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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 8, 1968

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NOEL M. KELLEY, Secretary-Treasurer, Bond Welding Supply Company, 805 South Main Street, Memphis, residence 4563 Windward Drive, Memphis, contacted the Memphis Police Department on April 7, 1968, and furnished the following information:

KELLEY stated a salesman with Vulcan Binder and Cover Company, Birmingham, Alabama, who identified himself as ROSCOE SMITH, came to his office at Bond Welding Supply Company at approximately 1:00 p.m. April 4, 1968. SMITH requested to see the head of the company, and since this individual was out, he stated he would wait until the head of the company returned. KELLEY engaged SMITH in conversation, and during the conversation, the subject of MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. came up. SMITH appeared to be a meek type of individual until KING's name was brought up, and then a change came over him and he became emotionally excited. SMITH discussed how much harm and chaos KING had caused in his hometown of Birmingham, and he spent approximately one hour downgrading KING.

During the conversation, SMITH advised KELLEY that he, SMITH, had a son age 17 and a daughter age 15 residing in Birmingham. SMITH also stated that when he was in Memphis he stayed at the Chisca Hotel and he goes with a cashier at the hotel.

SMITH remained in KELLEY's office until between 2:15 and 2:30 p.m., and when he left, he stated he was going to New Orleans, Louisiana.

KELLEY furnished the following description of SMITH:

Race	white
Sex	male
Age	36 to 38
Height	5' 8" to 5' 10"
Hair	light brown or sandy, slightly receding on sides and coming to point in middle of forehead

On 4/8/68 at Memphis, Tennessee File # Memphis 44-1987-Sub-D-116

by SA GARY M. RAMSEY:LF Date dictated 4/8/68

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Capt. COCHRAN furnished a business card reflecting the name ROSCOE SMITH, Sales Representative, Vulcan Binder and Cover Company, which SMITH gave to KELLEY on April 4, 1968.

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Date 4-9-681

LEONARD HANCOCK, Manager, Holiday Inn, 980 South Third, Memphis, made available the guest registration card for the period April 1 - 7, 1968. A search of the cards was made for a JOHN WILLARD and HARVEY LOWMEYER with negative results. The cards reflected that the following individuals stayed at the motel on the dates indicated and listed Ford automobiles and the indicated license numbers on the registration card:

CHARLES B. ADAMS 4/2/68
100 Cardinal Lake Drive
Duluth, Georgia
Ford 1651909 (Georgia)

W. J. WILLIAMS 4/1-5/68
377 Valley Brook Drive, NE
Atlanta, Georgia
Ford AP-9573 (Tennessee)

JOHN D. DIAL 4/2-4/68 (checked out 6:52 PM)
501 Berkshire Circle
Clinton, Mississippi
Ford 31-38987 (Alabama)

ANDREW FREEMAN 4/3-4/68
NAS, Millington
1967 Ford JM-0720 (Tennessee)

HUBERT E. CONTENCT
Route 1, Box 107
Welsh, Louisiana
Ford 292028 (Louisiana)

DOUG ROY 4/2-3/68
1548 Mapleton
Dallas, Texas
Ford LKF-414 (Texas)

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St. Louis, Missouri
Ford KHL-185 (Missouri)

4/2/68

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1008 South 32nd Street
Birmingham, Alabama
Ford 1A9 3961 (Alabama)

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4/4-6/68 (marked skip)

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Ford DV-4001 (North Carolina)

4/1-3/68

LAYMON F. OCHOA
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Memphis, Tennessee
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BV-4219 (Tennessee)

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1965 Ford ATC 120 (Arkansas)

JOHN H. SCHAFFNER 3/31 - 4/3/68
2212 Chickering Lane
Nashville, Tennessee
1967 Ford EE-7161 (Tennessee)

CLAUDE R. ROUX 4/4/68
13505 Shahan
Dallas, Texas
1967 Ford 47-7514 (Alabama)

G.D. THOMPSON 4/3/68 (in and out
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CHARLES H. BAKER 4/3/68 (In and out, two
1076 Texas in party)
Memphis, Tennessee
1964 Ford - (Tennessee)

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1025 George
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Date 4/7/68

Mr. RALPH WILSON CAMPBELL, 4044 Barber Avenue, Salesman, York Arms Company on Main Street in Memphis, was shown the following pictures of individuals who may physically resemble the individual to whom CAMPBELL sold a pair of Bushnell binoculars on April 4, 1968, at the York Arms store, 182 S. Main Street. CAMPBELL advised that none of them appeared to him to be identical with the individual who bought from him a pair of Bushnell 7 x 35 binoculars in the afternoon of April 4, 1968:

JOHN HUBERT WILLARD,
photo taken April 8, 1968;

