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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC 170-60

DATE: 4/5/68

FROM : SA James A. Mitchell

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

SUBJECT: Oliver Benton Wilcher

☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

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Dates of Contact 4/5/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted Unsub; Assassination Martin Luther King, Jr. RM		
Purpose and results of contact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE Source alerted re possible retaliatory <input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE measures that may be taken as a <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC result of King's murder. He said he knew of none unless it would be some of the young doing something spontaneously. The Negro clergy in Springfield is effective in suggesting avenues to be taken in any situation. There will be a memorial service Sunday but no planned march or demonstration by the NAACP. No other group exists.		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Good	Coverage RM 44-760-23
		SEARCHED INDEXED SERIALIZED FILED APR 7 - 1968 FBI - KANSAS CITY

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1- 170-60
① 44-760-23 - Assassination M. L. King, Jr., RM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (170-26)

DATE: 4/5/68

FROM : SA JOSEPH W. JACKSON

☐ CI ☐ SI ☒ R (Prob)

☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: IRVEN LOUIS WALKER

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Dates of Contact		
April 5, 1968		
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
UNSUB;		
ASSINATION MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.-VICTIM		
CR (OO:Memphis)		KC 44-760
Purpose and results of contact		
<input type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE		
<input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC		
<p>Contact purpose was to determine if negro community at Joplin, Missouri, planned any demonstrations, peaceful or otherwise as a result of the assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR, on 4/4/68 at Memphis, Tennessee.</p> <p>IRVEN LOUIS WALKER was contacted at his place of employment, the Greyhound Bus Station, Joplin, Missouri, and he advised as follows:</p> <p>Following the assassination of KING a meeting was held by the Joplin Chapter NAACP on 4/4/68 and it was agreed by the membership no demonstrations of any nature should be held. There were no dissident voices. It was agreed a memorial service for KING would be held at 11:00AM, 4/6/68, in the Handy Chapel, American Methodist Episcopal Church, 311 West Fourth Street, Joplin, with the principal address or eulogy to be delivered by Rev. W. CLANTON DAWSON, Pastor, Unity Baptist Church, Joplin.</p>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating --EXCELLENT--	Coverage RACIAL MATTERS; IS MATTERS
CC: (1) 157-766 44-760		
JWJ/jwj		

44-760-24

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In addition to Rev. DAWSON other pastors haveing negro congregations will also deliver eulogies at the memorial service for KING.

WALKER stated while there was shock expressed by the membership of the Joplin NAACP chapter at KING'S death, no exponent of violence was present nor would any individual of such temperament have been permitted to address the group had one been present.

WALKER stated should there arise any development which would indicate a planned demonstration would occur at Joplin that prompt notification would be made by WALKER to the FBI.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating --EXCELLENT--	Coverage RACIAL MATTERS; IS MATTERS
CC: (1) 157-766-44-760		
JWJ/jwj		

44-760-25

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JWJ/jwj

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Kansas City (137-4714)

DATE: 4/5/68

FROM : SA Earl A. Payson

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☒ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: KC PCI 137-4714

JAMES FRANKLIN BLEDSOE

Dates of Contact <i>4/5/68</i>		
Titles and File #s on which contacted <i>Martin Luther King</i> <i>157-new</i>		
Purpose and results of contact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC PCI advised that he had no information whatsoever re the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING and no evidence of any action being considered on the part of negros in Spfld., Mo., to perform any retaliatory measures.		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating <i>Good</i>	Coverage <i>Racial Matter</i>

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new (King)

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (137-4102)

DATE: 4/5/68

FROM : SA James P. Horton

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

SUBJECT: Richard Thomas Welsh
PCI

☒ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

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Dates of Contact 4/5/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted Racial Matters 157-New		
Warren Samuel Shaw, aka Fug. VFAP 88-9996		
Purpose and results of contact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC PCI alerted re: assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. and will furnish any info. coming to attention relating racial retaliation in Springfield, Mo. area.		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating F	Coverage 157 & 88

