

FBI MEMPHIS

FBI NEWARK

412PM URGENT 4-12-68 LMD

TO DIRECTOR, PHILADELPHIA, AND MEMPHIS
FROM NEWARK (44-854) (P)

MURKIN

RE SUSPECT JOHN WILLARD.

RE NEW YORK TELETYPE DATED FOUR NINE LAST, LIST OF
INDIVIDUALS WITH AMERICAN EXPRESS CREDIT CARDS.

ONE JOHN D. WILLARD, ACCORDING TO AMERICAN EXPRESS CO.,
WAS ASSIGNED USAF BASE, CALIFORNIA. INVESTIGATION DISCLOSED
JOHN D. WILLARD PRESENTLY IN PHILADELPHIA, PA., AREA, WITH
ADDRESS OF TWENTYFOUR WEST GOVERNOR RD., HERSHEY, PA. PRETEXT
TO THIS ADDRESS TO WILLARD'S MOTHER-IN-LAW, KATHERINE SMITH,
DISCLOSES JOHN WILLARD RESIDES AT ONE ZERO THREE GREAT RD.,
MAPLE SHADE, NJ, AND EMPLOYED BY DEAN WITTER BROKERAGE HOUSE,
ONE SIX TWO SEVEN CHESTNUT ST., PHILADELPHIA, PA. INQUIRY
AT ONE ZERO THREE CHESTNUT ST., MAPLE SHADE, NJ, THROUGH CONTACT
WITH NEIGHBORS, DISCLOSES WILLARD AWAY FOR WEEKEND AND WHERE-
ABOUTS UNKNOWN. PHILADELPHIA ATTEMPT TO LOCATE OFFICER OF
DEAN WITTER BROKERAGE HOUSE AND DETERMINE WHETHER WILLARD

END PAGE ONE

Willard

44-1987-512

SEARCHED.....	INDEXED.....
SERIALIZED.....	FILED.....
APR 12 1968	
FBI - MEMPHIS	

Boyle

PAGE TWO

NK 44-854

WHEREABOUTS WERE KNOWN DURING PERTINENT PERIOD FOUR TWENTY-
NINE TO THIRTY SIXTY-EIGHT AND FOUR FOUR SIXTY-EIGHT.

MAIL COPY SENT TO BIRMINGHAM.

END

MCP

FBI MEMPHIS

FBI MEMPHIS

FBI WASH DC

518PM URGENT 4/12/68 CAB

TO SAN FRANCISCO 173-65 MEMPHIS 44-1987
FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 1P.

MURKIN

RE: HARVEY EDWARD LOWMEYER.

RESFTEL APRIL ELEVEN LAST.

IMMEDIATELY INTERVIEW HARVEY EDWARD LOWMEYER TO
ESTABLISH HIS WHEREABOUTS DURING PERTINENT PERIOD MARCH
TWENTY-NINE THROUGH APRIL FOUR AND TO DEVELOP ANY INFORMATION
HE MAY HAVE RELATING TO THIS CASE, PARTICULARLY REGARDING
THE INDETITY OF THE UNKNOWN SUBJECT WHO USED NAME
LOWMYER.

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

UNKNOWN SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END.

TSJ

FBI MEMPHIS

Lowmeyer

44-1987-513

SEARCHED.....	INDEXED.....
SERIALIZED.....	FILED.....
APR 12 1968	
FBI — MEMPHIS	

Boyle

FBI MEMPHIS

FBI SAN FRAN

6:33PM URGENT 4-12-68 MS

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) MEMPHIS (44-1987) & SPRINGFIELD
FROM SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) 3P

MURKIN

Descript from p 2

REBUTEL TO SAN FRANCISCO AND MEMPHIS APRIL TWELVE INSTANT.

HARVEY EDWARD LOHMEYER, SIX NINE ZERO CORNELL DR., SANTA

CLARA, CALIF., INTERVIEWED AT RESIDENCE THIS DATE BY BUAGENTS WITHOUT
DISCLOSING TO HIM PRECISE NATURE OF INQUIRY. LOHMEYER PROVIDED
FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

WAS BORN AND RAISED QUINCY, ILLINOIS. ARRESTED THERE AT AGE
EIGHTEEN FOR STRONG ARMED ROBBERY AND SERVED SENTENCE ILLINOIS
STATE PENITENTIARY. CAME TO CALIFORNIA SEVEN YEARS AGO AND ARRESTED
SAN DIEGO FOR ATTEMPTED BURGLARY. SERVED SEVERAL YEARS CUSTODY
AT SOLEDAD AND SAN QUENTIN PRISONS. WHEN PAROLED FOUR TO FIVE YEARS AGO,
OBTAINED EMPLOYMENT WITH SPIVEY'S RESTAURANT CHAIN, SAN JOSE, CALIF.,
AREA AND HAS RETAINED THIS JOB STEADILY SINCE. DURING PERIOD MARCH,
LAST, TO PRESENT DATE HAS WORKED EVERY DAY SIX A.M. TO TWO P.M. AT
SPIVEY'S AS COOK EXCEPT FOR DAYS OFF ON MONDAYS. (THIS INFORMATION
VERIFIED THROUGH TIME CARD RECORDS DESCRIBED IN SAN FRANCISCO TEL
APRIL ELEVEN LAST.)

END PAGE ONE

44-1987-5132

Lohmeyer

SEARCHED.....	INDEXED.....
SERIALIZED <i>h</i>	FILED <i>h</i>
APR 12 1968	
FBI - MEMPHIS	

Boyle CB

Interview of Lohmeyer

PAGE TWO

LOHMEYER CLAIMS THAT HE NEVER VISITED OR TRAVELLED IN ANY PART OF COUNTRY EXCEPT ILLINOIS AND WEST COAST AND HAS NEVER OWNED FIREARMS AND IS NOT PROFICIENT IN THEIR USE. STATES NEVER KNEW ANYONE WITH SAME NAME AS HIS AND COULD SUGGEST NO ONE WHO MIGHT HAVE EVER USED HIS NAME OR VARIATION THEREOF. SAYS HE HAS THREE BROTHERS WITH SAME SURNAME. IDENTIFIED AS WALTER, AGE FORTYEIGHT, THOMAS, AGE THIRTYEIGHT, AND DONALD, AGE THIRTYSEVEN, ALL LAST KNOWN TO RESIDE IN QUINCY, ILL., AREA, EXACT ADDRESSES AND EMPLOYMENTS UNKNOWN AS HAS HAD NO CONTACT WITH THESE RELATIVES FOR SEVERAL YEARS. SAYS BROTHERS THOMAS AND DONALD LOHMEYER ARE VERY SIMILAR IN DESCRIPTION TO HIMSELF, WHICH IS WM, FIVE FEET

EIGHT, ONE FORTY LBS., SLIM BUILD, BROWN-GRAYING HAIR, THINNING ON TOP AND IN FRONT, BLUE EYES, WATERY, FAIR COMPLEXION. SAYS NEVER KNEW ANY OF HIS BROTHERS TO USE HIS NAME AT ANY TIME. HE AND WIFE ARE PURCHASINGHOME AT THIS ADDRESS, HAVE FOUR CHILDREN, OWN AND OPERATE A ONE NINE SIX ONE WHITE FALCON AND A ONE NINE FIVE EIGHT WHITE PONTIAC, BOTH REGISTERED IN CALIFORNIA.

