

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 4/12/68

Mr. FRED P. GATTAS, owner, Fred P. Gattas Distributing Company, Inc., 387 South Main, Memphis, Tennessee, was interviewed in Room 3115 of the St. Joseph's Hospital, Memphis, where he was presently confined as a patient and furnished the following information:

He advised that he did work on April 4, 1968, at his business at 387 South Main, Memphis, but he left at about 11:00 a.m., that morning and did not return. He stated he could furnish no first-hand information of the events involving the murder of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

GATTAS stated, however, he and a friend who had been talking about the assassination of Dr. KING and he had suggested that the individual who killed KING was either an extremely dedicated individual who felt that he was ridding America of an undesirable or was a complete "nut." A day or two later Mr. GATTAS' friend, WILLARD H. RUNDQUIST, who is the vice president of the Wabash Inc., 1217 Florida Street, Memphis, gave Mr. GATTAS a note. GATTAS stated that when RUNDQUIST gave him this note he expressed the desire that his identity be protected. Mr. GATTAS stated he has had this note for a few days and has been trying to decide what to do with the information contained therein. He advised that he at first thought he would give it to his priest, but when he learned Agents were interviewing his employees he decided it would be his duty to turn this information over to the FBI.

Mr. GATTAS furnished the two page note which he had received from RUNDQUIST and it was contained in a plain white envelope and reads as follows:

"4/7/68

"Paul Mc Carter
2152 Leyton
Phone 357-2122

On 4/11/68 at Memphis, Tennessee File # ME 44-1987-Sub D-145

by SA EUGENE A. MEDORI, JR.
SA JACK D. VAHRENWALD EAM:raj Date dictated 4/11/68

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"Age	About 30
Born	Corinth_Miss.
Race	White
Hair	Black
height	about 6-0"
weight	about 180

"owns and drives a 1966 or 67 cream colored Mustang.

"Worked in Production Control at Wabash Inc. 1217 Florida St_ until a month ago, when he quit to work for a millwork Co. in Tupelo_ Miss. as an outside salesman. At Wabash he worked very closely with a John Smith and myself Willard Rundquist 'note the two first names.'

"He was in our office about noon on Thursday April 4th. Visiting with me and others _ Do not recall that conversation was of any importance to matter at hand.

"s/s W. A. Rundquist.
25 Belz Blv'd. Apt. 1
Memphis_ Tenn.
948-4841"

Mr. GATTAS stated he had no personal information about the above note and suggested that if additional information were required to contact RUNDQUIST.

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Date April 12, 1968

DEWEY A. WIGGINS, District Passenger Sales Manager, Illinois Central Railroad, who resides at 1473 Catalina Street, Memphis, Tennessee, was interviewed at his office, 808 Central Station, Memphis, Tennessee. He was advised that he did not have to furnish any information, that he had the right to consult with an attorney before he furnished any information and that any information he did furnish could be used against him in a court of law. He was furnished a form entitled "Your Rights," which he signed. WIGGINS furnished the following information:

On Thursday morning April 4, 1968, he heard someone in his office, whose identity he could not recall, say that the newspaper contained an item indicating that MARTIN LUTHER KING had eaten the day before at the Lorraine Motel, Memphis, Tennessee. Later that day he recalled overhearing someone in his office say that MARTIN LUTHER KING was staying at the Admiral Benbow Motel, located on Union Avenue, Memphis. These are the only instances WIGGINS recalled hearing anyone mention KING's movements or whereabouts in Memphis.

WIGGINS stated that he did not discuss or ask any questions concerning KING's movements or whereabouts while he was in Memphis. The only comments he recalled hearing were the ones mentioned above and he heard these within the confines of his office. He never discussed MARTIN LUTHER KING with anyone outside his office other than his wife.

WIGGINS stated that he never had any respect for MARTIN LUTHER KING because he believes KING was a communist. However, he stated he had no desire to have anyone, including MARTIN LUTHER KING, killed because he realizes that is wrong.

WIGGINS stated he has no idea who reported that he made comments or asked questions concerning KING's whereabouts or movements in Memphis. He stated that he definitely did not ask such questions and that he never questioned anyone about the layout of the Lorraine Motel. He also stated he has made no inquiry concerning the quality of the food at the Lorraine Motel.

