

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC(44-1987)

DATE: 4/11/68

FROM : SA MAHLON J. PRICE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Miscellaneous

Paul R. Dillingham (conceal per request), 3030 Morningside, phone 357-0291 called and furnished the following information;

BILL QUINN, 1870 Whitney is capable of the murder in this matter. Quinn resembles the artists conception sketch. He is white, male, 44 years old, 5'9", 170 lbs, brown hair, nose like in the sketch. He is a plumber by occupation. He is not crazy but is different from most people, and he is capable of becoming emotionally disturbed about events. Quinn is married and lives with his wife and 4 or 5 children at the above address.

It is noted that Bill Quinn is a frequent caller to the Memphis Office. He complains about everything in Memphis, that he has called to the President of the United States, and that the Secret Service told him if he bothers the President anymore he will "be sent to Bolivar." Quinn has been drunk on a number of occasions, and on one such occasion stated he had two revolvers.

For information.

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FROM : SA MAHLON J. PRICE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/11/68

Mustang lead

On the above date Mr. Paul Matlock, 6096 Cedar Brush Drive, Southaven, 393-2547, furnished the following information;

He is employed at the Heyman Building, Madison Avenue and left the office a few minutes before 6:00 PM. He drove onto Riverside Drive heading home. A white Mustang pulled in behind and made several attempts to pass him but could not because of cars in the other lane. The Mustang was able to pass about where the exit goes under the tracks.

This Mustang was a white Fastback, with 4 tailfins on each side, had a factory equipped trailer bracket with a chrome trailer hitch on the rear. The rear window appeared to be tinted. The Mustang passed him before he got to the stoplight before the Holiday Inn. When he made the turn and went over the hill the Mustang was out of sight. It was about 6:15 PM when he saw the Mustang.

It was his recollection that driving the Mustang was a thin faced white man wearing a light tan blazer. He was of a thin build, possibly a little above average in height, was wearing no hat, his hair was sandy or dark sandy and was combed back, and his age was estimated between 26 and 28 years.

For information.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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

FROM : SA LEONE J. FLOSI

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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DATE: 4/11/68

On 4/11/68, Mrs. EARL SMITH, Manager, Appliance Department, Western Auto Store, 5001 Charlotte Pike, Nashville, Tennessee, residence 919 16th Avenue South, telephonically contacted the Nashville FBI Office and requested to be interviewed by Agents concerning information he possessed relative to the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Upon interview same date, Mr. SMITH furnished the following information to SAs LEONE J. FLOSI and M. BARRY CARMODY:

SMITH stated that he was formerly an Airman First Class, AF SN [REDACTED] for six years. His duty station was Seymore Johnson SAC Air Force Base and his particular job was Explosives Ordinance Disposal technician (EOD).

During August of 1966, SMITH was employed by Western Auto Store Number 3, located at 1345 Summer Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee. At this time he was residing in a rooming house owned by an older woman named LOUISE BOWEN at 1257 Peabody, Memphis, Tennessee. SMITH frequented a tavern on Bellevue Street. He does not recall the name of this tavern but stated that it is directly across the street from a Huddle Hamburger Restaurant and several doors from another bar called "The Show Bar". The owner of this tavern is a white female, first name ANN. While SMITH was in this tavern he engaged in a conversation with another patron and told this person that he was formerly in the Air Force and was an EOD. During this conversation this individual mentioned the name of a fellow whom he claimed was his nephew that was also in the Air Force as an EOD. SMITH recognized this airman's name and stated that he was

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assigned to the Tactical Air Command at Seymour Johnson in May, 1962. He said that this airman was on Temporary Duty Station at Seymour for about one month.

Two days after the initial conversation while at the same tavern SMITH was recontacted by the above individual and called over to a booth. SMITH stated that during this conversation, the above individual told SMITH that he was aware that since SMITH was a former EOD in the Air Force SMITH had contacts and would have access to munitions and explosives. He then requested SMITH to get for him 50 handgrenades and pulled out \$5,000

in cash which he laid on the table and offered to SMITH stating "This is yours if you get me the grenades". He then went on to explain that he and four other men in Memphis had vowed to each other that one of them would kill MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. in one way or another and that was the reason that he wanted the hand grenades. SMITH inquired of the individual as to whether he was a member of the Ku Klux Klan and he said he was not. SMITH stated that he declined to accept the offer whereupon he was told that "if you can't get them for me you had better forget it. You are the only one who knows about this and if anything happens I will know where it came from". SMITH said that he considered this a threat. This was the last contact SMITH ever had with this individual and he does not remember his name nor the name of his nephew, the airman.