END PAGE TWO

AGE THREE

SPRINGFIELD, AT QUINCY, WILL FULLY IDENTIFY WALTER, THOMAS AND DONALD LOHMEYER AND IMMEDIATELY DETERMINE WHEREABOUTS AND ACTIVITIES DURING PERIOD MARCH TWENTYNINE, LAST, THROUGH APRIL FOUR, LAST. IN THIS REGARD, BROTHER AT SANTA CLARA, CALIF., BELIEVES WALTER LAST KNOWN TO BE EMPLOYED AS BREAD TRUCK DRIVER AND BROTHER THOMAS LAST KNOWN TO BE EMPLOYED AT STOVE FOUNDRY, QUINCY, ILLINOIS.

END

OTHER OFCS ADVSD

TSJ

FBI MEMPHIS

TU CX

FBI MEMPHIS

FBI JKSN MISS

730PM URGENT 4-12-68 JKK

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS

FROM JACKSON (157-9586)

MURKIN

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO JACKSON THIS DATE RE JOHN WILLARD.

MRS. GLORIA GIBSON, PERSONNEL CLERK, DAY-BRITE LIGHTING COMPANY TUPELO, MISS., HAS ADVISED HER RECORDS REFLECT JOHN HUBERT WILLARD CHECKED IN AT THE PLANT MARCH TWENTY NINE, SIXTY EIGHT, AT SIX FORTY SIX AM AND CHECKED OUT AT THREE THIRTY TWO PM. RECORDS REFLECT WILLARD WORKED SAT., MARCH THIRTY, SIXTY EIGHT, CHECKING IN AT SIX FORTY FIVE AM AND CHECKED OUT AT THREE THIRTY ONE PM. RECORDS REFLECT WILLARD WAS AT WORK APRIL ONE THROUGH APRIL FOUR, SIXTY EIGHT, AND CHECKED OUT AT THREE THIRTY TWO PM, APRIL FOUR, SIXTY EIGHT, AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED.

MRS. GIBSON FURTHER STATED SHE HAS NO RECORD OF EMPLOYMENT FOR ERIC STARVO GALT AND HARVEY LOWMEYER OR HARVEY LOWMYER.
END PAGE ONE

Willard

44-1987-514 ①

SEARCHED.....	INDEXED.....
SERIALIZED.....	FILED.....
APR 12 1968	
FBI - MEMPHIS	

Boyle RB

PAGE TWO

FOR INFORMATION BUREAU WILLARD WAS INTERVIEWED BY
BUAGENTS ON APRIL FIVE, SIXTY EIGHT, WAS PHOTOGRAPHED APRIL
FIVE, SIXTY EIGHT, AND PHOTOGRAPHS WERE DELIVERED BY BUAGENTS
TO MEMPHIS THAT DATE.

MEMPHIS HAS ADVISED THAT PHOTOGRAPHS OF WILLARD WERE
EXHIBITED TO APPROPRIATE WITNESSES AND ELIMINATED.

END.

TSJ

FBI MEMPHIS

X

FBI MEMPHIS

FBI NEWARK

8:40PM URGENT 4/12/68/ JPK

TO DIRECTOR, ST. LOUIS AND MEMPHIS
FROM NEWARK (44-854)

MURKIN

JOSEPH BELLO, JERSEY CITY, N.J., POLICE OFFICER,
ADVISED THIS DATE HE WAS IN U.S. MARINE CORPS, PARRIS ISLAND,
SOUTH CAROLINA, AS A RECRUIT IN SEPTEMBER, FIFTY FIVE, WITH
ONE DONALD LE ROY WILLARD, WHO BELLO RECALLS AS CLOSELY
RESEMBLING THE SKETCH OF UNSUB IN INSTANT MATTER.

BELLO DISPLAYED GROUP PHOTOGRAPH OF HIS PLATOON
AND PICTURE IDENTIFIED BY BELLO AS WILLARD DOES SHOW
RESEMBLANCE TO SKETCH WHICH HAS BEEN CIRCULARIZED. BELLO
RECALLS DONALD LE ROY WILLARD AS A WHITE MALE, APPROXIMATELY
AGE TWENTY, IN FIFTY FIVE; FIVE FEET ELEVEN TO SIX FEET TALL,
SLIM BUILD, WITH APPROXIMATEWEUGHT ONE SEVENTY FIVE LBS.
NO FURTHER IDENTIFYING DATA AVAILABLE ON WILLARD.

IDENTIFICATION DIVISION IS REQUESTED TO SEARCH
FOR PRINTS FOR DONALD LE ROY WILLARD, US MARINE CORPS RECRUIT
IN NINETEEN FIFTY FIVE, AND COMPARE WITH ANY AVAILABLE PRINTS
IN INSTANT MATTER.

ST. LOUIS AT NPRC - MPR, ATTEMPT TO LOCATE SERVICE
RECORD FOR DONALD LE ROY WILLARD, USMC RECRUIT IN FIFTY FIVE
END PAGE ONE.....

44-1987-515

Willard

Boyle

SEARCHED.....	INDEXED.....
SERIALIZED.....	FILED.....
APR 12 1968	
FBI - MEMPHIS	

PAGE TWO NK 44-854.

AND IF LOCATED REVIEW AND SET OUT APPROPRIATE LEADS IN
ORDER TO ELIMINATE AS SUSPECT.

E N D

CAF

FBI MEMPHIS

FBI-MEMPHIS

FBI WASH DC

10:17 PM URGENT 4-12-68 SVW

TO MEMPHIS 44-1987 LOS ANGELES SACRAMENTO 100-427 SAN DIEGO SAN
FRANSISCO 173-65 SPRINGFIELD
FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 3P

MURKIN.

FBI IDENTIFICATION RECORDS AND RECORDS OF CALIFORNIA
BUREAU OF CRIMINAL IDENTIFICATION AND INVESTIGATION DISCLOSE
FOLLOWING ARRESTS FOR HARVEY EDWARD LOHMEYER, FBI NUMBER
SEVEN THREE ZERO NINE SEVEN NINE A.

