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Case File 44-38861

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) IMMEDIATE

MEMPHIS (44-1987) (SUB M) IMMEDIATE

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UNCLAS E F T O

ATTENTION: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRIES UNIT.

MURKIN, OO: MEMPHIS.

RE BUREAU TELEPHONE CALLS TO KANSAS CITY AUGUST 30,
1978, AND AUGUST 31, 1978.

MITCH ZAMMAR WAS REINTERVIEWED ON AUGUST 31, 1978,
REGARDING THE ALLEGATIONS MADE BY BURGESS AUDIE WILSON.
ZAMMAR WAS ASKED IF ANY OF HIS BROTHERS HAD A SCAR ON HIS
FACE. ZAMMAR REPLIED THAT HIS BROTHER, JIMMY, HAD A SCAR
ON HIS RIGHT CHEEK. ZAMMAR SAID HE WAS INJURED WHEN HE
FELL OUT OF A BABY BUGGY WHEN HE WAS AN INFANT.

ZAMMAR GAVE THE FOLLOWING NAMES OF HIS BROTHERS IN
THE ORDER OF THEIR AGE FROM THE OLDEST TO THE YOUNGEST SEP 25 1978

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THE ORDER OF THEIR AGE FROM THE OLDEST TO THE YOUNGEST:

SAMMY GAVE THE FOLLOWING NAMES OF HIS BROTHERS IN
LEFT OUT OF A BIRTH BOOK WHEN HE WAS AN INFANT.
ON HIS RIGHT CHEEK. SAMMY SAID HE WAS INJURED WHEN HE
WAS. SAMMY BELIEVED THAT HIS BROTHER, JIMMY, HAD A SCAR
SAMMY WAS ASKED IF ANY OF HIS BROTHERS HAD A SCAR ON HIS
RECORDING THE ALLEGATIONS MADE BY BUSINESS WIDIE WIGSON.

WHICH SAMMY WAS REINTERVIEWED ON AUGUST 31, 1978,
1978, AND AUGUST 31, 1978.

HE PLACES TELEPHONE CALLS TO KANSAS CITY AUGUST 29,

ATKIN, OO: MEMPHIS.

ATTENTION: COMMISSIONER INVESTIGATES UNIT.

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FERRIS, FRED, MITCHELL, JOE, CHARLIE AND JAMES.

ZAMMAR REFUSED TO GIVE THE YEARS THAT HIS BROTHERS DIED INDICATING THAT THE INFORMATION IS IRRELEVANT. ZAMMAR SAID THAT HE REFUSES TO ANSWER ANY MORE QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS MATTER.

IT WAS STATED IN A PREVIOUS TELETYPE THAT ZAMMAR HAD A TOTAL OF FOUR BROTHERS IN THAT MITCH WAS THE FIFTH BROTHER. WHEN MITCH SAID PREVIOUSLY THAT THERE WAS A TOTAL OF FIVE BROTHERS IT WAS UNDERSTOOD THAT HE WAS INCLUDED IN THE FIVE BECAUSE HE ONLY NAMED FOUR BROTHERS.

REVIEW OF THE FAA RECORDS ON SEPTEMBER 1, 1978, BY THE OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE IT IS NOTED THAT FISCHER'S SALES AND SERVICE, INC., PURCHASED A PLANE FROM A CONNIE C. MILLER OF 9618 SAGAMORE, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, ON MAY 27, 1968. FISCHER'S SALES AND SERVICE THEN SOLD THE AIRCRAFT TO WILSON AND LOU CREWS, 553 NORTH SCOTT, BELTON, MISSOURI, ON JUNE 6, 1968.

DON FISCHER, FISCHER'S SALES AND SERVICE, INC., BOX 6516, LEAWOOD, KANSAS, WAS REINTERVIEWED ON AUGUST 31, 1978. FISCHER INDICATED THAT WILSON WOULD HAVE HAD ACCESS TO THE PLANE PRIOR

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TO WILSON'S PURCHASE ON JUNE 6, 1968, BECAUSE FISCHER RENTED THE PLANE TO WILSON ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS. FISCHER ALSO SAID THAT WILSON WOULD NOT HAVE HAD ACCESS TO THE PLANE WHEN C. C. MILLER WAS THE OWNER BECAUSE MILLER NEVER RENTED THE PLANE TO ANYONE.

FISCHER SAID THAT WILSON PAID FOR THE RENTAL OF THE PLANE THROUGH THE GI PROGRAM. FISCHER SAID THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION PAID 90 PERCENT OF THE RENTAL. FISCHER SAID THAT IN ORDER TO GET PAID HE WOULD HAVE TO SEND THE FLIGHT TIMES FOR A PARTICULAR MONTH TO THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION IN WICHITA AND THEY IN TURN WOULD SEND A CHECK BACK DIRECTLY TO FISCHER. FISCHER SAID THEN HE HAD WILSON SIGN THE CHECK OVER TO HIM.

ATTEMPTS TO CONTACT SAM CAPRA (CORRECT SPELLING) AS REFERENCED IN TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR AUGUST 24, 1978, WERE NEGATIVE.

LEADS:

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, AT KANSAS CITY ATTEMPT TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW CONNIE C. MILLER, 9618 SAGAMORE, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, TO DETERMINE IF MILLER EVER RENTED HIS AIRCRAFT

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CONTINUE ATTEMPT TO CONTACT SAM CAPRA, POLICE
OFFICER, WHO IS ALLEGEDLY A GOOD FRIEND OF LOU CREWS.

AFTER MILLER AND CAPRA ARE LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED
PREPARE REPORT.

