.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATION SECTION

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TELETYPE

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FBI TAMPA

755 PM URGENT 4/5/68 ALS

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, AND JACKSONVILLE
FROM TAMPA (157-3231)

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., RM.

RALPH WRIGHT, U. S. POST OFFICE EMPLOYEE, ORLANDO, FLA. ADVISED TODAY, HE ATTENDED A COURSE AT JACKSONVILLE, FLA., UNIVERSITY IN EARLY SIXTY FIVE AND ALSO A STUDENT WAS A RAY COCHRANE (PH), WHOSE FATHER RAN GATORLAND, ST. AUGUSTINE, FLA., NORTH OF THE CITY, ON U. S. HIGHWAY ONE. ALTHOUGH COCHRANE WAS INCLINED TO BRAG, HE MADE STATEMENT THAT DURING THE RACIAL DISORDER IN ST. AUGUSTINE IN ABOUT SIXTY TO SIXTY ONE, HE "DREW A BEAD ON KING AND COULD HAVE KILLED HIM BUT DID NOT WISH TO MAKE A MARTYR OUT OF HIM". COCHRANE ALSO BRAGGED HE HAD LOTS OF AMMUNITION AND AN ARSENAL OF WEAPONS. WRIGHT BELIEVED COCHRANE TO BE AN HONORARY DEPUTY SHERIFF IF ST. JOHN'S COUNTY, FLA., AT THE TIME.

WRIGHT CONSIDERS COCHRANE A POSSIBLE SUSPECT ~~DUE TO HIS~~ ANTI-NEGRO ATTITUDES AS WELL. STATED MR. BASIL WOODS, FORTY ONE TO FORTY TWO YEARS OF AGE, CLERK IN U. S. POST OFFICE, ST. AUGUSTINE, END PAGE ONE

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KNOWS COCHRANE AND MAY KNOW HIS PRESENT WHEREABOUTS. WRIGHT STATES
LAST KNOWN WHEREABOUTS OF COCHRANE WAS THAT HE HAD TRAVELLING JOB
WHICH TOOK HIM TO COLORADO. COCHRANE WHITE MALE, ABOUT THIRTY,
FIVE F. TEN IN., ONE HUNDRED EIGHT LBS., ORIGINALLY FROM ST.
AUGUSTINE.

JACKSONVILLE AT ST. AUGUSTINE, INTERVIEW BASIL WOODS, ESTABLISH
TRUE NAME OF SUSPECT COCHRANE AND HIS WHEREABOUTS APRIL FOUR LAST.

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MR. THERON
ROOM 836 9&D

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: April 6, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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The following details do not appear in the letterhead memorandum:

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A check of all airlines, motels and hotels in the Birmingham area has determined that an individual using the name of W. J. Lehmeyer made telephonic reservation at Southern Airlines, Birmingham, for travel on 3/27/68 from Birmingham to Minneapolis, Minnesota. Lehmeyer never appeared for flight and gave places of contact as Parliament House and Airport Motels, Birmingham. Investigation failed to locate Lehmeyer as guest. Records of Delta Airlines indicate that on 3/27/68 W. J. Lehmeyer purchased ticket for flight from Birmingham

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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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Mr. DeLoach

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WILLIAM J. JAMES

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

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

MURKIN. RE MEMPHIS AIRTEL APRIL SEVEN AND
DELIVERY OF THREE RIFLES FOR LATENT EXAMINATION.

TWO LATENT FINGERPRINTS AND ONE LATENT PALM
PRINT DEVELOPED ON BROWNING SAFARI GRADE RIFLE, SERIAL
NUMBER THREE SEVEN ZERO ZERO Z FIVE. NO LATENTS OTHER
TWO RIFLES.

LATENTS NOT IDENTICAL MAJOR CASE PRINTS TWO
BIRMINGHAM STORE CLERKS WOOD AND BAKER, LATENTS PREVIOUSLY
REPORTED THIS CASE, OR WITH FINGERPRINTS AND PALM PRINTS
WHERE AVAILABLE OF SUSPECTS NAMED TO DATE.