QUINCY, ILLINOIS, PD, AUGUST TEN FIFTY, ROBBERY.

QUINCY, ILLINOIS, SHERIFFS'S OFFICE, MAY NINETEEN
FIFTY-ONE, RIOTING.

STATE FARM, VANDALIA, ILLINOIS; THEIR NUMBER THREE
THREE THREE ONE SIX, JUNE FIVE FIFTY-ONE, RIOT.

QUINCY, ILLINOIS, APRIL ELEVEN FIFTY-FOUR, DESTRUCTION
PRIVATE PROPERTY.

STATE PEN, MENARD, ILLINOIS, THEIR NUMBER TWO FOUR
FIVE TWO FIVE, MAY NINETEEN FIFTY-FIVE, BURGLARY.

SAN DIEGO SHERIFF'S OFFICE, THEIR NUMBER ONE SIX
END PAGE ONE

44-1987-517

SEARCHED.....	INDEXED.....
SERIALIZED.....	FILED.....
APR 12 1968	
FBI - MEMPHIS	

Boyle GB

Leads to check Arrests Records

File 44-1987 _____ Date _____
Class. Case No. Last Serial

☐ Pending

☐ Closed

Serial No.

Description of Serial

Date
Charged

Serial 516 Transferred
to file 44-1987-Sub-B

(Cv airtel to Me 4/11/68)

Employee

RECHARGE

Date

To From

Date charged

Employee

Location

EIGHT SEVEN THREE SEVEN, OCTOBER TWENTY FIFTY-EIGHT,
ATTEMPTED BURGLARY.

POLICE DEPARTMENT, ES CONDIDO, CALIFORNIA, THEIR
NUMBER EIGHT NINE EIGHT ZERO, OCTOBER SEVENTEEN, FIFTY-EIGHT,
BURGLARY.

STATE BUREAU, SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA, THEIR
NUMBER A FIVE ONE THREE FOUR TWO, FEBRUARY TWENTY
FIFTY-NINE, ATTEMPTED BURGLARY.

POLICE DEPARTMENT, SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA, THEIR
NUMBER SJ SEVEN EIGHT THREE ZERO TWO, JANUARY ONE
SIXTY-TWO, DRUNK DRIVING.

POLICE DEPARTMENT, SANTA CLARA, CALIFORNIA,
THEIR NUMBER SEVEN FOUR SIX SEVEN, JUNE EIGHTEEN SIXTY-TWO,
TWO FOUR TWO PC WARRANT.

POLICE DEPARTMENT, SAN LEANDRO, CALIFORNIA, THEIR
NUMBER ONE EIGHT ONE ZERO EIGHT, JUNE TWENTY-FIVE
SIXTY-TWO, BATTERY.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, THEIR
NUMBER SIX TWO-SIX NINE THREE FOUR, AUGUST THREE
SIXTY-TWO, VIOLATION OF PAROLE.

END PAGE TWO

PAGE THREE

STATE BUREAU, SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA, SAME
NUMBER, SEPTEMBER TWENTY-FOUR SIXTY-TWO, PAROLE
VIOLATOR.

POLICE DEPARTMENT, SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA, OCTOBER
THIRTY-ONE SIXTY-FIVE, NO NUMBER OR CHARGE GIVEN.

ALL OFFICES RECEIVING THIS TELETYPE WHERE
LOHMEYER HAS BEEN ARRESTED OR INCARCERATED SHOULD
CHECK LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AND PENAL INSTITUTIONS
FOR ANY RECORD CONCERNING SUSPECT ERIC STARVO GALT.
IF RECORD LOCATED, DETERMINE WHETHER GALT EVER
INCARCERATED OR ASSOCIATED WITH LOHMEYER.

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

UNKNOWN SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END

CAF

FBI MEMPHIS

F B I

Date: 4/12/68

Transmit the following in PLAINTEXT
(Type in plaintext or code)Via TELETYPE URGENT
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN, CIVIL RIGHTS, OO: MEMPHIS.

THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED
IN THE MEMPHIS DIVISION APRIL TWELVE, INSTANT:

LORRAINE MOTEL

FORMER EMPLOYEE, LORRAINE MOTEL DASH HOTEL, SAID SHE
HEARD MURDER SHOT FROM HER LOCATION ON BALCONY APPROXIMATELY
THREE ROOMS NORTH OF DR. KING'S ROOM. SHE WAS WALKING TOWARDS
DR. KING IN A SOUTHERLY DIRECTION ALONG MOTEL BALCONY. NOISE
SOUNDED AS IF IT CAME FROM A NORTHWESTERLY DIRECTION FROM

Airtel

Teletype

A.M.

A.M.S.D.

Spec. Del.

Reg. Mail

Registered

HER POSITION IN FRONT OF ROOM THREE ZERO THREE. SHE LOOKED IN
DIRECTION OF SHOT BUT SAW NO ONE AT ALL IN VICINITY. SHE COULD
FURNISH NO FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING THE SHOOTING.

NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION FOR LORRAINE HOTEL REVEALS
PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, TREASURER, AND SECRETARY FOR LUCKY

1 - Birmingham (AM)

JAS:jms
(2)

SEARCHED

SERIALIZED

INDEXED

Approved: *[Signature]*

Special Agent in Charge

Sent

11:45
P

M

Per

CAG

44-1987-518

F B I

Date:

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via _____
(Priority)ME 44-1987
PAGE TWO

HEART LABORATORY, INC., THREE NINE ZERO MULBERRY AVE., MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, LEFT THEIR ESTABLISHMENT AT APPROXIMATELY BETWEEN FIVE THIRTY AND FIVE FIFTYFIVE P.M., APRIL FOUR, LAST, BUT COULD FURNISH NOTHING OF VALUE REGARDING SHOOTING. ATTEMPTS TO INTERVIEW PERSONS REGISTERED AT LORRAINE ON APRIL THREE AND APRIL FOUR, LAST, WHO ARE STILL IN MEMPHIS WERE NEGATIVE, EFFORTS ARE CONTINUING.

NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION CRIME SCENE

TEN WITNESSES IN JIM'S GRILL, FOUR ONE EIGHT SOUTH MAIN, WHICH IS IMMEDIATELY BELOW ROOMING HOUSE AT FOUR TWO TWO AND ONE-HALF SOUTH MAIN, AT TIME OF MURDER OF KING UNABLE TO FURNISH ANY INFO. AS TO IDENTITY OF UNSUB.

