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Date 5/29/68

Title and Character of Case

MURKIN
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Date Property Acquired	Source From Which Property Acquired
<u>4/23/68</u>	<u>US PENITENTIARY, LEAVENWORTH, KS.</u>
Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit	Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same
<u>BULKY EXHIBIT ROOM</u>	<u>EVIDENCE</u>
Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same	

1. Numerous photos of JAMES EARL RAY, 7/8/55.
2. Numerous photos of JAMES EARL RAY, USP-L #72498.
3. Numerous photos of WALTER RIFE, USP-L #72497, 7/7/55.

SUBMITTED BY SA MAX E. RICHARDSON

SEMIANNUAL INVENTORY CERTIFICATION TO JUSTIFY RETENTION OF PROPERTY (Initial and Date)

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MURKIN

Date Property Acquired APRIL, 1968	Source From Which Property Acquired MISSOURI STATE PEN, JEFF CITY, MO.
Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit BULKY EXHIBIT FILE CABINET	Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same EVIDENCE
Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same	

1. Original X-rays and accompanying X-ray reports.

SUBMITTED BY R. B. AYERS
SENT TO LAB and returned 5/30/68 pm

R. B. Ayers
Mr. Sullivan a document
under Sullivan's security 6/10/68

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MURKIN
OO:MEMPHIS

Date Property Acquired 5/29/68	Source From Which Property Acquired CLARENCE R. LUCKE, STOREKEEPER, INMATE CANTEEN, X MSP, JEFFERSON CITY, MO.
Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit BULKY EXHIBIT FILE CABINET	Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same POSSIBLE EVIDENCE
Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same	

1. One "Vibro-Graver", model V-73, in use at the Inmate Canteen, MSP, in 1966-present.
2. "Channel Master" transistor radio case bearing sample engravings.

SUBMITTED BY SA THOMAS H. WEAVER

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TO DIRECTOR AND HOUSTON, KANSAS CITY AND SAN FRANCISCO 4/6
FROM MEMPHIS (44-1897)

UNSUB, AKA JOHN WILLARD; MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM,
CR. OO MEMPHIS.

J. W. FARRIS, DRIVER, YELLOW CAB CO., MEMPHIS, TENN., ADVISED HE MADE A PICKUP OF A WHITE MALE AT WILLIAM LEN HOTEL AROUND TWELVE ZERO FIVE AM, APRIL FIVE, WHO FIRST REQUESTED TO GO TO WEST MEMPHIS, ARKANSAS. IMMEDIATELY AFTER STARTING TO THIS DESTINATION, SUSPECT INSTRUCTED FARRIS TO TAKE HIM TO MEMPHIS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT.

UPON ARRIVAL AT AIRPORT, SUSPECT TOLD FARRIS TO WAIT FOR HIM WHILE HE CHECKED FLIGHT DEPARTURE SCHEDULE. ACCORDING TO FARRIS, SUSPECT ALSO MADE INSPECTION OF THE INSIDE AND IMMEDIATE AREA OUTSIDE OF THE AIRPORT TERMINAL. HE THEN REQUESTED FARRIS TO RETURN TO THE WILLIAM LEN HOTEL AND INSTRUCTED HIM TO WAIT. FARRIS STATED SUSPECT RETURNED WITH ANOTHER MALE WHITE AND

REQUESTED THAT THEY BE TAKEN BACK TO THE MEMPHIS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT.

RECORDS, WILLIAM LEN HOTEL REVEAL VINCENT WALKER, FOUR FOUR NINE STEINER, SAN FRANCISCO, AND LAWRENCE RAND, OR REND, TWO FIVE THREE TWO POLK, KANSAS CITY, KANSAS, CHECKED INTO HOTEL, TWO THIRTY EIGHT PM, APRIL FOUR LAST, AND CHECKED OUT APPROXIMATELY

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TWELVE TEN AM, INSTANT DATE.

INVESTIGATION REVEALED WALKER AND RAND IDENTICAL TO INDIVIDUALS FARRIS TRANSPORTED TO MUNICIPAL AIRPORT.

DELTA AIRLINES, MEMPHIS, ADVISED TWO INDIVIDUALS GOING BY NAMES OF W. DAVIS AND B. CHIDLOW DEPARTED MEMPHIS AT ONE FIFTY SEVEN AM THIS DATE, VIA DELTA AIRLINES, ENROUTE HOUSTON, TEXAS. THESE INDIVIDUALS HAD NO RESERVATIONS FOR THAT FLIGHT.

SUSPECT NO. ONE DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, TWENTY FIVE - TWENTY EIGHT YEARS, FIVE FT. TEN INCHES, ONE HUNDRED FIFTY LBS., BROWN HAIR, PARTED ON SIDE, WEARING GRAY SUIT.

SUSPECT NO. TWO DESCRIBED AS TWENTY FIVE TO THIRTY YRS., SIX FT. TWO INCHES, TWO HUNDRED LBS., BLOND HAIR, RUDDY FACE, DRESSED IN WHITE SHIRT AND DARK TROUSERS, CARRYING DARK BLUE COAT IN HAND.

FROM INFO RECEIVED, SUSPECT NO. ONE BELIEVED TO BE RAND. SUSPECT NO. TWO POSSIBLY VINCENT WALKER.

HOUSTON IMMEDIATELY CONTACT DELTA AIRLINES FOR ANY INFO TO IDENTIFY SUSPECTS AND FOR ANY INFO RE THEIR ACTIVITIES.

KANSAS CITY, APPEMPT TO IDENTIFY AND FURNISH BACKGROUND AS WELL AS PHOTO, IF AVAILABLE, RE LAWRENCE RAND, TWO FIVE THREE

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TWPO*POLK, KANSAS CITY, KANSAS.

SAN FRANCISCO, FURNISH SAME INFO FOR VINCENT WALKER, FOUR
FOUR NINE STEINER, SAN FRANCISCO.

EXPEDITE AND SUTEL.

CORR PAGE THREE LINE ONE FIRST TWO WORDS SHOULD READ "TWO POLK"

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (~~157~~)

DATE: 4/4/68

FROM : Eugene N. Thomeczek
Security Patrol Clerk

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

SA Paul Burns, U. S. Secret Service, Truman Library Detail, and Major Hall, 113 INTC, Group, MI, telephonically contacted this office and requested that their individual agencies be notified of any incidents reported to this agency with regard to instant assassination.

They were both advised that they will receive the requested information.

Major Hall, in addition, informed that his office is on nationwide alert due to this incident.

Both advised they have had no indication of any incidents in the KC area due to the above assassination but that the FBI will be kept advised.

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1225PM 4-5-68 URGENT LME

TO MEMPHIS, KANSAS CITY & SAN FRANCISCO
FROM HOUSTON (44-L509)

UNSUB, AKA JOHN WILLARD; MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.-
VICTIM. CR. 00: MEMPHIS.

REURTEL THIS DATE.

