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[REDACTED] AT MC CLURE, ILLINOIS, FIVE FOOT
NINE, ONE FIFTY POUNDS, MEDIUM BUILD, BLUE EYES,
DARK BROWN THINNING HAIR, FBI NUMBER [REDACTED]
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IDENT DIV IS REQUESTED TO COMPARE GIBSON'S
FINGERPRINTS WITH ANY LATENTS FOUND. ST. LOUIS IS
FORWARDING RECENT PHOTO OF GIBSON TO MEMPHIS. P.
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TO MEMPHIS AND BALTIMORE

FROM KNOXVILLE 157-1298

MURKIN.

RE BUTEL TO ALL OFFICES APRIL SEVEN INSTANT.

ON APRIL SEVEN INSTANT, ROBERT MULLIN AND MICKEY BUSBY,
CONTACTED KX. OFFICE AND ADVISED THEY HAD HITCH-HIKED TO KX.
FROM MEMPHIS AND WERE PICKED UP AT BROWNSVILLE, TENN. ABOUT SIX
P.M. APRIL SIX LAST BY PERSON GIVING NAME BUD MITCHELL, AGE TWENTY-
FIVE TO THIRTY, SIX FEET, DARK BROWN HAIR, SHORT NORMAL CUT,
ONE FORTY-FIVE TO ONE FIVE ZERO LBS. MEDIUM BUILD, WELL
DRESSED, DRIVING PALE YELLOW MUSTANG, BEARING MARYLAND LICENSE
G J SEVEN EIGHT EIGHT THREE. MITCHELL SAID HE HAD BEEN IN MEMPHIS
AND WAS RETURNING TO WASHINGTON DC. SAID EX GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE
AND GAVE IMPRESSION WAS SOME TYPE OF INVESTIGATOR.

MITCHELL STATED THAT HE HAD GONE TO MEMPHIS "TO SEE KING
MARCH AT AN EARLIER DATE BUT KING CHICKENED OUT BECAUSE OF THE
SNOW." SAID THAT HE HAD PISTOL UNDER DASH OF CAR AND THAT
HE OWNER A RIFLE. MITCHELL ALLEGEDLY TOLD COMPLAINANTS THAT
"THINGS WILL QUIETEN DOWN AFTER THEY BURY THAT CREEP" AND ALSO
DISCUSSED HOW EASY IT WAS TO GET AN M-ONE RIFLE AND CLIPS. HE
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SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN TO RIPLEY, TENN. VISITING HIS RELATIVES
ON THIS TRIP. THEY FURNISHED ABOVE AS OF POSSIBLE VALUE IN
INVESTIGATION OF MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING.

MULLIN AND BUSBY STATED THEY, ARE STUDENTS MEMPHIS STATE
UNIVERSITY, RESIDENCE THREE THREE ONE MC CORD HALL, MEMPHIS AND
RETURNING TO MEMPHIS BY MONDAY APRIL EIGHT NEXT.

BALTIMORE DETERMINE OWNER OF YELLOW MUSTANG, MARYLAND LICENSE
G J SEVEN EIGHT EIGHT THREE AND INTERVIEW MITCHELL TO DETERMINE
WHEREABOUTS AT SEVEN PM EST APRIL FOUR LAST.

MEMPHIS AT RIPLEY DETERMINE IF MITCHELL KNOWN THAT AREA
AND IF THERE DURING PERTINENT PERIOD.

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

FROM NEW HAVEN (157-818)

MURKIN CR. OO: MEMPHIS.

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

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

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

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

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TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS (44-1987), BIRMINGHAM AND MINNEAPOLIS
FROM CHICAGO (44-NEW) (P)

MURKIN, OO: MIMPHIS

RE MEMPHIS TEL TO CAPTIONED OFFICES APRIL SIX LAST.

ROBERT MINK, DELTA AIRLINES, CHICAGO, O'HARE INTERNATIONAL
AIRPORT, ADVISED APRIL SIX LAST ALL INFO RELATING TO PRIOR
RESERVATIONS CONTAINED DELTA AIRLINES, DATA PROCESSING CENTER,
MEMORY BANK, ATLANTA, IN CARE OF E. R. BENNETT. RANCE POWERS,
UNITED AIRLINES, UNABLE TO LOCATE ANY INFO RE WILLIAM J.
LEHMEYER. EASTERN AIRLINES HAS NO FLIGHT DEPARTING CHICAGO
TO MINNEAPOLIS AFTER DELTA NINE THREE TWO ARRIVES CHICAGO
UNTIL FOLLOWING DAY.

MILO MATHEWS, NORTHWEST AIRLINES, ADVISED RES. INFO SHOWS
LEHMEYER, CHICAGO - MINNEAPOLIS, PASSENGER MARCH TWO SEVEN
LAST FROM DELTA NINE THREE TWO; ALL RES. AND HISTORY INFO ON
DELTA MEMORY BANK TAPE SEVEN ZERO FIVE F THREE ONE
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NO FURTHER INFO AVAILABLE CHICAGO.

