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442 PM 4/19/68 URGENT CLM

TO MINNEAPOLIS (157-450) •

FROM LOUISVILLE (44-947) 1P

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REURIEL APRIL EIGHTEEN, LAST, RE SUSPECT MURPHY LITTLE, III, AKA JOHN MURPHY LITTLE.

INVESTIGATION AT LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY, REVEALS LITTLE
ELIMINATED AS SUSPECT AFTER TENTATIVELY ESTABLISHING WHEREABOUTS IN MIAMI, FLORIDA, NIGHT OF MURCER. LITTLE BEARS
NO RESEMBLANCE TO PHOTO OF UNSUB BY VIRTUE OF IDENTIFICATION
OF JAMES EARL RAY AS SUBJECT.

NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED RE LITTLE UACH BY MEMPHIS. AIR WAIL COPY SENT TO MEMPHIS.

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445PM URGENT 4-19-68 SMS

TO LOUISVILLE

FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

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APRIL NIMETERN INSTANT, MAN RESEMBLING ERIC GALT
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CHANGE FOR BILLS AT SECURITY FIRST NATIONAL BANK, FORTY
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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987), AND LOUISVILLE FROM TAMPA (157-3231)

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ON FOUR NINETEEN SIXTY-EIGHT, BRUCE MC CAY, MC CAY CRIS CRAFT
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MEMPHIS (44-1987) TAMPA (157-3231)

FROM:

LOUISVILLE (44-947)

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454PM URGENT 4/20/68 CAF

TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, CINCINNATI, LOUISVILLE, ST.

LOUIS, AND SPRINGFIELD

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OF POSSIBLE INTEREST, TO DATE, MEMPHIS DIVISION HAS RECLIVED NO PERTINENT INFORMATION RE MURDER OF DR. KING FROM NEGRO, COMMUNITY IN MEMPHIS.

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4:58 PM URGENT 4/20/68 EGB

TO DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861), LOUISVILLE, BIRMINGHAM, KANSAS

CITY (88-9449), MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM CINCIMNATI (157-1893) 2P

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PAYNE ADVISED WILLIE CORNETTE, W/M, AGE FORTY-THREE, AND HIS WIFE, VIVIAN, RESIDING BIG ROCK, KY., PERSONALLY FAMILIAR WITH SUBJECT AND NO EXACT FAMILY RELATIONSHIP TO PAYNE'S FORMER WIFE, MILLIE MARIE HUFF, WHOSE PRESENT WHEREABOUTS ARE UNKNOWN TO PAYNE.

MILLIE'S FATHER, STEWART (PH) HUFF, DEAD, AND HER MOTHER, NOW MRS. GERALD LOCKER, LIVING NEAR TOLEDO, OHIO.

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FROM:

LOUISVILLE (44-947)

MURKIN. CR. OO: MEMPHIS.

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TO TIME; IS ON THE ROAD A GREAT DEAL OF TIME AS CHAUFFEUR FOR BUSINESSMEN, FIRMS UNKNOWN. SHE ADVISED NO KNOWLEDGE RE WHEREABOUTS, STATING IN ADDITION TO CHAUFFEUR, HE GAMBLES HEAVILY AND OFTEN CARRIES LARGE AMOUNTS OF CASH. SHE ADVISED HE ENLISTED AT AGE SEVENTEEN WITH USAF;

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Memorandum

TO

SAC, LOUISVILLE (44-947)

DATE:April 20, 1968

FROM

SPC, JAMES MICHAEL RAY

SUBJECT:

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Mr. STEEDLY advised that his' father operates STEEDLY GROCERY at 4624 Crittenden Drive, Louisville and at approximately 6:30 P.M., 4/19/68 while helping his' father he saw an individual who resembled ERIC STARVO GALT.

Mr. STEEDLY stated that upon noticing this individual he immediately went and obtained a newspaper, but however, because the picture of GALT in the newspaper was somewhat blurred and he could not make a positive identification.
Mr. STEEDLY explained that according to the description of GALT this individual appeared identical.