On 4/11/68 at Memphis, Tennessee File # Memphis 44-1987-SUPD-146

by SA BURL F. JOHNSON:tjm Date dictated 4/11/68

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WIGGINS stated he has no knowledge concerning KING's death other than the information he has read in newspapers and heard on radio and television. He indicated that should he receive any information concerning KING's death he will immediately contact the FBI.

The following description of WIGGINS was obtained by observation and interrogation:

Name	DEWEY A. WIGGINS
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	
Place of Birth	Jamestown, Louisiana
Height	5'11"
Weight	145 pounds
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Ruddy
Scars	Appendectomy scar, circular scar right side of back due to shingles.

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Date 4/12/681

Mr. RALPH MEREDITH CARPENTER, 4844 Durbin Street, Memphis, a salesman for the York Arms Company, sporting goods store, 162 S. Main Street, Memphis, was shown a group of 20 pictures including that of JEROME WALLIS VERNON, which latter picture was taken by the Pasadena, California, Police Department, their number 60274, on January 11, 1967.

When Mr. CARPENTER viewed the picture of VERNON, he stated "This may very well be your man." He then stated that he would not be willing to swear that this was a photo of the individual to whom he had sold a pair of Bushnell binoculars on the afternoon of April 4, 1968, at the above mentioned York Arms sporting goods store. Mr. CARPENTER then stated that this picture of VERNON more nearly resembled this individual who bought the above mentioned binoculars than any photo that he had yet observed, and he felt there was a considerable likelihood that this picture of VERNON might be a picture of the individual who had purchased the Bushnell binoculars from him on April 4, 1968.

On 4/12/68 at Memphis, Tennessee File # ME 44-1987-Sub-D-147
by SA RALPH J. LIEVER /bbs Date dictated 4/12/68

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Mrs. HAGMASTER advised that she could not recall having seen any of these individuals before and commented further that she cannot recall having seen the individual who registered at the Rebel Motel as ERIC S. GALT.

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Date April 13, 1968

WALTER BAILEY KELLY, Manager of the Rebel Motel, Lamar Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee, furnished the following information:

KELLY advised that an individual identifying himself as LEONARD E. DAY, 5607 Highway 61 South, Memphis, Tennessee, representing the Pace Corporation, stayed at the Rebel Motel in Room 33, from April 3 to April 4, 1968. According to information listed on the guest registration card, DAY gave his license number as Tennessee AS-2032.

On 4/12/68 at Memphis, Tennessee File # Memphis 44-1987-Sub D-149
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SA ROBERT FITZPATRICK RF/acp Date dictated 4/13/68

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FRANCES PARK, owner, Joe's Cabins, 5608 Highway 51 North, Memphis, Tennessee, made available registration cards for the Cabins from April 1 - 12, 1968. Inspection of these registration cards revealed the following individuals who could possibly be connected with the assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR:

LEWIS CARTER, Noney Road, Route 2, Memphis, Tennessee, registered April 8, 1968, driving Ford, Tennessee license AX8126;

AARON JOHNSON, 1003 Jackson, Memphis, Tennessee, registered April 8, 1968, driving Ford, Tennessee license KN8537;

DANIEL CLARK, Shelby County, Tennessee, registered April 9, 1968, driving Ford, Tennessee license AU7786;

JOHNNY JONES, Tipton County, Tennessee, registered April 9, 1968, driving Ford, Tennessee license LT3591.

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MICHAEL L. MORSE, 5024 Eighth Terrace South, Birmingham, Alabama, registered April 4 - 5, 1968, driving 1967 Ford, Alabama license 1A76444;

M. C. TAYLOR, 211 South Taylor Street, Piggott, Arkansas, registered April 4, - 5, 1968, driving a 1966 Ford, Arkansas license AMP985;

Dr. ROY FRANKLIN STINSON, 123 Cox Street, Auburn, Alabama, registered April 6 - 7, 1968, driving a 1965 Mustang, Alabama license 4734808;

LAWRENCE E. SMITH, Box 255, Harrison Road, Loveland, Ohio, registered April 5 - 7, 1968, driving 1967 Ford, Ohio license 1077GG;

RALPH E. COARTS, 222 High Meadow, Baltimore, Maryland, registered April 6 - 7, 1968, driving Ford, Maryland license BR1789;

BILL HAMMOND, 28 Northland, Jackson, Tennessee, registered April 7 - 9, 1968, driving Ford, Tennessee license DF6411.

