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FBI NEWARK

5450E URGENT 4-11-68 RGH

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM & PITTSBURGH PLAINTEXT
FROM NEWARK (44-345)

MURKIN

RE PITTSBURGH TELETYPE TO BUREAU APRIL ELEVEN, NINETEEN
SIXTY EIGHT RE GEORGE WILLARD.

IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THROUGH MRS. CHERZKO, SECRETARY
TO PRESIDENT OF UNION COLLEGE, CRANFORD, NJ, THAT GEORGE
WILLARD, A SPANISH TEACHER, HAD THREE CLASSES ON APRIL FOUR,
NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT AND WAS AT THE COLLEGE DURING MORNING
AND AFTERNOON.

ALLEGHENY AIRLINES RECORDS FAIL TO REVEAL ANY
PASSENGER USING NAME WILLARD ON FLIGHTS BETWEEN NEWARK AND
PITTSBURGH ON MARCH TWO NINE, NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT AND MARCH
THREE ONE, NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT.

IN VIEW OF WILLARD'S LOCATION APRIL FOUR, NINETEEN
SIXTYEIGHT, NO ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED UACB.

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6:25PM URGENT 4-11-68 JRM

TO DIRECTOR (44-33861); MEMPHIS (44-1987) AND BIRMINGHAM
FROM DETROIT (44-989) 2P

MURKIN

ON APRIL NINE LAST, LT. CLOYCE GRIFFIN, LANSING, MICH.,
PD, ADVISED THAT A JACK SNYDER, FIRST NATIONAL CREDIT BUREAU,
INC., LANSING, STATED HE HAD SOME INFORMATION RE MURDER OF
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

ON APRIL TEN LAST, SNYDER ADVISED HE GRADUATED LAINGSBURG
COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL IN NINETEEN FIFTY EIGHT, ALONG WITH A
JOHN WILLARD, WHO FITS DESCRIPTION AND ARTIST DRAWING OF
INDIVIDUALS WHO MURDERED KING. SNYDER FORMERLY MARRIED
TO RELATIVE OF WILLARD.

SHERIFF CLIFFORD PORTER, SHIAWASSEE SHERIFFS OFFICE,
CORINA, MICH., ADVISED APRIL TEN LAST THAT DURING FALL OF
NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN, WILLARD INVOLVED IN SHOOTING OF
FATHER AND COMMITTED PONTIAC STATE MENTAL HOSPITAL.

DRIVERS LICENSE RECORDS, SECRETARY OF STATES OFFICE,
LANSING, REVEAL JOHN EUGENE WILLARD, THREE TWO THREE NORTH
CHURCH STREET, ON AUGUST EIGHT, NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN, MADE
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NEW APPLICATION FOR DRIVERS LICENSE. HE IS DESCRIBED AS
BEING BORN [REDACTED] SIX
FEET TALL, ONE HUNDRED SIXTY POUNDS, BLUE EYES, BROWN HAIR

RECORDS, TITLE AND REGISTRATION DIVISION, SECRETARY
OF STATES OFFICE, REVEAL THAT ON NOVEMBER FOUR, NINETEEN
SIXTY SEVEN, WILLARD RESIDING THREE TWO THREE NORTH CHURCH
STREET, PURCHASED NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT MICHIGAN LICENS
PLATES LD ONE ZERO FOUR SEVEN, FOR NINETEEN SIXTY, FOUR DOOR
CHEVROLET, VIN ZERO ONE SIX ONE NINE F ONE SEVEN ONE THREE
NINE THREE.

RECORDS, MICHIGAN STATE POLICE, IDENTIFICATION BUREAU,
REVEAL WILLARD, FBI NUMBER EIGHT EIGHT EIGHT NINE ONE SIX, E,
ARRESTED SHIAWASSEE SHERIFF OFFICE, DECEMBER SIXTEEN, NINETEEN
SIXTY SIX, FOR ASSAULT AND BATTERY.

RECORDS, CLINTON COUNTY SHERIFF OFFICE, ST. JOHNS,
MICHIGAN, REVEAL WILLARD ARRESTED APRIL SIX NINETEEN SIXTY
SEVEN FOR ASSAULT. PHOTO OBTAINED FROM CLINTON COUNTY SHERIFF
OFFICE APRIL ELEVEN INSTANT AND FORWARDED TO MEMPHIS OFFICE ON
THIS DATE, AMSD, FOR ELIMINATION PURPOSES. MEMPHIS COPY PHOTOGRAPH
AND FORWARD TO BIRMINGHAM TO BE EXHIBITED TO GUN DEALER.

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6:30PM URGENT 4-11-68 DER

TO DIRECTOR ATTN: FBI LABORATORY MEMPHIS AND LOS ANGELES
FROM ALBANY /44-493/

MURKIN CR.

RE ALBANY TELCALLS TO BUREAU AND LOS ANGELES TODAY.

TEXTILE MARKING MACHINE COMPANY, SYRACUSE, N.Y.,
ADVISED THEY SUPPLY ALL OF THE TAPE USED IN INSTANT MACHINES
WHICH IS MADE UNDER THEIR SUPERVISION AT MINETTO, N.Y.
THEY ADVISED COTTON CLOTH IN LARGE BOLTS IS PURCHASED
WHICH IS TREATED UNDER THEIR SPECIFICATIONS, TREATMENT
BEING UNDER PATENT AND NOT FURNISHED, AND IS THEN CUT INTO
STRIPS OF PROPER WIDTH. THEY NOTED THEY MAKE TAPES FOR
NUMEROUS SIZES AND TYPES OF MACHINES FROM THIS SAME
MATERIAL AND THIS IS MADE IN LOTS OF APPROXIMATELY TWENTY
PER YEAR. THEY ADVISED EACH LOT NUMBER MAY VARY IN THE
NUMBER OF WARP YARN AND THAT THE FILLER YARN WILL VARY
IN EVERY BOLT. THEY MAINTAIN SAMPLES
OF ALL LOTS AND IF LOT NUMBER CAN BE FURNISHED THEY CAN
CHECK WITH QUALITY CONTROL TO DETERMINE IF THIS LOT NUMBER
CORRESPONDS WITH LOT NUMBER IN POSSESSION OF ANY SPECIFIC
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LAUNDRY CO., SPECIFICALLY HOME SERVICE LAUNDRY, HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA. THEY ADVISED THAT THE TAPE COMES IN SIX ROLL PACKAGES AND THE LOT NUMBER APPEARS ON EACH PACKAGE FOR TRACING PURPOSES.

