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5886	MEMO 6/23/70	.	2	2												
5887	INTERNAL MEMO 6/25/70	.	1	1				✓								
5888	INTERNAL MEMO 6/24/70	.	201	201												
5889	AIRTEL TO DIR 6/24/70	.	2	2				✓								
5890	UNCLASSIFIED DURING SUD 6/14/70	.	4	4												
5891	LETTER TO DIR 6/17/70	.	3	3												
5892	AIRTEL TO DIR 6/17/70	.	5	5				✓								
5893	AIRTEL TO DIR 6/19/70	.	7	7				✓								
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5895	LETTER TO DIR 6/19/70	.	3	3				✓								
5896	INTERNAL MEMO 8/12/70	.	2	2				✓								
5897	AIRTEL TO DIR 9/2/70	.	2	2				✓								
5898	LETTER TO DIR 9/2/70	.	2	2				✓								
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5900	JULY 1970	.	2	2												REFER TO JUSTICE
5901	AIRTEL TO DIR 12/31/70	.	3	3				✓								
5902	LETTER TO DIR 12/31/70	.	6	6				✓								

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5903	AIRTEL TO DIR FM MEM 2/1/71		2	2												
5904	AIRTEL TO DIR FM DIR 2/1/71		20	20				✓								JUSTICE (19 Pages) <i>done</i>
5905	LETTER TO DIR FM MEM 2/1/71		3	3				✓								
5906	AIRTEL TO DIR FM MEM 2/1/71		3	3				✓								
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5907	AIRTEL TO DIR FM AAG 3/16/71		7	7				✓	✓							
5908	AIRTEL TO DIR FM DIR 3/16/71		3	3				✓								SOURCE (1 Page) <i>done</i>
5909	AIRTEL TO DIR FM AAG 4/2/71		3	3				✓								
5910	INTERNAL MEMO 3/22/71		1	1				✓								
5911	LETTER TO DIR FM AAG 5/16/71		3	3				✓								
5912	INTERNAL MEMO 5/12/71		22	22				✓								
UNRECORDED	LETTER TO DIR FM AAG 7/19/71		12	7				✓		b3						
5913	AIRTEL TO DIR FM DIR 11/24/71		3	3												
5914	INTERNAL MEMO 2/11/72		63	63				✓								
5915	LETTER TO ACTING DIR FM MEM 2/28/72		5	5				✓								
5916	AIRTEL TO ACTING DIR FM DIR 2/28/72		1	1												

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5921	AIRTEL TO MEM FM DIP, 2/15/73		16	16				✓							
5922	AIRTEL TO DIR FM MEM, 6/12/73		2	2											
5923	AIRTEL TO DIR FM MEM		2	2				✓							83 L
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5926	AIRTEL TO DIR FM MEM, 10/12/73		5	5											
5927	INTERNAL MEMO 11/27/73		2	2				✓							
5928	AIRTEL TO DIR FM MEM, 12/12/73		36	36											
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Date: 8/31/72

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(Priority)

TO: ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)(P*)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Miami airtel to Bureau, 8/28/72.

Inasmuch as JAMES EARL RAY is now serving a 99 year sentence following a plea of guilty to the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING, and since the information contained in referenced letter appears to have no basis and fact, no action is being taken by the Memphis Office.

2 - Bureau
1 - Miami (44-1854)
2 - Memphis

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EX-116 44-38861-5916

2 SEP 4 1972

Approved: *[Signature]*

Special Agent in Charge

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To: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

1 - Mr. McDonough

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From: Acting Director, FBI (44-38861) — 5711

MURKIN
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Enclosed are two copies each of a communication from Legat, Ottawa, and its enclosures.

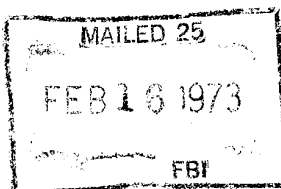
If your file *does* not indicate any other disposition of the materials referred to in the attached, contact appropriate Tennessee State Authorities to ascertain what response they desire to make to RCMP. Suggest that they may want to communicate with Inspector W. J. Halloran, RCMP, directly. Advise the Bureau of their determination in this matter by LHM and include therein information to the effect that state authorities advised that they would communicate directly with Inspector Halloran, if this is in fact the action to be taken by Tennessee State Authorities. Furnish LHM to the Bureau promptly so that Legat, Ottawa, can advise RCMP. Handle and suLHM within five days.