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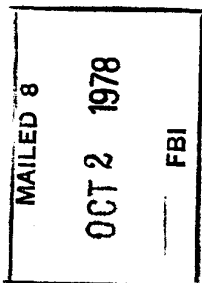
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RE: ALLEGATION BY BURGESS AUDIE WILSON

Copies of all reports from recipient offices have been received and have been forwarded to the Department.

Based on the extensive investigation conducted re this Burgess Audie Wilson allegation including the fact investigation determined he did not have access to the airplane in April of 1968, nor to a vehicle in Missouri as he claimed, the Department requested no further investigation re the Wilson allegation.

Promptly report any additional information to FBIHQ volunteered re the Wilson allegation; however, conduct no active investigation unless instructed by FBIHQ as directed by the Department.



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ATTN: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT, ROOM 8988, JEH

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RE JACKSON TELETYPE TO BUREAU AUG. 19, 1978, AND HOUSTON
TELETYPE TO BUREAU AUG. 21, 1978.

WHEN INTERVIEWED BY BUREAU AGENTS ON AUG. 19, 1978, AT
OCEAN SPRINGS, MISS., BURGESS AUDIE WILSON FURNISHED THE
FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

ON AN UNSPECIFIED DATE, WILSON (LNU), WITH WHOM WILSON HAD
BEEN IN PREVIOUS CONTACT RE THE ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN
LUTHER KING, FURNISHED WILSON A JAPANESE SNIPER RIFLE. HE
THEREAFTER INSTRUCTED WILSON TO PROCEED TO MEMPHIS AND MEET TWO
MEN AT THE WONDER BAR AS KING WAS TO BE AT A RALLY RELATING TO
A GARBAGE STRIKE. WILSON FLEW TO MEMPHIS, TENN., IN A RED AND
WHITE BONANZA AIRPLANE, REGISTER NO. 34L, AND LANDED AT AN
AIRPORT JUST NORTH OF RALEIGH, TENN. THE AIRPORT WAS OPERATED

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BY A LONG-TIME ACQUAINTANCE OF HIS WHO ATTENDED CHURCH WHICH WAS PASTORED BY WILSON'S FATHER IN THE PAST. WILSON WAS PICKED UP AT THE AIRPORT BY HIS DAUGHTER, DEBRA, IN HER 1965 WHITE MUSTANG, WHICH WILSON HAD PREVIOUSLY BOUGHT FOR HER. AFTER WILSON ALLEGEDLY SHOT DR. KING, HE WAS RETURNED TO THE AIRPORT BY DEBRA, AGE APPROXIMATELY 18, AND HE FLEW THE BONANZA BACK TO KANSAS CITY, LAND ING AT AN AIRPORT LOCATED IN KANSAS ON THE HIGHWAY TO OLATHE, KANSAS. THIS AIRPORT WAS OPERATED BY (FNU) FISHER FROM WHOM WILSON HAD PURCHASED THE BONANZA AIRCRAFT.

ON AUG. 21, 1978, NINA SORRELL, WHO IS EMPLOYED AT THE BAPTIST HOSPITAL, MEMPHIS, ADVISED HER FORMER HUSBAND WAS FORMERLY ASSISTANT MANAGER OF THE CHARLES BAKER AIRPORT, MEMPHIS, AND ATTENDED CHURCH IN MEMPHIS PASTORED BY BURGESS WILSON, SR., AND IS ACQUAINTED WITH BURGESS AUDIE WILSON, JR. BOB SORRELL IS CURRENTLY EMPLOYED BY SWISS CHEMICALS, P. O. BOX 2175, BEAUMONT, TEXAS. HE RESIDES AT KUNTZE, TEXAS, IN A TRAILER PARK. HIS CURRENT RESIDENCE ADDRESS IS NOT IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE.

HOUSTON WILL LOCATE AND INTERVIEW BOB SORRELL FOR BACKGROUND INFO REGARD ING BURGESS AUDIE WILSON, JR. ATTEMPT TO ESTABLISH WHETHER WILSON DID FLY TO MEMPHIS FROM KANSAS CITY ON OR ABOUT

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APRIL 4, 1968, THE DATE DR. KING WAS KILLED, AND WAS PICKED UP AND RETURNED TO THE CHARLES BAKER AIRPORT IN A 1965 WHITE MUSTANG BY HIS DAUGHTER, DEBRA. ALSO ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE IDENTITY OF (FNU) FISHER FROM WHOM WILSON ALLEGEDLY PURCHASED THE RED AND WHITE BONANZA AIRCRAFT AND LOCATION OF AIRPORT IN KANSAS CITY AREA UTILIZED BY WILSON ON RETURN FLIGHT TO KANSAS CITY. PROMPTLY FURNISH KANSAS CITY OFFICE ANY PERTINENT INFORMATION DEVELOPED INVOLVING WILSON IN THAT AREA.

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ATTN: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT, ROOM 8988, JEH.

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RE MEMPHIS TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR AND KANSAS CITY,
AUGUST 21, 1978, AND ME TELCAL TO KC SAME DATE.

FOR INFO OF OKLAHOMA CITY AND ST. LOUIS, A SYNOPSIS
OF REFERENCED TELETYPE IS AS FOLLOWS:

ON AUGUST 19, 1978, ONE BURGESS AUDIE WILSON, BORN

[REDACTED], AT MISSISSIPPI, 5'11", BROWN EYES, BROWN
HAIR, FBI NO. 879 421 E, WAS INTERVIEWED BY AGENTS OF THE
JACKSON OFFICE AT GULF PORT, MISSISSIPPI. WILSON TOLD

Per ASAC Lawton, KC,
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INTERVIEWING AGENTS THAT HE HAD SHOT AND KILLED MARTIN LUTHER KING IN MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE. AMONG OTHER INFORMATION WHICH WILSON FURNISHED TO THE INTERVIEWING AGENTS, WILSON ADVISED THAT DURING THE PERIOD IN WHICH HE SHOT AND KILLED KING HE RESIDED AT 13125 HERRICK AVENUE, GRANDVIEW, MISSOURI, AND THAT HE WAS AT THAT TIME IN THE AIR FORCE RESERVES, RICHARDS GEBEUR AFB, EMPLOYED AS A CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEE.

