FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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BETTY LOU WADE, 223 Smith Street, Burleson, Texas, was telephonically recontacted and furnished the following:

She advised that her visit to Memphis to see VERNON MOOTEN at the Baptist Hospital was several weeks after the MARTIN LUTHER KING murder. She felt that her daughter was possibly confused about the time, because there was still a lot of publicity on the television and in the newspapers concerning the investigation.

WADE confirmed that she was in contact with WILSON by telephone while she was visiting her father at Memphis, Tennessee. She said she does not recall whether she called him or he called her; however, she said WILSON would usually call her on such occasions.

WADE confirmed that WILSON did buy their daughter a cream colored Mustang in February, 1968, but says he never drive the vehicle on any trips to her knowledge or recollection. WADE said her husband had a new red Thunderbird at that time and always drove that vehicle.

WADE reconfirmed that her ex-husband, BURGESS AUDIE WILSON, was at their home in Grandview, Missouri, at the time MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. was murdered. She further advised that she has never heard WILSON made any statement that he killed KING. WADE said she has heard WILSON make allegations concerning other news stories written up in the news media, but she cannot recall him ever alleging that he was responsible for the murder of Dr. KING.

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STEPHEN WAYNE WILSON, 3117 Livingston, Fort Worth, Texas, telephone number 817/923-9414, furnished the following:

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He is the son of BURGESS AUDIE WILSON. He said he would have been fifteen years of age at the time of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING's murder, and does recall hearing about his death and watching newscasts concerning it. He said he remembers the entire family was at home in Grandview, Missouri, at that time. He further advised that his father, BURGESS AUDIE WILSON, was definitely home at that time. WILSON said there was no way his father could have killed KING, because he was in Missouri at that time.

WILSON confirmed that his sister, DEBORAH ANN, was given a Mustang by their father, but stated the vehicle remained at Grandview and was never driven to Memphis, Tennessee. WILSON confirmed that his father did drive the vehicle on occasion, but it was primarily driven by DEBORAH ANN. WILSON siad he recalled the vehicle to be light blue in color and a 1965 model.

WILSON said when he got out of the military service in January, 1976, he went to San Antonio, Texas. He said his father was living at New Braunfels, Texas, at that time and was placed on probation there for some kind of criminal offense. WILSON said that after his father was placed on probation, and because of his known alcohol addiction, he went to New Braunfels and picked up his father and took him back to San Antonio, Texas, where he was placed in the Alcoholic Rehabilitation Clinic for three or four days to try to get him "dried out". At this time his father's mental state was not rational. He said after his father was released from the clinic, he took him home. WILSON said his father stayed with him for several weeks but was asked to leave after it was discovered he was drinking alcohol during the day and had made numerous long distance telephone calls to his ex-wives and girl friends.

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WILSON said his father has been known to make threats and has physically and verbally abused his wife and children for many years; however, he has never known him to be violent with anyone else. WILSON said he has never heard his father make any statement that he killed Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, and was of the opinion that he would not be capable of such an act.

WILSON said he last saw his father at San Marcos, Texas, in January, 1978, when he and MARK had dinner with their father. WILSON said his father seemed to be doing alright at this time, he seemed happy and there was no indication of any problems.

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MARK ANTHONY WILSON, 514 Southeast Gardens, Apartment Number 132, Burleson, Texas, furnished the following information:

He is the son of BURGESS AUDIE WILSON. He said his father is a very sick man and may even be insane. He was advised of his father's allegation that he killed MARTIN LUTHER KING, and WILSON said his father could not have done it, because to the best of his recollection, BURGESS WILSON was at home in Grandview, Missouri, at the time of the KING killing. WILSON said his father was babysitting with him and his brother, STEPHEN WILSON, at the time and he thinks his mother and sister were in Memphis, Tennessee, visiting his grandmother.

WILSON confirmed that his sister had a white 1965 Mustang vehicle at that time. He said BURGESS WILSON would drive the vehicle on occasion primarily to instruct DEBORAH ANN to drive. He did not recall the father ever making any trip to Memphis, Tennessee, in the Mustang.

WILSON described his father as a habitual liar who always wanted to be someone important. He said his father is an alcoholic who thinks the whole world is crazy and he is the only sane person.

WILSON confirmed his father was a private pilot and said he used to own a Bonanza aircraft when they lived at Grandview, Missouri.

He said he has never heard his father make any allegation that he killed Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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He personally had no knowledge of any of his father's firearms as he had no interest in guns. He, therefore, could not verify whether his father ever owned a Japanese sniper rifle.

His dad, BURGESS AUDIE WILSON, was definitely at home in Grandview, Texas taking care of himself and his brother, STEPHEN, at the time Doctor KING was killed in Memphis, Tennessee. He recalled his father flew a plane, Bonanza Beechcraft, usually on weekends from a small air field near town. He believed his dad owned the plane; however, he is not positive. He recalled that his mother and sister had flown to Memphis by commercial airliner to see their grandparents and were in Memphis at the time Doctor KING was killed.

