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NO ONE LOCATED IN MINNESOTA, NORTH OR SOUTH DAKOTA, WITH SURNAME OF LOWMEYER OR LOWMYER. ALL CITY DIRECTORIES, DRIVER'S LICENSE RECORDS, AUTO REGISTRATION RECORDS, VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS, CREDIT AND CRIMINAL RECORDS WERE CHECKED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. STATE SELECTIVE SERVICE RECORDS AND STATE BIRTH RECORDS WERE ALSO CHECKED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. PHONETIC VARIATIONS IN SPELLING WERE LOCATED AND IN EACH CASE THE WHEREABOUTS OF THE INDIVIDUAL INVOLVED DURING THE PERTINENT PERIODE WAS ASCERTAINED.

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CONTACT BEING MADE WITH THE REMAINING LAUNDRIES.

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GALT, FAIFIELD, ALABAMA, IS EMPLOYED AS A EXAMPLE A. 44 -3886/
MILLS COLLEGE, FAIRFIELD, COULD FURNISH COMPLETE DETAILS

CONCERNING THE GALT FAMILY.

ASSISTANT, SOCIAL SCIENCE PROGRAM UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA, SINCE MARCH TWENTY FUNCTIONAL AND HAS NOT LATE MINNEAPOLIS SINCE THAT DATE. GALT ADVISED HE DAS IN SAN FRANCISCO AND SACRAMENTO VALUES CALIFORNIA, FROM OCTOBER, NINETEEN

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SIXTY SEVEN. GALT DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, BORN

, CLEVELAND, OHIO, SIX FEET,

ONE HUNDRED FORTYFIVE POUNDS, SLENDER BUILD, BROWN EYES,

BROWN HAIR, WITH FULL BEARD, INCLUDING MUSTACHE WHICH HE

ADVISED HAS BEEN GROWING SINCE DECEMBER. NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN.

A RELIABLE CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE OF THE MINNEAPOLIS OFFICE ADVISED THAT HE WAS WITH GALT IN MINNEAPOLIS ON APRIL THREE-FOUR. NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT.

ESTABLISHED SOURCE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA ADVISED THAT GALT EMPLOYED AS TEACHING ASSISTANT SINCE MARCH TWENTYFIVE NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT, BUT NO DAILY RECORDS MAINTAINED CONCERNING ACTIVITIES OF TEACHING ASSISTANTS.

BIRMINGHAM IMMEDIATELY INTERVIEW REVEREND RALPH MARTIN GALT, FAIRFIELD, ALABAMA, TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT ERIC STARVO GALT KNOWN TO HIM.

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AND MADE RESERVATIONS FOR TWELVE FBI AGENTS ON DELTA FLIGHT

NUMBER EIGHT THREE ZERO DEPARTING SLMO NINE FIFTYSIX PM, FOUR FOUR

SIXTYEIGHT FOR MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE. BILLINGS FURNISHED LAST NAMES

OF ALLEGED FBI AGENTS ONLY. RESERVATION CLERK DELTA WAS SKEPTICAL

AND CALLED TELEPHONE NUMBER GIVEN BY BILLINGS AND WAS ADVISED BY

UNKNOWN WOMAN NO SUCH PERSON WAS UNKNOWN AT THIS NUMBER. AGENTS

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FOR INFORMATION OF RICHMOND, WFO ADVISED JAMES G. L.

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VA., TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED WFO NIGHT OF APRIL TEN LAST

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RE MYTEL APRIL SEVEN LAST.