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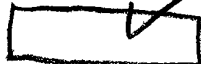
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NOTE:

Departmental Attorney R. A. Murphy, advises that the Federal Government has no interest in this evidence.



58 MAR 1 1973



MAIL ROOM

Date: 2-12-73

To: Director, FBI

(Bufile : 44-28861)

Attention : _____

From: Legal Attache, Ottawa

(44-4)

Title MURKIN	Character
	Reference

Enclosed are the following communications received from the RCMP: Original and four copies of RCMP letter dated 2-8-73, together with three copies of the enclosure thereto.

Remarks:

Note RCMP request and advise.

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- ☐ RUC
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July 7, 1972

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A. T. McHaffie, Superintendent
Assistant Officer in Charge
Criminal Investigation Branch
Royal Canadian Mounted Police
Ottawa 7, Canada

RE: Your No. 68HQ-791-Q-60 (V 6)

Dear Superintendent McHaffie:

In reference to your letters of June 28, and April 28, 1972, this is to advise that while the Supreme Court of the State of Tennessee has affirmed the conviction and guilty plea of James Earl Ray, it is our understanding from the defense attorneys that they intend now to file further proceedings in the Federal Court system. We should know something on this within the next six (6) months.

We should like to prevail on your good offices and continued cooperation in this matter to preserve the evidence in this matter until it is finally terminated.

Thank you again for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,

J. Clyde Mason (sd)

J. CLYDE MASON
ASSISTANT DISTRICT
ATTORNEY GENERAL

JCM/sd

44-38861-5717

PLEASE ADDRESS
CORRESPONDENCE TO:

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE
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OUR NO.
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68HQ-791-Q-60

February 8, 1973.

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April 21, 1970.

Mr. J. Clyde Mason,
Assistant Attorney General,
Shelby County Office Building,
157 Poplar Avenue,
Memphis, Tenn, 38103,
U.S.A.

Dear Sir:

While assisting in the investigation of
the murder of Martin Luther King, this Force came into
possession of the following exhibits:-

On June 3, 1968, from Mrs. Loo, at 962
Dundas Street, West Toronto:-

- 1) One blue vinyl flight bag, dark blue
in colour
- 2) One metal strong box, grey in colour
- 3) Six rolls of "Super 8" Kodachrome II Colour
Movie film cartridges
- 4) One jar of Stein's Cold Cream, 8 oz. size.
- 5) One bottle of Lecage's Mucilage
- 6) Ten Band-Aids
- 7) Two identical keys for strong box
- 8) One street map for City of Montreal, Que.
- 9) One map of Canada and the Northern United
States
- 10) One Nights combination street map and directory
for the City of Toronto

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Three brown paper bags. One containing the name "Mac's Milk".

- 12) One Polaroid Self-Timer #192
- 13) One Cardboard Folder (Advertisement for Seal-Rite Plastics).


One June 5, 1968, from Mabel M. Agnew at the
/Arcade Photo Studio, 137 Yonge Street, Toronto:-

- 14) One photo-negative of a Passport type Photograph purporting to be that of one, Paul Bridgeman.
- 15) One copy of the Bill of Sale dated 11 APR 68, covering the sale of the photographs produced from the above negative.

Provided the items are not now required as exhibits in the Ray case, we propose returning the photograph and Bill of Sale to Arcade Photo Studio and destroying the remainder of the exhibits, they having no commercial value. Prior to doing so, however, I would appreciate confirmation that they are no longer required by your office.

Your early consideration of this matter would be appreciated.

Yours truly,


R.E. Muir, S/Insp.,
Assistant Officer in Charge,
Criminal Investigation Branch.

TRT:jv


ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE
EXHIBIT REPORT

RCMP FILE REFERENCES 6804-791-1-60 680-190-19	DIV. RC	SUB-DIV.	DATE 10 JUN 68
68013-790-107	DET. Montreal CIB-G13	EX. REPORT NO. 68/41	PAGE 1
RE: Dr. Martin Luther KING - Murder of Assistance to F.B.I.			
I, H.P.T. POWER, Corporal, CAME INTO POSSESSION OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED GOODS ON 10 June 68 AT Montreal, Quebec BY obtaining same through investigation and holding same for investigation and evidence purposes.			

