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2 56PM URGENT 4-7-68 SAA

TO ALL CONTINENTAL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR 1P

MURKIN

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.

157-630
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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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IP..WJA

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Bulky Exhibit - Inventory of Property Acquired as Evidence
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Date

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Title and Character of Case

MURKIN
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Date Property Acquired

4/22/66

Source From Which Property Acquired

64 CHEVROLET IMPALA VIN 415475247629

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Bulky Exhibit Room

Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same

INVESTIGATION AID - RE ELIMINATION - DESTROY

Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same

1- REAR VIEW MIRROR

DESTROY
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[Signature]

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

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1005PM URGENT 4-4-68 MXS

TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR 1P

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.

END

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IP...GWK

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FBI LOUISVLE

CG...RFJ

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all RA's advised 4-5-68 Cms

all Hq SA advised 4-5-68 CAP

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Dask advised Walsh 4-4-68

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Date: April 5, 1968

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, LOUISVILLE (157-630) (P)

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

On 4/5/68, source advised that the West End Community Council, Louisville, Kentucky, a group whose announced purpose is to improve living conditions in the West End of Louisville and prevent it from becoming an all-Negro neighborhood, has made reservations to charter three Greyhound buses, each having capacity of 37 persons, for Louisville people to attend Dr. KING's funeral. The buses are tentatively scheduled to depart Louisville at 2:00 p.m. on April 7, 1968, arriving in Atlanta, Georgia, at the Greyhound Bus Station approximately 10:00 p.m. on the same date. No stops en route are planned and participants are to take box lunches as scheduled routes will bypass the towns of Nashville and Chattanooga, Tennessee.

The above three buses are scheduled to depart at the Atlanta, Georgia, Greyhound Bus Station at 7:00 p.m. on April 9, 1968, and return directly to Louisville, Kentucky.

3 - Bureau (RM)
2 - Atlanta (RM)
1 - Memphis (157-1092) (RM)

① - Louisville ② - 157-new

(1-100-4883) (WECC)

(1 - 157-628)

(Sanitation Strike)

(1-100-3346) (Carl Braden) WLW:pab

(1-100-3533) (Anne Braden) (13)

(1-100-197) (SCEF)

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Special Agent in Charge

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Major PRIEST FRY, Chief of Detectives, Louisville, Kentucky, on 4/5/68, advised that a confidential source of the police department had advised that CARL and ANNE BRADEN (SI subjects, Louisville Division) planned to attend Dr. KING's funeral in Atlanta, Georgia.

CARL and ANNE BRADEN are leading figures in Southern Conference Educational Fund, (SCEF) at Louisville. . . Mode of travel by the BRADENS is not known.

Police source further advised representatives of SCEF in Louisville had indicated that they were planning to have some of their representatives, identity not known, travel to Memphis in the immediate future by private automobiles.

For information of Atlanta, CARL and ANNE BRADEN are described as follows:

Name	CARL JAMES BRADEN
Race	White
Sex	Male
DOB	6/27/14
POB	New Albany, Indiana
Height	5'9"
Weight	170 pounds
Build	Stocky
Hair	Greying
Eyes	Grey - green
Complexion	Medium
FBI Number	731 855 B

Name	ANNE MC CARTY BRADEN, Aka. Mrs. CARL JAMES BRADEN
Race	White
Sex	Female
Height	5'6"
DOB	7/28/24
POB	Louisville, Kentucky

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Weight	114 lbs.
Complexion	Sallow
Hair	Brown
Social Security No.	[REDACTED]
FBI Number	153 778 D
Louisville PD No.	100062

Bureau, Atlanta and Memphis will be advised of any additional pertinent data received.

ADDENDUM:

First source later advised that a RICHARD COLLINS, who stated he represents the Louisville Federation of Settlements on April 5, 1968, reserved a Greyhound bus, capacity 37, to depart from 1921 W. Broadway, Louisville at 2:00 PM, April 7, to take participants to Doctor KING's funeral in Atlanta, Georgia, which COLLINS says has now been set for 1:00 PM, 4/8/68. This group scheduled to arrive Atlanta at Greyhound Bus Station approximately 10:00 PM, 4/7/68, and depart Atlanta for Louisville approximately 4:00 PM, 4/8/68. The source stated that apparently COLLINS is acquainted with the fact that 3 buses are reserved for the WECC to go to Atlanta, as he commented his group could not afford to stay in Atlanta until 4/9/68, and would depart Atlanta, 4/8/68.