LOS ANGELES FURNISH ALBANY LOT NUMBER FROM PACKAGES IF AVAILABLE AT HOME SERVICE LAUNDRY, HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA. ALBANY WILL UPON RECEIPT OF LOT NUMBERS CHECK WITH TEXTILE MARKING MACHINE COMPANY TO DETERMINE IF TWENTY WARP YARN WAS USED IN THESE LOTS.

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FBI BIRMGHAM

630PM URGENT 4-11-68 HEP

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), ATLANTA, MEMPHIS (44-1987), KANSAS CITY
FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) 2P

MURKIN

W. M. GARDNER, MANAGER, RETAIL CREDIT CO., BIRMINGHAM, SAID
RECORDS OF HIS OFFICE CONTAIN A BROADCAST OF DISAPPEARANCE WHICH
IS ESSENTIALLY A STOP NOTICE, FOR J. D. WILLARD, WM, TWENTYEIGHT
YEARS OLD IN NINETEEN SIXTYONE. LAST KNOWN ADDRESS FOUR ONE FOUR
ELIZABETH STREET, CORDOR, MO., FORMER OCCUPATION INSURANCE AGENT,
WIFE'S NAME GERALDINE L. WILLARD. WILLARD DISAPPEARED DURING
JULY NINETEEN SIXTY, AND BROADCAST OF DISAPPEARANCE WAS PUBLISHED
JUNE FIVE, SIXTYONE. PRIOR ADDRESSES IN KANSAS CITY, MO., ARE:

TWO EIGHT TWO EIGHT CHERRY STREET

TWO NINE TWO NINE HOLMES STREET

EIGHT THREE TWO NORTH CHESTNUT STREET

GARDNER SAID RECORDS OF HIS OFFICE CONTAIN NO ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION BUT COMPANIES HOME OFFICE AT SIXTEEN HUNDRED PEACH
STREET, ATLANTA, GA., COULD FURNISH ADDITIONAL DATA UNDER FILE
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ATLANTA CONTACT RETAIL CREDIT CO. RE FILE ONE ONE - THREE THREE ZERO NINE FIVE - SIX TWO - ONE. IDENTIFY PERSON REQUESTING LOCATION OF J. D. WILLARD AND OBTAIN PERTINENT INFORMATION.

KANSAS CITY CONDUCT AGENCY CHECKS AND APPROPRIATE NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION AT PRIOR ADDRESSES OF J. D. WILLARD TO IDENTIFY.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), ATLANTA, CHICAGO, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
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RECORDS OF HIS OFFICE CONTAIN A BROADCAST OF DISAPPEARANCE, WHICH IS
ESSENTIALLY A STOP NOTICE, FOR JOHN E. WILLARD, WM, FIVE FEET
ELEVEN INCHES, TWO HUNDRED THREE POUNDS; DOB

LAST KNOWN ADDRESS TWO FIVE SIX FOUR SOUTH BLUE ISLAND AVE.,
CHICAGO, ILL. WILLARD LAST EMPLOYED BY GATEWAY TRANSPORTATION CO.,
CHICAGO. WILLARD DISAPPEARED DURING SEPT. SIXTYSIX. BROADCAST OF
DISAPPEARANCE PUBLISHED NOV. ONE, SIXTYSIX, AT REQUEST OF A. M.
TENISON, JR. GARDNER SAID HIS RECORDS CONTAINED NO FILE NUMBER OR
OTHER INFORMATION AND HE COULD NOT IDENTIFY TENISON, HOWEVER, THE
HOME OFFICE OF RETAIL CREDIT CO., SIXTEEN HUNDRED PEACH STREET,
ATLANTA, GA., SHOULD BE ABLE TO IDENTIFY TENISON AND FURNISH
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

ATLANTA CONTACT RETAIL CREDIT CO., IDENTIFY A. M. TENISON, JR.
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OR COMPANY HE REPRESENTS AND OBTAIN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RE
JOHN E. WILLARD.

CHICAGO CONTACT GATEWAY TRANSPORTATION CO. AND APPROPRIATE
AGENCIES AND OBTAIN PERTINENT INFORMATION RE JOHN E. WILLARD..

CONDUCT NEIGHBORHOOD AT TWO FIVE SIX FOUR SOUTH BLUE ISLAND
AVE.

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635PM URGENT 4-11-68 SVW
TO DIRECTOR MEMPHIS CHICAGO
FROM WASHINGTON FIELD 44-703 1P

MURKIN - CR

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES APRIL NINE
PAST RE LAUNDRY MARKINGS AND MEMPHIS TELETYPE TO WFO APRIL ELEVEN
SIXTYEIGHT.

FOR INFORMATION CHICAGO, MEMPHIS REQUESTED CONTACTS OF
REPRESENTATIVE OF NATIONAL LAUNDRY ASSOCIATION AND NATIONAL DRY
CLEANERS ASSOCIATION TO IDENTIFY SOURCE OF LAUNDRY MARKINGS. WFO
HAS HANDLED NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF DRY CLEANERS, SILVER SPRING,
MARYLAND WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF LAUNDRING
LOCATED AT JOLIET, ILLINOIS. CHICAGO CONTACT AMERICAN INSTITUTE
OF LAUNDRING TO IDENTIFY SOURCE OF LAUNDRY MARKINGS.

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TO MEMPHIS BIRMINGHAM

FROM DIRECTOR 1P

MURKIN.

RE HARVEY EDWARD LOHMEYER.

RESCTEL APRIL TEN, LAST.

IF NOT ALEADY SUBMITTED, ADVISE BY RETURN
TELETYPE RESULTS OF EXHIBITING LOHMEYER'S PHOTOGRAPH
TO WITNESSES.

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TO: DIRECTOR
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KANSAS CITY
PHILADELPHIA
BIRMINGHAM

FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987)
MURKIN.

IN CONNECTION WITH SUSPECT INSTANT CASE, AMONG ITEMS RECOVERED BY MEMPHIS DIVISION WAS BLUE SOFT ZIPPER TYPE OVERNIGHT BAG. BAG HAS ZIPPER COMPARTMENT ON OUTSIDE AS WELL. FBI LAB ADVISED INQUIRIES MADE IN D. C. AREA DISCLOSE THIS TYPE BAG PROBABLY "TEL-STAR" TYPE BAGGAGE MANUFACTURED IN JAPAN. BAG RECOVERED IS TWENTY INCH BAG WHICH SELLS IN FIVE NINETYFIVE TO SIX NINETYFIVE PRICE RANGE IN WASHINGTON, D. C. LABORATORY ADVISED IMPORTER OR JOBBER FOR THIS TYPE BAG IS UNITED PRODUCTS CORP., TWO FIVE ZERO ZERO GENESSEE, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, SIX FOUR ONE FOUR ONE.