R/S sent

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① 157-New (Racial Matters)

44-160-27

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (137-4800)

DATE: 4/6/68

FROM : SA James P. Horton

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

SUBJECT: Joseph Henry Walters, Jr.
PCI

☒ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

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Dates of Contact

4/5/68

Titles and File #s on which contacted

Racial Matters

157-new

Warren Samuel Shaw, aka. Fug VFAP

88-9996

R/S sent

Purpose and results of contact

☒ NEGATIVE
☐ POSITIVE
☐ STATISTIC

PCI alerted re: assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. on 4/4/68. PCI states he will furnish any info. coming to his attention indicating any racial retaliation in connection with King's death.

☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

Rating

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1 - 137-4800

① - 157-new (Racial Matters)

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, KANSAS CITY (13704189)

DATE: 4-5-68

FROM : SA GEORGE C. SCRUGGS JR.

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: KC-607-C

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Dates of Contact 4-5-68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted 		
Purpose and results of contact <input type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC <p>CI advised he has no information what so ever concerning the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING and no evidence in Waynesville, Missouri of any action being considered by negro persons to form in any retaliatory measures.</p> <p>GCS (2) 1-137-4189 1-Racial Matters</p>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Very Good	Coverage Racial Matter
		<p>44-760-33</p> <p>SEARCHED INDEXED SERIALIZED FILED APR 10 1968 FBI - KANSAS CITY KW</p>

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC 137-4689

DATE: 4/6/68

FROM : SA James A. Mitchell

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

SUBJECT: Jimmy Howard Peter

☒ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

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Dates of Contact 4/6/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted Unsub; Assassination Martin Luther King, Jr. RM		
Purpose and results of contact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE Contacted and alerted to possibility retaliation measures as result of murder of King. Said no information in this been but will advise. <input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Good	Coverage RM Sus C 8
		44-760-334

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44-760

Assassination Th. L. King

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, KANSASCITY (137-4781)

DATE: 4-5-68

FROM : SA GEORGE C. SCRUGGS JR.

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: BOB CARSON

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Dates of Contact		
4-4-68 and 4-5-68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
91-5398		
Purpose and results of contact		
<input type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC		
PCI contacted 4-4-68 and 4-5-68		
91-5398		
Contacted 4-4-68 concerning VERY MAC THOGMARTIN, advised he has not seen THOGMARTIN since previously contacted and has no information concerning his whereabouts, activities, or associates.		
MARTIN LUTHER KING		
PCI contacted 4-5-68 concerning murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING. Advised he has no information concerning this crime and no information of any retaliatory measures being considered by negro persons in Waynesville, Missouri, area. Will furnish any information coming to his attention.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Good	Coverage BB RACIAL
1-137-4781 1-91-5398 1-Racial Matter GCS (3)		44-760-34 44-760 157-NEW (KING) APR 10 1968 FBI - KANSAS CITY HOWE RIBB

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, KANSASCITY (137-4781)

DATE: 4-5-68

FROM : SA GEORGE C. SCRUGGS JR.

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: BOB CARSON

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Dates of Contact		
4-4-68 and 4-5-68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
91-5398		
Purpose and results of contact		
<input type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC		
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91-5398		
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MARTIN LUTHER KING		
PCI contacted 4-5-68 concerning murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING. Advised he has no information concerning this crime and no information of any retaliatory measures being considered by negro persons in Haynesville, Missouri, area. Will furnish any information coming to his attention.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Good	Coverage BB RACIAL
1-137-4781 1-91-5398 1-Racial Matter GCS (3)		44-760-34 44-760 157-NEW (KING) Howe RABH

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC
Kansas City (137-4094)

DATE: 4-5-68

FROM : SA George D. Adams

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☒ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: KC 505-C

Dates of Contact 4-5-68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted 		
Purpose and results of contact <input type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC <p>CI advised he has not recieved any information concerning the assissination of Martin Luther King and no evidence of any action being taken by the negros in the El Dorado Springs, Mo or Cedar County aera as retaliatory measures.</p>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Very Good	Coverage Racial Matters

