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Date 4-4-68

Title and Character of Case

**UNSUB, aka. John Willard; MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - Victim  
CR**

Date Property Acquired <b>4-4-68</b>	Source From Which Property Acquired BY SA ROBERT BOYLE FROM MRS. BESSIE RUTH BREWER, 422 1/2 So. Main St. Memphis, Tenn.
Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit <i>Item 1 - Safe</i>	Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same
Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same	

1. Three \$20.00 Federal Reserve Notes:

Series 1963 A SN F14002844A

Series 1963 A SN H16164663A

Series 1963 SN F06445143A

2. Bullet removed from body of Dr. Martin Luther King

3. Fingerprint card of Bessie Ruth Brewer.

*Ind Lab. 4-5-68 by SA Robt. Fitzpatrick (personally)  
Returned to ME 4-26-68 by SA Norment, ~~SA~~ WFO.*

*Item 2+3 TOT Insp. Zachary, MPD, by SAC 5-3-68.*

*Item 1 - returned by check to Treasurer of the United States by Dep 6/20/69 (24)*


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Title and Character of Case

**UNSUB, aka. John Willard: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - Victim**  
**CR**

Date Property Acquired	Source From Which Property Acquired
<b>4-4-68</b>	<b>Inspector N. E. ZACHARY, Memphis PD</b>
Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit	Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same
	<b>Evidence</b>

Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same

**one Remington Gamemaster rifle, Model 760, #461476, bearing Redfield  
Tube Sight 2X7X**

~~one clip~~

**one clip (removed from weapon)**

**one package of Peters high velocity center fire cartridges; 9 cartridges  
in case**

*Ind Lab 4-5-68 by SA Robt. Fitzpatrick (personally)*  
*Ret. to ME 4-26-68 by SA Norment, WFO*  
*All items TOT Insp. Zachary, MPD 5-3-68 by SAC Jensen*

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Date **4-4-68**

Title and Character of Case

**UNSUB, aka. John Willard; Martin Luther King, Jr. - Victim  
RM CR**

Date Property Acquired

Source From Which Property Acquired

**4-4-68**

**Inspector N. E. Zachary, Memphis PD**

Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit

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

**Evidence**

Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same

- (1) blue zipper bag, 20-x 30 inches
- (2) one small magnetic tack hammer
- (3) small needle-nose type pliers bearing sales tag, or identifying tag, ~~mm~~ on handle which reads either "Compag" or "Rompag" Hardware
- (4) Georgia-Alabama Standard Oil map
- (5) "Commercial Appeal," Memphis newspaper, first section only, issued of April 4, 1968
- (6) Standard Oil U. S. map
- (7) one roll of toilet paper
- (8) set of binoculars, Banner by Bushnell, binocular case and a box in which binoculars belong. Binoculars carry magnifying 7 x 35 & #DQ408664
- (9) Gillette shaving kit - razor, lotion, foamy cream. Right Guard, Heads Up -
- (10) Gray paper sack bearing York Arms Co.
- (11) one white and yellow checked towel
- (12) one white handkerchief, no laundry mark
- (13) Tube Colgate toothpaste
- (14) Pair black socks
- (15) 7 oz. can x Right Guard
- (16) 6-Transistor Channel Master Radio
- (17) Bottle Bufferin
- (18) String belt, gray in color
- (19) Brealcream
- (20) Bottle of one-a-day Vitamins
- (21) Cashmere Bouquet bar of soap bearing label "Member Friendship Inn"
- (22) Hair brush
- (23) Dial Soap

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*To Lab 4-4-68 by SA Robt. Fitzpatrick (personally)*

*Ret to ME 4-26-68 by SA Norment, WFO.*

*All items TOT Insp. Zachary, MPD, 5-3-68 by SAC Jensen*

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- (24) Head and Shoulders Shampoo bearing-Liggitt-Rexall #1678, price \$1.10**
- (25) Can Kiwi Brown polish**
- (26) Palmolive Rapid Shave with Liggitt Rexall #3478, price 79¢**
- (27) Loose button, maroon color**
- (28) Tooth brush and safety razor**
- (29) Mennin Afta**
- (30) Cameo Small toilet soap**
- (31) two bobby pins**
- (32) 2 cans Schlitz beer in paper sack**

Date 4/8/68

Title and Character of Case

**MURKIN  
CIVIL RIGHTS**

Date Property Acquired <b>4/6/68</b>	Source From Which Property Acquired <b>INSPECTOR ZACHARY, MEMPHIS PD</b>
Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit	Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same .
Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same	

1. One Pair Shorts (Waistband in unstretched condition.)
2. T-Shirt, Size 42-44, designated "Jockey Power Knit" T-shirt, large size.

To Lab 4-6-68 by SA Robt Fitzpatrick (personally)  
Ret. to ME 4-26-68 by SA Normant, WFO.  
TOT Insp. Zachary 5-3-68 by SAC Jensen  
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MURKIN  
CR

Date Property Acquired <b>4/8/68</b>	Source From Which Property Acquired <b>ATLAN TA</b>
Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit <i>Shelf 06</i>	Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same
Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same	

Two copies of Delta Airlines #print out of past date  
passenger name records" from memory bank of  
Delta Airlines Data Processing Center, Atlanta, Ga.  
re DAL Flights 595 from Birmingham to Memphis on 3/27/68  
and Flight 932 from Memphis to Chicago on 3/27/68

*W.D. 5/17/91*  
*one copy for Chicago 4-8-68*

*Fwd. to Bureau*  
*7/14/77*  
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Date 4/24/68

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**MURKIN**

Date Property Acquired <b>4/24/68</b>	Source From Which Property Acquired <b>BUREAU</b>
Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit <i>Shelf #16</i>	Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same
Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same	

**108 photos of assassination scene of MARTIN LUTHER KING taken  
by photographer JOSEPH LOUW**

*fwd. bu. by airtel  
4/12/72 mac/ur*

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Date 4/13/68

Title and Character of Case

**MURKIN**

Date Property Acquired	Source From Which Property Acquired
<b>4/11/68</b>	<b>U. S. Corps of Engineers, Reproduction Division</b>
Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit	Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same
<b>Exhibits Section Adm Div. - Bureau</b>	
Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same	

**One (1) roll of aerial photographic negatives**

**Two (2) 40" x 40" aerial photographs of crime scene area**

**Five (5) 20" x 24" aerial photographs of area from crime scene to York Arms Company**

**Two (2) sets of contact size aerial photographs, 5 photos in each set**

**Submitted by SA HOWARD D. TETEN**

*then one fwd. bu. re: airtel 4/9/76  
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*Returned 11/19/68 by SA John D. Murphy, Adm. Div.*

**HDT/acp**

*Post 5/17/91*

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Title and Character of Case

MURKIN

Date Property Acquired <b>4/4/68</b>	Source From Which Property Acquired <b>422<math>\frac{1}{2}</math> So. Main</b>
Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit <b>Shelf 36</b>	Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same <b>Evidence</b>
Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same	

One board which is part of a window sill in window of bathroom  
at 422 $\frac{1}{2}$  South Main, Memphis, Tenn.