WILSON ALSO STATED THAT AT THE TIME OF KING'S DEATH, HE HAD OWNED A RED AND WHITE BONANZA AIRPLANE, REGISTRY NUMBER 34L, AND A CESSNA 310 TWIN-ENGINE BLUE AND WHITE AIRCRAFT. WILSON PROVIDED THE IDENTITY OF THE INDIVIDUAL FROM WHOM HE HAD PURCHASED ONE OF THESE PLANES, THE BONANZA, AS BEING (FNU) FISHER.

INVESTIGATION AT KANSAS CITY DIVISION REGARDING THESE PERTINENT BITS OF INFORMATION FURNISHED BY WILSON HAS YIELDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

IN REVIEW OF THE 1969 COLE'S DIRECTORY, KANSAS CITY, DISCLOSED THAT WILSON WAS SUBSCRIBER TO PHONE NUMBER SO 1-6526 AT 13125 HERRICK AVENUE, GRANDVIEW, MISSOURI.

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INDICES, COMPUTER CRIMINAL HISTORY, AND THE LOCAL CRIMINAL HISTORY WERE CHECKED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. FURTHER INVESTIGATION WITH THE GRANDVIEW POLICE DEPARTMENT INDICATED THAT THE ONLY RECORD, CRIMINAL, TRAFFIC, OR MISCELLANEOUS, THAT WILSON HAD WAS A VIOLATION ON 8/9/69 FOR NOT DISPLAYING A CITY STICKER. WILSON PAID THE FINE ON 8/26/69.

DON FISHER, FISHER SALES AND SERVICES, LEAWOOD, KANSAS, WAS CONTACTED AND INDICATED HE BOUGHT THE STATE LINE AIRPORT, LEAWOOD, KANSAS, IN 1964. FISHER REMEMBERS THE SALE OF A MODEL G, NUMBER 56 BONANZA TO WILSON. HE SAID HE DOES NOT REMEMBER THE PARTICULAR DATE. HE SAID HE REMEMBERS THE SALE BECAUSE HE PURCHASED THE PLANE FROM A C.C. MILLER, A RETIRED EXECUTIVE WITH WESTERN AUTO PARTS. HE SAID MILLER BASED THE PLANE AT STATE LINE AIRPORT UNTIL HE BOUGHT THE PLANE FROM MILLER. HE SAID HE THEN SOLD THE PLANE TO WILSON. FISHER SAID ALL THE RECORDS PERTAINING TO THIS PURCHASE WERE DESTROYED IN A FIRE LAST YEAR. FISHER THINKS THAT WILSON

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FINANCED THE PLANE AT JOHNSON COUNTY BANK, AND BELIEVES THAT WILSON HAD A PARTNER. FISHER RECALLS THE NAME OF LOU CREWS, WHO OWNS LOU CREWS JEWELERS, GRANDVIEW, MISSOURI. FISHER INDICATED THAT THE AIRPORT KEEPS NO RECORDS OF LANDINGS OR TAKE-OFFS OF AIRCRAFTS. FISHER ALSO BELIEVES THAT WILSON WAS A SHRINER AND THAT HE DRANK A LOT.

REVIEW OF CURRENT DIRECTORIES, AN INQUIRY OF INFORMATION FOR BELTON, MISSOURI, GRANDVIEW, MISSOURI, RAYMORE, MISSOURI, AND PECULIAR, MISSOURI, FOR A WILBUR JEWELERS PROVED NEGATIVE, ALL POSSIBLE SPELLINGS FOR WILBUR WERE SEARCHED.

RICHARDS-GEBAUR AIR BASE WAS CONTACTED AND INDICATED THAT ALL RECORDS OF PAST EMPLOYEES ARE STORED AT THE RECORDS CENTER, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, TELEPHONE 314-268-7243.

KANSAS CITY PHONE COMPANY INDICATED THAT RECORDS FOR THE PERIOD IN QUESTION HAVE BEEN DESTROYED.

ST. LOUIS AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, WILL CHECK RECORDS AT MILITARY RECORDS CENTER FOR ANY PERTINENT INFORMATION REGARDING WILSONS EMPLOYMENT AT RICHARDS-GEBAUR AIR BASE DURING APRIL 1968. PARTICULARLY PAYING ATTENTION IF WILSON WAS EMPLOYED

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AND PRESENT ON APRIL 4, 1968.

OKLAHOMA CITY AT OKLAHOMA CITY, WILL CONTACT FAA RECORDS CENTER AND WILL PERFORM A COMPLETE TITLE SEARCH FOR BONANZA PLANE, REGISTRY NUMBER 34L. ADDITIONALLY, WILL DETERMINE CURRENT OWNER AND WILL SET OUT LEADS TO APPROPRIATE FIELD OFFICE TO CONTACT OWNER FOR REVIEW OF PLANE LOG BOOK WHICH SHOULD REVEAL DISPOSITION OF PLANE DURING PERIOD IN QUESTION.