SMITH described the above individual as a white male, 45 years of age, 5'7", grey hair, heavy build, 220 lbs., and well dressed. He drove a new 1966 Corvette.

SMITH stated that from his conversation with this person he received the impression that he had a prison or police record.

Mr. SMITH further advised that one E. C. CHILDS who now operates a barber shop in Memphis and formerly owned a recording studio which recorded the record "NAACP Flight Number 125" was also a customer at the above tavern and perhaps could help in identifying this person. SMITH stated that he also received the impression that the tavern owner ANN was acquainted with the above individual.

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SMITH stated that he had no objection to having his identity revealed in connection with this inquiry.

Subsequent to the above interview on the same date Mr. SMITH again telephonically contacted the Nashville Office and stated that he had just been fired from his job but stated that this was not because of the earlier interview with the FBI Agents.

After receiving the above information from SMITH, Mr. C. E. WEAVER, general manager, Western Auto Store, 5571 Charlotte Pike was contacted. WEAVER advised that he had not fired EARL SMITH but that SMITH was told to return home as WEAVER stated SMITH was drinking on the job. WEAVER further stated that SMITH was due to arrive at a meeting of Western Auto employees at 6:30 a.m., 4/11/68. When SMITH failed to attend, WEAVER sent a man to locate SMITH at SMITH's residence. It was reported to WEAVER that SMITH was drunk the previous evening and overslept, missing the meeting. WEAVER advised that he considers SMITH to be deceitful, unreliable and perhaps a heavy drinker and has been seriously considering terminating his employment.

In view of Mr. WEAVER's appraisal of SMITH any action to be taken on the information furnished by SMITH is being left to the discretion of the case agent.

20 July 8, 68

1227 LAIDLAW AV.

CINCINNATI, OHIO

MARCH 31, 1968

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N.Y. TIMES

229 W. 43 ST.

N.Y., N.Y.

Dear sir,

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Please enter a 3 month
subscription for the weekly
Times in my name at the
above address.

Enclosed is a check for \$11.10
Thank you.

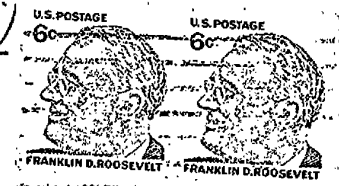
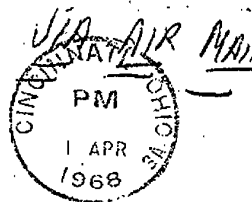
Very truly yours, PALMER
Harold F. Palmer

THE KING IS DEAD

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1227 LAIDLAW AV.
CINCINNATI, OHIO 45237



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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
CIVIL RIGHTS
(OO:MEMPHIS)

RICHARD BROWN, Subscription Department, New York Times, 229 West 43rd Street, NYC, advised this date that his department received, on 4/4/68, a letter postmarked at Cincinnati, Ohio, on 4/1/68, from HAROLD F. PALMER, 1227 Laidlaw Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio, as follows:

"Dear Sirs,

"Please enter a 3 month subscription for the weekday Times in my name at the above address.

"Enclosed is a check for \$11.10.

"Thank you.

"Very truly yours,

Harold F. Palmer"

Printed at the bottom of this letter is the following phrase:

"THE KING IS DEAD"

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2 - Cincinnati (Encls. 2)
① - Memphis (Encls. 2) (Info)
1 - New York

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It is noted that this letter was written and mailed several days prior to the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Cincinnati is to expeditiously locate and interview HAROLD F. PALMER regarding the printed phrase on his subscription to the Times.

Enclosed for Cincinnati is the original letter and envelope directed to the Times as set forth above. One Xerox copy of the letter and envelope is enclosed for Memphis.

4/24/68

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: *Hgm* SAC, CINCINNATI (157-1893) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
CIVIL RIGHTS
OO: ME

Re New York airtel to Bureau, 4/10/68.

