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AVON N. WILLIAMS.

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4/4/68

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

SUBJECT: UNSUB, aka
John Willard;
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. -
VICTIM
CR

(OO Memphis)

Submitted herewith in separate enclosure is the clothing Dr. KING wore at the time of the shooting. This was removed at St. Joseph Hospital in Memphis and brought to the Memphis PD by Det. E. S. BERKLEY, Memphis PD, and turned over to SAC ROBERT G. JENSEN. Preliminary examination indicates what appears to be bullet entry in collar of shirt and collection of large amounts of blood on clothing. This being submitted to Laboratory as possibility exists it may determine point of entry at which bullet entered KING's body. Laboratory also conduct serology examination and any other examination deemed appropriate by Laboratory.

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4/4/68

AIRTEL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

UNSUB; Aka. John Willard;
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM
CIVIL RIGHTS

OO: MEMPHIS

Submitted herewith is black box with caption "Browning Shotguns, Rifles, Pistols, Mauser Rifle" appearing on top of box. At end of box appears label bearing Number 130712 with marking "Caliber 243W." Further descriptive data on this label discloses it is Browning high-powered rifle, 22" barrel, light with sights, grade Safari, and SN 444915. Possibility exists that number may read "4Y44Z5."

Inside box is Remington Gamemaster rifle, Model 760. Number appearing on rifle is 461476. Rifle bears Redfield Tube Sight 2X7X. In addition, box contains clip which was removed from weapon by SA O. V. JOHNSON. Also contained in box is shell casing which was removed from weapon by SA O. V. JOHNSON and SAC R. G. JENSEN. Also in box is package of Peters high velocity center fire cartridges; nine cartridges in case, eleven empty slots.

This material recovered by Inspector N. E. ZACHARY (NA), Memphis Police Department, in area immediately in front of 424 South Main Street. This is location Canipe Amusement Co. Box in which rifle contained was partially obscured and covered by blanket of green herringbone type material. This blanket also recovered by Inspector ZACHARY. It is noted blanket has some mud stains thereon. Inspector ZACHARY advised blanket is not property of rooming house at which UNSUB stayed.

3 BUREAU (Enc.

1 MEMPHIS

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ME 44-1987

REQUEST OF LABORATORY

Laboratory requested to examine all possible places on rifle, scope, cartridges, and box for possible evidence of fingerprints.

In connection with enclosed blanket, Laboratory requested to submit to soil examination since evidence of soil appears thereon. Also determine, if possible, nature of composition of blanket, as to whether it is synthetic or animal fiber. If possible, determine percentage of content, if it is a mixed type composition, cotton fiber, woolen fiber, or synthetic fiber. Also advise if possible any knowledge available to Laboratory as to possible manufacturer of blanket. Any other appropriate examination in connection with this blanket should be conducted by the Laboratory.

Invest. by [illegible] 12/1/68
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ME 44-1087

REQUEST OF LABORATORY

Laboratory requested to examine all possible places on rifle, scope, cartridges, and box for possible evidence of finger-prints.

In connection with enclosed blanket, Laboratory requested to submit to soil examination since evidence of soil appears thereon. Also determine, if possible, nature of composition of blanket, as to whether it is synthetic or animal fiber. If possible, determine percentage of content, if it is a mixed type composition, cotton fiber, woolen fiber, or synthetic fiber. Also advise if possible any knowledge available to Laboratory as to possible manufacturer of blanket. Any other appropriate examination in connection with this blanket should be conducted by the Laboratory.

SA Harold Dobson St. Louis
in Contact

ME 44-1987

REQUEST OF FBI LABORATORY

Laboratory requested to process all material within this outer compartment for fingerprints and conduct any other appropriate Laboratory examination to assist Memphis in ascertaining where this material came from.

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LABORATORY OF THE FBI

Report of requested to process all evidence within
this subject's laboratory for fingerprints and conduct any other
examination or analysis to assist in the identification of
evidence where this material is from.

Po. Main Branch
Mr. Carpenter
Sold the Bin.

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AIRTEL

AM

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

UNSUB, Aka. John Willard;
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM
CR

AIRTEL #2

Re Airtel #1 submitted this date, Attn: FBI Laboratory.

In separate container there is submitted second item recovered by Inspector N. E. ZACHARY (NA), Memphis PD, in same area as rifle submitted in prior Airtel. This zipper bag was recovered in area in front of 424 South Main Street. Business located at this address is Canipe Amusement Co.

Individual items in blue zipper bag, 20 x 30 inches, have not been individually marked. They were all, however, recovered by Inspector ZACHARY. Contents of bag are as follows:

- (1) In outside zipper compartment is one small magnetic tack hammer.
- (2) Small needle-nose type pliers bearing sales tag, or identifying tag, on handle which reads either "Compag" or "Rompage" Hardware.
- (3) Georgia-Alabama Standard Oil map.
- (4) "Commercial Appeal," Memphis newspaper, first section only, issue of April 4, 1968.
- (5) Standard Oil U. S. map.