RE MEMPHIS TEL BEING QUOTED AND COPIED TO ATLANTA ONLY FOR
INFO.

ATLANTA, AT DELTA AIRLINES. IMMEDIATELY CONTACT DATA
PROCESSING, TELEPHONE SEVEN SIX TWO - TWO THREE FOUR SIX AND
OBTAIN PRINT OUT OF TAPE SEVEN ZERO FIVE FIVE SEVEN THREE ONE
ZERO FIVE, FURNISHING PASSENGER HISTORY AND CONTACT POINTS
RE PASSENGER WILLIAM J. LEHMEYER AND FURNISH INFO TO BUREAU,
MEMPHIS, MINNEAPOLIS AND OTHER INTERESTED OFFICES.

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TO ALL SAC'S

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

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

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

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TO MEMPHIS 44-1987

FROM DIRECTOR 2P

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

REURAIRTEL APRIL SIX LAST.

UNDERSHORTS AND T SHIRT EACH BEARS LAUNDRY TAG
WITH WHAT APPEARS TO BE CHARACTERS "O 2 B - 6." ONLY POR-
TIONS OF FIRST CHARACTER PRESENT ON EACH TAG. LABORATORY
DOES NOT MAINTAIN VISIBLE LAUNDRY MARK FILE. NO INVISIBLE
LAUNDRY MARKS FOUND ON EITHER GARMENT.

UNDERSHORTS SMALL IN SIZE WHILE T SHIRT IS LARGE.
NO BRAND LABEL ON UNDERSHORTS. T SHIRT HAS "JOCKEY" BRAND
LABEL WHICH IS HELD FLAT WITH FOLDED PIECE THREE QUARTER
INCH WIDE CELLOPHANE TAPE ABOUT ONE INCH LONG HAVING ONE
CUT END AND ONE TORN END.

CROTCH SEAMS OF UNDERSHORTS REPAIRED IN TWO
PLACES WITH BROWN THREAD.

NO HAIRS FOUND ON EITHER GARMENT.

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BOARD FROM BATHROOM WINDOWSILL FOUR TWO TWO
AND ONE HALF SOUTH MAIN BEARS RECENT DENT WHICH COULD
HAVE BEEN PRODUCED BY LIGHT BLOW FROM MUZZLE OF WEAPON
SUCH AS REMINGTON RIFLE SERIAL NUMBER FOUR SIX ONE FOUR
SEVEN SIX. DENT CONTAINS MICROSCOPIC MARKS OF TYPE WHICH
COULD BE PRODUCED BY SIDE OF BARREL AT MUZZLE BUT INSUFFI-
CIENT MARKS FOR IDENTIFICATION LEFT ON BOARD DUE TO PHYSICAL
NATURE OF WOOD. NO OTHER MARKS FOUND ON BOARD.

NO WOOD, PAINT, ALUMINUM OR SIGNIFICANT MARKS FOUND
ON RIFLE BARREL. NO GUNPOWER OR RESIDUE FOUND ON BOARD.

LATENT RESULTS AND CONFIRMING LABORATORY REPORT
BEING FURNISHED SEPARATELY.

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TO DIRECTOR, NEW HAVEN, CHARLOTTE, AND BIRMINGHAM
FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987) 1P

MURKIN - CR.

RE KANSAS CITY TEL APRIL SEVEN, SIXTY EIGHT, SIX FORTY FIVE
AM.

KANSAS CITY TEL REQUESTED THAT NEW HAVEN FURNISH MEMPHIS
COMPLETE SUMMARY CONCERNING ONE VINCENT DE PALMA.

REQUEST NEW HAVEN, RATHER THAN FURNISH SUMMARY RE DE PALMA,
ESTABLISH DE PALMA'S WHEREABOUTS ON MARCH TWENTY NINE AND THIRTY,
AND APRIL FOUR, NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT. IN EVENT DE PALMA'S
WHEREABOUTS CAN BE ESTABLISHED ON THOSE THREE DAYS, IT WOULD NOT
APPEAR THAT HE COULD BE OF INTEREST IN CONNECTION WITH CAPTIONED
CASE. MARCH TWENTY NINE AND THIRTY ARE DATES OF INTEREST TO
BIRMINGHAM SINCE WEAPON IN INSTANT CASE BOUGHT IN BIRMINGHAM.
APRIL FOUR OF INTEREST BECAUSE THIS DATE THAT MURDER TOOK PLACE
IN MEMPHIS.

NEW HAVEN ADVISE WHEN SUFFICIENT INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN
CONDUCTED TO ESTABLISH WHEREABOUTS OF DE PALMA ON PERTINENT DAYS.