EXHIBITS LISTED BELOW ARE TO BE GIVEN ITEM NUMBERS IN CONSECUTIVE ORDER

EXHIBIT ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	RECIPIENT SIGNATURE AND DATE	WITNESS INITIALS
#1	Sample of material for Order #11526		
#2	Order and Measurements #1-11526		
#3	Receipt #320422 for Order #11526, with sample of material attached.		
#4	Store Record for order #11526		
#5	Letter received from GALT, dated the 9-6-67		
#6	Canadian Postal Receipt dated SEP 9-67 for Order #11526.		
#7	A Canada Customs Export-Entry Form, Part 7 68229 for Order #11526.		
#8	Label from the HIGGINS AND SCOTCH WOOLLEN CO. LTD.		
#9	Sales slip #RB-239758, dated the 19-7-67		
CERTIFIED CORRECT:			
Cpl. (H.P.T. POWER) 10/16. Montreal C.I.B. -G13			
NOTE: Above items are held in Mtl GI Section strong box pending further investigations.			

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE
EXHIBIT REPORT

RCMP FILE REFERENCES 68 C 190-19	DIV. C	SUB-DIV. Montreal C.I.B.	DATE 24-4-68
68 CIS 790-107	DET. Montreal C.I.S.	EX-REPORT NO. 37	PAGE 1
RE: Dr. Martin Luther KING - Murder of: ASSISTANCE TO F.B.I.			
I Cst. G.W.J. Moussau CAME INTO POSSESSION OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED GOODS ON 18 APR 68 AT Pont Vieu, Quebec BY having same voluntarily handed over by the owner of Harkay Apts., 2589 Notre Dame East, Montreal, Quebec, one Harry Rothman.			

EXHIBITS LISTED BELOW ARE TO BE GIVEN ITEM NUMBERS IN CONSECUTIVE ORDER

EXHIBIT ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	RECIPIENT SIGNATURE AND DATE	WITNESS INITIALS
1	1 Lease, duly signed by Rothman and Galt, dated the 19 JUL 67 Cst. (G.W.J. Moussau) 22870. Mtl. C.I.B. C.I.S.		

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ENCLOSURE

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2/23/73

To: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

1 - Mr. McDonough

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From: Acting Director, FBI (44-38861) - 5918

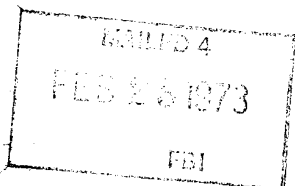
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The comments of Mr. Mason, as set forth in reLHM are in reference to the evidence the State of Tennessee is holding but not to that being held by RCMP on behalf of Tennessee State authorities. If not already done, cover this aspect with Mr. Mason and submit amended LHM covering both aspects.

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FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (C)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
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Re Bureau airtel 2/16/73.

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Memphis, Tennessee
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KING, JR. - VICTIM; CR - CONSPIRACY."

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MEMO TO: DIRECTOR, FBI - CONSPIRACY
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-100000) (P)

RE: NEW YORK TELETYPE TO BUREAU, 3/1/73

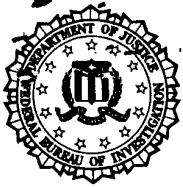
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Mr. Mason stated he regrets any inconvenience that this might cause the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, but he must request that they retain all evidence in their possession concerning James Earl Ray. Mr. Mason further stated that it will be necessary for him to retain all evidence now in his possession. Mr. Mason said that when this case is finally concluded, he will return to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police all evidence which they have furnished him and which they may desire to have returned to them.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : J. W. Marshall

DATE: 6-27-73

FROM : I. W. Conrad

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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There is enclosed the file which has been maintained in the Laboratory in connection with the above-captioned matter. It is desired that this file be maintained as an enclosure to the main file in the Records Branch.

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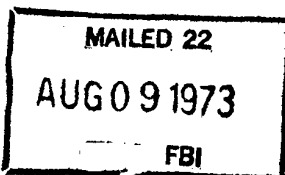
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Include statement therein that if Mr. Gipson makes any further inquiries relating to this matter, he will be advised that any inquiries should be directed to the Civil Rights Division, U. S. Department of Justice.



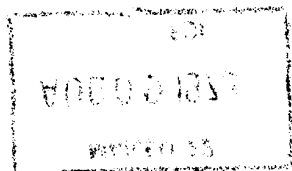
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 FROM: *NGR* SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P*)
 SUBJECT: MURKIN *Charles Quintan Stephens*

B. APPROX 1923
 Enclosed for the Bureau are two copies each of three FD-302s reflecting interviews with CHARLES Q. STEPHENS at Memphis, Tennessee, on 4/5/68, on 4/5/68, and on 4/24/68. Also enclosed are two copies of a sworn affidavit given by STEPHENS during June, 1968.

