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(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

FBI Studies Impounded Car In Search for Assassin

ATLANTA (UPI)—An impounded white 1966 Mustang resembling one that roared away from the scene of the sniper slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. last week in Memphis was under close inspection and guard today.

"No comment," was the only word from FBI officials, except to add that no warrant had been issued for the car's registered owner, a 37-year-old Birmingham, Ala., man. Residents of a rooming house there said they hadn't seen him in three months.

Florida police, at the request of the FBI issued a "locate and notify" alert for the suspect yesterday about the time the car was towed in. The FBI canceled the alert about five hours later. There was no explanation.

Atlanta apartment area residents noticed the car had been there since last Friday, the day after Dr. King's slaying, 382 miles from here.

Mrs. Mary Bridges reported seeing a well-dressed, dark-haired man near the car recently. She was uncertain whether the man resembled a police artist's sketch of the assassin who shot Dr. King with a 30.06 Remington rifle reported bought in Birmingham. The killer was described as a neatly dressed man with dark hair and "a silly smile." One Memphis witness said he saw a man get into a white Mustang and take off at high speed.

The car bore Mexican tourist stickers, neighbors of Mrs. Bridges said. They recalled hearing stories that the suspected assassin had visited Mexico recently.

~~Shortly after the slaying there were~~

reports on the Memphis police radio of a high-speed chase involving a white Mustang. It later was learned these reports were picked up by a motorist with a citizen's radio band and delayed to the police dispatcher by a patrol car parked next to the motorist. The motorist later said he later realized the reports of a chase were false because the signals of the car allegedly chasing the Mustang never wavered, indicating he was stationary.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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Louisville Times

Louisville, Ky.

Date: 4-12-68

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Editor: Barry Bingham

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Address

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Birthplace

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Sex

☒ Male☐ Female

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Exact Spelling

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FBI Hunting Alabamian In Probe of King Death

From NYT and
L.A. Times-Washington Post Service Dispatches

The FBI last night was seeking a 37-year-old Alabama man for questioning in the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

An FBI bulletin which was released by mistake in Miami described the man as being 5 feet, 11 inches tall and weighing 175 pounds. The FBI in Washington refused to comment.

It was the first indication that the FBI may be nearing a solution to the killing.

The FBI bulletin, which was withdrawn at 10:30 p.m. said the man, who has blue eyes and brown hair, was last seen driving a white Mustang car with an Alabama license plate, number 1-38993. This is the license plate issued for a car in Birmingham.

White Auto Impounded

Federal agents in Atlanta yesterday impounded a white auto fitting the description. The Atlanta Constitution reported.

The automobile, bearing an Alabama license plate, had been parked since last Friday at a public-housing project

near the Georgia State Capitol, the newspaper said.

Dr. King was struck by one bullet while standing on the balcony of his Memphis motel last Thursday. Police said the fatal bullet was fired from a bathroom window in a rooming house—within view of the motel balcony 205 feet away.

The killer is believed to have walked out of the rooming house, dropped a .30-06 rifle that was found near the rooming house, and fled in a white auto.

The Constitution story quoted Johnny Niesen, 13, as saying there were two 1967 Mexican visa stickers on the window of the Mustang impounded in Atlanta.

In other developments:

✓ U.S. Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark said a progress report will be made to the nation soon on the hunt for the killer of Dr. King. He refused to be more specific or to say what facts the report might contain.

✓ The Los Angeles Times reported that the FBI has seized the gun sales records of the Birmingham, Ala., dealer believed to have sold the rifle used to kill Dr. King.

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Courier-Journal

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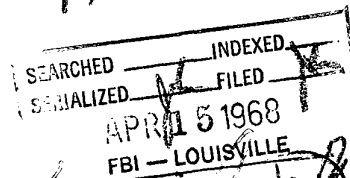
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Date: **4-13-68**Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via **airtel** **air mail special delivery**
(Priority)**TO: SAC, LOUISVILLE (44-947)****FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)****RE: MURKIN****Re TEL Louisville and Cleveland 4-12-68.**

Latent fingerprints and latent impression this case not identical fingerprints named suspect HAROLD WILLARD WILSON, FBI #602 863 C.