Louisville indices contain no identifiable data regarding COLLINS or Louisville Federation of Settlements.

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FBI LOUISVLE

FBI TAMPA

830 PM URGENT 4/5/68 ALS

TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, CHICAGO, DETROIT, LOUISVILLE, AND MEMPHIS
FROM TAMPA (157-3231)

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., RM.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE HEADQUARTERS, FT. MC PHERSON, GA.
FURNISHED MI, ORLANDO, FLA. THIS DATE, A TELETYPE, THE TEXT OF WHICH
IF AS FOLLOWS: "BLACK LEAGUES IN LOUISVILLE. BLACK LEAGUES AND
OTHERS IN LOUISVILLE ARE PLANNING TO BURN DOWN LOCAL A & P AND
KROGER STORES IN SYMPATHY WITH MARTIN LUTHER KING. THEY ALSO PLAN
TO SHUT DOWN LOCAL UNIONS FOR TEN MINUTES TOMORROW TO DEMONSTRATE
THEIR ANGUISH. NINE CARLOADS OF SYMPATHIZERS FROM THE UNIVERSITY
OF KENTUCKY, LEXINGTON, AND ONE CAR WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES HAVE LEFT
FOR MEMPHIS TO LEND SUPPORT TO THE RIOTS THERE. THE SUPPORTERS ARE
IDENTIFIED AS MEMBERS OF THE LOUISVILLE PEACE COUNCIL, KENTUCKY
CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION, AND 'BULD' OF LOUISVILLE. MRS. A. D. WILLIAMS
KING, SISTER-IN-LAW OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, KAREN MULLOY AND MARY
HITTON ARE PRESENTLY ATTEMPTING TO ORGANIZE RIOTING IN LOUISVILLE,
CHICAGO, MEMPHIS AND DETROIT 'LIKE WATTS WAS' ".
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ABOVE FOR INFORMATION OF BUREAU AND OFFICES DESIGNATED,
SAM E FURNISHED TAMPA OFFICE BY MI, ORLANDIO, NO FURTHER DETAILS
KNOWN.

CORR PAGE ONE LINE ELEVEN WD FOUR SHD BE "BULDXXXX BULK"

END

JBR

FBI LOUISVLE

X

FBI MEMPHIS

FBI LOUISVLE

1218 AM DEFERRED 4-6-68 AJD
TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS
FROM LOUISVILLE (157-630)

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., RM.

RE BUREAU TELEPHONE CALL EVENING APRIL FIVE, LAST.

SPECIAL AGENTS C. L. LUTES, JAMES J. STANTON, O. J. HOLBROOK,
AND STENOGRAPHER BETTYE STARK AND ONE BUREAU AUTO EXPECTED TO
ARRIVE MEMPHIS APPROXIMATELY FOUR P.M. CST APRIL SIX, INSTANT.
FOR SPECIAL.

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FBI MEMPHIS

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Sent WA 12:5 AM
ME 12:18 AM per AD

FBI LOUISVLE

105 PM URGENT 4-~~6~~-68 JBR

TO DIRECTOR, CHICAGO, DETROIT, MEMPHIS, ATLANTA AND TAMPA.
FROM LOUISVILLE (157-630)

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., RM.

RE ATLANTA TEL THIS DATE.

INFO IN RETEL WAS FURNISHED LOUISVILLE EARLY TODAY BY
MEMPHIS AS HAVING BEEN RECEIVED FROM MILITARY INTELLIGENCE,
ORLANDO, FLA. INFO RESOLVED WITH MILITARY INTELLIGENCE, LOUISVILLE
AS BEING "WITHOUT SOUND BASIS" AND NOT INTENDED FOR DISSEMINATION
OUTSIDE OF MILITARY INTELLIGENCE BECAUSE OF DOUBT AS TO RELIABILITY.
MILITARY INTELLIGENCE, LOUISVILLE, IS NOW THROUGH MILITARY
CHANELS SENDING MESSAGE INDICATING THAT INFO WAS BASED UPON
SPECULATION BY SOURCE OF HIGHLY QUESTIONABLE RELIABILITY AND
SUBSEQUENT DEVELOPMENTS DO NOT SUPPORT ANY OF THAT SPECULATION.