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MEMPHIS DIVISION DID RECEIVE THIS DATE SERIES OF COLOR PHOTOGRAPHS REGARDING NUMEROUS ITEMS SUBMITTED BY THE MEMPHIS DIVISION. MEMPHIS REQUESTS THAT IN ADDITION TO PHOTOGRAPHS FURNISHED, BUREAU ALSO HAVE PREPARED ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS. THESE SHOULD BE IN COLOR OF THE BEDSPREAD SUBMITTED, AND ALSO REQUEST THAT CLOSE-UP PHOTOS BE TAKEN IN COLOR OF ALL PRICE TAGS AND VARIOUS NUMBERS APPEARING ON ITEMS SUBMITTED. THESE PRICE TAGS AND NUMBERS MAY BE OF ASSISTANCE IN COVERING INVESTIGATIVE LEADS IN THIS MATTER. PLEASE EXPEDITE. REQUEST THAT PHOTOGRAPHIC COPIES ALSO BE FURNISHED BIRMINGHAM DIVISION FOR ITS USE AND JACKSON DIVISION FOR POSSIBLE USE IN THAT DIVISION. P.

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TO DIRECTOR, DETROIT & MEMPHIS
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MURKIN

REBUTEL ALL OFFICES FOUR SEVEN, INSTANT.

ROBERT GRECO FOUR ONE TWO COUNTYVIEW COURT, PGH., ADVISED TODAY THAT AN UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL WHO RESEMBLES COMPOSITE PHOTO OF SUBJECT FORMERLY PATRONIZED MOBY DICK LOUNGE, DEARBORN, MICH., WHEN OWNED BY HIS BROTHER, NICK GRECO, ONE SEVEN ZERO FOUR EIGHT CAMBRIDGE ALLEN PARK, MICH., TELEPHONE TWO SEVEN FOUR - ONE SIX SEVEN SIX.

SUSPECT VOICED STRONG DISLIKE FOR KING AND WAS ONCE OVER-HEARD TO SAY KING WOULD NOT LIVE A YEAR IF HE HAD TO TAKE CARE OF HIM HIMSELF AND THAT IT WOULD BE QUICK AS HE WOULD USE A RIFLE.

SUSPECT ASSOCIATED WITH EMPLOYEES OF A SIGN COMPANY NEAR MOBY DICK LOUNGE AND IS BELIEVED BY GRECO TO HAVE SOME TYPE OF
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JOB CONNECTED WITH INTERSTATE TRUCKING.

GRECO BELIEVES HIS BROTHER CAN FULLY IDENTIFY SUSPECT.

DETROIT, CONTACT NICK GRECO AT RESIDENCE OR AT PRESENT
PLACE OF BUSINESS, BONAPARTE LOUNGE, NEAR GENERAL MOTORS
BLDG., DETROIT. IDENTIFY SUSPECT AND CONTACT TO ASCERTAIN
WHEREABOUTS AT TIME OF ASSASSINATION.

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TO: SAC, KNOXVILLE
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

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REVIEW OF RECORDS HERTZ RENT-A-CAR, METROPOLITAN AIRPORT, MEMPHIS, REVEALED THAT A LIGHT GREEN FORD MUSTANG, BEARING NINETEEN SIXTY-EIGHT TENNESSEE LICENSE NUMBER B Y FIVE ZERO ONE SIX, WAS TURNED IN TO THE METROPOLITAN AIRPORT HERTZ REPRESENTATIVE, THREE FIFTEEN PM, ON APRIL FIVE, LAST. THE NAME OF INDIVIDUAL TURNING IN THIS VEHICLE IS ILLEGIBLE, HOWEVER, VEHICLE WAS RENTED UNDER UNIT NUMBER EIGHT SEVEN SEVEN, RENTAL AGREEMENT NUMBER THREE NINE FIVE NINE TWO ZERO SEVEN, AT HERTZ RENT-A-CAR, KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE.

KNOXVILLE IDENTIFY INDIVIDUAL RENTING THIS VEHICLE AND ELIMINATE HIM AS SUSPECT.

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

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

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

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

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

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IT WAS DISCUSSED AT SCHOOL THAT IF ROBERT DE PUGH, LEADER OF MINUTEMEN, WAS EVER ARRESTED "STRIKE TEAM" WOULD ASSASSINATE MARTIN LUTHER KING AND VARIOUS GOVERNMENTAL OFFICIALS TO CREATE DIVERSION THEREBY MAKING IT POSSIBLE TO RESCUE DE PUGH. BUMGARDNER NOTED DE PUGH PRESENTLY WANTED BY FEDERAL AUTHORITIES. BUMGARDNER ADVISED DE PALMA WAS ASSIGNED CODE NAME WILLARD AND HE NOTED PERSON WHO KILLED KING REPORTED BY NEWS MEDIA TO HAVE REGISTERED IN HOTEL IN MEMPHIS USING NAME WILLARD.