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TO: DIRECTOR, (44-38861)

FROM: CLEVELAND (44-565)

ATTENTION: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION, LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION.

MURKIN

RE LOUISVILLE TEL TO BUREAU, MEMPHIS, CLEVELAND, TODAY.

CLEVELAND REQUESTS COMPARISON OF FINGERPRINTS OF POSSIBLE
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[REDACTED] WITH SUSPECT IN ABOVE CAPTIONED CASE. CLEVELAND
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FINGERPRINT CHECK.

AIR MAIL COPIES TO MEMPHIS, LOUISVILLE, DETROIT.

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TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 MEMPHIS 44-1987 LOS ANGELES, ATLANTA, NEW YORK,
AND LOUISVILLE
FROM BIRMINGHAM 44-1740

MURKIN. CR. OO: MEMPHIS.

RE BUREAU AIRTEL, APRIL TWELVE, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT, SETTING
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RECEIVING OFFICES DISCONTINUE EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY ITEMS THREE AND FOUR.

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FBI LOUISVLE

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FBI LOUISVLE

4/12/68

PLAIN TEXT

TELETYPE URGENT

TO DIRECTOR, FBI; SACs MEMPHIS AND TAMPA
FROM SAC, NEWARK (44-854) (P)
MURKIN

ON APRIL TWELVE INSTANT, ROBERT SCHLICK, LAVALETTE, N.J., ADVISED THAT MORRIS CLAYTON SKAGGS WORKED FOR HIM WHEN BOTH WERE EMPLOYED BY BIRDELL CONSULTING ENGINEERS, BELMAR, N. J. SCHLICK HAS NOT SEEN SKAGGS FOR OVER ONE YEAR. ON TWO FIVE LAST, HE RECEIVED A LETTER FROM ARK. HIGHWAY DEPT. REQUESTING A REFERENCE FOR SKAGGS. SCHLICK RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL FROM SKAGGS ON APRIL ONE LAST AT TWO THIRTY AM FROM RICHMOND, VA. SKAGGS WANTED JOB BUT SCHLICK TURNED HIM DOWN. SCHLICK STATED THAT SKAGGS HAS STATED MANY TIMES THAT HE IS GOING TO KILL MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SCHLICK STATED SKAGGS IS A VERY BIGOTTED PERSON AND CAPABLE OF SUCH AN ACT.

1-Pittsburgh (Info.) (Mail)
1-Birmingham (Info.) (Mail)
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1-Richmond (Info.) (Mail)
1-Little Rock (Info.) (Mail)
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PAGE TWO:

SCHLICK STATED HE IS REPORTING THIS BECAUSE HE READ IN THE NEWSPAPER THAT THE PERSON COMMITTING THIS CRIME HAD ARK. LICENSE PLATES ON HIS CAR. SCHLICK STATED THE ARTIST'S CONCEPTION OF SUSPECTED KILLER AS APPEARS IN THE "NY DAILY NEWS" IS NOT SIMILAR TO SKAGGS EXCEPT THAT THE EAR AND CHIN LINE IS SIMILAR. SKAGGS FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING DESCRIPTION OF SKAGGS:

WHITE MALE, TWENTY FIVE OR TWENTY SIX, SIX FEET, ONE SIXTY FIVE LBS., BLUE EYES, BLOND WAVY HAIR, CHARACTERISTICS ACNE CONDITION ON FACE, TEETH BAD ON TOP, MARITAL STATUS DIVORCED, WIFE UNKNOWN, FORMERLY RESIDED IN OCEAN GROVE, N.J. (EXACT ADDRESS UNKNOWN), ONE SMALL SON, AGE UNKNOWN, MILITARY SERVICE U.S. ARMY (SP-FOUR) (SIXTY FIVE - SIXTY SIX).

SCHLICK STATED SKAGGS NEVER CALLS HIM COLLECT BUT USES COIN TELEPHONES AS HE CAN HEAR COINS DROPPING INTO THE BOX. SCHLICK STATED SKAGGS'S BROTHER IS A CITY COUNSELOR IN PADUCAH, KY. HE STATED HE BELIEVES SKAGGS IS ORIGINALLY FROM PADUCAH. SCHLICK FEELS CERTAIN THAT SKAGGS HAS BEEN ARRESTED BUT DOES NOT KNOW WHERE.