WILLIAM JOSEPH LEHMEYER, THREE FIVE THREE ZERO FAIRLAWN DRIVE. MINNETONKA. MINN. STATED TODAY THAT UPON ARRIVAL AT AIRPORT, BIRMINGHAM, JUST BEFORE NOON, MARCH TWENTY SEVEN LAST, HE WAS MET BY RICHARD EVANS, DESCRIBED IN RETEL. LEHMEYER DID E ELSE AT AIRPORT OR HAVE ANY DEALINGS THERE AT THAT TIME. THEY TRAVELLED FROM AIRPORT TO NEW HOSPITAL. NAME NOT RECALLED. ON OPPOSITE SIDE OF TOWN FROM AIRPORT. WHERE THEY CONTACTED A MRS. ELKOURIE. A NURSES AID AT THE HOSPITAL. SHE IS DESCRIBED BY LEHMEYER AS A VERY STRANGE ACTING PERSON. SHE IS THE WIFE OF A L&N RR EMPLOYEE WHO RECENTLY LOST A LEG ON THE JOB. LEHMEYER WAS CONTACTING HIM RE ACCIDENT TO OFFER SET NO MALES PRESENT DURING INTRODUCTION/OF MRS. ELKOURIE AT HOSPITAL. LEHMEYER DID NOT SIGN NAME OR DISPLAY 12 APR 12 1968 IDENTIFICATION WHILE THER. LEHMEYER AND EVANS TRAVELLED FROM HOSPITAL TO AN OUTDOOR PIT BAR B QUE RESTAURANT LOCATED TOWARD DOWNTOWN SECTION OF BIRMINGHAM FROM DIRECTION OF HOSPITAL. LEHMEYER DOES NOT RECALL NAME OF BAR B QUE BUT BELIEVES IT TO

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BE POPULAR EATION, PLACE. DID NOT MEET ANYONE AT BAR B QUE. HIS NAME WAS NOT USED. MEAL PAID FOR IN CASH.

LEHMEYER AND EVANS TRAVELLED FROM BAR B QUE TO AIRPORT WHERE LEHMEYER MADE HOLD RESERVATIONS ON SOUTHERN AIRLINES AND DELTA AIRLINES. DELTA RESERVATIONS WAS FOR LATER FLIGHT. HIS PLAN WAS TO GET FLIGHT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER INTERVIEW OF MR. ELKOURIE IN THE AFTERNOON WHEN WIFE COULD BE PRESENT. ONE OR TWO MALES AT SOUTHERN AL ASSISTED IN RESERVATION. FOUR OR FIVE MALES AT DELTA AL COUNTER WHEN HOLD RESERVATION MADE AND DELTA CHECKED AND PLACED HOLD ON BAGGAGE. HE USED HIS INTERNATIONAL AIR TRAVEL CARD IN OBTAINING RESERVATIONS. THIS CARD LISTS NAME OF HIS EMPLOYER FIRM AND HIS NAME, WILLIAM J. LEHMEYER. ABOVE RESERVATIONS MADE AT APPROXIMATELY ONE O'CLOCK, MARCH TWENTY SEVEN. LEHMEYER AND EVANS, IN PICKUP TRUCK, DROVE AROUND IN AREA NEAR AIRPORT IN ORDER TO LOCATE HOME OF ELKOURIE SO NO TIME WOULD BE LOST WHILE MEETING SCHEDULED APPOINTMENT LATER THAT AFTERNOON. AFTER LOCATING ELKOURIE RESIDENCE THERE WAS TIME BEFORE INTERVIEW FOR A MOVIE. NAME OF MOVIE WAS BLACKBEARDS GHOST. AFTER MOVIE THEY WENT TO HOME OF ELKOURIE. DID NOT MEET ANYONE AT MOVIE. LEHMEYERS NAME NOT USED WHILE THERE. AFTER SIXTY TO NINETY MINUTES VISIT WITH ELKOURIE END PAGE TWO

