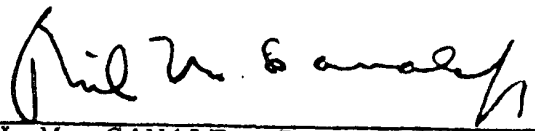


if the extradition is granted, the criminal proceedings will not be used for any private purpose.

WHEREFORE, YOUR PETITION PRAYS:

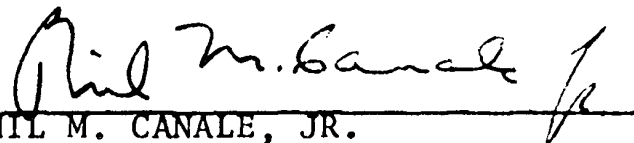
That an Application issue to the Secretary of the State of the United States of America for the international extradition of James Earl Ray, alias Eric Starvo Galt, alias John Willard, alias Harvey Lowmeyer, alias Harvey Lowmyer, alias Ramon George Sneyd, from the United Kingdom to the United States of America and to the State of Tennessee, to-wit: Shelby County, for trial on the indictment charging him with Murder, now pending against him in the Criminal Courts of Shelby County, Tennessee.



PHIL M. CANALE, JR.,
DISTRICT ATTORNEY GENERAL
FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
STATE OF TENNESSEE

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COUNTY OF SHELBY

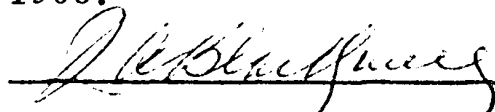
I, Phil M. Canale, Jr., solemnly swear that the facts set forth in the foregoing Petition are true, except those allegations made on information, and belief, which are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.


PHIL M. CANALE, JR.

STATE OF TENNESSEE
COUNTY OF SHELBY

Before me J. A. Blackwell, Clerk of the Criminal Courts of Shelby County, Tennessee, being an officer constituted to take oaths, appeared Phil M. Canale, Jr., to me known personally and after being duly sworn, stated that the foregoing petition and oath are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information, and belief. I hereby certify that this document is the original ~~xxx true copy of the original~~ petition and oath of Phil M. Canale, Jr.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court, at office, in the City of Memphis, this 10th day of June, 1968.


CLERK

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COUNTY OF SHELBY

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Court of Record; that his attestation is in due form, and his official acts, as such, are entitled to full faith and credit.

WITNESS my hand, this 10th day of June, 1968.

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J. A. Blackwell CLERK

AFFIDAVIT OF DR. J. T. FRANCISCO

Now comes the affiant, after first being duly sworn and says as follows:

That he is Dr. J. T. Francisco and resides and is domiciled at 1196 Yorkshire, Memphis, Shelby County, Tennessee, United States of America; that he is employed by the University of Tennessee as a pathologist and by Shelby County, Tennessee, as Medical Examiner for Shelby County, Tennessee; that he is a duly licensed and practicing physician of the State of Tennessee and holds a Doctor of Medicine Degree from the University of Tennessee and has practiced medicine for thirteen years and has served as medical examiner for Shelby County, Tennessee, for seven years. That as part of his duties as medical examiner, he examines all violent, unusual, or unnatural deaths that occur within the County of Shelby, State of Tennessee, for purposes of discovering the cause of death and recommending autopsies upon such deaths investigated if he deems it necessary. During his seven years as medical examiner, affiant has examined approximately nine thousand bodies and performed approximately three thousand autopsies. Affiant is further certified by the American Board of Pathology in Anatomic, Clinical and Forensic Pathology. That affiant is forensic pathology consultant to the Chief Medical Examiner of the State of Tennessee. That on April 4, 1968, acting pursuant to his duties as medical examiner of Shelby County, Tennessee, and under order from the District Attorney General for the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit consisting of Shelby County, Tennessee, said District Attorney General being Phil M. Canale, Jr., and with the consent of Corretta Scott King, the widow of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., affiant performed an autopsy on the body of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., starting at approximately 2140 hours at the morgue of the University of Tennessee and John Gaston Hospital, located in the Institute of Pathology at the University of Tennessee, 858 Madison Avenue, Memphis, Shelby County, Tennessee.

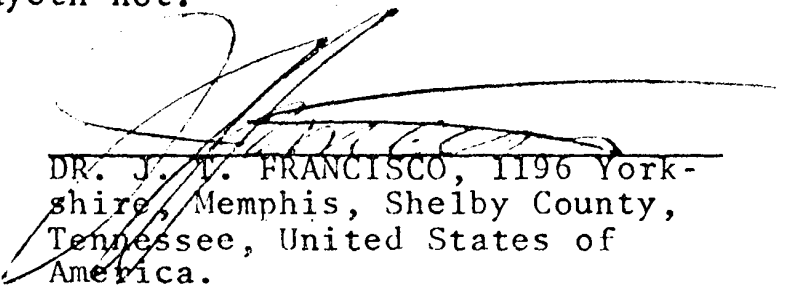
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That during the examination and autopsy, affiant removed ^{a bullet} from beneath the skin in the region of the left scapula 56 inches superior to the right heel and 3 inches to the left of the midline of the spine, this being the termination point of a bullet that entered the right chin, passing through the chin and neck. That after removing the bullet, affiant physically marked the bullet by scratching the Autopsy No. 252 on the base thereof, and placed the same in plastic and enclosed the same in a Manila envelope, marking thereon and gave the same into the custody and gathering a written receipt from Lt. J. D. Hamby of the Memphis, Tennessee, Police Department. In accordance with the laws of the State of Tennessee, affiant did reduce the findings from the autopsy he performed upon the body of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., to writing in the form of an autopsy report bearing Case No. A68-252, did sign same under date of April 11, 1968, and filed said autopsy report with the Shelby County Medical Examiner, District Attorney General of the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit comprised by Shelby County, Tennessee, and with Chief Medical Examiner for the State of Tennessee. Affiant has examined a copy of the aforesaid autopsy report, which is attached and marked exhibit hereto, a certified and authenticated copy of which appears, is attached and is made by reference a part of the Governor's application for requisition, and certifies that it truly and accurately represents his findings in the autopsy of the body of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and further certifies that it is a true and correct copy of the autopsy report filed with the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner for the State of Tennessee, Cordell Hull Office Building, Division of Post Mortem Examination, Office of Chief Medical Examiner, Nashville, Tennessee. That affiant has examined Certificate of Death, Tennessee Department of Public Health, Division of Vital Statistics, bearing File No. 2066, being a copy of the Certificate of Death on



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., same being attached and marked exhibit hereto, a certified and authenticated copy of which appears, is attached and is made by reference a part of the Governor's application for requisition, and does certify that it represents a true and correct copy of the original Certificate of Death on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., signed by affiant on April 5, 1968, giving the cause of death as gunshot wound to the thoracic cord. Affiant has examined survey report and plat, identified to affiant as being a drawing of the crime scene, said document bearing the notation in the lower right hand corner, Prepared by Arthur C. Holbrook, Memphis, Tennessee, April 23, 1968, Tenn. Cert. No. 5173, copy of said drawing being attached and made exhibit hereto, a certified and authenticated copy of which appears, is attached and is made by reference a part of the Governor's application for requisition, and affirms that the trajectory of a bullet traveling along the path as indicated in said drawing would be consistent with the entry of the bullet and subsequent course through the body of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Further affiant sayeth not.



DR. J. T. FRANCISCO, 1196 Yorkshire, Memphis, Shelby County, Tennessee, United States of America.

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CHARLES B. BLACKBURN
DIRECTOR
DIVISION OF PUBLIC WORKS

APRIL 23, 1968

MR. FRANK C. HOLLOMAN, DIRECTOR
DIVISION OF FIRE & POLICE
CITY OF MEMPHIS
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

DEAR MR. HOLLOMAN:

PER YOUR REQUEST, DATED APRIL 22, 1968, THROUGH MR. CHARLES B. BLACKBURN, DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF PUBLIC WORKS, I WAS INSTRUCTED TO MAKE CERTAIN ENGINEERING MEASUREMENTS RELATIVE TO THE MURDER OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING. THESE MEASUREMENTS WERE TO BE FROM A POINT WHERE THE WEAPON WAS FIRED TO THE AREA WHERE DR. KING WAS STRUCK. THE MEASUREMENTS WERE TO BE TRIANGULATED.

THIS MORNING, APRIL 23, 1968, I AND SEVERAL ENGINEERING EMPLOYEES FROM THIS DEPARTMENT, MET WITH LTS. A. S. ZELINSKI AND J. L. HARRISON, OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, AT THE SCENE OF THE MURDER. THE MEASUREMENTS AND CALCULATIONS, HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED, WERE MADE BETWEEN 8:30 A. M. AND 10 A. M., THIS DATE.

I WAS SHOWN, BY LTS. ZELINSKI AND HARRISON, THE SPOT WHERE DR. KING WAS STANDING AND THE WINDOW FROM WHICH THE SHOT WAS FIRED AND THAT THE BULLET ENTERED DR. KING AT A POINT 59 INCHES ABOVE THE BALCONY FLOOR OF THE LORRAINE MOTEL, AND THAT THE GUN WAS RESTING ON A POINT ON A WINDOWSILL OF A BUILDING WHICH FRONTS ON SOUTH MAIN STREET AND ACROSS MULBERRY STREET FROM THE LORRAINE MOTEL.

AN ENGINEER'S TRANSIT WAS PLACED OVER THE SPOT WHERE DR. KING WAS SHOT. THE TELESCOPE BEING 59 INCHES FROM THE BALCONY FLOOR, AND THE INSTRUMENT WAS MADE LEVEL.

FROM THIS POSITION TWO TRIANGLES WERE ESTABLISHED, WITH A BASE LINE COMMON TO THE TWO TRIANGLES, ESTABLISHED AND MEASURED. ANGLES WERE TURNED, CHECKED, TURNED AGAIN, AND CHECKED AGAIN AND EVERY EFFORT WAS MADE TO PROVIDE FOR THE UTMOST ACCURACY OF THE CALCULATIONS.