INVESTIGATION AT REBEL MOTEL

PHOTOGRAPHS OF ARTISTS' CONCEPTION DRAWINGS DRAWN AT BIRMINGHAM AND MEMPHIS, ALONG WITH PHOTOGRAPH OF JEROME WALLIS VERNON, DISPLAYED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. ALL EMPLOYEES AT THE REBEL MOTEL AND REBEL RESTAURANT, WHO WERE ON DUTY ON

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge.

F B I

Date:

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via _____
(Priority)ME 44-1987
PAGE THREE

APRIL THREE AND FOUR, LAST, HAVE BEEN INTERVIEWED, AND NO FURTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING GALT COULD BE FURNISHED. INVESTIGATION AT THE MOTEL AND RESTAURANT COMPLETED.

WILBUR N. HESTER, PREVIOUSLY CARRIED AS WILLIAM HESTER, SPENT NIGHT OF APRIL FOUR, LAST, AT REBEL MOTEL, REGISTERING AFTER HE HAD HEARD OF KING MURDER. HE DID NOT SEE WHITE MUSTANG OR HAVE CONTACT WITH OTHER MOTEL OCCUPANTS. LEONARD EARL DAY, DOB [REDACTED] VICE PRESIDENT AND CHEMICAL ENGINEER OF PACE CORP., MEMPHIS, ARRIVED REBEL MOTEL APRIL THREE, LAST, AT SIX FIFTEEN IN EVENING WITH WIFE, HAD NO CONTACT WITH OTHER MOTEL OCCUPANTS, AND DEPARTED APPROXIMATELY THREE HOURS LATER. WHITE MUSTANG NOT OBSERVED.

BARGE AND RIVERBOAT EMPLOYMENT

REMAINDER OF BARGE AND RIVERBOAT COMPANIES, MEMPHIS DIVISION, CHECKED, BUT NO RECORD OF GALT, JEROME WALLIS VERNON, JOHN WILLARD, OR HARVEY LOWMEYER LOCATED. MARINE UNIONS NEGATIVE.

Approved: _____ Sent: _____ M Per: _____
Special Agent in Charge

F B I

Date:

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via _____
(Priority)ME 44-1987
PAGE FOURINTERVIEW OF MARRELL MC COLLOUGH

MARRELL MC COLLOUGH, MALE NEGRO, RESIDENT TWO SEVEN ZERO GASTON, APT. SIX, MEMPHIS, EMPLOYED AS WAREHOUSEMAN AND WHO HAD BEEN DOING VOLUNTEER WORK WITH SCLC AND RELATED SANITATION STRIKE SUPPORT GROUPS IN MEMPHIS, ADVISED IN INTERVIEW NIGHT OF APRIL ELEVEN, LAST, THAT HE WAS STANDING ON PARKING LOT OF LORRAINE MOTEL ON EVENING OF APRIL FOUR, LAST. HE SAW DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING STANDING ON BALCONY OF SECOND FLOOR OF MOTEL LOOKING IN WESTERLY DIRECTION. MC COLLOUGH HEARD AN EXPLOSIVE SOUND OR GUNSHOT, AND SAW KING FALLING BACKWARDS. IMMEDIATELY MC COLLOUGH LOOKED WEST TOWARD REAR OF BUILDINGS IN FOUR HUNDRED BLOCK OF SOUTH MAIN ST. SAW NO ONE WITH A GUN IN ANY OF THE BUILDINGS, SAW NO ONE IN STREET OR GROUND AREA NEAR MOTEL WITH A GUN, AND SAW NO ONE RUNNING FROM AREA.

MC COLLOUGH RAN UP STEPS TO BALCONY, AND WAS FIRST TO REACH KING. KING WAS FLAT ON BACK WITH HEAD POINTED IN SOUTHEASTERLY DIRECTION AND FEET POINTED IN NORTHWESTERLY DIRECTION. HE WAS OBVIOUSLY DEAD. MC COLLOUGH APPLIED PRESSURE TO RIGHT CHEEK

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

F B I

Date:

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via _____
(Priority)ME 44-1987
PAGE FIVE

BONE AND NECK AREA OF KING. HE WAS LATER RELIEVED IN THIS EFFORT BY REV. RALPH D. ABERNATHY. BASED ON POSITION OF BODY AND DIRECTION OF WOUNDS, MC COLLOUGH FEELS THE SHOT HAD TO HIT KING COMING FROM A NORTHWESTERLY ELEVATED DIRECTION FROM VICINITY OF REAR, AT OR NEAR, FOUR TWENTYTWO ONE-HALF SOUTH MAIN AND NOT FROM GROUND LEVEL.

MC COLLOUGH HAS MILITARY POLICE EXPERIENCE, MANNER AND APPEARANCE EXCELLENT. CREDIBILITY AS WITNESS SHOULD BE BASICALLY SOUND AS TO FIXING DIRECTION OF GUNSHOT.

UNSUB PURCHASE

INVESTIGATION IN THE AREA OF OLIVER REXALL DRUGS WHERE SUBJECT MADE PURCHASE CONDUCTED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. PHOTOGRAPH OF JEROME WALLIS VERNON, AKA. JAY VERNON, EXHIBITED TO MR. RALPH CARPENTER, YORK ARMS, MEMPHIS. CARPENTER ADVISED PHOTOGRAPH OF VERNON BEARS STRONG RESEMBLANCE TO INDIVIDUAL WHO PURCHASED BINOCULARS AT HIS STORE. NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION IN AREA OF YORK ARMS CONDUCTED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. ADDITIONAL HOTELS AND MOTELS CHECKED, AND NO

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

F B I

Date:

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via _____
(Priority)

ME 44-1987
PAGE SIX

INFORMATION OF PARTICULAR SIGNIFICANCE OBTAINED.

LAUNDRY MARKS

INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED AT MEMPHIS DETERMINED THAT LAMAR LAUNDRY, ONE ONE SEVEN TWO LAMAR, AND WHITE ROSE LAUNDRY AND CLEANERS, TWO NINE NINE SOUTH DUNLAP, CURRENTLY USING THERMO SEAL LAUNDRY MARKING MACHINES, HOWEVER, DO NOT USE CODE REFLECTED ON GARMENTS THIS CASE. SAMPLES OBTAINED, AND ARE BEING FORWARDED TO LAB UNDER SEPARATE COVER. LAUNDRIES LOCATED IN RESIDENT AGENCY TERRITORY BEING CONTACTED.

POLICE LIAISON

NO SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS REPORTED BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES, MEMPHIS DIVISION.