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1 MEMPHIS RGJ:BN (4)

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**bills. Also enclosed herewith are prints of BESSIE RUTH
BREWER for elimination purposes.**

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When opened, blue bag has insert and enclosed in insert is one roll of toilet paper.

In bag proper is a set of binoculars, Banner by Bushnell, binocular case and a box in which binoculars in case belong. Binoculars carry magnifying 7 x 35 and No. DQ408664. ✓

(2) Gillette shaving kit - razor, lotion, foamy cream. Right Guard, Heads Up - appears purchased from Oliver Rexall Drug Store, Whitthaven, Tenn., price \$1.89.

(3) Gray paper sack bearing York Arms Co. price tag \$41.55, dated 4/4/68. This appears to be bag in which binoculars purchased.

(4) One white and yellow checked towel.

(5) One white handkerchief, no laundry mark.

(6) Tube Colgate toothpaste

(7) Pair black socks

(8) 3 oz. can Right Guard

(9) 6-Transistor Channel Master Radio

(10) Bottle Bufferin

(11) String belt, gray in color.

(12) Bréalcream

(13) Bottle of one-a-day Vitamins

(14) Cashmere Bouquet bar of soap
bearing label "Member Friendship Inn"

(15) Hair brush

(16) Dial Soap

(17) Head and Shoulders Shampoo bearing-Liggitt-Rexall #1678,
Price \$1.10.

(18) Can Kiwi brown polish

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- (19) Palmolive Rapid Shave with Liggitt Rexall #3478, 79¢
- (20) Loose button, maroon color
- (21) Tooth brush and safety razor
- (22) Mennin Afta
- (23) Cameo Small toilet soap
- (24) Two bobby pins
- (25) 2 cans Schlitz beer in paper sack.

REQUEST OF LABORATORY

Laboratory requested to arrange for appropriate latent fingerprint examination of all items contained herein, as well as exterior and interior of blue bag, various and sundry items enclosed inside bag, and various compartments. Consider all for possibility latent fingerprint examination.

In addition to latent examination, Laboratory should conduct any appropriate Laboratory examination that will assist Memphis in determining manufacturer and distributor of any of items enclosed in blue bag.

See next page for additional Request of Laboratory.

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

SUBJECT: UNSUB, aka
John Willard;
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. -
VICTIM
CR

(OO Memphis)

Submitted herewith under separate cover is the bullet which was removed from Dr. KING's body. It is requested the Laboratory perform the necessary examinations to determine if this bullet came from the rifle being submitted.

In addition to item mentioned above, there is submitted herewith 3 separate \$20 bills bearing the following serial numbers:

Federal Reserve Note
Series 1963 A SN F14002844A

Federal Reserve Note
Series 1963 A SN H16164663A

Federal Reserve Note
Series 1963 SN F06445143A

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These were received from BESSIE RUTH BREWER at flop house in which captioned subject stayed. Mrs. BREWER advised subject paid her this date shortly after 3:00 P.M. with a \$20 bill. She does not know which of these \$20 bills subject used. Therefore, Laboratory requested to have necessary latent examination conducted on these \$20

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1 - Memphis

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

ATTN: FBI LABORATORY
PHOTOGRAPHIC SECTION

UNSUB, aka
John Willard
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM
CIVIL RIGHTS
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Enclosed for the Bureau are 2 photographic film packs containing two slides each of color film.

The photographs are primarily of the laundry marks contained on two pieces of clothing left near the scene of the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., by the UNSUB.

The FBI Laboratory is requested to process the enclosed film and return to the Memphis Division ten (10) prints each of the two best photographs taken of the T-shirt and undershorts.

The Bureau is requested to retain the negatives in the event additional copies will be required.

In view of the utmost importance attached to this case, it is requested this be handled in an expeditious manner.

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AIRTEL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)
SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT, Aka John Willard;
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM
CIVIL RIGHTS
OO: Memphis

Enclosed are original and one Xerox copy each of 11 news articles re shooting of Victim, 4/4/68.

All of the enclosed articles appeared in the final edition of "The Commercial Appeal," Memphis, Tenn. newspaper, April 5, 1968.

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AIRTEL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1978) P
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Submitted herewith for Bureau's information are photographs of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING which were taken by CALVIN C. ELLISON of the Memphis PD at St. Joseph's Hospital, Memphis, Tennessee.