GLEN PARNELL, RESERVATIONS MGR., DELTA AIRLINES,
HOUSTON, ADVISED NAMES OF W. DAVIS AND B. CHIDLAW COMPUTERED
INTO DELTA RECORDS AT ONE FIFTY FIVE PM, APRIL FOUR, LAST,
WHICH INDICATES THEIR TICKETS PURCHASED SHORTLY BEFORE THAT
TIME AND WERE BOOKED AS A PARTY OF TWO. THEY TRAVELED ON
FLIGHT ONE FIVE SEVEN NON-STOP MEMPHIS TO HOUSTON DEPARTING
ONE THIRTY AM ARRIVING TWO FIFTY AM TODAY. NAMES WERE
ADDED TO MANIFEST AND NO ADDRESSES SHOWN. IF PHOTOS OF
RAND AND WALKER FURNISHED BY KANSAS CITY AND SAN FRANCISCO,
HOUSTON WILL DISPLAY TO LIMOUSINE CAN CAR DRIVER.

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HOUSTON (44-1509) - 250P

FROM: KANSAS CITY (44-760)

UNSUB, AKA JOHN WILLARD; MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM.
CR. OO MEMPHIS.

RE MEMPHIS TEL TO BUREAU TODAY.

PD RECORDS IN KANSAS CITY, KS., KANSAS CITY, MO., NORTH
KANSAS CITY, MO. NEGATIVE RE LAWRENCE RAND OR REND. RECORDS,
CREDIT BUREAU, NEGATIVE. CITY, COUNTY AND TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES
AND MAPS OF GREATER KANSAS CITY AREA FAIL TO REVEAL ANY SUCH
ADDRESS AS TWO FIVE THREE TWO POLK OR A LAWRENCE RAND OR
REND IN KANSAS CITY, KS. AREA.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

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END.

RBh:tlw
(1) *tlw*

Approved: *KD*
Special Agent in Charge

Sent *See above* MPer *f*

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1254PM URGENT 4-5-68 MS

TO DIRECTOR, HOUSTON, KANSAS CITY & MEMPHIS (44-1897)
FROM SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) 2P (P)

UNSUB, AKA; MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM. CR. OO:MEMPHIS

RE MEMPHIS TEL INSTANT DATE.

THIS IS TO CONFIRM SAN FRANCISCO TEL CALL TO MEMPHIS THIS AM.

INVESTIGATION AT SAN FRANCISCO REVEALS FOUR FOUR NINE STEINER STREET AND TWO FIVE THREE TWO POLK STREEET, SAN FRANCISCO, ARE NON-EXISTENT ADDRESSES. INQUIRY IN IMMEDIATE AREAS OF ABOVE ADDRESSES NEGATIVE AT THIS TIME ON NAMES AND PHYSICAL DESCRIPTIONS MENTIONED IN RETEL.

SAN FRANCISCO INDICES AND SAN FRANCISCO PD RECORDS REVEAL NO IDENTIFIABLE INFO REGARDING VINCENT WALKER, LAWRENCE RAND OR REND, B. CHIDLAW, OR W. DAVIS BASED ON AVAILABLE INFORMATION.

INQUIRY AT SAN FRANCISCO REVEALS NATIONAL AIRLINES ONLY AIRLINE HAVING DIRECT SERVICE TO SAN FRANCISCO FROM HOUSTON. FIRST FLIGHT DEPARTING HOUSTON ELEVEN FIFTEEN A.M.

FOR INFO BUREAU AND ABOVE OFFICES, ABOVE ADDRESS ON STEINER STREET IS ON THE FRINGE OF THE SAN FRANCISCO HIPPIE AREA.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING AT SAN FRANCISCO TO IDENTIFY SUSPECTS MENTIONED IN RETEL.

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955PM URGENT 4-4-68 MXS

TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR 1P

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ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., RACIAL MATTERS.

IN VIEW OF POSSIBILITY OF RETALIATORY MEASURES TAKEN
AS RESULT OF THE ASSASSINATION OF KING, IMMEDIATELY ALERT
ALL SOURCES (RACIAL, SECURITY, AND CRIMINAL), WHO ARE IN
POSITION TO POSSIBLY LEARN OF INFORMATION OF THIS NATURE.
ANY PERTINENT INFORMATION DEVELOPED SHOULD RECEIVE EXPEDITIOUS
DISSEMINATION, BOTH LOCALLY AND TO BUREAU.

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*Johnson, ASAC advised
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*RRS Wichita
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Off City
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650 PM URGENT 4-5-68 REM

TO DIRECTOR, KANSAS CITY, AND MEMPHIS

FROM JACKSON (157-9586)

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. RM.

RE JACKSON AND MEMPHIS PHONE CALLS THIS DATE.

JOHN HUBERT WILLARD

MEMPHIS ADVISED THIS AM ONE JOHN WILLARD POSSIBLE
SUSPECT AS KNOWN TO OBTAINED ROOM ACROSS STREET FROM
ASSASSINATION SITE. MEMPHIS PD RECORDS DISCLOSED WILLARD
ARRESTED BY PD IN MEMPHIS, FIFTY-EIGHT, ON CHARGE OF ARSON
AND RELEASED TO PONTOTOC COUNTY SO.

M. C. HEMBREE, FORMER SHERIFF, PONTOTOC COUNTY, ADVISED
SUBJECT ARRESTED IN FIFTY EIGHT IN MEMPHIS AS FUGITIVE FOR
ARSON. WARRANT ISSUED BY PONTOTOC COUNTY SO. RETURNED TO
PONTOTOC COUNTY, PLEAD GUILTY, RECEIVED THREE YEARS PROBATION.
WILLARD RESIDES IN PONTOTOC AND HAS NEW HOME ON HIGHWAY SIX,
PONTOTOC COUNTY.

MHSP RECORDS REFLECT WILLARD BORN

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[REDACTED] ROUTE ONE, ECRU, PONTOTOC COUNTY, MISS.,
ARRESTED MARCH FOUR, SIXTY SEVEN, PONTOTOC COUNTY, RECKLESS
DRIVING, FINED FIFTEEN DOLLARS, ARRESTED DECEMBER TWENTY SIX,
SIXTY SIX, SPEEDING FINED FIFTEEN DOLLARS, OCTOBER THIRTEEN,
SIXTY FIVE SPEEDING, TEN DOLLAR FINE, SIXTY FOUR IN ACCIDENT
LICENSE SUSPENDED, SIXTY THREE INVOLVED IN TWO ACCIDENTS.
NOT WANTED BY MHSP.