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Mrs. BETTY LOU WADE, 233 Smith Road, Burleson, Texas, was contacted telephonically and advised of the identity of SA GERALD LEWIS GEARY as a Special Agent of the FBI. She was advised that she was being recontacted regarding the statements of BURGESS AUDIE WILSON, her former husband, that he had killed Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING. It was explained to Mrs. WADE that BURGESS WILSON had claimed that he had killed Reverend KING with a Japanese sniper rifle. Mrs. WADE advised that she had no recollection of her husband having a Japanese rifle. She stated she separated from EURGESS WILSON in 1974 which would mean if he actually had comed such a weapon, he most probably obtained it after that time period. She stated she is certain that she would have been aware if he had purchased or obtained the weapon while they were living together.

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STEPHEN WAYNE WILSON, 3117 Livingston, Fort Worth, Texas, was contacted telephonically and advised of the identity of SA GERALD LEWIS GEARY as a Special Agent of the FBI. He was advised that he was being recontacted regarding his father's statement (BURGESS AUDIE WILSON) that he had killed Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING. It was explained to WILSON that his father claimed that he had shot Reverend KING with a Japanese sniper rifle which he had later given to STEPHEN. STEPHEN WAYNE WILSON advised the following information:

The WILSONs were a closely-knit family, and were very conscious of each other's activities. He is positive his father obtained the Japanese rifle from an unknown source after he was in the military service, which would have been after 1970. He recalled his dad showing it to him when he came home on military leave. STEPHEN never fired the weapon because he was afraid that it would not function properly, and secondly, because they never had any ammunition for the rifle. He personally never knew of his dad using the weapon. His dad had the stock of the weapon worked on by a friend who was a furniture refinisher in Canyon Lake, Texas, but that was the only work ever done on the rifle. The gun was of Japanese manufacturer, as it had Japanese printing on its various parts.

WILSON's dad gave the gum to him while he was in the service, and he hocked the rifle at a pawn shop in San Antonio sometime in the early 1970's, date unrecalled. He has no receipt or bill of lading for the rifle.

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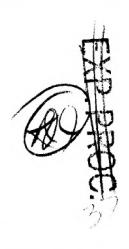
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Report of: THOMAS F. BURGOYNE

Date: 9/14/78

Office: PITTSBURGH, PA.

Field Office File #: 44-1572

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Title: MURKIN

Character: CIVIL RIGHTS

Synopsis:

On 9/11/78, RONALD N. KARAS, Weirton, W.Va., advised he purchased a 1956 Beechcraft Bonanza Aircraft, Model G-35, Registration No. N4434L, on or about 10/24/77. A review of aircraft log records disclosed no identifiable information concerning the names BURGESS AUDIE WILSON or LOU CREWS. Further, no entries were observed in aircraft logs which would indicate the aircraft's specific location in April, 1968.

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DETAILS:

The following investigation was conducted by SA THOMAS F. BURGOYNE on September 11, 1978:

RONALD N. KARAS, 120 Paige Court, Weirton, W.Va., advised that he purchased a 1956 Beechcraft Bonanza Aircraft, Model G-35, Registration No. N4434L, on or about October 24, 1977, from the Simpson Aircraft Sales Company, located in the State of Iowa. KARAS indicated that the aircraft was currently hangered at the Ohio County Airport, Wheeling, W.Va. KARAS stated that he did have some documents in his possession pertaining to the aircraft and these documents were reviewed with negative results regarding the names BURGESS AUDIE WILSON or LOU CREWS. The records in KARAS' possession also failed to disclose any information which might indicate the location of the aircraft during the month of April, 1968. KARAS noted that the aircraft's logs were currently in the aircraft at the Ohio County Airport, and he subsequently called LEROY HARRIS, Director of Aircraft Maintenance, and advised HARRIS to obtain these logs and make them available to the FBI.

LEROY HARRIS, Director of Aircraft Maintenance, made available three aircraft logs pertaining to a 1956 Beechcraft Aircraft, Model G-35, Registration No. N4434L, and a complete review of these logs failed to disclose the names BURGESS AUDIE WILSON or LOU CREWS. A review of the logs indicated the aircraft received an annual inspection on February 28, 1968, which inspection was signed by an individual whose last name appeared to be FRANKENFIELD, whose inspection authorization number was AI1136526. No further identifiable data was noted concerning where this inspection was performed. The next inspection date for the aircraft was July 19, 1968, which inspection was also signed by FRANKENFIELD.

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On October 12, 1968, the aircraft's engine received maintenance attention, at which time the maintenance work was signed by FLOYD OLSON, Air Frame and Power Plant Number 1724046, with no further identifiable information noted regarding the location of this inspection.

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Report of:

SA DANIEL BELLICH

Office: Kansas City

Date:

9/21/78

Field Office File #:

KC 44-760

Bureau File #: 44-38861

Title:

MURKIN

Character:

CIVIL RIGHTS

Synopsis: In the course of his jewelry store business, BURGESS AUDI WILSON alleged he met a white male Italian in late 1960s who operated a jewelry trade shop on Walnut Street in

1960s who operated a jewelry trade shop on Walnut Street in Kansas City, Missouri. WILSON alleged that this male later introduced him to another Italian, MITCH (LNU), approximately 5'10", 190 pounds, black wavy hair, and had some business connection with a bonding company. BOB HADEL, Hadel Jewelers, said he heard of a person named MITCH (LNU) associated with a jewelry store on Walnut Street in Kansas City, Missouri, and also had some association with a bonding company. HADEL indicated that the only MITCH of whom he was aware having any association with a jewelry store and bond company was MITCH ZAMMAR. HADEL indicated that ZAMMAR used to hang out at FECHTER Jeweler, 12th and Walnut, Kansas City, Missouri. HADEL said that a few years back, a BOB SEREDICH purchased a jewelry store from THURMAN FECHTER. Both ZAMMAR and SEREDICH were subjects of prior Kansas City FBI cases. Both were subjects of KC 92- violations, anti-racketeering. Both men have arrest records.