MEMPHIS AT MEMPHIS, CONSIDER OBTAINING PILOTS LOG BOOK OF WILSON WHICH COULD REVEAL FLIGHT ACTIVITY OF WILSON DURING PERIOD IN QUESTION.

KANSAS CITY AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, WILL CONTACT THE APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS AT JOHNSON COUNTY BANK AND OBTAIN ANY PERTINENT INFORMATION REGARDING THE FINANCING OF THE BONANZA PLANE. (2) WILL PERFORM CREDIT CHECK AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI TO DETERMINE PAST EMPLOYMENT OF WILSON.

AT GRANDVIEW, MISSOURI, WILL ATTEMPT TO ASCERTAIN WILSON'S CONNECTION WITH KATZ DEPARTMENT STORE OF GRANDVIEW. (2) CONTACT LOU CREWS AND ASCERTAIN CREWS' RELATIONSHIP WITH

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WILSON. (3) WILL ATTEMPT THROUGH FORMER NEIGHBORS AND ASSOCIATES, TO ESTABLISH WILSONS WHEREABOUTS DURING CRITICAL PERIOD, APRIL 1968. (4) WILL ATTEMPT TO LOCATE EXISTANCE OF JULIE TRADE SHOP ON WALNUT STREET TO ESTABLISH EXISTANCE OF INDIVIDUAL AS DESCRIBED BY WILSON IN RE TEL.

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ATTENTION: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRIES UNIT, ROOM 8988, JEH.

MURKIN: OO: MEMPHIS.

RE JACKSON TELETYPE, AUGUST 23, 1978; AND DALLAS TELETYPE TO
BUREAU, AUGUST 23, 1978.

DALLAS DIVISION ADVISED THAT SEARCH OF RECORDS AT FEDERAL
RECORDS CENTER (FRC) CONCERNING REGISTRATION NUMBER 34L, REPORTEDLY
FOR A BONANZA AIRCRAFT OWNED BY BURGESS AUDIE WILSON, REVEALED
THAT THE CORRECT NUMBER WOULD HAVE BEEN ~~44-38861~~ ⁴⁴⁻³⁸⁸⁶¹⁻⁶³²⁴ INASMUCH AS ALL
AIRCRAFT REGISTERED IN THE UNITED STATES HAS THE PREFIX "N".
REGISTRATION NUMBER N34L WAS ORIGINALLY ISSUED FOR USE ON A TWIN
ENGINE BEACH CRAFT IN 1956, THE OWNER BEING MR. LEAR, SR., OF LEAR,

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INC., WHO SUBSEQUENTLY TOOK THE AIRCRAFT TO SWITZERLAND AND SOLD IT TO AN ITALIAN CORPORATION IN 1962. A REQUEST WAS RECEIVED THAT THE PLANE BE DE-REGISTERED IN THE UNITED STATES, WHICH IT WAS ON JULY 27, 1962. NO RECORD COULD BE LOCATED WHICH WOULD INDICATE ANY USE OR REFERENCE TO THIS REGISTRATION NUMBER AFTER THAT DATE. NO RECORD WAS LOCATED REGARDING BURGESS AUDIE WILSON.

SAN ANTONIO DIVISION AT NEW BRAUNFELLS, TEXAS. WILL REINTERVIEW BURGESS AUDIE WILSON RE CORRECT REGISTRATION NUMBER OF THE BONANZA AIRCRAFT HE CLAIMED HE OWNED AT THE TIME OF KING'S DEATH.
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TO : Mr. Moore *mpd*

DATE: 9/18/78

FROM : H. N. Helterhoff *HNH*

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- 1 - Mr. Bassett

SUBJECT: MURKIN

PURPOSE: To advise of status of investigation pertaining to allegation made by Burgess Audie Wilson, Jr., in August, 1978, that he murdered Martin Luther King, Jr.

SYNOPSIS: Wilson said he shot King in a crowd at a rally when King raised arms during a speech. (It is noted King was shot as he exited his motel room and stood on a balcony, not while attending a rally giving a speech.) Relatives stated Wilson in Grandview, Missouri, at time of King assassination. Relatives also state Wilson had drinking and mental problems. Subsequent investigation revealed Wilson did not have access to the aircraft he claimed to have used at time of King assassination. He also claimed he drove a new Thunderbird to the airport, but records reveal he purchased 1968 Thunderbird in October, 1968. (King assassinated 4/4/68.) On 9/18/78, Deputy Assistant Attorney General Robert L. Keuch advised no further investigation re Wilson allegation is necessary; and pursuant to his authority, copies of our investigative reports are being made available for access to the House Select Committee on Assassinations.

RECOMMENDATION: For information.

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Memorandum to Mr. Moore
RE: MURKIN

DETAILS: By J. S. Peelman to Mr. Moore memorandum, dated 8/22/78, you were advised of an investigation conducted pursuant to the instructions of Deputy Assistant Attorney General Robert L. Keuch, Criminal Division, re allegation made in August, 1978, by Burgess Audie Wilson, Jr., that he had assassinated Martin Luther King, Jr., in Memphis, Tennessee, on 4/4/68. Wilson told Bureau Agents he shot King using a rifle on a swivel while in a crowd at a rally when King raised his arms during a speech. (It is noted King was shot as he exited his motel room and stood on a balcony, not while attending a rally giving a speech.) Wilson's ex-wife, daughter, two sons and a brother stated Wilson was in Grandview, Missouri, at time of King assassination. Relatives also stated Wilson has drinking and mental problems.