COORDINATION WITH OTHER OFFICES

INVESTIGATION OTHER DIVISIONS IS SUCCESSFULLY FILLING IN BACKGROUND DATA CONCERNING GALT, INDICATING THE PRESENCE OF THIS IDENTITY AS EARLY AS NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE. WE ARE CLOSELY COORDINATING WITH OFFICES IN AREAS WHERE GALT'S PRESENCE HAS

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

F B I

Date:

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via _____
(Priority)

ME 44-1987
PAGE SEVEN

BEEN ESTABLISHED WITH A VIEW TO COMPLETING HIS BACKGROUND AND
SECURING PHOTOS SUITABLE FOR USE IN INTERVIEWS WITH WITNESSES
IN MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, AND ATLANTA. AM CC. TO BIRMINGHAM.
END.

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

4/11/68

PLAINTEXT

TELETYPE

URGENT

TO DIRECTOR (AIR MAIL) AND JACKSONVILLE (44-769)
FROM INDIANAPOLIS (44-563)

MURKIN - CR, OO: MEMPHIS.

RE JACKSON TELE. INSTANT, LAUNDY CONTACTS.

WILLIAM DUDENHOFFER, UNISERVICES, INC., INDIANAPOLIS,
ADVISED HIS ORGANIZATION HAS NUMEROUS ESTABLISHMENTS THROUGHOUT
COUNTRY AND INVENTORY RECORDS OF EACH WOULD HAVE TO BE CHECKED.
HE ADVISED THAT HERMAN MILLER, PRESIDENT, ORANGE STATE UNIFORM
AND LINEN SERVICE, JACKSONVILLE, WOULD BE THE PERSON MOST
LIKELY TO KNOW WHEREABOUTS OF THERMO-SEAL MACHINE. DUDENHOFFER
SAID HE COULD THEN CHECK INVENTORY RECORDS FOR THAT LOCATION.
HE SAID MILLER WILL BE BACK IN JACKSONVILLE APRIL TWELVE NEXT
AND CONTACT SHOULD BE MADE ONLY WITH THIS INDIVIDUAL.

- 1- Bureau (Air Mail)
- 1- Memphis (44-1987) (Air Mail)
- 1- Indianapolis

PJF/dla

44-1987-520

44-1987-520

SEARCHED.....	INDEXED.....
SERIALIZED.....	FILED.....
APR 13 1968	
FBI - MEMPHIS	

Ramsey

4/11/68

PLAINTEXT

TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)
SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

FROM: SAC, DETROIT (44-989)

MURKIN.

RE DIRECTOR'S TEL TO ALL OFFICES, APRIL EIGHT LAST.

CHECK OF OFFICE INDICES, ALL CITY DIRECTORIES, ALL
TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES, ALL DRIVER'S LICENSE RECORDS, ALL AUTO
REGISTRATION RECORDS, VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS, STATE
SELECTIVE SERVICE RECORDS, AND CREDIT AND CRIMINAL RECORDS
ON THE SURNAMES LOWMEYER AND LOWMYER, NEGATIVE FOR ENTIRE
STATE OF MICHIGAN.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING REGARDING WHEREABOUTS OF ALL
BOMBING SUSPECTS IN MICHIGAN FOR PERTINENT PERIODS.

AIRMAIL COPY SENT MEMPHIS.

1 Memphis (44-1987) (AM)
WJH/mcm
(2)

44-1987-521

Lawrence

SEARCHED	INDEXED
SERIALIZED	FILED
APR 13 1968	
FBI - MEMPHIS	

Boyle *SB*

File - Serial Charge Out
FD-5 (Rev. 12-1-60)

File 44-1987 Date _____
Class. Case No. Last Serial

☐ Pending

☐ Closed

Serial No. Description of Serial Date Charged

Serial 519 transferred
to file 44-1987-SUB B

(Re Airtel to Denver
4/12/68)

Employee

RECHARGE

Date _____

To _____ From _____

Date charged

Employee

Location

4/11/68

PLAINTEXT

TELETYPE

URGENT

TO ATLANTA (44-2386)
FROM SAVANNAH (44-1768)

MURKIN, OO: MEMPHIS.

RE TAMPA TELETYPE FOUR TEN LAST.

INVESTIGATION SAVANNAH FOUR ELEVEN INSTANT REVEALED WINK DAVIS
LAUNDRY LISTED IN RETEL IN SAVANNAH LEAD, LOCATED IN ATLANTA AS
WINK DAVIS EQUIPMENT CO. ATLANTA HANDLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH RETEL.

AIRMAIL COPIES TAMPA AND MEMPHIS.

END.

1 - Tampa (157-3231)(AM)
1 - Memphis (AM)
1 - Savannah
WLR:hsc

JS

Laundry tag

44-1987-522
~~44-1987-Sub B-28~~

SEARCHED.....	INDEXED.....
SERIALIZED <i>h</i>	FILED <i>h</i>
APR 13 1968	
FBI - MEMPHIS	

Ramsey

FBI MEMPHIS

FBI CINCINTI

1055AM 4-13-68 URGENT TO DIRECTOR, ALBANY AND MEMPHIS
FROM CINCINNATI (157-1893)

MURKIN, CIVIL RIGHTS, OO MEMPHIS

RE ALBANY TEL APRIL EIGHT LAST, SIX ZERO EIGHT P.M. AND
NEW YORK TEL APRIL TEN LAST.

INITIAL INVESTIGATION SWAN CLEANERS, EIGHT ZERO FOUR MT.
VERNON AVENUE, DETERMIED THAT THERMOSEAL TYPE MARKING MACHINE
MANUFACTURED BY TEXTILE MARKING MACHE COMPANY, SYRACUSE, NEW
YORK, TRADED NINE YEARS AGO TO PINNACLE PRODUCTS CORPORATION,
BLAUVELT, NEW YORK, FOR POLYMARK TYPE MARKING MACHINE.

INVESTIGATION BY NEW YORK OFFICE AT PINNACLE DETERMINED
THAT THEY DID SELL POLYMARK MACHINES TO SWAN BUT DID NOT TAKE IN
TRADE THE THERMOSEAL MACHINE.

RECHECK AT SWAN DETERMINED THAT SWAN IN FACT HAD FIVE
THERMOSEAL MACHHNU@ACTU ED BY TEXTILE AND THAT THESE
MACHINES WERE SOLD BACK TO TEXTILE IN NINETEEN SIXTY ONE FOR
END PAGE ONE

95 *Lamudsytag*

44-1987-523

SEARCHED.....	INDEXED.....
SERIALIZED.....	FILED.....
APR 13 1968	
FBI - MEMPHIS	

Ramsey

PAGE TWO

TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS EACH. MACHINES WERE HELD AT COLUMBUS BY SWAN AT REQUEST OF TEXTILE AFTER TEXTILE REPURCHASED AND WERE SHIPPED BY SWAN FROM COLUMBUS TO PURCHASERS LOCATED BY TEXTILE.