ON OCTOBER THIRTEEN, SIXTYFIVE, OWNED CHEVROLET TRUCK.
STATE PROBATION AND PAROLE BOARD RECORDS REVEAL WILLARD
ARRESTED FOR ARSON, BURNING OF AN AUTOMOBILE, PONTOTOC COUNTY,
MISS. ARRESTED MEMPHIS, RETURNED TO PONTOTOC COUNTY, SENTENCED
JUNE TWENTY FIVE, FIFTY EIGHT TO THREE YEARS PROBATION. DESCRIBED
IN JUNE, FIFTY EIGHT AS WHITE MALE, BORN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] RESIDENCE ONE EIGHT FIVE ZERO JEFFERSON
STREET, MEMPHIS, FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, ONE HUNDRED FIFTY
FIVE POUNDS, COMPLEXION RUDDY, BROWN HAIR, GRAY EYES, BUILD
MEDIUM. WILLARD HAD SEVERAL RELATIVES LIVING MEMPHIS, FIFTY
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EIGHT. HE WAS EMPLOYED BY GAINES MANUFACTURING COMPANY, MEMPHIS. WHILE ON PROBATION WAS UNDER SUPERVISION OF MEMPHIS PAROLE OFFICER JOSEPH C. MITCHELL FROM JULY TWENTY EIGHT, FIFTY EIGHT, TO DECEMBER TWENTY TWO, FIFTY EIGHT. PROBATION ENDED MAY ONE, SIXTY ONE. SUBJECT WAS ARRESTED UNDER ARSON CHARGE WITH ONE HERMAN DANIEL, W/M, BORN LAFAYETTE COUNTY, MISS.

SELECTIVE SERVICE RECORDS, JACKSON, SHOW WILLARD CURRENTLY REGISTERED AND NOT DELINQUENT. NO RECORD LOCATED MISSISSIPPI STATE PENITENTIARY, PARCHMAN, MISS. JACKSON INDICES NEGATIVE. MRS. BARBARA WILLARD, WIFE OF WILLARD, INTERVIEWED AT OXFORD, BY BUAGENTS, WHERE EMPLOYED BY OXFORD, MISS., CREDIT BUREAU THIS DATE. RELATED SHE ARRIVED AT HER RESIDENCE, PONTOTOC COUNTY, FIVE THIRTY PM, APRIL FOUR, LAST, AND HUSBAND WAS HOME WITH HER SMALL SON MOWING LAWN. HE DID NOT LEAVE RESIDENCE ENTIRE EVENING. EMPLOYED BY DAY BRITE LIGHTING COMPANY, TUPELO, AND WORKED DAY SHIFT. COULD OFFER NO SUSPECTS WHO COULD HAVE

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USED NAME JOHN WILLARD.

WILLARD INTERVIEWED THIS DATE BY BUREAU AGENTS DAY BRITE LIGHTING COMPANY, TUPELO AND ADVISED WORKED SEVEN AM TO THREE THIRTY PM SHIFT, APRIL FOUR, LAST. LEFT WORK AND WENT TO UNION MEETING WITH BILLY GLEN DOWDY AT UNION HALL. LEFT UNION HALL FIVE TEN PM, WENT TO RESIDENCE AND AWAITED ARRIVAL OF WIFE. DID NOT LEAVE RESIDENCE DURING EVENING. PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN WILLARD AND FD THREE ZERO TWOS AND PHOTOGRAPHS HAVE BEEN DISPATCHED BY AGENT IN ~~BOCAR~~ TO MEMPHIS. STATED JOHN WILLARD COMMON NAME BUT DOES NOT KNOW WHO COULD HAVE USED NAME IN MEMPHIS.

BILLY GLEN DOWDY INTERVIEWED AND VERIFIED WILLARD'S STORY, J. L. COLLUMS' NEIGHBOR SAW WILLARD MOWING LAWN DURING PERTINENT PERIOD.

PERSONNEL RECORD SHOWS WILLARD PUNCHED IN ON TIME CLOCK SIX FORTY SIX AM AND PUNCHED OUT THREE THIRTY TWO PM, APRIL FOUR, LAST.

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AGE FIVE

MRS. WILLARD LATER CONTACTED SA AT OXFORD, AND RELATED AT ONE TIME THERE WERE TWO JOHN WILLARDS LIVING VICINITY TUPELO, MISS. BELIEVES OTHER JOHN WILLARD KNOWN TO FILE OF CREDIT BUREAU. RECORDS, TUPELO CREDIT BUREAU, REVEAL IN JANUARY, SIXTY FOUR, INQUIRY MADE RE JOHN M. WILLARD, TWO NINE TWO NINE BOGAN DRIVE, TUPELO, FOR UNIVERSAL CIT, EMPLOYED FRED STRANGE MOTOR COMPANY.

FRED STRANGE, OWNER STRANGE MOTOR COMPANY, TUPELO, ADVISED JOHN MILBURN WILLARD, WHITE MALE, BORN [REDACTED] [REDACTED] FIVE FEET FOUR INCHES, ONE HUNDRED TEN POUNDS, BLACK HAIR, BROWN EYES, EMPLOYED MECHANIC SIXTY THREE AND LEFT MARCH FIVE, SIXTY FOUR. HE WORKED PRIOR AT SOWERS MOTORS, INC., ROLLA, MISSOURI, DRUITT MOTORS, SEDALIA, MISSOURI, AND KINDEN MOTOR, POPLAR BLUFF, MISSOURI. WILLARD STATED IN SIXTY FOUR RETURNING TO SEDALIA, MISSOURI. BELIEVES WORKING FOR J. W. SHEPHERD AT VOLKSWAGEN DEALERSHIP, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI.

ABOVE HAS BEEN FURNISHED BY PHONE TO KANSAS CITY AND MEMPHIS.
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KANSAS CITY. IMMEDIATELY ADVISE MEMPHIS IF ONE JOHN
MILBURN WILLARD EMPLOYED APRIL FOUR, LAST IN KANSAS CITY.

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940PM URGENT 4/6/68 CRR

TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, DETROIT, MEMPHIS, CHICAGO, ST. LOUIS AND KANSAS
CITY ATT DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE
FROM PHILADELPHIA (157-2574)

ASSASSINATION MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. RM.

SOURCE, RELIABLE, ADVISES THAT LAWRENCE G. HENRY, RAM MEMBER AND
COURIER, IS GATHERING A GROUP OF ARMED BLACK NATIONALISTS TO GO TO
MEMPHIS, TENN. FOR MEMORIAL MARCH FOUR EIGHT NEXT AND ATLANTA, GA.
FOUR NINE NEXT FOR FUNERAL. LAWRENCE HENRY WILL GO TO DETROIT TO
MEET BROTHERS MILTON AND RICHARD HENRY WHO ARE KNOWN TO THAT OFFICE.
PERSONS LEAVING PHILA. WILL GO INDIVIDUALLY BY AIR. SOURCE IS IN-
STRUCTED TO GO TO KANSAS CITY, MO. WILLIAM BRYANT WILL GO TO ST.
LOUIS. OTHER WILL ALSO GO TO CHICAGO AS WELL AS ABOVE CITIES. IN
THESE PLACES THEY WILL KILL TIME AWAY FROM THEIR HOME CITY. THEY WILL
FLY INTO MEMPHIS APRIL SEVEN TO ARRIVE JUST BEFORE SEVEN PM CURFEW.
ARRIVAL TIMES WILL BE FROM SIX TO SIX FORTY FIVE PM. ALL WILL BE
ARMED WITH PISTOLS IN SHOULDER HOLSTERS. GROUP WILL MEET JUST BEFORE
MARCH ON MONDAY AT PARADE AREA FOR FINAL INSTRUCTIONS. SOURCE STATES
HE HAS BEEN ADVISED THAT "HELP" WILL ALSO COME FROM "THE SOUTH".