Subsequent extensive investigation has been conducted to further resolve this allegation. Wilson claimed he flew from Grandview to Memphis in a Bonanza Aircraft. Ownership of this Bonanza Aircraft was traced which revealed Wilson did own this aircraft in 1968, but did not have access to this aircraft until after 5/27/68. (King assassinated 4/4/68.) Federal Aviation Administration records revealed C. C. Miller owned the aircraft from 4/18/60 - 5/27/68. Miller was interviewed and advised he never rented or leased the plane to anyone to fly the plane while he owned it. Miller also said that he was sure nobody flew the plane without his knowledge because of a recording tachometer off of which he logged his flight hours. He said that if somebody had flown the plane, he would have known about it because the distance from Kansas City (Grandview area) to Memphis and back is far enough that he would have noticed a discrepancy in his log book when he recorded the flight hours off the tachometer.

Wilson also claimed to an associate that he drove to the airport in Missouri, prior to his flight to Memphis, in a new Ford Thunderbird. Loan records,

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Johnson County Bank, Kansas, revealed Wilson purchased a 1968 Ford Thunderbird on 10/9/68. (King was assassinated on 4/4/68.)

On 9/18/78, Mr. Keuch advised that no further investigation re this Wilson allegation is necessary. Mr. Keuch has been furnished copies of our investigative reports re this Wilson allegation, and pursuant to his authority, copies of these reports are being made available for access to the House Select Committee on Assassinations.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
 (ATTN: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT)

FROM: SAC, DETROIT (44-989) RUC

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Re Detroit teletype to the Bureau, 9/19/78.

Enclosed for the Bureau are two copies of an LHM captioned, "JAMES EARL RAY, aka; DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM; CR - CONSPIRACY".

Original interview of ELAINE DUNKELBERGER was based upon the request of Officer GARY GOAD, Flint Police Department, Flint, Michigan, a personal acquaintance of DUNKELBERGER. Officer GOAD advised that DUNKELBERGER had been reluctant to contact the FBI because she was fearful her information would be considered a hoax.

ELAINE DUNKELBERGER is a white female, age 50's, husband HAROLD F. DUNKELBERGER, G-9103 Fenton Road, Grand Blanc Township, Michigan. DUNKELBERGER advised that she obtained a B.A. Degree in English from West Liberty State College, West Virginia, in 1944, and a M.A. Degree in Library Science from the University of Michigan in 1961.

DUNKELBERGER displayed a strong anti-communist attitude during the interview, but showed a sincere disposition in explaining her thoughts regarding ANDREW R. L. MC NAUGHTON as possibly identifiable with RAUOL. DUNKELBERGER also suggested

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that a photo spread containing a photograph of MC NAUGHTON be displayed to JAMES EARL RAY.

No further investigation being conducted.

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NO INTEREST IN THE MATTER OF THE ABOVE NAMED PERSONS.

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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Detroit, Michigan
September 25, 1978

Re: James Earl Ray, also known as;
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. - Victim
Civil Rights - Conspiracy

On September 14, 1978, Elaine Dunkelberger, Grand Blanc Township, Michigan, was interviewed by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) concerning possible information with regard to the identity of an individual named Rauol, referred to by James Earl Ray in Ray's testimony before the U.S. Congressional Assassination Committee. Dunkelberger is employed as a librarian in the Flushing School System, Flushing, Michigan, and has a Masters Degree in Library Science.

Dunkelberger stated that she began a study for the cure of cancer around 1960 that led her to considerable research concerning the drug laetrile. Dunkelberger advised that prior to the recent hearings with regard to the assassinations of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and President John F. Kennedy, that she had never associated these assassinations with her study of laetrile. Dunkelberger stated that when James Earl Ray made referrals to Rauol in his testimony and began to set forth the background of Rauol, that this background closely paralleled that of an Andrew R.L. McNaughton, a well known advocate of the drug laetrile. Dunkelberger advised that in Ray's testimony, he described Rauol as being a gun runner and engaged in drug operations across the Mexican border. Dunkelberger further advised that Ray claimed that he met Rauol originally in Canada and later in California in 1968 before the assassination of Dr. King. Dunkelberger stated that the background of McNaughton closely fits that of Rauol and in her opinion makes him a person possibly identifiable with Rauol, and possesses the potential to organize and carry out an assassination.

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The following information was set forth by Dunkelberger with regard to Andrew R.L. McNaughton as a basis for her opinion:

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1. An article which appeared in a magazine entitled, "Laetrile" published by DMR Publications, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in 1977, provided a profile of Andrew R.L. McNaughton. (Photograph of McNaughton and excerpts from the article are attached.)

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Re: James Earl Ray, also known as;
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. - Victim

The article described McNaughton as a 60 year old Canadian and a well known advocate of laetrile that created the non-profit McNaughton Foundation that specializes in independent research and is particularly interested in scientists who are unable to get backing from orthodox research organizations. The article stated that McNaughton was also known for his unusual background and frequent run-ins with the law.

McNaughton was described as acting as a gun runner to guerrilla forces in Israel, Cuba and other Latin American countries and had been linked to a member of the Mafia. The article also cited a 1972 conviction for McNaughton for conspiracy to manipulate Pan American mining stocks and advised that the U.S. Government had been seeking to bar McNaughton from the United States as an undesirable alien. The article concluded stating that McNaughton had been living in Tijuana for the last six years promoting a chain of American laetrile clinics and manufacturing plants.