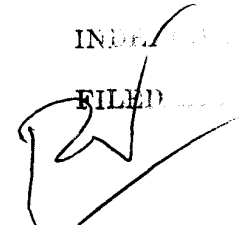
No copies of these photographs are being retained by Memphis. Request that Bureau prepare additional copies and return one copy each to Memphis.

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AIRTEL

TO: SAC, BIRMINGHAM

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

UNSUB, aka
John Willard
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM
CR
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Enclosed for Birmingham are 2 photographs of
JOHN HUBEART WILLARD taken 4/5/68. These should be
exhibited to persons where Unsub purchased murder weapon.

Also enclosed is a photograph of SA ROBERT W.
GOODWIN of the Memphis Office, who one of the witnesses has
stated resembles the Unsub. This photograph should also be
exhibited as an aid in preparing a composit drawing.

2 - Birmingham (Enc-3)
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AIRTEL

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AIRTEL

TO: SAC, JACKSON
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN

Enclosed are 2 copies of a memorandum from SA HARLEY E. GYLFE to the SAC, Memphis, dated 4/6/68 concerning one TOM DAVIS, South Acres Drive, New Albany, Miss.

It is requested that Jackson locate and eliminate TOM DAVIS as a suspect in this case.

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2 - Memphis

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AIRTEL

TO: SAC, DETROIT

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

MURKIN

Enclosed for Detroit are copies of 2 signed statements taken 4/6/68 from MICHAEL STEVEN SLOAN and WILLIAM FREDERICK TATROE, JR., both PFC's in the USMC, Millington, Tenn.

This information came from ONI, Memphis, Tenn., which agency received the initial information from PFC SLOAN, above.

TATROE has stated that he believes that the stories told him by GARY JOE McMILLON (phonetic) were pure fabrications and that he believes that his cousin is emotionally unstable. TATROE described McMILLON as follows:

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Age:	19
Height:	5' 8"
Weight:	155 lbs.
Hair:	Black
Military service:	Served briefly in USMC, 2 or 3 years ago and received psychiatric discharge.
Scars & marks:	Tattoo of rabbit or road runner (bird) on stomach near naval.

LEADS

DETROIT

AT LANSING, MICHIGAN. Locate and interview BETTY or WENDELL (possibly ARTHUR) McMILLON, parents of this suspect.

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Mr. McMILLON works at the Motor Wheel, a factory at Lansing, Michigan. Obtain background and descriptive data of their son. Determine mental condition, current whereabouts, and whereabouts from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., Thursday, 4/4/68.

It is felt this interview may greatly curtail investigation regarding this suspect.

AT HAZLET, MICHIGAN

Interview GARY JOE McMILLON and determine whereabouts at 6:04 p.m., Thursday, 4/4/68. Consider obtaining fingerprints and forwarding to FBI Laboratory.

4/6/68

AIRTEL

AM

TO: SAC, BIRMINGHAM


FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

MURKIN

For information Birmingham, there are enclosed one copy each of three Airtels from Memphis to Director, dated 4/4/68, by which evidence recovered this case was transmitted to the FBI Laboratory for examination.

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AIRTEL

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TO: SAC, LOUISVILLE
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

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MURKIN

In connection with murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.,
Memphis Office receiving various leads which may or may not be
of pertinence.

On 4-6-68, Lt. McCACHERN, Homicide Squad, Memphis, Tenn.,
PD, advised this office as follows:

He stated he received call from ROBERT LEONARD of
Louisville, Ky., who in turn informed him that a RUSSELL PEACOCK
of Shepherdsville, Ky. closely resembles picture of UNSUB which
appeared in local newspaper. He stated PEACOCK is an active
racist in the Louisville area and reported to be member of the
KKK. He allegedly has been leader of several burnings and arrested
several times in connection with these by the Louisville PD.
Memphis indices negative.

Louisville requested to make appropriate inquiry at
Louisville PD for any record regarding RUSSELL PEACOCK; search
its own indices for information of pertinence, and thereafter estab-
lish whereabouts of RUSSELL PEACOCK on 4/4/68, it being pertinent
to note that Dr. KING was murdered at approximately 6 p.m. on
4-4-68.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Memphis, Tennessee

April 6, 1968

**Re: SANITATION WORKERS STRIKE,
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE
RACIAL MATTERS**

On April 5, 1968, Lieutenant E.H. Arkin, Inspectional Bureau, Memphis Police Department, Memphis, Tennessee, advised that shooting, vandalism and looting continued throughout the night of April 4, 1968, and into the early hours of April 5, 1968. These disturbances tapered off at approximately 3 a.m., April 5, 1968, but sporadic sniping at police cars, vandalism and looting have continued during the day of April 5, 1968. According to Lieutenant E. H. Arkin over 115 persons have been arrested in connection with this disturbance, over 30 persons injured and several policemen were hurt. No deaths have occurred; however, Ellis Tate, a Negro male, age 26, was discovered looting a liquor store on the evening of April 4, 1968, and he fired several shots at police officers with a rifle and was in turn seriously wounded by return fire from Memphis policemen.