WDTM9ADNBSYSNINEED MAY THREE, NL("@"

NINETEEN SIXTY ONE; AND THE LAST ON JUNE FOURTEEN, NINETEEN SIXTY ONE. SWAN DOES NOT HAVE ANY RECORDS OF PERSONS TO WHOM SHIPMENTS MADE NOR DO THEY HAVE ANY SERIAL NUMBERS OR OTHER RECORDS OF THOSE MACHINES.

ALBANY AT SYRACUSE, NEW YORK, RECONTACT TEXTILE TO DETERMINE TO WHOM THEY OLD THE FIVE MACHINES THAT WERE REPURCHASED FROM SWAN CLEANERS.

AM COPY NEW YORK.

END

CORR

PAGE 1 LINE 5 WORD 5 SHOULD BE MACHHNE XX MACCHINE

PAGE 2 LINE 4 WORD 6 L96L 1XX 1961

PAGE 2 LINE 10 WORD 5 IS SOD XX SOLD

ACCK PLS

OPR PAGE TWO LINE 4 THE ENTIRE LINE IS MESSED UP. PLS RE TYPE 4

OK

TWO MACHINES SHIPPED MAY THREE L XX 196L 1961

TU

LFB

FBI MEMPHIS

F B I

Date: 4/13/68

Transmit the following in PLAINTEXT
(Type in plaintext or code)Via TELETYPE URGENT
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861),
SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)
SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)
SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN. CR.

IN PLANNING THE PROOF IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO ^{ADDuce} ADDUCE IN ANY PROSECUTION FOLLOWING THE KING MURDER, IT MAY BE IMPORTANT TO SHOW THE DATA CONCERNING THE PRESENCE OF KING IN MEMPHIS, ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, ~~AND~~ LOS ANGELES AND ANY OTHER PLACE WHERE THE UNSUB MAY APPEAR COULD BE ESTABLISHED THROUGH PUBLIC SOURCES. WITH THIS OBJECTIVE IN MIND, EACH OFFICE SHOULD REVIEW PUBLIC SOURCES AND ASSEMBLE DATA READILY ACCESSIBLE, SUCH AS ^{Local} NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS, APPEARING IN THESE CITIES WHEREIN KING'S ITINERARY ~~IS SET FORTH~~ PLACE him.

SUCH AN ASSEMBLY OF CLIPPINGS COULD BE CONSIDERED AN ADDENDUM TO THE REPORTS SUBMITTED BY THESE OFFICES.

BIRMINGHAM, ATLANTA, AND LOS ANGELES ARE ALSO REQUESTED TO CONSIDER INCLUDING IN THE REPORTS THEY SUBMIT CHARTS, MAPS AND PHOTOGRAPHS WHICH WILL GRAPHICALLY DEPICT THE NARRATIVE MATTERS THE WITNESSES ARE DESCRIBING. ⁴⁴⁻¹⁹⁸⁷⁻⁵²⁴ ~~THUS, IN~~ IN ATLANTA THE PHYSICAL RELATIONSHIP OF THE PARKING LOT WHERE

Airtel TO AS/acpReg. Mail (1)Approved: [Signature]
Special Agent in Charge

Registered

Sent

DM 11:10 AM
LA 11:16 AM
BA 11:22 AM
AT 11:35 AM

Per [Signature]

F B I

Date:

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via _____
(Priority)

ME 44-1987

PAGE TWO^

GALT'S CAR WAS RECOVERED TO THE ATLANTA AIRPORT WOULD BE OF INTEREST. IN BIRMINGHAM, THE LOCATION OF THE ROOMING HOUSE AND GUN SHOP WOULD BE OF INTEREST. PHOTOGRAPHS OF THESE ESTABLISHMENTS WOULD BE HELPFUL. IN LOS ANGELES, ~~THE~~ THE ~~PLACES~~ PLACES WHERE GALT LIVED AND RECEIVED SERVICES WHICH MAY BE DOCUMENTED ARE OF INTEREST.

IN VIEW OF THE NECESSITY FOR CORRELATING WIDESPREAD DATA WITH A VIEW ^{to} ~~to~~ EVALUATING THE PROSECUTIVE POTENTIAL OF OUR SITUATION WITH REGARD TO GALT, ~~ALL~~ ALL OFFICES SHOULD PLAN ON SUBMITTING REPORTS IMMEDIATELY, AND NO LATER THAN APRIL EIGHTEEN NEXT, UNLESS THE BUREAU SETS A PRIOR DATE.

REPORTS SUBMITTED SHOULD AVOID, IN SO FAR AS POSSIBLE, THE INCLUSION OF UNRELATED DATA SUCH AS ELIMINATED MISCELLANEOUS SUSPECTS. TABLES OF CONTENTS AND INDICES ARE REQUESTED IN EACH REPORT SO THAT INDEXING AND LOCATION OF DATA MAY BE FACILITATED.

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

F B I

Date:

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via _____
(Priority)

ME 44-1987

PAGE THREE

LOS ANGELES AND BIRMINGHAM ARE REMINDED THAT THE BEDSPREAD ^{containing} ~~THE~~ MATERIAL DEPOSITED BY THE UNSUB ON THE STREET IN MEMPHIS FOLLOWING THE SHOOTING ~~WAS~~ MAY BE AN IMPORTANT ITEM OF EVIDENCE IF ITS SOURCE CAN BE ESTABLISHED. THEREFORE, SPECIFIC CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE WITH HOTELS, LANDLORDS, AND THE LIKE WHERE GALT MAY HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SECURE A BEDSPREAD.

FIBERS SIMILAR TO THOSE IN THE BEDSPREAD WERE FOUND IN THE TRUNK OF THE GALT CAR FOLLOWING ITS RECOVERY IN ATLANTA.

IN THE LIGHT OF THE BEDSPREAD LEAD, THE BUREAU SHOULD ALERT LEGAT MEXICO TO OUR INTEREST IN THE BEDSPREAD ALSO.
P END.

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

FBI MEMPHIS

FBI SPRNGFLD

231PM URGENT 4-13-68 JC

TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, MEMPHIS
FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN.

RE SAN FRANCISCO TELETYPE TO BUREAU DATED APRIL TWELVE
LAST, TIME SIX FORTY NINE P.M..