After numerous unsuccessful efforts were made to contact and locate HAROLD F. PALMER, home address 1227 Laidlaw Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio, Mr. PALMER was located and interviewed at his place of employment, U. S. Department of Public Health, Taft Engineering Center, Cincinnati, Ohio, on 4/24/68. Mr. PALMER advised he is employed by the U. S. Public Health Service as an engineer.

Mr. PALMER readily admitted that he wrote instant letter to the Subscription Department of the New York Times and at the bottom printed "THE KING IS DEAD". He explained the reason for printing this inscription "THE KING IS DEAD" at the bottom of the letter was a result of himself being overjoyed at hearing the news either a day or two before 4/1/68, that President LYNDON JOHNSON was removing himself from seeking re-election for President for the next four years.

Mr. PALMER said that he had written several other letters shortly after President JOHNSON made this announcement and also printed "THE KING IS DEAD" at the bottom of these letters.

- 3 - Bureau (RM)
- ① - Memphis (Info) (RM)
- 1 - New York (Info) (RM)
- 2 - Cincinnati

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He denied that this had anything to do with the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. and fully understood the FBI's action in contacting him in this regard.

In view of the above, no further action is being taken by the Cincinnati Office.

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URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR (MAIL) (44-38861)
SACRAMENTO

FROM: OMAHA (44-310)

MURKIN.

REBUTEL TO ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES APRIL EIGHT LAST AND
PHILADELPHIA TEL TO BUREAU AND OMAHA APRIL NINE LAST.

FOR INFO SACRAMENTO, RE PHILADELPHIA TEL ADVISED IN PART
"RECORDS OF DELAWARE BUREAU OF CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES VIEWED APRIL
NINE LAST BY SA COX AT MEDIA, PENNSYLVANIA, COUNTY COURTHOUSE
REFLECT KENNETH LOHMEYER, WHITE MALE, DOB [REDACTED]
SUTTON, NEBRASKA, FIVE FEET NINE, ONE HUNDRED SIXTYFIVE POUNDS,
WAS ARRESTED JANUARY SIX FIFTYTWO BY CHESTER, PENNSYLVANIA,
DELAWARE COUNTY PD, AND CHARGED WITH AIDING AND ABETTING
PROSTITUTION FORNICATION. VICTIM WAS NEGRO FEMALE. LOHMEYER
RELEASED ON FIVE HUNDRED DOLLAR BOND AND INDICTED BY GRAND JURY
FOR MARCH NINETEEN, NINETEEN FIFTYTWO, TERM OF COURT. LOHMEYER
PLEADED GUILTY TO FORNICATION MARCH SEVENTEEN FIFTYTWO AND
FINED ONE DOLLAR IN COSTS. AT TIME OF ARREST HE WAS MEMBER OF
U. S. MARINE CORPS, HIS HOME ADDRESS WAS LISTED AS ONE FOUR TWO

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"FIVE SOUTH SIXTEENTH STREET, LINCOLN, NEBRASKA, DELAWARE COUNTY
BCI NUMBER ONE FIVE THREE ZERO TWO. REVIEW OF CHESTER PD
RECORDS DEVELOPED NO ADDITIONAL INFO."

EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION WAS CONDUCTED AT LINCOLN, NEBRASKA,
TO LOCATE KENNETH LOHMEYER, AND ON INSTANT DATE LAWRENCE H.
LOHMEIER, FOUR ONE ONE THREE BONG, LINCOLN, ADVISED KENNETH
LOHMEIER, FORMERLY OF ONE FOUR TWO FIVE SOUTH SIXTEENTH STREET,
LINCOLN, WAS HIS BROTHER, AND KENNETH HAS BEEN LIVING NEAR LAKE
TAHOE, CALIFORNIA, FOR SEVERAL YEARS, WHERE HE OPERATES A
TELEVISION - RADIO SHOP, NAME UNKNOWN. HE DID NOT KNOW
KENNETH'S ADDRESS BUT ADVISED KENNETH CAN BE CONTACTED THROUGH
TELEPHONE FIVE FOUR ONE DASH ONE EIGHT SIX FOUR IN LAKE TAHOE
AREA.

