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HIMSELF ONLY AS RALPH. HE THEN OPENED THE BRIEFCASE AND DISPLAYED WHAT HE SAID WAS \$25,000 AND SAID, "IF YOU DECIDE TO TAKE THE JOB, THERE IS \$50,000 MORE WHEN IT'S COMPLETED." CLAUDE POWELL TOLD RALPH THAT HE AND HIS BROTHER NEEDED TIME TO THINK IT OVER, AT WHICH TIME RALPH STATED, "IF YOUR MIND IS NOT MADE UP NOW I CAN'T DO BUSINESS WITH YOU." NOTHING ELSE WAS SAID. RALPH CLOSED THE BRIEFCASE AND LEFT. POWELL ADVISED THAT RALPH NEVER ACTUALLY STATED THAT THE MONEY BEING OFFERED TO HIM WAS TO KILL MARTIN LUTHER KING. LEON POWELL ADVISED HIS BROTHER IS NOW LIVING AT THE SCOTTISH INN IN MIDLAND, TEXAS. POWELL DENIED THAT HE OR HIS BROTHER WERE INVOLVED IN THE KILLING OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. AFTER SEEING THE ASSASSINATION DOUMENTARY ON TELEVISION, HE DECIDED TO COME FORWARD AND FURNISH THIS INFORMATION. POWELL STATED THE REASON HE BELIEVES HE AND HIS BROTHER WERE CONTACTED IS BECAUSE HIS BROTHER, CLAUDE SERVED FIVE YEARS FOR ARMED ROBBERY AND AT THAT TIME IN 1967, HIS BROTHER HAD A REPUTATION FOR BEING AN EXPERT WITH A SHOTGUN. POWELL STATED HIS BROTHER, AT THAT TIME, CONSTANTLY CARRIED A SAWED7OFF SHOTGUN. LEON POWELLY ALLEGED THAT PETE DAVIS, WNER OF THE BAR, NOTICED RALPH (LNU) COME INTO THE BAR AND WOULD BE

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ABLE TO VERIFY THAT PART OF THE STORY. FURTHERMORE, LEON POWELL TOLD HIS WIFE, UNNIE LOIS COMPOS OF THE MEETIN WITH RALPH.

ON JANUARY 7, 1976, ATLANTA CITY DIRECTORY, HAINES CITY DIRECTORY AND GREATER ATLANTA SOUTHERN BELL TELEPHONE DIRECTORY FOR THE YEARS 1967, 1968, WERE REVIEWED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS REGARDING ANY ESTABLISHMENT ON MORELAND AVENUE NAMED PETE'S PLACE OR ANY SIMILAR NAME. SHIRLEY LANE, BARTENDER, DRIFTWOOD LOUNGE, 1575 MORELAND AVENUE, ATLANTA, GEORGIA, ADVISED APPROXIMATELY SEVEN OR EIGHT YEARS AGO, AN INDIVIDUAL NAMED PETE DAVIS DID, IN FACT, OWN AND OPERATE A BAR IN THE NEXT BLOCK OF MORELAND AVENUE. SHE HAD HEARD THAT PETE DAVIS HAS SINCE PASSED AWAY. MS LANE ADVISED PETE'S WIFE, DOROTHY DAVIS, COULD PROBABLY BE CONTACTED AT TELEPHONE NUMBER 957-2626. DOROTHY DAVIS ADVISED HER MOTHER DID OWN AND OPERATE BAR ON MORELAND AVENUE, AND, UT ONE TIME, WAS KNOWN AS PETE'S PLACE. HUSBAND DIED MAY, 1975. SHE IS UNFAMILIAR WITH THE NAMES RALPH (LNU), LEON AND CLAUDE POWELL. SHE REMEMBERS HER HUSBAND TALKING ABOUT RAY GODFREY, HOWEVER, HAS NO IDEA HOW HE COULD BE LOCATED.

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NUMEROUS ATTEMPTS TO LOCATE ANNIE LOIS COMPOS AT HER RESIDENCE, 4120 GLENWOOD ROAD, DURING JANUARY 7, 1976, PROVED NEGATIVE.

ON JANUARY 7, 1976, MRS. L. S. PENNINGTON, DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL, CITY OF ATLANTA, ADVISED HE HAS REVIEWED CITY PERSONNEL RECORDS AND COULD FIND NO RECORD OF RAY GODFREY OR RAYMOND GODFREY EMPLOYED OR HAVING EVER BEEN EMPLOYED AT THE CITY OF ATLANTA. C. L. SNEED, SECRETARY, MUSICIANS NUMBER 48, ATLANTA, ADVISED HE REVIEWED UNION'S RECORDS AND COULD FIND NO REFERENCE TO RAY GODFREY. RECORDS OF ATLANTA PD NEGATIVE RE RAY GODFREY.