Mr. HARVEY GIPSON, an attorney at Memphis, Tennessee, has contacted the Memphis Office and has advised that he is representing CHARLES Q. STEPHENS, who is attempting to collect approximately \$100,000 in reward monies which were offered by local newspapers and by others at the time MARTIN LUTHER KING was killed. *[Signature]*

GIPSON stated he has filed a civil suit in the Shelby County Chancery Court at Memphis. He indicated he has obtained copies of statements furnished to the State Attorney General's Office and he indicated he is aware that there are several signed statements furnished by STEPHENS to the FBI during this investigation. Mr. GIPSON stated he hopes the FBI will turn these statements over to him voluntarily, but indicated he will seek them through court action if necessary.

No admission was made to GIPSON as to whether or not STEPHENS had furnished any signed statements to the FBI. A review of the Memphis file does not indicate that STEPHENS has ever furnished a signed statement to the FBI, and the only signed document which can be located is the enclosed affidavit. The Bureau will note that a copy of this affidavit was previously furnished to the Bureau by Memphis airtel dated 6/13/68. It is

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believed that this affidavit was furnished to a departmental attorney and it may have been used in connection with the extradition of JAMES EARL RAY from England.

It is suggested that the Bureau discuss with the Department what action is desired regarding GIPSON's request for information appearing in FBI files. It is strongly recommended that we decline to furnish GIPSON any information, as it is believed that any cooperation on our part will encourage GIPSON to seek more and more information to substantiate his client's claim. It is also felt that the information furnished by STEPHENS was not of sufficient importance to justify any reward.

Memphis Office is having no further contact with GIPSON UACB.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 4/7/68

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Mr. STEPHENS said that during these various trips that the individual in Apartment 5B made to the bathroom he failed to flush the toilet or to run any water with the exception of the last time he was in the bathroom. At this time he flushed the toilet. He stated that this individual seemed to be spending an undue length of time in this bathroom. At about 6:00 p.m., on April 4, 1968, Mr. STEPHENS heard a loud noise which he described as sounding like a gunshot come from the bathroom. Upon hearing this noise, Mr. STEPHENS ran from the kitchen where he was repairing his radio to his door that led to the hallway. He stated this is only a distance of about 10 to 12 feet. Upon opening the door he saw a man leave the bathroom carrying a package of about three feet long and wrapped in what appeared to be newspaper. He saw the man run down the hall and then turn left as if he were trying to leave the apartment building. As this was happening WILLIE ANSCHUTZ, who lived in Apartment 4B, came out of his apartment and went to the bathroom. ANSCHUTZ then told STEPHENS to look out of his window. STEPHENS said that he then looked out of his kitchen window which faced the Lorraine Hotel and saw a lot of policemen scurrying about and people running screaming in the vicinity of the hotel.

On 4/5/68 at Memphis, TennesseeFile # ME 44-1987-*Sub D-16*by SA JOHN W. BAUER *SM*
SA STEPHEN M. DARLINGTON JWB:rajDate dictated 4/5/68

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Mr. STEPHENS stated that the man who was in Apartment 5B had checked in about 3:00 or 3:30 p.m. on April 4, 1968. He stated he was sure of this because he had heard the landlady showing him the apartment at that time. He stated he glanced out of his door and got a fairly good look at the man who he described as being a white male; 5' 10-11"; weighing 165 pounds; slender build; ruddy complexion; sandy hair; had a long, sharp pointed nose; wearing what appeared to be a dark blue or black suit, white shirt and dark tie.

Mr. STEPHENS stated that the man who he saw running out of the bathroom closely resembled the man who had checked into Apartment 5B. He said he could only see the man who ran from the bathroom from behind, but his general build, hair coloring and clothes were the same as the individual in Apartment 5B.

Mr. STEPHENS described the individual he saw running out of the bathroom as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	5'10-11"
Weight	165
Build	Slender
Complexion	Ruddy
Hair	Sandy, slightly on dark side
Clothing	Wearing dark suit

Mr. STEPHENS added that he had never met the man who checked into Apartment 5B, talked to him, or knew his name.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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STEPHENS said he had never seen the bedspread or any similar bedspread either at the rooming house or anywhere else.