2. In a book entitled, "The Amazing Story of Laetrile" by Michael L. Culbert, 1976, Chapter 12, "Andrew McNaughton: Pioneer of the Human Spirit", sets forth further information regarding McNaughton. The chapter makes referrals to McNaughton as a double agent and arms supplier for the Batista Government, while diverting the same to Castro as an undercover member of the July 16 Movement. The chapter also stated that McNaughton was born in England and was the son of General A.G.L. McNaughton, a former commander of the Canadian Armed Forces and past president of the United Nations Security Council. A quote of McNaughton also appears in the chapter in reference to his memoirs of a double agent and supporter of Castro and is as follows:

"I believe it is the duty of us all to stand up to dictatorship. It is our duty, but it is not an opportunity that is given to every man. When it is given, as it was to me, what ought a man to do? Mind his business (or) do what he can so that one segment of humanity can taste freedom? I chose the latter course and this would always be my choice."

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3. In a book entitled, "In His Image - The Cloning of Man", a book by David M. Rorvik, 1978, an acknowledgment was made to McNaughton in the introduction of the book. The book pertains to an elderly, wealthy individual named "Max", who desired to clone one of his cells into a young female to produce an offspring. Dunkelberger advised that she believed that "Max" in this book is in actuality a reference to McNaughton.

Another section of the book also makes reference to the proposed cloning of the dead. Dunkelberger stated that the lack of accountability concerning the brain of President Kennedy since his assassination, as brought forth in recent news accounts, leads her to believe that McNaughton and his associates would have possibly been involved in the assassination of President Kennedy.

4. Dunkelberger advised that based on her studies that she considered McNaughton to be of very high intelligence and possibly suffering from megalomania.

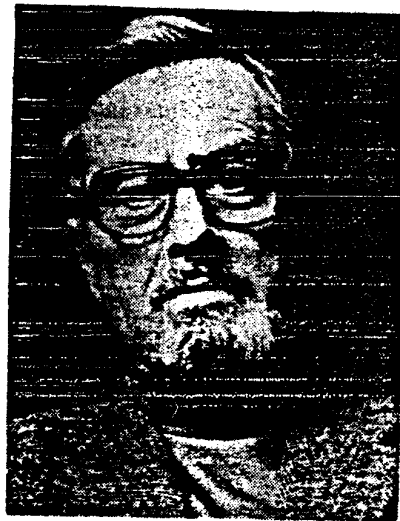
Dunkelberger stated that McNaughton could have disliked Dr. King for his stance on passive resistance in dealing with the problems of the black people. Dunkelberger further advised that a possible motive of McNaughton's in the Kennedy assassination would have been the Bay of Pigs incident.

Dunkelberger also cited testimony of Ray as meeting Rauol originally in Canada and again in California during 1968 and of Ray being arrested in London. Dunkelberger stated that McNaughton was born in England, had lived and was educated in Canada and had the McNaughton Foundation centered in California. Dunkelberger felt the testimony of Ray and the correlation regarding the background of McNaughton to be significant in showing a possible connection between Rauol and McNaughton.

Dunkelberger advised that she realized her thoughts with regard to McNaughton seemed to be far fetched and complex, but felt it was her duty to make her thoughts known.

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Dunkelberger during the interview set forth her thoughts in much greater detail and dealt in more complex terminology. Dunkelberger stated that she would be willing to more fully elaborate on her thoughts if requested to do so in the future.



Andrew R.L. McNaughton
McNaughton Foundation
Post Office Box B17
San Ysidro, California 92073

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Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. - Victim

The following are excerpts taken from an article which appeared in a magazine entitled, "Laetrile" published by DMR Publications, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in 1977, providing a profile of Andrew R.L. McNaughton:

"Sixty year old Canadian Andrew McNaughton is one of the most well known and publicized advocates of Laetrile. He is known for his somewhat unusual background and frequent run-ins with the law. In the past, McNaughton has undertaken Jesuit classical studies, engineering and geology, served as chief test pilot for the Royal Canadian Air Force, been a stockbroker and has acted as a gunrunner to guerilla forces in Israel, Cuba and other Latin American countries. McNaughton has also been in the news for his alleged link to a member of the Mafia, who donated \$130,000 to the McNaughton Foundation after Laetrile purportedly saved the life of his sister. McNaughton was convicted in 1972 for conspiracy to manipulate Pan American mining stocks. After his appeal, the sentence was reduced to one day in jail and a \$10,000 fine. Since that time, the U.S. Government has been seeking an order barring McNaughton from the U.S. as an undesirable alien.

"McNaughton has been responsible for producing much of the contraband Laetrile being "smuggled" across the border, in Cyto-Pharma, a Laetrile manufacturing plant. The plant's operation began in 1971 and has a monthly capacity of 3,000 pounds of amygdalin.

"Andrew McNaughton created the non-profit McNaughton Foundation which specializes in independent research. They are particularly interested in scientists who are unable to get backing from orthodox research organizations. Laetrile first came to the attention of the Foundation after McNaughton met with Ernst Krebs, Jr. late in 1958. McNaughton circulated Krebs's theory among scientists, who agreed that it was worth further study. McNaughton obtained permission for a Canadian investigation of Laetrile under the McNaughton Foundation's sponsorship. Since that time McNaughton has been among the most active proponents of the use of Laetrile and is convinced of its efficacy:

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"The evidence accumulated by our medical advisors convinces us that if Laetrile is used in early cancers there need not be terminal cases. And when proper diagnosis is available to identify cancer in its pre-tumor, pre-clinical stages, we can confidently expect that Laetrile will remove even the dread of early cancers from our lives."

"The Foundation first operated in Montreal, then moved to Sausalito until 1971 when California authorities started prosecuting clandestine laboratories. The Foundation moved to Tijuana, Mexico, where it is now located.