RECORDS OF ATLANTA PD REVEALED CLAUDE POWELL, JR. HAD BEEN ARRESTED ON MAY 10, 1949 FOR ARMED ROBBERY BY MECKLENBURG COUNTY POLICE, CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA, AND SENTENCED TO SERVE BETWEEN FIVE AND TEN YEARS IN STATE PENN; ARRESTED JUNE 28, 1965 FOR ALLOWING INTOXICATED PERSON TO DRIVE, BY ATLANTA PD, AND SENTENCED TO SERVE EIGHT MONTHS IN ATLANTA CITY FARM; ARRESTED AUGUST 25, 1973 FOR INDECENT EXPOSURE AND DRUNK BY ATLANTA PD AND SENTENCED TO THIRTEEN DAYS OR \$25. MECKLENBURG  
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COUNTY PD ARREST NUMBER IS 4822. DESCRIPTION OF CLAUDE POWELL, JR. IS WHITE MALE, DATE OF BIRTH [REDACTED] SIX FEET TWO INCHES, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-ONE POUNDS, FBI NUMBER 212 946 A.

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RECORDS OF THE ATLANTA PD REVEALED LEON POWELL ARRESTED AUGUST 26, 1955 BY PROVOST MARSHAL, FORT BENNING, GEORGIA, CHARGED WITH ARTICLE 36. NO DISPOSITION AVAILABLE. ARRESTED JUNE 28, 1962 FOR WIFE BEATING AND ABANDONMENT. CHARGE WITHDRAWN JULY 6, 1962. LEON OWEN POWELL DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, DATE OF [REDACTED] FBI NUMBER 220 212 E.

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BRENDA POWELL, DAUGHTER-IN-LAW OF LEON POWELL, ADVISED LEON POWELL WORKING AT UNKNOWN LOCATION IN ROCKDALE COUNTY AND WOULD NOT RETURN TO ATLANTA UNTIL LATE PM OF JANUARY 7, 1976.

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CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION (CYD), US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, REQUESTES THE FOLLOWING IMMEDIATE INVESTIGATION TO RESOLVE ALLEGATION MADE BY LEON OWEN POWELL:

EL PASO AT MIDLAND. WILL INTERVIEW CLAUDE POWELL AT SCOTTISH INN FOR ANY INFORMATION HE HAS RE LEON OWEN POWELL'S ALLEGATION. OBTAIN ARTIST'S CONCEPTION OF RALPH (LNU) FROM  
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CLAUDE POWELL. HANDLYE THROUGH FACIAL IDENTIFIATION CATALOG AS SET FORTH IN FBI HANDBOOK, PARK I, PAGE 21. IMMEDIATELY FACSIMILE RESULTS DIRECTLY TO EXHIBITS SECTION, FBIHQ, AND TELEPHONICALLY DISCUSS ANY PROBLEMS RE ARTIST'S CONCEPTION DIRECTLY WITH EXHIBITS SECTION.

CHARLOTTE AT CHARLOTTE. DETERMINE ALL PLACES WHERE CLAUDE POWELL REPORTEDLY INCARCERATED TO DETERMINE IF EVER INCARCERATED WITH JAMES EARL RAY.

ATLANTA AT ATLANTA. OBTAIN ARTIST'S CONCEPTION OF RALPH (LNU) FROM LEON OWEN POWELL. CONTINUE EFFORTS TO LOCATE RAY GODFREY AND ANNIE LOIS COMPOS.

ALL OFFICES HANDLE ANY ADDITIONAL OBVIOUS AND LOGICAL LEADS DEVELOPED DURING INTERVIEW. IF ANY QUESTION ARISED RE COVERING ANY ADDITIONAL LEAD, PROMPTLY CONTACT FBIHQ.

IMMEDIATELY CONDUCT THIS INVESTIGATION AND SUTEL SUMMARY ON DAILY BASIS UNTIL INVESTIGATION IS COMPLETED. HANDLE ANY LEADS OUT OF YOUR DIVISION BY TELETYPE. HANDLE PURSUANT TO SECTION 27, VOLUME II, MANUAL OF INSTRUCTIONS. ALSO FURNISH ALL INFORMATION TO MENPHIS, OFFICE OF ORIGIN AND ATLANTA.

COPY MAILED MENPHIS.

END.