SACRAMENTO ATTEMPT TO LOCATE KENNETH LOHMEIER THROUGH
TELEPHONE NUMBER LISTED ABOVE IN LAKE TAHOE AREA AND INTERVIEW
IN ACCORDANCE WITH REBUTEL.

AIR MAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

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Date: 4/11/68

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

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS
FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (44-565) (P)
RE: MURKIN

Re Cincinnati tel to Memphis and Cleveland, 4/11/68. //

44-1987-291
Contact with Cuyahoga County Auto Bureau reflects
Ohio license 205-CD listed to TODD W. READ, 23540 David
Drive, North Olmsted, Ohio, on a 1967 Ford two door sedan,
Serial No. 7W62H223329.

Review of Automobile Identification Manual shows
serial no. reflects automobile to be a 1967 Ford two door
Galaxie.

2 - Memphis
2 - Birmingham
2 - Cleveland

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Approved: *[Signature]*
Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1897)

DATE: 4/11/68

FROM : SA JOE W. PHILLIPS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At 9:30 AM, 4/11/68, Mr. J. H. COFFEE, owner Coffee Upholstering Shop, 7898 Raleigh-Millington Road, Millington, Tennessee, advised he observed a artist conception drawing of the suspect in the murder of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., in a local Memphis newspaper shortly after the murder. He said he has not called earlier because he felt authorities had a good suspect and he did not desire to cloud the issue.

Mr. COFFEE advised the artist conception drawing looks very much like one (FNU) CRAVENS who is with Cravens Fabrics and Supply Company, Little Rock, Arkansas. He said (FNU) CRAVENS is tall, about 6'0", has a slender build, and has a long thin nose like the drawing. He said CRAVENS has receding hair, and for that reason it is hard to estimate his age, however, he feels CRAVENS is age between 30 and 40 years. He could not recall the color of CRAVENS hair, but he feels it is light colored. He said CRAVENS, as a fabrics salesman, visits him about every three or four months, and CRAVENS drives a light colored automobile, not a Ford Mustang. From CRAVENS conversations he feels he is married and has children.

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LEAD:

MEMPHIS:

AT MILLINGTON, TENNESSEE: Mr. J. H. COFFEE,
7898 Raleigh-Millington Road, should be personally contacted
and shown more recent artist conception drawings of UNSUB
this case, thereafter lead should be set out for Little Rock
to develop background information concerning (FNU) CRAVENS.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1897)

DATE: 4/11/68

FROM : SA JOE W. PHILLIPS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At 9:35AM, 4/11/68, JIMMY REEDER,^D salesman, Jim McDonald Motors, 2466 Summer, Memphis, Tennessee, advised he recently saw a artist conception drawing of the suspected slayer of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING in a local Memphis newspaper. He said that drawing looks very much like a person he knows. He would not identify that person on the telephone, but said he would desire to talk personally with a Agent. He said the person he has in mind who looks like the drawing does not reside in Memphis. He said he would be a Jim McDonald Motors during the entire day 4/11/68. He was advised he would be contacted subsequently.

LEAD:

452-6553 -
MEMPHIS AT MEMPHIS: Will contact JIMMY REEDER, Jim McDonald Motors, 2466 Summer, show him artist conception drawings and determine from ~~XXX~~ him the identity of the suspect he has who resembles that drawing.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1987-Sub E)

DATE: 4/18/68

FROM : SA EUGENE G. DOUGLASS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re memo of SA JOE W. PHILLIPS dated 4/11/68 at Memphis in captioned file, serial 236. *44-1987-Sub E-236*

On 4/16/68 Mr. JIMMY REEDER, 1928 Lamar Ave., Memphis, telephone BR5-2409, who is employed as a used car salesman at Jim McDonald Motors, 2466 Summer Ave., telephone 452-6553, furnished the following information:

He had observed the composite photograph of an individual in one of the Memphis newspapers regarding captioned case. He stated he desired to furnish information regarding MURRELL (ph) HICKS, who now resides at Atwood, Tenn., who resembles the person in the paper.

He stated that HICKS formerly lived in Memphis, and in his opinion, is a "crackpot" who had pulled some various insurance-type frauds in Memphis. He stated HICKS left Memphis about two years ago, at which time he was driving a 1964 Ford Galaxie. HICKS is supposedly living with his father-in-law, name unknown, in Atwood, Tenn., and left Memphis because he began drinking quite heavily.