NEW HAVEN IS ORIGIN IN CASE CAPTIONED VINCENT PAUL DE PALMA, MINUTEMEN, IS-MISC.

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

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

BUMGARDNER FORMERLY PCI OF SPRINGFIELD OFFICE WHO WAS DISCONTINUED DUE TO HIS DISCLOSING RELATIONSHIP WITH BUREAU. HE HAS CONSIDERABLE ARREST RECORD DATING NINETEEN FIFTYSIX TO PRESENT FBI NUMBER [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED].

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

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

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(Priority)**TO JACKSON****FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)****MURKIN - CR.**

IN CONNECTION WITH VARIOUS ITEMS WHICH MAY BE OF EVIDENCE IN INSTANT CASE, TWO CANS OF SCHLITZ BEER RECOVERED FROM BLUE OVERNIGHT BAG DROPPED BY SUSPECT IN MEMPHIS. THESE SCHLITZ BEER CANS WERE INSIDE LARGE BROWN PAPER BAG BEARING TRADE NAME, "HOMESTEAD," REGISTERED TO GRAHAM PAPER CO., ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI.

MISSISSIPPI STATE TAX STAMP BORE ONLY NUMBERS ZERO THREE OVER ONE FIVE EIGHT. MEMPHIS NOT AWARE OF EXACT SIGNIFICANCE OF THESE NUMBERS. POSSIBILITY EXISTS THESE NUMBERS MAY APPLY TO A TAX PAID BY A DISTRIBUTOR OR WHOLESALE AND COULD CONCEIVABLY INDICATE AREA IN WHICH BEER SOLD.

REQUEST JACKSON OFFICE EXPLORE SIGNIFICANCE AND POSSIBLE MEANING OF NUMBERS WITHIN TAX STAMP. IF NUMBERS DESIGNATE PARTICULAR AREA SERVED BY DISTRIBUTOR IN JACKSON, REQUEST THAT JACKSON ALSO DETERMINE WHAT RETAILERS OF BEER IN SAME AREA MAY POSSIBLY USE PAPER BAG BEARING ABOVE IDENTIFYING DATA. P.

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307PM URGENT 4-7-68 JRW
TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS
FROM DENVER 157-203

MURKIN; CR.

MRS. BARBARA GALLEGOS, OLATHE, COLORADO TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED
DENVER OFFICE APRIL SEVEN INSTANT AND ADVISED SHE OBSERVED ARTIST
SKETCH OF UNSUB IN NEWSPAPER AND BELIEVES SOMEWHAT RESEMBLES MAN SHE
MET ON FLIGHT DENVER TO COLORADO SPRINGS EVENING OF APRIL FIVE, INSTANT.

INDIVIDUAL SAID NAME WAS RICHARD KENTS (PH) AND HE WAS ENROUTE
NASHVILLE TO COLORADO SPRINGS TO SKI WITH UNNAMED FRIEND. DESCRIBED
WMA, ABOUT TWENTYFIVE YEARS, SIX FEET, MEDIUM BUILD AND BLACK HAIR.

RECORDS FRONTIER AIRLINE FLIGHT FIVE EIGHT THREE, APRIL FIVE,
INSTANT, REFLECT ONLY PASSENGER DEPARTING AT COLORADO SPRINGS WAS (FNU)
KINST WHO MADE RESERVATION APRIL THREE, SIXTYEIGHT FOR TWA FLIGHTS
NASHVILLE TO ST LOUIS TO DENVER AND FAL TO COLORADO SPRINGS. AT
SAME TIME MADE RESERVATIONS FOR RETURN FLIGHTS ON APRIL SEVEN INSTANT
LEAVING DENVER SIX ZERO FIVE PM.

TWA OFFICIAL ADVISED THAT R. KINST DID DEPART DENVER TWA FLT MEMPHIS
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FOUR FOUR FOUR ARRIVING ST LOUIS EIGHT FORTYSIX PM AND HOLDS
RESERVATION EAL FLIGHT SIX SIX TWO ARRIVING NASHVILLE TEN FIFTEEN PM
APRIL SEVEN SIXTYEIGHT.

MEMPHIS AT NASHVILLE ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY R. KINST FROM
RESERVATION RECORDS OF EAL OR TWA AND HANDLE AS POSSIBLE SUSPECT.

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831PM URGENT 4/7/68 JKN

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS & BIRMINGHAM

FROM SEATTLE 1P

MURKIN; CR.

RE BIRMINGHAM TEL TODAY.

NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE SEATTLE TO PRECLUDE DE PUGH OR PEYSON
FROM BEING SUSPECTS SINCE WHEREABOUTS ON PERTINENT DATE UNKNOWN.

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