~~CORRECTION: PAGE ONE, PARC ONE, LINE TEN SHOULD READ,~~

~~"KING, JR. APPROXIMATELY ONE WEEK LATER" A WHITE MALE ETC.~~

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)

ATLANTA (44-2386)

FROM: EL PASO (44-NEW) (P) ///1P///

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RE ATLANTA TEL TO DIRECTOR, EL PASO, CHARLOTTE, AND MEMPHIS  
DATED JANUARY 1, 1976.

D.M. WILLIAMS, MANAGER, SCOTTISH INN MOTEL, MIDLAND, TEXAS,  
ADVISED THOROUGH SEARCH OF MOTEL RECORDS FROM DECEMBER 1, 1975  
TO PRESENT FAILED TO REVEAL ANY RECORD CONCERNING CLAUDE POWELL,  
JR. AS RESIDING AT THAT MOTEL. DRIVER'S LICENSE CHECK STATE OF TEXAS,  
ARREST CHECKS MIDLAND AND ODESSA, TEXAS, CITY AND TELEPHONE  
DIRECTORY AND NEW LISTINGS ALL NEGATIVE CONCERNING CLAUDE POWELL, JR.

ATLANTA AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA: WILL RECONTACT LEON OWEN POWELL  
FOR MORE SPECIFIC INFORMATION CONCERNING RESIDENCE OF CLAUDE POWELL,  
JR. AND/OR ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION SUCH AS CURRENT EMPLOYMENT  
TO FACILITATE THE LOCATION OF CLAUDE POWELL, JR. FOR INTERVIEW  
BY THE EL PASO DIVISION.

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EL PASO AT EL PASO, TEXAS: WILL CONDUCT INVESTIGATION TO  
DETERMINE IF POWELL IS STAYING AT DIFFERENT MOTEL. NOTE NO OTHER  
MOTELS IN MIDLAND-ODESSA AREA HAVE NAME SIMILAR TO SCOTTISH  
INN. CREDIT CHECKS WILL BE CONDUCTED MORNING OF JANUARY 8, 1976.

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10:53 AM URGENT 1-5-75 LMM

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM: ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)

ATTENTION: GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION,  
CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION, ROOM 5136, JEH.

MURKIN.

RE ATLANTA TELCALL TO THE BUREAU, JANUARY 5, 1976.

ON JANUARY 4, 1976, LEON OWEN POWELL, WHITE MALE, CONTACTED  
ATLANTA OFFICE OF THE FBI ADVISING HE HAD INFORMATION CONCERNING  
THE SUBJECT MATTER.

DURING PERSONAL INTERVIEW WITH POWELL, HE ADVISED THAT  
DURING LATE OCTOBER OR EARLY NOVEMBER, 1967, DATE UNKNOWN, DURING  
THE LATER AFTERNOON HOURS, HE AND HIS BROTHER, CLAUDE POWELL, JR.,  
AKA "SHOTGUN POWELL", A WHITE MALE, WERE HAVING A DRINK IN  
PETE'S BAR AT MORELAND AND CONFEDERATE AVENUES, ATLANTA, GEORGIA,  
WHEN THEY WERE APPROACHED BY MUTUAL FRIEND RAY GODFREY, A WHITE  
MALE, APPROXIMATELY FORTY YEARS OF AGE, SIX FEET ONE INCH, TWO  
HUNDRED TWENTY POUNDS, COUNTRY AND WESTERN SINGER, EMPLOYEE OF  
THE ATLANTA SANITATION DEPARTMENT, WHO ASKED IF THEY WOULD BE  
INTERESTED IN MAKING \$50,000. DURING THE POWELL BROTHERS CON-  
VERSATION WITH GODFREY, IT WAS DETERMINED THAT GODFREY WOULD PUT  
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THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS RECEIVED FROM THE NEW YORK OFFICE OF THE FBI ON JANUARY 6, 1976, AT 6:59 AM. THE INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED FROM A TELEPHONE CALL TO THE NEW YORK OFFICE BY AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS A MEMBER OF THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY. THE INDIVIDUAL STATED THAT HE HAD BEEN CONTACTED BY AN INDIVIDUAL WHO OFFERED HIM A LARGE SUM OF MONEY TO ASSIST IN THE ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN THE RELEASE OF A CERTAIN INDIVIDUAL WHO WAS CURRENTLY IN THE CUSTODY OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION. THE INDIVIDUAL STATED THAT HE HAD REFUSED THE OFFER AND WANTED TO REPORT THE MATTER TO THE FBI. THE NEW YORK OFFICE IMMEDIATELY ADVISED THE BUREAU OF THE MATTER AND REQUESTED THAT THE BUREAU ADVISE THE INDIVIDUAL THAT HIS COOPERATION IN THE MATTER WAS APPRECIATED AND THAT HE WOULD BE KEPT ADVISED OF ANY DEVELOPMENTS.