Mr. STEEDLY requested an agent of the FBI contact him at STEEDLY Grocery, 4624 Crittenden Drive, and make available to him a clear photo of ERIC STARVO GALT.

It is suggested by the writer that STEEDLY be contacted and shown a photograph of GALT.

This memo is being submitted for any appropriate action deemed necessary.

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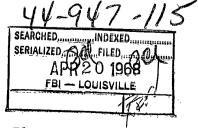
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TO: DIRECTOR, (44-38861), LOUISVILLE, BIRMINGHAM, KANSAS CITY (88-9449), MEMPHIS (44-1987), AND CLEVELAND, AND CINCINNATI.

FROM: CLEVELAND (44-565).

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TO: DIRECTOR, (44-38861), LOUISVILLE, BIRMINGHAM, KANSAS CITY (88-9449), MEMPRIS (44-1987), AND CLEVELAND, AND CINCINNATI.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA Robert L. Stowe; Jr on 4/9/68 at places indicated.

Josephine Jordan, Voter's Registration, Boyd County Court Clerk's Office Catlettsburg, Les Moore, Greenup County Court Clerk's Office

George Plummer, Lewis County Court Clerk's Office.

Each checked voter's registration and vehicle registration and advised that there is no name even similar to Lowmeyer or Lowmyer in file. Each is well acquainted in the county and advised that there is no such person residing in the counties listed.

Chief of Police Lewis Mutters, NA, Ashland, Ky PD; Ray Slone Boyd County Sheriff Chief of Police Ray Castle, Catlettsburg, Ky PD

Chris Messer, Greenup, Ky PD.; Mrs Frances Parby Greenup County Sheriff's Office J. Cook, Vanceburg, Ky PD.; Mrs. Merrill Osborne, Lewis County Sheriff's Office Each chacked their records and advised that there is no arrest or criminal record even close to the name of Lowmeyer or Lowmyer. Each stated that he had never heard this name in the sommunity.

A check of local relephone and city directories for the above named places wasenegative Annetta Hite, Ashland, Ky credit Bureau advised that she has no record of Lowmeyer or Lowmyer and there is no name in file close to this.

There are no central credit rating agencies in the rest of the above places

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SAC, LOUISVILLE (157-63)

4/17/68

SA JAMES E, HATHAWAY

CONCERNED CITIZENS COMMITTEE

On 4/10/68, JOHN BOWMAN, 2918 English Avenue, telephone 895-1854, telephonically advised SA JAMES E. HATHAWAY that on that date, he telephoned number 368-6777 and there was a tape recording played which was described as Record #8 of the Concerned Citizens Committee (CCC), and which played for three or four minutes.

According to BOWMAN, the gist of this talk, which was by a man whose name he failed to recall, was that MARTIN LUTHER KING was a Communist and that the reason he was killed was the lack of organization or administration on the part of President JOHNSON, Vice President HUMPHREY and the actions of the Supreme Court.

BOWMAN stated that he considered the entire message to be un-American and subversive and felt that the persons responsible for it should be prosecuted.

BOWMAN advised that he obtained the above telephone number from a woman who had previously been furnished this number after she called the office of the CCC in the South End of Louisville. After he listened to the above taped message on 4/10/68, he said he also called the office of the CCC and talked to a woman. He asked this woman, whose name he did not obtain, how many members belonged to the CCC and was advised there were 3,000 to 5,000 members. He said he asked how many were Negroes and she stated that at least five of these were Negroes. When he asked for the identities of these five persons, she advised that they were employees of her husband.

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It is noted that the CCC is listed in the telephone book at 414 Kenwood Drive, with telephone 363-4525.

Repeated attempts to call telephone 368-6777 have been unsuccessful, as the line is constantly busy.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO

: ALL AGENTS (68-947)

DATE: 4/17/68

FROM :

SAC, LOUISVILLE (44-947)

SUBJECT:

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The Memphis Office has requested that in an effort to assist in handling administratively the reams of material being submitted to the Memphis Division as office or origin, that all offices in submission of messages use a caption which will aid in handling paper. For example, should you have investigation to report in connection with a specific suspect, it would aid if before entering into the body of the text you would utilize sub-headings after the reference, such as "SUSPECT - JOHN ALLEN DOE," or another appropriate caption might be "LAUNDRY CHECKS", etc. Suitable sub-headings on communications will greatly facilitate the handling of material.

