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File No. 44-1987-1A-1Date Received 4/6/68From Wm F Tatroe, Jr.
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)USMC
(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)Millington Tenn.
(CITY AND STATE)By C F Busch
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)To Be Returned ☐ Yes☒ NoReceipt given ☐ Yes☒ No

Description:

Signed statement
of Tatroe.

Millington, Tenn.
Apr. 6, 1968.

I William Frederick Tatro, Jr., make the following voluntary statement to Cyril F. Busch and Franklin L. Johnson who have identified themselves as Special Agents of the FBI.

I was born [redacted] at Lansing, Mich., am married, am presently a PFC in the USMC at Millington, Tenn., and live at 7126 Millington-Arlington Rd, Millington, Tenn.

I have a cousin named Gary McMillon, age 19, who lives on Brady or Bradley St., Hazel, Michigan, with his wife "Carly" and small baby and claims to be employed as a private detective. I was involved with him once about six years ago at Lansing, Mich., in a stolen car. He has told me that he had psychiatric treatment in the Marine Corps, that the doctor put needles all over his head. He has also told me several years ago that an uncle had bought him a

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30.06 rifle. He has also told me that while he was in the USMC he and seven other people had flown a stolen jet airplane.

His parents are Betty and Arthur (or Wendell) McMillon, Lansing, Mich, and his father works at "The Motor Wheel," a factory.

I last saw him two to three weeks ago when Gary came to Millington alone driving a 1964 medium blue Plymouth. He said he was on his way to Florida on a case as a private detective and he stayed at my home for about a week. He had a briefcase with a .45 automatic pistol. He said that he would like to be a ~~to get into the~~ "professional assassin, ~~assassination~~ business," that he heard there was good money in it. He mentioned no names and nothing specific.

One day while driving to Memphis with Gary and a Marine named Tom

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(Clark (who has been born transformed)
 in May's 1964 Plymouth, Rosemont
 in order of which King was
 murdered on the night and May
 said "I'd like to ask that you
 look." He then went on saying
 about a day was on speaking.
 Called May left Millington
 on a 4 mile (probably March 15th) he
 telephoned me at the residence of
 my neighbor Bruce Deerey,
 7188 Millington-Arlington Rd, Memphis
 # 872-3281. (Deerey was transformed
 to 829 one, Cal. and left 3/22/68). The
 call came at about 5:15 PM about
 Wednesday 3/20/68. May asked me if
 I wanted to come to Florida for a
 couple of hours. He said he had a
 "get" lined up for about \$20,000. I
 did not ask what the get was. I asked
 him to hold on while I checked
 with my wife. I went around to
 my apartment and asked my wife if I
 could fly to Florida with May for a

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couple of hours & she said "OK" if I would be back by 6:15 AM the next morning. I went back to the phone and told Gary I would go. He said he was flying a single-engine plane and would meet me at the airport in Memphis at about midnite.

After he hung up I talked it over with my wife, told her about the \$20,000 job and that I did not know what the job was. I decided not to go and went to bed.

At about 10:00 PM the same night Gary called back at the same number, said his plane had gone down at Atlanta, Ga. and he would be a little late. I did not let him finish. I told him my wife (who had a baby on 4/6/68) was having labor pains and I could not go. I told him to call back Friday (knowing that Sweeney was leaving and the phone would be disconnected by then.

I told several people about

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the call and the \$20,000 job
while Gary was here ~~by offered~~ ^{W.F.T.} ~~accepted~~
~~W.F.T.~~ to lend me \$100.00 and he wrote
me a \$100.00 check drawn on some
bank in Hazellet, Michigan. I kept
this check until about Wed. 4/3/68 and
then gave it to my attorney, Mr. (FNU)
Martin, Millington, Tenn.

On the morning after Reverend
Martin Luther King was shot in Memphis,
at the morning formation at about
6:15 AM Friday, I told several
people, "I wouldn't put it past my
cousin. He might have shot him.
He's got a 30.06." I also told these
fellows that the white Mustang (reportedly
used by the killer) does not fit in
because Gary has a 1964 Plymouth.

I did not believe that it was
possible that Gary shot him because
I was recalling Gary's talk about
wanting to be a professional assassin;
I believed that Gary once owned a ^{W.F.T.}
30.06 rifle; and Gary generally fits ^{W.F.T.}

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the description of the killer in
that he is a young white male
with dark hair. I heard that
description of the killer over the radio.

I have read this six page statement
and it is true.

William Frederick Starnes Jr.

Witness:

Cyril F. Beach, Spec. Agt., FBI, Memphis 4/6/68

Franklin Johnson, S.A., FBI, Memphis 4/6/68

File No. 44-1987Date Received 4-6-68From Michael Steven Sloan
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)NAS
(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)Millington
(CITY AND STATE)By Leaver & Busch
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)To Be Returned ☐ Yes
☒ NoReceipt given ☐ Yes
☐ No

Description:

Signed statement
of Sloan dated
4-6-68

Melkington
~~Theophylus~~
Town
April 6, 1968
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J. Michael Moore, PFC,
U.S. Marine Corps, Serial # 2398770, with
the following identifying statement to effect
of Bush and Ralph J. Turner who
have identified themselves as Special
Agents of the FBI.