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THEM IN CONTACT WITH AN INDIVIDUAL WHO WOULD PAY THEM TO MURDER MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. POWELL BROTHERS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN THE CONTRACT TO MURDER KING AND THE CONVERSATION WAS TERMINATED WITH GODREY.

APPROXIMATELY ONE WEEK AFTER THE MEETING WITH GODREY, THE POWELL BROTHERS WERE AGAIN DRINKING IN PETE'S BAR, EXACT DATE UNKNOWN, AT APPROXIMATELY FOUR OR FIVE PM, WHEN THEY WERE APPROACHED BY AN INDIVIDUAL NAMED RALPH (LNU), WHITE MALE, HEAVY-SET, SIX FOOT ONE INCH TO TWO INCH, NO ACCENT, WELL-GROOMED, LATE FORTIES, WELL-SPOKEN, DESCRIBED AS "LAWYER-TYPE", WHO WAS IN POSSESSION OF A BRIEFCASE. RALPH (LNU) APPROACHED THE POWELL BROTHERS, PUT HIS BRIEFCASE ON THE TABLE AND SAID, "I GUESS YOU KNOW WHY I'M HERE". THE POWELL BROTHERS NODDED IN ASSENT, AT WHICH TIME RALPH (LNU) OPENED HIS BRIEFCASE, DISPLAYING WHAT HE SAID WAS TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND THEN SAID, "IF YOU DECIDE TO TAKE THE JOB, THERE'S FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS MORE WHEN IT'S COMPLETED". "SHOTGUN" POWELL REPLIED TO RALPH THAT HE AND HIS BROTHER NEEDED TIME TO THINK IT OVER, AT WHICH TIME RALPH (LNU) STATED, "IF YOUR MIND IS NOT MADE UP NOW, I CAN'T DO BUSINESS WITH YOU". NOTHING ELSE WAS SAID AND RALPH

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CLOSED HIS BRIEFCASE AND LEFT. POWELL ADVISED THAT RALPH NEVER ACTUALLY SAID THAT THE MONEY BEING OFFERED TO THEM WAS TO KILL MARTIN LUTHER KING.

NEITHER HE NOR HIS BROTHERS OBSERVED HOW RALPH (LNU) CAME OR LEFT THE BAR. THEY HAVE NOT SEEN RALPH (LNU) SINCE THAT DATE.

HE HAS NOT BEEN IN CONTACT WITH RAY GODFREY IN APPROXIMATELY SEVEN YEARS AND DOES NOT KNOW GODFREY'S LOCATION. THE ONLY OTHER INDIVIDUALS AWARE OF HE AND HIS BROTHER'S MEETING WITH RALPH (LNU) ARE HIS FORMER WIFE, ANNIE LOIS ~~COMPOS~~, WHITE FEMALE OF ATLANTA AND PETE ~~DAVIS~~, WHITE MALE, OWNER OF THE BAR WHERE HE AND HIS BROTHER TALKED WITH RALPH (LNU). *ga*

HIS WIFE HAS NO FIRST-HAND KNOWLEDGE OF THE MATTER, SHE IS AWARE OF THE FACTS AS HE DESCRIBED THEM TO HER.

PETE DAVIS ACTUALLY OBSERVED RALPH (LNU) ENTER AND EXIT HIS BAR, BUT NEVER ENTERED THE CONVERSATION BETWEEN RALPH (LNU) AND THEMSELVES.

NEITHER HE NOR HIS BROTHER WERE INVOLVED IN THE KILLING OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BECAUSE THE WHOLE SITUATION, AS DESCRIBED ABOVE, "SCARED US". HE IS WILLING TO TAKE A POLYGRAPH IN THIS  
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MATTER.

HE HAS WAITED NINE YEARS TO CONTACT THE FBI IN THIS MATTER BECAUSE HE RECENTLY OBSERVED A DOCUMENTARY ON TELEVISION WHICH DISTURBED HIS CONSCIENCE AND HE FELT THAT HE HAD TO FURNISH THIS INFORMATION TO THE FBI.

