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PLIERS ASPECT

INVIS I ON THIS DATE AT ROMPAGE HARDWARE COMPANY, FIVE FIVE FOUR TWO HOLLYWOOD BOULEVARD, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, DISCLOSES COMPANY EMPLOYEES POSITIVE DUCK-BILLED PLIERS IN COLOR PHOTOGRAPH IS PART OF A ONE TIME SHIPMENT THEY RECEIVED OCTOBER SIXTY SIX. PRESENT MANAGER BELIEVES TWELVE SUCH PLIERS IN SHIPMENT. BUREAU AGENT OBTAINED THE LAST ONE FROM "BARGAIN BIN" NEAR FRONT DOOR OF STORE. IT APPEARS IDENTICAL WITH PHOTO AND BEARS SAME LABEL EXCEPT THAT STORE CODE IS FAINTLY VISIBLE IN UPPER LEFT AND UPPER RIGHT CORNER SHOWING INVENTORY DATE TEN - SIX.

ALL PRESENT SALES FORCE HAVE NO RECOLLECTION OF ANY SALE OF THIS ITEM. MANAGEMENT ADVISED APPROXIMATELY EIGHTY FIVE - NINETY PERCENT OF BUSINESS IS CASH SALE. CREDIT INVOICES FOR ALL SALES SINCE OCTOBER SIXTY SIX TO PRESENT BEING CHECKED TO DETERMINE IF SUBJECT PLIERS POSSIBLY PURCHASED ON CREDIT.

ONE CREDIT ITEM REFLECTING SALE OF ONE DOLLAR NINETY EIGHT CENTS PLIERS, TYPE UNKNOWN, LOCATED. PURCHASER WILL BE INTERVIEWED. REVIEW OF VOLUMINOUS CREDIT SALES CONTINUES.

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IDENTITIES AND ADDRESSES OF FORMER EMPLOYEES WHO CEASED
EMPLOYMENT SUBSEQUENT TO OCTOBER SIXTY SIX OBTAINED. INTERVIEWS
BEING CONDUCTED. MANAGER OFFERED POSSIBILITY OF THEFT BY SHOP
LIFTER AS HE HAS SUFFERED SUCH LOSSES IN PAST.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUES.

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TO DIRECTOR AND MIAMI
FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)
MURKIN, CR.

RE JACKSON TELETYPE TO BUREAU AND MEMPHIS APRIL FIVE,
LAST, QUOTING BOB MC GOWAN BELIEVED TO BE AN INFORMANT OF
THE MIAMI OFFICE.

BOTH WHITE MALE ATTENDANTS, AND OWNER AND MANAGER, AT
ESSO SERVICE STATION, SOUTHEAST CORNER OF HIGHWAY SIXTY ONE
SOUTH AND BROOKS ROAD INTERVIEWED.

ONE ATTENDANT, FREDERIC ALVIN DORRIS, DOB [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AT MEMPHIS, STATED HE WAS ON DUTY WHEN A WHITE
OVER GREEN CUTLASS OLDSMOBILE, SIXTY EIGHT, WAS GASSED AND
WASHED AT THIS SERVICE STATION ON AFTERNOON OF TUESDAY,
APRIL TWO, LAST. ADMITS HE MADE TELEPHONE CALL AT THAT TIME
AND THAT HE WALKED ALONE TO NEARBY RESTAURANT AND BROUGHT
BACK FOOD. STATES HE WAS TALKING TO GIRL FRIEND AND DENIES
ANY KNOWLEDGE OF DYNAMITE, BURNING OF CHURCH, VICTIM KING,
ANY WHITE MUSTANG AND ANY RED DODGE PICKUP TRUCK AND ANY
PERSONS AS DESCRIBED BY MC GOWAN. BELONGS TO NO ORGANIZATION

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EXCEPT CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL WHICH HE ATTENDS REGULARLY.
DORRIS IS NERVOUS AND SHAKY, SUFFERING FROM BIRTH DEFECT
WHICH CAUSES INVOLUNTARY TREMORS.

OTHER ATTENDANT, PERRY SWEATMAN, DOB [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AT DUMAS, MISSISSIPPI, ARMY SERIAL NUMBER

[REDACTED], STATES HE WAS
PRESENT ON AFTERNOON OF WEDNESDAY APRIL THREE, LAST,
WHEN BLACK VINYL OVER GREEN CUTLASS OLDSMOBILE, SIXTY EIGHT,
BEARING FLORIDA LICENSE, WAS GASSED AND WASHED. HE TALKED
TO OWNER OF CUTLASS WHO WAS FINISHING A PINT BOTTLE
OF WHISKEY. OWNER TOLD HIM THAT HE WAS ON HIS WAY
BACK TO FLORIDA, THAT HE HAD BOUGHT A MUSTANG FOR HIS
DAUGHTER AND HAD WRECKED IT ON THE WAY TO TENNESSEE. THIS
ATTENDANT DESCRIBED OWNER OF THE CUTLASS AS WHITE MALE,
AGE FIFTY FIVE, FIVE FEET FIVE INCHES, ONE HUNDRED NINETY
FIVE POUNDS, WITH DARK HAIR, WEARING KHAKI TROUSERS, AND
SHIRT, BLUE JACKET AND GOLF CAP. SWEATMAN DENIES ANY
KNOWLEDGE OF THINGS CLAIMED BY MC GOWAN.