"As evidenced by McNaughton's background, it is apparent that the unorthodox and the unconventional are his guiding lights. Once the subject of Laetrile was introduced, it is consistent that McNaughton should ally himself against the FDA and other government agencies which epitomize orthodoxy and conventionalism, particularly after his attempts to follow the conventional route of an FDA new drug researching, (IND), was frustrated. McNaughton says:

"The real quacks are those who pretend to knowledge they don't have about Laetrile, and condemn it without knowledge. We have many patients who say Laetrile has cured their cancer. We don't agree - we never say it cures. At best, we say it will eliminate a tumor."

"McNaughton has been living in Tijuana for the last six years. He is currently promoting a chain of American Laetrile clinics and manufacturing plants. And he hopes to train doctors and chemists to operate the proposed U.S. plants and clinics.

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ATTENTION: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT

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RE DETROIT TELEPHONE CALL TO BUREAU, SEPTEMBER 18, 1978.

ON SEPTEMBER 14, 1978, ELAINE DUNKELBERGER, G 9103 FENTON ROAD, GRAND BLANC TOWNSHIP, MICHIGAN, WAS CONTACTED BY AN AGENT OF THE FBI AND ADVISED THAT THROUGH HER RESEARCH WITH REGARDS TO A CURE FOR CANCER, SHE MAY HAVE DISCOVERED THE IDENTITY OF RAOUL, REVEALED BY JAMES EARL RAY. DUNKELBERGER STATED THAT SHE WAS EMPLOYED AN A LIBRARIAN FOR THE FLUSHING SCHOOL SYSTEM, FLUSHING, MICHIGAN, AND HAS RECEIVED AN UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE IN ENGLISH AND A MASTER S DEGREE IN LIBRARY SCIENCE.

DUNKELBERGER STATED THAT SHE BEGAN A STUDY OF CANCER ABOUT 1960 AND HAS DONE CONSIDERABLE RESEARCH CONCERNING LAETRILE.

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DUNKELBERGER ADVISED THAT SHE HAD PREVIOUSLY NEVER ASSOCIATED THE ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING TO HER STUDY OF CANCER UNTIL JAMES EARL RAY TESTIFIED BEFORE THE CONGRESSIONAL ASSASSINATION COMMITTEE AND REFERRED TO A MAN NAMED RAOUL. DUNKELBERGER STATED THAT RAY'S STATEMENTS WITH REGARD TO HAVING MET RAOUL IN CANADA AND OF HIS GUNRUNNING AND DRUG OPERATIONS ACROSS THE MEXICAN BORDER CLOSELY FIT THE BACKGROUND OF A ANDREW R. L. MC NAUGHTON, A WELL KNOWN AND PUBLISHING ADVOCATE OF LAETRILE.

DUNKELBERGER PRODUCED AN ARTICLE FROM A MAGAZINE ENTITLED LAETRILE - SPECIAL REPORT, 1977, THAT SET FORTH A BRIEF BACKGROUND OF MC NAUGHTON. THE ARTICLE DESCRIBED MC NAUGHTON AS A 60 YEAR OLD CANADIAN, BORN IN ENGLAND, THAT HAD FOUNDED THE MC NAUGHTON FOUNDATION, WHICH SPECIALIZED IN INDEPENDENT RESEARCH PARTICULARLY FOR SCIENTISTS UNABLE TO GAIN FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM ORTHODOX RESEARCH ASSOCIATIONS. THE ARTICLE DEPICTED MC NAUGHTON AS A WEALTHY, WELL EDUCATED CANADIAN THAT HAS ACTED AS A GUNRUNNER FOR GORILLA FORCES IN ISREAL, CUBA AND OTHER LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES AND HAS ENGAGED IN THE SMUGGLING OF LAETRILE FROM MEXICO INTO THE UNITED STATES. THE ARTICLE ALSO STATED THAT MC NAUGHTON HAD HAD VARIOUS ENCOUNTERS REGARDING

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CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES AND AS A RESULT OF A 1972 CONVICTION FOR THE MANIPULATION OF PAN AMERICAN MINING STOCKS, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN SEEKING AN ORDER BARRING FROM THE UNITED STATES AS AN UNDESIRABLE ALIEN. THE ARTICLE FURTHER STATED THAT MC NAUGHTON HAD BEEN LIVING IN TIJUANA FOR THE LAST SIX YEARS PROMOTING A CHAIN OF AMERICAN LAETRILE CLINICS AND MANUFACTURING PLANTS.

DUNKELBERGER ADVISED THAT MC NAUGHTON WAS ORIGINALLY BORN IN LONDON WHERE JAMES EARL RAY WAS FINALLY ARRESTED AND HAS TRAVELED EXTENSIVELY THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. DUNKELBERGER STATED THAT RAY'S ACCOUNT OF MEETING RAOUL IN MONTREAL AND HIS STATEMENTS REGARDING THE ACTIVITY OF RAOUL CLOSELY PARALLEL THAT OF MC NAUGHTON. DUNKELBERGER FURTHER ADVISED THAT SHE FELT MC NAUGHTON POSSESSED A VERY HIGH DEGREE OF INTELLIGENCE AND WITH HIS WEALTH WOULD RENDER HIM CAPABLE OF ORGANIZING AND CARRYING OUT AN ASSASSINATION.

DUNKELBERGER STATED THAT HER STUDIES REVEALED MC NAUGHTON WAS A DOUBLE AGENT AND SUPPORTER OF CASTRO IN CUBA AND FOR THAT REASON, HE MAY HAVE HAD A DISLIKE FOR KING BECAUSE OF HIS STANCE ON PASSIVE RESISTANCE IN DEALING WITH THE PROBLEMS OF

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BLACK PEOPLE. DUNKELBERGER ALSO STATED THAT MC NAUGHTON COULD HAVE ALSO HAD A DISLIKE FOR PRESIDENT KENNEDY BECAUSE OF THE BAY OF PIGS INSTANCE.