UACB, NO FURTHER ACTION LOUISVILLE.

END

DE...LPS

FBI DETROIT

CG...GMU

FBI CHICAGO

CLR

CG & DE advised 10⁵⁵ PM AD
ME & AT & TP advised 1¹⁰ PM AD
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4/6/68 URGENT PAM
TO ATLANTA
FROM LOUISVILLE (157-630)

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. RM.

LOUISVILLE PD ADVISED INSTANT DATE THAT CONFIDENTIAL
SOURCE OF PD ON NIGHT OF APR. FIVE LAST ADVISED THAT A
BARBARA FLYNN, CONNECTED WITH SCEF, LOUISVILLE, ON NIGHT OF
APR. FIVE LAST WAS DISCUSSING ARRANGEMENTS RE A MEETING IN
ATLANTA, G., ON APR. EIGHT NEXT. PURPOSE OF THE MEETING
NOT KNOWN, BUT MAY RELATE TO COURSE OF ACTION BY ATTENDING
GROUPS IN VIEW OF ASSASSINATION OF DR. KING. PARTICIPANTS
MAY INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES FROM SCEF, SNCC, SCLC, SDS, AND
CORE.

PD SOURCE ADVISED POSSIBILITY FLOYD MC KISSI^{CK} OF CORE
WILL BE PRESENT.

TIME OF EETING NOT KNOWN, BUT PLACE OF MEETING REFERRED
TO AS "ITC" OR "^{PASCO}~~PASCO~~" (PHONETIC) MOTEL IN ATLANTA.

SUBMITTED FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION.

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sources
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St. Warren L. Walsh

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FBI MEMPHIS

7 52PM URGENT 4/7/68 CAF

TO ALL SACS

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987) 2P

MURKIN; CR. OO MEMPHIS.

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
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AND MEMPHIS, IS AS FOLLOWS:

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*Petro advised
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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,
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FBI CLEVELAND

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FBI MEMPHIS

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOUISVILLE (44-947 ~~257-6307~~)

DATE: 4-7-68

FROM : SPC, JAMES BYRON RILEY

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. RACIAL MATTERS,
INFORMATION CONCERNING.

During weekend of 4/6-7/68 this office received numerous anonymous calls regarding Dr. King's assassination and associated disturbances (riots) throughout the U S. Most calls could be placed under one or more of the following subjects:

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Callof PEOPLE WHO CLAIM THEY SAW MAN FITTING DESCRIPTION OF ASSASSIN AS GIVEN IN THE NEWS PAPER. This type call wasn't as numerous as that above, however, several were received. Most would just say that they saw a man fitting the description of suspect. When ask just what the man looked like, the average answer was "Well.....you know...like the description given in the paper." No caller cared to leave his name for further contact. In no instance did office receive information that could be checked out by investigation. Most just said they saw a man and could furnish nothing else.

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CALLS WANTING THIS OFFICE TO CHECK THE WHEREABOUTS OF RELATIVES LOCATED IN RIOT AREAS. Of all the calls received during period, this type was most numerous. Many people aalled wanting the FBI to use its facilities to contact relatives in riot torn cities and establish their well-being. Also many wanted this Bureau to use its influence with the Airlines in connection with passanger list. Many callers when told of the FBI's jurisdiction in personal and domestic matters, became very angry and threatened to write the president to see if "something can't be done about you people."

Other type calls, too numerous to mention, along were received. JBR/jbr
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOUISVILLE (157-630)

DATE: April 7, 1968

FROM : SPC, JAMES MICHAEL RAY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At approximately 3:02 P.M., this date, a Mr. Leonard Dalton, (PROTECT), Route # 1, Reynolds Station, Ky., telephone number 233-5269 telephonically contacted this office and advised the writer of the following.