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*ASAC advised 9:05 PM, and instructed Aiken's scheduler
from K.C. to Memphis he obtained. Since source was to
come to K.C., we will not notify K.C. M.P.D. until further
information is developed from Phila. - JPH*

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PERSONS KNOWN TO BE IN GROUP ARE:

LAWRENCE G. HENRY NEGRO, FIVE FT. EIGHT IN., MEDIUM DARK COMPLEXION
ONE FIVE ZERO LBS., MEDIUM BUILD, SHORT BLACK HAIR, BORN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AT PHILA.

CLIFFORD NATHANIEL HYMAN, NEGRO, MALE, BORN [REDACTED]
ONE, AT KENT, MD., FIVE FT. SEVEN AND ONE HALF IN., ONE FOUR ZERO LBS.,
SLENDER BUILD, BLACK HAIR, BROWN EYES, MEDIUM DARK BROWN COMPLEXION.
"CHRONIC SEVERE PARANOID TYPE."

JOHN BRYANT, JR., NEGRO, MALE, BORN [REDACTED] DISABLED
VETERAN [REDACTED] SIX FT., ONE NINETY
LBS., BLACK HAIR, BROWN EYES, WELL BUILT.

JOHN TURNER AKA TALIB ZOBIER, NO DESCRIPTION AVAILABLE.

ALL ABOVE ARE ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

AUSA JOHN R. SUTTON, EDPA OF OPINION INFO AT HAND INSUFFICIENT
TO AUTHORIZE PROSECUTION FOR CRIME ABOARD AIRCRAFT PRIOR TO ACTUAL
BOARDING OR ATTEMPT TO BOARD, AND SUGGESTS IF PERSONS LOCATED ARRESTS
CAN BEST BE MADE BY PD ON CONCEALED WEAPONS CHARGES.

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PH PD ADVISED OF INFO RE PROPOSED TRAVEL. WILL ATTEMPT TO LOCATE PARTICIPANTS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE AND ARREST OF POSSIBLE ON CONCEALED WEAPONS CHARGES. SA'S AND POLICE WILL OBSERVE PLANE DEPARTURES BALANCE APRIL SIX TO IDENTIFY PERSONS NAMED SO THAT POLICE CAN ARREST AT SAFEST POINT PRIOR TO BOARDING PLANE. AIRPORT POLICE ALERTED AND COOPERATING. LIAISON AFFECTED WITH PERTINENT AIRLINES.

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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA.

OFFICES RECEIVING ALERT PD'S AND FURNISH DESCRIPTIONS.

PH COGNIZANT OF NEED TO PROTECT IDENTITY OF INFORMANT AND APPROPRIATE PRECAUTIONS WILL BE TAKEN.

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PD CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE AND INTELLIGENCE SQUADS ALREADY KNOW SOME OF PARTICIPANTS AND HAVE INVESTIGATED THEM IN THE PAST.

BUREAU AND OFFICES WILL BE KEPT ADVISED.

LHM WILL BE SUBMITTED.

INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES WILL BE ADVISED.

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CORR PAGE ONE LINESEVEN WORD EIGHT SHD BE JOHN BRYANT. PAGE TWO LINE ELEVEN WORD FIVE SHD BE ZOBIEZ.

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112AM URGENT 4/7/68 ENH

TO DIRECTOR, KANSAS CITY, SPRINGFIELD, MEMPHIS AND CHICAGO
FROM DENVER (157-203)1P

MURKIN. CR

RE CHICAGO TEL TWELVE THIRTYFIVE A.M. APRIL SEVEN NINETEEN
SIXTYEIGHT.

REVIEW DENVER FILES INDICATES KANSAS CITY HAS CURRENT PHOTO
OF DE PALMA AS INDICATED PAGE TWENTY ONE OF REPORT SA WILLIAM H.
BOOTH, JR DATED DECEMBER SEVEN NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN AT NEW HAVEN
CAPTIONED " CHANGED VINCENT PAUL DE PALMA AKA" COPIES BUREAU,
DENVER AND KANSAS CITY. NO PHOTO DE PALMA IN DENVER FILES.
KANSAS CITY FURNISH PHOTO TO MEMPHIS. SINCE ABOVE PHOTO AVAIL-
ABLE NO CONTACT BEING MADE WITH "DENVER POST" LOCAL DENVER
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*ASAC ADVISED at 2:10 AM + stated photo should
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TO: DIRECTOR, ATTN: ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION
AND SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1897)

FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760)

UNSUB; ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM,
CR, OO: MEMPHIS

RE BUCALL, APR. FIVE, LAST, AND KANSAS CITY CALL TO
MEMPHIS SAME DATE.

SAS M. BARRY CARMODY AND LEONE J. FLOSI DEPARTED KANSAS
CITY SEVEN THIRTY AM, THIS DATE, VIA KANSAS CITY BUCAR SIXTYONE
AND WILL ARRIVE MEMPHIS AT APPROXIMATELY FOUR PM FOR SPECIAL
ASSIGNMENT. (P)

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7-10 AM URGENT 4-7-68 RM

TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, CHICAGO, DETROIT, KANSAS CITY, MEMPHIS, AND
ST. LOUIS

FROM PHILADELPHIA (157-2574)

ASSASSINATION MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. RM.

SOURCE, RELIABLE, IS TO DEPART PHILA. EIGHT FIFTY AM THIS DATE
FLIGHT SIX FOUR THREE UNITED AIRLINES FOR CHICAGO, ARRIVE NINE FIFTY
FIVE AM. HE WILL THEN FLY VIA TWA TO KANSAS CITY AND DEPART THERE
THREE TWENTY FIVE PM ARRIVING MEMPHIS FIVE TEN PM THIS DATE. AT
MEMPHIS HE WILL MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR TRIP TO ATLANTA.

CLIFFORD HYMAN ADVISED SOURCE THAT HE, HYMAN, WOULD TRY TO MAKE
ARRANGEMENTS FOR WALLACE MUHAMMAD TO MEET SOURCE IN CHICAGO.

CLIFFORD INDICATED HE WILL FLY DIRECT TO MEMPHIS THIS DATE. PLACE
AND TIME OF DEPARTURE UNKNOWN TO SOURCE.

SOURCE INSTRUCTED TO OBTAIN GUN BY BOTH LAWRENCE HENRY AND CLIFFORD
HYMAN WHO HAVE ADVISED SOURCE THEY WILL BE ARMED. SOURCE HAS NOT
OBTAINED WEAPON.