Please comply with the above instructions.

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FBI LOUISVLE ,

955PM IMMEDIATE 4-19-68 LLD

TO ALL SACSEXCEPT KANSAS CITY, ANCHORAGE, HONOLULU AND SAN JUAN

_ MESSAGE RELAY PLAN

FROM DIRECTOR 5P

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SAC, LOUISVILLE (62-678)

4/18/68

SA JAMES E. HATHAWAY

EARL R. BELL INFORMATION CONCERNING

On 4/8/68, at 8:20 A.M., an anonymous male caller advised SA JAMES E. HATHAWAY that he had information concerning the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING but first desired to know if his identity would be kept in complete confidence. He was assured that any information furnished by him on a confidential basis would be treated as such. He then stated that unless the killer of KING had already been picked up, he was reasonably sure that he would be able to obtain information which would identify this individual. He was asked to furnish this information, but stated he believed he would call back at a later time after he considered whether or not he should do so. He declined to furnish his name and pointed out that the Agent would be able to recognize his voice if he called back later.

On 4/9/68, at about 8:20 A.M., the same individual telephonically contactedSA HATHAWAY and stated that a friend of his had obtained a good description of MARTIN LUTHER KING's assailant. When pressed for details, he stated that a process of hypnosis had been used thereby the spiritual part of his friend had been projected to Memphis, Tennessee, and had been placed there in the past at the time of the assassination and in this way, had been able to observe the killer. He stated this was a form of "astro-projection" or "out-of-body travel". He stated that a group in which he is now working has done considerable work in connection with this "astro-projection" and on the evening of Thursday, 4/11/68, he anticipated that this group would be successful in projecting one of the group to the same location and point of time as the assassination of KING, and would then be able to furnish complete details as to the movements and positions of the killer on that date.

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BELL further advised that he is employed at Gamble Brothers and indicated he would report the results of the findings of his group in this matter to the Louisville Office.

The above is being recorded for possible assistance in evaluating the information which may be furnished by BELL to this office in the future. It is being noted that he speaks in a very normal and intelligent manner.

An appropriate card is being placed in the Complaint Box.



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION Louisville, Kentucky April 19, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. RACIAL MATTERS

On April 5, 1968, a source who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the West End Community Council (WECC), 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 buses, each having a capacity of 37 persons, for people from Louisville, Kentucky, to attend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s funeral in Atlanta, Georgia.

The above source stated that the buses are tentatively scheduled to depart Louisville, Kentucky, at 2:00 PM, on April 7, 1968, and to arrive at the Greyhound Bus Station in Atlanta, Georgia, approximately 10:00 PM the same date. No stops en route are planned and participants are to take box lunches and the scheduled routes will bypass the towns of Nashville and Chattanooga, Tennessee.

The above source also advised that a Richard Collins, who said he represents the Louisville Federation of Settlements, had on April 5, 1968, reserved a Greyhound bus, capacity of 37, to leave Louisville about 2:00 PM,

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ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

April 7, 1968, to take participants to Dr. King's funeral in Atlanta, Georgia.

The files of the Louisville Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation contain no information concerning Richard Collins or the Louisville Federation of Settlements, based upon the identifying information available concerning them.

On April 5, 1968, Major Priest M. Fry, Chief of Detectives, Louisville, Kentucky Police Department, advised that a source of the Louisville Police Department, identity of whom he was not at liberty to disclose, had advised that Carl and Anne Braden of Louisville, Kentucky, plan to attend Dr. King's funeral in Atlanta. Further, that the source had said that representatives, not identified, of the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Incorporated (SCEF), in Louisville had indicated they were planning to have some of their representatives travel to Memphis, Tennessee, in the immediate future by private automobiles.

Information concerning the SCEF and Carl and Anne Praden is set forth in the appendix of this memorandum.