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC KANSAS CITY (137-3836)

DATE: 4-5-68

FROM : SA JAMES P. HORTON

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: KC-439-C

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Dates of Contact 4-5-68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted 		
Purpose and results of contact <input type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC CI contacted 4-5-68 advised he had no information what so ever concerning the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. He advised there has been no conversation in the negro community at Waynesville, Missouri, concerning any racial activity or any measures to be employed by this community in retaliation to the KING murder. CI advised he will remain alert for any such information and will promptly furnish any received.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Excellent	Coverage Racial Matters <i>Sup C 10</i>
1-137-3836 JPH (2) Racial Matters ✓ <i>44-760 new (King)</i>		<i>44-760-35</i> SEARCHED _____ INDEXED _____ SERIALIZED _____ FILED _____ APR 5 1968 FBI - KANSAS CITY <i>HOWE RCH</i>

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Kansas City (137-4825)

DATE: 4/5/68

FROM : SA Earl A. Payson

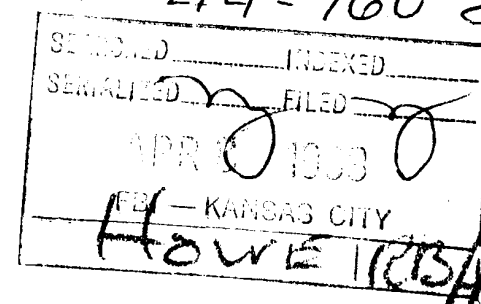
☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☒ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: PCI 137-4825

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Dates of Contact		
4/5/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
Martin Luther King		157-new
Purpose and results of contact		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC		
<p>PCI advised that he had no information regarding the assassination of Martin Luther King and no information re any retaliatory activities planned on the part of any negroes in Spfld., Mo.</p>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating	Coverage
	Good	Racial Matters
cc: 1-137-4825 1-157-new (King) 44-760		44-760-27



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC 157-751

DATE: 4/5/68

FROM : SA James A. Mitchell

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: William E. Pith

☒ LS

Dates of Contact 4/5/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted Unsub, Assassination Martin Luther King, Jr. RM		
Purpose and results of contact <input type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC Pith, President, NAACP, Springfield, Mo., advised there would be no march or demonstration by the local group. On Sunday 4/7/68 there will be an interracial, inter-denominational, memorial service at the 1st. Baptist Church in town. This is a church with a large seating capacity and it is a pre dominately white church. The minister, Tom Fields, agreed to make the church available. The service will be at 4:30 p.m. Sunday with prominent speakers, negro and Just C/d		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Excellent	Coverage RM 44-760-47

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① 44-760-44

tribute. This, he felt, would be the type of tribute befitting King's non-violent beliefs. The announcement will be made by Rev. Dorsey Levell, executive director of the Springfield Council of Churches. He knows of no other plans.

A collection will be taken and sent to the wife of Dr. King. Pettit stated he plans to attend the funeral and will not be back in this city until 4/11/68.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-753)

DATE: 4/5/68

FROM : SA JOSEPH W. JACKSON

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: DUNCAN BROWN

☒ LS

Dates of Contact		
April 5, 1968		
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
"UNSUB:		
ASSINATION MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. *VICTIM*		
CR (OO:Memphis)		KC 44-760
Purpose and results of contact		
<input type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE		
<input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC		
<p>Purpose of contact was to determine if negro community at Joplin, Missouri, planned any demonstrations, peaceful or otherwise, as a result of the assination on 4/4/68 at Memphis, Tenn., of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.</p> <p>DUNCAN BROWN WAS contacted at his residence, 1302 Valley, Joplin, Missouri, and he advised as follows:</p> <p>Following the assination of KING, a meeting was held by the Joplin Chapter NAACP of which BROWN is Vice President. It was agreed by the membership no demonstrations of any nature should be held. It was agreed a memorial service for KING would be held at 11:00AM, 4/6/68, at the Handy Chapel, American Methodist Episcopal Church, 311 West Fourth Street, Joplin, with the principal eulogy to be delivered by Rev. W. CLANTON DAWSON, Pastor, Unity Baptist Church, Joplin. In addition it was agreed other pastors having negro congregations would also deliver eulogies for KING.</p>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating --EXCELLENT--	Coverage RACIAL MATTERS IS MATTERS
BROWN, Residence telephone# MA 4-0855, is employed as night custodian (10:30PM-7:00AM) Fairchild Camera & Instrument Co., Joplin.		