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SOURCE BELIEVES THAT HAROLD HYMAN, BROTHER OF CLIFFORD MAY ALSO MAKE TRIP TO MEMPHIS AND ATLANTA. HAROLD IS FORMER NOI OFFICER AND FOLLOWER OF WALLACE MUHAMMED AND MALCOLM X. HAROLD HYMAN IS N/M, DOB [REDACTED] AT PHILA., FIVE SEVEN, ONE FIVE FIVE LBS., HAS SPEECH IMPEDIMENT, TALKS IN HESITANT MANNER.

LAWRENCE HENRY MAY WEAR CLERICAL GARB AS HE HAS DONE AT PAST DEMONSTRATIONS. HE IS FREE-LANCE PHOTOGRAPHER AND CAN BE EXPECTED TO CARRY CAMERA. REGARDLESS OF CLOTHING WORN, SOURCE REPORTED HENRY DEPARTED FOR DETROIT APRIL SIX LAST, FROM AIRPORT OTHER THAN PHILA.

SOURCE ADVISED MARCELLUS ANDREWS, JOHN TURNER, AND JOHN BRYANT, JR., HAVE DEPARTED CITY FROM AIRPORTS OTHER THAN PHILA. SOURCE REPORTED THESE PERSONS AND OTHERS, IDENTITIES UNKNOWN, DEPARTED FROM NEWARK, N.J., NEW YORK CITY AND WILMINGTON, DELAWARE.

ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

REPHTELS APRIL FIVE AND SIXTH LAST.

PHOTOS OF HENRY, ANDREWS, TURNER, AND HYMAN BROTHERS FURNISHED ATLANTA AND MEMPHIS AMSD THIS DATE.

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SOURCE WILL CONTACT MEMPHIS AND ATLANTA OFFICES.

FOR INFO OF BUREAU, PH INDICES REFLECT JOHN BRYANT, JR., HAS BEEN EMPLOYED USPO, PHILA., SINCE THREE TWELVE FIFTYEIGHT AS MAIL HANDLER. PH WILL VERIFY BRYANT'S ABSENCE FROM WORK AND RETURN THROUGH POSTAL AUTHORITIES.

INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES PHILA. COGNIZANT. ATLANTA AND MEMPHIS NOTIFY INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES.

BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED.

LHM FOLLOWS.

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FBI CHICAGO

1237AM URGENT 4-7-68 TAB

TO: DIRECTOR DENVER KANSAS CITY MEMPHIS SPRINGFIELD
FROM: CHICAGO (44-NEW)(P)

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RE SPRINGFIELD TEL TO CHICAGO APRIL SIX LAST.

SPRINGFIELD DIVISION ADVISE RONALD LORENZEN, MANAGING
EDITOR, TIMES DEMOCRAT, DAVENPORT, IOWA, ADVISED HE RECEIVED
TELEPHONE CALL FROM EDWARD BAUMGARDNER OF NINE ONE
SEVEN SIXTH AVENUE, ERIE, ILLINOIS, ON APRIL FIVE LAST.
BAUMGARDNER ADVISED HIM THAT ARTIST'S CONCEPTION DISPLAYED
ON TELEVISION OF ASSASSINATION SUSPECT APPEARS TO BE THAT OF ONE
VINCENT DE PALMA. BAUMGARDNER ALSO ADVISED THAT HE IS
FORMER MINUTEMAN AND ASSASSINATION MAY HAVE BEEN
COMMITTED BY MEMBER OF MINUTEMEN.

ON APRIL SIX LAST BAUMGARDNER INTERVIEWED AT ERIE
ILLINOIS AND ADVISED AS FOLLOWS.

BAUMGARDNER ATTENDED MINUTEMAN SCHOOL IN COLORADO
AND WAS ASSIGNED TO "STRIKE TEAM" WITH VINCENT DE PALMA.

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SAC ADVISED 12:48AM AND INSTRUCTED TO NOTIFY
SA ARNETT WHO SHOULD TAKE CARE OF KC LD.
FIRST THING IN MORNING. SA ARNETT ADVISED
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DE PALMA DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, ABOUT TWENTY FIVE FIVE FEET ELEVEN TO SIX FEET, ONE EIGHT ZERO POUNDS, MEDIUM BROWN HAIR, DARK COMPLEXION, POSSIBLY AMERICAN INDIAN.

BAUMGARDNER ADVISED PHOTO OF DE PALMA IN POSSESSION DENVER POST NEWSPAPER, DENVER, COLORADO. IN CONNECTION WITH COURT HEARING IN BRECKINRIDGE, COLORADO WHERE DE PALMA APPEARED AS WITNESS AGAINST BOB WHERLEY (PH), EDITOR OF DENVER POST.

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DENVER OBTAIN PHOTO OF DE PALMA AND FORWARD TO MEMPHIS
FOR DISPLAY TO WITNESSES. KANSAS!CITY FURNISH MEMPHIS
WITH ANY PERTINENT INFO FROM MINUTEMEN FILE RE DE PALMA.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-)

DATE: 4-7-68

FROM : SA Leo V. Ewing

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. RM

Reference Philadelphia Teletypes to Bureau 4-6,7-68

Buck Revelle, Supervisor, Philadelphia Office advised at 11:28 AM today that there is no indication that persons mentioned in referenced teletypes plan to come to Kansas City except the "Source". No action is to be taken regarding this individual unless he contacts the Kansas City Office.

SAC and ASAC were advised of the above instructions. KCMO PD and Municipal Airport not being covered pending receipt of additional information.

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332PM URGENT 4-7-68 SAA

TO ALL CON\MNEN\AL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR 1P

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THIS IS THE CAPTION FOR THE CIVIL RIGHTS INVESTIGATION
TO IDENTIFY PERSON OR PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ASSASSINA-
TION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., IN MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, ON
APRIL FOUR LAST.

ALL INVESTIGATION MUST BE HANDLE UNDER THE PER-
SONAL DIRECTION OF THE SAC. LEADS ARE TO BE AFFORDED
IMMEDIATE, THOROUGH IMAGINATIVE ATTENTION. YOU MUST
EXHAUST ALL POSSIBILITIES FROM SUCH LEADS AS ANY ONE LEAD
COULD RESULT IN THE SOLUTION OF THIS MOST IMPORTANT INVES-
TIGATION. SAC WILL BE HELD PERSONALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY
FAILURE TO PROMPTLY AND THOROUGHLY HANDLE INVESTIGATIONS
IN THIS MATTER.

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3:41PM 4-7-68 URGENT CPO

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS /44-1897/ NEW HAVEN, KANSAS CITY /44-760/
AND JACKSON
FROM CHARLOTTE /44-1365/

MURKIN.

RE KANSAS CITY TELETYPE TODAY REFLECTING THAT SUSPECT
VINCENT DE PALMA WAS ASSIGNED CODE NAME WILLARD BY MINUTEMEN.

ROBERT ERVIN BAGWELL, THREE SEVENTY BROADWAY, ASHEVILLE,
N. C., FORMER MEMBER OF MINUTEMEN WHO HAS FURNISHED CONFIDENTIAL
INFORMATION ON MINUTEMEN ACTIVITIES, ADVISED TODAY HE NEVER
KNEW VINCENT DE PALMA, ROBERT DE PUGH OR WALLY PEYSON, NUMBER
ONE MAN OF DE PUGH, TO USE COVER NAMES, AND HE DOES NOT RECALL
ANY MINUTEMEN USING THE CODE NAME OF WILLARD OR JOHN WILLARD.