Lieutenant Arkin advised that this disturbance was controlled by 3 a.m. on the morning of April 5, 1968, and that 1,131 members of the Tennessee National Guard were on duty in Memphis patrolling streets in cooperation with officers of the Memphis Police Department, Shelby County Sheriff's Office and approximately two hundred members of the Tennessee Highway Patrol. INDEXED

On the evening of April 4, 1968, Frank C. Holloman, Lee
Memphis Fire and Police Director, announced that all city and Shelby County schools would be closed April 5, 1968. A curfew was imposed by Memphis Mayor Henry Loeb from 7 p.m. to 5 a.m., beginning Thursday, April 4, 1968, and is to continue in effect until further notice. Mr. Holloman announced that all liquor stores and night clubs are to be

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1 - 111th MI, Memphis; 1 - 111th MI, Nashville; 1 - USA, Memphis;
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SANITATION WORKERS STRIKE,
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

closed and sales of beer, firearms and liquor are forbidden.

Lieutenant Arkin advised that attorneys for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) and Community on the Move for Equality (COME) requested permission on the morning of April 5, 1968, from Federal Judge Bailey Brown to permit a memorial march for Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., to be held at Memphis, Tennessee, on April 7, 1968, or April 8, 1968. He added that Ralph D. Abernathy, Vice President at Large, SCLC, announced on the morning of April 5, 1968, that a mass march in support of striking sanitation workers will be held in Memphis, Tennessee, April 8, 1968, regardless of whether Federal Judge Bailey Brown issues a restraining order or not.

On April 5, 1968, Judge Bailey Brown, United States District Court, Memphis, Tennessee, issued the following Opinion and Temporary Injunction regarding the contemplated march in support of striking sanitation workers:

"CITY OF MEMPHIS,
A Municipal Corporation,

"Complainant

"v

"CIVIL NO.

C-68-80

"MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.,
HOSEA WILLIAMS, REVEREND
JAMES BEVEL, REVEREND JAMES
ORANGE, RALPH D. ABERNATHY and
BERNARD LEE, all Non-Residents
of the State of Tennessee,

"Defendants

**SANITATION WORKERS STRIKE,
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE**

"OPINION AND TEMPORARY INJUNCTION

"After the issuance of the temporary restraining order on April 3, defendants filed a motion to dissolve, and a hearing was held on April 4. At the inception of this hearing it was agreed by counsel that, in addition to defendants' motion to dissolve the restraining order, the Court would at the same time, and on the same proof, consider the City's application for a temporary injunction.

"Following the hearing, the Court advised counsel in chambers that it would issue a temporary injunction permitting the march under substantially the same restrictions as those proposed and submitted to the Court by defendants.

"Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., suffered his tragic death last evening and counsel were called back into conference this morning for further discussion. Counsel for the City stated that the City now joins with defendants in their proposal that the march be held and under the restrictions submitted to the Court by defendants.

"It is therefore ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED as follows:

"I

"The march will commence on Monday, April 8, 1968, at 11 o'clock A.M. or any day thereafter provided that the defendants will provide at least 24 hours advance notice to the plaintiff, the City of Memphis.

"II

"The number of persons marching will be as follows:

"A. There will be no limitation on the number of marchers.

"B. The marchers will march four abreast and in the approximate middle of the street.

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"III

"Route of the march: Starting at Mason Temple at the corner of Hernando and Pontotoc, then north on Hernando to Linden, then west on Linden to Main Street, then north on Main Street to Poplar, then east on Poplar to Second Street, then south on Second Street to Linden, then east on Linden to Hernando, then south on Hernando back to Mason Temple at the intersection of Hernando and Pontotoc.

"IV

"Lines of communication among the marchers and leaders and certain supporting services will be established by walkie-talkie radios and other means.

"V

"Liaison will be established between designated leaders of the march and such local officials as the agencies concerned shall designate.

"VI

"The leaders of the march will select and train parade marshals who will walk alongside the marchers on both sides at appropriate intervals so as to keep the marchers in line and to be able to advise the local law enforcement officials if any disturbances occur.

"VII

"All of the marchers will have completed the march and dispersed by 3:00 o'clock P.M. on the day the march is held.

"VIII

"The march will be orderly and peaceful and otherwise preserve the high standard of dignity and decorum.

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"IX

"Adequate police forces will be present to accompany the march and to maintain moving and stationary positions between the marchers and the sidewalks.

"X

"Marchers of school age will be evenly interspersed with older marchers to the extent reasonably possible.

"XI

"Marchers will not carry objects that could be used to do damage to persons or property.