1-157-753
CC (1) 157-766 44-760
JWJ/jwj

44-760-48

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KC 157-753

BROWN also advised Rev. DAWSON ,the principal speaker at memorial services for KING, is a very conservative, level headed individual and DAWSON is President, Joplin Chapter of the NAACP. He also advised DAWSON strongly feels demonstrations of a violent nature by negroes is a deterrent to advancement of civil rights progress.

BROWN stated should he receive any information which would indicate a demonstration of any nature would occur as an aftermath of KING'S assination, or for any other reason, that he would at once notify the FBI.

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JWJ/jwj

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-713)

DATE: 4/5/68

FROM : SA James A. Mitchell

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: William H. Hickman

☒ LS

Dates of Contact		
4/5/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
Unsub; Assassination Martin Luther King, Jr. RM		
Purpose and results of contact		
<input type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC		
Hickman, Pastor, Benton Avenue Methodist Church, Springfield, Mo. advised there will be a meeting later this day at the Community Center to decide what, if any, action will be taken as an aftermath of the murder of DR. KING. He suspects that some type of memorial will be held but as yet he does not know what form it will take. Rev. W. E. PITTS, President, local NAACP, would know better than anyone what is to be recommended. PITTS was a personal friend of KING and both were in Alabama in the early days of KING'S ministry.		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Very Good	Coverage Racial Matters

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC

DATE:

FROM : SA

SUBJECT:

157-752

4/5/68

James G. Mitchell

Joseph Delbert Johnson

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

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Dates of Contact		
4/5/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
Unsub, Assassination Martin Luther King, Jr., R.M.		
Purpose and results of contact		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC		
Johnson contacted at Springfield, Mo. and alerted for any demonstration or marches as an aftermath of the murder. Stated the NAACP here does not plan any march or demonstration only a memorial service on Sunday 4/7/68 at the 1st. Baptist Church.		
The youth group, 50-55, planned on 4/5/68 to walk two abreast from the youth center to St. Joseph's Catholic Church for a religious service - a peaceful		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating	Coverage
	Very Good	R.M.
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① 44-760

... moved with local police approval. No other
things are planned. The main theme
is non-violence in tribute to Dr. King.
He anticipates no trouble.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-735)

DATE: 4/9/68

FROM : SA THOMAS H. WEAVER

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: GEORGE BROOKS
LIAISON SOURCE

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Dates of Contact 4/5/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted LIAISON WITH GROUPS SPONSORING INTEGRATION; RM 157-245 Assassination of Dr. M. L. KING, JR. 157-new		
Purpose and results of contact <input type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC On 4/5/68, source was contacted by telephone at Columbia, Mo., at which time he advised he knows of no planned demonstrations by NAACP or other groups in Columbia. He said with regard to Dr. KING's murder, no demonstrations have been planned to his knowledge, other than announced memorial services requested by NAACP headquarters, for Columbia.		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Fair	Coverage LNGSI
3 - KC (1 - 157-735) (1 - 157-245) (1 - 157-new, Dr. M. L. KING, Jr.) THW/thw 44-760		44-760-54 Sub C15 SEARCHED INDEXED SERIALIZED FILED APR 10 1968 FBI - KANSAS CITY <i>Howe</i>

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-730)

DATE: 4/9/68

FROM : SA THOMAS H. WEAVER

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: CHARLES T. MC FERRIN
LIAISON SOURCE