LATENT PRINT PREVIOUSLY REPORTED ON BOARD PAREN
WINDOW SILL IN BATHROOM PAREN IDENTICAL FINGERPRINT SA

FRANKLIN L. JOHNSON

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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**TELETYPE TO MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM
MURKIN**

**THIRTEEN LATENT FINGERPRINTS AND ONE LATENT
PALM PRINT REMAIN UNIDENTIFIED. THESE LATENTS NOT IDENTICAL
FINGERPRINTS OF ROD KELLUM WINDHAM, FBI NUMBER TWO TWO FOUR
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FBI WASH DC

FBI NEWARK

9:36@E EBSENT 4-8-68 RCM

TO DIRECTOR , LOSANGELES, MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM
FROM NEWARK (44-354)

MURKIN RE: SUSPECT EDWARD PHILIP ~~MARLOW~~ MARLOW. NJ
CALIF

FATHER, BROTHER, AND MOTHER IN LAW INTERVIEWED THIS DATE
AND NO INFORMATION DEVELOPED AS TO WHEREABOUTS OF MARLOW. MARLOW'S
FATHER AND BROTHER HAD NOT SEEN OR HEARD FROM HIM SINCE HE
LEFT TO GO TO CALIFORNIA SEVEN YEARS AGO. FAMILY HAS NOT
HEARD FROM MARLOW SINCE THAT TIME AND HAVE NO PHOTOGRAPHS OF
HIM. MARLOW'S MOTHER INLAW HAD LAST CONTACT WITH HER
DAUGHTER, HELEN MARLOW, WIFE OF EDWARD PHILIP MARLOW WHEN WIFE
WAS THEN RESIDING IN RIVERSIDE, CALIF., WITH HIM IN A
RESIDENCE ON WALLINGHAM DRIVE OR STREET. MARLOW'S HAVE FOUR
CHILDREN RANGING IN AGE FROM TEN TO TWO YEARS WHO LIVE WITH
THEM. ALL LETTERS SUBSEQUENT TO JULY, NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN
SENT TO THE MARLOWS FROM MRS. ~~MURPHY~~ HAVE BEEN RETURNED.

MARLOW PURCHASED A NEW AUTOMOBILE IN RIVERSIDE, CALIF.,
APPROXIMATELY THREE YEARS AGO. CREDIT RECORDS, CAMDEN, APR 11 1968
DISCLOSED EDWARD PHILIP MARLOW EMPLOYED PITTSBURGH PLATE GLASS
CO., MOORESTOWN, NJ, IN NINETEEN SIXTY THREE. CHECK OF

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
DIVISION 5121

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-100000)
SUBJECT: JAMES EARL RAY, AKA; MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.; CIVIL RIGHTS

RE NEW YORK TELETYPE TO BUREAU, APRIL SEVEN LAST.
ON APRIL SEVEN LAST, NEW YORK POLICE DEPARTMENT (NYPD) ADVISED THAT
IT HAD RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM A SOURCE THAT JAMES EARL RAY
HAD BEEN OBSERVED AT A HOTEL IN NEW YORK CITY ON APRIL SEVEN LAST.
THE SOURCE STATED THAT RAY HAD BEEN SEEN ENTERING THE HOTEL
AT APPROXIMATELY TEN THIRTY P.M. ON THAT DATE. THE SOURCE
STATED THAT RAY HAD BEEN SEEN WITH A WOMAN WHO IDENTIFIED
HIMSELF AS A MEMBER OF THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY (BPP). THE
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, BUENOS AIRES (100-100000)
SUBJECT: JAMES EARL RAY, AKA; MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.; CIVIL RIGHTS

RE NEW YORK TELETYPE TO BUREAU, APRIL SEVEN LAST.
ON APRIL SEVEN LAST, NEW YORK POLICE DEPARTMENT (NYPD) ADVISED THAT
IT HAD RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM A SOURCE THAT JAMES EARL RAY
HAD BEEN OBSERVED AT A HOTEL IN NEW YORK CITY ON APRIL SEVEN LAST.
THE SOURCE STATED THAT RAY HAD BEEN SEEN ENTERING THE HOTEL
AT APPROXIMATELY TEN THIRTY P.M. ON THAT DATE. THE SOURCE
STATED THAT RAY HAD BEEN SEEN WITH A WOMAN WHO IDENTIFIED
HIMSELF AS A MEMBER OF THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY (BPP). THE
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MARLOW, NJ, DRIVER'S LICENSE MO SIX TWO SIX ONE NINE TWO
SEVEN SEVEN ONE ONE FOUR ZERO FOUR IS ON THE REVOKED LIST IN
THIS STATE. ADDITIONAL INFO BEING OBTAINED. INVESTIGATION
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RE ALBANY TELETYPE APRIL EIGHT INSTANT, AND MEMPHIS
TELETYPE APRIL SIX LAST.