THE LEVEL DISTANCE FROM THE POINT FROM WHICH THE SHOT WAS FIRED TO THE POINT WHERE DR. KING WAS STANDING IS 206.36 FEET. THE DISTANCE ALONG THE FLIGHT OF THE BULLET FROM THE POINT FROM WHICH IT WAS FIRED TO THE POINT WHERE DR. KING WAS STANDING IS 207.02 FEET.

Survey and Plat Exhibit to Dr. J. T. Frankeisen

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MR. FRANK C. HOLLOMAN, DIRECTOR OF FIRE & POLICE
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THE WINDOWSILL OF THE BUILDING FROM WHICH THE SHOT WAS FIRED IS 16.63 FEET HIGHER THAN A POINT 59 INCHES ABOVE THE FLOOR OF THE BALCONY ON WHICH DR. KING WAS STANDING WHEN SHOT.

IN ADDITION TO THE AFOREMENTIONED LTS. ZELINSKI AND HARRISON, THE FOLLOWING NAMED MEN FROM THIS DEPARTMENT WERE PRESENT AND ASSISTED IN THIS SURVEY, AND STATISTICS RELATIVE TO THESE MEN FURNISHED IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER: NAME, TITLE, AGE, LENGTH OF SERVICE WITH THIS DEPARTMENT, ADDRESS, AND HOME PHONE NUMBER.

ARTHUR C. HOLBROOK, ENGINEER OF SURVEYS, PLANS, & DESIGN; 52 YEARS OLD; 22 YEARS 5 MONTHS; 3730 SHIRLWOOD AVENUE; 323-8853.

ROBERT V. WENZLER; SENIOR PARTY CHIEF; 32; 15 YEARS 8 MONTHS; 4100 WARD AVENUE; 386-7766.

AARON RUSSELL; SENIOR PARTY CHIEF; 54; 28 YEARS 6 MONTHS; 2119 ALTA VISTA DRIVE; 357-3819.

BILLY FITE; INSTRUMENTMAN; 35; 11 YEARS; 2208 CASSIE AVENUE; 357-4522.

JOE TIDWELL, ENGINEERING AIDE; 21; 1 YEAR 7 MONTHS; 1992 DRIFTWOOD AVENUE; 357-3804.

THOMAS BOILLOT; ENGINEERING AIDE; 24; 7 MONTHS; 2085 LINDEN AVENUE; 278-0504.

CHARLES BROOKS; ENGINEERING AIDE; 18; 5 MONTHS; 4608 MCCRORY AVENUE; 685-1223.

I HAVE ATTACHED A SKETCH SHOWING THE TRIANGULATION AS SET UP AT THE SCENE, WITH ANGLES, MEASUREMENTS, AND CALCULATIONS ALSO SHOWN.

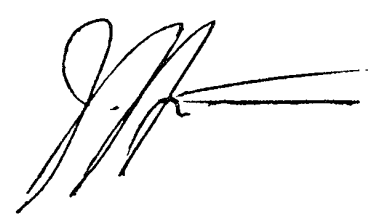
IF WE CAN HELP FURTHER IN THIS MATTER, PLEASE ADVISE.

SINCERELY,



ARTHUR C. HOLBROOK, P.E.
ENGINEER OF SURVEYS, PLANS & DESIGN
TENNESSEE LICENSE NO. 5173

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ATTACHED



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AVE.

MULTIBERRY

POINT AT WINDOW
FROM WHICH SHOT FIRED

(LEVEL)
(TIME OF FLIGHT)
"0"

4.13	1.22	4.22 1/2	1.21
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PK rail

Pool

for nail

A/E.

E. BUTLER

PREPARED BY
ARTHUR C. HOLBROOK

Death Certificate Submit to Dr. J. T. Francisco

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Date Issued June 10, 1968

SEAL
This is NOT a certified copy of the original certificate on file in the Tennessee Department of Public Health, Nashville. It is a reproduction of a copy made in this office before the original was transmitted to the state office for filing.
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by *Judae Bay*
Sue Lackey, Deputy Registrar
Eugene W. Fowlke, M.D., Registrar
Division of Vital Records

MEMPHIS AND SHELBY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

814 JEFFERSON AVENUE, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE 38105

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
DIVISION OF VITAL STATISTICS

FILE NO.

2066

1. DECEASED — NAME FIRST MIDDLE LAST Martin Luther King, Jr.		DATE OF DEATH (MONTH, DAY, YEAR) 2. 4-4-68	
3. RACE WHITE, NEGRO, AMERICAN INDIAN, ETC. (SPECIFY) Negro	SEX Male	AGE — LAST BIRTHDAY (YEARS) 5a. 39	DATE OF BIRTH (MONTH, DAY, YEAR) 6. 1-15-29
7a. Shelby		7b. Memphis	7c. Yes
8. Georgia	9. America	10. Married	11. Coretta King (nee Scott)
12. 253-36-3980	13a. Minister & Civil Rights Leader	13b. Leadership Conference	14. Yes
14a. Georgia	14b. Fulton	14c. Atlanta	14d. Yes
15. Martin L. King, Sr.		16. Alberta Williams	
17. Coretta King, 234 Sunset N.W./Ga.		18. PART I. DEATH WAS CAUSED BY:	
(a) Gunshot Wound to Thoracic Cord		APPROXIMATE INTERVAL BETWEEN ONSET AND DEATH	
(b)			
(c)			
PART II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS: CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO DEATH BUT NOT RELATED TO CAUSE GIVEN IN PART I (a)			
19a. Yes	19b. Yes	20. Victim was shot.	
20a. Homicide	20b. 4-4-68	20c. P M.	20d. Victim was shot.
20e. No	20f. Hotel	20g. 406 Mulberry	20h. Memphis Tennessee
21a. PHYSICIAN — CERTIFICATION		21b. DATE SIGNED (MONTH, DAY, YEAR)	
21c. MEDICAL EXAMINER — CERTIFICATION		21d. DATE SIGNED (MONTH, DAY, YEAR)	
21e. CERTIFIER — NAME (TYPE OR PRINT)		21f. DATE SIGNED (MONTH, DAY, YEAR)	
21g. J. T. Francisco, M.D.		21h. 4-5-68	
21i. 358 Madison Avenue		21j. Memphis Tennessee	
21k. 4-5-68		21l. Southview	
21m. Atlanta, Georgia		21n. REGISTRAR — SIGNATURE	
21o. R. S. Lewis Funeral Home, 374 Vance Avenue		21p. Sue Lackey, D.R.	
21q. DATE RECEIVED BY LOCAL REGISTRAR		21r. 4-22-68	

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FINAL (X)

TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER
858 Madison Avenue
Memphis, Tennessee 38103

CASE NO. A68-252
COUNTY Shelby

AUTOPSY REPORT

NAME OF DECEDENT Martin Luther King, Jr. RACE N SEX M AGE 39

HOME ADDRESS Atlanta, Georgia
NUMBER OR STREET CITY OR TOWN STATE

COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER J. T. Francisco, M.D.
ADDRESS Memphis, Tennessee

DISTRICT ATTORNEY GENERAL Phil A. Canale
ADDRESS Memphis, Tennessee

ANATOMICAL DIAGNOSIS Gunshot wound to body and face with:
Fracture of mandible
Laceration vertebral artery, jugular vein and sub-
clavian artery, right,
Laceration of spinal cord (lower cervical, upper
thoracic),
Intrapulmonary hematoma, apex, right upper lobe

CAUSE OF DEATH Gunshot wound to spinal column, lower cervical, upper
thoracic

NARRATIVE OF FINDINGS Death was the result of a gunshot wound to the
chin and neck with a total transection of the lower cervical and
upper thoracic spinal cord and other structures in the neck. The
direction of the wounding was from front to back, above downward and
from right to left. The severing of the spinal cord at this level
and to this extent was a wound that was fatal very shortly after its
occurrence.

The purpose of this report is to provide a certified opinion to the County Medical Examiner and the District Attorney General. The facts and findings to support these conclusions are filed with the office of the State Medical Examiner.

DATE April 11, 1968 SIGNATURE: J. T. Francisco M.D.
ADDRESS 858 Madison Avenue-Memphis, Tennessee

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*Autopsy Exhibit to Dr. J. T. Francisco
Consisting of Eleven (11) Pages*

THE CITY OF MEMPHIS HOSPITALS

AUTOPSY PROTOCOL

Autopsy No. A68-252 Service Med. Ex. Hospital No.

Name Martin Luther King, Jr. Age 39 Race Negro Sex Male
Unknown-Approximately

Date of Admission DOA Date and Hour of Death 4-4-68 P.M.

Date and Hour of Autopsy 4-4-68 10:45 P.M.

Pathologist Drs. Sprunt and Francisco Assistant

Checked by Date Completed 4-11-68

FINAL PATHOLOGICAL DIAGNOSIS

PRIMARY SERIES:

- I. Distant gunshot wound to body and face
 - A. Fracture of right mandible
 - B. Laceration of vertebral artery, jugular vein and subclavian artery, right
 - C. Fracture of spine (T-1, C-7)
 - D. Laceration of spinal cord (lower cervical, upper thoracic)
 - E. Submucosal hemorrhage, larynx
 - F. Intrapulmonary hematoma, apex right upper lobe

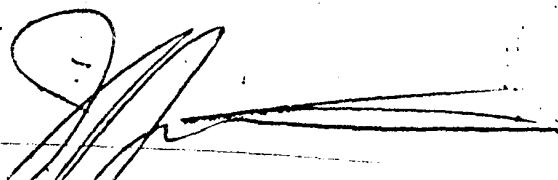
SECONDARY SERIES:

1. Remote scars as described
2. Pleural adhesions
3. Fatty change liver, moderate
4. Arteriosclerosis, moderate
5. Venous cut-downs
6. Tracheostomy

LABORATORY FINDINGS:

Blood Alcohol 0.01%

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EXTERNAL EXAMINATION OF THE BODY

This is a well developed, well nourished Negro male measuring 69 1/2 inches in length and weighing approximately 140 pounds. The hair is black, the eyes are brown. There is a line mustache present.