*Inv Sub 4-6-68 by SA Robt Fitzpatrick  
Ret to ME 4-26-68 by SA Norment, WFO  
~~FOI stamp 7-8-9~~*

*Turned over to John Carlisle to be indexed  
as evidence in trial of James Earl Ray*

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Title and Character of Case

MURKIN

Date Property Acquired <u>4/4/68</u>	Source From Which Property Acquired <u>Point approx. 20 ft. from site where gun and bedspread abandoned by unsub</u>
Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit <u>Shelf 16</u>	Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same <u>Evidence</u>
Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same	

1. Sample of soil obtained from a point approximately 20 feet from site where gun & bedspread abandoned by unsub in this case

*NOTE 5/17/91*

*Inv Lab 4-6-68 by SA Robt. Fitzpatrick  
Ret to ME 4-26-68 by SA Norment, WFO.*

*Inv. to Bureau  
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Date 4/12/68

Title and Character of Case

MURKIN

Date Property Acquired <u>4/12/68</u>	Source From Which Property Acquired <u>Area of 418 and 422½ So. Main St., Memphis, Tenn.</u>
Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit <u>Shelf 6</u>	Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same <u>To be sent to Lab</u>
Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same	

1. 10 soil samples of soil obtained from the area of the rear of 418 and 422½ South Main St., Memphis, Tenn.

*NSA 5/17/91*

*Ind Bureau 4-12-68 RMH 71312  
Returned to ME 4-26-68 by SA Normant, WFO*

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Date 4/12/68

Title and Character of Case

MURKIN

Date Property Acquired <u>4/12/68</u>	Source From Which Property Acquired <u>E. Larry Hutchinson, Attorney General's Office, Shelby County, Tenn(except when indicated otherwise)</u>
Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit	Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same
Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same	

1. One pillow and pillow case
2. One green sofa pillow
3. One bed sheet
4. Second bed sheet
5. One black leather strap,  $\frac{1}{4}$ " wide
6. One black leather strap,  $\frac{1}{2}$ " wide
7. Several strands of grass-like material
8. One towel, white with blue & green stripes obtained from Insp. N. E. Zachary, Memphis PD
9. One plastic-type red, white, and blue decorative pin obtained from Lt. Glenn King, Memphis PD

*Ind Bureau 4-12-68*

*Returned to ME 4-26-68 by Norment, WFO*

*T.O.T. Insp Zachary, MPD, 5-3-68 by SAC Jensen*

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Date 4/13/68

Title and Character of Case

MURKIN

Date Property Acquired	Source From Which Property Acquired
4/13/68	Parking lot and area between curb and sidewalk near Unit 34 of the Rebel Motel, Memphis
Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit	Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same
Shelf 6	To be sent Lab
Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same	

1. 6 specimens of soil obtained from the parking lot and area between the curb and sidewalk near Unit 34 of the Rebel Motel, 3466 Lamar Ave., Memphis, Tenn.

*MS 5/17/91*

*Fwd Bureau 4-13-68 RMH 71327  
Returned to ME 4-26-68 by SA Norment, WFO*

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Date 8-16-68

Title and Character of Case

**MURKIN  
CGR - CONSPIRACY;  
UFAC - ROBBERY**

Date Property Acquired	Source From Which Property Acquired
<b>8-12-68</b>	<b>BUREAU</b>
Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit	Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same
<i>Shelf 06</i>	

Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same

**Original set and one copy of the set of documents provided to us by the British Authorities in regards to the extradition proceedings of JAMES EARL RAY:**

1. Fingerprint comparison charts used in the testimony by our Latent Fingerprint Examiner George J. Bonebrake;
2. Fingerprints of RAY as taken on 6-8-68, by British Authorities;
3. Two separate orders issued by the Bow Street Magistrates' Court dated 6-13-68, pursuant to "The Extradition Act, 1870," relative to this matter (one order relates to the murder charge in Tennessee and the other to the escape charge in Missouri.);
4. Medical Officer's Certificate dated 7-18-68, issued by the authorities of Wandsworth Prison;
5. An order dated 7-18-68, Commanding RAY to be delivered to officials of the United States Government; and
6. Court testimony of ~~xxx~~ several individuals.

Original set of documents turned over to Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr., District Attorney General, 15th Judicial District, Memphis, Tennessee, 8-13-68 by SA Joe E. Hester.

*Recd 5/17/91* *Subd. to Bureau 7/14/77*  
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Date 12-3-68

Title and Character of Case

JAMES EARL RAY, AKA;  
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. -  
VICTIM

Date Property Acquired <b>12-3-68</b>	Source From Which Property Acquired <b>New Orleans Field Office</b>
Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit <b>Bulky Room Shelf</b>	Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same <b>Evidence</b>
Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same	

1. Complete telephone bills, 3 pages of which have been xeroxed in New Orleans report dated 12/19/67.
2. Nine work sheets.
3. 142 registration cards

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Date 12/5/68

Title and Character of Case

**MURKIN**

Date Property Acquired <b>12/5/68</b>	Source From Which Property Acquired <b>H. M. STEPHENS, Vice-President and General Manager, Cummings &amp; Co., 1200 Morehead St., Memphis, Tenn.</b>
Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit <b>Bulky room 36</b>	Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same <b>Evidence</b>
Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same <b>SA ROBERT F. BOYLE submitted the following-described item:  Architectural sketch of Lorraine Motel sign located at Lorraine Motel, 406 Mulberry St., Memphis, Tenn.</b>	

*Sent to Bureau 12-5-68  
Returned to Stephens  
3/10/70 SA Boyle*

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Date 4-15-68

Title and Character of Case

**MURKIN  
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Date Property Acquired <b>4-15-68</b>	Source From Which Property Acquired <b>Ruby Goodman, Mayfield Cleaners, 2222 Highland Ave. Birmingham, Ala.</b>
Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit <i>ME - ECR I cab 5</i> <b>Bulky Exhibit Room</b>	Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same <b>EVIDENCE</b> <i>Anderson</i>
Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same	

**4 DRY CLEANING RECEIPT BOOKS DATED 9-1-67 TO 9-7-67, 9-11-67  
to 9-15-67, 9-15-67 to 9-22-67, and 9-30-67 to 10-5-67.**

*Lead from BH 6/12/89*  
*ME 4-1987-1616*  
*Added 5/17/91*

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<i>3-11-69</i>	<i>9-17-70</i>	<i>3-29-73</i>	<b>AUG - 4 1975</b> <b>R. KIRKPATRICK</b>
<i>8-7-69</i>	<i>9-11-71</i>	<i>10-16-74</i>	<b>FEB - 8 1976</b> <b>R. KIRKPATRICK</b>
<i>4-11-70</i>	<i>9-15-72</i>	<i>1-15-75</i>	<b>AUG - 6 1976</b> <b>R. KIRKPATRICK</b>

*9-29-82* **FEB 12 1977** *MAR 5 1985*  
*3-24-83* **KIRKPATRICK**  
*9-12-83* **MAR 29 1984**  
*9-17-84* **SEP 17 1984**  
*9-17-85* **SEP 17 1985**  
*12-7-81* *3-15-82*

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Date

Title and Character of Case

MURKIN

Date Property Acquired  
(Ser. 2012)  
7-13-68

Source From Which Property Acquired  
FBI Photo Lab.

Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit  
ME ECP Car 5  
Bulky Exhibit Room

Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same  
Hold for future reference until  
after Subjects trial

Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same

One set of 8 X 10 Photo prints of hotel and motel registrations  
in Birmingham area for night of 3-29-68. These compared with names of  
guests at Rebel motel, Memphis, on night of 4-3-68 but no  
implications of names noted. (see ser. 2020)

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SUBMITTED BY SA SNOW.

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MAR 28 1989

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3-11-69	9-17-70	3-29-73	L. R. KIRKPATRICK
8-7-69	9-11-71	9-15-74	FEB - 8 1976
4-11-70	9-15-72		L. R. KIRKPATRICK
FEB 12 1977			AUG - 6 1976
MAR 5 1985			FEB - 3 1975
SEP 17 1985			L. R. KIRKPATRICK

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12/18/81 R/A  
CM 3/25/82

FBI WASH DC

1011PM 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.

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8:27PM URGENT 4-4-68 REF  
TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS  
FROM LOS ANGELES 2P

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.; RACIAL MATTERS.

RE BUTEL TO ALL SACS APRIL FOUR INSTANT.

PIERCE MARTIN, DIRECTOR SECURITY, GENERAL TELEPHONE COMPANY  
SANTA MONICA, CONFIDENTIALLY ADVISED ONE JILL SCHARY,  
REPORTER, KLAC NEWS, LOCAL LOS ANGELES RADIO STATION,  
PLACED CALL TO "DR. KING," LORRAINE HOTEL, MEMPHIS THIS AFTER-  
NOON. JILL SCHARY MADE CALL FROM PHONE LISTED TO ONE MAXWELL  
KAUFER, FOUR ONE ONE ONE HOMEWOOD AVENUE, WEST LOS ANGELES. LONG  
DISTANT OPERATOR DID NOT COMPLETE CALL UNTIL FOUR EIGHTEEN PM  
PST AND WHEN CONNECTED TO HOTEL INQUIRED IF "THIS WAS DOCTOR  
KING?" THE REPLY WAS "YES." OPERATOR REPORTS INDIVIDUAL  
IDENTIFYING SELF AS KING SAID THREE TIMES RAPIDLY, "GIVE ME  
A LINE OUT" AT WHICH TIME CONNECTION BROKEN. SCHARY ADVISED  
CALL COULD NOT BE COMPLETED.

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INDICES, LOS ANGELES, REFLECT SARAH KAUFER <sup>9</sup>FOUR ONE ONE  
HOMWOOD AVE., WEST LOS ANGELES, ATTEMPTED CONTACT SUBJECT AT  
HYATT HOUSE HOTEL, LOS ANGELES MARCH SEVENTEEN LAST STATING  
CALL "URGENT AND IMPERATIVE." SHE LEFT NUMBER FOUR SEVEN  
SIX DASH FOUR SEVEN FOUR SEVEN SAME AS MAXWELL KAUFER ABOVE.  
PIERCE MARTIN EMPHASIZED FOREGOING INFORMATION CONFIDENTIAL,  
NOT TO BE DISSEMINATED OUTSIDE BUREAU.

INDICES LOS ANGELES DIVISION DISCLOSED JILL SCHARY IS  
DAUGHTER OF DORE SCHARY, WELL KNOWN MOTION PICTURE PRODUCER.

AMERICAN AND DELTA AIRLINES TONIGHT REPORTED BULK  
RESERVATIONS BEING RECEIVED FOR AIR TRANSPORTATION MEMPHIS.  
AMERICAN AIRLINES WILL NOT FLY MEMPHIS TONIGHT, BUT WILL  
DIVERT PLANES TO NASHVILLE.

REPORTS BEING RECEIVED ON VOLUME BASIS THAT BLACK  
NATIONALIST GROUPS ATTEMPTING SECURE AIR TRANSPORTATION TO  
MEMPHIS. NO SPECIFICS RECEIVED TO DATE. LOS ANGELES  
MAINTAINING CONTACT WITH RACIAL, SECURITY AND CRIMINAL INFORMANTS  
FOR ALL DETAILS AND BUREAU AND INTERESTED OFFICES WILL BE ADVISED.  
/ADMINISTRATIVE/

REGION II, U.S. ARMY, PASADENA, COGNIZANT.  
LOGICAL SOURCES PRESENTLY BEING ALERTED. AIRTEL AND LHM FOLLOWS.  
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FBI INDAPOLS

1102PM URGENT 4/4/68 GWK

TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

FROM INDIANAPOLIS 62-NEW

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

JOHN H. LLOYD OF LLOYD INS. CO., SOUTH BEND, IND., FURNISHED FOLLOWING INFORMATION. HE RODE IN THE AIRPORT LIMOUSINE, DESCRIBED AS A WHITE PONTIAC, FROM THE PEABODY-SHERATON HOTEL, MEMPHIS, TENN., AT ELEVEN FORTY AM, APRIL THREE, SIXTYEIGHT, THIS LIMOUSINE ARRIVED AT MEMPHIS AIRPORT ABOUT TWELVE TEN PM. THE LIMOUSINE DRIVER, AFTER HEARING A TWELVE O'CLOCK NEWS BULLETIN ON LIMOUSINE RADIO THAT MARTIN LUTHER KING WAS RETURNING TO MEMPHIS, STATED "GOOD, THAT GIVES US THREE MORE DAYS TO MAKE OUR PLANS. IF THAT SOB COMES BACK TO THIS TOWN, WE'LL SHOOT HIM. THIS WILL GIVE US A COUPLE OF DAYS FOR TARGET PRACTICE".

DRIVER DESC. AS W/M, FORTY-FORTYFIVE, SIX FT., DASH SIX FT., ONE IN., ONE SEVEN ZERO LBS., MEDIUM BUILD, DARK HAIR, WEARING WHITE SHIRT, DARK JACKET, AND DARK CHAUFFEUR TYPE CAP, SMOKED CIGARETTES HEAVILY AND MADE STATEMENT HE FORMELY DROVE CAB NUMBER EIGHT NINE IN MEMPHIS. OTHER OCCUPANTS OF LIMOUSINE, WHO RODE FROM PEABODY HOTEL TO AIRPORT WERE ONE HEAVY SET NEGRO WOMAN.

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IN EARLY TWENTIES, A WHITE MALE, AGE FORTY-FIFTY, APPROX. FIVE FT., TEN IN., SLIGHT BUILD, WEARING BUSINESS SUIT, AND A WHITE MALE, EARLY TWENTIES, FIVE FT., TEN IN., HUSKY BUILD, SWATHY COMPLEXION. IDENTITIES OF ABOVE PERSONS UNKNOWN TO LLOYD.

ABOVE FURNISHED MEMPHIS FOR DISSEMINATION TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

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FBI LOS ANG.

11:15PM URGENT 4-4-68 REF

TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

FROM LOS ANGELES (100-57229) 2P

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. RM -

RE LOS ANGELES TEL TO DIRECTOR APRIL FOUR INSTANT.

SOURCE, WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, TONIGHT ADVISED "US," MILITANT BLACK NATIONALIST ORGANIZATION HEADED BY RON KARENGA HAS BEEN MEETING IN SECRET. PURPOSE TO RAISE FUNDS TO SEND CONTINGENT TO MEMPHIS MONDAY APRIL EIGHT NEXT. MEETING AFFORDED INFORMANT COVERAGE BY LOS ANGELES.

CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE, WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN PAST, STATED DOW ACTION COMMITTEE, ANTI-VIETNAM PROTEST ACTION COMMITTEE, MET TONIGHT TO RAISE MONEY TO SEND FOUR UN-NAMED REPRESENTATIVES OF BLACK CONGRESS, A SELF DESCRIBED COALITION OF MILITANT AND NON MILITANT BLACK NATIONALIST ORGANIZATIONS, TO MEMPHIS OR ATLANTA ON APRIL FIVE NEXT. EIGHT HUNDRED DOLLARS RAISED BY COMMITTEE THUS FAR. LA CLOSELY FOLLOWING TO DETERMINE IDENTITIES.

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LAPD AND LACSO INTELLIGENCE STATE UNUSUAL QUIET PREVAILS SOUTH CENTRAL LOS ANGELES AND NO SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY LA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT. LIAISON ESTABLISHED WITH AIRLINES SERVING SOUTH EAST UNITED STATES.

KNOWLEDGEABLE GHETTO INFORMANTS ADVISE NEGRO COMMUNITY APPEARS TO BE IN STATE OF SHOCK AND TOO EARLY TO ASSESS COURSE OF ACTION TO BE TAKEN BY BLACK NATIONALISTS.

/ADMINISTRATIVE/

COLONEL SUEDA, REGION II, U.S. ARMY, PASADENA, FULLY COGNIZANT. LACSO AND LAPD LIAISON CLOSELY MAINTAINED. INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

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FBI MIAMI

11:36PM EST 4-4-68 URGENT RGT  
TO DIRECTOR, JACKSON AND MEMPHIS  
FROM MIAMI (100-15079)

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. RACIAL MATTERS.

REBUTEL FOUR FOUR SIXTYEIGHT.

BOB MC GOWAN (BUFILE ONE SEVEN ZERO DASH ONE ZERO FIVE EIGHT) TELEPHONE SIX TWO FOUR DASH TWO SEVEN SIX ZERO, CLARKSDALE, MISS., TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED SA EUGENE L. PAYNE, FT. LAUDERDALE, FLA., THIS DATE, THAT DURING AFTERNOON FOUR THREE LAST AT CORNER OF BROOKS AVENUE AND HIGHWAY SIX ONE, MEMPHIS, TENN., HE OVERHEARD THREE WHITE MALES IN EARLY TWENTIES, DISCUSSING KING AND PLANS TO BURN OR BLOW UP KING'S CHURCH. ONLY PARTIAL CONVERSATION OVERHEARD WHILE MC GOWAN WAS HAVING AUTO SERVICED. MC GOWAN HAS DESCRIPTIVE DATA THESE INDIVIDUALS AND DETAILS RE PLACE OF INCIDENT.

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FOR INFO JACKSON, MC GOWAN PREVIOUSLY HAS FURNISHED INFO  
THIS OFFICE. JACKSON AT CLARKSDALE, MISS., IMMEDIATELY CONTACT  
MC GOWAN AT ABOVE TELEPHONE, ARRANGE MEETING AWAY FROM  
MC GOWAN'S RESIDENCE, OBTAIN DETAILS AND ADVISE MEMPHIS OF  
PERTINENT INFORMATION.

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FBI CHICAGO

11:44 PM URGENT 4-4-68 TAB/RFJ

TO: DIRECTOR, WASHINGTON FIELD (VIA BUREAU) ATLANTA, MEMPHIS,  
SPRINGFIELD.

FROM: CHICAGO (100-35356) (P)

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

CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT SOURCES HAVE RECEIVED FOLLOWING  
REPORTS SINCE NEWS OF KING'S ASSASSINATION.

BETWEEN EIGHT THIRTY AND NINE PM INSTANT DATE TWELVTH  
DISTRICT, CHICAGO PD REPORTED APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED NEGROES  
CONGREGATING VICINITY OF LOOMIS AND ROOSEVELT ON CHICAGO'S WEST  
SIDE, (THIS LOCATION IN AREA WHICH EXPERIENCED SERIOUS RACIAL  
DISORDERS DURING SUMMERS OF NINETEEN SIXTY-FIVE AND SIXTY-SIX.  
AREA CONSIDERED RACIALLY VOLATILE BY CHICAGO PD). EIGHTEENTH  
DISTRICT, CHICAGO PD, COVERING CHICAGO'S NEAR NORTH SIDE, REPORTED  
FIGHTING BREAKING OUT AT NAVY PIER GYM DURING BASKETBALL GAME  
BETWEEN NEGRO AND WHITE YOUTHS. ELEVENTH DISTRICT, CHICAGO PD  
ON CHICAGO'S WEST SIDE RECEIVED REPORT FROM WHITE FEMALE  
RESIDENT AT FOUR TWO TWO SIX WEST CONGRESS, OF WINDOWS BROKEN OUT  
HER HOME.

AS OF NINE P.M. INSTANT DATE WINDOW SMASHING REPORTED  
VICINITY OF THIRTY-NINTH STREET AND STATE STREET ON CHICAGO'S  
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SOUTH SIDE, TWO-ELEVEN FIRE AT DUNBAR HIGH SCHOOL, PRINCIPALLY NEGRO ENROLLMENT, TWENTY-NINTH STREET AND SOUTH PARK WAY BOULEVARD. NO FURTHER DETAILS AVAILABLE THIS TIME. LARGE NEGRO CROWD REPORTED GATHERING VICINITY OF WELLS AND DIVISION STREETS ON CHICAGO'S NEAR NORTH SIDE WITH POSSIBLE INDICATION GROUP TO MARCH ON "OLD TOWN", NIGHT CLUB DISTRICT ON CHICAGO'S NORTH SIDE, CONGREGATING PLACE FOR "HIPPIES" AND "BEATNIKS". IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO THIS AREA IS MOTHER CABRINI HOUSING PROJECT ALMOST ONE HUNDRED PERCENT NEGRO AND SCENE OF RACIAL DISORDERS IN OCTOBER LAST. CHICAGO PD COMMUNICATIONS CENTER RECEIVED REPORT APPROXIMATELY NINE TWENTY P.M. INSTANT TWO HUNDRED NEGROES STAGING MARCH EAST ON ROOSEVELT ROAD BETWEEN ASHLAND AND RACINE AVENUES, ON CHICAGO'S NEAR SOUTHWEST SIDE. MARCH WAS DESCRIBED AS PEACEFUL AS OF THAT TIME, LEADER UNKNOWN, DESTINATION UNKNOWN, CHICAGO PD ON SCENE. SUBSEQUENT INFORMATION RECEIVED ADDITIONAL CHICAGO PD UNITS CALLED TO THIS AREA TO QUELL DISTURBANCE APPARENTLY STEMMING FROM MARCH.

CHICAGO PD TENTH DISTRICT REPORTED AS OF NINE FORTY-FIVE P.M. INSTANT MOLOTOV COCKTAIL THROWN INTO PASSING AUTOMOBILE NEAR FIFTEENTH STREET AND KEDZIE AVENUE, ALSO ON CHICAGO'S

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NEAR SOUTHWEST SIDE IN PREDOMINANTLY NEGRO AREA. INITIAL REPORTS INDICATES OCCUPANT NOT INJURED ALTHOUGH AUTO SUFFERED FIRE DAMAGE.