THE MANUFACTURERS REPRESENTATIVE, LOCATED PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA, IS JOSEPH PECHTER, EIGHT TWO ONE WELLENS AVENUE, PHILADELPHIA, PENNA., ONE NINE ONE FOUR ONE, TEL. GL FIVE DASH FOUR ZERO ONE SIX. SEARCHED

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REQUEST KANSAS CITY MAKE EFFORTS DETERMINE WHETHER ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT UNITED PRODUCTS CORPORATION, KANSAS CITY, REGARDING ANY FIRMS IN LOS ANGELES WHO HANDLE THIS TYPE BAG.

PHILADELPHIA REQUESTED CONTACT MANUFACTURER'S REPRESENTATIVE IN ITS TERRITORY TO DETERMINE IF HE CAN FURNISH INFORMATION RE ANY DISTRIBUTION THIS TYPE BAG IN LOS ANGELES. EVERY EFFORT MUST BE MADE TO SECURE THIS INFORMATION IMMEDIATELY AND FORWARD SAME TO LOS ANGELES FOR ASSISTANCE IN INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED REGARDING POSSIBLE SUSPECT.

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FBI KAN CITY

800PM URGENT 4-11-68 EN

TO DIRECTOR, LOS ANGELES, MEMPHIS AND PHILADELPHIA
FROM KANSAS CITY (44-760) 1P

MURKIN.

RE MEMPHIS TEL TODAY.

KANSAS CITY LEAD WILL BE HANDLED AM APRIL TWELVE NEXT INASMUCH
AS KANSAS CITY UNDER CURFEW UNTIL SIX AM APRIL TWELVE DUE TO RACIAL
DISTURBANCES PRESENTLY OCCURRING.

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939PM 4-11-68 IMMEDIATE JMA

TO DIRECTOR, BIRMINGHAM, KANSAS CITY, LOS ANGELES, MEMPHIS
FROM PHILADELPHIA (44-1368)

MURKIN

RE MEMPHIS AND KANSAS CITY TELS TODAY.

JOSEPH PECHTER ADVISED HE IS MANUFACTURER'S REPRESENTATIVE
FOR "TEL STAR" BAGGAGE IN EASTERN PENNA., MARYLAND, NEW JERSEY
AND D.C.

HE DOES NOT KNOW MANUFACTURER'S REPRESENTATIVE IN LOS
ANGELES AREA.

"BILL" HARVEY OF UNITED PRODUCTS IN KANSAS CITY, ADDRESS AND
PHONE NUMBER UNKNOWN IS PERSON WHO CAN IDENTIFY

MANUFACTURER'S
REPRESENTATIVE IN LOS ANGELES.

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(Priority)TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)
FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN, CIVIL RIGHTS, OO: MEMPHIS.

MEMPHIS SUMMARY TELETYPE IN CAPTIONED MATTER
APRIL ELEVEN, INSTANT.

RE: HARVEY LOWMEYER, AND JOHN WILLARD, ERIC STARVO GALT:

A REVIEW OF ALL LOGICAL RECORDS UNDER THE NAMES,
HARVEY DOHMEYER ^{and} JOHN WILLARD, ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ IS
CONTINUING THROUGHOUT THE U.S.; HOWEVER, NO PERTINENT
DEVELOPMENTS REPORTED TO DATE. A NUMBER OF PERSONS HAVE
BEEN LOCATED WITH SAME OR SIMILAR NAMES, AND INVESTIGATION
IS CONTINUING TO ELIMINATE THEM AS SUSPECTS.

DEAD LETTER OFFICE CHECK: FOLLOWING GALT'S DEPARTURE FROM

Airtel _____
Teletype _____
A.M. _____
A.M.S.D. _____
Spec. Del. _____
Mail _____

BIRMINGHAM ROOMINGHOUSE OCTOBER SEVEN, LAST, HE RECEIVED
A LETTER WHICH HIS LANDLORD INDICATES HE RETURNED TO THE
POST OFFICE MARKED RECEIVER HAS MOVED. LANDLORD BELIEVED
THIS LETTER CONTAINED A CHECK, POSSIBLY FROM A MAIL ORDER
HOUSE IN CHICAGO.

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THE FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION WAS CONDUCTED TO
DETERMINE WHETHER THIS LETTER MAY HAVE BEEN DIRECTED TO DEAD
LETTER OFFICE, MEMPHIS:

L. L. SIMS, POSTMASTER, AND ANTHONY PERA, SUPT. OF
POSTAL SERVICES, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, POST OFFICE, MADE
AVAILABLE DEAD LETTER MAIL AT MEMPHIS POST OFFICE THIS DATE.
DEAD LETTER MAIL FOR THREE STATE AREA, INCLUDING ALABAMA,
DEPOSITED MEMPHIS POST OFFICE.

REVIEW OF THIS MAIL NEGATIVE UNDER NAME GALT. DEAD
LETTER MAIL DEPOSITED AT MEMPHIS CONSISTS ONLY OF FIRST
CLASS MAIL. IF SENDER CAN BE IDENTIFIED FROM ENVELOPE,
LOCAL POST OFFICES RETURN SUCH MAIL DIRECTLY. WHERE SENDER
ILLEGIBLE ON ENVELOPE, MEMPHIS RECEIVES AS DEAD LETTERS AND
OPENS. IF CONTENTS IDENTIFY SENDER, MAIL IS RETURNED. IF
NO SENDER IDENTIFIED, MEMPHIS DESTROYS UNLESS LETTER
CONTAINS ITEM OF VALUE, WHICH IS THEN KEPT ONE YEAR. ALL
OTHER DEAD LETTER MAIL DESTROYED WITHIN WEEK AFTER RECEIVED
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LAUNDRY MARKS:

ALL LAUNDRIES IN MEMPHIS CONTACTED FOR INFO.
CONCERNING LAUNDRY MARKS IN THIS CASE WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.
LAUNDRIES LOCATED IN AREAS COVERED BY RESIDENT AGENTS
ARE BEING CHECKED.

BARGE AND RIVERBOAT EMPLOYMENT:

BARGE AND RIVERBOAT COMPANIES CHECKED AT MEMPHIS
NEGATIVE RE EMPLOYMENT OF GALT, JEROME WALLIS VERNON, JOHN
WILLARD, AND HARVEY LOWMEYER. SELECTIVE SERVICE HEADQUARTERS,
TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES, LENDING AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS,
CREDIT AND CRIMINAL CHECKS IN PROGRESS THROUGHOUT DIVISION.
MARINE INDEX BUREAU HAS NO INJURY RECORD ON SUSPECT.