POWELL STATED THAT THE REASON HE BELIEVES HE AND HIS BROTHER WERE CONTACTED BY GODREY IS BECAUSE HIS BROTHER, "SHOTGUN" POWELL SERVED FIVE YEARS FOR ARMED ROBBERY AND, AT THAT TIME, 1967, HIS BROTHER HAD A REPUTATION FOR BEING AN EXPERT WITH A SHOTGUN. POWELL STATED HIS BROTHER, AT THAT TIME, CONSTANTLY CARRIED A SHOTGUN BECAUSE, "HE HAS AN INFERIORITY COMPLEX".

REQUEST OF THE BUREAU. CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT TO DETERMINE IF ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION CONCERNING THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS DESIRED AT THIS TIME.

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IN OCCASIONAL INVESTIGATION CONCERNING THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS

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EL PASO (44-920)

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FROM DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861)

1 - Mr. Peelman  
1 - Mr. Helterhoff  
1 - Mr. Cochran  
(Attn: Mr. Balog)

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REBUTELCALLS JANUARY 14, 1976.

CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION (CRD), U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, HAS REQUESTED THAT POLYGRAPH EXAMINATIONS BE AFFORDED TO LEON OWEN POWELL, CLAUDE POWELL, JR., AND ARNOLD RAY GODFREY.

ATLANTA, HAVE SA JOHN B. REYNOLDS, BUREAU-APPROVED POLYGRAPH EXAMINER, AFFORD POLYGRAPH EXAMINATIONS TO LEON OWEN POWELL AND ARNOLD RAY GODFREY. OBTAIN NECESSARY WAIVERS.

EL PASO, COORDINATE POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION FOR CLAUDE POWELL, JR. SA LOREN K. LEE, BUREAU-APPROVED POLYGRAPH EXAMINER, SAN ANTONIO DIVISION, IS INSTRUCTED TO AFFORD THIS POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION. EL PASO CONTACT CLAUDE

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POWELL, JR., AS TO AVAILABILITY AND CONTACT SAN ANTONIO DIVISION  
DIRECT RE ARRANGING THE TIME AND PLACE FOR THIS POLYGRAPH  
EXAMINATION. OBTAIN NECESSARY WAIVERS.

HANDLE PROMPTLY AND SUTEL SUMMARY RESULTS.

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NOTE: See Peelman to Gallagher memorandum, same date,  
same caption. All offices telephonically advised  
1/14/76 of this request for polygraph examinations. SAC  
Colwell, San Antonio, advised SA Lee is available.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

ATTN: MR. ROBERT A. MURPHY

TO : Assistant Attorney General  
Civil Rights Division

DATE: 1/14/76

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Reference is made to my memorandum dated 1/12/76  
(your file \_\_\_\_\_).

There is enclosed one copy of the report of Special Agent \_\_\_\_\_  
dated \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_.

A. ☐ This covers the preliminary investigation and no further action concerning a full investigation will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

B. ☒ The investigation is continuing and you will be furnished copies of reports as they are received.

C. ☐ The investigation requested by you has now been completed. Unless advised to the contrary no further inquiries will be made by this Bureau.

D. ☐ Pursuant to instructions issued by the Department, no investigation will be conducted in this matter unless specifically directed by the Department.

E. ☐ Please advise whether you desire any further investigation.

F. ☐ This is submitted for your information and you will be advised of further developments.

G. ☐ This is submitted for your information and no further investigation will be conducted unless specifically requested by the Department.

H. ☐ This covers the receipt of a complaint and no further action will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

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NOTE: Enclosed is a teletype dated 1/13/76 from our Atlanta Office. Also enclosed is an FBI Identification Record for Leon Owen Powell and Claude Powell, Jr.

Reference is made to conversations between Departmental Attorney Robert A. Murphy and SA H. N. Helterhoff re the status of this investigation. On 1/13/76, Mr. Murphy requested that FBI Identification Records be obtained for Leon Owen Powell, Claude Powell and Ray Godfrey. The FBI Identification Records for the Powells are enclosed and we are in the process of obtaining an FBI Identification Record for Ray Godfrey who has been fully identified as Arnold Ray Godfrey, date of birth [redacted] On [redacted], Mr. Murphy requested that polygraph examinations be afforded to the Powells and Arnold Ray Godfrey. PII PII

1/6/73

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

This pertains to the shooting death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., on 4/4/68. James Earl Ray has pled guilty to this murder and presently in local confinement.