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EVANS DROVE LEHMEYER TO AIRPORT. HE ARRIVED TOO LATE TO CATCH SOUTHERN AL FLIGHT AT ABOUT FIVE O'CLOCK AND WAS STANDBY Five FOUR PASSENGER ON FLIGHT WHICH HE RECALLS AS FEBREY-FIVE TO MEMPHIS. HE WAS CALLED AS STANDBY AND WAS SEATED BETWEEN TWO WHITE MALES ON TRIP. TO MEMPHIS. INTRODUCED HIMSELF TO BOTH INDIVIDUALS AND THEY GAVE THEIR NAMES IN RETURN BUT HE IS UNABLE TO RECALL NAME OR EMMPLOYMENT CONNECTION OF EITHER. ONE. AGE THIRTY TO FORTY. WAS FROM KANSAS CITY AND WAS ENROUTE HOME. THE OTHER, AGE FORTY TO FORTY FIVE WAS RETURNING TO HIS HOME IN MEMPHIS. HE IS UNABLE TO FURNISH FURTHER DESCRIPTION. IN MEMPHIS LEHMEYER HAD APPROXIMATELY TWO HOUR LAYOVER. HE ATE ALONE AT THE AIRPORT RESTAURANT. DID NOT TALK TO ANYONE AND HIS NAME WAS NOT ANNOUNCED TO ANYONE THERE. LEHMEYER TRAVELLED FROM MEMPHIS TO CHICAGO ON DELTA AL FLT. NINE THREE TWO AND MADE DIRECT TRANSFER TO NORTHWEST AL FLIGHT TWO THREE NINE TO MINNEAPOLIS. LEHMEYER NAME USED ONLY AT SOUTHERN AL AND DELTA AL. BIRMINGHAM. IN PRESENCE OF MALES. NO IDENTIFICATION PAPERS OF LEHMEYER MISPLACED OR LOST IN BIRMINGHAM OR MEMPHIS. NO ORAL USE OF LEHMEYER NAME IN MEMPHIS. BIRMINGHAM MAY DESIRE TO ESTABLISH BACKGROUND OF RICHARD EVANS AND ASCERTAIN HIS WHEREABOUTS DURING PERTINENT PERIODS OF THIS CASE. INVESTIGATION END PAGE THREE

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WILLIAM JOSEPH LEHMEYER, THREE FIVE THREE ZEEO FAIRLAWN BRINGS TWELL, LAST, GRANGE LEHMEYER, THREE FIVE THREE ZEEO FAIRLAWN BROOM TOWNER, MINNESOTA, STATED HE DEPARTED MINNEAPOLIS OF HE EMPRYER FIRM. THE FIRST PLANS HE HAD RE TRAVEL TO OF MENCY AND PROSPECTIVE CLIENTS AND PROSPECTIVE CLIENTS OF MENCY, AND PROSPECTIVE CLIENTS OF MENCY. AND PROSPECTIVE CLIENTS EVENINE TO THE MENTY-FIVE, LAST, AT ROANGKE, VIRGINIA, WHERE HEY LELEMENT COLLEGE PACK, GEORGIA, A. P. DCAL CHAIRMAN OF THE 12 APR 12 MS EPOTHERHOOT OF RAILWAY CARNEN RE LANGAPPOINTMENT FOR LETTHURG, TE ALST CALLED RICHARD SVANS, LOCALINGUALIZADAN OF SPECIMENHOOF OF FAILWAY CARNEN, BICHARD SVANS, LAGAMAN, RE APPOINTMENT TO FEALLWAY CARNEN, BICHARD, ALABAMA, RE APPOINTMENT TO

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INTERVIEW PROSPECTIVE CLIENT IN BIRMINGHAM. THESE TELEPHONE
CALLS WERE MADE FROM DOWNTOWN HOLIDAY MOTEL, ROANOKE, WHERE LEHMEYER
SPENT NIGHT.

ON MORNING OF MARCH TWENTY-SIX, LEHMEYER FLEW FROM

ROANOKE TO RICHMOND, VIRGINIA. HE WAS MET AT RICHMOND AIRPORT

BY COOPER GILL AND HIS WIFE. GILL IS A CARMEN CLIENT, HAVING

RECENTLY HAD ACCIDENT RESULTING IN LEG INJURY.

AFTER ARRIVING AT RICHMOND AIRPORT ABOUT MID-MORNING, HE

MADE RESERVATIONS ON EASTERN AIRLINES FOR TRAVEL TO ATLANTA ON

MARCH TWENTY-SIX. GILL DROVE HIM TO DOWNTOWN PETERSBURG,

VIRGINIA HOLIDAY INN WHERE HE CANCELLED RESEVATION IN THAT

MOTEL AND REQUESTED RESERVATION AT HOLIDAY INN, ATLANTA,

GEORGIA AIRPORT. UNABLE TO GET RESERVATION AT ATLANTA AIRPORT

HOLIDAY INN. HE THEN TELEPHONICALLY MADE RESERVATION AT

ATLANTA HILTON HOTEL FOR NIGHT OF MARCH TWENTY-SIX. GILL AND

HIS WIFE DROVE LEHMEYER TO PETERSBURG, VIRGINIA,

N AND W RAILROAD YARDS AND SHOPS, WHERE HE INTERVIEWED J.B.