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ROBERT BOYD, 2126 Benjestown, Memphis, Tennessee, registered from March 31 - April 1, 1968, driving Ford Mustang, Tennessee license JR3511;

JAMES A. CAPPS, 2924 Youngwood Road, Little Rock, Arkansas, registered April 7 - 11, 1968, driving Ford with Arkansas license BAU385;

A. J. CONSOLINO, 10094 A Executive Drive, North, Saint Ann, Missouri, employer - Luria Brothers, registered April 3-4, 1968, driving Ford, Illinois license 411809;

LARRY K. DOWDY, 30456 Lisch, Gibraltar, (no city listed) Michigan, employer - Flannery Ford, Inc., and

H. W. O'NEIL, 1 Horseshoe Drive, Brighton, Michigan, employer Brighton Village, registered April 5-7, 1968, driving 1968 Ford, Michigan license 254D16;

DONALD LARUE, Box 4, Montmorenci, Indiana, registered April 2 - 3, 1968, driving 1966 Mustang, Indiana license 43A1100;

W. W. PEDERSEN, Box 363, Jonesville, Wisconsin, employer - Hough Manufacturing, registered April 5, 1968, driving Mustang, Tennessee license GP3809;

DONALD RACHAL, Route 1, Box 9, Natchitoches, Louisiana, employer - H. C. Price Company, registered ~~March 30-April 1, 1968, driving Ford, Illinois license~~ B191121;

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C. J. WILLIAMS, Box 4248, Jacksonville, Florida, employer - Moore Dry Kiln Company, registered April 9 - 10, 1968, driving Ford, Florida license 2W40112;

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LOWD BLACK, 2391 Capri, Memphis, Tennessee, registered April 8, 1968, driving Ford, Mississippi, license 36B759;

R..E. JANES, 3040 Kenny Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee, registered April 7, 1968, driving a Ford, Tennessee license SB1595;

BILL DAVIS, 2136 Semmes, Memphis, Tennessee, registered April 7, 1968, driving Ford, Tennessee license JC8336;

A. W. DENLSON, Coldwater, Mississippi, registered April 2, 1968, driving Ford, Mississippi license W2451.

On 4/12/68 at Memphis, Tennessee File # Memphis 44-1987-Sub D-15x
by SA JACK D. VAHRENWALD:cjs Date dictated 4/15/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 4/15/68

C. W. HATLEY, owner, Cascade Motel, 6481 Highway 51 North, Memphis, Tennessee, made available the registration cards for his motel from April 1 - 12, 1968. Inspection of these cards revealed the following individuals who could possibly be connected with the assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR:

R. A. WOODALL, 4238 Argonne, Memphis, Tennessee, registered April 11, 1968, driving Ford, Virginia license A169262;

Sgt. F. REYMA, Naval Air Technical Training Center, Naval Air Station, Memphis, Tennessee, registered April 2, 1968, driving Ford, California license WBA124 or WBH124;

CHARLES T. WOOD, Naval Air Technical Training Center, Naval Air Station, Memphis, Tennessee, registered April 2, 1968, driving Ford, California license KJT963;

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/15/681

Mr. H. BELL, Assistant Innkeeper, The Rivermont Hotel, 200 W. Georgia Avenue, made available the names of guests who stayed at the Rivermont for the month of March, 1968. This list was examined without finding a reference to any of the following names:

ERIC STARVO GALT
JOHN WILLARD
HARVEY LOWMEYER.

Mr. BELL examined artist's conceptions numbers 1, 2, and 3, and showed these pictures to personnel employed throughout the hotel without either himself or any of the other personnel recognizing these pictures as being representative of anyone they had seen at the hotel.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 4/7/68

MIKE SCHEINBERG, 19 East Yates Road, South, Memphis, advised that he is the owner of Mammie and Karl's, 3990 Highway 41 South, Memphis. JOHN RODNEY SARTAIN is currently employed by SCHEINBERG.