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DETAILS:

Investigation was initiated on August 21, 1978, upon receipt of an immediate teletype from Memphis indicating that BURGESS AUDI WTLSON surrendered to FBI Agents of the Jackson Office. WILSON at that time alleged that he assassinated MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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KC 44-760

MITCHELL ZAMMAR is described as follows:

Date of Birth Place of Birth

Kansas City, Missouri

Race Sex Height White Male 5'7"

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Kansas City,

Missouri, Police Department Number

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ZAMMAR has been arrested and incarcerated in the past on numerous occasions. The charges range from violation of the Dyer Act, Kidnaping, Theft From Interstate Shipment, Assault, Burglary, Larceny and Assult With Intent to Kill.

A computerized criminal history check indicated that there are no identifiable NCIC criminal records under the name MITCHELL ZAMMAR, FBI number 759 112. The local criminal check provided the same information, no identifiable NCIC criminal record, FBI number 759 112.

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Copy to:

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Report of:

Field Office File #:

SA KENNETH A. WILLIAMS

Office:

ST. LOUIS

Date:

September 20, 1978

SL 44-775

Bureau File #:

44-38861

Title:

ASSASSINATION OF

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Character:

CIVIL RIGHTS

Synopsis: Records, NPRC-C, St. Louis, disclosed BURGESS AUDIE WILSON, JR., employed 8/3/66 by Department of Air Force, Richards-Debaur AFB, Missouri, as a flight engineer. WILSON resigned 3/10/68 to go into business for himself.

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Details:

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

The following investigation was conducted by Special Clerk WILLIAM J. EBERT:

On August 24, 1978, review of personnel records on file at the National Personnel Records Center, Civilian Personnel Records, disclosed that BURGESS AUDIE WILSON, JR., Social Security Number was employed on August 3, 1966, by the Department of the Air Force, 442nd Military Airlift Wing, Richards-Gebaur Air Force Base, Missouri, as a flight engineer (with dual status as Air Reserve technician). Records disclosed that WILSON resigned on March 10, 1968, to go into business for himself. Records failed to show that WILSON was employed by the U.S. Government on April 4, 1968.

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Wife: BETTY LOU HOOTEN WILSON. date of birth place of birth Walnut Log, Tennessee February 28, 1955, Grenada, Married: Mississippi Children: DEBORAH A. WILSON. date of birth STEPHEN W. WILSON, date of birth MARK A. WILSON, date of birth U.S. Air Force, May, 1947, to Military Service: March, 1948; November, 1948, to June, 1950; February, 1951, to November, 1954; February, 1955, to February, 1960, Serial Number 14 225 795 Passport Number: Blood Group: O Positive

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Dr. IRA C. COLE, Broadmoor Baptist Church, Raleigh, Tennessee, 1966; WALTER K. WADE, 4126 Forbes Avenue, Fort Worth, Texas, 1966; BEN J. MANGINA, 442 Military Airlift Wing, Richards-Gebaur Air Force Base, Missouri, 1966 None available

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FOR INFO OF BUREAU, THE ALCORN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. CORINTH, MS., IS IN RECEIPT OF A LETTER DATED OCTOBER 10. 1978. FROM JAMES EARL RAY, IN WHICH RAY STATES THAT UNTIL "JUST RECENTLY" HE ASSUMED THAT AUTHORITIES KNEW THAT HE HAD REGISTERED IN A MOTEL IN CORINTH, MS., ON APRIL 1, 1968. IN THE LETTER, RAY REQUESTS THE ASSISTANCE OF THE ALCORN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND ANY RECORDS THAT MAY BE AVAILABLE AT THAT DEPARTMENT TO VERIFY THAT HE AND/OR A 1966 MUSTANG BEARING ALA. LICENSE B8993. REGISTERED TO. ERIC S. GALT, WAS SEEN IN CORINTH, MS., ON APRIL !, 1968,

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Mr. Allen H. McCreight, Chief Freedom of Information -Privacy Acts Branch Records Management Division United States Department of Justice Federal Bureau of Investigation Washington, D.C. 20535

RE: Link Between John F. Kennedy-Martin Luther King-Robert F. Kennedy Assassinations, as related by Lila F. Hurtado in 7/71 to FBI Special Agent Stan Pimentel and U.S. Marshal Juan Lopez in San Juan, Puerto Rico;

Subject of original FOIA request #34,224, dated 9/10/76, and Appeal #4039, dated 8/22/77.

Dear Mr. McCreight:

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Thank you for your letter of October 25th. Considering the fact that it is now some 14 months after I remitted Critique I (and Addendum) to Messrs. Griffin Bell and Clarence Kelley, I am pleased to hear that Critique I "is being made a permanent part of the Robert F. Kennedy Assassination file at FBI Haadquarters." However I must admit that I'm somewhat curious factor what Critique I is not being made a permanent part of both the John F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King Assassination files at FBI Headquarters.