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GIRL ~~FRIEND~~ OF DORRIS CORROBORATED RECEIVING TELEPHONE CALL WHICH CONCERNED SUNDAY SCHOOL MATTERS. OWNER OF SERVICE STATION DENIES KNOWLEDGE OF ANY SUCH CARS OR PERSONS MENTIONED BY INFORMANT, STATES DORRIS IS ONLY EMPLOYEE WHO HAS ANY ~~PHYSICAL~~ DISABILITIES SIMILAR TO PAISY.

MIAMI REQUESTED TO IMMEDIATELY FURNISH ESTIMATE OF RELIABILITY OF BOB MC GOWAN, THE INFORMANT.

AIRMAIL COPY MAILED JACKSON FOR INFORMATION.

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TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA AND MEMPHIS

FROM CHICAGO (44-

MURKIN, OO: MEMPHIS.

ANONYMOUS FEMALE COMPLAINANT TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED CHICAGO OFFICE THIS P.M. WOULD NOT GIVE NAME. SHE SAW A SKETCH IN PAPER OF REPORTED KILLER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING AND WAS SHOCKED BY RESEMBLANCE OF HER EX-HUSBAND, JESSE WILLARD EDWARDS. COMPLAINANT STATED EDWARDS EXPERT MARKSMAN, OWNS THREE, THIRTY ZERO SIX, ONE, THIRTY THIRTY, ONE, THREE ZERO EIGHT AND ONE, TWENTY-TWO RIFLE AND HAD A PROFOUND HATE FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING AND JOHN F. KENNEDY. SHE SAID EDWARDS HATED EVERYTHING WHEN DRINKING TO EXCESS AND WOULD BEAT HER. SUCH TREATMENT CONTRIBUTED TO HER DIVORCE FOUR YEARS AGO FROM EDWARDS. SHE DESCRIBED EDWARDS AS WHITE MALE, FORTY -- EIGHT YEARS, BORN IN GEORGIA, FIVE FT. EIGHT OR FIVE FT. NINE INCHES, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE LBS., HUSKY BUILD, RECEDING

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GRAY-BROWN HAIR, FULL FACE WITH DEEP IMPRINTS IN BOTH CHEEKS, SIMILAR TO DIMPLES, WALKS WITH LIMP AS LEFT LEG IS SLIGHTLY SHORTER THAN RIGHT. ESXXX EDWARDS REPORTEDLY A STEEL WORKER AND FORMER MERCHANT MARINER, HAS BEEN ARRESTED BY COLUMBUS, GA. PD ON ASSAULT AND DRUNK CHARGES. LAST KNOWN TO DRIVE NINETEEN SIXTY-FOUR JEEP REGISTERED IN GEORGIA. COMPLAINANT LAST SAW EDWARDS APPROXIMATELY ONE YEAR AGO THOUGH HER SON IN CHICAGO, ILL. RECENTLY RECEIVED A VALENTINE CARD POST-MARKED SEATTLE AND AN EASTER CARD POST-MARKED HOUSTON, TEXAS.

CHICAGO INDICES NEGATIVE.

ATLANTA IDENTIFY EDWARDS THROUGH COLUMBUS PD,
OBTAIN PHOTO AND FORWARD SAME TO MEMPHIS.

OBTAIN PRINTS AND FORWARD TO BUREAU.

ALSO IDENTIFY EX-WIFE AND SON FOR INTERVIEW AT CHICAGO.

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TO BUREAU AND MEMPHIS

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GENE CANTARELL (PROTECT IDENTITY) SIKESTON, MO., PHONE GR ONE EIGHTEEN ZERO ONE TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED SL DIVISION THAT HE IS ACQUAINTED WITH CHARLEY ROBERTS WHO LIVES IN MEMPHIS TENN AND WORKS AT FIRESTONE TIRE CO. THERE. HE LAST SAW ROBERTS IN SIKESTON MO. TWO MONTHS PRIOR AT WHICH TIME ROBERTS SAID HE HAD RECENTLY PURCHASED A THIRTY ZERO SIX RIFLE TO KILL MARTIN LUTHER KING. ROBERTS LAST KNOWN TO BE DRIVING A WHITE MUSTANG, YEAR UNKNOWN. ACCORDING TO CANTARELL, ROBERTS HAS PRIOR ARREST RECORD WITH MEMPHIS PD FOR ASSAULT. HIS PRESENT WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN; DESCRIBED AS WM, AGE TWO THREE, MEDIUM HEIGHT AND BUILD, LIGHT BROWN HAIR, GREEN EYES, SILLY GRIN.

MEMPHIS CONSIDER AS SUSPECT AND OBTAIN IDENTIFYING DATA FOR ELIMINATION PURPOSES. P.

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RE MOBILE TELETYPE SEVEN TWENTYTHREE PM, APRIL EIGHT.


PREVIOUS INSTRUCTIONS FURNISHED YOUR OFFICE THAT MURKIN
CAPTION SHOULD NOT BE USED FOR ANY INVESTIGATION OTHER THAN THAT
DEALING WITH INVESTIGATION OF MURDER OF DR. KING. DATA RE VARIOUS
RACIAL INCIDENTS AND OTHER MATTERS ARISING OUT OF ASSASSINATION
SHOULD BE REPORTED UNDER APPROPRIATE RACIAL MATTERS CAPTION.

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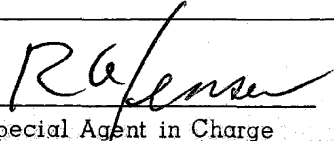
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