Ad was born [redacted] at Kokene,
Tasmania, and married, here at Hobart
about 18, Maria Ann Blackman,
Millington, Tas., and are about
in the AD State here

On a Tuesday morning, about
Mar. 18, 1961, at about 6:30 AM, just
before formation, I had a conversation
with ¹² Mike. We were standing
around waiting for formation to start
my knowledge. He said he would
be able to something. He then said
that last night (Monday night) he
had gotten a call from a doctor

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Cramer. (He did not mention the
Cramer's name nor had he ever
mentioned a Cramer before). He
said the Cramer was asking him
"if he had a good shot and
then telling him that he had a job
for a man like the one that
he got over worth \$20,000.00.
He said the Cramer told him (Tatter)
that if he (Tatter) wanted to come
along, the Cramer would pick him
up at 10:00 that night (Tuesday).
Tatter said he asked when he
would be back, and the Cramer
said he would be back in time to
go to school in the morning (Tuesday
at 6:45 AM). Tatter said he was
surprised to meet the Cramer at
10:00 PM Tuesday but at about 10:00 PM
he received a telephone call from
the Cramer saying that he planned
that developed again thanks in
Minnneapolis and he couldn't meet
Tatter. The Cramer had to get

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Talbot to meet him at 6:00 AM that Tuesday morning but Talbot said he told the cousin he could not do it because he had to be on the Marine base at 6:00 AM.

During that same conversation I had with Talbot that Tuesday morning he said that his cousin had mentioned to him "the professional assassination business." The cousin had ^{once} said that he was interested in going into this business, pointing out that an assassin could kill Castro in Cuba and if he got back to the States nothing would be done to him. The cousin also said that an assassin could shoot someone in the United States, flee to a foreign country and not be harmed, and that a person could be well paid for this.

During the same conversation we talked about Talbot's wife having a baby due in the next few days. The whole conversation took less

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Then 15 minutes nothing more was
said about the matter.

On or about Wednesday, April 3, 1968 at about 4:45 PM (a day or two before Rev Martin Luther King came to Memphis) PFC Tatter advised me a \$100.00 handwritten check made

On Friday morning just before
the 7:00 AM formation, I saw the
other "A" looks like your same
got to King" (The was the first
time Rose King was mentioned before
me). Other Knight and said

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something like, "Yeah, I guess so."

About that time a white Mustang was driven by us. Tator motioned to the car and said,

"My cousin has a white Mustang just like that." (Both of us had heard that the man who killed King was driving a white Mustang, according to newspaper reports). He then said that his cousin is an ex-Marine and has a "30.06."

He had a surprised look on his face at the time, as if he was wondering at the coincidence between his cousin and the person who shot Rev. King.

We were all talking about the shooting of Rev. King and Tator then said that his cousin had once said "if he ever saw that black bastard he would shoot him."

I recall seeing Tator leave our school building at the Base at about 5:00 PM as usual in his 1965 or 1966

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dark green Chevrolet Malibu. He lives near
the Base with his wife. He arrived
Friday morning as usual at about 6:00 AM.

I tried to contact Satow at his
home but I don't believe that he has a telephone.
I don't see how his cousin could have contacted him,
Satow, at his home if he has no phone.

I have read this 6 page statement and
to the best of my knowledge all of the above said
is true.

Michael Steven Sloan

Witness: 0

Cyril F. Busch, Special Agent, FBI, Memphis, 4/6/68.

Ralph J. Hewer Special Agent FBI Memphis 4/6/68

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Date Received 4-5-68

From SA DON GREEN, of the Jackson
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Division, Oxford R/A. There were
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By Gylfe
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

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JOHN WILLARD, Pontotoc, Miss.
Photos taken 4-5-68.

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NAME JOHN WILLARD

PONTIAC, MISS

DATE

FBI NO.

PHOTO TAKEN 4-5-68

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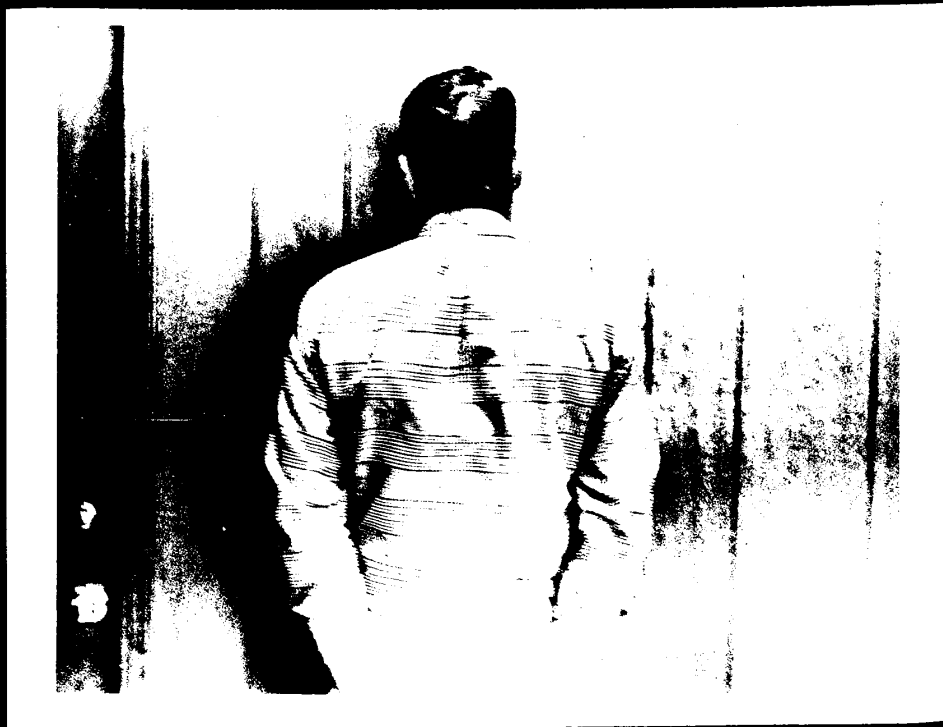
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