EXTERNAL MARKS AND SCARS

There is a remote midline scar present in the center of the chest and a remote scar present extending to the right axilla measuring 8 inches in length. There is a sutured vertical surgical incision present at the base of the neck. A sutured incision is present in the right chest at the anterior axillary line. Three needle punctures are present in the precordium, having no hemorrhage present surrounding the area. There are blood splatters present on the palm and dorsum of the right hand. A remote scar is present in the right lateral chest. Sutured incisions are present in the left ante cubital fossa, one that is obliquely directed measuring 2 inches in length, one that is horizontally directed measuring 1 inch in length. There are two sutured incisions present on the medial aspect of the left ankle. The superior incision measuring 2 inches in length, the inferior incision measuring 1/4 inch in length. There is an extensive excavating lesion affecting the right side of the face beginning at a point 1 inch lateral to the right corner of the mouth and 1/2 inch inferior to the right corner of the mouth that measures approximately 3 inches in length. At the superior aspect of this gaping wound there is an abrasion collar that measures 1/3 of an inch in maximum thickness, having brownish discoloration present at the superior margin. Adjacent to this area there is extensive laceration of the soft tissues of the face with a fracturing of the right side of the mandible. A re-approximation of the tissues reveals the laceration to extend to the base of the neck and into the base of the neck with intervening skin unaffected in this area. The second penetrating wound at the base of the neck in the superior aspect of the chest measures 3 inches in length. The missile path is through the external jugular vein and vertebral artery. There is a penetration into the lateral aspect of the base of the neck into the upper thoracic and lower cervical cord totally severing the lower cervical and upper thoracic cord passing through the spinal column at the level of C7 and T1 into the posterior aspect of the back. The bullet is removed from the posterior aspect of the back, 56 inches superior to the right heel and 55 1/2 inches superior to the left heel, 3 inches to the left of the midline of the spine in the medial aspect of the left scapula. The entrance wound is 61 1/2 inches superior to the right heel and 59 inches superior to the right heel with the head turned and positioned so that the wound in the face corresponds with the path of the missile into the neck and spine. The total thickness from the entrance wound to the posterior aspect of the back is 8 1/2 inches in thickness. The angle of the penetrating wound is approximately 45° from a sagittal plane at an angle from right to left inferiorly and anterior to posteriorly at about a 30° angle with a coronal plane.

SECTION

The abdominal panniculus measures an inch in maximum thickness. The skeletal muscles are red and fibillary. There is scarring present over the right anterior-superior chest with pleural adhesions present in this area.

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BODY CAVITIES

There is approximately 25cc. of blood present within the right thoracic cavity and some subpleural hemorrhage that is present affecting the right and the left in the posterior apex. The missile did not enter the right pleural cavity.

GROSS DESCRIPTION OF THE ORGANS

HEART:

The heart weighs 450 grams. The myocardium is pale brown. The valvular surfaces reveal no significant changes. There is focal yellowing of the subendocardial areas affecting the left aspect of the interventricular septum. The right ventricle measures 5mm. in maximum thickness. The left ventricle measures 20mm. in maximum thickness. The coronary ostia originate in normal position and have a normal distribution over the epicardial surface. There is minimal intimal proliferation present. Focal yellow plaqueing is present in the ascending aspect of the aortic arch but ulceration is not present. There is no significant dilatation affecting the chambers of the heart.

AORTA:

Focal yellow plaques are present throughout the aorta but ulceration and calcification is not present. The great vessels originate normally. There is perivascular hemorrhage affecting the right carotid artery but no penetration of the wall. The right subclavian artery is lacerated.

ESOPHAGUS:

Partially digested food fragments are present throughout the esophagus.

TRACHEA:

Hemorrhagic mucoid material is present throughout the upper trachea.

LUNGS:

The right lung weighs 300 grams. The left lung weighs 325 grams. There is diffuse congestion, consolidation and hemorrhage affecting the right upper lobe of the lung. Frothy fluid is expressible from the sectioned surface. There is minimal wrinkling of the pleura diffusely throughout the pulmonary parenchyma.

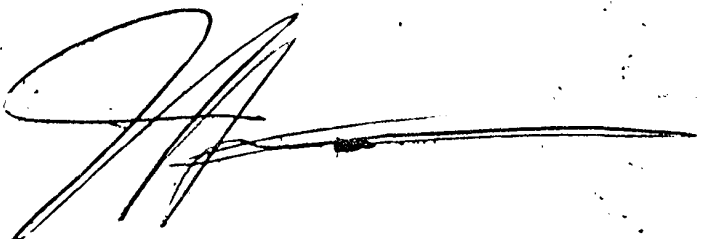
BRAIN:

The brain weighs 1400 grams. There is some flattening of the gyri and narrowing of the sulci. The cerebral vessels are symmetrical. There is no subdural, epidural, or extradural hemorrhage present. There is no significant flattening throughout the cerebral vessels.

KIDNEYS:

The kidneys weigh 175 grams on the left and 150 grams on the right. The capsular surface is smooth. The parenchyma is of normal coloration. The cortical-medullary junction is prominent.

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PANCREAS: The pancreatic parenchyma is well preserved. The lobular pattern is preserved. There is no fatty infiltration present. The parenchyma is yellowish-grey.

LARYNX: There is diffuse hemorrhage present throughout the superior larynx along with submucosal hemorrhage that is present within the intra-laryngeal areas. There is a tracheostomy perforation that is superior to the thyroid penetrating to the right of the pyramidal lobe.

THYROID: No significant changes.

SPLEEN: The spleen weighs 80 grams. The capsule is wrinkled. There is no capsular thickening present. The follicles are not prominent.

STOMACH: The stomach contains approximately 10cc. of partially digested food fragments. There is no ulceration present.

DUODENUM: No significant changes.

GALLBLADDER: The gallbladder contains approximately 5cc. of light green bile. No stones are present.

LIVER: The liver weighs 1600 grams. The parenchyma is pale yellowish-brown. The lobular pattern is accentuated. The parenchyma is quite soft.

BLADDER: There is approximately 25cc. of cloudy yellow urine present.

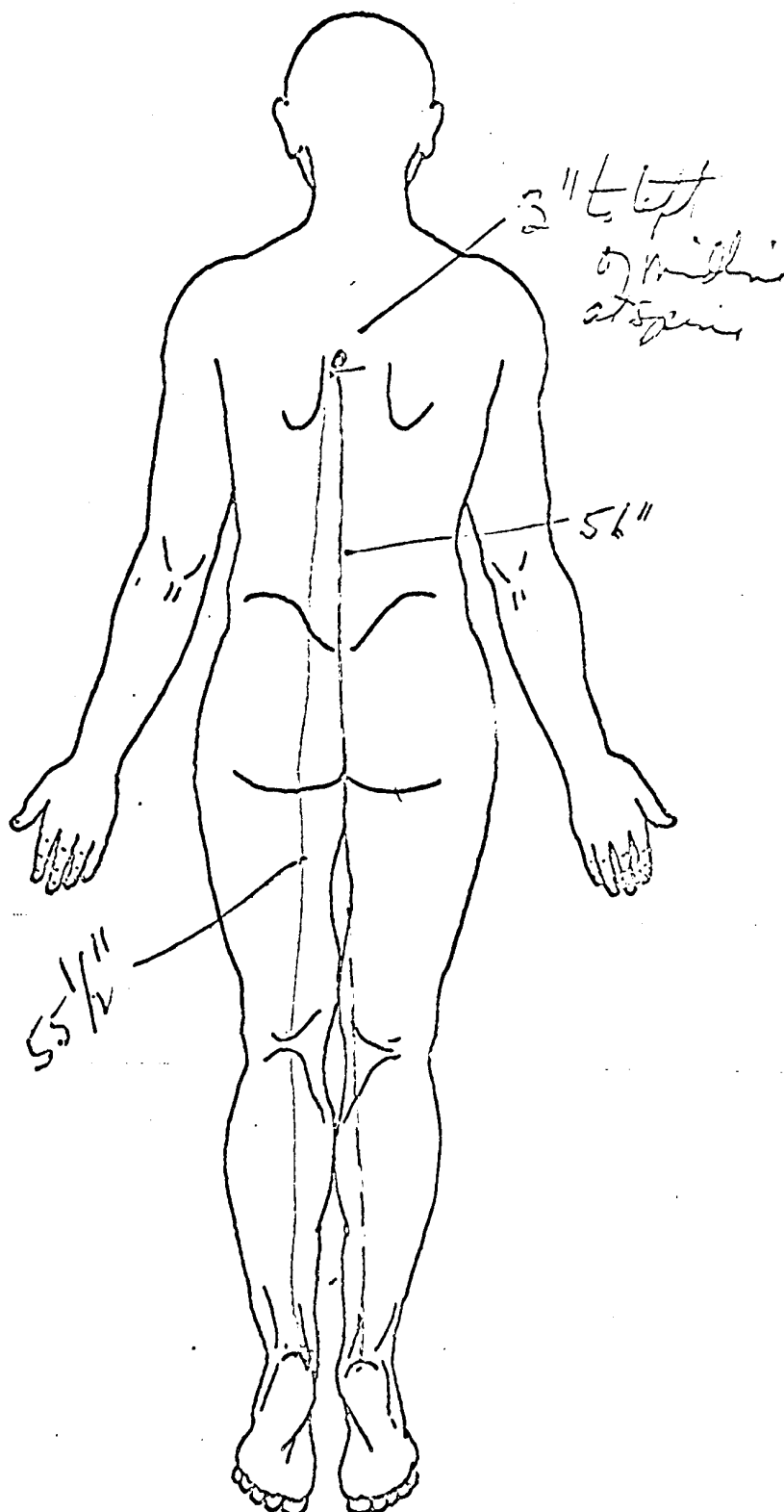
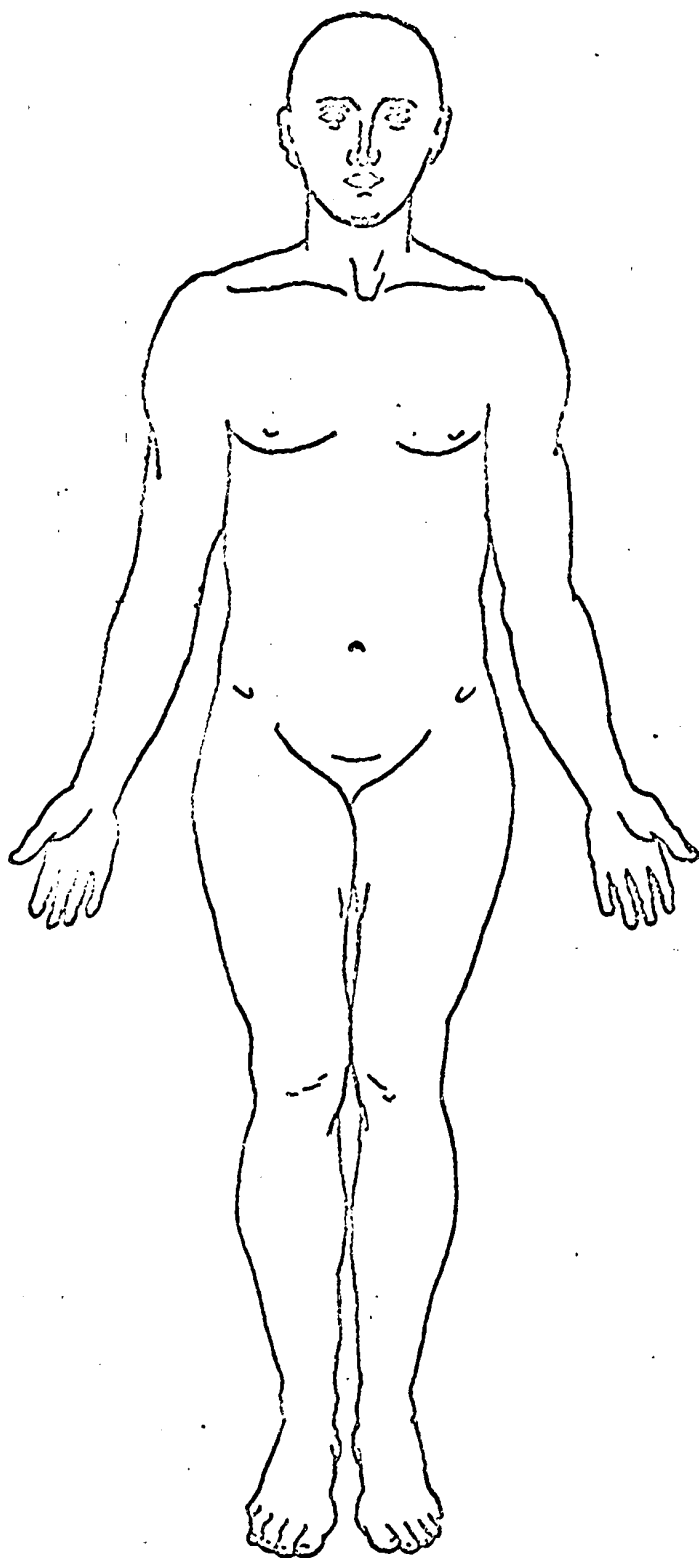
PROSTATE: No significant gross abnormalities are present.