THOMAS R. LOHMEYER, DONALD L. LOHMEYER, WALTER R.
LOHMEYER, JR. ALL BROTHERS OF HARVEY EDWARD LOHMEYER, FBI NUMBER
SEVEN THREE ZERO DASH NINE SEVEN NINE A, ALL PRESENTLY RESIDING
IN QUINCY, ILLINOIS AREA. DONALD L. LOHMEYER EMPLOYED BY DURST
DAIRY AT QUINCY, ILLINOIS, WAS WORKING DURING PERIOD MARCH TWENTY
NINE LAST AND APRIL FOUR LAST, AND ATTENDANCE AT WORK VERIFIED.
THOMAS R. LOHMEYER AND WALTER R. LOHMEYER, JR. BOTH EMPLOYED BY
MONOGRAM INDUSTRIES, QUINCY, ILLINOIS, AND BOTH IN QUINCY, ILLINOIS
FROM MARCH TWENTY NINE TO APRIL FOUR LAST.

P.

END

LFB

FBI MEMPHIS

X

Lohmeyer 44-1987-525

SEARCHED.....	INDEXED.....
SERIALIZED.....2.....	FILED.....2.....
APR 13 1968	
FBI - MEMPHIS	

Bayle *BB*

FBI MEMPHIS

FBI MIAMI

519PM EST URGENT 4/13/68 LAS
TO DIRECTOR, NEW YORK AND MEMPHIS
FROM MIAMI (44-1854)

MURKIN

RE NEW YORK TEL THIS DATE.

JOHN B. SWIFT, TAVINIER, FLA., ADVISED THIS DATE HE HAS HAD
NO CONTACT WITH WALTER LOHMEYER SINCE FIFTYNINE AND LAST KNEW
HE WAS EMPLOYED WITH FAIRCHILD CAMERA, NEW YORK. SWIFT
COULD NOT FURNISH CURRENT ADDRESS NOR COULD HE FURNISH NAME OF
ANYONE WHO MAY KNOW LOHMEYER'S CURRENT ADDRESS.

LOHMEYER HAS ONE BROTHER, CARLTON, APPROXIMATELY FIFTYFIVE
YEARS OLD WHO WORKS IN STEEL MILL, CITY UNKNOWN, PA. SWIFT
DESCRIBED LOHMEYER AS IN HIS SIXTIES, HAVING BEEN MARRIED
SEVERAL TIMES, BUT NOT BELIEVED TO HAVE ANY CHILDREN.

SWIFT SUGGESTED BUREAU CONTACT STEVE SABATELLI, NEW YORK
CITY, TELEPHONE NUMBER SEVEN FOUR FIVE DASH ZERO SEVEN ZERO
ZERO, SINCE LOHMEYER FORMERLY CARRIED AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE WITH
AETNA CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY THROUGH SABATELLI'S FIRM.

SWIFT ADVISED LOHMEYER MARRIED HIS FIRST WIFE, THELMA
CAVITE ANDERSON IN SOUTH NORWALK, CONN., IN APPROXIMATELY
END PAGE ONE

Lohmeyer

JS

44-1987-526

SEARCHED.....	INDEXED.....
SERIALIZED.....	FILED.....
APR 13 1968	
FBI - MEMPHIS	

Boyle

PAGE TWO

THIRTYFIVE AND HIS PARENTS MAY STILL RESIDE THERE.

NEW YORK AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK, CONTACT STEVE SABATELLI,
TELEPHONE SEVEN FOUR FIVE DASH ZERO SEVEN ZERO ZERO FOR CURRENT
INFORMATION CONCERNING LOHMEYER'S WHEREABOUTS.

END

CAF

FBI MEMPHIS

X

F B I

Date: 4/13/68

Transmit the following in PLAINTEXT
(Type in plaintext or code)Via TELETYPE URGENT
(Priority)

TO: SAC, CLEVELAND

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN; CIVIL RIGHTS. OO: ME

L. N. PAGE, ONE TWO EIGHT TWO ABBE, SHEFFIELD, OHIO,
REGISTERED APRIL FOUR, LAST, IN ROOM THIRTY-FOUR, REBEL
MOTEL, MEMPHIS.

OBTAIN SET OF ELIMINATION PRINTS FROM PAGE AND FORWARD
TO IDENT.

JWB/bbs
(1) *[Signature]*

44-1987-526A

h

h

[Signature]
Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

Sent 5 22 MPer *[Signature]*

FBI MEMPHIS

FBI SANDIEGO

528PM URGENT 4/13/68 JLS

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM SAN DIEGO (44-387)

MURKIN

REGTEL TO DIRECTOR APRIL THIRTEEN INSTANT.

ATTENTION IS DIRECTED TO THE DIRECTOR TO THE FACT THAT
EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION IS BEING CONDUCTED TO LOCATE AND INTER-
VIEW HARVEY EDWARD LOHMEYER, FBI NO. SEVEN THREE ZERO NINE SEVEN
NINE A. ALSO NOTED LOHMEYER WAS BORN AT QUINCY, ILLINOIS.

ATTENTION ALSO DIRECTED THAT GINGER NANCE NEE CUNNINGHAM,
AKA GINGER DAY, PRESENTLY RESIDES DIXON, ILLINOIS, AND WAS BORN
KEWANEE, ILLINOIS.

THE DIRECTOR MAY DESIRE TO HAVE GINGER NANCE INTERVIEWED TO
DETERMINE ANY ASSOCIATION WITH HARVEY EDWARD LOHMEYER. P.

END

CAF

FBI MEMPHIS

44-1987-527

SEARCHED.....	INDEXED.....
SERIALIZED.....	FILED.....
APR 13 1968	
FBI - MEMPHIS	

Boyle BJB

①

F B I

Date: 4/13/68

Transmit the following in PLAIN TEXT
(Type in plaintext or code)Via TELETYPE URGENT
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987) (4P)

MURKIN. CR.

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED APRIL THIRTEEN INSTANT.
FIRE STATION ADJOINING CRIME SCENE:INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED BY BUAGENTS WITH MEMBERS OF MEMPHIS
FIRE STATION, MEMPHIS PD, AND SHELBY COUNTY SO, WHO WERE ON
DUTY AND PHYSICALLY LOCATED AT THE FIRE STATION, MAIN AND
BUTLER, AT TIME OF MURDER OF DR. KING ON APRIL FOUR LAST.INTERVIEWS WITH THESE OFFICERS REVEAL THAT NO ONE
ACTUALLY HEARD THE SHOT FIRED, ALTHOUGH SOME ADMIT HEARING
"SOMETHING." ALL OF THE OFFICERS IMMEDIATELY CAME OUTSIDE
OF THE FIRE STATION AND A NUMBER OF THESE RAN OUT OF THE
NORTH EXITS TO THE FIRE STATION, THEN RAN EAST OVER A FENCE
AND DOWN A TEN-FOOT CONCRETE RETAINING WALL WHICH IS LOCATED
ON THE WEST SIDE OF MULBERRY STREET.