TRAVEL:

RECORDS OF THUNDERBIRD MOTEL, JACKSON, TENNESSEE,
AN AFFILIATE OF FRIENDSHIP INNS, FAIL TO REVEAL ANY CUSTOMERS
UNDER NAMES OF JOHN WILLARD, HARVEY LOWMEYER, ERIC S. GALT,
OR JEROME WALLIS VERNON REGISTERED SINCE MARCH TWENTY, LAST.
RECORDS ALSO FAIL TO REVEAL A NINETEEN SIXTYSIX MUSTANG, WHITE,
BEARING SIXTYEIGHT ALABAMA LICENSE ONE DASH THREE EIGHT NINE
NINE THREE, BEING IN POSSESSION ANY CUSTOMER DURING THIS PERIOD.

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LORRAINE MOTEL:

OWNER WALTER L. BAILEY MADE AVAILABLE HOTEL REGISTRATION CARDS AND LOG BOOK. OWNER AND ALL EMPLOYEES AT LORRAINE INTERVIEWED. NONE OF THEM KNEW OR SAW ANYTING PERTINENT. FOUR PERSONS REGISTERED AT HOTEL ON APRIL FOUR, SIXTY EIGHT, ARE STILL REGISTERED. EFFORTS TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW THEM NEGATIVE TO DATE. LEADS ARE BEING SET OUT TO INTERVIEW ALL PERSONS REGISTERED AT LORRIANE HOTEL ON ^{April} MARCH THREE OR ^{April} MARCH FOUR, SIXTY EIGHT, RE ANY INFORMATION THEY MIGHT HAVE ON MURDER. PERSONS STILL IN MEMPHIS WHO WERE REGISTERED AT LORRAINE ON EITHER ^{April} MARCH THREE OR ^{April} MARCH FOUR, SIXTY EIGHT, WILLBE INTERVIEWED PROMPTLY.

SOIL SAMPLE FROM REAR OF MOTEL OBTAINED AND FORWARDED. AREA IN FRONT OF ROOMING HOUSE WHERE FATAL SHOT APPARENTLY ORIGINATED IS COMPLETELY PAVED. NO SOIL SAMPLES POSSIBLE HERE.

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JAY WALLIS VERNON:

IN CONNECTION WITH CHECKS CONCERNING UNKNOWN SUBJECT IN THIS MATTER INQUIRY IS ALSO BEING MADE TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER VERNON APPEARED IN MEMPHIS DIVISION. ADJOINING DIVISIONS ARE CONDUCTING SIMILAR CHECKS.

REBEL MOTOR HOTEL:

ROOM THIRTY FOUR, WHERE GALT STAYED, WAS PHOTOGRAPHED FROM THE OUTSIDE AT VARIOUS ANGLES. INTERVIEWING ALL EMPLOYEES WHO WERE ON DUTY AT THE REBEL MOTOR HOTEL FROM SIX PM, APRIL THREE, SIXTY EIGHT, TO THREE AM, APRIL FOUR, SIXTY EIGHT, HAS BEEN COMPLETED. IVAN B. WEBB, DESK CLERK ON DUTY FROM TEN PM, APRIL THREE, LAST, TO SIX AM, APRIL FOUR, LAST, STATES HE REMEMBERS A WHITE MUSTANG WITH ALABAMA PLATES PARKED IN FRONT OF ROOM THIRTY FOUR FROM TEN PM, APRIL THREE, LAST, TO SIX AM, APRIL FOUR, LAST. HE IS POSITIVE OF THIS BECAUSE HE MAKES AN HOURLY TOUR OF THE MOTEL FOR A SECURITY CHECK. HE CANNOT REMEMBER ANYTHING ABOUT THE OCCUPANT OF NUMBER THIRTY FOUR. HE WAS SHOWN ARTIST'S CONCEPTION DRAWINGS SKETCHED IN BIRMINGHAM AND MEMPHIS AND SAID THAT

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THE DRAWING SKETCHED IN MEMPHIS LOOKS FAMILIAR TO HIM.

BECKY ANDERS, ASSISTANT MANAGER, REBEL RESTAURANT, WHICH ADJOINS THE MOTEL WAS SHOWN THE ABOVE DRAWINGS AND STATED THAT THE DRAWING SKETCHED IN MEMPHIS LOOKS FAMILIAR TO HER, BUT SHE COULD NOT IDENTIFY. INTERVIEWS AT THE REBEL RESTAURANT CONTINUING.

MEMPHIS PURCHASE BY UNKNOWN SUBJECT,

ARTIST'S SKETCHES OF UNKNOWN SUBJECT EXHIBITED TO SALESLADY AT OLIVER REXALL DRUGSTORE WHO SOLD UNKNOWN SUBJECT GILLETTE SHAVING KIT POSSIBLY ON APRIL THREE, SIXTY EIGHT. SHE COULD NOT IDENTIFY SKETCHES AS BEING SIMILAR IN APPEARANCE TO INDIVIDUAL WHO PURCHASED SHAVING KIT. SHE ADVISED SKETCHES DO NOT APPEAR TO BE A LIKENESS OF ANYONE SHE HAS EVER SEEN.

ARTISTS' SKETCHES EXHIBITED TO OTHER EMPLOYEES AT OLIVER DRUGS AND TO EMPLOYEES OF BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE VICINITY OF OLIVER DRUGSTORE WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. SKETCHES ALSO EXHIBITED TO EMPLOYEES OF SOME MOTELS IN MEMPHIS AREA, BUT NO PERSON CAN IDENTIFY THOSE SKETCHES AS BEING SIMILAR IN APPEARANCE TO ANYONE STAYING AT THEIR

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MOTELS DURING PERTINENT PERIOD.

CHECK OF MUSTANG CARS:

IDENTITY OF ALL ACTIVE AND RETIRED, ENLISTED,
AND OFFICER MILITARY PERSONNEL AT THE NAVAL AIR STATION, MILLING-
TON, TENNESSEE, WHOOWN AUTOMOBILE VEHICLES FITTING THE
DESCRIPTION OF SUSPECT'S VEHICLE HAVE BEEN OBTAINED. FBI
IDENTIFICATION DIVISION IS BEING REQUESTED TO CHECK THESE
INDIVIDUALS' FINGERPRINTS ON FILE WITH LATENT PRINTS
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FBI BIRMGHAM

947PM IMMEDIATE 4-11-68 HEP
TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS
FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) 1P

MURKIN

RE HARVEY EDWARD LOHMEYER.

REBUTEL APRIL ELEVEN, INSTANT.

ALL KNOWN WITNESSES, BIRMINGHAM, SHOWN PHOTOGRAPHS OF ALL
SUSPECTS DEVELOPED TO DATE, INCLUDING LOHMEYER, WITH NEGATIVE
RESULTS.