Mr. Dalton stated that he has a personal friend who fits the description of Martin Luther King, Jr. 's, assassin. Dalton advised that his' friend's name is ARNOLD WATSON. Dalton stated that he and WATSON work together and on 4/3-4/68 last WATSON went to Tennessee supposedly to visit a girl friend.

Dalton advised that he and WATSON work with a group of men and on various occasions have talked about the Civil Rights Movement and Martin Luther King, Jr. and because of WATSON's previous remarks on the Civil Rights question and because he travelled to Tenn., on 4/3-4/68 Dalton believes that ARNOLD WATSON is King's assassin.

Dalton advised that ARNOLD WATSON is white male, 31 years of age, Black hair, brown eyes, 7'1", and weighs about 150-165 lbs. Dalton advised that WATSON drives a Plymouth automobile but however his' girl friend might own a Mustang.

Dalton advised that he possesses a photograph of WATSON and will give this to the FBI for investigative assistance.

Supervisor Peters, SA Walsh, and SA Hedges advised telephonically of the facts contained in this memo.

LEAD: AT REYNOLDS STATION, (OHIO COUNTY), KY.
(assigned to SA Hedges)

Interview LEONARD DALTON Re: ARNOLD WATSON.

This memo is being submitted for information purposes only.

JMR/JMR
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(assigned to SA Hedges)

Interview LEONARD DALTON Re: ARNOLD WATSON.

This memo is being submitted for information 44-94210
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This memo is being submitted for any appropriate action deemed necessary.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC LOUISVILLE

DATE: 4/8/68

FROM : SPC STEPHEN K. TACKETT

SUBJECT: MURKIN;
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For the information of the desk.

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Date: 4/6/68

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TO: SAC, LOUISVILLE

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, LS(
ATT: SA SUPERVISOR PETERS

FROM : SA FLSUM G. HEDGES

SUBJECT: UNSUB;
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DATE: 4/7/68

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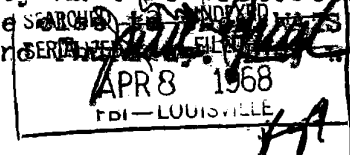
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AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, LOUISVILLE (44-247) (P) *per*

RE: MURKIN
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OO: MEMPHIS

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TO : File ⁴⁴⁻⁹⁴⁷~~157-360~~

DATE: April 8, 1968

FROM : SAC, Louisville

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At approximately 10:15 PM, 4/5/68, personnel officer JIM ADAMS, SOG, called me with the request that we provide three Special Agents, one stenographer and one automobile to assist the Memphis Division in this investigation. These personnel should arrive at Memphis on the afternoon of 4/6/68.

SA LUTES will be in charge of this group and SA HOLBROOK, Lexington, and SA STANTON, Louisville, and Miss BETTY STARK will proceed to Memphis in Bucar #22.

I confirmed this with the Bureau and Memphis by deferred teletype evening of 4/5/68.

cc - Per. File SA LUTES
SA HOLBROOK
SA STANTON
Miss STARK

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See letter 4/7

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : ALL AGENTS (68-215)

FROM : SAC, LOUISVILLE (44-947)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

OO: MEMPHIS

DATE: 4-8-68

Captioned matter is the civil rights investigation to identify the person or persons responsible for the killing of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., in Memphis, Tennessee, on 4-4-68.

The Bureau has instructed that all investigation must be afforded immediate, thorough, imaginative attention; that all possibilities from any leads must be exhausted as any one lead could result in the solution of this most important investigation.

In view of the importance of this case, every lead in the Louisville Division must be handled at once and must be given priority over any other investigative matter. Similarly, results of any investigation must be furnished at once to the Bureau, Memphis (their file 44-1987), and Birmingham, as well as any office which will conduct additional investigation based upon our results.

For your additional information, pertinent periods in this investigation are 3-29-68 and 3-30-68 in Birmingham, Alabama, and 4-4-68 in Memphis.

In the event any data is developed regarding suspects, if the whereabouts of such suspects can be determined on the dates mentioned above, this may eliminate the suspect. If this cannot be done, efforts should be made to secure photographs of suspects in question and forward photographs to Memphis and Birmingham for possible elimination. Pertinent descriptive data should be included with photographs. If unable to eliminate suspects on the basis of established whereabouts during the pertinent periods, efforts should be made to secure fingerprints of a suspect and submit to the Bureau for elimination.