On 4/24/68 at Memphis, Tennessee File # Memphis 44-1987-Sub D-31
by SA STEPHEN M. DARLINGTON:jap Date dictated 4/25/68

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Date 4/10/68

Mr. CHARLIE QUITMAN STEPHENS, Room 6-B, second floor, 422½ S. Main Street, furnished the following information to Lieutenant J. D. HAMBY, Homicide Bureau, Memphis Police Department, and SA FRANKLIN L. JOHNSON:

Mr. STEPHENS, who stated he is 46 years of age, and his wife occupy 2 rooms in the north wing of a rooming house, the address of which is 422½ S. Main Street. This rooming house actually covers the second floor of 2 separate buildings, Mr. STEPHENS' room being located in the north building in the southeast corner of the north building.

Sometime in the late afternoon of April 4, 1968, he and his wife were in their room. His wife, who has recently been in the hospital for an extended period of time, was in bed in their combination of living-bedroom. He was in the kitchen, which is east of the living-bedroom. He was repairing a radio on a table located at the north wall of the kitchen. Immediately north of him is a common bathroom which is located at the east end of an east-west hallway in the north building. While he was repairing the radio, he heard what he is certain was a shot, and he is certain that shot came from the bathroom from a point within just a few feet of where he was sitting. He has no way of knowing the time but can only estimate it was sometime between 5:00 and 6:00 PM.

Upon hearing this shot, he walked out of the kitchen through his living-bedroom and opened the door leading onto the hallway and observed a man running west down this hallway and this man was carrying a large bundle of some kind. He would estimate that this bundle or package was at least 3 or 4 feet long and 6 to 8 inches thick. Although he saw the man and the bundle only momentarily, he gained the impression that the bundle was wrapped in something, possibly a newspaper. This man continued running to the end of the hallway turning left (south) and apparently thereafter ran down the stairways onto the street, although he could not actually see the man going down the stairway.

On 4/5/68 at Memphis, Tennessee File # ME 44-1987-Sub D-76
by SA FRANKLIN L. JOHNSON /bbs Date dictated 4/9/68

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It immediately occurred to Mr. STEPHENS that this was the same man he had seen earlier in the afternoon, possibly around mid-afternoon, standing at the door to room 5-B which is located immediately west of Mr. STEPHENS's living-bedroom. He stated that around mid-afternoon he had seen a man with Mrs. BREWER standing in the hallway at the entrance to room 5-B looking into room 5-B. He saw the man's left side. The man had nothing in his hands at the time. He assumed this was some new guest looking at a room.

Mr. STEPHENS stated that he and his wife remained in their room the rest of the afternoon. He pointed out that he, Mr. STEPHENS, is a disabled veteran who has been treated for tuberculosis, and he spends most of his time in his rooms with his wife who is also ill and who at present is a bed patient.

Sometime after seeing this man with Mrs. BREWER, he heard someone in room 5-B and assumed the man he had seen had rented the room next door. He stated that he recalls on several different occasions hearing footsteps in this room and also leaving from this room past his (Mr. STEPHENS's) room and into the common bathroom at the east end of the hall. He was also very much aware that when the person went from room 5-B to the bathroom, that person remained in the bathroom for a considerable period of time. He pointed out that this is particularly noticeable since this is a common bathroom which must be used by a number of different tenants. He also specifically recalled that only on one occasion did he hear the commode being flushed and he was therefore curious as to why this person was spending so much time in the bathroom.

He stated that on the last occasion that someone went from number 5-B to the bathroom prior to the time he heard the shot, he would estimate that that person remained in the bathroom for at least 20 to 30 minutes. During this period he heard no noises coming from the bathroom. He also specifically recalls that during this same period, Mr. WILLIS ANCHUTZ (phonetic), who occupies room 4-B, immediately west of 5-B where the new tenant apparently was located,

had knocked on Mr. STEPHENS's door and somewhat angrily inquired as to who was staying in the bathroom so long.

It was at the end of this latter period of time that Mr. STEPHENS heard the above described shot which he was certain came from the bathroom. He stated that immediately after the shot was fired he heard some people located across the street, east of the building where he lives, screaming. Due to the excitement of the moment, the fact that people across the street in the vicinity of the Lorraine Motel were screaming, and the fact that his hearing is not the best, he did not hear any additional noises coming from the bathroom. He pointed out that he would expect to hear a "scuffle" coming from the bathroom if the man in the bathroom had fired the shot that killed MARTIN LUTHER KING, but he cannot recall hearing such a "scuffle." He stated that he simply has no way of knowing whether the man came out of the bathroom, went into room 5-B and then ran out of 5-B down the hall toward the front of the building, or whether the man in the bathroom ran directly from the bathroom down the hallway toward the front of the building. He stated he did hesitate a few moments after hearing the shot and hearing the screaming outside before he went to the door and looked down the hall to see the man running carrying something in his hand.