The attached from Atlanta Office advises of information furnished by one Leon Owen Powell who, in essence, claims he and his brother Claude Powell, Jr., while in an Atlanta bar in early October - November, 1967, were approached by a mutual friend Ray Godfrey, who asked the Powells' if they were interested in making \$50,000. Godfrey told them he would put them in contact with an individual who would pay them to murder King. Approximately one week later at same bar the Powells were approached by an individual named Ralph (Last name unknown) who said "I guess you know why I'm here" and subsequently opened his briefcase displaying what he said was \$25,000. Powell said they told Ralph they needed time to think it over. Ralph replied "if your mind is not made up now, I can't do business with you". Powell said Ralph never said the money being offered was to kill King. Powell states neither he nor his brother involved in murder of King.

No identifiable information in Bureau files on Leon Owen Powell, Claude Powell, Jr., or Ray Godfrey.

This will be discussed with Civil Rights Division of Department to determine if any investigation warranted.

- 1 - Mr. Callahan
- 1 - Mr. Adams
- 1 - Mr. Moore
- 1 - Mr. Wannall

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Mr. BENNETT indicated the purpose of the visit was to find out what the Federal Bureau of Investigation was doing about the allegations that the killing of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. was a conspiracy. He was specifically interested in what had been done to identify the person who changed Dr. KING's room reservation from the first floor to the second floor at the Lorraine Motel, Memphis, Tennessee.

Mr. BENNETT and Mr. BYRD were advised that the Attorney General of the US is currently reviewing the FBI investigation of Dr. KING's death. Mr. BENNETT stated he would make arrangements to see the Attorney General at some time in the future.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) SAN ANTONIO

FROM EL PASO (44-920) (P)

MURKIN.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO EL PASO, JANUARY 16, 1976, AND  
MIDLAND RESIDENT AGENCY TELEPHONE CALL TO SAN ANTONIO,  
JANUARY 16, 1976.

POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION FOR CLAUDE POWELL, JR.,  
COORDINATED WITH SA LOREN K. LEE, SAN ANTONIO DIVISION,  
FOR JANUARY 19, 1976, 8:00P.M., MIDLAND, TEXAS. NECESSARY  
WAIVER FOR POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION OBTAINED FROM POWELL. 44-38861-6045

EL PASO WILL SUTEL RESULTS OF THE POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION.

ATLANTA (44-2386) AND MEMPHIS ADVISED AIRMAIL.

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The Attorney General

January 21, 1976

Director, FBI

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

1 - Mr. Callahan  
1 - Mr. Adams  
1 - Mr. Gallagher  
1 - Mr. O'Connell  
1 - Mr. Peelman

1 - Mr. Helterhoff  
1 - Mr. Moore  
1 - Mr. Wannall

On January 15, 1976, Howard Bennett, National Chairman of "Citizen Committee for A Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday," accompanied by William Byrd, Vice Chairman of the Committee, appeared at the New York Office of the FBI.

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Mr. Bennett and Mr. Byrd were advised that the Attorney General of the United States is currently having the FBI investigation of Dr. King's death reviewed and Mr. Bennett stated he would make arrangements to see the Attorney General at some time in the future.

The above is being furnished for your information.

1 - The Deputy Attorney General

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1 - Assistant Attorney General  
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The Attorney General

NOTE: This case pertains to the shooting death of Martin Luther King, Jr., on 4/4/68. James Earl Ray pled guilty to this murder and presently is in local confinement.

New York furnished the above information by airtel dated 1/16/76.

The reference to our investigative results pertains to Bufile 44-38861. Based on available information, no information located in Bureau files identifiable with Bennett or Byrd.

Attached being furnished to the Attorney General for information, with copies to the Deputy Attorney General, the Civil Rights Division, and the Criminal Division, in view of statement by Bennett that he would make arrangements to see the Attorney General at some time in the future.

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11:50 PM NITEL JANUARY 16, 1976 JMB

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)

ATLANTA (44-2386)

EL PASO (44-920)

FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

MURKIN

INDICES OF THE MEMPHIS OFFICE CONTAIN NOTHING WHICH  
WOULD LINK CLAUDE POWELL, LEON POWELL, RAY GODFREY, OR ANY  
OF THE POWELL RELATIVES TO THE MURKIN INVESTIGATION.

NO FURTHER ACTION BEING TAKEN AT MEMPHIS.

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10:03PM NITEL JANUARY 20, 1976 LPP

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)  
ATLANTA (44-2386)  
EL PASO (44-920) MEMPHIS  
FROM SAN ANTONIO (44-1242) (RUC)  
MURKIN.

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REBUTEL TO ATLANTA, JANUARY 15, 1976, AUTHORIZING REINTERVIEW  
OF CLAUDE POWELL, JR., WITH USE OF POLYGRAPH.