RECORDS OF THE MONMOUTH CO. SHERIFF'S OFFICE, FREEHOLD, N.J., HAVE NO RECORD FOR MORRIS CLAYTON SKAGGS.

NEWARK FILE FORTY SEVEN DASH THREE EIGHT TWO FIVE, CAPTIONED MORRIS SKAGGS, SR., POSSIBLE IMPERSONATION, PITTSBURGH FILE EIGHTY SEVEN DASH ONE ONE SIX NINE FOUR,

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PAGE THREE:

INDICATES THAT GRACE ROMIGH, CLERK, ORLANDO, FLORIDA, POLICE DEPT., MADE ORIGINAL COMPLAINT AND KNOWS SKAGGS'S BACKGROUND AND LOCATION OF EX-WIFE.

TAMPA, AT ORLANDO, FLA., CONTACT ROMIGH AND THEREAFTER SET OUT LEADS TO ACCOUNT FOR SKAGGS LOCATION ON DATES MARCH TWENTY NINE, AND APRIL FOUR LAST.

4/13/68

AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) ATTN: FBI LABORATORY
FROM: SAC, LOUISVILLE (44-947) (P)

RE: MURKIN
CR

OO: MEMPHIS

Re Louisville teletype 4/13/68.

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"Special Attention" tag FT-35 manufactured by Stry-Lenkoff
Company, Louisville, Ky. and two color samples of paper
used in manufacture of these tags by Stry-Lenkoff.
Enclosed for Chicago is one photograph of green tag
and red tag found in Mustang.

Chicago handle lead as set forth in referenced
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : File 44-947

DATE: April 15, 1968

FROM : SAC, Louisville

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Supervisor DICK LONG, Division VI, called the evening of 4/12/68, advising that what appeared to be two tickets which had been stapled together and probably laundry tags had been found in the abandoned Mustang in Atlanta. He described the tags as pink and green with the printing on the green one "Flag-Tags" Stry-Lenkoff Company, Louisville, Kentucky, FT.35, printed in USA. He said on the pink tag was the printed number 4 above the printed number 4591, also printed in USA.

He stated the Laboratory was sending an airtel that night enclosing photographs of the tags in color.

The Bureau requested that we try to find out the significance of the number, whether it could be identified with a certain outlet, etc. We should particularly try to determine possibly if the tags could have come from the Atlanta area.

He requested a teletype, and that if the results were indicated as being one of the three names GALT, WILLARD or LOWMEYER, to call the Bureau.

I discussed this matter with Supervisor PETERS, with Mr. WALSH and with Mr. CAVANAUGH. Mr. CAVANAUGH proceeded to make the appropriate inquiries the evening of 4/12/68.

PMB:ww

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

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TO: SAC,

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Date 4-11-68

RE: MURKIN

☐ For information ☐ Retention optional ☒ For appropriate action ☐ Surep, by _____

☐ The enclosed is for your information. If used in a future report, ☐ conceal all sources, ☐ paraphrase contents.

☐ Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA _____ dated _____

Remarks:

Enclosed are photographs of artist conception of unknown subject in this case as described by witnesses in Birmingham and Memphis respectively.

Under no circumstances should anyone be told this investigation is in connection with captioned matter.

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Suitable sub-headings on communications will greatly facilitate the handling of material. Please comply.

2 ALBANY (AM)
2 ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES (AM)
1 MEMPHIS

RGJ:BN
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We are doing this

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Approved: RG Jensen Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 4/12/68

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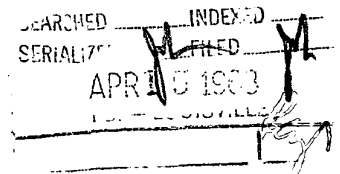
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RE: MURKIN

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Date: 4-16-68

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 FROM: SAC, LOUISVILLE (44-947) (P)
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 OO: MEMPHIS

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TO : SAC Louisville 44-947

DATE: 4-15-68

FROM : SA John K. Penrod

SUBJECT: *MURKIN*
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At Paducah, Ky.