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Dates of Contact 4/4, 5/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted <u>LIAISON WITH GROUPS SPONSORING INTEGRATION; RM</u> 157-245 <u>Assassination of Dr. M. L. KING, JR.</u> 157- 		
Purpose and results of contact <input type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC On 4/4/68, source was contacted at Sedalia, Mo., at which time he stated he knows of no planned demonstrations of any kind in Sedalia area. He said that the Negro population in Sedalia has no major areas of discontent and no evidence of agitation or outside influence exists to his knowledge. Re: Assassination of Dr. M. L. KING, JR. 157-new On 4/5/68, source was contacted at Sedalia by telephone and he said he knows of no planned demonstrations with regard to the death of Dr. KING, other than planned memorial services, in Sedalia.		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating VG	Coverage LWGS
3 - KC (1 - 157-730) (1 - 157-245) (1 - 157-new Dr. M. L. KING, JR.)		

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-737)

DATE: 4/9/68

FROM : SA THOMAS H. WEAVER

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: DR. WILLIAM A. ROSS
LIAISON SOURCE

Dates of Contact 4/4, 5/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted LIAISON WITH GROUPS SPONSORING INTEGRATION; RM 157-245 Assassination of Dr. MARTIN L. KING, JR. 157-new		
Purpose and results of contact <input type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC Source advised on 4/4/68, no known demonstrations planned by NAACP or other groups in Jefferson City, to his knowledge. He is president of Jefferson City NAACP. Stated other than desire for open housing ordinance to be adopted by City Council, no areas of discontent are a problem in Jefferson City and no agitation exists. Re Assassination of Dr. KING: On 4/5/68, Dr. ROSS said that he knows of no plans for any demonstrations among Negroes in Jefferson City related to the assassination.		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Good	Coverage LWGS
3 - KC (1 - 157-737) (1 - 157-245) (1 - 157-new MLK, Jr.) THW/thw 44-766		44-766-17 SEARCHED INDEXED SERIALIZED FILED APR 10 1968 FBI - KANSAS CITY

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Memorandum

TO : SAC

(157-736)

DATE:

4/9/68

FROM : SA

THOMAS H. WEAVER

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT:

WILLIAM DELBERT RICE
LIAISON SOURCE

Dates of Contact		
4/5/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
LIAISON WITH GROUPS SPONSORING INTEGRATION; RM 157-245		
Planned Demonstration, News Tribune Bldg., Jefferson City, Mo., re Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.; RM 157-760		
Purpose and results of contact		
<input type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE Source advised that the Negro population in Jefferson <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC City has no major source of discontent leading to any demonstration or possible demonstration with regard to local situations; however, Re: 157-760. He understands a group of students from Lincoln Univ., Jefferson City, Mo., are marching on 4/5/68 to the News Tribune Bldg., and at the time of subsequent contact with RICE on 4/5/68, he stated that he has seen the group, and he recognizes no outside agitators among the group, which is demon- strating in objection to editorials in the local newspaper which were critical of Dr. KING, 4/3, 4/68. He said he sees no sign of any outside influence in the marchers in the demonstration, but he will be alert and advise if he learns of outside influence in the student group demonstrating. Later, on 4/5/68, RICE said the group was all local, with no outside influence, and apparently the glass breakage which occurred came about as a result of "showing the police we are not afraid of them" attitude among some of the students. He said he does not believe thefts of some guns from a sporting goods store occurred, as tentatively reported on 4/5/68.		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating	Coverage
3 - KC (1 - 157-736) (1 - 157-245) (1 - 157-760) THW/tlw		

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, KANSAS CITY (137-4812)

DATE: 4/13/68

FROM : SA JAMES ALLEN BENBROOK (A)

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☒ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: JAMES E. LOCKE