MILLER, ASSISTANT LOCAL CHAIRMAN OF BROTHERHOOD OF RAILWAY CARMEN RE

MILLER'S RECENT JOB INCURRED INJURY.

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IN PETERSBURG HE ALSO CONTACTED CREDIT MANAGER AT SEARS ROEBUCK CO. IN BEHALD OF MILLER WHO WAS IN ARREARS RE PAYMENTS TO SEARS. AFTER CONTACT AS SEARS, HE WAS DRIVEN TO RICHMOND AIRPORT BY GILL. HE WAITED AT AIRPORT QUITE AWHILE AND DEPARTED RICHMOND VIA EASTERN AIRLINES, ENROUTE ATLANTA, GEORGIA, ARRIVING AT ATLANTA SEVEN PM, MARCH TWENTY-SIX.

UPON ARRIVAL AT ATLANTA AIRPORT, HE PROMPTLY MADE
TELEPHONE CALL TO C.T. GODSEY RE INTERVIEW WITH PROSPECTIVE
CLIENT AND WAS INFORMED BY GODSEY THAT CLIENT REFUSED TO
TALK TO LEHMEYER. GODSEY WAS THE ONLY PERSON LEHMEYER CONTACTED
IN ATLANTA. LEHMEYER SPENT NIGHT OF MARCH TWENTY-SIX AT
ATLANTA HILTON HOTEL. WHILE AT HILTON, HE TELEPHONED RICHARD
EVANS, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, RE HIS PLANS TO ARRIVE IN
BIRMINGHAM MARCH TWENTY-SEVEN. HILTON HOTEL BILL HANDLED
WITH AMERICAN EXPRESS CREDIT CARD WITH NAME WILLIAM J.
LEHMEYER.

AT ATLANTA AIRPORT, MORNING OF MARCH TWENTY-SEVEN,
LEHMEYER PURCHASED EASTERN AIRLINE TICKET TO BIRMINGHAM
DEPARTING ATLANTA MID-MORNING THAT DATE AND ARRIVING
BIRMINGHAM FORENOON.

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INFORMATION RE LEHMEYER'S ACTIVITIES SUBSEQUENT TO

ARRIVAL IN BIRMINGHAM MARCH TWENTY-SEVEN FURNISHED IN

REFERENCED MINNEAPOLIS TEL. LEHMEYER STATED HIS PLANS IN

BIRMINGHAM ON MARCH TWENTY-SEVEN, LAST, WERE TO DEPART

BIRMINGHAM SAME DAY AFTER INTERVIEW OF A MR. ELKOURIE.

HE DID NOT REGISTER AT A MOTEL AND DID NOT GIVE NAMES OF

PARLIAMENT HOUSE HOTEL OR AIRPORT MOTEL TO SOUTHERN AIRLINES

OR DELTA AIRLINES CLERKS AS POINTS OF CONTACT WHEN HE MADE

HOLD RESERVATIONS WITH THESE AIRLINES ON THAT DATE. HE

STATED HE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF A PARLIAMENT HOUSE HOTEL

IN BIRMINGHAM. HAD IT BEEN NECESSARY FOR HIM TO STAY OVER
NIGHT AT BIRMINGHAM, HE WOULD HAVE STAYED AT THE AIRPORT

MOTEL. HE GAVE NO CONTACT POINTS FOR RESERVATIONS, NOR

DID EVANS FURNISH PLACE OF CONTACT TO AIRLINE.

LEHMEYER SAYS HE TOLD AIRLINES RESERVATION CLERKS HE WOULD CONTACT AIRPORT TICKET COUNTERS RE FLIGHTS WHEN HE WAS A VAILABLE TO DEPART BIRMINGHAM ON MARCH TWENTY-SEVEN.

ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, RICHMOND SHOULD CONSIDER CONDUCTING DISCREET BACKGROUND INQUIRIES RE INDIVIDUALS CONTACTED BY LEHMEYER IN THEIR RESPECTIVE DIVISIONS AND OTHER APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE IF THESE INDIVIDUALS MAY BE

PAGE FIVE SUSPECTS IN THIS MATTER.