DAVID ARLEN HARTMANN,
FBI # 553 625 D,
photo taken June 8, 1966;

ALICE LAWRENCE,
318 Baxter Street,
Covington, Tennessee,
photo taken November 17, 1966;

WILLIAM JOSEPH LUTHERER,
Army Serial # 37795348,
photo taken March, 1960;

ROBERT BOLIVAR DE PUCH,
FBI # 17982,
date photo taken unknown;

WALTER PATRICK PETERSON,
FBI # 478 487 F,
photo taken November, 1966;

EMIL MATHALIK,
date photo taken unknown.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/10/68

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Name	Registration	Automobile
HENRY BOYETTE 819 Harrison Street Tupelo, Mississippi	4/3 - 4/4/68	Ford, Mississippi license M-5297
GEORGE A. BALOGH 14816 Clifton Boulevard Lockwood, Ohio	4/21 - 4/6/68	Ford, license LD 448
THEODORE E. DEDERICK 10001 Collette Avenue Granada Hills, California	4/4 - 4/6/68	Ford, Arkansas license AAV054
HARRY A. EDGE 8179 Rugby Avenue Birmingham, Alabama	4/4 - 4/5/68	Ford, Alabama license 1-A97887
ROY R. LOGAN Houlka, Mississippi; employed at Chickasaw County Sheriff's Office	4/4 - 4/6/68	1968 Ford, Tennessee license BE 6980
J. H. LOVE 5440 Joyce Drive Forest Park, Georgia	4/1 - 4/5/68	Ford, license G1115417
FRANK J. MC MAHON 4079 Nevada Trail Atlanta, Georgia	4/1 - 4/2/68	Ford, Georgia license 17355
LARRY H. MILLER 19500 Cherry Hill Lane Southfield, Michigan	4/3 - 4/5/68	Ford, Tennessee license AP 8594

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Registration</u>	<u>Automobile</u>
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R. F. NASH ✓ 5190 Norman Boulevard College Park, Georgia	4/1 - 4/4/68	Ford, Georgia license 1-31573 ✓
J. J. TERARES ✓ Post Office Box 853 No. 4 Sheryl Drive East St. Louis, Illinois	4/2 - 4/4/68	Ford, license RA 97411 ✓
J. E. PULLEN ✓ 6724 Darden Place Nashville, Tennessee	4/1-4/4/68	1967 Ford, Tennessee license JH 0768 ✓
DURELL RUFFIN ✓ 2658 Palifax Drive Atlanta, Georgia	4/1 - 4/2/68	Ford, Mississippi license 701668 ✓
GERALD J. ROONEY ✓ 7201 North Illinois Street Indianapolis, Indiana	4/1 - 4/5/68	Ford, Tennessee license AP 8688 ✓
CHARLES B. ADAMS ✓ 100 Cardinal Lane Drive Duluth, Georgia	4/4 - 4/8/68	Ford, Georgia license 16J1909 ✓
JAMES B. NEEL ✓ 121 Muse Jackson, Tennessee	4/4 - 4/5/68	Ford, Tennessee license SD72471 ✓

LEW further advised that he has no record of a bedspread being stolen from this Holiday Inn within the past two or three weeks. His records do not show that any guest registered at the motel using the name JOHN WILLARD or HARVEY LOWMEYER for the months of March and April, 1968.

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Mrs. ERIN KESTERSON, 1382 Kimball Cove, Memphis, Tennessee, furnished the following information:

She advised that she has been a widow for over 20 years and lives alone at the above address. She also stated that she was the owner of a 1967 Ford Mustang, white in color, and that in addition to herself the only other person who drives this vehicle is Mr. SAM P. MAURY, Assistant Manager at St. Clair's Restaurant, 717 North White Station Road, Memphis, Tennessee, where she is employed as a waitress. She advised that she has been employed at St. Clair's for approximately 10 to 12 years.

Mrs. KESTERSON also stated that on Thursday, April 4, 1968, she did not go to work until 4:00 P.M. and that prior to that time her Mustang had been parked in her driveway all day. She stated that she arrived at work at approximately 4:00 P.M. and that the management decided to close the restaurant early that evening in view of the fact that Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., had been killed. She stated the decision was made at about 9:00 P.M. that evening by Mr. JACK ST. CLAIR, the owner of the restaurant, to close and that he approached her and suggested that he drive her car to his house that evening since it was a white Mustang and it was his understanding that the authorities were looking for such a car in connection with the killing. He also suggested that she leave it at his house that evening, and he did not want her going home alone in her car.