"ENTER this 5th day of April, 1968.

/s/ " Bailey Brown "
 Chief Judge

Lieutenant Arkin added that at noon on April 5, 1968, approximately one hundred members of the Memphis Ministerial Association visited Memphis Mayor Henry Loeb demanding that Loeb immediately settle the sanitation strike. The Association President, Rabbi James Wax, delivered a speech attacking Loeb and blaming him for the current tense racial situation in Memphis.

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Lieutenant Arkin advised that sporadic looting, arson, and sniping continued throughout the evening of April 5, 1968, and that a 62-year-old Negro male, Roosevelt Jennings, 2443 Eldridge, was shot by a police officer when caught attempting to break into a liquor store located at 1249 Hollywood. Lieutenant Arkin added that Roosevelt Jennings was taken to the John Gaston Hospital and is in satisfactory condition.

Ronald Johnson, 111th Military Intelligence, Third Army, Memphis, Tennessee, has advised that the Tennessee National Guard has been increased to 3,800 men in Memphis, Tennessee.

Lieutenant Arkin advised that approximately 200 sanitation workers and their sympathizers marched single-file from Clayborn Temple to Memphis City Hall and returned with no incidents occurring.

According to Lieutenant Arkin, this march was completely peaceful. Lieutenant Arkin added that the curfew imposed by Memphis Mayor Henry Loeb from 7 p.m. to 5 a.m., beginning Thursday, April 4, 1968, remains in effect.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (157-1092) (P)

SANITATION WORKERS STRIKE,
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE
RM

OO: Memphis

Re Memphis airtel and LHM dated 4/5/68.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 11 copies, and for Atlanta, Chicago and WFO each one copy of a letterhead memorandum dated and captioned as above.

Copies are being furnished to U. S. Attorney, Memphis, and U. S. Secret Service, Memphis, and to Regional Offices of Military Intelligence.

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- 1 - Atlanta (Enc. 1) (Info) (RM)
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(1 - 157-109, SNCC)
(1 - 44-1987, UNSUB, aka John Willard, etc.)
(1 - 100-4105, MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.)
(1 - 157-556, Possible Racial Violence, Major Urban Areas)
(1 - 157-166, SCLC)
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ATLANTA, CHICAGO AND WFO DIVISIONS:

Information copies are being furnished to the above divisions due to their interest in MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., and the SCLC.

MEMPHIS DIVISION

Will follow and report pertinent activities re instant case.

4/6/68

AIRTEL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

FROM : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CIVIL RIGHTS

Submitted herewith are additional items recovered in connection with the murder of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.:

- (1) One pair of men's shorts. (Waistband in unstretched condition, one side, measures approximately 11 3/4 inches, which would be waistband of approximately 23 1/2 inches. Fully extended waistband measures approximately 17 1/2 inches, one side or a total of 35 inches.)
- (2) T-shirt, size 42-44, designated "Jockey Power Knit" T-shirt, large size. It appears on visual examination that lower portion of T-shirt has been cut.

Laboratory requested to examine T-shirt and shorts for any hidden laundry marks and any other examination that may help to determine origin of garments. In connection with the laundry tape that appears on both the shorts and T-shirt, the number 02B-6 appears. Since a portion of the left side of each of these tapes is missing, the possibility that the "O" might be the remnant of the letter "D" or some other combinations should not be overlooked.

Inquiry of the Albany Office discloses that the Textile Marking Machine Co., Syracuse, N.Y., has a representative, JOE COMBS, 5232 Devonshire Dr., Oxenhill, Maryland, Tel. 301-248-6128, in residence in Oxenhill. COMBS reportedly has the ability to determine on inspection of laundry marking tape as to whether or not this is type tape produced by his company and type of machine producing same.

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SA [unclear] on board
Request that Laboratory prior to conducting its examinations arrange for COMBS to view tape.

SA [unclear] on board
In addition, there is submitted herewith one board which is part of a window sill in window of bathroom at 422½ South Main, from which it appears that fatal shot was fired.

Laboratory requested to examine board to ascertain any possibility of breech powder burns or any other identifiable markings that may be made by weapon in question. Possibility that recoil marks may appear on board. Texture of board was such that no latents of significance could be developed. Suggest however that the Bureau reexamine for possibility latents might be developed by FBI.

Various PD offices
In addition, there is submitted herewith five cards appropriately identified of various latents lifted by representatives of the Memphis PD. These latents should be examined against any latents developed in examinations conducted by FBI.

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TO: SAC, ALBANY
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MURKIN

Note CHANGED title. Previously carried under
"Assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR."

All offices receiving copies of this Airtel note that
Bureau has designated above caption as approved code word for
investigation dealing with murder of Dr. KING.