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Dates of Contact		
4/12/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
MURKIN		44-760
Purpose and results of contact		
<input type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE		
<input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC		
<p>PCI was contacted concerning any information he might possess regarding J. D. WILLARD. PCI said that the J. D. WILLARD in question is xxxx probably identical to the J. D. WILLARD who has an open account at the Pioneer Finance Co., 1205 Grand Avenue, KC, Mo., whose wife's name is BESSIE and who is believed to be employed at Owens Plastics. In addition PCI said that as late as 1/68 the Murphy Finance Co., 12th and Walnut Building, KE KC, Mo., made an inquiry of PCI concerning J. D. WILLARD and it is his belief that no loan was made to WILLARD on this occasion, however. PCI said that a Mr. JUSTICE was Mgr. of the Pioneer Finance Co. and a Mr. SANDERS was manager of the Murphy Finance Co.</p>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating	Coverage
	Good	Accounting and Fugitive Matters
		44-760-144 Sub C 19
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Memorandum

TO : SAC (137-4812)

DATE: 4/18/68

FROM : SA JAMES ALLEN BENBROOK

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☒ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: JAMES E. LOCKE

Dates of Contact 4/17/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted MURKIN 44-760		
Purpose and results of contact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC PCI advises that the names of GALT and LOWMYER are unknown to him and a check of his records, which are filed phonetically, contain no GALT or LOWMYER, therefore no loan companies in greater Kansas City have had any contact with person using these names.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Good	Coverage Accounting and Fugitive matters Sub C B 44-760-193

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SA JAMES ALLEN BENBROOK

JAMES E. LOCKE
PCI

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On 4/19/68, PCI was contacted concerning JAMES EARL RAY, along with aliases known for RAY, and a review of PCI's files showed no individuals identifiable with RAY under his true name or known aliases.

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SA JAMES ALLEN BENDERROCK

JAMES E. LOCKE
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JAB:rmb

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4/19/68

SA JAMES ALLEN BENNETT

JAMES E. LOCKE
PCI

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TO : SAC , KANSAS CITY

DATE: 4/23/68

FROM : SA VICTOR D. CANTERBURY

☒ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: KC 571-C

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Dates of Contact 4/19/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted JAMES EARL RAY UFAP		88-9449
Purpose and results of contact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC The picture of above subject was shown to CI and he said he did not ever remember seeing the subject before. CI checked the Labor Pool records under the name of RAY and aliases with negative information.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating POOR	Coverage Criminal
		44-760-C-22 Hove

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137-3903

4/23/68

SA: Rowen B. Ayers

HAROLD JACK PRUITT.

On 4/22/68, it was determined at the MSP, Jefferson City, Mo. that PRUITT was transferred to CHURCH FARM on 4/21/68 because of his health. He was released from the hospital about one week ago.

On 4/23/68, PRUITT was contacted at CHURCH FARM relative to JAMES EARL RAY. PRUITT said that he does not believe he knows RAY personally, but probably saw him around the kitchen and bake shop. He said he attempted to develop information about his escape, but "everyone seemed very quiet about it". He said he heard a rumor that RAY "walked out the front door". He said he did not know the source or the significance of this theory which he said it was. He said the inmates seem to doubt the fact that he escaped in a bread truck. He said this doubt was based on the fact that a great deal of searching went on for RAY after he disappeared. He said he doubted if he would learn much information about RAY at CHURCH FARM, but would be alert for any worthwhile information. PRUITT has not been assigned to a job.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (137-4771)

DATE: 4/26/68

FROM : SA WILLIAM P. HAYES

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☒ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: ROBERT L. WOODSON

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Dates of Contact 4/19/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
JACOB REVELY	KC 76-4886	
MURKIN - ERIC STARVO GALT	KC 44-760	
Purpose and results of contact		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC	<p>PCI advised that to date he has seen neither of the above captioned subjects in his area. He further advised that he may have to cut his time spent in local bars and cafes as he is presently attending college at UMKC, however, he advised that he is still desirous of assisting the FBI and is in the process of making financial arrangements for the purchase of Fosters Cafe on Troost. For information, Fosters is a hangout for the 31st and Troost "crowd", including hippies, peacniks, prostitutes, and dope addicts.</p>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Satisfactory	Coverage

1 - 137-4771
1 - 44-760
1 - 76-4886
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Memorandum

TO : SAC (137-4522)

DATE: 5/2/68

FROM : SA JAMES R. GRAHAM, JR.