An article in the April 9, 1968, issue of the Courier-Journal, a daily Louisville, Kentucky, newspaper, reported that some 230 "Freedom Pilgrims" from Louisville, Kentucky, traveled from Louisville by six buses to Atlanta. Georgia, to attend Dr. King's funeral in Atlanta on April 9, 1968. The article reported that almost all of the individuals going to Atlanta from Louisville were Negroes, but there were a few Caucasians and that the individuals appeared to represent a coalition between the young, those interested in civil rights causes, those against the Vietnam War and the poor. One participant described those participating as "... preachers,

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teachers, a lot of the poor, and a few of the rich. There are some black powerists and some Uncle Toms. Generally, it is a pretty good cross section."

The article further reported that most of the bus riders interviewed had said that they felt a deep debt to Dr. King.

The above article further noted that Dr. King's brother, the Reverend A. D. Williams, King, is pastor of the Zion Paptist Church located in the West End of Louisville, Kentucky.



APPENDIX

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE EDUCATIONAL FUND, INC. (SCEF)

The Southern Conference for Human Welfare (SCHW) was cited as a Communist front by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 592, June 12, 1947. In the same house report, "The Southern Patriot" was cited as an "organ" of the SCHW.

An amendment to the charter of the SCHW dated April 26, 1946, changed its name to the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Incorporated (SCEF) and stated its purpose to be to improve the educational and cultural standards of the Southern People in accordance with the highest American democratic institutions, traditions and ideals.

The masthead of the April, 1967, issue of "The Southern Patriot" indicates that it is the publication of SCEF, editorial and business offices of which are located at 3210 West Broadway, Louisville, Kentucky, Eastern office of which is located at Suite 412, 799 Broadway, New York City, New York. "The Southern Patriot" is published once each month, except July. SCEF is stated to be dedicated to ending discrimination based on race, creed, color, sex, national origin or economic condition.

Carl Braden is identified as Executive Director of SCEF and Anne Braden is editor of "The Southern Patriot".

Mrs. Alberta Ahearn, 2311 Payne Street, Louisville, Kentucky, a self-admitted former member of the Communist Party (CP), Louisville, Kentucky, testified on December 11, and 13, 1954, in Jefferson County, Kentucky, Criminal Court in a State sedition prosecution against Carl James Braden. She identified Carl Braden and his wife, Anne McCarty Braden, as having been known to her as members of the CP from January, 1951 to December, 1954.

The SCEF is self-described as having deep roots in the South where it began as the educational wing of the SCHW, organized in 1938 to work for economic and political reform. When the SCHW disbanded in the late 1940's, SCEF





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continued as an independent organization, rallying support for integration and democracy and helping to stimulate and nurture new movements of the early 1960°s. The SCEF maintained headquarters in Louisiana for twenty years, but in 1966 moved its headquarters to Louisville, Kentucky.

A source advised on March 2, 1961, that Claude Lightfoot, a Communist Party functionary, stated at a meeting of the Communist Party in Baltimore, Maryland, on February 25, 1961, that the Communist Party is not connected with any progressive movement but indirectly they do have some influence in the SCEF.

A second source, who is familiar with some phases of Communist Party activity in the New Orleans area, advised on June 3, 1966, that during the time that the SCHW was in existence, members of the Communist Party were members of and worked actively in the SCHW; however, since the formation of the SCEF, Communist Party members have not been encouraged to work in the SCEF. The source stated that the SCEF is a progressive, liberal organization, which he considers a Communist Party front organization because it has gone along with the Communist Party on certain issues, particularly on the racial issue.

A third source advised on May 25, 1965, that George Meyers, a Communist Party functionary, expressed great admiration for Carl and Anne Braden and the SCEF, with which they are affiliated, and expressed the view that the SCEF is the best organization in the South as far as doing effective work is concerned and that they have a better idea of what they are doing, where they are heading, and influence other organizations for the better.

The second source also advised on June 3, 1966, that many people who are officials and supporters of the SCEF, while liberal in their views, are by no means Communists.



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