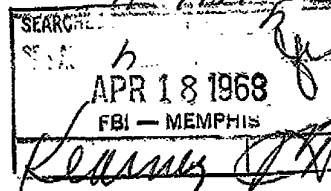
He furnished the following description of MURRELL HICKS:

Race	white
Sex	male
Age	32 to 35, looks younger
Height	6' 3"
Weight	150 to 160 lbs.
Hair	black, combed back straight
Remarks	small-waisted; has a mind of a 14 or 15 year old person
Arrests	believed to have a driving record with Memphis PD or Shelby County SO, but no serious arrests.

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He viewed the photograph of the FBI artist's conceptions # 1, 2 and 3, and stated that HICKS more resembled # 1 composite photograph; however, he believes HICKS' face is longer than the # 1 photograph.

On 4/17/68 TONY ANDERSON, Identification Division, Memphis PD, and Ted Bruehl, Identification Division, Shelby County SO, advised records of their offices contain no information regarding MURRELL HICKS.

LEAD

MEMPHIS DIVISION

AT ATWOOD, TENN.

Will attempt to locate MURRELL HICKS to determine his activities on the night of 4/4/68 to determine if he is possibly involved in instant case.

DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
ATTN: Latent Fingerprint Section
SAC, CLEVELAND (44-565)

4/11/68

MURKIN

Re Cleveland telephone call to Identification
Division, April 8, 1968, concerning ALFRED JOSEPH
KAMINSKI.

44-1987-292

Enclosed herewith is one envelope containing the
major case fingerprints of ALFRED JOSEPH KAMINSKI, white male,
born March 26, 1916, Bayonne, New Jersey (also used the name
March 16, 1916, Bayonne, New Jersey) Army Serial Number
[REDACTED]

The regular fingerprint impressions of KAMINSKI,
as taken by the Mansfield, Ohio Police Department, Mansfield
Police Department #4372, on April 4, 1968, have been
forwarded by separate mail by the Mansfield Police Department
directly to the Identification Division on April 9, 1968.

The latent fingerprint section is requested to
compare the submitted fingerprints of KAMINSKI by the
Mansfield Police Department and the enclosed major case
prints of KAMINSKI with latents in this matter.

Memphis and Cleveland should be advised of the
results of this examination. The major case prints of
KAMINSKI may be retained by the Latent Fingerprint Section
if desired.

- 3 - Bureau (Enc. 6) (RM)
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- 1 - Cleveland

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 11, 1968

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Mrs. MARTHA BOSH, Receptionist, the Salvation Army, 47 South Main Street, advised that at approximately 1:00 P.M. on April 8, 1968, a white male came to the entrance of the Salvation Army Headquarters at 47 South Main Street, and lingered at the door for a brief period. She stated that she asked him to come in and then asked what he wanted. He replied by asking, "Could you give me a meal ticket?".

Mrs. BOSH stated that she did not recognize this individual and that when he responded affirmatively to her question as to whether he had ever been there before by giving his name as ALFRED J. KAMINSKI, she checked her registration records and found that he had previously been registered at the Mansfield Salvation Army and that she then furnished him with a Salvation Army meal ticket in the amount of 75 cents, redeemable at Prince's Lunch, located on South Park Street, Mansfield, Ohio.

Mrs. BOSH stated that it is not the practice of the Salvation Army to ask for identification when it has determined that an individual has previously been registered with the local branch of the Salvation Army. In addition, she stated that it was not necessary for an individual who has previously registered to sign any form when requesting a meal ticket.

Mrs. BOSH stated that this individual, who identified himself as ALFRED J. KAMINSKI acted very unusual, as if he may have been sick or possibly an alcoholic. She noted that his eyes looked very odd and that he was soft-spoken and exceptionally polite. She stated that after obtaining his meal ticket, he immediately left the premises and she does not recall him making any statements other than his request for the meal ticket.

Mrs. BOSH stated that this individual was wearing a light tan topcoat and gray trousers and was carrying a zipper-type duffel bag that was similar in color to the topcoat which he was wearing. She stated that she did not recall the shirt that this

On 4/8/68 at Mansfield, Ohio File # Cleveland 44-565

by SA LA VERN C. STOVER/mkr

Date dictated

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individual was wearing and was unable to observe his shoes.