COLON: The appendix is present. The colonic contents is normal.

SMALL INTESTINE: There is alternately liquid and gaseous distention present throughout the small intestine.

ADRENALS: The adrenals are in normal position and weigh 8 grams together. The cortex is bright yellow. The medulla is grey.

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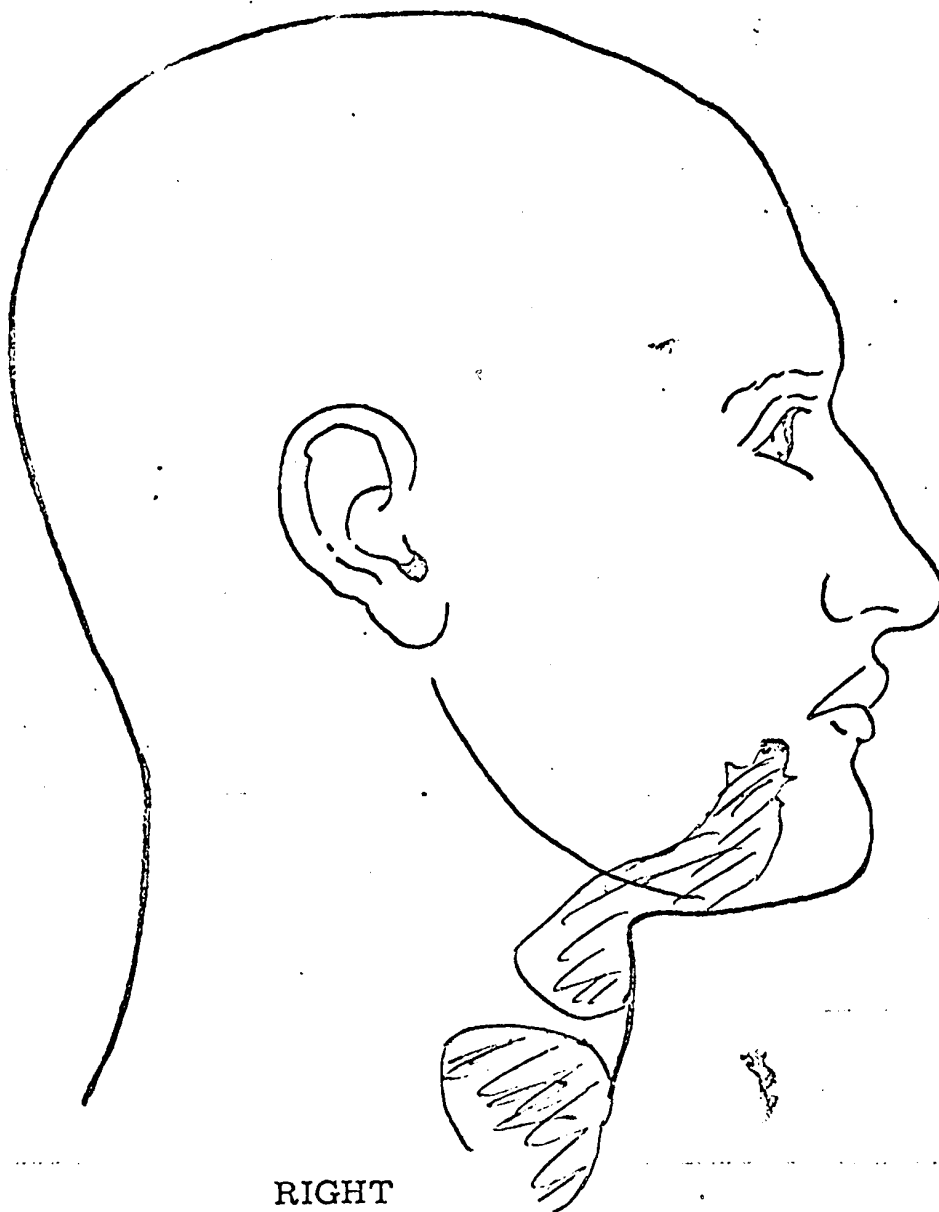
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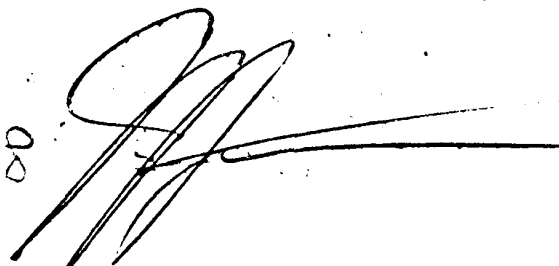
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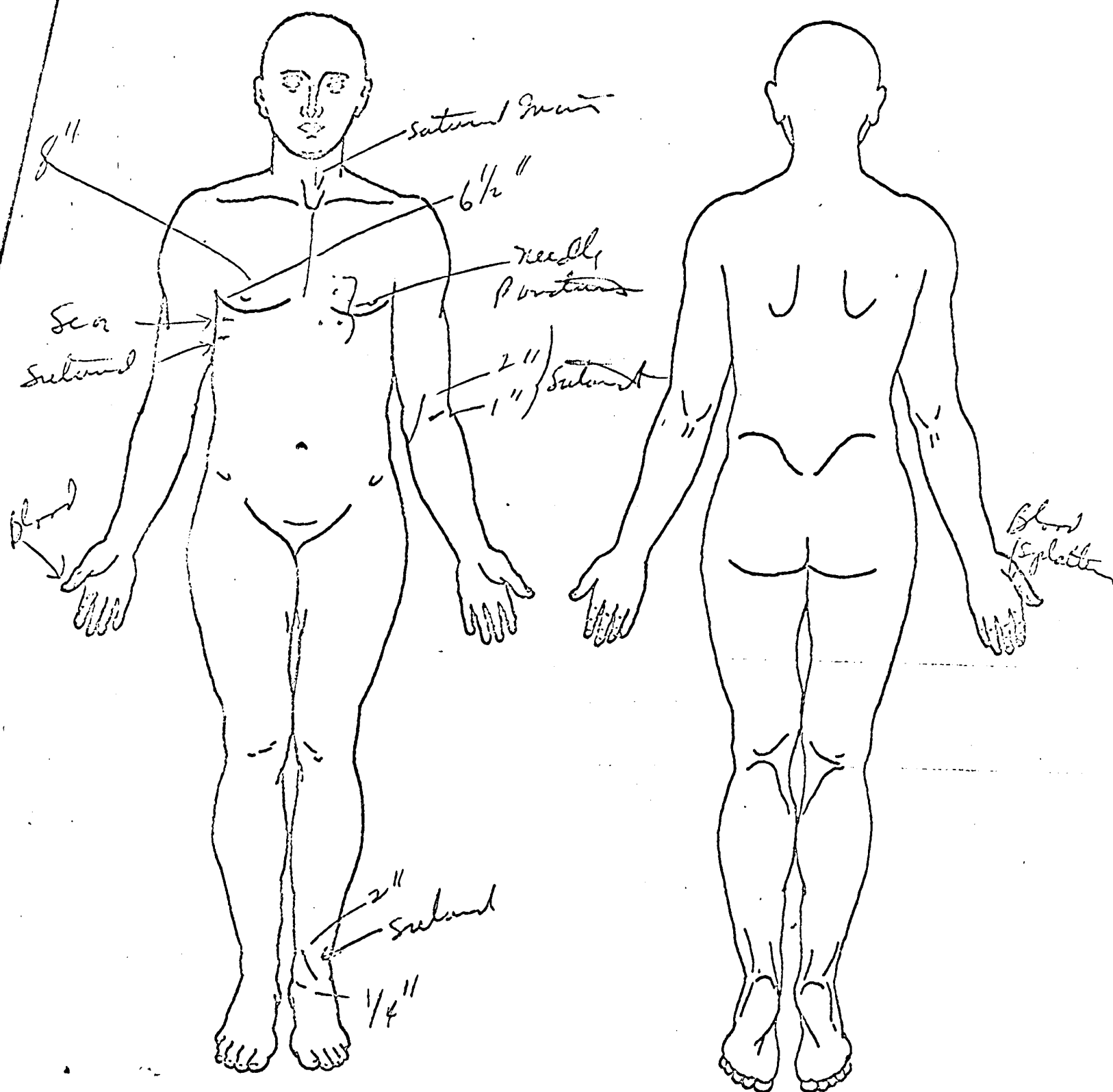
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Special Chart