Information under above caption should pertain only to
investigation that may have bearing on identifying subject instant
case. All other information pertaining to racial incidents, and
racial activity arising out of assassination Dr. KING should not
be submitted under above caption, but should be submitted by
interested offices under the appropriate caption pertaining to
Racial Matters.

In addition, all offices in receipt of this information
should re-canvass any Criminal Informants, Security Informants,
and Racial Informants for possible knowledge concerning assassina-
tion, with specific emphasis directed toward informants in known
hate groups.

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March 20, 1967

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United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

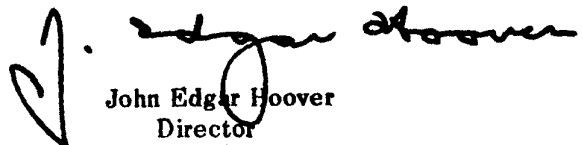
Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
3. ☐ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
5. ☒ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:
 - (a) ☐ Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior;
 - (b) ☐ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
 - (c) ☐ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.
6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

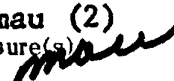
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Very truly yours,


John Edgar Hoover
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s)) (1)
U. S. Secret Service
① Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio

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Enclosure(s) 

(Upon removal of classified enclosures, if any, this transmittal form becomes UNCLASSIFIED.)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE CINCINNATI	OFFICE OF ORIGIN CINCINNATI	DATE 3/20/67	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 2/4 - 3/8/67
TITLE OF CASE UNSUB; JOHN KENNETH MADDEN - VICTIM		REPORT MADE BY SA CLIFFORD G. ANDERSON	TYPED BY mau
		CHARACTER OF CASE EXTORTION	

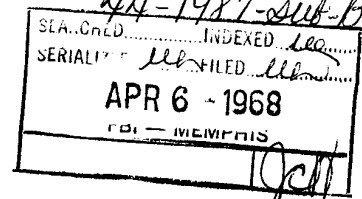
REFERENCES:

Cincinnati airtels to Bureau, dated 2/7/67, 2/9/67, and 3/8/67.
 Bureau letters to Cincinnati, dated 2/27/67, 3/1/67, and 3/8/67.
 Los Angeles letter to Cincinnati, dated 2/17/67, captioned "JOHN MADDEN (phonetic), INFORMATION CONCERNING", Los Angeles file 62-0.

LEADS:

LOS ANGELES

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA



Case has been: Pending over one year ☐ Yes ☒ No; Pending prosecution over six months ☐ Yes ☒ No

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Information copy of this report to Los Angeles inasmuch as subject has been in contact with the Los Angeles Office and still may be in that territory.

CINCINNATI

AT COLUMBUS, OHIO

Will contact U. S. Secret Service Agent ROBERT MANPEL who possibly has information concerning subject.

AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

Upon receipt of Bureau Lab Reports, will discuss case with AUSA, Cincinnati.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

Cincinnati files set out previous information concerning victim in case captioned "JOHN KENNETH MADDEN, INFORMATION CONCERNING", Cincinnati file 100-15679, and in cases captioned "SPARTACIST, IS - C" in which victim was interviewed at Columbus, Ohio, 2/14/66, "SPARTACIST, IS - C" THREAT AGAINST VICE PRESIDENT, VIDEM, INFORMATION CONCERNING (IS), which file contains information furnished by MADDEN on 2/3/66, concerning SPARTACIST and JOHN MICHAEL HOUSER.

ROBERT MANPEL, Special Agent in Charge, U. S. Secret Service, Columbus, Ohio, advised on 5/16/66, that victim telephoned his office and said he was contemplating a trip to Washington, D. C., that he may call the White House or Justice Department. On 5/17/66, Reverend ROBERT TRUMP of the North Community Lutheran Church, Columbus, Ohio, advised MADDEN appeared in his office and requested money for gasoline in order to leave Columbus and go west. MADDEN

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told Reverend TRUMP that he had become overcome by pressures brought upon him because of communism.

On 3/10/67, the Attorney General's Office, State of Ohio, conducted a limited investigation because at present victim published a typewritten newspaper known as "The American" which is ultra-right and attacks subversive groups.

An extra copy of this report is being designated for the Bureau for dissemination to U. S. Secret Service, Washington, D. C. One copy is being furnished U. S. Secret Service, Cincinnati, Ohio, with FD-376, in view of apparent emotional instability and irrational behavior on the part of MADDEN.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1-USA, Cincinnati
1-U.S. Secret Service, Cincinnati

Report of: SA CLIFFORD G. ANDERSON Office: CINCINNATI
Date: 3/20/67

Field Office File #: 9-2120 Bureau File #: 9-46281

Title: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
JOHN KENNETH MADDEN - VICTIM

Character: EXTORTION

Synopsis: On 2/4/67, victim furnished letter he received postmarked Norwalk, Ohio, 2/3/67, containing letter set out "Madden; Your days are short Death!" followed by insignia two sickles and letters M-2-1. Long View State Hospital received two similar letters to effect that victim, an employee of hospital, must go. Second letter allegedly written by LYNN P. RACIWITZ, Spartacist Party, Columbus, Ohio, demanding victim's dismissal as State Employee. This letter contains same insignia and letters. Laboratory results set out. Victim described VM, DOB [redacted] at Knoxville, Tennessee, residence 910 Clinton Springs, Cincinnati, Ohio.