Mrs. BOSH was shown a photograph of a suspect in the assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., prepared by Mathis Commercial Appeal staff artist BILL HERRINGTON. She stated that the individual who identified himself as ALFRED KAMINSKI and was given a meal ticket at approximately 1:00 P.M. this date had a striking resemblance to the artist's conception of the assassin.

Mrs. BOSH made available the following descriptive data from the registration card of ALFRED J. KAMINSKI:

Date of Birth	[REDACTED]
Place of Birth	Bayonne, New Jersey
Color	White
Height	5'9"
Weight	155 lbs.
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Gray
Where he came from last-	Bayonne, New Jersey
Where going -	Ft. Wayne, Indiana
Legal residence	Bayonne, N.J.
Occupation	Painter
How long out of work	4 weeks
All his time on one job	U.S. Army (14 years)
Physical Condition	Good
Uses alcohol	Yes
Uses drugs	No
Social Security Number	[REDACTED]
Marital Status	Single
Religious Preference	Catholic
Sister	Mrs. RITA FRIEND
	5 Pavonia Court
	Bayonne, New Jersey

Mrs. BOSH advised that record of relief granted this individual reflects that he was furnished meal tickets on the following dates:

November 15, 1962
 September 2, 1964
 June 17, 1965
 January 19, 1966
 July 8, 1966
 October 1, 1966
 February 27, 1967
 April 28, 1967
 August 28, 1967
 April 8, 1968

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The record reflects that he was furnished lodging on November 15, 1962 and May 25, 1966.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 11, 1967

1.

ALFRED JOSEPH KAMINSKI, was observed walking north on North Main Street at Temple Court, by ALBERT D. O'NEIL, Captain, Mansfield Police Department and SA ANDERSON, at which time he was approached; was advised by SA ANDERSON of the identities of the interviewing officers; further advised of his rights and told that he was not under arrest. He admitted his identity as ALFRED JOSEPH KAMINSKI and agreed to voluntarily accompany the interviewing officers to the Mansfield Police Department for questioning in regard to a Federal matter involving a possible Civil Rights violation.

At the police department, he was again warned of his rights by SA ANDERSON and he waived them as shown on an executed Warning and Waiver Form, which waiver also discloses that he accompanied the interviewing officers to the Mansfield, Ohio Police Department on his own choice and that he knew that he was not under arrest and could leave the office if he so desired.

On this occasion, he advised Captain O'NEIL and SA ANDERSON as follows:

He is an itinerant traveler and maintains a residence address as that of his sister, Mrs. RITA FRIEND, 5 Pavonia Court, Bayonne, New Jersey.

The recent winter months have been spent by him in San Marcos, Texas where he worked for Rhea B. Merritt, 4613 Chaipero Trail, Austin, Texas.

He departed San Marcos January 2, 1968 en route to the home of his sister in Bayonne, New Jersey, where he contemplated spending a day or two before renewing his travels.

He had a spiral ring notebook on his person disclosing his daily whereabouts from March 1, 1967 to date, and the following was made known by him as to his specific locations on the indicated dates set out below:

On 4/8/68 at Mansfield, Ohio

by SAS A. JAMES ANDERSON, JR. & LA VERN C. STOVER 'AJA:mrk

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Location & City</u>
3/29/68	Salvation Army Springfield, Illinois
3/30/68	Salvation Army Decatur, Illinois
3/31/68	Salvation Army Champaign, Illinois
4/1/68	Salvation Army Kankakee, Illinois
4/2/68	Salvation Army Kokomo, Indiana
4/3/68	Christian Center Mission Anderson, Indiana
4/4/68	Mission, Muncie, Indiana
4/5/68	Indiana Hotel Marion, Indiana
4/6/68	Mission Findlay, Ohio
4/7/68	Mission Marion, Ohio

Shortly after his arrival in Marion, Indiana, he claims he was taken to the police department based on a complaint by a citizen that he had been hitchhiking. While at the police department he was interrogated by two detectives as to his whereabouts and location on the day Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. was assassinated. Upon these detectives becoming convinced he was not involved in this assassination, he was photographed and released.

KAMINSKI denies he has ever been in Memphis, Tennessee at any time; denies he shot MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.; claims no knowledge concerning this incident except what he has learned through the news media. He claims to have never used any names except his own.