She stated that Mr. ST. CLAIR, Mr. SAM MAURY, and herself left the restaurant sometime between 9:30 and 10:00 P.M. that evening with Mr. ST. CLAIR driving either his Mercury or station wagon followed by Mr. MAURY driving Mrs. KESTERSON's Mustang, who in turn was followed by Mrs. KESTERSON driving SAM MAURY's Rambler. She stated they left St. Clair's Restaurant and proceeded south on White Station Road crossing Poplar Avenue proceeding to Park Avenue. She stated they then made a left turn on Park Avenue and a right turn on a street she could not recall and then turned onto Edenshire Cove where

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by SA ROBERT FITZPATRICK and
SA EUGENE A. MEDORI, JR.: EAM/mnr Date dictated 4/10/68

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Mr. ST. CLAIR's residence is located.

She further advised that she was then driven home by Mr. MAURY and that Mr. MAURY picked her up about 4:00 or 5:00 P.M. the next day, which was Friday, April 5, 1968, and brought her over to the ST. CLAIR home where she picked up her car.

Mrs. KESTERSON displayed State of Tennessee Owner's Identification Card Title No. 12099481 which reflected that a 1967 Ford Mustang, VIN 7F01T148481, was purchased on May 5, 1967, by ERIN KESTERSON, 1382 Kimball Cove, Memphis, Tennessee, 38114, and that the lien holder to this vehicle was the Continental Investment Corporation, 2724 Union Extended, Memphis, Tennessee, 38112.

She further stated that on April 4, 1968, after she arrived at work at 4:00 P.M. she parked her vehicle in the Cloverleaf Shopping Center in which is located the St. Clair Restaurant, and to her knowledge the car was parked in the same location that evening. She did state, however, that she has a bad habit of not locking her car and recalls that her vehicle was not locked that evening although she did take the keys with her. She advised that she was pretty sure that no one had used her vehicle that evening.

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Date 4/10/681

Mrs. ELOISE HAWKINS, Secretary to the Clerk, Shelby County Court Clerk's Office, Auto License Division, Memphis, Tennessee, furnished the following information:

She stated that her records indicate that Tennessee license BP-6907 was issued to an EREN KESTERSON, 1382 Kimball Cove, Memphis, Tennessee, for a 1967 Ford Mustang, two-door sedan, VIN 7F01T148481. She further advised that her records reflect that this vehicle was purchased on May 5, 1967, and that the above license was purchased on May 8, 1967.

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1Date 4/10/68

WALTER WILLIAMS, Manager, Chisca Plaza Hotel, 272 South Main Street, Memphis, Tennessee, furnished the following information:

He has known ROSCOE SMITH, JR., for approximately 7 - 8 years during which time SMITH has been a guest of the hotel for a 3-4 day period every other month. He advised that SMITH was last registered at the hotel for the period April 1, 1968 - April 4, 1968. He further stated SMITH is a salesman for the Vulcan Binding and Cover Company, Birmingham, Alabama, and resides with his, SMITH's, wife and two children in Birmingham.

WILLIAMS stated he had talked with SMITH for an extended period of time on numerous occasions over the past eight years and during these conversations SMITH had never been outspoken concerning racial problems or concerning MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. He advised that he had breakfast with SMITH at the hotel on either April 2 or 3, 1968 and had talked with SMITH for an extended period of time. He stated that SMITH did not bring up the subject of the racial problems in Memphis and did not mention MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., during this conversation. He said SMITH had had muscular sclerosis a number of years ago and he limped noticeably when he walked.

WILLIAMS furnished the following description of SMITH:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	38 - 39
Height	5'11" - 6'
Weight	170
Hair	Light brown, crew cut
Characteristics	Walks with limp
Occupation	Salesman, Vulcan Binding and Cover Company, Birmingham, Alabama
Marital status	Married
Children	Two, one boy and one girl.

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He knew ROSCOE SMITH when he saw him and had spoken to SMITH on numerous occasions over the past 3 - 4 years during which time SMITH had been a guest of the hotel frequently. He advised that he had never talked with SMITH for an extended period of time and could furnish no background information concerning SMITH. He further stated that the last time he saw SMITH in the hotel was the morning of April 2, 1968, when he observed SMITH eating in the restaurant of the hotel; however, he did not talk to SMITH at this time.

He furnished the following description of SMITH:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	40 - 42
Height	5'10" - 6'
Weight	170 - 175
Complexion	Medium
Hair	Light brown, crew cut
Occupation	Salesman.

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DOYLE BROWN, Sales Department, Plough, Inc., 3022 Jackson Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee, furnished the following information:

ROSCOE SMITH, JR., who is a salesman for the Vulcan Binding and Cover Company, Birmingham, Alabama, contacted him regularly in connection with binders and covers that he, BROWN, was buying for Plough, Inc. He had met with and talked to SMITH for extended periods of time on numerous occasions; however, their conversations mainly pertained to the design of the binders and covers which he was purchasing from SMITH. He stated he had never heard SMITH express an opinion concerning the racial problem nor had he ever heard SMITH mention MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. He advised that he noticed SMITH was limping the last time he was at Plough, Inc., which was approximately two months ago; however, he had never noticed SMITH limp before this time.