CHICAGO PD RECEIVING SEVERAL RUMORS INDICATING POSSIBLE ATTEMPTS AGAINST PERSON OF MAYOR RICHARD J. DALEY. MAYOR DALEY RESIDES THREE FIVE THREE SIX SOUTH LOWE AVENUE. CHICAGO PD NINTH DISTRICT LOCATED IMMEDIATE VICINITY OF MAYOR'S RESIDENCE AND ADDITIONAL POLICE PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO MAYOR'S RESIDENCE.

REPORT RECEIVED APPROXIMATELY NINE FIFTY-FIVE PM INSTANT DATE, CHICAGO POLICE OFFICER SHOT VICINITY SIX TWO FOUR ONE SOUTH KENWOOD AVENUE ON CHICAGO'S SOUTH SIDE. CHICAGO PD TASK FORCE SUBSEQUENTLY REPORTED THIS REPORT UNFOUNDED.

CHICAGO PD ALSO REPORTED PROTEST DEMONSTRATION REPORTEDLY TO BE HELD TEN PM INSTANT DATE AT FORTY-NINTH STREET AND SOUTH PARK WAY, SPONSORING ORGANIZATION AND PURPOSE NOT YET KNOWN.

CHICAGO PD REPORTS CITY RACIALLY TENSE AS RESULT OF KING'S ASSASSINATION. PD HAS ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL ON DUTY AND ALL DISTRICTS REMAIN ALERT FOR POSSIBLE DISORDERS. CONFIDENTIAL  
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SOURCES CONTACTED ADVISE CONSIDERABLE TENSION EXISTS IN AREAS OF HEAVY NEGRO POPULATION THROUGHOUT CHICAGO. MOST EXPRESSED OPINION SHOCK OF ASSASSINATION STILL PREVAILS AND TOO EARLY TO ASSESS REACTION OF NEGRO MASSES.

DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT JAMES ROCHFORD ADVISED ALL LEAVE FOR CHICAGO PD OFFICERS HAVE BEEN CANCELED.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

RE CHICAGO TEL CALLS THIS DATE AND BU TEL TO ALL SACS INSTANT. ALL AVAILABLE CHICAGO SOURCES CONTACTED OR BEING CONTACTED AND ASSIGNED TO IMMEDIATELY FURNISH ANY INFORMATION INDICATIVE OF DISTURBANCES OR DISORDERS.

MILITARY, SECRET SERVICE, USA ADVISED. CHICAGO FOLLOWING. CLOSE LIAISON ESTABLISHED WITH CHICAGO PD, COMMUNICATIONS, INTELLIGENCE AND ALL DISURICTS CONTACTED. LIAISON ESTABLISHED WITH CHICAGO'S COMMISSION ON HUMAN RELATIONS WHO HAVE PERSONNEL ASSIGNED THROUGHOUT NIGHT.

SPRINGFIELD ARRANGE TO BE ADVISED OF ANY INFORMATION INDICATIVE OF PLACING NATIONAL GUARD ON ALERT OR TO BE ACTIVATED.

BUREAU WILL BE KEPT FULLY ADVISED.

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FBI KNOXVLE

11:05 PM URGENT 4-4-68 BPW

TO CHARLOTTE AND MEMPHIS

FROM KNOXVILLE

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

INDIVIDUAL GIVING NAME OF JIM WEST, CALLING FROM H U SEVEN  
NINE FOUR DASH FIVE THREE SHELBY, NORTH CAROLINA TELEPHONICALLY  
ADVISED THAT HERMAN EUGENE PATTERSON LEFT SHELBY, N.C. APRIL FOUR  
INSTANT IN ROUTE TENNESSEE HAVING THREATENED TO KILL MARTIN  
LUTHER KING, JR. AND BOASTED KING WOULD BE DEAD IN TWENTY FOUR  
HOURS. WEST WHO IS ANSIOUS THAT HIS IDENTITY NOT BE DISCLOSED AS  
HE IS A COUSIN OF PATTERSON. STATES PATTERSON IS EX-CONVICT,  
WELL KNOWN TO POLICE DEPARTMENT IN SHELBYV, N. C. AND IS  
DESCRIBED AS W M ABOUT THIRTY-THIRTYFIVE YEARS OF AGE. WEST  
GAVE IMPRESSION OF BEING INTOXICATED AND FURNISHED NO ADDITIONAL  
INFORMATION. WILLING TO BE INTERVIEWED IN DETAIL AND CAN BE  
CONTACTED AT NUMBER ABOVE.

LEAD CHARLOTTE AT SHELBYV, N.C. LOCATE AND INTERVIEW  
WEST FOR FULL DETAILS.

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1149 PM URGENT 4-4-68 HLH

TO: MEMPHIS AND KNOXVILLE

FROM: CHARLOTTE

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

RE KNOXVILLE TEL TODAY RE PHONE CALL FROM JIM WEST.  
CE UNABLE TO CONTACT JIM WEST, BUT PERSONS AT PHONE H U SEVEN  
NINE FOUR FIVE THREE, SHELBY, N. C., STATE WEST HAS BEEN THERE  
EVENING OF APRIL FOUR, DRINKING, AND LEFT.

HERMAN EUGENE PATTERSON AT LOCATION OF PHONE, SIX TWO  
EVEN SOUTH DE KALB, SHELBY, N. C., CONTACTED TEN FORTY PM AND  
STATES HE LEFT SHELBY MORNING OF APRIL FOUR, ON PLEASURE  
TRIP TO NASHVILLE AND KNOXVILLE, RETURNING SHELBY ABOUT NINE PM.

HERMAN EUGENE PATTERSON AND OTHER PERSONS AT ADDRESS TOO  
INTOXICATED TO GIVE COHERENT STORY. CE WILL ATTEMPT TO VERIFY  
WHEREABOUTS PERTINENT PERIOD.

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1257AMURGENT 4-5-68 RJK

TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

FROM ST. LOUIS

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., RACIAL MATTER.

RE BUTEL TO ALL SACS FOUR FOUR SIXTYEIGHT.

AT EIGHT TWENTY PM, FOUR FOUR SIXTYEIGHT, OFFICIAL DELTA AIRLINE, SLMO, ADVISED PERSON GIVING NAME OF P. BILLINGS CALLED AND MADE RESERVATIONS FOR TWELVE FBI AGENTS ON DELTA FLIGHT NUMBER EIGHT THREE ZERO DEPARTING SLMO NINE FIFTYSIX PM, FOUR FOUR SIXTYEIGHT FOR MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE. BILLINGS FURNISHED LAST NAMES OF ALLEGED FBI AGENTS ONLY. RESERVATION CLERK DELTA WAS SKEPTICAL AND CALLED TELEPHONE NUMBER GIVEN BY BILLINGS AND WAS ADVISED BY UNKNOWN WOMAN NO SUCH PERSON WAS UNKNOWN AT THIS NUMBER. AGENTS WERE IMMEDIATELY DISPATCHED TO AIRPORT AND NO ONE APPEARED AT RESERVATION DESK ADKING FOR AIRLINE TICKETS UNDER NAMES GIVEN. INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

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111AM 4/5/68URGENT WHD

TO: DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

FROM: NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., RM.