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You mentioned that Critique I is currently being reviewed to determine whether the documents involved will be amended. Considering that your agency's original report not only bears and interrett caption (see above for correct caption), but also has all the "meat" omitted from the "bones", I'm dismayed that there should be any question of amending the original report. As it stands, Critique I lacks continuity, accuracy, and specific details unless it is rewritten correctly - signed by me. Need I remind you that two men are serving life sentences in prison. A corrected report could shed entirely new light on their defense, particularly since there's an amazing resemblance between Ron Buck and the man in C2-133A (third blowup) and a strong resemblance between Huntington and the man seated feat to Marina on a park bench (REF: Priscilla Johnson McMillant theek. "Marina and Lee").

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To this day I fail to comprehend Will the following things (to name a few) were omitted from the original report:

- Identities of conspirators (to the extent I was willing to provide the FBI in 7/71 for fear of repercussion) -
 - A. A Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court B. A 5 Star General in the Pentagon

 - C. A Leader in the U.S. Senate, and
 - D. H.L. Hunt, Texas oil magnate.
- 2. Buck as maker and possessor of incriminating 'assassination tape'. Apparently this man has remained silent about said tape, therefore I would consider him 'hostile'. Yet, for some strange reason, he was interviewed (erroneously) as someone who could 'substantiate' my story.
- 3. Possible haven for 'assassination tape'.
- Dorothy Kilgallen former client of Huntington, who conveyed information regarding John Kennedy's assassination to Huntington on eve of her death. Huntington called her that night and she said: "Rob, I'll call you tomorrow. I'm writing the biggest scoop of my life! I know who killed Jack Kennedy!" The next day her body was found, with death attributed (if memory serves me correctly) to a combination of pills and alcohol. Her family knew she was investigating President Kennedy's assassination and, in fact, she interviewed Jack Ruby. I understand that the authorities found no paper in her typewriter, no ribbon, and no papers or resource material in her abode.
- 5. Total number of 'accidents' that plagued Huntington prior to his demise - merely one was covered in your original report, high-Tighted without reason to damage his character, rather than show 'accident' pattern and frequency.
- Total number of heart attacks Huntington suffered. Contrary to 6. your original report, Huntington did not suffer & heart attacks. I believe the first two were due to natural causes; the last socalled "heart attack" I believe to be a cover-up for murder. Your original report made it appear that Huntington died a natural death, despite every indication that he was murdered.
- No mention of Mueller's visit to the Los Angeles FBI office in 1/71 (per my conversation with Mueller in Hollywood in 7/71).

I can only wonder WHY the following distortions (to name a few) were made:

- 1. Buck did not play the 'assassination tape' for Robert Kennedy; Huntington did.
- 2. Mames of persons who could substantiate my allegations totally distorted. At that time and now, there's nobody who could do so Huntington is dead. I said that Mueller, de Stefano, and Riviere could partially corroborate my statements and then, only to the extent of their roles in my story.

Buck, Perwin (phonetic), Borenstein and D'Allesandro were mentioned in my story. At no time did I say any one of them could corroborate my story. I considered Buck 'hostile' since he made the 'assassination tape', possessed it, but remained silent. I considered Perwin, Buck's assistant, 'hostile' since I believed her biased and in love with Buck. I don't think Buck would have been foolish enough to tell her about said tape; however, she may have had access to it in light of her position. I considered Borenstein 'hostile' since Huntington told Mueller that "J.B." represented at least two of the conspirators. I also stated that I believed this man responsible for the financial demise and possible death of Muntington. I considered Dr. D'Alessandro 'hostile' since he was a friend of Borenstein's and was also on the Board of Directors for the Chicago Factory. Contrary to your original report, D'Alessandro was not Huntington's physician at the time of latter's death and hadn't been for some time. I told the FBI in 7/71 that I didn't know the name of Huntington's physician at the time of death, but that Mueller could provide that information - including the specific details of Huntington's death and death threats.

Harlan was mentioned as the only source in contacting Mueller and as being knowledgeable of Huntington's so-called 'accidents.'

In short, Mr. McCreight, the "bad guys" were made out to be the "good guys" and your 'investigation' was based on this. If the original report had been correct, a proper investigation could have been initiated; a search of Buck's home could have been made; the 'assassination tape' could have been found in one of the places I suggested or elsewhere; the conspirators could have been held accountable for their heinous crimes; the world would have known the truth, lauded the FBI for its conscientious efforts to solve the assassination mysteries; Americans could have slept assured that their freedoms guaranteed in the Constitution and Bill of Rights were protected. Alas, the truth has yet to be told, the murders solved, and the 'assassination tape' may have been destroyed — especially if I'm correct in assuming that Buck was one of those interviewed by the FBI in 1971.

I fail to comprehend how your agency could claim, in good conscience, that it investigated my story in light of the above. Especially since per Riviere, de Stefano, Harlan and Mueller (via Harlan) all told me they were never approached by the FBI - personally, telephonically, or via mail.

Agent Pimentel informed me that "a full investigation had been conducted and everyone had been interviewed, and my statements had been corroborated, except that Ron Buck had labeled Huntington a "pathological liar."