TODAY WILLIAM DE PARCQ, PARTNER, MINNEAPOLIS LAW FIRM OF DE PARCQ, ANDERSON AND PERL, EMPLOYER OF LEHMEYER, STATED HIS FIRM HAS MANY CLIENTS IN SOUTHER U.S. HE EMPHATICALLY REQUESTED THAT FBI INQUIRIES AND CONTACTS WITH INDIVIDUALS PREVIOUSLY CONTACTED Y LEHMEYER BE HANDLED IN SUCH A MANNER THAT THE RELATIONSHIP OF HIS FIRM AND ITS REPUTATION WITH THESE INDIVIDUALS WOULD NOT BE JEOPARDIZED.

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ON APRIL ELEVEN INSTANT, ARLINE BLAISDELL, TWO THREE ONE TWO PARKWOOD, SAGINAW, MICHIGAN, ADVISED THAT A POSSIBLE SUSPECT IN THE MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING IS HAROLD WILLARD WILSON, POST OFFICE BOX FIVE NINE, LOYAL, KENTUCKY. SHE DESCRIBED HIM AS SIX FEET ONE, ONE EIGHTY POUNDS, COPPER COLORED HAIR, BLUE EYES, AGE TWENTY EIGHT, AND HAS SERVED THREE YEARS IN KENTUCKY PRISON FOR AUTO THEFT. HIS MOTHER IS RACE AN WILSON, SAME ADDRESS, LOYAL, KENTUCKY. HIS FATHER IS JOHN WILLARD WILSON, DECEASED.

THE AGINAW NEWS" AS A POSSIBLE SUSPECT IN THE ABOVE MURDER

AND SHE FELT THAT IT MIGHT BE AN ALIAS USED BY HAROLD WING APRO 12 1968

WILSON. SHE SAID WILSON IS A FORMER BOY FRIEND OF HERS AND STAND HAS HEARD HIM THREATEN TO SHOOT NEGROES IN SAGINAW, WICH.

WILSON LEFT SAGINAW, MICH. IN APRIL, SIXTY SIX, AND TO THE LOTTER BEST OF HER KNOWLEDGE, IS STILL RESIDING IN LOYALL, KENTUCKY.

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LOUISVILLE AT LOYALL, KENTUCKY, LOCATE AND INTERVIEW WILSON CONCERNING HIS WHEREABOUTS FROM MARCH TWENTY NINE TO MARCH THIRTY ONE LAST, AND ON APRIL FOUR LAST.

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ANONYMOUS LETTER SENT TO NY RECEIVED APRIL ELEVEN INSTANT POSTMARKED TUNICA, MISS, APRIL FIVE LAST, STATES AS FOLLOWS.

"THERE ARE THOUSAND OF WHITE MUSTANG, BUT THIS IS ONE OF THERE. WHITE MUSTANG ONE SEVEN B DASH FIVE TWO EIGHT DESOTA TAGES. THISMAY BE MR. KINGS KILLER. HOPE SO."

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JACKSON, AT TUNICA, MISS., ATTEMPT TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW JONNES FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

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TO

Mr. DeLoach

FROM

Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN DATE: **April 10, 1968**

1 - Mr. DeLoach

1 - Mr. Rosen

1 - Mr. Malley

1 - Mr. McGowan

1 - Mr. McDonough

1 - Mr. Long

1 - Mr. Martindale

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Set forth below are current highlights of the investigation into the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr., on 4/4/68.

With regard to the laundry tags on clothing believed to have been abandoned by the killer, efforts to identify the tags through the limited number of marking machines indicated by the manufacturer have been unavailing. One reason for this appears to be that users of the machines develop their own marking systems instead of following coding methods recommended by the factory.