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INSTANT TAPE. SAMPLES OF TAPES USED BY THESE COMPANIES OBTAINED
AND BEING FORWARDED TO FBI LAB. BEACH CITIES LAUNDRY FILED
BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDINGS THREE YEARS AGO AND BUILDING AND PART
OF EQUIPMENT PURCHASED BY STANDARD INDUSTRIAL LAUNDRY AT SAME
ADDRESS. DID NOT PURCHASE MARKING MACHINES. INVESTIGATION
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APPROXIMATELY SIX YEARS AGO. EFFORTS BEING MADE TO CONTACT
OWNER AND ASCERTAIN DISPOSITION OF MARKING MACHINE. NO RECORD
OF DELITE LAUNDRY AT ONE SIX ZERO SEVEN, BROOKLYN AVENUE, LOS
ANGELES, CALIF. CONTINUOUS EFFORTS BEING MADE TO LOCATE THIS
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INVESTIGATION THIS DATE AT ROMPAGE HARDWARE COMPANY, FIVE FIVE FOUR TWO HOLLYWOOD BOULEVARD, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, DISCLOSES COMPANY EMPLOYEES POSITIVE DUCK-BILLED PLIERS IN COLOR PHOTOGRAPH IS PART OF A ONE TIME SHIPMENT THEY RECEIVED OCTOBER SIXTY SIX. PRESENT MANAGER BELIEVES TWELVE SUCH PLIERS IN SHIPMENT. BUREAU AGENT OBTAINED THE LAST ONE FROM "BARGAIN BIN" NEAR FRONT DOOR OF STORE. IT APPEARS IDENTICAL WITH PHOTO AND BEARS SAME LABEL EXCEPT THAT STORE CODE IS FAINTLY VISIBLE IN UPPER LEFT AND UPPER RIGHT CORNER SHOWING INVENTORY DATE TEN - SIX.

ALL PRESENT SALES FORCE HAVE NO RECOLLECTION OF ANY SALE OF THIS ITEM. MANAGEMENT ADVISED APPROXIMATELY EIGHTY FIVE - NINETY PERCENT OF BUSINESS IS CASH SALE. CREDIT INVOICES FOR ALL SALES SINCE OCTOBER SIXTY SIX TO PRESENT BEING CHECKED TO DETERMINE IF SUBJECT PLIERS POSSIBLY PURCHASED ON CREDIT.

ONE CREDIT ITEM REFLECTING SALE OF ONE DOLLAR NINETY EIGHT CENTS PLIERS, TYPE UNKNOWN, LOCATED. PURCHASER WILL BE INTERVIEWED. REVIEW OF VOLUMINOUS CREDIT SALES CONTINUES.

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EMPLOYMENT SUBSEQUENT TO OCTOBER SIXTY SIX OBTAINED. INTERVIEWS
BEING CONDUCTED. MANAGER OFFERED POSSIBILITY OF THEFT BY SHOP
LIFTER AS HE HAS SUFFERED SUCH LOSSES IN PAST.

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RE BUFFALO TEL THIS DATE RE SUSPECT DR. ALVIN EUGENE FRENCH.

ROSALIE STELL, INNKEEPER, HOLIDAY INN, WILLISTON, FLA., ADVISED THIS DATE ALVIN FRENCH DEPARTED THAT MOTEL MARCH FIVE SIXTYEIGHT. STATES SHE HAS "HOLIDEX" INQUIRY FROM HOLIDAY INN, SOUTHEAST, U.S. HIGHWAY SEVEN EIGHT, MEMPHIS, TENN., ADVISIING A DICK P. FRENCH HAD REGISTERED THERE ON MARCH THIRTY SIXTYEIGHT. STELL ALSO FURNISHED A POSTCARD FROM THAT MOTEL WHICH ARRIVED THIS DATE SIGNED A. E. FRENCH AND DATED BY WRITER FOUR FOUR SIXTYEIGHT, POSTMARK ILLEGIBLE BUT ALSO APPEARS TO BE FOUR FOUR SIXTYEIGHT. STELL ALSO STATES FRENCH WAS ATTRACTED TO HER DESK CLERK THAY MOTEL, GLORIA GEIGER, BUT THAT GEIGER WAS DEFINITELY NOT ROMANTICALLY INVOLVED WITH HIM. ALSO STATES FRENCH APPEARED AT THAT MOTEL ON MARCH THIRTY SIXTYEIGHT TO VISIT GEIGER BUT LEFT AS GEIGER WAS NOT ON DUTY.