Mrs. Helen Schweppe, Peterson Dance Studio, and Jack Lloyd, Lloyd Dance Studio, both advised on 4-15-68 they have never had anyone taking dance lessons by the name of Eric Starvo Galt, Harvey Lowmeyer, or John Willard or a similar type name. Both advised there are no other dance studios in the Paducah RA territory. Both also advised the physical description of the suspect and his characteristics are not familiar to them.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC LOUISVILLE (137-1013)

DATE: 4/15/68

FROM : SA RICHARD F. HUFFORD

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SUBJECT: LS 365-C

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Dates of Contact 4/5 and 6/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted ASSASSINATION OF REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. GIIF		
		157-630-44-947 94-184
Purpose and results of contact <input type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC <p>On 4/5/68, informant was instructed to be alert for any information concerning the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., and was instructed to immediately contact the writer in event she received any information concerning the assassination.</p> <p>On 4/6/68, informant advised that KENNETH BALSLEY was planning to do some shoplifting that date at the Super X Drug Store located at 31st Street and Portland in Louisville, Ky. This information was immediately furnished to Captain JOHN HAMPTON, Louisville PD, who dispatched Det. JAMES MC FARLAND to that Drug Store to keep it under surveillance. Det. MC FARLAND together with the store manager subsequently caught BALSLEY in the act of shoplifting and arrested him and charged him with shoplifting.</p>		
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THOMAS F. KELLERMAN:

On April 9, 1968, examination was made of the City of Frankfort, Kentucky, city and telephone directories and no record could be found of a HARVEY LOWMEYER, HARVEY LOWMYER, or a WILLIAM J. LEHMEYER.

On April 9, 1968, CHARLENE MAHONEY, Bureau of Identification, Kentucky State Police, Frankfort, Kentucky, advised that the arrest records of that agency which has statewide authority do not contain any reference to any of the above names.

On April 9, 1968, RALPH YORK, Identification Officer of the Frankfort, Kentucky, Police Department, Sheriff ED WHALEN and Deputy Sheriff JACK PENN, both of Franklin County, Frankfort, Kentucky, advised that they had no recollection of anyone by these names ever being charged with an offense in Franklin County. Each stated that he is a longtime resident of Franklin County and had no recollection of such an individual residing in this county.

On April 9, 1968, GARY WALLACE of the Credit Bureau of Frankfort, Frankfort, Kentucky, made a check of the records of that agency with negative results against the names of the individual.

On April 9, 1968, Mrs. RAY BRIDGES, Franklin County Clerk's Office, Frankfort, Kentucky, made an examination of the list of registered voters in Franklin County, but no reference could be found to a LOWMEYER, or a LEHMEYER.

On April 9, 1968, Mrs. ANITA SEA, Driver's License Bureau, Department of Public Safety, Frankfort, Kentucky, advised that she was unable to locate any record of a driver's license being issued to any individual under the above names.

The closest she could come in locating a record among the records of that agency was an individual who had a name spelled in a similar fashion was the record of a driver's license being issued to a WILLIAM KYLE LOHMEYER of 4112 Pixley Way, Louisville, Kentucky. ~~It was reflected that this individual~~

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was the current holder of Kentucky Operator's License Number [REDACTED] and it was issued in November, 1967, in Jefferson County, Kentucky. His date of birth was given as November 9, 1937, and the only available descriptive data concerning this person was that he was a white, male, 5'10" in height.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 16, 1968

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Mrs. NORMAN (GEORGIA M.) DAVIS, 733 Cecil Avenue, Louisville, Kentucky, was interviewed at her residence. She furnished the following information:

She is a Kentucky State Senator from the 33rd District of Louisville, Kentucky. She is also a Board member and Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Kentucky Christian Leadership Conference (KCLC) which is affiliated with the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC).