BROWN furnished the following description of SMITH:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	40-45
Height	6' - 6'11"
Weight	180 - 185
Complexion	Medium
Build	Medium
Hair	Brown-sandy, long crew cut, combed straight back.

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Cover Company, Birmingham, Alabama, and calls on Plough, Inc.,
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however, he had never talked to SMITH for any period of time
and SMITH usually dealt directly with DOYLE BROWN, Sales
Department, Plough, Inc. He further stated he could furnish
no background information concerning SMITH.

He furnished the following description of SMITH:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	37-38
Height	5'10" - 5'11"
Weight	160 -165
Hair	Sandy, crew cut, grown out, combed straight back, no part.

BOWEN stated that SMITH walked with a kind of shuffling
gait but he had never observed SMITH to limp.

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WADE WARD, Room Clerk, Chisca Plaza Hotel, 272 South Main Street, Memphis, Tennessee, furnished the following information:

ROSCOE SMITH, JR., was known to him and SMITH has been staying at the hotel 3-4 days every other month for the past several years. He stated he had not talked to SMITH other than to check him into and out of the hotel and could furnish no background information concerning SMITH. He advised the records reflect that SMITH was registered at the hotel for the period April 1 - 4, 1968, and SMITH listed his automobile as a Buick, year and license not given. SMITH listed his home address as 2200 Marion Street, Birmingham, Alabama.

WARD furnished the following description of SMITH:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	40 - 41
Height	6'
Weight	170 - 180
Hair	Sandy, crew cut.

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JERRY YORK is the Purchasing Agent for Tayloe Paper Company, 420 South Main Street, Memphis, Tennessee.

He stated that the name ROSCOE SMITH as a representative of Vulcan Binding Company of Birmingham, Alabama, is unknown to him. He stated that he has not had any occasion to do any business with Vulcan although he does have some of their sales literature furnished to him by mail from the home office.

He stated that he and Mr. F. S. NICHOLSON are the two individuals at Tayloe who deal with all of the salesmen. Although the company did not refer Vulcan to any other Memphis corporation to solicit business, it is possible that a reference could have been made by A. R. TAYLOR Company of 18 South Second Street, who would have reason to use binding products.

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He further advised that he does not know ROSCOE SMITH nor did he recommend Vulcan or ROSCOE SMITH to any other business in the Memphis area.

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HUGH ALLEN BARNES, Store Manager, Bond Welding Supply Company, 805 South Main Street, Memphis, Tennessee, furnished the following information:

ROSCOE SMITH, salesman for Vulcan Binding and Cover Company, Birmingham, Alabama, had made a call at Bond Welding Supply Company on the afternoon of April 4, 1968. He stated he did not talk to SMITH at this time other than to introduce himself to SMITH and SMITH made the comment that they were both from Birmingham, Alabama.

BARNES furnished the following description of SMITH:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	30 - 40
Hair	Sandy, long crew cut, combed straight back, no part
Height	6'
Weight	165
Build	Slender
Dress	Dark suit.

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Weight	165
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LEONARD J. GOLDRING, Sales Department, Plough, Inc.,
3022 Jackson Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee, furnished the following
information:

ROSCOE SMITH, JR., salesman, Vulcan Binding and Cover
Company, Birmingham, Alabama, was known to him inasmuch as he,
GOLDRING, had purchased binders and covers from SMITH. He stated
he had talked to SMITH on numerous occasions but he could not
recall SMITH ever discussing or expressing an opinion concerning
racial problems or MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. He stated SMITH was
a very talkative individual who told numerous jokes concerning
every topic brought up. He advised the last time he had
talked to SMITH was approximately two months ago; however,
SMITH had appeared at Plough, Inc., on April 1, 1968, and
requested to talk to him, GOLDRING, but he told SMITH he did
not have time to talk to him.

He stated that during the conversations with SMITH,
SMITH had advised he was married and living in Birmingham,
Alabama, with his wife and two children. He further recalled
that SMITH informed him that he, SMITH, had been in the military
during World War II, had been wounded, and had a metal plate in
his head due to this wound. He stated he did not recall what
branch of service SMITH had stated he was in and he had never
observed SMITH driving any automobile but he presumed SMITH
did make his calls in an automobile since he had delivered
covers and binders to Plough, Inc., on numerous of these calls.

GOLDRING furnished the following description of
SMITH:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	43 - 44
Height	5'8"
Weight	165
Hair	Sandy, long crew cut, combed straight back, no part, receding at sides

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Complexion
Characteristics

Medium to ruddy
Walked with a
shuffle.