The laundry tags are printed on red cloth and are sufficiently distinctive to permit accurate verbal description. In view of this fact and because of the importance of this lead, all offices have been instructed to telephonically contact all laundries in their Divisions to identify these tags. In handling this kind of inquiry no mention is being made of the fact that the investigation involves the death of Martin Luther King REC 55

The following information has been developed by investigation at the Aero Marine Supply Company, Birmingham, the dealer that sold the rifle which is believed to be the murder weapon. lä le

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On March 29, 1968, the subject entered the stor 4 and R 12 1968 stated that he wanted to select a rifle to use on a hunting trip to Wisconsin. He selected a . 243W caliber Remington rifle and had it fitted with a Redfield variable power telescopic sight, and the total bill including tax was \$248.59. He paid for these items with \$20 bills.

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(It is noted that the binoculars which were purchased in Memphis, 4/4/68, were also purchased with \$20 bills and a \$20 bill was used to pay one week's rent on the room in the flop house which was occupied by the subject.)

The subject returned to Aero Marine Supply Company 3/30/68 to state that his brother had advised him the gun he had purchased was not heavy enough for the type of hunting they would be doing and had recommended that he exchange it for a .30-06 caliber rifle. The store changed the telescopic sight from the .243W Remington to a .30-06 caliber Remington pump gun, which the subject carried from the store. This is the rifle that was recovered in Memphis immediately after the shooting of King.

In purchasing the rifle the subject used the name Harvey Lowmyer and signed this name across the invoice of the sale. The clerk who handled the transaction has entered the name on the invoice as Harvey Lowmeyer. It is noted that this clerk is advanced in age and interviewing Agents have found him to be hard of hearing.

The invoice for the gun shows Lowmyer's address as 1907 South 11th Street, Birmingham, Alabama. Extensive investigation in the area of this address has failed to produce any information concerning the subject. A taxi driver has been located who recalled that on 3/28/68 he picked up a man resembling the subject about a half mile from Aero Marine Supply Company and drove him to the general vicinity of the address given on the invoice. This passenger was carrying a blue overnight bag similar to the zipper bag recovered at Memphis.

Lowmyer is a very unusual name. Although it is very likely that this is not the subject's actual name, it also appears likely that he is acquainted with someone named Lowmyer. This surname and all logical variations are being checked through the Bureau's files in the field as well as at the Seat of Government, and all field divisions are checking telephone directories, city directories, voting lists and similar sources to locate all persons having this or a similar name.

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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach

RE: MURKIN

The FBI Laboratory in comparing the Lowmyer signature with known handwriting available in the Bureau's files has noted that certain letters in the signature of one Bobby Ray Graves, FBI # 410 150 D are similar in handwriting to comparable letters in the Harvey Lowmyer signature. Due to the limited nature of the material available for comparison, the significance of these few similarities could not be assessed, but the field has been instructed to immediately check out Bobby Ray Graves, who is Exalted Cyclops of the Klan in the area of Boiling Springs. South Carolina. Graves' fingerprints are not identical with latent fingerprints that have been developed in this case.

Personnel and other customers at Aero Marine Supply Company identified three other weapons handled by the subject. These have been processed in the Identification Division and two latent fingerprints as well as a palm impression were developed on one of the rifles.

Personnel of the Exhibits Section are presently in the field preparing an artist's conception of the subject based on descriptions being provided by persons who observed subject in both Birmingham and Memphis; the picture is being revised through interviews with newly developed witnesses.

It is pointed out that the subject apparently ran out of the flop house immediately after the shooting and abandoned the rifle which is believed to be the murder weapon, as well as a small zipper case containing a pair of binoculars and various personal items. A white Mustang automobile was seen driving away at a high rate of speed but it is not known if the subject left in this car.

Wrapped around the abandoned rifle was a cloth which appears to be a bedspread or blanket. This is believed to be of the type used by motels and extensive efforts are being made to trace this item.

In the zipper bag was a pair of binoculars purchased in Memphis 4/4/68 on which a latent fingerprint has been identified that is identical with a latent fingerprint developed on the abandoned rifle believed to be the murder weapon. Other items in the zipper bag, Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach RE: MURKIN

in addition to the tee shirt and shorts bearing the laundry marks previously described, included a pair of pliers, two cans of Schlitz beer, a hammer, a bar of soap from a Friendship Inn Motel, a small transistor radio and various toiletry items. Extensive investigation is underway in an effort to trace each of these items and the pair of pliers has been traced to a Los Angeles hardware store which received it in October, 1966, as one of a lot of twelve. The pliers were put in a bargain barrel near the front door upon receipt and one pair remained in the barrel 4/8/68. Employees do not recall any sale of these pliers but an extensive search is being made of credit sales records.