DUNKELBERGER ALSO MADE REFERENCE TO A BOOK ENTITLED IN HIS IMAGE - THE CLONING OF MAN, BY DAVID M. RORVIK, AND STATED THAT SHE BELIEVED THAT "MAX", A WEALTHY MAN REFERRED TO IN THE BOOK, WAS A PORTRAIT OF MC NAUGHTON. DUNKELBERGER WAS ACKNOWLEDGED BY RORVIK IN THE INTRODUCTION OF THE BOOK AND BOTH WERE CLOSE ASSOCIATES. DUNKELBERGER CITED A PASSAGE IN THE BOOK THAT MADE REFERENCE TO THE CLONING OF THE DEAD AND RELATED THIS PASSAGE TO RECENT ARTICLES REPORTING THE LACK OF ACCOUNTABILITY FOR THE BRAIN OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY AFTER HIS ASSASSINATION.

DUNKELBERGER ADVISED THAT SHE WAS ORIGINALLY VERY RELUCTANT TO MAKE KNOWN HER THOUGHTS REGARDING MC NAUGHTON TO THE FBI, BUT FELT THAT IT WAS HER DUTY TO MAKE KNOWN HER FINDINGS. DUNKELBERGER FURTHER STATED THAT SHE REALIZED HER THEORY WITH REGARDS TO MC NAUGHTON'S POSSIBLE INVOLVEMENT IN THE ASSASSINATION OF KING AND PRESIDENT KENNEDY WAS FAR-FETCHED AND VERY COMPLEXED, BUT ADVISED THAT SHE WOULD BE WILLING TO SET FORTH AND DISCUSS HER ENTIRE FINDINGS IF REQUESTED TO DO SO.

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ELAINE DUNKELBERGER, WHITE FEMALE, AGE 50'S, ORIGINALLY CONTACTED AN OFFICER OF THE FLINT POLICE DEPARTMENT, FLINT, MICHIGAN, REGARDING HER FINDINGS. THIS OFFICER THEN REQUESTED THAT A FBI AGENT CONTACT DUNKELBERGER REGARDING HER FINDINGS. DUNKELBERGER DISPLAYED A STRONG ANTI-COMMUNIST ATTITUDE DURING THE INTERVIEW, BUT DISPLAYED A SINCERE DISPOSITION IN EXPLAINING HER PREMISE THAT MC NAUGHTON WAS POSSIBLY IDENTIFIABLE WITH RAOUL. DUNKELBERGER ALSO SUGGESTED THAT A PHOTO SPREAD CONTAINING A PHOTO OF MC NAUGHTON BE DISPLAYED TO JAMES EARL RAY.

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Synopsis: BETTY LOU WADE, ex-wife of BURGESS AUDIE WILSON, states WILSON positively at Grandview, Missouri, at time of KING's murder. WILSON's two sons, STEPHEN and MARK WILSON, confirm WILSON with them at Grandview, Missouri, at time of KING's death. All describe BURGESS AUDIE WILSON as a liar and conman who has serious mental problems. None have ever heard him make allegation that he killed MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. STEPHEN WILSON confirms his father gave him a Japanese rifle which he pawned in San Antonio.

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DETAILS:

This investigation was predicated upon a teletype from Memphis requesting interview of BETTY LOU WADE, ex-wife of BURGESS AUDIE WILSON.

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BETTY LOU WADE, 233 Smith Street, Burleson, Texas, telephone number 817/295-2200, furnished the following information:

She is the ex-wife of BURGESS AUDIE WILSON. She has been divorced from WILSON for approximately five years. She was married to WILSON on April 4, 1968. At that time, they were residing at an unrecalled address on Herrick Street in Grandview, Missouri, and WILSON had a jewelry business at the Katz Drugstore in Grandview, Missouri. She said the business, known as Wilbur's Jewelers, was subsequently moved to Belton, Missouri, where it was located in a small shopping center.

WADE said she could positively state that WILSON was in Grandview, Missouri at the time Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. was shot.

WADE advised that WILSON has had serious mental problems for years, but he declines to seek treatment. She said WILSON has made threatening and harassing telephone calls to her on numerous occasions over the past five years, and her son, MARK WILSON, had his father arrested at Cleburne, Texas, two years ago as a result of one of these calls and due to non-child support. WADE described her ex-husband as a liar and con-artist with serious mental problems. She said he cannot differentiate between the truth and fantasy, and that he lives in a dream world most of the time. She felt he needs medical attention.

WADE said the following relatives of WILSON could substantiate her evaluation:

Sister

LINDA MC GAHEY,
2002 East Eighth Avenue North,
Columbus, Mississippi
telephone number 327-1141;

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Sister	CHRISTINE GUNTHERP, Route 1, Box 36, Fulton, Mississippi;
Brother	ALLISON WILSON, Reform, Alabama;
Son	STEPHEN WAYNE WILSON, 3117 Livingston, Fort Worth, Texas; telephone number 817/923-9414,
Son	MARK ANTHONY WILSON, 514 Southeast Gardens, Apartment 132, Burleson, Texas, telephone number 817/295-2854;
Daughter	DEBORAH ANN JONES, 2628 Newburg Road, Trailer space 106, Belvedere, Illinois, telephone number 543-9734.

WADE said her ex-husband has never owned or had access to a white Mustang vehicle and her daughter, DEBORAH ANN, never drove such a vehicle from Kansas City, Missouri, to Memphis, Tennessee.

WADE advised that BURGESS AUDIE WILSON has been known to carry a .38 pistol in the past, and she does consider him dangerous.