ON JANUARY 19, 1976, AT 6:15 P.M., CLAUDE POWELL, JR.,  
AFFORDED POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION AT MIDLAND, TEXAS, BY SA LOREN K.  
LEE (SAN ANTONIO) WHO WAS UNASSISTED IN COLLATERAL INTERVIEW.

POWELL'S "YES" RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS, "DID SOMEONE OFFER  
YOU AND LEON \$50,000 TO KILL MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.?" AND  
"DID SOMEONE ASK YOU TO KILL MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.?" WERE  
LESS THAN RESPONSES TO CONTROL QUESTION, INDICATING POWELL IS  
TRUTHTELLING IN STATING SOMEONE DID, IN FACT, OFFER HIM AND HIS  
BROTHER \$50,000 TO KILL MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. POWELL'S "NO"  
RESPONSE TO QUESTION, "DO YOU KNOW WHO ASKED YOU AND LEON TO  
KILL MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.?" AND HIS REACTIONS FOLLOWING THE  
ANSWER INDICATE POSSIBLE KNOWLEDGE REGARDING UNIDENTIFIED PERSON  
MENTIONED IN ABOVE QUESTIONS.

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SUBJECT POWELL WAS LEFT WITH IMPRESSION THAT RESULTS OF POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION WERE UNCLEAR AND THAT STRONG POSSIBILITY EXISTED WHEREIN FBI WOULD REQUEST ADDITIONAL TEST IN IMMEDIATE FUTURE. RESULTS OF TEST WERE NOT DISCUSSED IN ANY WAY WITH POWELL NOR WAS INTERROGATION EFFECTED.

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)

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EL PASO (44-920)

FROM: ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)

MURKIN.

RE ATLANTA NITEL TO THE BUREAU, JANUARY 19, 1976.

LEON OWEN POWELL WAS SCHEDULED TO APPEAR IN THE ATLANTA OFFICE OF THE FBI TO TAKE A POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION SOMETIME BETWEEN 3:00 PM AND 7:00 PM ON JANUARY 19, 1976. APPROXIMATELY 7:00 PM, POWELL TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED THE ATLANTA OFFICE, ADVISING HE WAS "SICK" AND THAT HE DESIRED TO POSTPONE THE POLYGRAPH EXAM UNTIL THE WEEK OF JANUARY 26 THROUGH 30, 1976.

POWELL WAS TENTATIVELY RESCHEDULED TO TAKE THE POLYGRAPH EXAM ON JANUARY 26 OR JANUARY 27, 1976.

UACB, ATLANTA DIVISION WILL SUBMIT NO FURTHER TELETYPES IN THIS MATTER UNTIL POWELL IS POLYGRAPHED.

POWELL BROTHERS, LEON AND CLAUDE, SHOULD BE CONSIDERED POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

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SAC, EL PASO (44-920)

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)

MURKIN

RE ATLANTA NITEL TO THE BUREAU DATED JANUARY 16, 1976.

ON JANUARY 16, 1976, A. RAY GODFREY WAS CONTACTED CONCERNING HIS WILLINGNESS TO SUBMIT TO A POLYGRAPH EXAMINE AT THE ATLANTA OFFICE OF THE FBI AT WHICH TIME GODFREY STATED "I AM INNOCENT" AND HE THEN ADVISED THAT HE DID NOT WISH TO TAKE ANY POLYGRAPH EXAMINE AND HE STATED HE DID NOT WISH TO TALK TO THE FBI ANY FURTHER AND IF THE FBI NEEDS ANY FURTHER INFORMATION THEY SHOULD CONTACT HIS ATTORNEY, JACK V. DORSEY, AT TELEPHONE NUMBERS 633-9607 OR 934-8921.

ON THE SAME DATE, LEON OWEN POWELL ADVISED THAT HE IS WILLING TO TAKE A POLYGRAPH EXAMINE AND STATED THAT HE WOULD BE AT THE ATLANTA OFFICE OF THE FBI SOMETIME BETWEEN 3:00 AND 7:00 P.M. ON JANUARY 19, 1976, FOR THE POLYGRAPH EXAMINE.

UACB, ATLANTA DIVISION WILL NOT CONTACT ARNOLD RAY GODFREY ANY FURTHER OR HIS ATTORNEY, JACK V. DORSEY.

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POWELL BROTHERS LEON AND CLAUDE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED  
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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)

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EL PASO (44-920)

FROM: ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)

MURKIN.

RE ATLANTA TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU, JANUARY 15, 1976.