SCHEINBERG made available SARTAIN's time card for April 4, 1968. It had been punched in and out at a time clock. SARTAIN punched in at 10:34 a.m., April 4, 1968, out for supper at 6:35 p.m., back in at 7:35 p.m., and out for the day at 8:05 p.m.

SCHEINBERG verified that SARTAIN was in the store from 10:34 a.m., to 6:35 p.m., and from 7:35 p.m., to 8:05 p.m., on April 4, 1968, and during the hour he was gone for supper he was seated next to the table in the Piccadilly Cafeteria where SCHEINBERG was having dinner. They were both in the Piccadilly the full hour from 6:35 p.m., to 7:35 p.m.

SCHEINBERG does not know if SARTAIN loans his car to these people and he did not notice it in the parking lot when they went to dinner on April 4, 1968.

On 4/5/68 at Memphis Tennessee

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SA JACK D. VARRERWELL

SA EUGENE A. REBOREAU JDV:raj

4/6/68

by

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KARL SCHEINBERG, 19 East Yates Road, South, Memphis, advised that he is the owner of Hattie and Karl's, 3990 Highway 41 South, Memphis. JOHN RODNEY SARTAIN is currently employed by SCHEINBERG.

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On 4/5/68 at Memphis, Tennessee

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by SA JACK D. VANDERKAM

SA EUGENE A. REBORE

DDV:raj

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Date 4/7/681

HENRY HUNTER, Porter, William Len Hotel, Memphis, Tennessee, advised that he noticed two white men in the vicinity of the lobby of the William Len Hotel on the afternoon and night of April 4, 1968. He stated that he does not know the names of either of these men, but knows that they were staying in Rooms 205 and 207, and checked out of the hotel around 12:30 a.m., April 5, 1968. HUNTER was under the impression that the two men checked into the hotel sometime during the early afternoon of April 4, 1968, and he said judging from the information he had received, they had no luggage at the time they checked into the hotel.

Mr. HUNTER advised that he does not know why the two men were in Memphis or very much about their activities. He said he did note that the taller of the two men left the hotel sometime around 3:45 p.m. in a taxicab, possibly a Jolly taxicab. He said he believes that this man was gone for approximately 45 minutes when he returned also in a taxicab. HUNTER advised that he believes the shorter of the two men was around the hotel during the time the taller of the two men was gone.

HENRY HUNTER continued by advising that he also believes that the taller of the two men left the hotel sometime during the evening of April 4, 1968, but he stated that he does not know how the individual left at that time or how long he was away from the hotel. He was of the opinion that the shorter of the two men again stayed at the hotel during this time. HUNTER pointed out that his attention was attracted to these two men, particularly since they seemed to be rather nervous, and since they did not have any luggage, and to give no readily available indication as to why they were in Memphis. HUNTER said the men checked out of the hotel at approximately 12:30 a.m. on April 5, 1968, and he believes that they left in a taxicab, and he said he could furnish no further information regarding their activities.

HUNTER furnished the description of the two men basically as the description furnished by Miss EDITH BRUNER.

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by SA ORVILLE V. JOHNSON / jmc Date dictated 4/6/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 4/7/68

JOHN RODNEY SARTAIN advised that he lives with his parents at Post Office Box 144, Horn Lake, Mississippi. He is presently enrolled at Northwest Junior College, Senatobia, Mississippi. He is also employed at Mannie and Karl's, 3990 Highway 51 South, Memphis, Tennessee.

SARTAIN drives a 1966 Ford Mustang, white in color, which is registered to his father, JOHN E. SARTAIN. The car's license is 1968 Mississippi tag 17B 809, Horn Lake County. The VIN is 6F07T205832.

SARTAIN came to work on April 4, 1968, about 10:30 a.m. He worked until about 6:30 p.m., took an hour for supper, then returned to the store until about 8:00 p.m. He ate dinner at the Piccadilly Cafeteria, at door to Mannie and Karl's. He sat alone, but his supervisor, KARL SCHENBERG, sat at the next table.