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POLICE LIAISON:

MEMPHIS PD CONTINUES TO FURNISH INFO. RECEIVED CONCERNING KING MURDER PROMPTLY. NO SIGNIFICANT DATA WAS RECEIVED FROM THIS SOURCE APRIL ELEVEN, INSTANT. COORDINATION WITH OTHER OFFICES:

CLOSE COORDINATION HAS BEEN MAINTAINED WITH OTHER OFFICES CONCERNING ALL PHASES OF THIS INVESTIGATION, AND DIRECT CONTACT IS MADE WHERE NECESSARY IN URGENT MATTERS, PARTICULARLY THE INVESTIGATION CONCERNING ERIC STARVO GALT AND JAY WALLIS VERNON. DATA CONCERNING APPARENT TRAVEL OF GALT'S MUSTANG VEHICLE IN MEXICO IN OCTOBER, SIXTYSEVEN, WAS FURNISHED SAN ANTONIO DIVISION. SAN ANTONIO WILL CHECK AT NUEVO LAREDO, MEXICO, TO DETERMINE WHAT IDENTIFICATION TRAVELER USED TO SECURE TOURIST STICKER, AND WILL REQUEST LEGAT, IF PERTINENT, TO ASCERTAIN NATURE ANY TRAVEL WITHIN MEXICO BEYOND THE BORDER REGION.

EXPEDITIOUS ATTENTION IS BEING PROVIDED TO ALL FACETS OF THIS INVESTIGATION. ALL OFFICES ARE BEING INSTRUCTED TO FURNISH ANY SIGNIFICANT DATA RECEIVED TO THE BUREAU DIRECTLY, AS WELL AS INTERESTED AUXILIARY OFFICES.
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FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

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RE BUREAU TELETYPE, SEVEN FORTY SEVEN PM TODAY AND
SAN FRANCISCO TELETYPE TO BUREAU, FIVE ZERO ONE PM TODAY, BOTH
REGARDING HARVEY EDWARD LOHMYER.

PHOTOS OF LOHMYER NOT YET RECEIVED AT MEMPHIS OFFICE. IF
FURTHER EVIDENCE REQUIRED TO ELIMINATE LOHMYER, SUGGEST BUREAU
ELIMINATE HIM THROUGH FINGERPRINTS, HIS FBI NO. SEVEN THREE ZERO
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TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

FROM ATLANTA 44-2386

MURKIN

RE MINNEAPOLIS TEL APRIL NINE LAST, TO BUREAU, RE TRAVEL
OF WILLIAM JOSEPH LEHMEYER.

ATLANTA TELEPHONE DIRECTORY REFLECTS C. T. GODSEY IS
CLIFFORD T. GODSEY, FIVE FOUR ZERO FIVE LONG MEADOW LANE,
COLLEGE PARK, GA. RECORDS GA. STATE DRIVERS LICENSE BUREAU
APRIL ELEVEN INSTANT, REFLECT CLIFFORD T. GODSEY, ADDRESS ABOVE
WHITE MALE, DOB [REDACTED] FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES,
ONE HUNDRED FORTY POUNDS, BLUE EYES, BLACK HAIR.

RECORDS GA. MVB REFLECT SIXTYSIX VW AND SIXTYSIX MERCURY
LICENSED TO GODSEY.

NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION CONTEMPLATED.

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REBUTEL TO ALL OFFICES APRIL EIGHT LAST.

INVESTIGATION AT PITTSBURGH RE SURNAME LOWMEYER REVEALED
THAT FORMER PITTSBURGH RESIDENTS P. F. LOWMEYER TWO THREE
FOUR FOUR ARDLEIGH DRIVE, CLEVELAND HEIGHTS, AND SUSAN M.
LOWMEYER, ONE ONE SIX EIGHT MANOR DRIVE, COLUMBUS, OHIO, NOW
RESIDING OUT OF DIVISION.

CLEVELAND AND CINCINNATI CONDUCT INVESTIGATION AS SET OUT
IN RETEL.

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TO : MOBILE

FROM: JACKSON (157-9586)

MURKIN

RE ALBANY TEL TO BUREAU, APRIL NINE, LAST.

FOR THE INFO OF THE MOBILE OFFICE, INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED THIS DATE AT AMORY STEAM LAUNDRY, AMORY, MISS., REFLECTS THAT THAT ESTABLISHMENT DOES NOT HAVE A THERMOSEAL MACHINE FOR MARKING LAUNDRY. THE ESTABLISHMENT DOES HAVE TWO NATIONAL MARKING MACHINES WHICH, ACCORDING TO PRESENT OWNER, W. J. DUNCAN, HAVE BEEN AT THE CLEANERS FOR SEVERAL YEARS. DUNCAN STATED HE PURCHASED THE LAUNDRY FROM HOOD BROTHERS IN MAY, SIXTY FOUR. HE ADVISED HOOD BROTHERS PURCHASED THE LAUNDRY FROM FLOYD AGNEW AND THEY RAN THE CLEANERS FOR THREE MONTHS BEFORE SELLING IT TO DUNCAN.

ON THE SAME DATE, M. D. HOOD, HOOD LAUNDRY, AMORY, MISS., ADVISED THAT HE KNEW NOTHING ABOUT A THERMOSEAL MACHINE AT THE AMORY STEAM LAUNDRY. HE STATED THAT THE ONLY PERSON WHO MAY

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KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THAT WAS THE ORIGINAL OWNER, FLOYD AGNEW.

FURTHER INVESTIGATION AT AMORY, MISS., DEVELOPED THAT FLOYD AGNEW IS CURRENTLY THE MANAGER AT THE RAMADA INN, MOBILE, ALA.; HIS RESIDENCE IS TWO TWO ONE TWO SAINT TERESA, MOBILE, ALA.

MOBILE WILL IMMEDIATELY LOCATE AND INTERVIEW AGNEW CONCERNING ANY INFO HE HAS CONCERNING A THERMOSEAL MACHINE WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN IN HIS LAUNDRY BUSINESS. IF HE SOLD MACHINE, DETERMINE PRESENT OWNER AND LOCATION, AND SET OUT LEAD.

AIRMAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

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TELETYPE

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)
FROM CLEVELAND (44-565)

MURKIN

RE CINCINNATI TEL TO DIRECTOR CLEVELAND AND MEMPHIS FOUR
NINE SIXTYEIGHT CONCERNING JOHN D. LOHMIER AND ROBERT FRANKLIN
LOHMIER.

FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED BY SA'S JAMES A. WILSON
AND RICHARD G. PETERSON ON FOUR TEN SIXTYEIGHT:

JOHN D. LOHMIER LOCATED LIVING ONE ONE TWO FOUR LAIRD ST. AKRON,
OHIO AND EMPLOYED T AND T HEAVY MACHINERY MOVERS ONE ZERO TWO ZERO
MIDDLEBERRY ST. KENT, OHIO.