A total of 13 latent fingerprints have been developed in this case. These include two latent fingerprints found in Room 5B of the flop house which is believed to have been occupied by the subject on the afternoon of the killing, one latent fingerprint on what is believed to be the murder weapon, one on this rifle's telescopic sight, one on the binoculars, one on a can of beer, one on a newspaper, one on a bottle of aftershave lotion, three on a cartridge box, and two on a rifle handled by the subject at the Aero Marine Supply Company. With the exception of the rifles, the telescopic sight and the two latent prints found in Room 5B, all of the latent prints are from items found in the abandoned zipper bag.

In addition to the widespread investigation which has been indicated above, intensive efforts are being made to locate the white Mustang automobile, and to identify and trace all other items of physical evidence. A large number of suspects have been processed and eliminated and additional suspects are being developed on a daily basis, both from information provided by citizens and as a result of our investigation. We also are checking out Klan members, Minutemen, rabble rousers and other persons known to have a potential for this type of crime because of their prior activities, associations, or statements. Every conceivable, logical investigative approach is being vigorously pursued on a top priority basis for the purpose of solving this case at the earliest possible hour.

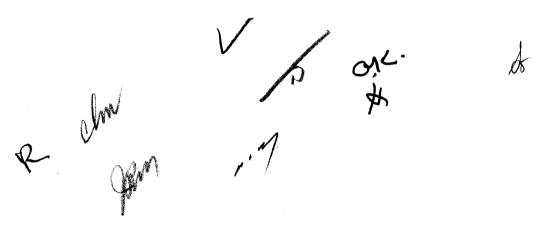
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The press has given widespread publicity to reports that Joplin, Missouri, police arrested a suspect who resembles the artist's conception of the killer. This individual is Lynn Ray Cleveland who was arrested 4/9/68 while hitchhiking after a woman thought he resembled the subject. Cleveland, who is 33 years old, is a former mental patient from Texas. He had only five cents when arrested and had no luggage or identification. He claims to be a traveling minister but rambles incoherently and cannot furnish definite information as to his past whereabouts. Investigation is underway to establish his whereabouts and his fingerprints are being forwarded for comparison. Fingerprints in the Identification Division of one Lynn Ray Carpenter who may be identical with the Joplin suspect are not identical with the latents in this case.

ACTION:

Attached for approval is a memorandum to the White House with copies for the Attorney General, the Deputy Attorney General and the Civil Rights Division.

All phases of this investigation are being pushed to the utmost and you will be kept advised of developments.



1 - Mr. DeLoach 1 - Mr. Bishop 1 - Mr. Conrad 1 - Mr. Posen 1 - Mr. .llev 1 - Mr. Sullivan

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MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

All investigation into the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr., on April 4, 1968, is proceeding on a top priority basis.

It has been determined that a pair of pliers believed to have been abandoned by the killer was one of twelve purchased in October, 1966, by a Los Angeles hardware store. When the pliers were received by the store they were placed in a bargain barrel near the front door. One pair remained in the barrel on April 8, 1968. Employees do not recall any sales of this item but an extensive review is being made of credit sales records for any mention of such pliers.

Klansmen, members of other hate groups, and all persons known to have a potential for a crime of this type are being treated as suspects. Their recent whereabouts and activities are being determined and their fingerprints are being checked against the latent fingerprints that have been developed during this investigation.

In addition to the lines of investigation described above, we are vigorously pursuing every other logical investigative approach to quickly bring this matter to a satisfactory conclusion.

1 cc - The White House, the Attorney General, the Deputy Attorney General, and Assistant Attorney General Stephen, J. Pollak by routing slip, 4/10/68. WLM:vea (15)

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TO: DIRECTOR AND SACS MEMPHIS, ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, COLUMBIA,
JACKSON, JACKSONVILLE, MIAMI, RICHMOND,

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FROM: SAC, ALBANY (44-493)

OMURKIN, CR. 00: MEMPHIS.