I was shocked to learn that my story was dismissed because the L.A. FBI office had "no record" of my name, Huntington's, etc. pertaining to the Robert F. Kennedy assassination in their files. Because of this, the L.A. office advised the Director that: "Inasmuch as it would appear that the investigation at Los Angeles would refute the reliability of Lila Hurtado, Chicago should discontinue efforts to locate and interview (deleted)." Consequently, "no further action is being taken in this matter by Los Angeles."

Prior to this memo I enjoyed an untarnished and impeccable reputation. As I've already stated, I've worked on government projects (as a direct hire employee or on a contract basis) since the age of 19. I received security clearance and was bonded. The above statements are a reflection of my character; I was assassinated verbally without any substantiation.

In 7/71 I told your agent that Huntington said: "Nixon is a puppet in a deadly game played by a handful of extremely powerful, influential men who are members of a self-styled elitest group. Ultrarightests, they are anti-Black, anti-Jew. They aim to control the United States and they'll admittedly murder anyone who stands in their way."

Since Nixon was then President of the United States, I believe there existed a distinct conflict of interest; that is, for any federal agency to investigate to any degree the chief executive officer of our nation. This is supported, in fact, by the distorted original report submitted by your San Juan office and the extent of the so-called 'investigation' carried out by your Los Angeles office. Need I remind you that Nixon is from Whittier, a suburb of Los Angeles. Thus, any chances of a thorough investigation at that time were practically nil due to his political clout.

There is another possible 'conflict of interest' if Warren deBrueys was the FBI Agent-in-Charge of the San Juan, Puerto Rico office between July and November 1971 (time of my meetings with FBI office and the agency's 'investigation'). Orest Pena, an FBI informer in New Orleans who was involved with the New Orleans branch of the Cuban Revolutionary Council and associated with Sergio Arcacha Smith and David Ferrie, told CBS News reporters Dan Rather and Bruce Hall that

he'd seen deBrueys and Lee Oswald meeting together on "numerous occasions" in New Orleans. Pena admitted being an informant for deBrueys and having seen deBrueys and Oswald meeting together in a Greek restaurant in the French Quarter of New Orleans. DeBrueys denied having any contact with Oswald: "I have never seen Lee Harvey Oswald at any time in my life personally or . . . have I talked to him by telephone knowingly." (Emphasis on Oswald's first name solely mine). Additionally, Pena stated that deBrueys had "threatened" him into giving false information to the Warren Commission by saying: "If you ever talk anything about me, I will get rid - get rid of your ass." Pena also stated that deBrueys had participated in the Cuban Revolutionary Council meetings on his own.

Per Oswald's release papers from the Marine Corps, passport application, and death certificate in Dallas, etc. we know there were at least 3 'Oswalds'. The man who died in Dallas was not the man released from the Marine Corps. This is supported by distinctly different physical descriptions: height, weight, body build, color eyes, scars. Oswald was seen in different places at the same time; impossible for one man but possible with at least one or more impersonators. Is it possible that deBrueys did not meet with Lee Harvey Oswald, but with someone named either Harvey or Lee Oswald, or someone by a totally different name. He may have just 'skirted' the truth as Helms did. Who actually died in Dallas? Did Marguerite Oswald's son have a cleft chin or not?

If memory serves me correctly, there was either an L.E.A.A. or L.3.I.U. identity card found or planted on Oswald's person and an I.D. card from one of referenced agencies found on the floor of James Earl Ray's car. I've already discussed the multiple 'Oswald' identities, so let's zero in on Ray's. How is it that he 'chanced' to have multiple I.D. cards in the names of men all living within the same area in Canada? How is it that one of those men bore body moles identical to Ray's?

There isn't much information available on the Law Enforcement Intelligence Unit (LEIU), but I did read researcher George O'Toole's article "America's Secret Police Network" in Penthouse Magazine. According to O'Toole, the LEIU was founded in March 1956 by then commander of the Los Angeles Police Department's intelligence squad, Captain James E. Hamilton, and several other senior California police officials . . . By 1967 the organization had grown to include seventy police forces across the United States."

Lake Headley, a former Las Vegas deputy sheriff who belonged to the LEIU in the late 1950's, told O'Toole: "... It [LEIU] was established to form an intelligence network independent of any federal agency." And Douglas Durham, "a former Des Moines police officer who claims to have worked as an undercover investigator for the group" told O'Toole that "The LEIU is so secret that, until recently, even its existence was usually denied." Durham admitted that "some of his assignments involved the surveillance of political dissidents." (Emphasis mine) Regarding a federal government employee involved with the LEIU, Durham states: "He was supposedly working for the Department of Justice, but I heard rumblings that he was from CIA. Nobody really wanted to say what the connection was." (Emphasis mine)

O'Toole proceeds by stating: "Some of the LEIU files have been entered into the Interstate Organized Crime Index . . . The IOCI system is an international network of computer terminals, linked . . to a central computer run by the Michigan State Police in Bast Lansing, Michigan . . . And a 1973 report on the Interstate Organized Crime Index contained this statement: 'The LEIU data base was comprised of persons of interest to intelligence units other than organized crime subjects."

"The Maryland Senate investigating committee discovered that the [Police Department's] Inspectional Services Division [ISD] had spied on labor unions, politicians, clergymen, newsmen, colleges, and civic groups . . . The feeling seemed to prevail in ISD that persons who deviated from the norm, who were outspoken or criticized the status quo, members of organized labor, picketers, and protestors - these people were 'potential threats' and society must be protected against them."