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DETAILS:

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 2/15/67

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On February 4, 1967, this office received a telephone call from a JOHN MADDEN, 910 Clinton Springs Avenue, Apartment #2, Cincinnati, Ohio, in which he stated he had just received an extortion note and requested an interview. He was interviewed at the Cincinnati Office by Special Agent GEORGE J. KLEIN on the same day and furnished the following information:

MADDEN stated he ran a newspaper in Columbus, Ohio, from December, 1955, through March, 1966, titled "The American". This publication was strongly anti-communistic and MADDEN stated he received many favorable reactions, not only in and around the Columbus area, but throughout the country. This favorable reaction intensified MADDEN's attacks on Communistic factions and he said he received several unpleasant telephone calls and verbal taunts from anonymous individuals in the Columbus area during this period. MADDEN stated that on or about February 3, 1966, he was driving to Cleveland, Ohio, to hear Vice President HUBERT HUMPHREY give a speech in that city. Several miles outside the city, on Route 22 entering Cleveland, MADDEN said four white men pulled up beside his car, one rolled down a window and two pistol shots were fired at MADDEN, both missing him.

After the incident in Cleveland, MADDEN returned to Columbus and continued with his newspaper for about thirty days before family pressure caused him to give it up. He then left Columbus for about five months and went to California where he felt he would be safe from the "pressures" that were building up. MADDEN stated he did not report these "pressures" to either the police or any Federal organization.

On 2/4/67 at Cincinnati, Ohio File # CI 9- 2120
by SA GEORGE J. KLEIN/mld Date dictated 2/9/67

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MADDEN left California and set up residence in Cincinnati, Ohio, the latter part of June, 1966, and currently lives with his mother at 910 Clinton Springs Avenue. Since moving here he had not encountered any difficulties until he had to settle an automobile claim in Columbus on January 31, 1967. MADDEN claims that while walking in downtown Columbus on the date named he encountered a MICHAEL HOUSER, who MADDEN claims is the chairman of the "Spartacist" organization in Columbus, along with two other men; one a tall blond, and the other a short, stocky man, about 21 years old. MADDEN said that HOUSER called to him and stated "Hey MADDEN, I see you're back. I've got something I've got to tell you." HOUSER then proceeded to tell MADDEN where he lived, where he worked, hours he worked, and the scores he made on his Civil Service Examination. MADDEN did not take this seriously and did not report the incident to any authorities.

MADDEN is employed as an attendant at Longview Hospital and claims the superintendent had received two notes requesting MADDEN's dismissal. MADDEN advised he received a typewritten note at his residence about three weeks ago, postmarked Columbus, stating "Get out". He tore the letter up and considered it a joke.

The following description was obtained of MADDEN through interview and personal observation:

Name	JOHN KENNETH MADDEN
Residence	910 Clinton Springs Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio, Apt. #2
Telephone	281-6333
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	
Place of Birth	Knoxville, Tennessee

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Height:	5'7"
Weight:	150 pounds
Hair:	Blond
Build:	Medium
Education:	High school plus 2 years home college study
Marital Status:	Separated
Relatives:	
Mother	EMILE MADDEN 910 Clinton Springs Avenue Cincinnati
Brother	Professor JERRY MADDEN Ohio University Athens, Ohio
Brother	JAMES RICHARD MADDEN Knoxville, Tennessee

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The letter which Mr. MADDEN produced was postmarked Norwalk, Ohio, 2/3/67, addressed to JOHN K. MADDEN, 910 Clinton Springs Avenue, Apartment 2, Cincinnati, Ohio, bearing return initials GJK 2/4/67, the letter containing handprinting is set out as follows:

"Madden:

 Your Days are
 Short
 DEATH!"

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 2/9/67

Mrs. EMILE MADDEN, 910 Clinton Springs, Cincinnati, Ohio, appeared at the Cincinnati Office of the FBI and furnished the following information to SA GEORGE J. KLEIN and Complaint Clerk RICHARD D. SCHWEIN:

On February 7, 1967, she received a letter addressed to her son, JOHN K. MADDEN. This letter was postmarked February 6, 1967, at Mt. Summit, zip code 47361. The letter stated:

"Madden
Serious! Get out
or
Die!!
FBI Sat. no
help"

The letter was signed by a drawing of a shield containing a star and crossed sickles with the letters "M2-1."