RE ALBANY TELCALLS TO BIRMINGHAM, MOBILE AND JACKSON APRIL NINE INSTANT.

FOR THE INFO OF OFFICES NOT PREVIOUSLY RECEIVING THIS

INFO, SEARCH OF PREMISES BELIEVED OCCUPIED BY UNSUB WHO

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THE SECOND LETTER INDICATES THE FIRST LETTER OF THE STORE NAME,

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TEXTILE MARKING MACHINE CO. ADVISED THAT THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS WERE PREVIOUSLY EMPLOYED AS SALES REPRESENTATIVES COVERING THE AREA OF NORTHERN ALABAMA, MISSISSIPPI AND THE ENTIRE STATES OF TENNESSEE AND KENTUCKY, AND MAY HAVE UTILIZED THE CODE SYSTEM USED IN THIS TAPE:

RAY SNYDER, EMPLOYED FROM AUGUST NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR TO AUGUST SIXTYFIVE, PRESENTLY LOCATED TOPS QUALITY CLEANERS, FOUR THREE TWO ZERO JACKSON HIGHWAY, SHEFFIELD, ALABAMA; HERSHEL BANKS, TWO FIVE SEVEN MOUNT PLEASANT BLVD. SE, ROANOKE, VIRGINIA, FROM AUGUST SIXTYFIVE TO MAY SIXTYSEVEN.

BIRMINGHAM AND RICHMOND CONTACT THE ABOVE INDIVIDUALS,
DETERMINE IF THEY USED THIS CODE SYSTEM, AND IF THEY CAN
ADVISED LOCATION AND IDENTITY OF CLEANER UTILIZING SYSTEM.
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TEXTILE MARKETING MACHINE COMPANY ADVISED THAT SEVERAL THERMO-SEAL MACHINES FORMERLY IN POSSESSION OF BUSINESSES HAVE EITHER BEEN SOLD OR OTHERWIDE DISPOSED OF. OWNERS OF THESE MACHINES NOT KNOWN TO COMPANY. THESE MACHINES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

MOBILE

BISHOP CLEANERS AND LAUNDRY, DOTHAN, ALABAMA, MODEL

NO. H FIVE M FOUR B DASH ONE, SERIAL NO. THREE THREE ZERO NINE

FIVE; CHIN'S LAUNDRY, THREE HUNDRED SIXTYONE ST. LOUIS ST.,

MOBILE, MODEL NO. H FIVE K ONE, SERIAL NO. R THREE TWO ONE ONE

ONE, R THREE TWO ONE ONE TWO, R THREE TWO ONE ONE FOUR, R THREE

TWO ZERO TWO ONE, R THREE TWO ZERO TWO THREE, R THREE TWO ONE

SIX SEVEN, R THREE ONE EIGHT EIGHT SIX; PALACE LAUNDRY, SEVEN

ZERO ONE ST. ANTHONY ST., MOBILE, ALABAMA, MODEL NO. H FIVE

K FOUR, SERIAL NUMBER R THREE TWO FIVE ONE FOUR, R THREE

TWO FIVE THREE FIVE.

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ATLANTA

MARK'S LAUNDRY AND CLEANERS, ATLANTA, GEORGIA, MODEL NO. H FIVE L ONE, SERIAL NUMBERS THREE ONE NINE SEVEN ONE; THREE ONE NINE SEVEN TWO.

COLUMBIA

I DEAL WHITE SWAN CLEANERS AND LAUNDRY, SEVEN TWO THREE KING ST., CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA, MODEL NO. H FIVE M FOUR B DASH ONE, SERIAL NO. THREE THREE ZERO ONE SEVEN.

JACKSONVILLE

TILLMAN'S LAUNDRY, THREE ONE ZERO PARK ST., JACKSONVILLE, FLA., MODEL NO. H FIVE L ONE, SERIAL NUMBERS THREE ONE FIVE NINE EIGHT, R THREE ONE NINE NINE NINE STRAHAM'S LAUNDRY, ONE ZERO TWO FOUR KINGS AVENUE, JACKSONVILLE, FLA., MODEL NO. H FIVE M FIVE M FOUR, SERIAL NO. THREE TWO SIX FOUR SEVEN.

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