☒ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: KC 637-C

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Dates of Contact

4/19-26/68

Titles and File #s on which contacted

UNSUB; Theft Jewelry, BENJAMIN CRANE,

87-22091

4/22/68, ETAL.

MURKIN

44-760

Purpose and results of contact

☒ NEGATIVE

☐ POSITIVE

☐ STATISTIC

On 4/19 and 4/26/68, CI unable to furnish any information regarding JAMES EARL RAY.

On 4/26/68, CI unable to furnish any information regarding the theft of the jewels from BENJAMIN CRANE'S Cadillac.

☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

Rating

Poor

Coverage

Same

1-137-4522

1-87-22091

1-44-760

JRG:MD

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (~~137~~137-2469)

DATE: 5/2/68

FROM : SA THOMAS H. WEAVER

☒ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: KC 325-C

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Dates of Contact 5/1/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted MURKIN 44-760		
Purpose and results of contact <input type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE CI advised that he has no information regarding JAMES <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC EARL RAY and no idea that he has ever been in the Eldon, Missouri, or Lake of the Ozarks area. He said that he knows of no narcotics pushers in the Lake of the Ozarks area, and knows of no source for illegal sale of barbituates in this area.		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Good	Coverage Same
2 - KC (1 - 137-2469) THW/thw (1 - 44-760)		

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TO : SAC (137-556)

DATE: 4/25/68

FROM : SA VICTOR D. CANTERBURY

☒ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: KC 136-C

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Dates of Contact 4/22/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
BOB TAYLOR; UNKNOWN VICTIM	31-9972	
JAMES EARL RAY, UFAP	88-9449	
Purpose and results of contact		
<input type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC		
<p>CI contacted and said the name of BOB TAYLOR's girl friend is GAIL TURNER and they are not together anymore. CI said that TURNER has been in Kansas City for quite a number of years.</p> <p>A photograph of JAMES EARL RAY was shown to CI and she said she did not remember ever seeing this individual before.</p>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating good	Coverage WSTA criminal

1 - 137-556

1 - 31-997

1 - 88-9449

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (137-4793)

DATE: 5/4/68

FROM : SA DONALD A. FLYNN

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☒ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: CECIL FRANKLIN WILLIAMS, aka

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Dates of Contact		
4/12/68-5/3/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
MURKIN; OO ME	44-760	66-232
DOYLE FRANCIS DAVIDSON-FUGITIVE	76-5410	
CRV; OO KC		
Purpose and results of contact		
<input type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC		
<p>On 4/12/68 PCI was contacted at his place of business and interviewed concerning any knowledge he had regarding subject of MURKIN. After being apprised of all pertinent data regarding the case, PCI stated he had no idea as to the whereabouts of the prime subject. He said he would discreetly endeavor to determine if subject might be in the Kansas City area.</p> <p>On 5/3/68 PCI was recontacted and advised that he had not come into any new information re subject of KC 44-760.</p> <p>PCI was then exhibited a photograph of DOYLE FRANCIS DAVIDSON, and informed of relevant information regarding him.</p>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Good	Coverage 76, 44, 66

1 137-4793

1 44-760

1 66-232

1 76-5410

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PCI was unable to identify photograph, but said he would be alert for his appearance at PCI's place of business. He further stated that he is a steamfitter by trade and has formed contacts with local steel unions and membership thereof. PCI added that he would utilize these sources to assist in determining if DAVIDSON has returned to the Kansas City area since his recent release from the Federal Penitentiary in Atlanta, Georgia.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION REGARDING PINK SHEET

PCI was advised not to contact the FBI Office personally.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (137-3268)

DATE: 5/2/68

FROM : SA JAMES R. GRAHAM, JR.