RE NEW ORLEANS TELCALL TO MEMPHIS, APRIL FOUR INSTANT  
AT TEN TEN PM, CST, APRIL FOUR INSTANT,  
ANONYMOUS TELEPHONE CALL RECEIVED NEW ORLEANS OFFICE FROM  
PERSON BELIEVED TO BE WHITE MALE, WHO ADVISED HE WAS  
RESIDENT OF MEMPHIS, TENN., AND THAT HE WAS CALLING FROM  
ALEXANDRIA, LA. CALLER STEADFASTLY REFUSED TO IDENTIFY  
HIMSELF, BUT FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

LAST WEDNESDAY HE WAS AT DOWNTOWNER MOTEL,  
MEMPHIS, IN RESTAURANT, ABOUT BREAKFAST TIME. BERNARD  
LANSKY, LANSKY'S BROTHER, AND UNKNOWN WHITE MALE WERE  
SEATED ABOUT THREE FEET AWAY AT NEXT TABLE. LANSKY  
IS OWNER OF LANSKY'S CLOTHING STORE, BEALE STREET, MEMPHIS.  
UNKNOWN WHITE MALE IS TWENTYSIX OR TWENTYSEVEN YEARS OLD,  
ONE HUNDRED SIXTY TO ONE HUNDRED SIXTYFIVE POUNDS, FIVE  
FOOT EIGHT, STRAIGHT BLACK HAIR. BERNARD LANSKY WAS HEARD  
TO TELL UNKNOWN WHITE MALE QUOTE LET'S GET THE BLACK  
MOTHER F-----. IF HE COMES BACK WE ARE GOING TO BE  
BANKRUPT ENQUOTE. UNKNOWN WHITE MALE SAID QUOTE  
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I WANT HALF NOW ENQUOTE. BERNARD LANSKY WAS HEARD TO SAY UNKNOWN MALE WAS TO GET THE OTHER HALF AFTER THE JOB WAS DONE.

ANONYMOUS CALLER STATED HE SAW MONEY CHANGE HANDS, AND HEARD AMOUNT ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS MENTIONED. ALSO OVERHEARD ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR UNKNOWN WHITE MALE TO LEAVE TOWN AFTER JOB. CALLER FURNISHED NO OTHER DETAILS CONCERNING THIS EVENT.

CALLER STATED THAT LANSKY'S CLOTHING STORE ON VERGE OF BANKRUPTCY, WAS FIRE BOMBED LAST WEEK, AND THIS QUOTE WAS FINAL BLOW UNQUOTE.

IMMEDIATE SEARCH WAS MADE OF PHONE COMPANY MARK SENSE TOLL TICKETS AT ALEXANDRIA, LA., AND PHONE CO. OPERATORS CONTACTED. NO INFORMATION DEVELOPED INDICATING SUCH CALL MADE FROM ALEXANDRIA, BUT DIRECT DISTANCE DIALED CALLS ARE HANDLED BY AUTOMATIC EQUIPMENT AT LAFAYETTE, LA. INQUIRY BEING MADE WITH TELEPHONE COMPANY AT THIS TIME TO ATTEMPT REVIEW OF DDD TAPES.

NEW ORLEANS WILL KEEP BUREAU AND MEMPHIS ADVISED OF ANY FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.

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FBI CHICAGO

119AM URGENT 4-5-68 TAB

TO: DIRECTOR, WASHINGTON FIELD(VIA BUREAU) ATLANTA MEMPHIS NEW YORK  
SPRINGFIELD

FROM: CHICAGO (100-35356) (P)

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

CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE , RELIABLE IN PAST, WHO HAS KNOWLEDGE OF CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM CONTACTED AND ADVISED BELIEVES SITUATION IN CHICAGO SCHOOLS APRIL FIVE INSTANT WILL BE EXTREMELY TENSE! WITH HIGH PROBABILITY OF INCIDENTS AND POSSIBLE VIOLENCE. NOTED SEVERAL SCHOOLS IN RECENT WEEKS HAVE EXPERIENCED WALK OUTS BY NEGRO STUDENTS PROTESTING SUCH MATTERS AS DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES, INADEQUATE EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT AND FAILURE TO INCLUDE AFRO-AMERICAN HISTORY COURSES AS PART OF CURRICULUM. EXPRESSED OPINION CHICAGO INTEGRATED SCHOOLS COULD EXPERIENCE VIOLENCE BETWEEN NEGRO AND WHITE STUDENTS, PARTICULARLY IN THOSE SCHOOLS WHERE WHITE STUDENTS ARE IN MINORITY.

DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT JAMES M. ROCHFORD ADVISED APRIL FOUR LAST, CHICAGO PD, ALSO CONCERNED AS TO POSSIBLE VIOLENCE IN CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM APRIL FIVE INSTANT AND PD PLANS TO AFFORD SCHOOLS ADDITIONAL ATTENTION.

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SECOND CHICAGO SOURCE, RELIABLE IN PAST, ADVISED APRIL FOUR LAST, COMMUNIST PARTY OF ILLINOIS STATE COMMITTEE MEMBER EXPRESSED OPINION CP AT THIS TIME SHOULD ADOPT WAIT AND SEE ATTITUDE AND NOT ATTEMPT TO INSTITUTE ANY ACTION THIS TIME AS RESULT OF KING'S ASSASSINATION. SOURCE ALSO ADVISED STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY (SDS), REPORTEDLY HAVE NO PLANS THIS TIME FOR ANY PLAN OF ACTION AS RESULT OF KING'S ASSASSINATION BUT WILL SUPPORT ALMOST ANY PROGRAM AIMED AT PROTESTING KING'S DEATH. SOURCE LEARNED DAVID DELLINGER, ANTI-VIETNAM ACTIVIST AND ACTIVE IN "NEW LEFT" GROUPS HAS INDICATED "NEW LEFT" TO CALL FOR NATIONAL STRIKE ON MONDAY NEXT IN PROTEST OF KING'S DEATH. ALSO RALLY TO BE HELD IN NEW YORK CITY APRIL FIVE NEXT AND BOYCOTT MONDAY NEXT IN MEMPHIS AGAINST ALL BUSINESSES. SOURCE ADVISED INDICATIONS ARE SDS WILL SUPPORT ANY STRIKE OR BOYCOTT PLANNED BY DELLINGER OR HIS FOLLOWERS.

CHICAGO PD SOURCES ADVISED APRIL FOUR LAST, FIRE AT DUNBAR HIGH SCHOOL, THIRTY-NINTH STREET AND STATE STREET, ON CHICAGO'S SOUTH SIDE UNDER CONTROL AND CHICAGO FIRE DEPARTMENT ON SCENE. FIRE REPORTEDLY OCCURRED UNDER AUDITORIUM OF HIGH SCHOOL. NO  
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ESTIMATE OF DAMAGE AVAILABLE THIS TIME. CAUSE OF FIRE UNDETERMINED AS OF THIS TIME. NO REPORTED INJURIES AS RESULT THIS FIRE.