GEIGER INTERVIEWED AND STATES SHE HAD MET FRENCH ONLY AS RESULT OF HER DUTIES AS DESK CLERK AND COULD FURNISH NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

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BOTH STELL AND GEIGER STATE FRENCH NEVER DISCUSSED ANYTHING
PERTAINING TO RACIAL MATTERS. STELL MADE AVAILABLE INSTANT
POSTCARD AND REGISTRATION CARD AT THAT MOTEL, TO BE FORWARDED
TO FBI LAB.

MEMPHIS CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION AT ABOVE MOTEL.

JACKSONVILLE WILL FORWARD INSTANT DOCUMENTS TO FBI LAB
IMMEDIATELY.

APPROACH SUSPECT FRENCH WITH CAUTION IN VIEW OF HIS
MENTAL HISTORY.

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MEMPHIS CONSIDER AS SUSPECT AND OBTAIN IDENTIFYING DATA GOT
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ANONYMOUS FEMALE COMPLAINANT TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED
CHICAGO OFFICE THIS P.M. WOULD NOT GIVE NAME. SHE
SAW A SKETCH IN PAPER OF REPORTED KILLER OF MARTIN LUTHER
KING AND WAS SHOCKED BY RESEMBLANCE OF HER EX-HUSBAND,
JESSE WILLARD EDWARDS. COMPLAINANT STATED
EDWARDS EXPERT MARKSMAN, OWNS THREE, THIRTY ZERO SIX,
ONE, THIRTY THIRTY, ONE, THREE ZERO EIGHT AND ONE, TWENTY-TWO
RIFLE AND HAD A PROFOUND HATE FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING AND
JOHN F. KENNEDY. SHE SAID EDWARDS HATED EVERYTHING WHEN
DRINKING TO EXCESS AND WOULD BEAT HER. SUCH TREATMENT
CONTRIBUTED TO HER DIVORCE FOUR YEARS AGO FROM EDWARDS.

SHE DESCRIBED EDWARDS AS WHITE MALE, FORTY - EIGHT YEARS,
BORN IN GEORGIA, FIVE FT. EIGHT OR FIVE FT. NINE INCHES,
ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE LBS., HUSKY BUILD, RECEDING
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GRAY-BROWN HAIR, FULL FACE WITH DEEP IMPRINTS IN BOTH
CHEEKS, SIMILAR TO DIMPLES, WALKS WITH LIMP AS LEFT LEG
IS SLIGHTLY SHORTER THAN RIGHT. EDWARDS REPORTEDLY A
STEEL WORKER AND FORMER MERCHANT MARINER, HAS BEEN ARRESTED
BY COLUMBUS, GA. PD ON ASSAULT AND DRUNK CHARGES. LAST
KNOWN TO DRIVE NINETEEN SIXTY-FOUR JEEP REGISTERED IN
GEORGIA. COMPLAINANT LAST SAW EDWARDS APPROXIMATELY ONE
YEAR AGO THOUGH HER SON IN CHICAGO, ILL. RECENTLY RECEIVED A
VALENTINE CARD POST-MARKED SEATTLE AND AN EASTER CARD POST-MARKED
HOUSTON, TEXAS.

CHICAGO INDICES NEGATIVE.

ATLANTA IDENTIFY EDWARDS THROUGH COLUMBUS PD,
OBTAIN PHOTO AND FORWARD SAME TO MEMPHIS.
OBTAIN PRINTS AND FORWARD TO BUREAU.
ALSO IDENTIFY EX-WIFE AND SON FOR INTERVIEW AT CHICAGO.