Mrs. MADDEN stated she was aware that her son had talked to the FBI concerning threatening letters he had been receiving. Because he became frightened he left Cincinnati and told his mother he was heading for the West. She has no idea as to his present whereabouts.

Mrs. MADDEN stated her son had been employed as an attendant at Longview State Hospital, but he told her he had been discharged from his position because of a threatening letter sent to the superintendent of the Longview State Hospital. She commented that her son told her the superintendent of Longview was "not enough an American."

On 2/8/67 at Cincinnati, Ohio File # 9-2120

by SA GEORGE J. KLEIN & CC RICHARD D. SCHWEIN:b1b Date dictated 2/9/67

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Mrs. MADDEN advised that she is employed as a practical nurse for a family in Cincinnati, but she did not care to state the name of this family as they are very strict. Mrs. MADDEN further advised she could not spend much time being interviewed as she was suffering from the flu and had a doctor's appointment. She stated she had no knowledge of her son JOHN K. MADDEN's associates or friends and he had been living with her at 910 Clinton Springs since he arrived in Cincinnati in June, 1966. Prior to coming to Cincinnati her son lived in a hotel room in Columbus, Ohio, was employed in a factory at Columbus, and printed his own newspaper which was called "The American" and which was anti-communist. Her son feels he is receiving threatening letters because of his "anti-communist" activities.

Mrs. MADDEN stated that JOHN has had nervous problems since he was very young. At age 3 he was hit in the head with a baseball bat. His father, JAMES H. MADDEN, is an alcoholic and contributed to a poor home situation. JOHN dropped out of school after completing 9 or 10 years. He joined the U. S. Marine Corps at 17 and was discharged because of emotional problems. When he was 21 or 22 he was arrested by the FBI at Knoxville, Tennessee on bad check charges. Prior to his trial he jumped bond and was the subject of an investigation to locate him. He surrendered himself to the FBI at Knoxville and was subsequently sentenced to a term in a Federal prison under the Youth Corrections Act.

She recalls that he served approximately four years in Federal penal institutions at Chillicothe, Ohio, and Terre Haute, Indiana. At both institutions he was given psychiatric treatment because of his instability.

Mrs. MADDEN recalled that JOHN was married to ELIZABETH MADDEN whom he met in Knoxville, Tennessee. They knew each other a few days and moved to California. Mrs. MADDEN has never seen or talked to ELIZABETH MADDEN.

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JOHN and ELIZABETH are supposedly divorced now and ELIZABETH is somewhere in California.

Mrs. MADDEN was shown the letter she received and asked if the handwriting could be that of her son. She stated that this was a possibility and that JOHN could very well be "sick." She stated she knew of no one who would want to harm her son nor did she know any of his friends or acquaintances who might do this as a practical joke.

Mrs. MADDEN said that she believed her son had been persecuted in his trial at Federal court in Knoxville, Tennessee, and he had been sent up falsely. She did not think the FBI was quite fair to JOHN and because he felt he would go to prison he jumped bond.

Mrs. MADDEN furnished the following names and addresses of relatives of JOHN K. MADDEN:

Father:	JAMES H. MADDEN, 2722 Heniger Street, Knoxville, Tennessee
Brother:	JAMES R. MADDEN, address unknown, Knoxville, Tennessee
Ex-Wife:	ELIZABETH, address unknown, believed to be in either Los Angeles or San Diego, California

On February 14, 1967, Mrs. JAMES MADDEN, mother of victim, telephonically advised Complaint Clerk, RICHARD D. SCHWEIN, that she had not yet heard from her son, JOHN MADDEN. She stated that she did not care to discuss this matter any further although she will advise if JOHN lets her know where he is. She stated she had received no more letters. She also advised that she believed additional information concerning her son could be obtained from the U. S. Secret Service at Columbus, Ohio.

On February 17, 1967, victim wrote a letter to the Cincinnati FBI Office, postmarked Los Angeles, California, 2/15/67, which letter is set out as follows:

"Dear Sir:

My mother tells me that your agents think that I wrote the "death", letters that I got in the mail from the M-2-1. She also tells me that your agents want a specimen of my hand-writing...just to make clear that I did not write the letters.

"First off leave my mother alone, she isn't to be involved and she will not answer any more stupid questions.

"Second, I will not give you anymore information, never again, about anything since your office is trying to save face for the communist. No, no, no, I did not write the death letters to myself.

"Third, I contacted the FBI here in Los Angeles, and a wise guy was on the other end so I hung up.

"Finally. I will take all necessary action "on my own," against the "Sparticists." and the M-2-1. I was in