PD ALSO REPORTS APPROXIMATELY FIVE HUNDRED NEGROES CONDUCTING "PRAYER MEETING" AT CHURCH AT FORTY- NINTH STREET AND SOUTH PARK WAY. REPORTEDLY SPEAKERS MAKING VERY MILITANT REMARKS, HOWEVER AS OF THIS TIME, NO REPORTED DISTURBANCE/ CHICAGO PD ON SCENE TO PREVENT ANY POSSIBLE DISTURBANCE.

CHICAGO PD AND CHICAGO FBI HAVE RECEIVED SEVERAL ANONYMOUS CALLS INDICATING RETALIATORY ACTION WILL BE TAKEN BY NEGROES IF ASSASSINS OF KING NOT APPREHENDED.

AS OF ELEVEN TWENTY P.M. APRIL FOUR LAST REPORTS OF SPORADIC VIOLENCE IN NEGRO AREAS OF CHICAGO LESSENING ACCORDING TO CHICAGO PD BUT CITY STILL CONSIDERED RACIALLY TENSE. CHICAGO PD UNITS WITH EXTRA MANPOWER ASSIGNED REMAIN ALERT FOR POSSIBLE FURTHER DISORDERS OR DISTURBANCES.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

REMYTEL APRIL FOUR LAST AND BU TEL TO ALL OFFICES APRIL FOUR LAST. MILITARY, SECRET SERVICE, USA ADVISED. CHICAGO SOURCES ASSIGNED. CLOSE LIAISON CONTINUING WITH PERTINENT UNITS, CHICAGO  
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206AM URGENT 4-5-68 BGM

TO DIRECTOR MEMPHIS

FROM WASHINGTON FIELD 1P

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., RACIAL MATTERS

AN ANONYMOUS PERSON IDENTIFYING HIMSELF ONLY AS  
QUOTE BIG JIM UNQUOTE, TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED WFO AFTER  
NEWS OF ASSASSINATION OF KING AND STATED THAT SEVERAL  
TRUCK LOADS OF PEOPLE WOULD GO TO MEMPHIS TOMORROW,  
APRIL FIVE NEXT, TO TEAR THE PLACE UP. HE FURTHER STATED  
THEY WOULD TEAR UP WASHINGTON, D.C., ALSO. DISTURBANCES  
OCCURRED THEREAFTER IN WDC. NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION  
AVAILABLE REGARDING ANONYMOUS CALL.

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PD. LIAISON ESTABLISHED WITH APPROPRIATE POLICE AGENCIES THROUGH-  
OUT CHICAGO'S TERRITORY. SOURCES USED ARE IDENTIFIED AS CSCG  
SEVEN ONE ONE FIVE- R AND CG SIX ONE SIX NINE- S.

BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED.

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FBI WASH DC

208AM URGENT 4-5-68 BGM

TO DIRECTOR DALLAS MEMPHIS

FROM WASHINGTON FIELD 1P

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., CIVIL RIGHTS

MACK RICHARDSON IN INTELLIGENCE DIVISION, SECRET SERVICE WASHINGTON, D.C, ADVISED INSTANT DATE OF RECEIPT OF A TELEPHONE CALL AT ELEVEN THIRTY P.M., APRIL FOUR LAST, FROM MRS. JAMES W. TRINKLE, FIFTEEN HUNDRED PROVINCETOWN LANE, RICHARDSON, TEXAS, TELEPHONE AD ONE TWO SEVEN THREE ONE. SHE SAID THAT ON MARCH TWENTYNINE LAST HER HUSBAND WAS IN ABILENE, TEXAS, AND BOUGHT GAS FROM A MOBILE STATION WHERE THE ATTENDANT INFORMED HIM THAT A YOUNG WHITE MALE IN A NEW WHITE CAR HAD GUNS AND AMMUNITION IN THE BACK SEAT AND HAD SAID HE WAS GOING TO MEMPHIS TO TAKE CARE OF THE LEADERS OF THE DEMONSTRATION. MR. TRINKLE DID NOT WISH HIS WIFE TO INFORM THE AUTHORITIES IN ORDER NOT TO BECOME INVOLVED. MRS. TRINKLE SAID THE CARBON CREDIT MOBILE TICKET IDENTIFIED THE STATION AS ONE-H-TWENTY. DALLAS IMMEDIATELY CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION TO ASCERTAIN FACTS AIMED AT IDENTIFYING THE OCCUPANT OF SAID AUTOMOBILE.

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TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

FROM JACKSON (157-NEW)

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. RACIAL MATTERS.

RE MMTEL TO BUREAU APRIL FOUR LAST.

BOB MC GOWAN, (PROTECT), LOCATED INSTANT DATE, CLARKSDALE, MISS.

MC GOWAN AT APPROXIMATELY THREE PM APRIL THREE LAST STOPPED AT SERVICE STATION, NAME UNKNOWN, POSSIBLY A DX STATION, LOCATED SE CORNER HIGHWAY SIXTYONE AND BROOKS ROAD. MEMPHIS WHERE HE HAD HIS CAR GASED AND WASHED. MC GOWAN WAS DRIVING SIXTYEIGHT OLDS CUTLASS, WHITE VINYLE OVER DARK GREEN, FLA., LICENSE ONE ZERO DASH TWO SEVEN NINE ZERO SEVEN.

MC GOWAN SAID AT SERVICE STATION WERE TWO W/M ATTENDANTS, ONE W/M MECHANIC AND ONE N/M WHO WASHED HIS CAR.

WHILE IN SERVICE STATION, MC GOWAN HEARD ONE W/M ATTENDANT USE DESK TELEPHONE, NOT PAY PHONE MAKING CALL IN WHICH HE SAID "I HAVE DYNAMITE AND IT WOULD ONLY TAKE A FEW SPARKS TO BLOW UP THE CHURCH WHERE KING IS". MC GOWAN SAID INDIVIDUAL MAKING CALL WORE SERVICE STATION UNIFORM, WAS W/M IN THIRTY'S, SIX FEET, ONE FIFTY TO ONE SIXTY POUNDS, BLACK HAIR, AND WAS DEFINITELY AFFLICTED, AS IF HE HAD PALSEY  
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AS HIS HANDS AND HEAD SHAKE. MC GOWAN SAID THIS INDIVIDUAL, VERY NERVOUS  
MC GOWAN SAID NO NAMES MENTIONED IN TELEPHONE CONVERSATION.

MC GOWAN SAID AFTER PHONE CALL, SERVICE STATION ATTENDANT AND  
TWO OTHER W/M'S WHO WERE STANDING IN STATION WHILE CALL WAS MADE,  
LEFT ON FOOT FOR NEARBY COFFEE SHOP AND RETURNED TO SERVICE STATION  
SHORT TIME LATER CARRYING SANDWICHES AND COFFEE.

MC GOWAN SAID NEITHER OF THESE INDIVIDUALS WORKED AT SERVICE  
STATION. MC GOWAN DESCRIBED ONE AS W/M IN HIS TWENTY'S, YOUNGEST OF  
THE THREE, FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES, ONE FORTY TO ONE FIFTY, BLACK HAIR,  
NEAT IN APPEARANCE, GOOD LOOKING, DRIVING SIXTYSIX WHITE MUSTANG, COUPE  
WITH UNKNOWN TENN., LICENSE.