Mrs. DAVIS in the company of Mrs. LUKIE WARD and Rev. A.D. WILLIAMS KING of Louisville, Kentucky, were in Memphis, Tennessee at the Lorraine Motel on April 4, 1968. Their purpose was to participate in a march scheduled in Memphis, Tennessee for April 5, 1968, to be led by the late Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. Mrs. DAVIS volunteered the following as background data concerning the activities of herself, Mrs. WARD and Rev. A.D. WILLIAMS KING immediately prior to their visit to Memphis, Tennessee.

On March 23, 1968, Mrs. DAVIS and Mrs. WARD left Louisville, Kentucky, traveling in Mrs. WARD's Cadillac automobile, to go to Florida for a vacation. On the night of March 23, 1968, they stayed at a Holiday Inn Motel near Birmingham, Alabama, possibly located on Highway 31. The next day they drove to Florida where they stayed at a Howard Johnson Motel in the vicinity of Fort Walton Beach. On March 25, 1968, they drove to Panama City, Florida, where they rented kitchenette #4 of the Treasures Island Motel which was operated by BUD HASTINGS and his wife FRANCES. These individuals also owned the nearby Sunglow Motel. When Mrs. DAVIS and Mrs. WARD occupied kitchenette #4 at the Treasures Island Motel, no other individuals were occupying the motel.

On April 1, 1968, Rev. A.D. WILLIAMS KING of Louisville flew to Panama City and was met at the airport by Mrs. WARD and Mrs. DAVIS, and on that date, he occupied the kitchenette

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On 4-15-68 at Louisville, Kentucky File # LS 44-947
by SA WARREN L. WALSH WLW/ds Date dictated 4-16-68

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next to #4 at the Treasures Island Motel believed to be #5.

About 9:30 a.m., April 3, 1968, Mrs. WARD, Mrs. DAVIS and Rev. KING left Treasures Island Motel in Mrs. WARD's automobile for the purpose of going to Memphis, Tennessee, to participate in the scheduled April 5, 1968, march. Mrs. WARD left some of her clothing in kitchenette #4 at the Treasures Island Motel as she planned to return to the motel after the march for further vacationing. Mrs. DAVIS does not believe that the owners of the motel, the HASTINGS, knew at the time Mrs. DAVIS and her companions left the motel that they were going to Memphis, but the HASTINGS did know that Mrs. WARD planned to return in a few days to the motel.

Mrs. DAVIS later learned that when Mrs. WARD, because of the death of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, decided not to further vacation in Florida and had flown to Panama City on April 6, 1968, to obtain the remainder of her clothing, that Mr. and Mrs. HASTINGS had expressed some displeasure to Mrs. WARD about having as guests Mrs. WARD, Mrs. DAVIS and Rev. A.D. WILLIAMS KING. Mrs. DAVIS believed the HASTINGS originally came from Birmingham and recalled that Rev. A.D. WILLIAMS KING used to pastor a church there.

Mrs. DAVIS and Mrs. WARD and Rev. KING arrived in Memphis, Tennessee from Panama City, Florida, and registered at the Lorraine Motel at about 1 a.m., April 4, 1968. Rev. KING and Mrs. DAVIS did the registering and Mrs. DAVIS occupied Room 201 and Mrs. WARD Room 207.

Immediately upon their arrival at the Lorraine Motel, Mrs. WARD, Mrs. DAVIS and Rev. A.D. WILLIAMS KING started making inquiry of other guests at the motel as to the whereabouts of Rev. KING's brother, Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING. He could not be located at the motel and HOSEA WILLIAMS remarked that Dr. KING was at a strategy meeting at a church, the name of which Mrs. DAVIS recalls as the Church of the Minimal Salary (Phonetic). Mrs. WARD, Mrs. DAVIS and Rev. KING then went to the church but Dr. KING was not there. Rev. ANDREW YOUNG and some other people, identities not known to Mrs. DAVIS but appearing to be possibly local pastors and ministers, were holding a meeting at the church. A man called "CABBAGE" was speaking at the meeting when Mrs. DAVIS and her companions arrived,

but Mrs. DAVIS and her companions did not stay at the meeting upon learning Dr. KING was not there. Mrs. DAVIS and her companions went to a smaller room in the church where they met Rev. JESSE JACKSON from Chicago, Illinois and conversed with Rev. JACKSON for a few minutes.