44-1987-528

Airtel _____ A NUMBER OF THESE OFFICERS CONTINUED RUNNING TO THE
Teletype _____ SCENE OF THE SHOOTING AT THE LORRAINE MOTEL. HOWEVER, AFTER
A.M. _____ THE FIRST GROUP OF OFFICERS ARRIVED AND RECEIVED INFORMATION
A.M.S.D. 1-Birmingham (AM) (44-1740)
JAS:wp
Spec. Del. (2)

Reg. M.A. Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

Sent

5 50 P M

Per

Registered _____

F B I

Date:

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via _____
(Priority)

ME 44-1987

PAGE TWO

INDICATING THAT THE SHOT HAD PROBABLY BEEN FIRED FROM THE REAR OF ONE OF THE BUILDINGS OF THE FOUR HUNDRED BLOCK OF MAIN STREET, THE OFFICERS ON THE SCENE BEGAN TO POINT AND SHOUT IN THE GENERAL LOCATION OF THE ROOMING HOUSE AT FOUR TWO TWO AND ONE-HALF SOUTH MAIN STREET. THEREAFTER, SOME OF THESE OFFICERS WHO HAD STARTED TOWARD THE SCENE TO THE LORRAINE MOTEL TURNED AROUND, RAN WEST TO MAIN STREET, THEN NORTH ON MAIN TO VICINITY OF CANIPE AMUSEMENT COMPANY AND THE ROOMING HOUSE.

OFFICERS STATED THAT THE TIME OF THE SHOOTING WAS APPROXIMATELY FIVE MINUTES AFTER SIX P.M. ON APRIL FOUR LAST AND WITHIN TWO TO EIGHT MINUTES MOST OF THE OFFICERS HAD THE CRIME SCENE GUARDED AND BEGAN QUESTIONING VARIOUS INDIVIDUALS IN THE AREA. OFFICERS ALSO GUARDED THE OBJECTS ALLEGEDLY DROPPED BY UNSUB WHICH WERE IN DOORWAY OF CANIPE AMUSEMENT COMPANY.

RECORD CHECKS:

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

F B I

Date:

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via _____
(Priority)

ME 44-1987

PAGE THREE

AMONG VARIOUS TENNESSEE RECORDS REVIEWED IN AN EFFORT TO DEVELOP INFORMATION RELATIVE TO ERIC STARVO GALT, JEROME WALLIS VERNON, JOHN WILLARD, AND HARVEY LOWMEYER, INCLUDE BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS, CITY DIRECTORIES, AND TELEPHONE BOOKS, CREDIT AND CRIMINAL CHECKS, VOTER RECORDS, SELECTIVE SERVICE RECORDS, PUBLIC UTILITIES, DRIVERS LICENSE, DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY, TENN. BUREAU OF CRIMINAL IDENTIFICATION, WITHOUT LOCATING ANY POSITIVE INFORMATION.

REBEL MOTEL:

ANDY GASDRITZA, AKA ANDY GAST, OVER-THE-ROAD DRIVER, FRUEHAUF TRAILERS, STAYED REBEL MOTEL, ROOM THIRTYFIVE, ARRIVING BEFORE SEVEN P.M., APRIL THREE LAST. DID NOT SEE ANY GUESTS OTHER THAN FELLOW DRIVER EMPLOYEE OF FRUEHAUF. RETIRED TO ROOM ABOUT NINE THIRTY IN EVENING, NOT SEEING ANY CAR AT ROOM THIRTYFOUR. GAST HEARD OCCUPANT SLAM DOOR TO ROOM THIRTYFOUR AT TEN P.M., NO FURTHER NOISES THAT NIGHT.

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

F B I

Date:

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via _____
(Priority)

ME 44-1987

PAGE FOUR

FOLLOWING MORNING AT SEVEN A.M., GAST SAW LIGHT COLORED CAR PARKED IN FRONT ROOM THIRTYFOUR, HAS NO RECOLLECTION AS TO MAKE OR MODEL. DID NOT SEE OCCUPANT AT ROOM OR IN RESTAURANT OF MOTEL. GAST DEPARTED MOTEL SEVEN THIRTY A.M.

SOIL SAMPLES TAKEN AT REBEL MOTEL AND ELIMINATION FINGERPRINTS TAKEN FROM ALL EMPLOYEES WITH EXCEPTION OF SARA LOVING, A MAID.

LORRAINE MOTEL:

MR. FRANK LANSKY, ARCHITECT FOR THE LORRAINE MOTEL, MADE BLUEPRINTS OF THE ESTABLISHMENT AVAILABLE FOR USE IN PREPARATION OF EXHIBITS RELATING TO THE CRIME SCENE.

EFFORTS TO INTERVIEW OCCUPANTS OF LORRAINE MOTEL ON APRIL FOUR LAST CONTINUE. P. END.

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

FBI MEMPHIS

FBI SAN FRAN

628PM PST URGENT 4/13/68 KMH

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM SAN FRANCISCO (173-65)

MURKIN.

RE ATLANTA TELEPHONE CALL AND TELETYPE TO SAN FRANCISCO THIS DATE.
JANET SUSAN DEAN DE VITA, NINE TWO FIVE RUSSIA ST., SAN FRANCISCO,
CALIF. THIS DATE ADVISED SHE COMMUNICATED WITH HER SPIRITUAL FATHER IN
THE SKY TODAY AND HE TOLD HER THE PICTURE IN THE LOCKET AROUND HER
NECK WAS THE MURDERER OF REV. KING. SHE STATED SHE HAS NOT SEEN
A SKETCH OR ARTISTS CONCEPTION OF THE SUSPECT IN THIS CASE. SHE DID
NOT KNOW THE NAME OF THE MAN'S PICTURE IN HER LOCKET.

THE PICTURE WAS A SMALL ONE QUARTER BY ONE QUARTER INCH BLURRED
PHOTOGRAPH.

DAVID FREDIANI, ONE FOUR SEVEN TUCKER ST., SAN FRANCISCO AND
EDWARD ESTRADA, FOUR FOUR ZERO SO. HILL ST., DALY CITY, CALIF., BOTH
LONG TIME ACQUAINTANCES OF DE VITA DESCRIBES HER AS EITHER A MENTAL
CASE OR HIGHLY EMOTIONAL, UNRELIABLE INDIVIDUAL WHO AT TIMES ACTS
AS THOUGH SHE IS ON DRUGS.

END

MEN

FBI MEMPHIS

SEARCHED.....	INDEXED.....
SERIALIZED.....	FILED.....
APR 13 1968	
FBI — MEMPHIS	

Hester *dk*

44-1987-529