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A search of his person and personal property by SAS LAVERN C. STOVER and A. JAMES ANDERSON, JR., with KAMINSKI's consent, met with negative results. He had no money, claiming he spent his last two dollars when staying at the hotel in Anderson, Indiana.

Six colored polaroid photographs were taken of him by Captain O'Neil in the presence of SA STOVER.

He was photographed and fingerprinted in the presence of SA ANDERSON by Captain RAYMOND KARSMIZKI, Identification Officer, Mansfield Police Department, having been assigned Mansfield Police Department #14372.

Major case fingerprint impressions were also obtained of him by SA ANDERSON.

On termination of the interview, he was transported to the Volunteers of America, where he desired to spend the night.

The following physical description was obtained by observation and interview by Special Agents STOVER and ANDERSON:

Name	ALFRED JOSEPH KAMINSKI
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	
Place of Birth	Bayonne, New Jersey; admits also having used March 16, 1961, Bayonne, New Jersey
Height	5'8"
Weight	145 lbs.
Hair	Light Brown - Blond; combed straight back; receding at temples
Eyes	Light Blue
Scars and Marks	Large wart left shoulder; mole on right side bridge of nose; 1/2" circular scar, left inner forearm; upper front teeth missing (has only 8 upper teeth, 4 back molars on each side); has 6 front lower teeth only (all teeth badly stained)

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Remarks:

Heavily tanned;
pointed nose;
cleft - chin;
large ears;
stutters when excited;
right handed;
neat and extremely fastidious
in his mannerisms;
rolls own cigarettes from
Half and Half smoking tobacco;
smokes Chesterfield cigarettes
when he has money;
member of Alcoholics Anonymous
since February 24, 1968, joining
at Ft. Smith, Arkansas;
when previously drinking, consumed
Shaeffers Bottled Beer

Marital Status

Single

Education

10th grade, Bayonne High School,
Bayonne, New Jersey

Social Security #

Occupation

Painter, short-order cook, transit
and traveler

Military Service

U.S. Army, July 25, 1935 -
September 21, 1937;
Serial Number [REDACTED]
(1941 - 1945; Serial # [REDACTED])
(1948 - 6/4/65; Serial # [REDACTED])

Residence Address

5 Pavonia Court
Bayonne, New Jersey

Relatives:

Father

WALTER KAMINSKI
Same Address

Step-mother

MARY KAMINSKI
Same Address

Half-sister

Mrs. RITA (GILL) FRIEND,
Same Address

Brother

MATTHEW KAMINSKI
Unknown number
16th Street
Bayonne, New Jersey

Admitted Arrest
Record

San Diego, California
1965 - Intoxication

Wearing apparel at
time of interview

Dark grey single-breasted,
three button suit coat with
Robert Hall label.
Name: "H. ANDREWS"
printed in ink-on label.
Light tan-grey topcoat with
label, "Cranes Mayo".
States suitcoat and topcoat
obtained from the Mission,
Muncie, Indiana, April 4, 1968.
Dark black trousers; white long
sleeve shirt, open collar, no tie;
cotton sweatshirt with wording,
"San Marcos Rattlers";
black leather belt with silver
buckle, black oxford shoes;
blue cotton socks; white T-shirt;
white jockey shorts.

Was carrying light tan cloth travel
bag with broken zipper. Contained
therein were miscellaneous articles
of clothing; shaving equipment;
white shirt with stenciled name,
"PACKER" which he claims he obtained
an unrecalled mission house.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 11, 19681

HENRY ALBERS, owner and manager, Prince's Sandwich and Coffee Shop, 12 South Park Street, advised that at approximately 1:30 P.M. this date a white male, approximately 40 years of age, weighing approximately 145 pounds, and being approximately 5'9" tall, entered his establishment and presented Salvation Army meal ticket #4734, in the amount of 75 cents, dated April 8, 1968, to be remitted at Prince's Lunch by ALFRED KAMINSKI.

ALBERS stated that this individual did very little talking and was furnished a bowl of chili, hamburger, and two cups of coffee as his meal. He recalled that he only answered yes when asked if he had completed his first cup of coffee.