☒ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: KC 408-C

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Dates of Contact 4/12-22/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
UNSUB; Burglary of Metropolitan Armored	87-22069	
Car Service, 4/12-16/68, ETAL.		
UNSUB; Armed Robbery, Unionville,	87-21956	
Missouri, ETAL.		
MURKIN	44-760	
Purpose and results of contact		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE	On 4/16/68, CI advised that the name	
<input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE	JAMES EARL RAY unknown to him.	
<input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC	On 4/22/68, CI was unable to furnish	
	any positive information regarding the above	
	other two cases.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Poor	Coverage Same

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1-87-22069
1-87-21956
1-44-760

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (137-4798)

FROM : SA WILLIAM P. HAYES

SUBJECT: J. SWIFT

DATE: 5/17/68

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)
☒ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R
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Dates of Contact 5/13/68 and 4/19/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted JAMES EARL RAY 44-760		
Purpose and results of contact <input type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC Above captioned PCI was contacted and was furnished a complete set of photographs concerning RAY and PCI advised that to date he has seen no one at the Mutual Auto Park resembling RAY. PCI advised he would immediately contact the above Agent if anyone answering this description were to drive into his parking lot. PCI was informed that RAY may be driving a car with a Georgia license plate and was requested to pay particular attention to persons driving Georgia licensed automobiles. PCI advised that at the Hotel Densmore there was a man who was working a girl as a prostitute, but he could not furnish the man's name or the girl's name. He did hear that the man and woman were married, but he was not positive of this information. He stated that during the next few weeks he would attempt to gain information concerning the individuals.		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating SATISFACTORY	Coverage 44

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1- 44-760
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Memorandum

TO : SAC (137-1068)

DATE: 5/22/68

FROM : SA WEETER S. POND

☒ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: 293-C

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Dates of Contact 5/22/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
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Purpose and results of contact		
<input type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC		
CAUTION: THE AREA, AS WELL AS THE SOURCE OF THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION MUST BE PROTECTED		
<p>While at Los Angeles, California during the past few days, contact was made with Mrs. JOHN WILLIAMS. She is a gypsy palm reader of long standing. She is presently operating as THERISA BROWN, 1548 B Street, telephone 358-9216, Sparks, Nevada, which is close to Reno, Nevada. She related the following story.</p> <p>One day during the first ten days of April, 1968, a man came to her establishment at Sparks, Nevada. She gave him a reading for which he made a voluntary payment of \$150.00. His responses were such that she knew he previously had readings. While saying prayers for him, she placed her hands on the man and was certain he was wearing a money belt. She told him that</p>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Excellent	Coverage GYPSY; FUGS. RACIAL MATTERS.

1 137-1068
① 44-760
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*Los Vegas
telephone
advised 5/23/68
WSP*

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he was going to take a long trip, and he responded that it was true because he did intend to take a long trip. Another statement made by Mrs. BROWN was not clear. She claimed that the man said he had a hotel in San Francisco. He might have meant merely that he had a room at a hotel, or he might have meant that he owned a hotel.

According to informant, Mrs. BROWN continued her story by saying that about three or four days following the reading, she saw on television a picture of the person who allegedly shot MARTIN LUTHER KING, and Mrs. BROWN said she was positive that the man to whom she gave a reading was definitely identical with the man pictured on television.

Informant stated it is possible that Mrs. BROWN made up the whole story, which is common among gypsies, but if the story is true, informant is certain that Mrs. BROWN's identification of the picture was accurate because gypsies are exceptionally good at remembering faces when they want to remember.

Informant cautioned that if a direct approach is used for a contact with Mrs. BROWN, she will act just like any gypsy and will deny everything. Informant suggested that contact be made under a pretext that a report was received that a man of a certain description was seen entering and leaving her establishment.

Informant is certain that if that or other suitable pretext is used, Mrs. BROWN will cooperate and definitely say whether or not the story is true, and if true, she will without a doubt furnish complete details.