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MRS. TERESSA LEON, MGR. NEW YORKER MOTEL CLEARWATER FLA

ADVISED APRIL EIGHT RE ONE CHARLES E. MALEY III, ONE ONE TWO FIVE POPLAR BLVD. JACKSON MISS., RECENT QUEST AT MOTEL WHOM SHE SAYS RESEMBLES SKETCH OF ASSASSIN. MALEY DESCRIBED BY MRS. LEON AS WHITE MALE, TWENTYSIX YEARS, FIVE FOOT NINE INCHES, ONE SEVEN FIVE LBS, LIGHT BROWN HAIR, MEDIUM COMPLEXION REGISTERED ALONE ONE ON FOUR TWO LAST, PAID THROUGH FOUR-NINE-SIXTYEIGHT, GAVE OCCUPATION AS QUOTE TOURIST UNQUOTE EXHIBITED LICENSE FOR A CHEVROLET MODEL NOT INDICATED HINDS CO. MISS LICENSE H FOUR SIX THREE TWO ONE.

MRS. LEON STATES MALEY LEFT MOTEL ABOUT TEN THIRTY TO ELEVEN THURSDAY FOUR-FOUR -SIXTYEIGHT AND DID NOT RETURN UNTIL ABOUT THREE TWENTY AM FOUR-SIX-SIXTYEIGHT. SHE WONDERED ABOUT STRANGE HOUR OF ARRIVAL, AND CONSIDERED HE MAY HAVE RETURNED

FROM AIRLINE FLIGHT. ALTHOUGH LEON IS CONFIDENTIAL THE TOA OF MALEY, HE WAS INSISTANT THAT HE ARRIVED AT ONE AM BUT COULD NOT GAIN ENTRANCE THOUGH HE RANG THE MOTEL BELL
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REPEATING THIS STATEMENT ON AT LEAST FIVE OCCASIONS FOR NO CAUSE.

LEON SAYS MALEY HIGHLY NERVOUR BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE ON FOUR-SEVEN-SIXTYEIGHT (ALTHOUGH PAID THROUGH FOUR NINE) ADVISES HE SAID HE HAD BEEN IN DAYTONA BEACH FL AT TIME OF KING ASSASSINATION, ONCE COMMENTED THAT HE NEVER HAD TO ATTEND SCHOOL WITH NEGROES BUT THAT HIS CHILDREN WOULD LIKELY HAVE TO DO SO, MADE NO FURTHER COMMENT RE RACIAL MATTERS.

LEON STATES MALEY LEFT ALL IDENTIFICATION BEHIND IN HIS MOTEL ROOM WHEN HE LEFT ON FOUR - FOUR SIXTYEIGHT.

JACKSON AT ONE ONE TWO FIVE POPLAR BLVD JACKSON AND OR THROUGH RECORD RE HINDS CO. MISS AUTO LICENSE H FOUR SIX THREE TWO ONE, ATTEMPT LOCATE AND INTERVIEW CHARLES E. MALEY III AS SUSPECT THIS INVESTIGATION.

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AS SUSPECT THIS INVESTIGATION.

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ON APRIL SIX LAST PETTY OFFICER, USS MACKENZIE, NAVAL
STATION, LONG BEACH, CALIF., ADVISED THAT ON EVENING OF APRIL
FOUR LAST SHIPMATE ALAN ROY PETERSON, NSN B ONE ONE ONE NINE
EIGHT SIX STATED QUOTE MY COUSIN WROTE ME AND SAID HE WAS GOING
TO SHOOT MARTIN LUTHER KING END QUOTE AND SOMETHING TO THE EFFECT
THAT WHEN HIS COUSIN SETS HIS MIND TO SOMETHING HE DOES IT.
NOTHING FURTHER STATED. NAME OF COUSIN NOT CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD,
POSSIBLY JOHN OR JACK. PETERSON LEFT SHIP ON APRIL FIVE LAST
FOR WEEK-END LIBERTY TO RETURN TO SHIP APRIL EIGHT INSTANT.
PETERSON INTERVIEWED APRIL EIGHT INSTANT AND ADMITTED MAKING
STATEMENT, HOWEVER MAINTAINED NO TRUTH TO STATEMENT AND COULD
NOT EXPLAIN WHY HE MADE SAME. STATES THAT HE HAS NOT RECEIVED
ANY CORRESPONDENCE OF THIS NATURE AND ONLY HEARS FROM HIS MOTHER.
HAS NEVER RECEIVED ANY MAIL FROM ANY COUSINS. SENDS ALL MAIL
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HAS BEEN RECEIVED AND WILL BE COMING. BEING ALL WILL
ALL CORRESPONDENCE OF THIS NATURE AND ONLY BEING FROM HIS MOTHER.
NOT EXPLAIN AND HE MADE SAME. STATED THAT HE HAD RECEIVED
STATEMENT. HOWEVER MAINTAINED NO INTENT TO STATEMENT AND COME
BEFORE INTERVIEWED ABOUT EIGHT INSTANT AND ADMITTED MAKING
FOR WEEK-END FIVEBY TO BEING TO THIS ABOUT EIGHT INSTANT.
POSSIBLY FORM OF WORK. BEFOREMAN FEEL THIS ON ABOUT FIVE LAST
WORKING BUSINESS STATED. NAME OF COMPANY NOT CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD.
THAT WHEN HIS COMPANY GETS HIS WIFE TO SOMETHING HE DOES IT.
TO SHOW BATHING FINISH KING AND COULD AND SOMETHING TO THE EFFECT
EIGHT SIX STATED COULD BY COMPANY ABOUT HE AND SAID HE WAS GOING
HOME LAST NIGHTTIME WITH BOY BEFOREMAN. NEW B ONE ONE ONE NINE
STATION. FORD LEVER. CIVIL. STATED THAT ON EVENING OF ABOUT
ON ABOUT SIX LAST BETTER OFFICE. HAS WORKING. ABOUT