BROTHER OF JOHN D. LOHMIER, ROBERT FRANKLIN LOHMIER RESIDES
SIX FIVE TWO FOUR WEST SHORE DR. BRADY LAKE, OHIO AND EMPLOYED BY
SOUTH EMPLOYED HANDYMAN, JIM HAWKINS, ONE FOUR TWO ZERO FRANKLIN AVE.
KENT, OHIO.

LEONARD TOMPKINS, OWNER OF T AND T HEAVY MACHINERY MOVERS
AND JIM HAWKINS, BOTH DESCRIBED ABOVE ADVISED ON FOUR TEN SIXTYEIGHT
JOHN D. LOHMIER AND ROBERT FRANKLIN LOHMIER BOTH WERE PRESENT IN
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KENT, OHIO FROM THREE TWENTYEIGHT THRU FOUR FOUR SIXTYEIGHT AND
ALL ACTIVITIES ON PERTINENT DATES CAN BE ACCOUNTED FOR.

ROBERT FRANKLIN LOHMIER CURRENTLY DRIVES LATE MODEL MAROONE
PONTIAC.

JOHN D. LOHMIER DRIVES NINETEEN SIXTYSIX GREEN PONTIAC.

BASED ON ABOVE INFORMATION CLEVELAND TAKING NO FURTHER ACTION
REGARDING LOHMIER BROTHERS.

MEMPHIS AND CINCINNATI RENT AIR MAIL COPY.

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TO: SAC, JACKSON (157-1586)

FROM: MOBILE (157-2627)

MURKIN

RE JACKSON TEL TO MOBILE, APRIL TEN SIXTY EIGHT.

FLOYD AGNEW INTERVIEWED THIS DATE AND ADVISED HE HAD SOLD THE AMORY STEAM LAUNDRY, AMORY, MISS., TO ROBERT AND MELVIN HOOD SOMETIME DURING NINETEEN SIXTY FOUR. AGNEW ADVISED THAT THE THERMOSEAL MACHINE WAS INCLUDED IN THE EQUIPMENT SOLD TO THE HOOD BROTHERS. AGNEW STATED THAT THE MACHINE WAS USED TO REPAIR CLOTHING AND TO MARK RENTAL LINENS WHICH WAS PART OF THE BUSINESS HE WAS ENGAGED IN AT THAT TIME. AGNEW FURTHER STATED THAT AT THE TIME HE SOLD THE BUSINESS AND INVENTORY WAS PREPARED AND THAT IF NECESSARY, HE COULD POSSIBLY LOCATE THIS INVENTORY.

JACKSON WILL RECONTACT M. D. HOOD, HOOD LAUNDRY, AMORY, MISSISSIPPI, TO RE-ESTABLISH FACT THAT HOOD MAY POSSIBLY HAVE SOLD THE MACHINE OR MAY STILL BE IN POSSESSION OF IT.

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IT IS NOTED THAT AT THE TIME OF THE SALE OF THE LAUNDRY
TO HOOD, HOOD ALSO RECEIVED A COPY OF THE INVENTORY OF
THE EQUIPMENT IN THE LAUNDRY.

MEMPHIS ADVISED AM.

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TO: DIRECTOR AND ATLANTA

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN; CIVIL RIGHTS. OO: ME

IN CONNECTION WITH CAPTIONED MATTER, ATLANTA IS REQUESTED TO ASCERTAIN FROM SCLC HEADQUARTERS DR. KING'S ITINERARY FROM MARCH TWENTY, LAST, TO TIME OF DEATH, THEN INITIATE INVESTIGATION IN APPROPRIATE OFFICES TO DISPLAY AT THE FOLLOWING PLACES ARTIST'S CONCEPTIONS OF INDIVIDUAL WHO PURCHASED RIFLE IN BIRMINGHAM ON MARCH THIRTY, LAST, AND MAN WHO PURCHASED BINOCULARS IN MEMPHIS APRIL FOUR, LAST, AS WELL AS PHOTOS OF JEROME WALLIS VERNON:

PERSONNEL AT SCLC HEADQUARTERS;

ALL MOTELS OR HOTELS AT WHICH KING STAYED;

HOTELS, MOTELS, OR ROOMING HOUSES WITHIN REASONABLE SHOOTING DISTANCE OF KING'S PLACES OF ABODE OR PUBLICLY KNOWN MEETING PLACES.

AT THESE PLACES WHERE PICTURES SHOWN, CHECK GUEST REGISTERS FOR FOLLOWING NAMES WHICH FIGURE IN THIS

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ERIC STARVO GALT

JEROME WALLIS VERNON,

HARVEY LOWMEYER,

JOHN WILLARD.

NOTE THE FOLLOWING COMPOSITE DESCRIPTION OF UNSUB:

WHITE MALE, TWENTY-SIX - FORTY, FIVE FEET EIGHT TO ELEVEN INCHES, ONE FIVE ZERO TO ONE EIGHT FIVE POUNDS, DARK BROWN HAIR - SANDY, COMBED STRAIGHT BACK WITHOUT A PART, EYES BLUE OR GREEN, MEDIUM BUILD, COMPLEXION AVERAGE-SMOOTH, NEAT APPEARANCE, POSSIBLY NON-SMOKER.

ATLANTA SHOULD IMMEDIATELY HAVE PREPARED SUFFICIENT COPIES OF PHOTOS OF NINETEEN SIXTY-SEVEN PICTURE OF VERNON AND OF ARTIST'S CONCEPTIONS TO PROVIDE ENOUGH COPIES TO APPROPRIATE OFFICES WHEN KING'S ITINERARY BECOMES KNOWN.

Bureau advise Atlanta if there is any objection to displaying artist conceptions in this manner at this time

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939 AM URGENT 4/12/68 CLV 1P

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS, AND BIRMINGHAM

FROM: SACRAMENTO (100-427) (P)

MURKIN. CR.

RE OMAHA TELETYPE TO BUREAU, APRIL ELEVEN, LAST.

LIEUTENANT JOHN T. CROW, SOUTH LAKE TAHOE, CALIFORNIA, POLICE DEPARTMENT, ADVISED IRENE LOHMEIER, WIFE OF KENNETH, IS DISPATCHER-RECEPTIONIST FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT. CROW PERSONALLY ACQUAINTED WITH LOHMEIER, CO-OWNER OF ALPINE TV, SOUTH LAKE TAHOE, AND STATES LOHMEIER HAS NOT LEFT IMMEDIATE AREA PAST THIRTY DAYS.