A secret police network that "is a combination fraternal organization and functioning intelligence agency", funded in part by a grant from the federal Law Inforcement Assistance Administration, that spies on those who aren't connected to organized crime. What is this nation coming to? An organization of local, state, and federal law enforcement officers whose apparent purpose seems to rid our nation of its thinkers, leaders, and create a nation of followers?

Robert Bryon Watson, in a statement to your agency in 1971, linked the syndicate/organized crime to the Kennedy-King assassinations. Atlanta FBI Agent James B. O'Keefe admitted that his office had gotten Watson's statement in 1971 but "It was referred to the Justice Department, and we have not been advised to investigate it further since that time." I also implicated the syndicate in my story. Is it possible that a thorough investigation of both stories would have linked Nixon and friends to the assassinations? Is it possible that the reason both stories were not followed up could have been related to the Watergate fiasco? Perhaps the Nixon side wondered if any of this info had surfaced and, if so, could definitely destroy Nixon's chances of re-election?

Watson and his mother went to the White House in 1971 and spoke with Secret Service agents. They inferred that he was crazy and advised him to forget the issue. In October 1971 Agent Pimentel informed me that: "A report had gone from FBI Headquarters in Washington, D.C. to the Secret Service and, in turn, was submitted to the Nixon White House where it was labeled 'Top Secret', 'Confidential', 'Classified'. The FBI received instructions that all investigations should cease and it was to inform me that I was forbidden to discuss the matter ever with anyone in the interests of 'national security'."

Considering there is no mention of your agency's original report being sumbitted to any other agency, then I must conclude that Agent Pimentel lied to me. Obviously a thorough investigation of my story was never made. Then why was I administered what I consider to be nothing short of 'psychological fear conditioning' and why was I advised to change my appearance and identity?

An overview of "The Report From Iron Mountain on the Possibility and Desirability of Peace" was submitted with Critique I to Messrs. Griffin Bell and Clarence Kelley on 8-22-77. However, for the benefit of those receiving blind copies of this letter, I should like to discuss it briefly.

As one of 15 men carefully selected to participate in the Iron Mountain study group, 'John Doe' answers the question as to WHO selected the group by stating "I think it was an ad hoc committee at the cabinet level or near it." He further states that the special study group was chosen in August 1963, with participants individually contacted. "The idea of the Special Study, the exact form it would take, was worked out early in '63 . . . The settlement of the Cuban missile affair had something to do with it, but what helped most to get it moving were the big changes in military spending that were being planned . . . Plants being closed, relocations, and so forth. Most of it wasn't made public until much later . . . [I understand] it took a long time to select the people for the group. The calls didn't go out until the summer . . . Only one of us was in touch with Washington, and I wasn't the one. But I can tell you that very, very few people knew about us . . . For instance, there was the Ackley Committee. It was set up after we were. If you read their report . . . I think you'll wonder if even the President knew about our Group. The Ackley Committee certainly didn't."

"You have to remember . . . that what they wanted from us was a different kind of thinking. It was a matter of approach. Herman Kahn calls it 'Byzantine' - no agonizing over cultural and religious values. No moral posturing. It's the kind of thinking that Rand and the Hudson Institute and the Institute for Defense Analysis brought into war planning."

According to the Report, "War itself is the basic social system, within which other secondary modes of social organization conflict or conspire . . . Wars are not 'caused' by international conflicts of interest. Proper logical sequence would make it more often accurate to say that war-making societies require - and thus bring about - such conflicts. The capacity of a nation to make war expresses the greatest social power it can exercise . . . It should therefore hardly be surprising that the military institutions in each society claim its highest priorities . . . It is often necessary for a national military establishment to create a need for its unique powers - to maintain the franchise, so to speak. And a healthy military apparatus requires regular 'exercise,' by whatever rationale seems expedient, to prevent its atrophy."

The Report then covers specifics for "The Functions of War", "Substitutes for the Functions of War: Criteria," and "Substitutes for the Functions of War: Models." I should like to relate portions of the latter category and I've taken the liberty of indicating the correlation between some items and our nation's headlines over the past couple of years in parentheses.

"SUBSTITUTES FOR THE FUNCTIONS OF WAR: MODELS

- 1. Economic a comprehensive social-welfare program; a giant openend space research program aimed at unreachable targets; a permanent ultra-elaborate disarmament inspection system
- 2. Political an omnipresent, virtually omnipotent international police force (L.E.I.U. see p.5-6 for comments); an established and recognized extraterrestrial menace (UFO's and satellites crashing to earth with radioactive material); massive global environmental pollution (frequent oil spills from Libyan freightor lacking proper owner registration, breaking of ozone layer; Legion naires disease); fictitious alternate enemies (Russia, Cuba, Panama, etc.)
- 3. Sociological a modern, sophisticated form of slavery; intensified environmental pollution; new religions or other mythologies (Moonies, etc.); socially oriented blood games
- 4. Ecological a comprehensive program of applied eugenics (DNA).

If you haven't read the 'Iron Mountain Report' then you should, especially since it promulgates war instead of peace.

Incidentally, I am still interested in obtaining an unexcised copy of the entire 15 page initial report. I must admit I am most interested in knowing the name of the man with whom I was purportedly "romantically involved with" and followup - if any.