Mrs. DAVIS and her companions thereafter returned to the Lorraine Motel arriving about 3 a.m., and the three of them went to Room 207. Here they conversed among themselves with the door to the motel room open for about an hour or an hour and a half at which point Mrs. DAVIS happened to observe a taxi cab, identity not recalled, arriving at the motel and to depart from the cab Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, Rev. RALPH ABERNATHY, and Rev. BERNARD LEE. Mrs. WARD immediately went out and invited the three individuals into Room 207. Doctor KING and his companions joined Mrs. DAVIS and her companions in Room 207. After approximately five minutes Revs. ABERNATHY and LEE left the room, presumably to go to their own rooms. Mrs. DAVIS, Mrs. WARD, Dr. KING and Rev. KING remained in Room 207 until about 5 a.m. when Dr. KING left, advising he was going to Room 306.

During the conversation by the above individuals in Room 207 no one made any mention of indication that they were fearful of any attempt being made that day on Dr. KING's life.

After Dr. KING left Room 207, Mrs. DAVIS also left the room and went to Room 201. About one-half hour later, Dr. KING came to Room 201 and visited with Mrs. DAVIS for about an hour, the talk consisting of general matters, Mrs. DAVIS remembering specifically that during this time she mentioned to Dr. KING that Miss KATHERINE PEDIN of Kentucky was running for U.S. Senator from Kentucky, and Dr. KING indicated he had met Miss PEDIN as she had interviewed him as a member of the President's Commission on Civil Disorders. Also during this visit Mrs. DAVIS told Dr. KING that in view of the march in Memphis, Tennessee having been rescheduled from April 5 to April 8, 1968, Mrs. DAVIS would probably not remain in Memphis over the weekend, but would return to Louisville. However, Dr. KING asked that before Mrs. DAVIS made a final decision he would like to talk to her further about this but that he had to leave as he had a strategy meeting planned in Room 306 at 8 a.m., April 4, 1968, and he anticipated he would re-contact

her about her decision about noon, April 4, 1968.

Shortly after Dr. KING left Room 201, Mrs. WARD joined Mrs. DAVIS in Room 201 where they had coffee and conversed until about noon when Mrs. WARD left. About 1 p.m. or 1:30 p.m. Dr. KING returned to Room 201 and advised Mrs. DAVIS that he needed to relax for a short while and left Room 306 so as not to be bothered unless important matters occurred. From Room 201 Dr. KING phoned Room 306 and spoke with Rev. LEE advising Rev. LEE as to his whereabouts and informed Rev. LEE he did not want to be disturbed unless it was an important matter. While in Room 201 on this occasion Dr. KING made several phone calls using a credit card. Mrs. DAVIS recalls that Dr. KING phoned his secretary, DORA McDONALD, in Atlanta, Georgia, and also made a call to New York, identity of person called not specifically remembered by Mrs. DAVIS, but possibly being a STAN LEVINSON (phonetic) or a (First Name Unknown) WACHTEL (phonetic) as Mrs. DAVIS had heard Dr. KING speak of these individuals.

Thereafter as Dr. KING was just dialing his mother in Atlanta, Georgia, Rev. A.D. WILLIAMS KING came into Room 201 and Dr. KING and Rev. A.D. WILLIAMS KING conversed with their mother telephonically for a few minutes. About 45 minutes later Revs. ABERNATHY and LEE came to Room 201 and Mrs. DAVIS then phoned Mrs. WARD and invited her to Room 201. Mrs. WARD did come to Room 201.

Shortly after Mrs. WARD's arrival in Room 201, Mrs. WARD left to pick up some cleaning for Mrs. DAVIS at a laundry and dry cleaning store, name not recalled, located at Beale and Third Streets in Memphis. Mrs. WARD had taken the cleaning to this location earlier on April 4, 1968, for Mrs. DAVIS, probably about 10 a.m. and as Mrs. DAVIS recalls, she had been accompanied on that occasion by Rev. A.D. WILLIAMS KING.