WEEKLY.

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HE RECEIVES TO HIS MOTHER TO KEEP. CLAIMS THAT UPON LEARNING THAT FBI ATTEMPTING TO CONTACT HIM HE CALLED HIS MOTHER, RUTH GUSTAF PETERSON, NINE FIVE TWO ONE SEVENTY SECOND AVENUE, FORREST HILLS, NEW YORK, TELEPHONE BO EIGHT ONE TWO NINE FOUR. THIS AM, TO FIND OUT WHY FBI WAS TRYING TO LOCATE HIM.

NEW YORK SHOULD INTERVIEW RUTH PETERSON FOR IDENTITY OF A COUSIN WHO MIGHT BE COMMUNICATING WITH ALAN ROY PETERSON AND ASCERTAIN THE NATURE OF TELEPHONE CALL BY HER SON.

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AND RECEIVING THE INVOICE OF TELEPHONE CALL BY NEW YORK.

OF A CONVIN WHO MIGHT BE COMMUNICATING WITH NEW YORK TELEPHONE.

NEW YORK SHOULD INTERVIEW WITH TELEPHONE FOR IDENTIFY.

THIS AM TO FIND OUT NEW FBI WAS TRYING TO LOCATE HIM.

FOURTH NIGHT NEW YORK TELEPHONE BO NIGHT ONE TWO NINE EIGHT.

SIXTH TELEPHONE NINE FIVE TWO ONE SEVENTH SECOND NINE.

THAT FBI ATTEMPTING TO CONTACT HIM HE CALLED HIS BROTHER EIGHT

HE RECEIVED TO HIS MOTHER TO KEEP. GIVING THAT FROM FIVE.

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FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

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RE MEMPHIS TEL APRIL EIGHT, LAST.

INVESTIGATION TO DATE INDICATES THAT ERIC STARVO GALT'S DESCRIPTION COMPARES FAVORABLY TO INDIVIDUAL WHO PURCHASED GUN BIRMINGHAM. REFERENCED TELETYPE INDICATES GALT REGISTERED REBEL MOTEL, MEMPHIS, ON APRIL THIRD, LAST, AND DEPARTED APRIL FOURTH, LAST. MEMPHIS IMMEDIATELY OBTAIN REGISTRATION CARD, REBEL MOTEL, AND FORWARD TO BUREAU FOR HANDWRITING COMPARISON WITH THAT OF JOHN WILLARD, NAME USED BY UNSUB.

FOR INFORMATION WFO, GALT MADE STATEMENT TO EFFECT HE HAD BEEN IN MERCHANT MARINE. HE IS DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, DOB [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, ONE SEVEN FIVE POUNDS, BLUE EYES, BROWN HAIR. WFO CONTACT U. S. MARITIME SERVICE IN EFFORT TO OBTAIN BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND HANDWRITING SPECIMENS FOR SUBMISSION TO LABORATORY. SUTEL MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM.

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