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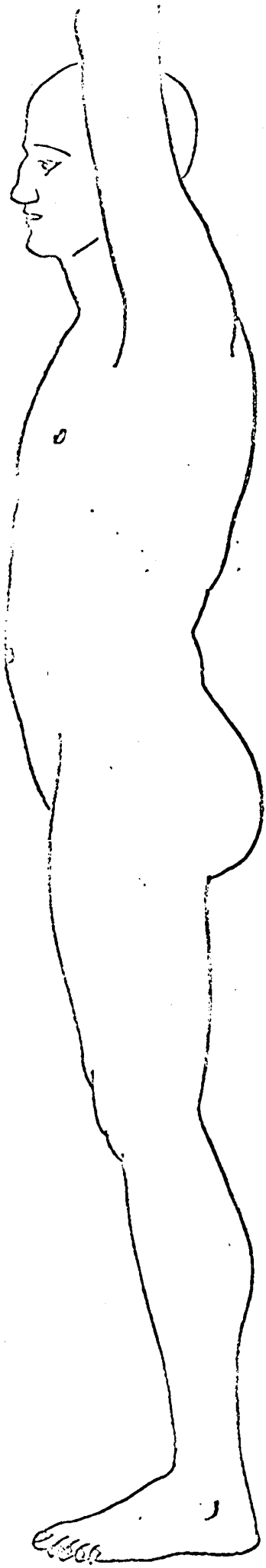
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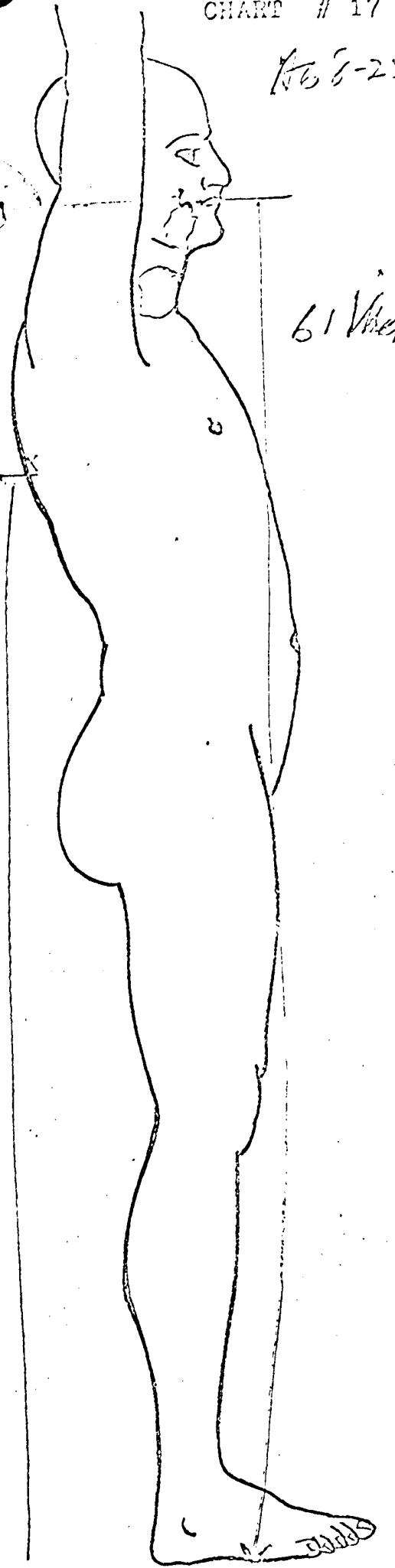
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MICROSCOPIC SUMMARY

6: Focal areas of intra-alveolar hemorrhage are present throughout. Otherwise the alveoli are well preserved without hyperdistention or collapse. There is a loss of bronchial epithelium free within the lumens of the bronchioles. The pulmonary vessels reveal no significant changes.

PANCREAS: The pancreatic parenchyma is well preserved. The islets and acini are well preserved. There is minimal congestion present but no fibrosis or hemorrhage.

KIDNEY: The glomeruli and tubules are well preserved. There is no parenchymal fibrosis evident or vascular proliferation present. The tubules are filled with eosinophilic material. There is no collapse of the tubular lumen.

THYROID: The follicles are uniform and regular. There is a small quantity of extravasation of mature erythrocytes into peri-follicular locations. Cellular inflammatory reaction is not present. There is no margination of polymorphonuclear leucocytes within the areas of hemorrhage.

LIVER: There is diffuse cytoplasmic vacuolation throughout the hepatic cytoplasm being distributed throughout the lobules and in both pericentral and periportal locations. A small number of mononuclear cells are present in portal areas. There is some variation in size, shape of the hepatic nuclei. The vacuoles that are present are irregular in size, being numerous in some cells and being single large vacuoles in others with a disruption of cytoplasmic borders in some.

ADRENAL: There is congestion of the inner cortical zones of the adrenal. The cytoplasm is otherwise well maintained. The cortico-medullary ratio is maintained.

SPLEEN: The follicles are present but without secondary reactive centers. There is some congestion of the pulp but focal hemorrhage is not present.

HEART: The myocardial fibers are well preserved. The nuclei are regular. Fibrosis is not present throughout the myocardium and cellular inflammatory reaction is not present. The atrium reveals no significant changes.

SKIN: There is dermal hemorrhage present but no accumulation of polymorphonuclear leucocytes. Blackened debris is present throughout the hemorrhagic area of the dermis having no identifiable form. There is pronounced eosinophilia of the collagen bundles. There is hemorrhage into the dermal layers with an alteration in the tinctorial properties of the epithelium with focal fragmentation of the epithelium adjacent to the area of dermal hemorrhage.

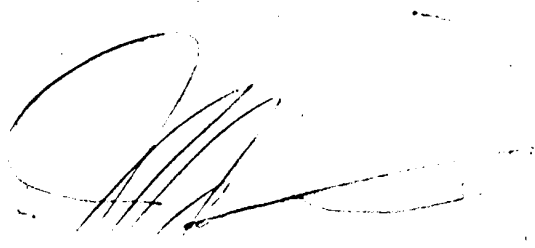
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CORONARY:

There is moderate intimal proliferation along with an extra cellular deposition of lipid within the sub-intimal areas along with lipid filled macrophages present in this location. Small foci of perivascular mononuclear cells are present in the regions of most pronounced intimal proliferation.

PROSTATE:

The glandular elements are well preserved without any significant increase in collagenous connective tissue. Inflammatory reaction is not present.



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AFFIDAVIT OF ROBERT V. WENZLER

Affiant, after first being duly sworn, says as follows:

That he is Robert V. Wenzler, residing at 4100 Ward Avenue, Memphis, Shelby County, Tennessee, United States of America, and that on April 23, 1968, he was employed by the City of Memphis, Tennessee as Senior Party Chief in the Engineering Department in the Department of Public Works of Memphis, Shelby County, Tennessee, that as Senior Party Chief, his duties consisted of making Field Computations, Civil Engineering Surveys, and Construction Layouts, that he has had over fifteen (15) years experience as a surveyor with related Civil Engineering duties, that on April 23, 1968, he, along with Arthur C. Holbrook, Engineer of Surveys, Plans, and Designs, similarly employed by the Engineering Department of the Public Works Department of the City of Memphis, Tennessee, on request of the City of Memphis Fire and Police Director, met with Lts. J.L. Harrison and A.S. Zelinski, of the Homicide Division of the Memphis Police Department, and conducted a survey of the area where Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was slain, to determine by the method of triangulation the distance, trajectory, and path from the point of the death bullet's alledged origination to the point of impact upon the body of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The survey party consisted of affiant, the aforesaid Arthur C. Holbrook, another Party Chief, one instrument man, and three (3) engineering aids. All measurements and angles were reduced to writing by affiant and Arthur C. Holbrook from which computations were subsequently made and transposed into a plat, faithfully and correctly reflecting the measurements and angles taken on the aforesaid date. Affiant has examined exhibit attached hereto consisting of a survey report with plat attached thereto, dated April 23, 1968, addressed to Frank C. Holloman, Director of Fire and Police of the City of Memphis, Tennessee, and signed Arthur C. Holbrook, Engineer of Surveys, Plans, and Designs, Tennessee License #5173, and the same is a true and correct copy of the survey conducted by affiant, pursuant to his duties on April 23, 1968.