As long as you persist in withholding information contained in your original report, I am being denied equal protection (and rights) under the law. In 7/71 I provided your agency with information not known, yet my name was bandied about in at least two interviews with persons I believed to be 'hostile.' Since Huntington was dead, I had to be your source of information. In short, Mr. McCreight, your agency carelessly jeopardized my life. The 'psychological fear conditioning' I was subjected to in San Juan succeeded in silencing me for 5 years and caused me to temporarily sever communications with friends and acquaintances for fear of repercussions on them. IF I'd suffered an untimely demise, none would have been any the wiser, especially in light of your original skeletal and distorted report. I was taught in school that a citizen is "innocent until proven guilty", yet my was dismissed before I could be proven right! A sad commentary for our nation's #1 law enforcement agency . . .

In conclusion, Mr. McCreight, I am distressed about the lack of professionalism displayed in the reporting and followup of an issue that not only pertains to the 3 assassinations and related murders, but the freedom of all Americans. I am amazed at the apparent apathy of your agency in investigating a lead linking all 3 assassinations together, proving that a conspiracy existed and was powerful enough to successfully cover-up their action. What sort of freedom does this nation have when elitists arbitrarily decide to rob our nation of its leaders, elected or otherwise? Is it possible that the assassination served as 'substitutes for the functions of war', a means of paralyzing the masses (i.e., shooting men our country had faith and confidence in) to ensure numb acquiescence to the will of referenced elitists - maybe like a 'sophisticated form of slavery'?

I can only hope that those reviewing my Critique "to determine whether the documents involved will be amended" will decide in my favor. For some reason I think it's distinctly more advantageous for you to reckon with me than the masses — especially when history repeats itself.

Anxiously awaiting your response, I remain

Lila F. Hurtado

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EARMINGTON. MO. ADVISED ST. LOUIS DIVISION HE HAS BEEN CONTACTED BY ONE LOUIS J. ROSE, AN INVESTIGATIVE REPORT FOR THE ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH. ROSE TOLD HICKMAN HE WAS CONDUCTING AN INVESTIGATION CONCERNING DELANO ELME WALKER, WHITE MALE, FBI NO. 60100468. ROSE RELATED THAT HE HAD PREVIOUSLY TALKED TO WALKER, WHO IS CURRENTLY

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INCARCERATED IN THE MISSOURL STATE BENTTENT LARY, DEFRENSON CITY, MO., AND VALKER HAD TOTO HIM, ROSE, THAN WE MAD BEEN CONTACTED BY AN U. KNOWN INDIVIDUAL AND ASKED TO MENDER MARY DE LUTHER KING. WALKER REPORTEDLY FURTHER STATED THAT A REPLEMENTED WAS IN HIS POSSESSION AT THE TIME OF HIS ARREST BY THE ST. PRANCOLS CON IN SHERIFF'S OFFICE WAS THE RIPLE PURKISHED TO HIM BY UNKNOWN PERSON TO PERPETRATE THE MURDER.

IN HIS CONVERSATION WITH HICKMAN, NOSE STATED HE WAS TRYING TO RUN DOWN THIS WALKER SITUATION AND SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED SHERIFF HICKMAN NOT TO ADVISE THE PRI OF HIS INVESTIGATION.

SHERIFF MICKMAN STATED THAT VALUER MADIA HISTORY OF MENTAL.

BLINESS. HE ARRESTED VALUER ON DECEMBER 12. 1972, AND AT THAT TIME
SEIZED FROM HIM A .308 CALIBER SANTA TE MITTLE; MODEL 1944, MANUFACTURED BY THE GOLDEN STATE ARMES COMPANY, MASADENA, CALIFORNIA,
BEARING SERIAL MANDER BEJSESS OR SERIAL NUMBER EGGES. SHERIFF
RECREAR STATED THIS RIPLE IS SERIAL IN THE PROSESSION OF HIS OFFICE.
ROSE ALSO REQUESTED THAT THIS RIPLE NOT BE GIVEN TO THE FRI.

THE BUREAU'S ACTIONS IS DIRECTED TO REFERENCED COMMUNICATIONS WHEREIN THE ALLEGATION GONGER WING WALKER AND THE MURDER OF DOCTOR KING WAS INVAMED, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF INVAMENTION CONCERNING THE

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NO OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION CONCERNING WALKER CONTAINED IN ST. LOUIS INDICES AND ST. LOUIS IN POSSESSION OF NO FURTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS MATTER.

ABOVE INFORMATION BEING FURNISHED THE BUREAU FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES AND NO ACTION BEING TAKE BY ST. LOUIS, UACB.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Boston, Massachusetts

November 21, 1978

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On November 16, 1978, Lieutenant Dale Harrington, Concord, New Hampshire Police Department advised that he had been furnished information on a confidential basis by an acquaintance who requested that his identity be protected, regarding the James Earl Ray matter. According to Lieutenant Harrington, the source stated he has been following the current Congressional Subcommittee Hearing in Washington D.C. regarding Ray and the killing of Dr. Martin Luther King. The source stated that he had read in the papers that a place called The Grey Rocks in Canada had been recently mentioned at the hearing. The source advised Harrington that in 1936 and 1937 he had worked at a Grey Rocks Inn, St. Jovite, Canada, a town approximately 39 miles northwest of Montreal, Province of Quebec, Canada.