MC GOWAN DESCRIBED OTHER W/M AS IN HIS THIRTY'S, MEDIUM HEIGHT,  
TWO HUNDRED FIFTY POUNDS, BLACK HAIR, CLEAN CUT, NICE LOOKING, DRIVING  
RED DODGE PICKUP TRUCK WHICH HAD BOARDS ON SIDES AND BACK RESEMBLING  
FARM TRUCK BEARING UNKNOWN TENN., LICENSE.

MC GOWAN'S RELIABILITY UNKNOWN TO INTERVIEWING AGENTS. HOWEVER,  
MC GOWAN ADVISES HAS BEEN SOURCE FOR MIAMI OFFICE, PRINCIPALLY  
FORT LAUDERDALE, FLA., RA, FOR NUMBER OF YEARS, AND GIVES IMPRESSION  
MORE RECENTLY USED AS RI OF THAT OFFICE.

AM COPY TO MIAMI.

MEMPHIS AT MEMPHIS CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION AT SERVICE  
STATION IN EFFORT TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW THREE W/M'S PREVIOUSLY  
DESCRIBED.

UNSUB RESPONSIBLE FOR ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR  
SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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248AM 4-5-68 URGENT TAB

TO: DIRECTOR, WASHINGTON FIELD (VIA BUREAU) ATLANTA, MEMPHIS,  
SPRINGFIELD

FROM: CHICAGO (100-35356)(P)

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. RACIAL MATTERS.

CHICAGO PD SOURCE ADVISED APRIL FOUR LAST, OAKLAWN,  
ILLINOIS PD ARRESTED FOLLOWING NEGRO INDIVIDUALS AT OAKLAWN GUN SHOP  
ATTEMPTING TO PURCHASE GUNS NIGHT OF APRIL FOUR LAST.

JEFF FORT, RECOGNIZED LEADER OF BLACKSTONE RANGERS, LARGE  
NEGRO YOUTH GANG WHICH OPERATES ON CHICAGO'S SOUTH SIDE, MEMBERS  
OF WHICH HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN NUMEROUS ACTS OF VIOLENCE PRINCIPALLY  
AGAINST RIVAL GANG MEMBERS. CHARLES EDWARD BEY, ANOTHER  
BLACKSTONE RANGER; MICKEY AND HENRY COGWELL, LEADERS OF FIVE  
TREY COBRAS, NEGRO YOUTH GANG ALSO ACTIVE ON CHICAGO'S SOUTH  
SIDE. INDIVIDUALS ARRESTED IN POSSESSION OF FAKE DRIVER'S  
LICENSE AND ARE TO BE RELEASED WITHOUT BEING CHARGED SINCE NO  
EVIDENCE ACTUALLY USED FAKE DRIVER'S LICENSE. INDIVIDUALS UN-  
SUCCESSFUL IN ATTEMPTING TO PURCHASE GUNS AT OAKLAWN GUN SHOP.

SAME SOURCE ADVISED CHICAGO PEACE COUNCIL, GROUP OPPOSED  
TO VIETNAM WAR HAVE ANNOUNCED WILL ISSUE STATEMENT APRIL FIVE  
INSTANT RELATIVE TO KING'S DEATH. GROUP ALLEGEDLY ATTEMPTING  
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TO CONTACT CHICAGO CITY ALDERMAN A.A. RAYNER, ANTI-VIETNAM ACTIVIST AND FORMER LEADER OF CHICAGO'S VETERANS FOR PEACE IN VIETNAM, RELATIVE TO STATEMENT TO BE ISSUED. CHICAGO PEACE COUNCIL ALSO PLAN TO GET TOGETHER WITH APRIL PARADE COMMITTEE APRIL ELEVEN NEXT, PURPOSE NOT STATED. APRIL PARADE COMMITTEE IS GROUP ORGANIZING DEMONSTRATION FOR LATE APRIL, NINETEEN SIXTY-EIGHT IN OPPOSITION TO WAR IN VIETNAM.

CHICAGO SOURCE, RELIABLE IN PAST, ADVISED INSTANT, NEGRO YOUTH, MAYWOOD, ILLINOIS, ANGRY OVER KING'S DEATH AND DISCUSSING PLANS FOR DISTURBANCE AT PROVISIO EAST HIGH SCHOOL, FIRST AVENUE AND MADISON STREET, IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO MAYWOOD ON EAST SIDE OF MAYWOOD APRIL FIVE INSTANT. DISCUSSIONS INCLUDED POSSIBLE SETTING OF FIRES AT SCHOOL AND SOME NEGRO YOUTHS TALKING OF OBTAINING GUNS FOR PURPOSE OF SHOOTING WHITES. SOURCE EXPRESSED

OPINION MUCH OF TALK POSSIBLY-BRAVADO AS SEVERAL EXPRESSING INDIVIDUAL PLANS WITHOUT ORGANIZATION OR LEADERSHIP.

MAYWOOD PD AND COOK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE ADVISED. AS OF EARLY A.M. APRIL FIVE INSTANT, MAYWOOD QUIET WITH PD ALERT TO POSSIBLE INCIDENTS AS RESULT OF KING'S DEATH.

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CHICAGO PD SOURCES ADVISE AS OF TWELVE TWENTY-FIVE A.M. INSTANT CITY QUIET ALTHOUGH TENSIONS CONTINUE TO EXIST. EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT, ELEVENTH, TENTH AND TWELFTH DISTRICTS, CHICAGO PD WHO EARLIER REPORTED ACTS OF VIOLENCE WITHIN THEIR AREAS, ADVISED AS OF EARLY A.M. APRIL FIVE INSTANT DISTRICTS QUIET WITH PD PERSONNEL REMAINING ALERT FOR POSSIBLE ADDITIONAL INCIDENTS.

CHICAGO PD SOURCES ADVISED NO SERIOUS INJURIES REPORTED NOR ANY EXTENSIVE PROPERTY DAMAGE. NO UNUSUAL NUMBER OF ARRESTS MADE IN VARIOUS CHICAGO PD DISTRICTS. "PRAYER MEETING" BEING HELD AT CHURCH AT FORTY-NINTH STREET AND SOUTH PARK WAY TERMINATED AND PARTICIPANTS DISPERSED PEACEFULLY. POSSIBLE MARCH ON "OLD TOWN" AREA ON CHICAGO'S NEAR NORTH SIDE DID NOT MATERIALIZE. REPORTED DISTURBANCE REQUIRING ADDITIONAL CHICAGO PD UNITS VICINITY OF ROOSEVELT ROAD NEAR ASHLAND AVENUE BROUGHT UNDER CONTROL AND AREA PRESENTLY NORMAL. NO ARRESTS, MINOR DAMAGE TO COMMERCIAL BUSINESSES IN AREA.

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BUREAU TEL TO ALL OFFICES APRIL FOUR LAST. MILITARY, SECRET  
SERVICE, USA ADVISED. LHM FOLLOWS. CHICAGO SOURCES ASSIGNED.  
CLOSE LIAISON CONTINUING WITH CHICAGO PD.

BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED OF PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS.

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