BAGWELL DESCRIBED DE PALMA WHOSE TRUE NAME IS WHITE HORSE
OR WHITE HAWK, AS INDIAN, MALE, AGE TWENTYFIVE APPROXIMATELY,
SIX ONE, ONE SEVENTY POUNDS, BROWN HAIR, BROWN EYES, LIGHT
BROWN COMPLEXION, MEDIUM BUILD, ORIGINALLY FROM CONNECTICUT AND
REARED IN AN ORPHANAGE. HE SAID HAD DE PALMA OR ANY OF THE
HARDCORE MINUTEMEN SHOT KING, THEY WOULD HAVE DISMANTLED THE
RIFLE AND PUT IT IN A BRIEFCASE, RATHER THAN ABANDON IT, AND
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WOULD NOT HAVE RUN FROM THE SCENE.

BAGWELL REITERATED HE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE THAT MINUTEMEN HAD HAD ANY PLANS TO KILL KING. BAGWELL WAS FORMER MEMBER OF WHITE KNIGHTS OF KU KLUX KLAN /WKKKK/ BEFORE BECOMING ACTIVE IN MINUTEMEN AND SAID KING WAS A MAJOR TARGET FOR THIS GROUP. HE DESCRIBED WKKKK AS AN ASSASSINATION SQUAD FOR KKK, WITH HEADQUARTERS IN MERIDAN, MISSISSIPPI. HE KNEW E. L. MC DANIEL TO BE HEAD OF THIS GROUP SEVERAL YEARS AGO BUT DOES NOT KNOW THE IDENTITIES OF THE PRESENT LEADERS AND ACTIVISTS OF WKKKK.

JACKSON IS REQUESTED TO CONTACT INFORMANTS AND SOURCES IN WKKKK FOR ANY INFORMATION THAT KING MAY HAVE BEEN A TARGET OF THIS GROUP OR THAT THIS GROUP OR ANY OF ITS MEMBERS HAD ANY PLANS TO TAKE ANY ACTION AGAINST KING.

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TO DIRECTOR MEMPHIS (44-1897) NEW HAVEN AND CHARLOTTE.
FROM KANSAS CITY (44-760)

MURKIN. CR.

RE CHICAGO TELETYPE FOUR SEVEN SIXTYEIGHT AND DENVER AIRTEL
AND LHM TWO TWO SIXTYEIGHT CAPTIONED MINUTEMEN; IS MISC.

FOR INFO NEW HAVEN AND CHARLOTTE, SPRINGFIELD DIVISION ADVISED
EDITOR, TIMES DEMOCRAT, DAVENPORT, IOWA, ADVISED HE RECEIVED
TELEPHONE CALL FROM EDWARD BUMGARDNER OF NINE ONE SEVEN SIXTH
AVENUE, ERIE, ILLINOIS, ON APRIL FIVE LAST. BUMGARDNER ADVISED
HIM THAT ARTIST'S CONCEPTION DISPLAYED ON TELEVISION OF ASSASSINATION
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NEW HAVEN IS ORIGIN IN CASE CAPTIONED VINCENT PAUL DE PALMA, MINUTEMEN, IS-MISC.

DE PALMA RESIDED MINUTEMEN HEADQUARTERS, INDEPENDENCE, MO., IN SEPT. SIXTYSEVEN WITH EDWARD BUMGARDNER AND ROBERT BAGWELL. HE ALSO ATTENDED MM TRAINING SESSIONS IN COLORADO DURING AUGUST SIXTYSEVEN WITH THEM.

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CURRENT ADDRESS OF BAGWELL KNOWN TO CHARLOTTE, AS HE HAS RECENTLY FURNISHED INFO RE CASE CAPTIONED ROBERT BOLIVAR DE PUGH DASH FUGITIVE, BR-CONSPIRACY, BUFILE NINE ONE DASH TWO EIGHT EIGHT SEVEN TWO. IN ORDER TO VERIFY INFO DE PALMA ASSIGNED CODE NAME WILLARD, BAGWELL SHOULD BE INTERVIEWED IMMEDIATELY.

BUMGARDNER FORMERLY PCI OF SPRINGFIELD OFFICE WHO WAS DISCONTINUED DUE TO HIS DISCLOSING RELATIONSHIP WITH BUREAU. HE HAS CONSIDERABLE ARREST RECORD DATING NINETEEN FIFTYSIX TO PRESENT FBI NUMBER SEVEN TWO SEVEN THREE NINE FIVE C.

FOR INFO BUREAU, RE DENVER LHM CONTAINS REPORT FROM ATTU DENVER CONCERNING INTERVIEW WITH DE PALMA JANUARY FIFTEEN LAST WHEREIN HE FURNISHED INFO RE "STRIKE TEAMS" AND ASSASSINATION OF GOV'T AGENTS AND ALSO KING AMONG OTHERS, SHOULD DE PUGH GO TO JAIL.

CE INTERVIEW BAGWELL AND NH FURNISH MEMPHIS COMPLETE SUMMARY RE DE PALMA.

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FBI NEW HAVEN

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TO DIRECTOR, BOSTON, MEMPHIS, KANSAS CITY, CHARLOTTE.

FROM NEW HAVEN (157-818)

MURKIN CR. OO: MEMPHIS.

RE KANSAS CITY TELETYPE FOUR SEVEN SIXTY EIGHT AND NEW HAVEN
TEL CALLS TO BUREAU AND BOSTON THIS DATE.