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Based upon information developed in Birmingham and Memphis, composite description of principal suspect is as follows:

Sex:	Male
Race:	White
Age:	26 - 40
Height:	5'8" - 5'11"
Weight:	150 lbs. to 170 lbs.
Hair:	Dark brown or sandy (combed straight back)
Eyes:	Blue or green
Build:	Medium
Complexion:	Average. smooth
Appearance:	Neat

Memphis has advised that suspect is possibly a nonsmoker. Indications were that he rented a room between 3:00 and 3:30 P. M., 4-4-68 and departed from that room shortly after 6:00 P. M., same date. No matches or cigarettes found during that period which suggest he may be a nonsmoker.

I want to repeat and cannot overemphasize the importance of this investigation. Due to this importance, Agents assigned leads in this matter should handle such leads in accordance with above instructions.

FBI LOUISVLE

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6:03PM 4-8-68 URGENT CPO

TO DIRECTOR, LOUISVILLE, AND MEMPHIS
FROM CHARLOTTE /44-1365/ 1P

MURKIN.

TODAY, J. LEWIS MOSS, ONE ZERO TWO LINCETTA ST., YORK,
S. C., TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED THE CHARLOTTE OFFICE THAT AT APPROX-
IMATELY THREE P.M. TODAY, HE STOPPED AT THE SINCLAIR SERVICE
STATION ACROSS FROM THE PEPSI COLA PLANT, ROCK HILL, S. C., TO
PURCHASE GAS. WHILE THERE, AN INDIVIDUAL DRIVING A SIXTY-FIVE
WHITE THUNDERBIRD, BEARING SIXTY-EIGHT KY. LICENSE TWO NINE SEVEN
SIX FIVE THREE, PULLED INTO THE STATION, AND DRIVER PURCHASED
GAS BY USE OF CREDIT CARD. MOSS ADVISED THE DRIVER OF THIS
CAR FIT THE DESCRIPTION AND COMPOSITE PHOTOGRAPH OF THE
INDIVIDUAL WHO SHOT KING.

LOUISVILLE, THROUGH KY. DMV, DETERMINE TO WHOM LICENSE
ISSUED AND DETERMINE HIS WHEREABOUTS OF PERTINENT DATES.

AIR MAIL COPY TO COLUMBIA FOR INFORMATION.

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TO DIRECTOR, LOUISVILLE, AND MEMPHIS

FROM CHARLOTTE /44-1365/ 1P

MURKIN.

TODAY, J. LEWIS MOSS, ONE ZERO TWO LINCETTA ST., YORK,
S. C., TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED THE CHARLOTTE OFFICE THAT AT APPROX-
IMATELY THREE P.M. TODAY, HE STOPPED AT THE SINCLAIR SERVICE
STATION ACROSS FROM THE PEPSI COLA PLANT, ROCK HILL, S. C., TO
PURCHASE GAS. WHILE THERE, AN INDIVIDUAL DRIVING A SIXTY-FIVE
WHITE THUNDERBIRD, BEARING SIXTY-EIGHT KY. LICENSE TWO NINE SEVEN
SIX FIVE THREE, PULLED INTO THE STATION, AND DRIVER PURCHASED
GAS BY USE OF CREDIT CARD. MOSS ADVISED THE DRIVER OF THIS
CAR FIT THE DESCRIPTION AND COMPOSITE PHOTOGRAPH OF THE
INDIVIDUAL WHO SHOT KING.

LOUISVILLE, THROUGH KY. DMV, DETERMINE TO WHOM LICENSE
ISSUED AND DETERMINE HIS WHEREABOUTS OF PERTINENT DATES.

AIR MAIL COPY TO COLUMBIA FOR INFORMATION.

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FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 2P

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THIS IS THE CASE INVOLVING THE MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER
NG, JR., ON APRIL FOUR, LAST, IN MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD ANYONE BE TOLD THIS
NVESTIGATION IS IN CONNECTION WITH CAPTIONED MATTER.

IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT A RIFLE ABANDONED NEAR
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LOWMEYER OR LOWMYER IS GENERALLY DESCRIBED AS WHITE
MALE, THIRTYSIX YEARS OLD, FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES TALL, ONE
UNDRED FIFTY - ONE HUNDRED SIXTY POUNDS, BLACK OR DARK BROWN
AHR.

IN VIEW OF THE UNUSUAL NATURE OF THE NAMES LOWMEYER
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HANDLE IMMEDIATELY AND GIVE TOP PRIORITY ATTENTION.

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TO LOUISVILLE

FROM SAVANNAH /44-1768/ 3P

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MURKIN. OO: MEMPHIS.

RE SAVANNAH TEL TO MEMPHIS APRIL SEVEN LAST.

RETEL TO MEMPHIS SET FORTH NEGATIVE CHECK OF ALL CAR RENTAL
AGENCIES IN SAVANNAH UNDER THE NAMES JOHN WILLARD, HARVEY LOWMEYER
AND WILLIAM J. LEHMEYER.

THOMAS E. BRENNAN, MANAGER, HERTZ RENT-A-CAR, SAVANNAH, GA,
SUBSEQUENTLY ADVISED THAT WHILE HIS RECORDS CONTAINED NO
INDICATION OF A RENTAL UNDER THE ABOVE MENTIONED NAMES, HE WAS
SUSPICIOUS CONCERNING A WHITE MALE, APPROXIMATELY AGE FORTY, NEAR
SIX FEET, BLOND RECEDING HAIR, USING THE NAME WILLIAM A. KEUHN, *KUEHN*
WHO RENTED A NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT GOLD CHEVROLET IMPALA TWO-DOOR
HARDTOP, SIXTYSEVEN GEORGIA LICENSE THREE J ONE EIGHT FIVE NINE
FOUR, VIN ONE SIX FOUR EIGHT SEVEN EIGHT D ONE ONE TWO FIVE NINE
SIX, ON MARCH TWENTYONE LAST. HE SAID THAT THIS INDIVIDUAL
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HAD RENTED INSTANT CAR WITH A PHILLIPS SIXTYSIX NATIONAL CREDIT CARD GIVING AN ADDRESS OF NINE ONE ONE ZERO GAYLE DRIVE, LOUISVILLE, KY., AND CLAIMED TO BE STAYING AT THE BLUE TOP MOTEL, HIGHWAY SEVENTEEN SOUTH, SAVANNAH, GA., AND EMPLOYED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN THE VICINITY OF BEAUFORT, S. C. MR. BRENNAN SAID THAT HE PERSONALLY RENTED THE CAR AND INADVERTENTLY FAILED TO LIST THE RETURN DATE BUT IS CERTAIN THAT THE RENTAL WAS FOR A FEW DAYS ONLY AND THAT THE CAR HAS NOT BEEN RETURNED TO DATE.

MR. BRENNAN SAID HE DID NOT WISH TO EMBARRASS KEUHN BUT FELT THAT AFTER THE INQUIRY ON THE EVENING OF APRIL SIX LAST THAT HE SHOULD BRING THE ABOVE INFORMATION TO THE ATTENTION OF THE SAVANNAH OFFICE.

LOUIS VILLE WILL IMMEDIATELY ESTABLISH IDENTITY OF KEUHN AND VERIFY EMPLOYMENT AND WHEREABOUTS DURING PERTINENT PERIOD AND ADVISE SAVANNAH SO INTELLIGENT EVALUATION CAN BE MADE CONCERNING THE ABOVE SINCE THE INFORMATION DOES NOT GENERALLY APPEAR TO RELATE TO INSTANT CASE.

RECORDS BLUE TOP MOTEL DISCLOSE KUEHN AND AN L. TRACY, PO BOX
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TWO TWO EIGHT, FT. KNOX, KENTUCKY CHECKED INTO MOTEL MARCH TWENTY
AND CHECKED OUT APRIL TWO LAST. REGISTRATION CARD FAILS TO NOTE
BUSINESS, EMPLOYMENT OR AUTOMOBILE INFORMATION. KUEHN AND TRACY,
DESCRIBED AS MALES UNKNOWN TO MOTEL OWNER AS PRIOR GUESTS.

CORRECTION NAME KEUHN SHOULD BE SPELLED KUEHN THRU-OUT TEL/

END.

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