ALBERS stated that the individual had a very dark tan and seemed very nervous. He appeared to be ill but there was no indication that he had been using intoxicating beverages.

ALBERS stated that this individual was wearing a tan topcoat and was carrying a cloth AWOL type duffel bag. He said he was wearing black shoes, grey pants, and that he was not wearing a hat. He said the individual had dark blond hair that was combed straight back and was receding in the front. He does not recall whether this individual was wearing a necktie.

ALBERS advised that after this individual left his lunch room, another customer, whose name he does not recall, mentioned that this man resembled the artist's conception of the suspect in the assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. that had appeared in the Mansfield News Journal. He stated that he himself thought that this man bore a certain resemblance to the artist's drawing of the assassination suspect.

44-1987-Sub E-237A-2On 4/8/68 at Mansfield, OhioFile # Cleveland 44-565by SA LA VERN C. STOVER/mkrDate dictated 4/9/68

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At Mansfield, Ohio

The following investigation was conducted by SA
A. JAMES ANDERSON, JR. on April 8, 1968:

Captain ALBERT D. O'NEIL, Mansfield Police Department, related that THOMAS TUCKER, owner of Tucker Furniture, Park Avenue West, telephonically advised that approximately 1:30 P.M. or shortly thereafter, he observed an individual at Prince's Lunch, who strongly resembled a commercial artist sketch of the suspect in the killing of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., which sketch appeared in the "News Journal", Mansfield local newspaper, April 6, 1968. Lunch was purchased with a salvation army meal ticket.

It was immediately determined the only Salvation Army meal ticket presented at this establishment was Salvation Army ticket #4734, having the name ALFRED KAMINSKI written thereon. It was also verified through the Salvation Army that such a meal ticket had been issued to one ALFRED KAMINSKI.

The Salvation Army, Mission Houses, Volunteers of America, cheap bars and cheap hotels were checked for ALFRED JOSEPH KAMINSKI with the assistance of the Mansfield Police Department. KAMINSKI was found on the streets by Captain O'NEIL and SA ANDERSON after which he was interviewed.

At a later hour, THOMAS TUCKER, identified above, examined Polaroid colored photographs of KAMINSKI as displayed to him by Captain O'NEIL. O'NEIL commented TUCKER immediately identified the photograph of KAMINSKI as being identical to the individual he observed in Prince's Lunch as mentioned above.

On the evening of April 8, 1968, the Springfield and Indianapolis Divisions telephonically advised the Cleveland Division that investigation verified that one ALFRED JOSEPH KAMINSKI had stayed at the Salvation Army, March 29, 1968 in Springfield, Illinois; at the Mission House, Muncie, Indiana, April 4, 1968.

The fingerprint classification of KAMINSKI's fingerprints as taken at the Mansfield Police Department were telephonically made known to the Identification Division of the Bureau. Subsequently, the Identification Division advised the Mansfield Police Department fingerprint classification concerning the fingerprints of KAMINSKI is a classification similar to the classification of the known fingerprints of ALFRED JOSEPH KAMINSKI, as on file Identification Division; that the known fingerprints of KAMINSKI

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on file are not identical to latent fingerprints in this matter.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM : *CB* SAC, CLEVELAND (44-565)
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SUBJECT: MURKIN
(OO: Memphis)

DATE: 4/11/68

Re Cleveland teletype to Bureau, April 8, 1968;
Cleveland telephone calls to Springfield, Indianapolis
and Bureau and return calls from each.

Enclosed herewith for Indianapolis And Springfield
is one (1) copy each of a finished insert regarding investigation
at Mansfield, Ohio which is self-explanatory. Informational copies
of this letter and finished insert is being furnished each office
because of investigation conducted concerning this incident.

Also enclosed for the Memphis Division are six (6)
colored Polaroid photographs of ALFRED JOSEPH KAMINSKI; 25 copies
of a finished insert relating to investigation conducted at
Mansfield, Ohio; 25 copies of FD-302's relating to the interviews
of ALFRED JOSEPH KAMINSKI, HENRY ALBERS and MARTHA BOSH.

Since there is a reported similarity between the
appearance of KAMINSKI and the artist's sketch of the Unknown
Subject, the Memphis Division is requested to display the
enclosed photographs to logical witnesses for possible identification
and as a lookalike.

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