He parked the Mustang near the store in the Whitehaven Plaza Shopping Center and did not use the car during the day. He did not notice if the car was parked in the lot when he went to dinner, but after work it was still parked in the same place he had left it that morning and it did not appear to have been driven during the day.

SARTAIN has the only set of keys to the car and he keeps it locked since he usually keeps textbooks in the car. He does not usually loan the car to anyone and he did not let anyone use it on April 4, 1968.

The following description of JOHN RODNEY SARTAIN was obtained by observation and interview:

Sex	Male
Race	White
DOB	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 1.2em; margin: 2px 0;"></div>
	at Jackson, Mississippi
Height	5'8"

On 4/5/68 at Memphis, Tennessee

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SA EUGENE A. PEDORE

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Eyes
Hair
Scars

Green
Light brown
Three scars top of left
foot, lawnmower accident;
two cuts inside left
arm; left hand, two
scars on palm, and 2"
scar on left wrist

Father

JOHN E. SARRAW, Post Office
Box 144, Horn Lake, Mississippi

Mother

MARY LOUISE, Post Office Box
144, Horn Lake,
Mississippi

Arrests

None admitted.

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On 4/5/68 at Memphis, Tennessee File # ME 44-1987-Sub-D-159
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SA EUGENE A. YELDOR JCV:raj 4/6/68
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 4/7/68

JOHN ROBERT SARKIS displayed the following documents to verify his father's ownership of a white 1966 Ford Mustang VIN 6F07F205832:

- (1) Bill of Sale
 From Tunica Motor Company, Inc.
 P. O. Box 775
 Tunica, Mississippi

 Salesman, HMM
 Date, June 16, 1966
 Sold to, JOHN R. SARKIS
 Invoice number, 2782
 Car, New 1966 Mustang hardtop, six cylinder, white,
 VIN, 6F07F205832
- (2) Mississippi Privilege Tag Receipt
 License, Mississippi 17B-809, DeSoto County
 Car, 1966 Ford Mustang, six cylinder, two-door
 hardtop, white
 Owner, JOHN R. SARKIS,
 VIN, 6F07F205832.

On 4/5/68 at Memphis, Tennessee File # 44-1987-Sub-D-160
 by SA JACK D. VANHEMELD
SA DOUGLAS A. REDORT *SA* SDV:TRJ 4/5/68
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On 4/5/68 at Memphis, Tennessee File # 44-1987-Sub-D-160
by SP. JACK D. WATKINS h
SP. EUGENE A. KIDORE JDV:h h 4/6/68
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/8/681

Mr. and Mrs. JESSIE BROWER, Resident Manager of 422¹/₂ S. Main, Mr. R. L. BREWER, occupant of apartment number 3, Mr. FRANK WHELEY, occupant of Apartment 7, and Mrs. HAROLD CARTER, occupant of Apartment 9, were shown the following photographs:

VINCENZO PAUL DEPALMA;
 AONE LAWRENCE;
 JOHN RUBEN WILKARD;
 EMILE MACHLEK;
 JACK C. HAM.

After carefully examining each of the above photographs, they advised that the individuals portrayed in the pictures and the person who had rented room number 5-B on April 4, 1968, were not identical.

These same individuals were shown a photograph of SA ROBERT W. GOODWIN of the Memphis Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation. Mrs. BROWER, although not stating that the photo of GOODWIN was a close likeness to the individual who rented apartment 5-B on April 4, 1968, did indicate that GOODWIN's picture more closely resembled the Unsub than the other pictures she had been shown.

On 4/7/68 at Memphis, Tennessee File # ME 44-1987-Sub-D-161
 by SA HOWARD D. TETEN /bbs Date dictated 4/7/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

2Date 4/9/68

Inspector W. E. ZACHARY, Memphis Police Department,
made available a Memphis Police Departmental Communication
which reads as follows:

TO: Insp. W. E. Zachary

Subject: Martin Luther King
Investigation

FROM: Lt. G. E. Dandridge

DATE: April 7, 1968

"At 2PM, this date, the above officer received a phone call from a Mr. Loyd Jowers, owner of Jim's Kitchen, 418 S. Main advising that he had some evidence that had been given him by a customer around 8AM, Friday, April 5, 1968 that he had found in the gutter right in front of his place of business. He further stated that he had meant to give it to Lt. J. D. Hamby, but had forgotten about it and that he would keep it until someone could pick it up.