Further affiant saith not

77 *Robert V. Wenzler*



CHARLES B. BLACKBURN
DIRECTOR
DIVISION OF PUBLIC WORKS

CITY OF MEMPHIS

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APRIL 23, 1968

MR. FRANK C. HOLLOMAN, DIRECTOR
DIVISION OF FIRE & POLICE
CITY OF MEMPHIS
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

DEAR MR. HOLLOMAN:

PER YOUR REQUEST, DATED APRIL 22, 1968, THROUGH MR. CHARLES B. BLACKBURN, DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF PUBLIC WORKS, I WAS INSTRUCTED TO MAKE CERTAIN ENGINEERING MEASUREMENTS RELATIVE TO THE MURDER OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING. THESE MEASUREMENTS WERE TO BE FROM A POINT WHERE THE WEAPON WAS FIRED TO THE AREA WHERE DR. KING WAS STRUCK. THE MEASUREMENTS WERE TO BE TRIANGULATED.

THIS MORNING, APRIL 23, 1968, I AND SEVERAL ENGINEERING EMPLOYEES FROM THIS DEPARTMENT, MET WITH LTS. A. S. ZELINSKI AND J. L. HARRISON, OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, AT THE SCENE OF THE MURDER. THE MEASUREMENTS AND CALCULATIONS, HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED, WERE MADE BETWEEN 8:30 A. M. AND 10 A. M., THIS DATE.

I WAS SHOWN, BY LTS. ZELINSKI AND HARRISON, THE SPOT WHERE DR. KING WAS STANDING AND THE WINDOW FROM WHICH THE SHOT WAS FIRED AND THAT THE BULLET ENTERED DR. KING AT A POINT 59 INCHES ABOVE THE BALCONY FLOOR OF THE LORRAINE MOTEL, AND THAT THE GUN WAS RESTING ON A POINT ON A WINDOWSILL OF A BUILD. WHICH FRONTS ON SOUTH MAIN STREET AND ACROSS MULBERRY STREET FROM THE LORRAINE MOTEL.

AN ENGINEER'S TRANSIT WAS PLACED OVER THE SPOT WHERE DR. KING WAS SHOT. THE TELESCOPE BEING 59 INCHES FROM THE BALCONY FLOOR, AND THE INSTRUMENT WAS MADE LEVEL.

FROM THIS POSITION TWO TRIANGLES WERE ESTABLISHED, WITH A BASE LINE COMMON TO THE TWO TRIANGLES, ESTABLISHED AND MEASURED. ANGLES WERE TURNED, CHECKED, TURNED AGAIN, AND CHECKED AGAIN AND EVERY EFFORT WAS MADE TO PROVIDE FOR THE UTMOST ACCURACY OF THE CALCULATIONS.

THE LEVEL DISTANCE FROM THE POINT FROM WHICH THE SHOT WAS FIRED TO THE POINT WHERE DR. KING WAS STANDING IS 206.36 FEET. THE DISTANCE ALONG THE FLIGHT OF THE BULLET FROM THE POINT FROM WHICH IT WAS FIRED TO THE POINT WHERE DR. KING WAS STANDING IS 207.02 FEET.

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MR. FRANK C. HOLLOMAN, DIRECTOR OF FIRE & POLICE
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THE WINDOWSILL OF THE BUILDING FROM WHICH THE SHOT WAS FIRED IS 16.63 FEET HIGHER THAN A POINT 59 INCHES ABOVE THE FLOOR OF THE BALCONY ON WHICH DR. KING WAS STANDING WHEN SHOT.

IN ADDITION TO THE AFOREMENTIONED LTS. ZELINSKI AND HARRISON, THE FOLLOWING NAMED MEN FROM THIS DEPARTMENT WERE PRESENT AND ASSISTED IN THIS SURVEY, AND STATISTICS RELATIVE TO THESE MEN FURNISHED IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER: NAME, TITLE, AGE, LENGTH OF SERVICE WITH THIS DEPARTMENT, ADDRESS, AND HOME PHONE NUMBER.

ARTHUR C. HOLBROOK, ENGINEER OF SURVEYS, PLANS, & DESIGN; 52 YEARS OLD; 22 YEARS 5 MONTHS; 3730 SHIRLWOOD AVENUE; 323-8853.

ROBERT V. WENZLER; SENIOR PARTY CHIEF; 32; 15 YEARS 8 MONTHS; 4100 WARD AVENUE; 386-7766.

AARON RUSSELL; SENIOR PARTY CHIEF; 54; 28 YEARS 6 MONTHS; 2119 ALTA VISTA DRIVE; 357-3819.

BILLY FITE; INSTRUMENTMAN; 35; 11 YEARS; 2208 CASSIE AVENUE; 357-4522.

JOE TIDWELL, ENGINEERING AIDE; 21; 1 YEAR 7 MONTHS; 1992 DRIFTWOOD AVENUE; 357-3804.

THOMAS BOILLOT; ENGINEERING AIDE; 24; 7 MONTHS; 2085 LINDEN AVENUE; 278-0504.

CHARLES BROOKS; ENGINEERING AIDE; 18; 5 MONTHS; 4608 MCCRORY AVENUE; 685-1223.

I HAVE ATTACHED A SKETCH SHOWING THE TRIANGULATION AS SET UP AT THE SCENE, WITH ANGLES, MEASUREMENTS, AND CALCULATIONS ALSO SHOWN.

IF WE CAN HELP FURTHER IN THIS MATTER, PLEASE ADVISE.

SINCERELY,



ARTHUR C. HOLBROOK, P.E.
ENGINEER OF SURVEYS, PLANS & DESIGN
TENNESSEE LICENSE NO. 5173

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Exhibit to Robert V. Wenzler
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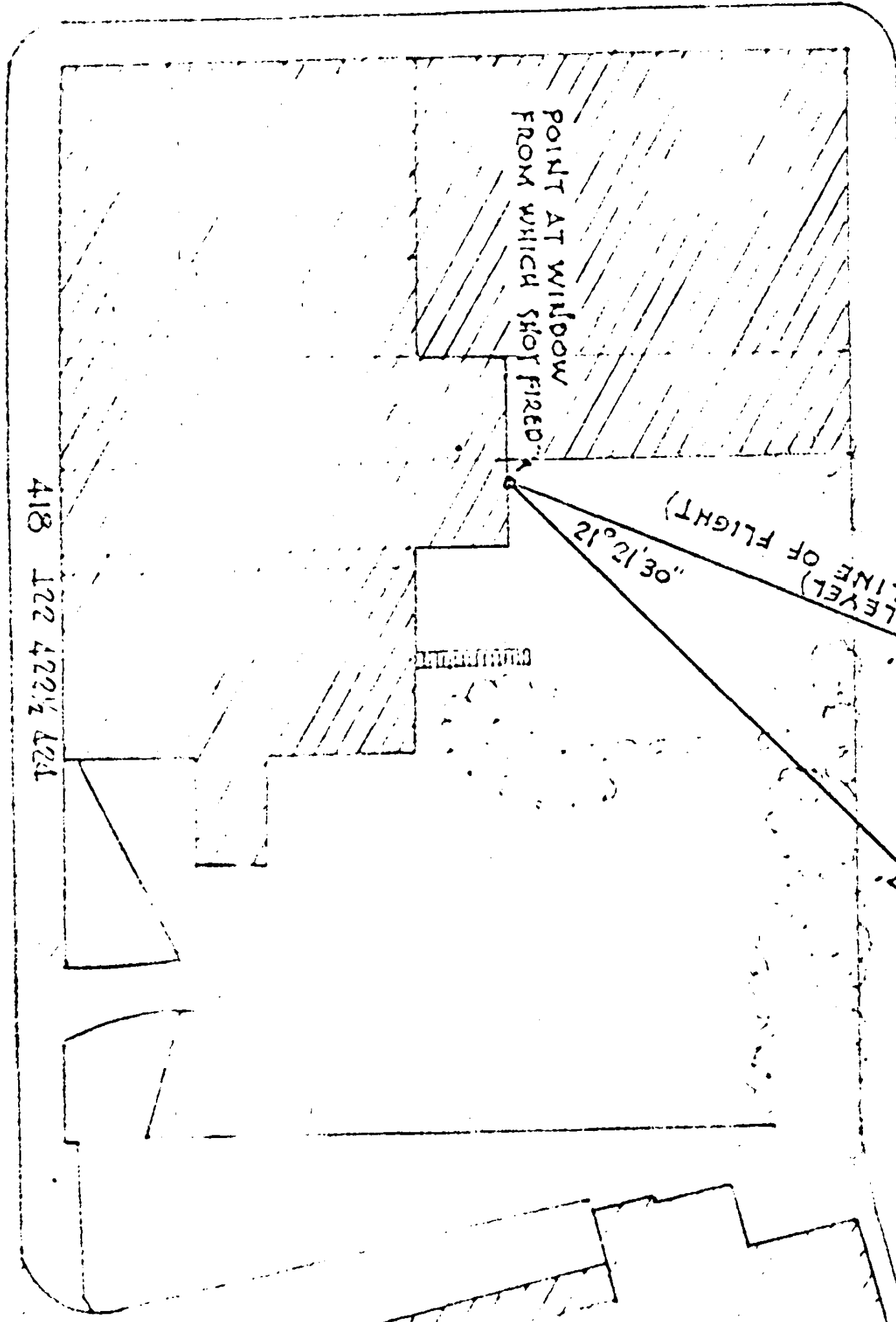
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STATE OF TENNESSEE
COUNTY OF SHELBY

Before me J. A. Blackwell, Clerk of the Criminal Courts of Shelby County, Tennessee, being an officer constituted to take oaths, appeared ROBERT V. WENZLER, to me known personally and after being duly sworn, stated that the foregoing affidavit of one pages is true and correct to the best of his/her knowledge, information, and belief. I hereby certify that this document is the original ~~xxxxxxcopyxxxxxxtheoriginal~~ affidavit of ROBERT V. WENZLER.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court, at office, in the City of Memphis, this 10th day of June, 1968.
J. A. Blackwell CLERK

STATE OF TENNESSEE
COUNTY OF SHELBY

I, Perry H. Sellers, sole and presiding Judge of the Criminal Court of said County Division I, certify that J. A. Blackwell, whose true and genuine signature appears above to the foregoing certificate, is now, and was at the time of signing the same, Clerk of said Court, and that said Court is a Court of Record; that his attestation is in due form, and his official acts, as such, are entitled to full faith and credit.