Mr. STEPHENS advised that the only people in the north building of this rooming house at the time of this incident were (1) Mr. STEPHENS, (2) Mr. STEPHENS's wife, who was in bed and who was never in a position to observe anything, (3) Mr. WILLIS ANCHUTZ (phonetic), above, in room 4-B, who came out of his room and was seen by Mr. STEPHENS at the same time Mr. STEPHENS saw the man running down the hall, (4) Mrs. JESSIE LEDBETTER, a deaf and dumb lady who resides in room 1-B toward the front (west) of the north wing or north building, and (5) the unknown man who had occupied room 5-B who was running down the hall as previously stated.

Mr. STEPHENS stated that Mr. ANCHUTZ made some remark to the unknown man who was running down the hallway and the unknown man apparently made some kind of reply.

Mr. STEPHENS advised that whereas he could hear footsteps in 5-B and could hear footsteps between 5-B and the bathroom, he at no time heard any conversation in 5-B, and he is certain that there was no conversation in 5-B from the time the new tenant checked in until the time he heard the shot. He stated he never heard any noise or footsteps which would indicate to him there was ever more than one person in room 5-B. He pointed out that whereas his hearing is not too good, it is very easy to hear noises in the adjoining rooms of this rooming house and he definitely can hear normal conversation coming from that room. Mr. STEPHENS stated that when he saw the new tenant with Mrs. BREWER standing in front of 5-B, he only saw the left side of the new tenant, and when he saw what he believes to be the same man running down the hallway carrying something, he only saw this person from the rear. He pointed out he never saw him directly in front, but based upon his observations he would describe this person as follows:

Name:	Unknown
Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Age:	"in his 30's."
Height:	5' 10-11"
Weight:	165 pounds
Build:	Average
Posture:	Man stood erectly
Hair:	Described as sandy, also described as "dark blond" or having the appearance of unwashed sand. Further described hairline as receding on left side (and presumably on both sides) making it appear he would have "peaks" on either side but with full thick hair toward the front center of his head between the peaks. Hair combed straight back. Normal or average haircut.

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Dress:

Bare headed, wearing dark
suit

General Appearance:

Clean shaven, neat appearing
individual.

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Date 4/7/68

CHARLES STEPHENS, Apartment 6B, 422½ South Main Street, Memphis, advised that on the afternoon of April 4, 1968, he was with his wife at the above address. He stated that at about 3:30 p.m., on the above date, he began working on a table model radio of his which was in need of repair. He said he took a radio to the kitchen and placed it on the table which was against the wall that was adjacent to the bathroom which was used by all tenants on his floor. As he was working on his radio he could hear the man in the next apartment to him, Apartment 5B, leave his room several times and go into the bathroom. Mr. STEPHENS stated that he knew it was the man who had just checked in to Apartment 5B that afternoon because he could hear the door of Apartment 5B open and then footsteps would go down the hall to the bathroom, the bathroom door would open and then close.

Mr. STEPHENS said that during these various trips that the individual in Apartment 5B made to the bathroom he failed to flush the toilet or to run any water with the exception of the last time he was in the bathroom. At this time he flushed the toilet. He stated that this individual seemed to be spending an undue length of time in this bathroom. At about 6:00 p.m., on April 4, 1968, Mr. STEPHENS heard a loud noise which he described as sounding like a gunshot come from the bathroom. Upon hearing this noise, Mr. STEPHENS ran from the kitchen where he was repairing his radio to his door that led to the hallway. He stated this is only a distance of about 10 to 12 feet. Upon opening the door he saw a man leave the bathroom carrying a package of about three feet long and wrapped in what appeared to be newspaper. He saw the man run down the hall and then turn left as if he were trying to leave the apartment building. As this was happening WILLIE ANSCHUTZ, who lived in Apartment 4B, came out of his apartment and went to the bathroom. ANSCHUTZ then told STEPHENS to look out of his window. STEPHENS said that he then looked out of his kitchen window which faced the Lorraine Hotel and saw a lot of policemen scurrying about and people running screaming in the vicinity of the hotel.

On 4/5/68 at Memphis, TennesseeFile # ME 44-1987- *Sub D-16*by SA JOHN W. BAUER *SM*
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