INQUIRY AT FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS, STATE SELECTIVE SERVICE, CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES, CREDIT AND CRIMINAL, AND LOCAL TELEPHONE AND CITY DIRECTORIES REGARDING ERIC STARVO GALT NEGATIVE THROUGHOUT SACRAMENTO DIVISION. SIMILAR INQUIRY REGARDING LOWMEYER AND LOWMYER ALSO NEGATIVE. INVESTIGATION TO DATE REGARDING LAUNDRY MARK NEGATIVE, EXCEPT THAT SENT BY SEPARATE COMMUNICATION.

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TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 MEMPHIS 44-1987 SEATTLE AND SAN DIEGO 44-387
FROM NEW YORK 44-1609 1P

MURKIN

RE SAN DIEGO TEL APRIL TEN LAST TO BUREAU RE JOHN D. WILLARD.

ON APRIL ELEVEN LAST, MR. ROLF KRAMME, ADMINISTRATIVE
ASSISTANT, ROSENBLATT AND SON, INC. THREE FIVE ZERO BROADWAY, NEW
YORK, NY, ADVISED THAT PAYROLL RECORDS OF THIS FIRM REFLECT THAT
JOHN D. WILLARD WAS ON DUTY WITH THEIR COMPANY AT SEATTLE, WASH.,
WORKING EIGHT HOURS ON MARCH TWENTYNINE, MARCH THIRTY AND ELEVEN HOURS
ON APRIL FOUR LAST.

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FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987) (1P)

MURKIN; CR.

RE DETROIT TEL TO BUREAU SIX TWENTYFIVE PM,
APRIL ELEVEN LAST.

DETROIT ADVISE MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM IF JOHN WILLARD,
FBI NO. EIGHT EIGHT EIGHT NINE ONE SIX E, IS IDENTICAL
WITH THE JOHN WILLARD REFERRED TO IN RETEL BY JACK SNYDER,
FIRST NATIONAL CREDIT BUREAU, INC., LANSING, MICHIGAN.
IF THESE INDIVIDUALS ARE IDENTICAL, DETROIT REQUEST FBI
IDENTIFICATION DIVISION TO COMPARE FINGERPRINTS OF WILLARD
WITH LATENT PRINTS DEVELOPED ON EVIDENCE SUBMITTED BY
MEMPHIS DIVISION.

BIRMINGHAM ADVISED AM. P. END.

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11:10AM URGENT 4-12-68 JJR

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861), BIRMINGHAM (44-1740), MEMPHIS
(44-1987)
FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN, CR. OO: MEMPHIS

RE SUSPECT JOHN WILLARD.

SLPD FURNISHED NAME JOHN RUFUS WILLARD, WHITE, BORN
TYRONZA, ARK., FBI NUMBER NINE TWO ZERO NINE FOUR E, AS
POSSIBLY BEING PERSON RENTING ROOM AS JOHN WILLARD. IDENT
DIVISION COMPARE PRINTS WITH UNSUB LATENTS. NINETEEN
SIXTYTWO PHOTO BEING FORWARDED MEMPHIS.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI

BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

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FROM MINNEAPOLIS (157-450) 1P

MURKIN.

RE BIRMINGHAM AIRTEL TO MINNEAPOLIS APRIL TEN, LAST,
AND MINNEAPOLIS TELETYPE APRIL NINE, LAST.

TODAY PHOTOGRAPHIC PRINT OF ARTIST'S CONCEPTION OF
UNKNOWN SUBJECT WHO PURCHASED RIFLE IN BIRMINGHAM DISPLAYED
TO WILLIAM JOSEPH LEHMEYER, THREE FIVE THREE ZERO FAIRLAWN
DRIVE, MINNETONKA, MINNESOTA. HE STATED THE ONLY PERSON WHOM
HE KNOWS OR CAN RECALL WHO MAY RESEMBLE THE ARTIST'S CONCEPTION,
WAS ONE OF THE APPROXIMATELY FIVE MALES AT THE DELTA AIRLINES
COUNTER, AN APPARENT EMPLOYEE, AT THE TIME HE MADE A HOLD
RESERVATION WITH THAT AIRLINE DURING THE EARLY AFTERNOON OF
MARCH TWENTY-SEVEN, LAST.

BIRMINGHAM, IF NOT PREVIOUSLY HANDLED, CONDUCT APPROPRIATE
INVESTIGATION TO IDENTIFY DELTA AIRLINE EMPLOYEE, AS NOTED
ABOVE, MAY BE SUSPECT IN THIS CASE.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), ALBANY (44-493), CHARLOTTE AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM COLUMBIA (44-299) 1P

MURKIN.

RE ALBANY TEL TO BUREAU APRIL NINE SIXTYEIGHT.

WALTER BELL, OWNER BELL LAUNDRY, SPARTANBURG, S.C., ADVISED
INSTANT TAPE POSSIBLY MADE BY ENGLISH MADE POLYMARKER MACHINE
DISTRIBUTED IN SOUTHEASTERN U. S., BY F. H. ROSS AND COMPANY, THREE
NINE THREE ZERO GLENWOOD DR., CHARLOTTE, N.C. WHICH COMPANY SUPPLIES
RED TAPE FOR THIS TYPE MACHINE.

CHARLOTTE, CONTACT HARRY RICHARDSON, ABOVE COMPANY, TO DETERMINE
POSSIBILITY INSTANT TAPE MADE BY THIS TYPE MACHINE.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (2p)

MURKIN; CIVIL RIGHTS.

DR. JERRY T. FRANCISCO, MEDICAL EXAMINER, UNIVERSITY OF TENN., AT MEMPHIS, ADVISED THAT AN AUTOPSY WAS PERFORMED ON DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., ON THE NIGHT OF APRIL FOUR, LAST. HE STATED THAT AN OFFICIAL WRITTEN AUTOPSY REPORT WILL BE AVAILABLE APRIL SIXTEEN, NEXT. DR. FRANCISCO FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION CONCERNING HIS FINDINGS AT THE TIME OF THE AUTOPSY:

THE MISSILE ENTERED THE RIGHT JAW OF DR. KING, SIXTYONE INCHES SUPERIOR TO THE RIGHT HEEL. THIS IS A POINT FIFTY-NINE INCHES SUPERIOR TO THE RIGHT HEEL WITH THE HEAD POSITIONED TO CORRESPOND WITH THE PATH OF THE MISSILE. THE MISSILE SEVERED THE SPINAL CORD AND CAME TO REST BENEATH THE SKIN FIFTYFIVE AND ONE HALF INCHES SUPERIOR TO THE LEFT HEEL AND THREE INCHES TO THE LEFT OF THE MID-LINE OF

Airtel THE BACK. THE THICKNESS FROM THE POINT OF ENTRY, TO THE
Teletype FINAL RESTING POINT OF THE MISSILE WAS EIGHT AND ONE HALF INCHES.