MOTHER OF VINCENT PAUL DE PALMA, BRISTON, CONN. INTERVIEWED
THIS DATE. HEG STATED THAT ABOUT THE SECOND WEEK OF FEBRUARY
DE PALMA VISITED HER AT HER HOME IN BRISTOL, AT THIS TIME
SHE GAVE DE PALMA A NOTE WHICH HAD BEEN LEFT WITH HER TO
HAVE DE PALMA CONTACT THE NEAREST OFFICE OF THE FBI IN THE
EVENT HE CONTACTED HER. SHE STATED HE TOOK THE NOTE AND THEN SAID
QUOTE THE FBI ONLY WANTS TO GET ME TO APPEAR IN COURT AGAINST
DE PAUGH AND I WON'T EVER DO IT AS I WOULD NOT LEAVE THE
COURTROOM ALIVE, LET THEM GET IN TOUCH WITH ME IF THEY WANT ME
END QUOTE. SHE STATED THAT ON APRIL SEVEN LAST SHE LEFT THE
BRISTOL HOSPITAL WHERE SHE HAD BEEN CONFINED FOR A WEEK WITH A
NERVOUS CONDITION BROUGHT ON BY HER SON. SHE STATED THAT AT
APPROXIMATELY SIX PM ON APRIL FIFTH LAST DE PALMA VISITED HER IN
THE HOSPITAL. HE TOLD HER THAT HE HAD COME TO BRISTOL FROM
NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND ARRIVING ABOUT NOON, HAD TAKEN HIS
FOUR CHILDREN FOR A DRIVE AND HAD THEN VISITED HIS FATHER AT
NORWICH STATE HOSPITAL, NORWICH, CONN. SHE STATED THAT
SINCE THE FIRST PART OF FEBRUARY DE PALMA HAS BEEN EMPLOYED
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BY A BUS COMPANY IN NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND AS A DRIVER. SHE BELIEVES HE DRIVES AT NIGHT. FURTHER THAT FOR THE FIRST FEW DAYS AFTER ARRIVAL HE RESIDED WITH HIS FATHER-IN-LAW, BERT KELLY, THREE ROSEDALE TERRACE, MIDDLETOWN, RHODE ISLAND. HE THEN OBTAINED A THREE ROOM APARTMENT AT SIXTY NINE RHODE ISLAND AVE., ROUTE TWO, MIDDLETOWN, RHODE ISLAND WHERE HE ALLEGEDLY RESIDES TO PRESENT. BOSTON IMMEDIATELY DETERMINE PRESENCE OF DE PALMA IN NEWPORT-MIDDLETOWN, RHODE ISLAND AREA DURING APRIL FOUR LAST. BOSTON ALSO REFER TO REPORT OF SA WILLIAM H. BOOTH JR., DATED TWO FIFTEEN LAST ENTITLED VINCENT PAUL DE PALMA, AKA, MINUTEMEN IS DASH MISCELLANEOUS. EXHIBIT SECTION THIS REPORT SETS OUT INTERVIEW WITH DE PALMA BY A&T OFFICE, DENVER COLORADO ON ONE SEVENTEEN LAST. BUREAU HAS INSTRUCTED THAT DE PALMA SHOULD BE IMMEDIATELY INTERVIEWED REGARDING ALLEGATIONS MADE TO ATTD. IN VIEW OF DE PALMA'S BACKGROUND INCLUDING HIS REPORTED POSSESSION OF PISTOL AND KNIFE, CAUTION SHOULD BE EXERCISED DURING INTERVIEW WHICH SHOULD BE CONDUCTED BY

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TWO AGENTS. PRESS DE PALMA FOR SPECIFICS ON ALL POINTS. ALL
LEADS TO RESOLVE THIS MATTE R CONCERNING HIS INTERVIEW WITH
ATTD SHOULD BE SET OUT BY TELETYPE AND SUTER SUMMARY OF
INTERVIEW FOLLOWED IMMEDIATELY BY LHM. AS DE PALMA HAS BEEN
CONSIDERED A SUSPECT IN SOBOM, HIS WHEREABOUTS DURING THE DAY OF
FEBRUARY TWENTY FIRST LAST SHOULD BE ASCERTAINED. BY SEPARATE
AIRTEL MEMPHIS IS BEING FURNISHED A COPY OF THE SUMMARY REPORT
OF SA WILLIAM H. BOOTH, JR. DATED TWELVE SEVEN SIXTY SIXTY
SEVEN AND INVESTIGATIVE REPORT DATED TWO FIFTEEN LAST UNDER
CAPTION VINCENT PAUL DE PALMA, AKA, MINUTEMEN INTERNAL
SECURITY DASH MISCELLANEOUS.

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CORR PAGE THREE LINE EIGHT LAST WORD SIXTY SHOULD BE OMMITTED.

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TO ALL SACS

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987) 2P

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RE BUTEL TO ALL SAC'S APRIL SEVEN, NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT.
FOR INFO ALL OFFICES, PERTINENT PERIODS IN INVESTIGATION
ARE MARCH TWENTY NINE AND THIRTY IN BIRMINGHAM, ALA., AND
APRIL FOUR, SIXTY EIGHT, IN MEMPHIS, TENN.

IN EVENT ANY DATA DEVELOPED RE SUSPECTS, IF INTERESTED
OFFICES CAN ESTABLISH WHEREABOUTS OF SUSPECTS ON DATES ABOVE,
THIS MAY ELIMINATE SUSPECT. IF THIS CANNOT BE DONE, EFFORTS
SHOULD BE MADE TO SECURE PHOTOGRAPHS OF SUSPECTS IN QUESTION AND
FORWARD PHOTOS TO MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM FOR POSSIBLE ELIMINATION.
PERTINENT DESCRIPTIVE DATA SHOULD BE INCLUDED WITH PHOTOS.

IF UNABLE TO ELIMINATE ON BASIS OF ESTABLISHED WHEREABOUTS
IN PERTINENT PERIODS, INTERESTED OFFICES SHOULD MAKE EFFORTS
TO SECURE FINGERPRINTS OF SUSPECT IN QUESTION AND SUBMIT SAME TO
BUREAU FOR ELIMINATION.

COMPOSITE DESCRIPTION, BASED ON DATA DEVELOPED IN BIRMINGHAM
AND MEMPHIS, IS AS FOLLOWS:

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SUSPECT MALE WHITE, AGE TWENTY SIX TO FORTY YEARS, HEIGHT FIVE FT. EIGHT TO FIVE FT. ELEVEN INCHES, ONE HUNDRED FIFTY TO ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY LBS.; DARK BROWN OR SANDY HAIR, COMBED STRAIGHT BACK. EYES BLUE OR GREEN; MEDIUM BUILD; COMPLEXION AVERAGE, SMOOTH. GENERAL PHYSICAL APPEARANCE; NEAT.

POSSIBILITY EXISTS SUSPECT IS NON-SMOKER. INDICATIONS WERE THAT SUSPECT RENTED ROOM BETWEEN THREE AND THREE THIRTY PM, APRIL FOUR, LAST, AND DEPARTED ROOM SHORTLY AFTER SIX PM. NO MATCHES OR CIGARETTES FOUND DURING THAT PERIOD, WHICH SUGGESTS SUSPECT MAY BE NON-SMOKER.

RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION MUST BE PROMPTLY FURNISHED BUREAU, MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM. P.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760)

DATE: 4/7/68

FROM : SA PAUL A. VAN SOMEREN

SUBJECT: MURKIN, CR
OO: Memphis

At 2:05 AM, this date SA NEHRBASS, Bureau, telephonically advised that according to a report of SA BOOTH, New Haven, dated 12/7/67, the Kansas City Division has a photograph of VINCENT DE PALMA. SA NEHRBASS requested this photograph be sent to the Memphis office immediately by aircraft and that the Memphis office be notified as flight number and time of arrival at Memphis.

At 2:33 AM, this date SA NEHRBASS again called requesting background information regarding DE PALMA. SA NEHRBASS was advised that New Haven is OO of this case. SA NEHRBASS stated Kansas City should disregard previous instructions regarding the furnishing of a photograph of DE PALMA to Memphis UACB.

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TO MEMPHIS (44-1987) AND CINCINNATI (157-1893)
FROM KANSAS CITY (44-760) 1P

MURKIN.