The source advised that he was employed by the owners of The Grey Rocks Inn, Harry and Charles Wheeler, to train sled dogs. The source stated that also employed at the Inn in a managerial capacity was an individual named Papul. The source advised that Papul was a "radical", but gave no examples of what he meant by radical. The source had no further data regarding Papul other than that he was still employed at the Inn when the source left in 1937. The source has had no contact with The Grey Rocks Inn since leaving.

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ENCLOSURE

November 22, 1978

URKIN Lila F. Hurtado 367 North Orange Grove Los Angeles, California

Dear Ms. Hurtado:

Reference is made to your letter dated November 13, 1978.

Please be advised that information maintained in the FBI central records system, to the extent it is subject to exemption pursuant to Title 5, United States Code, Section 552a (j) and (k), is exempt from the correction and amendment provisions of the Privacy Act of 1974. However, it is the policy of this bureau to consider each such request on an individual basis in order to reach an equitable determination consistent with the best interests of both the individual and the Government.

Pursuant to my letter of October 25, 1978, we have reviewed your critique, and have determined that amendment of our documents is unwarranted. The records contain an accurate account of what was furnished to us by numerous. sources and are completely relevant to the investigative purpose for which they were collected.

However, as stated in my letter, your critique, has been made a permanent part of the Robert F. Kennedy Assassination file, and pursuant to your request, will also be permanently filed in the John F. Kennedy and Martin Luther Kin-Assassination files at FBI Headquarters/.

Assoc. Dir. I hope the above will be of assistance to you Dep. AD Adm. Dep. AD Inv. Aust. Dir.: Adm. Sarva 18 Crim. Inv. Ideat. Intell. Laboratory

Sincerely yours,

Allen H. McCreight, Chief Freedom of Information-Privacy Acts Branch Records Management Division

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Ms. Lila F. Hurtado

NOTE: Requestor is indexed to the Robert F. Kennedy Assassination file, as an individual reporting information involving "national security." matters. As her observations are quite detailed, believe above response is the most equitable and only feasible way of responding to her request.

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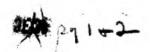
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ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., APRIL 4, 1968, MEMPHIS. TENNESSEE: CIVIL RIGHTS.

ON NOV. 20, 1978, SOLOMON JONES, R., WHO IS CONFINED AT THE SHELBY COUNTY JAIL (SCJ), MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE. TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED THE MEMPHIS OFFICE OF THE FBI AND REQUESTED THAT AN AGENT BE SENT TO THE SCJ TO INTERVIEW HIM. ON NOV. 21, 1978. SA'S BURL F. JOHNSON AND JAMES A. DAVIS INTERVIEWED JONES AT THE SCJ AND OBTAINED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

JONES IS SERVING A JAIL SENTENCE AT THE SCJ FOLLOWING CON-VICTION ON A CHARGE OF EMBRE IN 1968 HE ACTED AS 1-6336 CHAUFFEUR FOR DR. MARTIN LUTHER KINGLAHILE DR. JONES WAS PRESENT AT THE LORRATNE MEMPHIS.

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KILLED THAT DATE. IMMEDIATELY AFTER DR. KING WAS SHOT JONES

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THE BUILDING ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE LORRAINE MOTEL IN THE

DIRECTION FROM WHICH HE HEARD A NOISE THAT WAS APPARENTLY THE

SOUND OF A GUN SHOT.

ON AN UNRECALLED DATE APPROXIMATELY 30 DAYS AGO MARK ANE,
AN ATTORNEY, ACCOMPANIED BY DUNCAROR AGSDALE, WHO OPPOSED
CONGRESSMAN HAROLD FORD IN THE 1978 CAMPAIGN FOR U. S. REPRESENTED
SENTATIVE IN THE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT IN MEMPHIS REPRESENTED
BY MR. FORD, SOUGHT AND WERE GRANTED PERMISSION TO INTERVIEW
JONES AT SCJ. LANE INITIATED THE INTERVIEW BY ASKING JONES IF
HE WOULD TAKE \$1,000 TO PUT SOME HOT NEWS ON THE FRONT PAGE.
AFTER JONES ASKED WHAT KIND OF NEWS LANE ASKED THE FOLLOWING
QUESTIONS AND MADE THE FOLLOWING ASSERTIONS:

"DON'T YOU THINK THE FBI SET UP THE PLOT TO KILL DR.

KING?" "GOU KNEW THE FBI WAS HARASSING DR. KING." "I'M GOING

TO GET YOU BEFORE THE COMMITTEE AND I WANT YOU TO TELL THE

COMMITTEE THAT FAUNTROY, REPRESENTATIVE FROM DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,

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AND DR. KING HAD WOMEN LIVING AT THE LORRAINE MOTEL AND WAS
THAT TRUE?"

"THE MAN YOU DESCRIBED RUNNING FROM THE SCENE DRESSED IN SOMETHING WHITE - DON'T YOU THINK IT WAS THE FBI?" THE FBI PUT THE WOMAN IN THE CRAZY HOUSE TO KEEP HER FROM TESTIFYING SHE SAW THE FBI AROUND THE BUILDING BEFORE THE SHOOTING TOOK PLACE."
"DON'T YOU THINK THE FBI HAS GOTTEN HOLD OF FAUNTROY TO KEEP HIM QUIET FROM BRINGING THE FBI TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE COMMITTEE."

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