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DR. FRANCISCO SUMMARIZED THE ABOVE STATEMENT BY COMMENTING THAT THE BULLET ENTERED THE RIGHT JAW OF DR. KING AND TRAVELED EIGHT AND ONE HALF INCHES THROUGH THE FLESH COMING TO REST AT A POINT JUST BENEATH THE SKIN THREE INCHES TO THE LEFT OF DR. KING'S BACKBONE. DR. FRANCISCO STATED THAT HE SIGNED THE DEATH CERTIFICATE INDICATING THE OFFICIAL CAUSE OF DEATH TO BE GUN SHOT WOUND TO THORASIC CORD. THE DEATH CERTIFICATE WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM DEPT. OF HEALTH ON APRIL SIXTEEN, NEXT. / ON APRIL SIXTEEN, NEXT, A COPY OF THE AUTOPSY AND DEATH CERTIFICATE WILL BE OBTAINED BY MEMPHIS DIVISION.

MR. PAUL E. HASS, ASST. ADMINISTRATOR, ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL, MEMPHIS, ADVISED THAT MR. J. L. LUTON, ASSOCIATE ADMINISTRATOR OF HOSPITAL, HAS MAINTAINED ALL HOSPITAL RECORDS CONCERNING THE TREATMENT OF REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. UNDER LOCK AND KEY. HE STATED MR. LUTON IS CURRENTLY IN TRAVEL STATUS AND WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE IN MEMPHIS UNTIL APRIL FIFTEEN, NEXT.

ON APRIL FIFTEEN, NEXT, MEMPHIS WILL OBTAIN COPIES OF ALL PERTINENT HOSPITAL RECORDS FROM MR. LUTON. P

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FBI DETROIT

239PM URGENT 4-12-68 JRM

TO DIRECTOR ATTN: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION, LATENT FINGERPRINT
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FROM DETROIT (44-989) 1P

MURKIN

RE DETROIT TEL TO THE BUREAU, SIX TWENTY FIVE PM, APRIL
ELEVEN LAST, AND MEMPHIS TEL TO DETROIT, TEN TWENTY TWO AM,
APRIL TWELVE INSTANT.

JOHN WILLARD, FBI NUMBER EIGHT EIGHT EIGHT NINE ONE SIX E,
IS IDENTICAL WITH JOHN WILLARD REFERRED TO IN RETEL BY JACK
SNYDER, FIRST NATIONAL CREDIT BUREAU, INC., LANSING, MICH.

FBI IDENTIFICATION DIVISION, COMPARE FINGERPRINTS OF
WILLARD WITH LATENT PRINTS DEVELOPED ON EVIDENCE SUBMITTED
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TO JACKSON AND MEMPHIS
FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 1P.

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JACKSON SHOULD INSURE THAT THE ENTIRE PERIOD FROM
MARCH TWENTY-NINE TO APRIL FOUR IS ACCOUNTED FOR BY SUSPECT
JOHN WILLARD WHO WAS INTERVIEWED BY JACKSON AT TUPELO,
MISSISSIPPI, ON APRIL FIVE, SIXTY-EIGHT.

NO INDICATION IS TO BE GIVEN THAT INVESTIGATION IS IN
CONNECTION WITH CAPTIONED CASE.

UNKNOWN SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND
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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987), BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)
AND SPRINGFIELD.
FROM SAN DIEGO (44-387) 2PG

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RE SAN DIEGO TELETYPE TO BUREAU APRIL NINE LAST.

FOR INFORMATION SPRINGFIELD, SAN DIEGO DIVISION
LOCATED AN ARREST RECORD FOR ONE HARVEY EDWARD LOHMEYER, REPEAT
LOHMEYER, SAN DIEGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE NUMBER ONE SIX
EIGHT SEVEN THREE SEVEN, REFLECTING HE WAS ARRESTED FOR ATTEMPTED
BURGLARY AND SENTENCED FEBRUARY EIGHTEEN, NINETEEN FIFTY NINE,
TO AN INDETERMINATE SENTENCE, CHINO STATE PRISON, CHINO,
CALIFORNIA.

FOLLOWING BACKGROUND REGARDING LOHMEYER SET FORTH:

WHITE MALE AMERICAN, BORN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AT QUINCY, ILLINOIS, BROWN HAIR, BLUE EYES; FIVE
FEET EIGHT AND ONE HALF INCHES TALL; ONE HUNDRED THIRTY FIVE
POUNDS; LIGHT COMPLEXION; AVERAGE BUILD; TATTOO "MOM" RIGHT
FOREARM; ADDRESS ROUTE BOX ONE EIGHT EIGHT, EL CAJON, CALIFORNIA;
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CLOSEST LIVING RELATIVE ALICE FENTON, SISTER, ROUTE BOX ONE EIGHT EIGHT, EL CAJON, CALIFORNIA; SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

INVESTIGATION AT SAN DIEGO TO LOCATE ALICE FENTON, SISTER, ROUTE BOX ONE EIGHT EIGHT, EL CAJON, CALIFORNIA, NEGATIVE. HOWEVER, CRIMINAL RECORD UNDER SAN DIEGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE NUMBER ONE EIGHT FOUR NINE FIVE EIGHT REFLECTS DURING JUNE, NINETEEN SIXTY, ALICE M. FENTON LISTED BLANCHE LOHMEYER, MOTHER, AT FOUR ONE NINE NORTH FOURTH STREET, QUINCY, ILLINOIS.

INVESTIGATION ALSO INDICATES ALICE FENTON MARRIED TO ROBERT BRUCE FENTON, WHO DURING NINETEEN SIXTY LISTED HIS FATHER AS CHARLES FENTON, FIVE ZERO ONE AND ONE HALF NORTH FIFTH STREET, QUINCY, ILLINOIS.

SPRINGFIELD AT QUINCY, ILLINOIS. CONTACT BLANCHE LOHMEYER AND OR CHARLES FENTON AND DETERMINE PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OF HARVEY EDWARD LOHMEYER SO HE MAY BE INTERVIEWED TO DETERMINE IF IDENTICAL WITH UNKNOWN SUBJECT THIS CASE.

OTHER OFFICES ADVISED SEPARATELY.

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356PM URGENT 4-12-68 FMZ

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 AND MEMPHIS
FROM OKLAHOMA CITY 44-686

MURKIN

REBUTEL TO ALL OFFICES APRIL EIGHT LAST.

ALL CHECKS REQUESTED IN RE TEL CONCERNING HARVEY
LOWMEYER OR LOWMYER HAVE BEEN COMPLETED IN THIS DIVISION WITH
NEGATIVE RESULTS.

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