WITNESS my hand, this 10th day of June, 1968.
Perry H. Sellers JUDGE

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J. M. Blue, Jr. CLERK

AFFIDAVIT

COUNTY OF SHELBY)
) ss:
STATE OF TENNESSEE)

I, Guy Warren Canipe, Sr., being duly sworn
depose and say:

1. I reside at 1078 Brower Road, Memphis,
Tennessee, and am the owner of the Canipe Amusement
Company, 424 South Main Street, Memphis, Tennessee.
My store is located immediately adjacent to the rooming
house at 422½ South Main Street in Memphis, as depicted in
the attached Exhibit I and Exhibit II.

2. My store was closed and unattended most
of the day on April 4, 1968, and I returned to it shortly
after 5:00 p.m.

3. Sometime around 6:00 p.m. I heard a thud
in the vicinity of the front door of my store. When I
looked up I saw a bundle lying in front of the door to the
store. Almost simultaneously, I saw a white man walking
from my front door and he apparently turned south on Main
Street.

4. I then walked onto the sidewalk to see what
had happened to the man who had dropped this bundle. At
that time a small white car, in which there was only the
driver as occupant, pulled away from the curb just south of
my store. I do not know whether the driver was the same
man or not that dropped the package, but I did not see the
man who dropped the package walking on Main Street at the
time the car pulled off.

5. Immediately thereafter, I saw a deputy sheriff
walking south on the sidewalk past my store. Other officers
arrived immediately thereafter.

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6. The attached photograph marked Exhibit III accurately portrays the front of my store and the bundle in the place where I found it.

7. The bundle or package appeared to include a large pasteboard box, the top of which was ajar, and from which the portion of a gun barrel was extended. Some type of green cloth was over the top of the bundle. The box had the word "Browning" on it. There was also some type of suitcase or brief case underneath the cloth.

8. The bundle was taken into custody by officers of the Memphis Police Department.

Guy Warren Canipe, Sr.
GUY WARREN CANIPE, SR.

STATE OF TENNESSEE
COUNTY OF SHELBY

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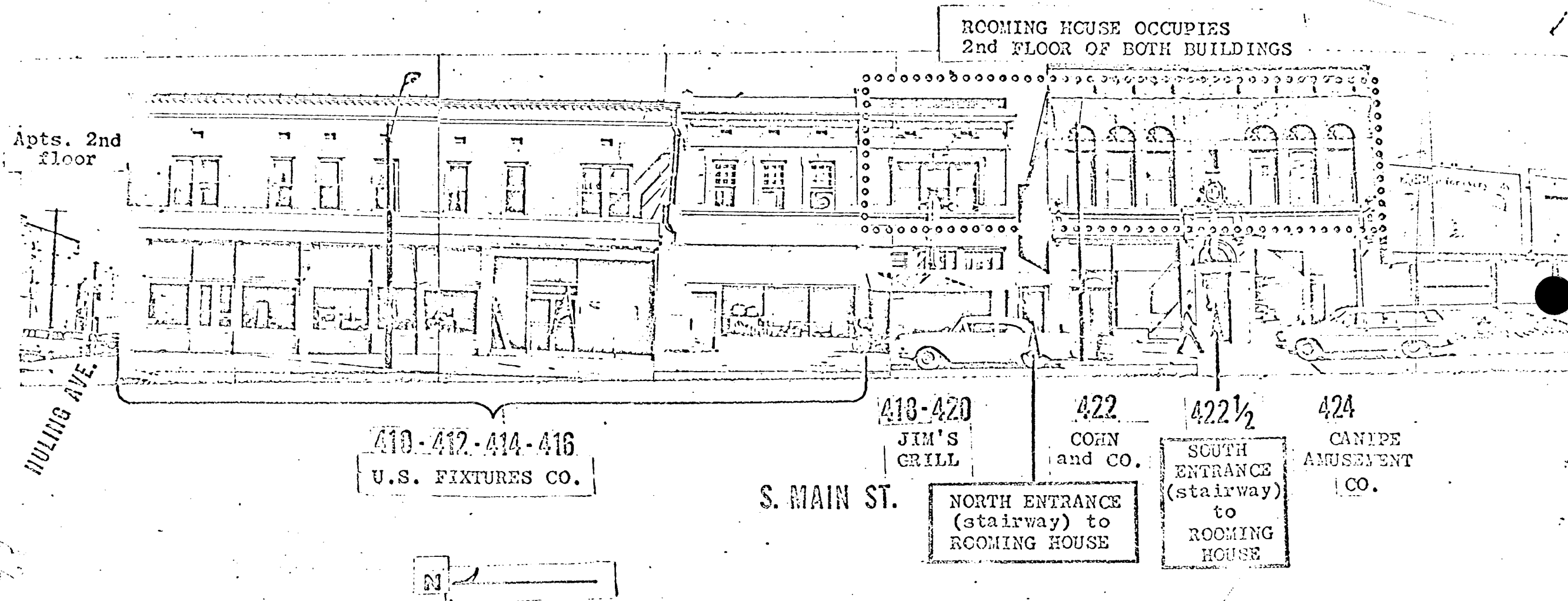
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J. A. Blackwell CLERK



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AFFIDAVIT OF INSPECTOR N. E. ZACHARY

Now comes the affiant, N. E. ZACHARY, after being duly sworn, and states as follows:

That his name is N. E. Zachary, and that he resides at 1507 Old Hickory, Memphis, Shelby County, Tennessee, United States of America, and that he is employed by the Memphis Police Department, holding the rank of Inspector of the Memphis, Tennessee, Police Department; and that on April 4, 1968, he was an inspector of detectives of the Memphis, Tennessee, Police Department, in charge of the Homicide Division; that on the date of April 4, 1968, he was so acting and on duty and was assigned to and did conduct and supervise the investigation of the killing of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., that as part of the investigation, the affiant personally searched the scene of the killing, and as a result of the search of the scene, ^{at about 6:15 p.m.} he personally recovered a certain bundle and articles approximately a block west of the actual spot where Dr. King was slain, specifically being in the doorway of 424 South Main Street, Memphis, Tennessee, this being one door south of the doorway leading from 422½ South Main Street. That the said bundle and article consisted of a green and brown bed spread measuring 106½ inches by 85½ inches and was of a herringbone design; a zipper type bag, which measured 15 inches x 20 inches x 5 1/4 inches Tel-Star model Japanese make, which contained a pair of "Banner" binoculars Bushnell make 7 x 35, Serial Number DQ 408664; a Georgia-Alabama Standard Oil map; copy of the Memphis Commercial Appeal newspaper, first section only, issue of April 4, 1968; a Standard Oil map of the United States; a binocular case with instruction booklet, lens cloth and guarantee card; a yellow cardboard binocular box with black writing;

a leather strap-type carrying case; a "Gillette" travel kit, with store label Oliver Rexall Store, Whitehaven, Shelby County, Tennessee, price \$1.89, which contained a razor, lotion shaving cream, deodorant, hair cream and razor blade dispenser; grey-blue paper sack bearing "York Arms Company" name with receipt dated 4/4/68 in the amount of \$41.55; nine .30-06 Springfield caliber cartridges (five Remington-Peters and 4R-A-55) in Peters cartridge box, Index Number 3033; and two cans of "Schlitz" beer, pull tab type can, along with the plastic six pack carrying device which was in a brown paper sack; along with numerous other miscellaneous toilet articles, underclothing and socks.

Also in this bundle there was a Browning rifle box for a .243 Winchester caliber rifle, Serial Number 474425, which contained a .30-06 Springfield caliber Remington "Game-master" slide-action rifle, Model 760, bearing Serial Number 461476, attached to the rifle was a Redfield telescopic sight, which bore Serial Number A17350, and the rifle chamber was seen by me to contain a .30-06 Springfield caliber Remington-Peters empty cartridge case, when examined in my presence by agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

All of the above enumerated articles were confiscated by the affiant in his duties as Inspector of the Memphis, Tennessee, Police Department in the investigation of the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The said articles from the time of confiscation were in my physical possession and control until on the same date all of the said enumerated articles were given into custody of the Federal Bureau of Investigation of the United States of America, specifically to Robert G. Jensen,

Special Agent in charge of the Memphis office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and Robert Fitzpatrick, Special Agent of the Memphis office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, to be personally conveyed by Special Agent Robert Fitzpatrick to the Federal Bureau of Investigation laboratory in Washington, D. C. for criminal analysis.

That on the said date of April 4, 1968, affiant, as part of the investigation, received from one of his officers participating in the investigation, namely, Lieutenant J. D. Hamby, of the Homicide Division of the Memphis Police Department, one battered lead slug, that had been removed from the body of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., by the medical examiner, Dr. J. T. Francisco, in Lt. Hamby's presence. This slug particularly marked by Dr. Francisco and enclosed in a small envelope, was given by the affiant, on the same date, into the custody of Cy Bush of the Memphis office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

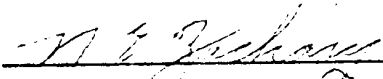
Also found in room 5B that had been rented in the name of John Willard, there were two straps found by Capt. R. L. Williams one of which was black leather, which is 5/8ths of an inch in width and which matched the strap on the binocular case found in the evidence in front of 425 South Main Street, Memphis, Tennessee; also a black leather strap 11/32nds of an inch in width, which attaches to the binoculars for carrying purposes, these straps being confiscated from the room by Capt. R. L. Williams of the Memphis, Tennessee,

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Police Department and Lieutenant Glen King of the Memphis, Tennessee, Police Department.

On May 3, 1968, the aforementioned evidence was returned to the Memphis office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Mr. Robert G. Jensen, Special Agent in charge of the Memphis office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, turned this evidence back into the custody of the affiant, who, in turn, placed same in the custody of the Criminal Court Clerk of Shelby County, Tennessee, at Memphis.