ON INSTANT DATE, DOTTIE UNDERHILL, WAITRESS AT MC KINNON'S RESTAURANT, MORELAND AVENUE, ADVISED SHE HAS NEVER WORKED AT ANY OTHER ESTABLISHMENT ON MORELAND AVENUE. SHE HAS NEVER BEEN EMPLOYED AT ANY LOUNGE CALLED "PETE'S PLACE", NOR IS SHE FAMILIAR WITH THE NAME PETE DAVIS. DAVID MC KINNON, SON OF OWNER, ADVISED HIS FATHER HAS EMPLOYED NUMEROUS WAITRESSES, SOME OF WHOM EVEN SUPPLY PHONY NAMES. HE HAS WORKED FOR HIS FATHER FOR THE LAST EIGHTEEN YEARS. HE CANNOT RECALL ANY OTHER WAITRESS NAMED "DOTTIE" OTHER THAN THE ONE WHO IS EMPLOYED NOW.

ATLANTA. WILL, ASAP, MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO HAVE A. RAY GODFREY AND LEON POWELL AFFORDED POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION.

POWELL BROTHERS, LEON AND CLAUDE, SHOULD BE CONSIDERED POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS.

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM: ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)

MURKIN.

RE ATLANTA NITEL TO THE BUREAU, JANUARY 27, 1976.

RECONTACT WITH LEON POWELL'S RELATIVES DETERMINED THAT POWELL HAS NOW MOVED TO THE CROOK'S CORNER ROOMING HOUSE LOCATED IN THE VICINITY OF ALSTON STREET AND CANDLER ROAD IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA. POWELL'S RELATIVES FURTHER ADVISED THAT POWELL DOES NOT HAVE A PHONE AT THAT ADDRESS AND ATTEMPTS TO LOCATE HIM HAVE BEEN NEGATIVE.

ATLANTA WILL LOCATE POWELL AND MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO HAVE HIM APPEAR AND TAKE A POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION DURING THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 2, 1976.

UACB, ATLANTA WILL SUBMIT NO FURTHER TELETYPES IN THIS MATTER UNTIL POWELL IS POLYGRAPHED.

POWELL BROTHERS, LEON AND CLAUDE, SHOULD BE CONSIDERED POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS.

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TO: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

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MURKIN

Re urtelcall of 1/22/76 and urteletype dated 1/22/76

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- A. Have witness(es) view item(s) for evaluation.
- B. If modification is necessary, submit additional information and any pertinent comments of witness(es) to Exhibits Section, Administrative Division.
- C. When likeness is approved by witness(es) any extra copies needed should be made or obtained locally. If local copying facilities are not available additional copies may be requested from Exhibits Section.
- D. As the case progresses, advise Exhibits Section re use and effectiveness of item(s) as investigative aid(s). Upon apprehension of subject(s), submit arrest photographs(s).

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4  
The Attorney General

Director, FBI

DEMONSTRATION BY RESEARCH ACTION  
GROUP ON ASSASSINATION

This letter is to alert you to an inquiry which may be made of you concerning the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.

At 11:30 A.M., January 15, 1976, a group of 15 demonstrators representing the Research Action Group on Assassination appeared at the New York Office of the FBI. Robert Ranftle, spokesman for this group, was met by one of the Special Agents in charge of our New York Office. Ranftle stated the purpose of the demonstration was to bring to the public's attention the possibility that a conspiracy existed in the killing of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and that this should be pursued. The demonstration lasted one hour and was peaceful.

Ranftle was advised by our representative that the Attorney General of the United States is currently reviewing the FBI investigation of Dr. King's death. He was also advised that the New York Office did not have the complete investigative file concerning this matter.

Ranftle indicated he would communicate with the Attorney General concerning this matter.

Files of FBI Headquarters and our New York Office contain no pertinent information concerning the Research Action Group on Assassination and Ranftle.

1 - Deputy Attorney General  
Attention: Michael E. Shaheen, Jr.  
Special Counsel for  
Intelligence Coordination

1 - J. Stanley Pottinger  
Assistant Attorney General  
Civil Rights Division

1 - Richard L. Thornburgh  
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1 - External Affairs Division  
(Attention: Tom Coll)  
1 - Mr. R. J. Gallagher  
(Attention: J. S. Peelman)

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1 - Mr. W. R. Wannall  
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Re: Demonstration by Research Action  
Group on Assassination

NOTE:

Above information was provided in New York airtel  
1/16/76 captioned "Demonstration by Research Action Group on  
Assassination at NYO, 1/15/76," New York SAC meeting group was  
Philip A. McNiff.