RE CINCINNATI TEL TO KANSAS CITY AND MEMPHIS THIS DATE.

FOR INFO OF RECEIVING OFFICES ATTEMPT MADE TO INTERVIEW DWIGHT
D. MATHIS AT MISSOURI MENTAL HEALTH CENTER, HOWEVER, MATHIS WAS
UNDER HEAVY SEDATION AND IN AN INCOHERENT CONDITION.

ADDITIONALLY, SGT. J. A. HAYGARD, INDEPENDENCE PD, ADVISED
THIS DATE, MATHIS ARRESTED TEN THIRTY PM APR. SIX LAST, ON CORNER
OF STREET IN INDEPENDENCE, MO., AT WHICH TIME MATHIS PROCLAIMING
TO BE "JESUS CHRIST". SGT. HAYGARD ADVISED IT WAS HIS UNDERSTANDING
MATHIS HAD BEEN IN INDEPENDENCE, MO., FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE WEEK
PRIOR TO ARREST THERE.

KANSAS CITY WILL ATTEMPT TO INTERVIEW MATHIS ON AM APRIL EIGHT
NEXT.

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FBI DENVER

1:52 AM MST URGENT 7-8-68 FCD

TO: DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, BUTTE, KANSAS CITY, LITTLE ROCK, NEW HAVEN,
AND SALT LAKE CITY

FROM: DENVER (157-203) 2P

MURKIN; CR. 00: MEMPHIS.

RE BOSTON TELETYPE TO BUREAU APRIL EIGHT, SIXTY EIGHT.

FOR INFORMATION KC AND NH, BOSTON OFFICE INTERVIEWED VINCENT
JAMES DE PALMA, NEWPORT, R.I., FORMER MINUTEMAN, WHO REPEATED INFO
HE PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED TO ATTD INVESTIGATOR KARL E. TERLAU AT DENVER
JANUARY LAST TO EFFECT THAT MINUTEMEN PLANNED TO KILL KING, ETC..
DE PALMA ADVISED THAT IF MINUTEMEN RESPONSIBLE ASSASSIN COULD BE
See attached sheet
MIKE LNU FROM TEXAS DESCRIBED WM, ITALIAN EXTRATION, TWENTY SIX,
FIVE FEET TEN INCHES, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY LBS., LIGHT COMPLEXION,
THICK BLACK CURLY HAIR. MIKE OWNED MILK TRUCK PAINTED WHITE WITH
KANSAS LICENSE LAST KNOWN TO BE PARKED AT TOPAZ MINING CO. NEAR
SALT LAKE CITY.

DENVER FILES CONTAIN COPY OF TERLAU'S REPORT DATED JAN. TWENTY
TWO, SIXTY EIGHT, AND REFLECT THAT SAME HAS BEEN FURNISHED TO ALL
LISTED OFFICES. NO ADDITIONAL INFO IN DENVER FILES RE MIKE.

KANSAS CITY AND NEW HAVEN AS OO OF MINUTEMEN AND DE PALMA CASES
REVIEW FILES FOR POSSIBLE IDENTITY OF QUOTE MIKE UNQUOTE.

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RESULTS OF PRIOR INVESTIGATION TO VERIFY INFO PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED
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SGT. WILLIAM LIVERY, DELAWARE COUNTY, SO, ADVISED TELETYPE
RECEIVED FROM PD INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI TODAY STATING DWIGHT D.
MATHIAS HELD MISSOURI MENTAL HEALTH CENTER, TWO TWO ZERO ZERO
MC COY, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI.

MATHIAS WHO LIVES WITH MOTHER RUTH MATHIAS, ROUTE ONE,
SHAWNEE HILLS, POWELL, OHIO, LEFT HOME APRIL TWO OR THREE LAST,
SUPPOSEDLY ENROUTE WASHINGTON, D.C. HE IS OUTSPOKEN CRITIC OF
PRESIDENT JOHNSON AND LATE DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CHARACTER-
IZING BOTH AS COMMUNISTS AND LIARS.

MATHIAS DRIVING NINETEEN SIXTY FORD PICK-UP TRUCK, RED WITH
CAMPER BEARING OHIO LICENSE FIVE C FIVE THREE SEVEN SIX.

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MATHIAS DESCRIBED BY SECRET SERVICE COLUMBUS, OHIO WHICH HAS
CONDUCTED INVESTIGATION CONCERNING HIM AS WHITE MALE, DOB:

COLUMBUS, OHIO, SIX FEET, ONE FORTY POUNDS,
BROWN EYES AND HAIR. HE HAS RECEIVED MENTAL TREATMENT FOR PAST THREE
YEARS.

MISSOURI AUTHORITIES REQUESTED MATHIAS FAMILY TO ARRANGE TO
RETURN HIM TO OHIO AND MOTHER IN PROCESS OF MAKING SUCH ARRANGEMENTS.

KANSAS CITY DETERMINE THROUGH INTERVIEW OF MATHIAS, WHERE-
ABOUTS SEVEN PM APRIL FOUR, LAST AND CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION
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FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (66-1857)

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT
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The following personnel have arrived Memphis as indicated below:

<u>Name</u> (Agents)	<u>Office of</u> <u>Assignment</u>	<u>Bureau</u> <u>Vehicle</u>	<u>Time of Arrival</u>
M. BARRY CARMODY	Kansas City	KC 61	4/6/68 6:10 pm
LEONE J. FLOSI	Kansas City	KC 61	4/6/68 6:10 pm
KENNETH A. WILLIAMS	St. Louis	SL 65	4/6/68 4:15 pm
MELVIN E. DeGRAW	St. Louis	SL 65	4/6/68 4:15 pm
THOMAS L. BUCKLEY	St. Louis	SL 65	4/6/68 4:15 pm
WILLIAM J. BILLEAUD	Springfield	SL 65	4/6/68 4:15 pm
HERMAN O. LYLE	Springfield	SI 53	4/6/68 4:30 pm
O. JAMES HOLBROOK	Louisville	LS 22	4/6/68 5:35 pm
CHARLES L. LUTES	Louisville	LS 22	4/6/68 5:35 pm
JAMES J. STANTON	Louisville	LS 22	4/6/68 5:35 pm
VINCENT H. LAMMERS	Little Rock		4/6/68 4:55 pm
JOE W. PHILLIPS	Little Rock	LR 8	4/6/68 10:30 pm
RICHARD S. BRANDT	Little Rock	LR 8	4/6/68 10:30 pm

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EDWARD M. QUINN	Cincinnati	CI 34	4/6/68 7:40 pm

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RUBY ARLENE JONES	Little Rock		4/6/68 4:58 pm
BETTYE B. STARK	Louisville	LS 22	4/6/68 5:35 pm
JEAN M. SAHND	Cincinnati	CI 34	4/6/68 7:40 pm

Miss RUBY ARLENE JONES brought with her Little Rock
IBM Electric typewriter, Serial Number 2596779.