"As per your instructions the writer went to 418 S. Main and talked with Mr. Jowers and at 2:30 PM, this date he turned over a set of keys on a keyring, containing three keys and a bottle opener; and advised that they had been found in the gutter in front of his cafe as mentioned above by a Coy Love, MC, artist who lives somewhere in the 600 block of S. Second. He further stated that this Coy Love rides all over town drawing pictures and painting signs and lived just south of the Yellow Cab shop on S. Second.

"At time of this writing Coy Love has not been contacted and the keys will be turned over to Lt. J. D. Hamby as requested by Mr. Jowers."

On 4/7/68 at Memphis, Tennessee File # ME 44-1987-Sub-D-162

by SA JACK D. VANDERHARD/raj Date dictated 4/9/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/3/681

EDGAR E. COCHRILL, owner, Park Layne Hotel,
3073 Lamar Avenue, furnished the following information:

He stated that his records failed to reflect the fact that any of his bedspreads were missing which were similar or identical with the one left by subject on S. Main Street, Memphis. He further advised that his records failed to reflect the names HARVEY LOWMEYER and JOHN WILLARD for the dates March 1, 1968, through April 8, 1968. Mr. COCHRILL said that his records reflect the fact that an ARTHUR C. FEATHERSTON of 3558 Pine Needle, Marietta, Georgia, registered at his motel April 1, 1968, and checked out the following day. He said that FEATHERSTON was driving a Ford of unknown year with the license number 7810667.

COCHRILL advised that he was unable to recall FEATHERSTON and could not furnish a physical description.

On 4/3/68 at Memphis, Tennessee File # ME 44-1987-Sub-D-163
by SA JOHN W. BAUER and SA STEPHEN M. DARLINGTON SMD/bbs Date dictated 4/8/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/8/681

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On 4/8/68 at Memphis, Tennessee File # ME 44-1987-Sub-D-163
by SA JOHN W. BAUM and
SA STEPHEN M. DARLINGTON SMD/bjy JUN 26 1968 Date dictated 4/8/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 4-9-68

MRS. JONES, Manager, Barryman's Motel, 1632 South Third, Memphis, made available the registration cards for the period April 1 - 7, 1968. A search of the cards was made for the names JOHN WILLARD and HARVEY LOWMEYER with negative results.

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Date April 9, 1968

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He has been employed as an attendant at this service station since June 17, 1966.

He recalled that one day last week, probably on Tuesday, April 2, 1968, at around noon or shortly after lunch, a 1968 Oldsmobile Cutlass, with a white vinyl top over green body, bearing Florida license, was driven into the station, serviced with gasoline and washed. The vehicle and its owner were at this station for about one hour.

DORRIS said that he did have one conversation on the telephone while the above car was being washed, but he does not recall, who, if anybody, was present in the office when he made this call. He said that he does not make many telephone calls and he knows that the only person that he talked to that day on the telephone was a young woman named Mrs. BARBARA SMERN, 1930 Young Avenue, a 28-year-old unemployed divorcee. This was a friendly social conversation concerning the Sunday School class which they both attend. Nothing was mentioned in that conversation about any dynamite nor blowing up anything nor any person named KING. "Church" probably was mentioned, but he does not specifically recall this.

After he made that telephone call, he (DORRIS) walked alone to the Somewhere Cafe, located just south of the service station on Highway 61. DORRIS ate and remained about 20 minutes, alone. He did bring food back to the other service station attendant, Mr. SWEATHAN, two barbecues and a milk shake in a paper bag.

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Date of Birth	
Place of Birth	Memphis, Tennessee
Height	6'3"
Weight	215 pounds
Build	Medium
Hair	Dark brown, short crew cut
Eyes	Hazel
Education	Graduate of Whitehaven High School, Memphis, Tennessee
Marital Status	Single
Military Service	None
Arrest Record	Never arrested, but was fingerprinted by the Illinois Central Railroad Investigators, in connection with an attempted train derailment, when he was 12 years old.
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