During the absence of Mrs. WARD from Room 201, CHAUNCEY ESKRIDGE, the attorney from Chicago, and Rev. ANDREW YOUNG, came to Room 201. Mrs. WARD returned from her visit to the laundry very shortly thereafter, making a total of eight individuals in the room. The above eight individuals conversed generally until about 5:45 p.m., when Dr. KING announced that he was going to dinner at the home of Rev. BILLY KYLES in Memphis and he invited Mrs. DAVIS to join him for dinner at the Reverend's home. She advised him that she would need

about 15 minutes or so to freshen up and he stated he would go to his room and freshen up and wait for her. Mrs. DAVIS had just completed her preparation for leaving for dinner because she recalled that she was standing in front of a mirror with her raincoat on taking a last look as to her appearance when she heard a shot. She was stunned for just an instant but then immediately went outside the room and heard someone yell Dr. KING had just been shot. She looked up towards Room 306 and saw what she is convinced were Dr. KING's feet on the balcony protruding slightly over the edge. There was considerable confusion and panic and police arrived almost immediately. Mrs. DAVIS cannot be entirely certain of immediate events following, but as she recalls Rev. JACKSON was in the motel courtyard at the time she went out of Room 201 as was Mrs. WARD. Mrs. DAVIS immediately proceeded up to where Dr. KING was lying and remained in that vicinity until Dr. KING was taken away in an ambulance which Mrs. DAVIS estimates was approximately 10 minutes after she had heard the shot.

Mrs. DAVIS can recall no incident which she observed after coming out of Room 201 after the shot had been fired which she feels has any bearing on ascertaining the identity of the individual responsible for the shot.

After Dr. KING had been taken from the motel in an ambulance, Mrs. DAVIS recalls that Rev. JACKSON was in the courtyard and gave a press statement. Thereafter Mrs. DAVIS went to the motel office where she found Mrs. WARD who was ordering coffee. Then Mrs. DAVIS and a man Mrs. DAVIS recalls as a HAROLD MILLER, possibly a local minister from Memphis or Atlanta, went to Room 207 to advise Rev. A.D. WILLIAMS KING of the shooting of his brother. Rev. KING was asleep and they did not succeed in awakening him. Thereafter Mrs. WARD came to Room 207 and Mrs. DAVIS and the man she believes was named MILLER left the room.

Later on the night of April 4, 1968, possibly around 8:30 p.m. someone, Mrs. DAVIS did not know who, felt that Mrs. WARD, Mrs. DAVIS and Rev. A.D. WILLIAMS KING should not spend the remainder of that night at the Lorraine Motel and Mrs. DAVIS recalls packing her clothes and the three of them going out to the home of Rev. KYLES. After arrival at this home, it was decided again by someone not known to Mrs. DAVIS that Rev. KING would remain at Rev. KYLES that evening but that

Mrs. WARD and Mrs. DAVIS should spend the evening at a Howard Johnson Motel in Memphis. Mrs. WARD and Mrs. DAVIS together with individuals not now recalled went to the Howard Johnson Motel where Mrs. WARD registered for the two of them, but the plans again changed as Mrs. DAVIS recalls HOSEA WILLIAMS indicated that Mrs. DAVIS and her companions should return to the Lorraine Motel for the evening. Mrs. WARD and Mrs. DAVIS were then driven in Mrs. WARD's car by an unknown individual back to the Lorraine Motel where they entered Room 201. A short time later Rev. KYLES brought Rev. A.D. WILLIAMS KING back to the motel at which point Mrs. WARD left Room 201. Mrs. DAVIS spent the remainder of the night by herself in Room 201.

On Friday morning, April 5, 1968, Rev. A.D. WILLIAMS KING left the Lorraine Motel to go to the airport to meet the wife of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING who was arriving in Memphis on that morning.

Mrs. WARD and Mrs. DAVIS left Memphis, Tennessee, about 9 a.m., April 5, 1968, and drove to Atlanta, Georgia.

Mrs. DAVIS advised that during her stay in Memphis, on April 4 - 5, 1968, she personally had received no threats against her life nor does she have any knowledge of anyone at the Lorraine Motel being specifically threatened on that occasion.