The attached photograph marked Exhibit I accurately portrays the doorway to 424 South Main Street, Memphis, Tennessee, as it was on April 4, 1968, and accurately portrays the location where the bundle was found and confiscated by me, said bundle showing in the photograph being the bundle previously referred to by me in this affidavit, and containing the articles as previously described in this affidavit.


N. E. ZACHARY
INSPECTOR OF DETECTIVES
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, POLICE
DEPARTMENT
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

STATE OF TENNESSEE

COUNTY OF SHELBY

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J. A. Blackwell CLERK

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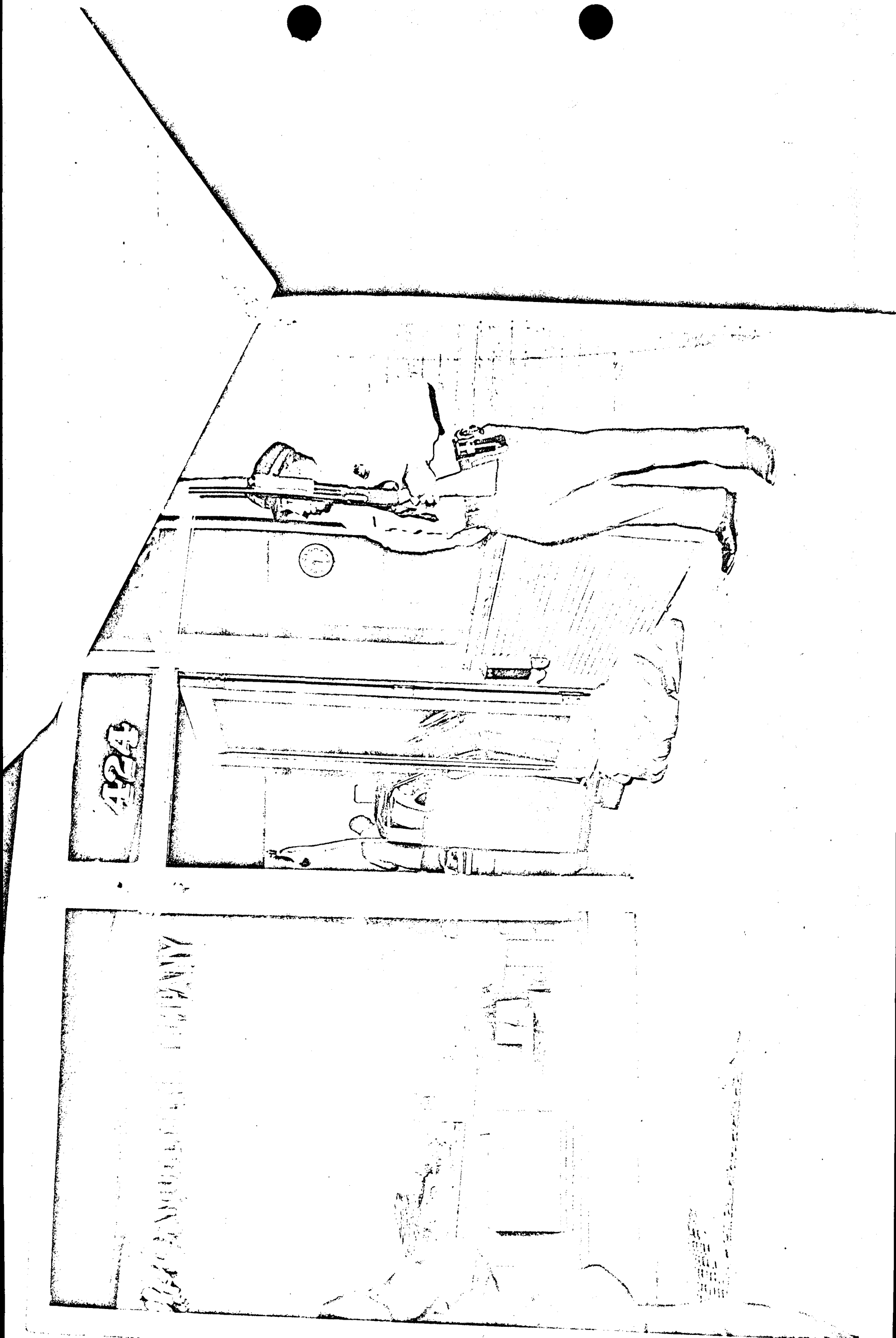
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to full faith and credit.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and
affixed the seal of said Court, at office, in
the City of Memphis this 11 day of June,
1968.

W. H. [Signature] CLERK




Officer, Memphis, Tennessee, Police Department. That
affiant has this date examined two strong

AFFIDAVIT OF CAPTAIN R. L. WILLIAMS

Affiant first being duly sworn, states as follows:

That he is R. L. Williams, and that he resides at 3549 North Trezevant, Memphis, Shelby County, Tennessee, United States of America, and that he is employed by the Memphis, Tennessee, Police Department, holding the rank of Captain, and assigned to the Homicide Division of the Memphis, Tennessee, Police Department, and was so employed on April 4, 1968. That in his capacity as Captain of the aforesaid Homicide Department, at approximately 6:13 P.M., on April 4, 1968, affiant did make an inspection of the crime scene of the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., more particularly described for purposes of this affidavit as a room on the second floor of a rooming house located at 422½ South Main Street, Memphis, Shelby County, Tennessee, said room being identified as Room 5B, rented in the name of John Willard. That affiant's inspection of the aforeaid room revealed a black leather strap, approximately 11/32^{nds} of an inch in width, was lying on the floor, and a black strap with a metal buckle on one end, being approximately 5/8^{ths} inch in width, was found lying on the couch in said room. That both aforescribed straps were confiscated as evidence by affiant, and turned over to Inspector N. E. Zachary, affiant's commanding officer, Memphis, Tennessee, Police Department. That affiant has this date examined two straps in the custody of the Criminal Court Clerk of Shelby County, Tennessee, and affirms that such belts are the same as those affiant confiscated as evidence on April 4, 1968, at the place and time heretofore described.

Further affiant saith not.



R. L. WILLIAMS
Captain, Memphis, Tennessee
Police Department
United States of America

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COUNTY OF SHELBY

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court, at office, in the City of Memphis this 16th day of June, 1968.

J. H. [Signature] CLERK

AFFIDAVIT OF MR. CORDRA YORK, SR.

Now comes the affiant after first being duly sworn and says as follows:

That he is Cordra York, Sr., and resides at 1365 Yorkshire Drive, Memphis, Shelby County, Tennessee, United States of America; that he is the partner of York Arms Company, a sporting goods business, whose main office is located at 162 South Main, Memphis, Shelby County, Tennessee; that as part of his duty he has custody and control of the business records of the aforesaid company; that as a part of the normal course of business there is carried as normal stock for sale various brands of binoculars and particular~~y~~ in the normal course of business they carry binoculars known by the brand name of Bushnell binoculars, which are manufactured by the D. P. Bushnell & Company, Inc., of Pasadena, California, United States of America. An examination of the business records reveals that prior to January 30, 1968, York Arms Company had received three 7 x 35 Bushnell Banner binoculars to be held in the store for normal sale; and that prior to February 8, 1968, the York Arms Company had received six 7 x 35 Bushnell Banner binoculars for sale in the normal course of business. That the said binoculars consisted of a binocular leather carrying case and accompanying straps and were contained in a black and yellow cardboard box. A check of a York Arms cash receipt dated April 4, now in the custody of the Criminal Court Clerk of Shelby County, Tennessee, reveals that on that date a 7 x 35 Bushnell Banner binocular, with leather case and accompanying straps and a black and yellow cardboard box, was sold for the amount of Forty-one dollars and 55/100 (\$41.55) for cash and that as a part of the normal procedure such a purchase is placed in a gray-blue paper sack with the writings York Arms Company on the outside of the sack. Affiant would

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further state that he has examined a Bushnell binocular with leather case, accompanying straps, yellow and black cardboard box, and gray-blue paper sack, said articles being in the custody of the criminal Court Clerk of Shelby County, Tennessee; and said binocular, with case and accompanying straps and yellow and black box, are of the same manufacture, color, size and similarities of the brand previously described, received, and sold on April 4, 1968, and the gray-blue paper sack is of the same color consistency and make used by affiant's company in the normal course of business.

Further affiant sayeth not.

Cordra York
CORDRA YORK, SR., 1365 Yorkshire
Drive, Memphis, Shelby County,
Tennessee, United States of
America.

COUNTY OF SHELBY

Before me J. A. Blackwell, Clerk of the Criminal Courts of Shelby County, Tennessee, being an officer constituted to take oaths, appeared CORDRA YORK, SR., to me known personally and after being duly sworn, stated that the foregoing affidavit of two pages is true and correct to the best of his/~~her~~ knowledge, information, and belief. I hereby certify that this document is the original ~~xxxxxxx copy of the original~~ affidavit of CORDRA YORK, SR..

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court, at office, in the City of Memphis, this 11th day of June, 1968.

J. A. Blackwell CLERK

STATE OF TENNESSEE

COUNTY OF SHELBY

I, Perry H. Sellers, sole and presiding Judge of the Criminal Court of said County Division I, certify that J. A. Blackwell, whose true and genuine signature appears above to the foregoing certificate, is now, and was at the time of signing the same, Clerk of said Court, and that said Court is a Court of Record; that his attestation is in due form, and his official acts, as such, are entitled to full faith and credit.

WITNESS my hand, this 10th day of June, 1968.

Perry H. Sellers JUDGE

STATE OF TENNESSEE

COUNTY OF SHELBY

I, J. A. Blackwell, Clerk of the Criminal Courts of said County, certify that Honorable Perry H. Sellers, whose genuine official signature appears to the above and hereto annexed Certificate, is and was at the time of signing the same, sole and presiding Judge of the Criminal Court Division I, in and for the County and State aforesaid, duly commissioned and

qualified, and that all his official acts, as such, are entitled to full faith and credit.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court, at office, in the City of Memphis this 16th day of June, 1968.

D. M. [Signature]

CLERK