

FBI MEMPHIS

FBI NEWARK

113PM URGENT 4-11-68 ELF

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM AND RICHMOND
FROM NEWARK (44-854)

MURKIN

RE: NEWARK TEL TO BUREAU, APRIL NINE LAST, RE SUSPECT
LESTER FORSYTHE.

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS DEVELOPED UNDER SUITABLE
PRETEXT INTERVIEWS WITH JOHN BEHRINGER, GRAND DRAGON, UNITED
KLANS OF AMERICA (UKA), AND PAT FORSYTHE, SUSPECT'S WIFE,
BOTH OF WHOM ARE COOPERATIVE.

FORSYTHE IS IDENTICAL TO LESTER IRVING FORSYTHE, JR.,
FBI NUMBER EIGHT TWO EIGHT FOUR SEVEN FOUR A, AND HAS BEEN
AN ACTIVE KLAN MEMBER IN NEW JERSEY. HE WAS PRESENT IN N.J.
ON MARCH TWENTY NINE AND THIRTY, LAST. ON APRIL THREE SIXTY
EIGHT, FORSYTHE DEPARTED N.J. IN NINETEEN SIXTY BLUE FORD
FALCON AFTER AN ARGUMENT WITH HIS WIFE. FORSYTHE DEPARTED
WITHOUT WIFE'S KNOWLEDGE AND TOOK A LARGE AMOUNT OF GEORGE
WALLACE CAMPAIGN LITERATURE BELONGING TO THE KLAN. FORSYTHE'S
DESTINATION AND PRESENT WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN. HE IS NOT KNOWN
TO BE VIOLENT OR TO POSSESS FIREARMS.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
ATTENTION: LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION
FROM: SAC, RICHMOND (44-657) - P -

MURKIN
(OO:MEMPHIS)

RE: SUSPECT: LESTER IRVING FORSYTHE, JR.

Re Richmond tel to Bureau 4/9/68; Charlotte tel to Bureau 4/9/68 and Newark tel to Bureau 4/11/68, all pertaining to above suspect.

ROBERT JONES, Executive Director, Woodrow Wilson Memorial Home, Staunton, Va., has positively identified photo of LESTER IRVING FORSYTHE, JR., FBI No. [REDACTED] as being identical with person he met at Manger Hotel, Savannah, Ga., 4/5-6/68.

BUREAU requested to compare fingerprints of FORSYTHE with latents submitted in this matter. If not identical, no further investigation being conducted re FORSYTHE since his present location is unknown.

Newark being furnished info copy in view of interest in this matter.

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2 - Richmond
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To: SAC's, Richmond (44-657)
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From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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Re Richmond airtel 4/16/68.

The remaining unidentified latent fingerprints and the latent impressions in this case are not identical with the fingerprints of Lester Irving Forsythe, Jr., FBI [REDACTED]. No palm prints are available in our Identification Division files for Forsythe.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861); LOUISVILLE AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM DETROIT (44-989) 2P

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ON APRIL ELEVEN INSTANT, ARLINE BLAISDELL, TWO THREE ONE TWO PARKWOOD, SAGINAW, MICHIGAN, ADVISED THAT A POSSIBLE SUSPECT IN THE MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING IS HAROLD WILLARD WILSON, POST OFFICE BOX FIVE NINE, LOYALL, KENTUCKY. SHE DESCRIBED HIM AS SIX FEET ONE, ONE EIGHTY POUNDS, COPPER COLORED HAIR, BLUE EYES, AGE TWENTY EIGHT, AND HAS SERVED THREE YEARS IN KENTUCKY PRISON FOR AUTO THEFT. HIS MOTHER IS GRACE ANN WILSON, SAME ADDRESS, LOYAL, KENTUCKY. HIS FATHER IS JOHN WILLARD WILSON, DECEASED.

BLAISDELL SAID THAT SHE SAW THE NAME OF JOHN WILLARD IN THE SAGINAW NEWS" AS A POSSIBLE SUSPECT IN THE ABOVE MURDER AND SHE FELT THAT IT MIGHT BE AN ALIAS USED BY HAROLD WILLARD WILSON. SHE SAID WILSON IS A FORMER BOY FRIEND OF HERS AND HAS HEARD HIM THREATEN TO SHOOT NEGROES IN SAGINAW, MICH. WILSON LEFT SAGINAW, MICH. IN APRIL, SIXTY SIX, AND TO THE BEST OF HER KNOWLEDGE, IS STILL RESIDING IN LOYALL, KENTUCKY.

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LOUISVILLE AT LOYALL, KENTUCKY, LOCATE AND INTERVIEW
WILSON CONCERNING HIS WHEREABOUTS FROM MARCH TWENTY NINE TO
MARCH THIRTY ONE LAST, AND ON APRIL FOUR LAST.

AIRMAIL COPY SENT BIRMINGHAM.

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FBI NEW ORLS

2:29 PM URGENT 4-11-68 MMW

TO DIRECTOR, JACKSON, AND MEMPHIS.

FROM NEW ORLEANS 157-10673 (P) 3PGS

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RE JACKSON TELTYPE TO NEW ORLEANS, APRIL TEN, LAST.

RE BILLY D. MC GRIFF

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU, REFERENCED TELETYPE STATED ROBERT SEWELL, MHSP, ADVISED MEMPHIS PD ON APRIL FIVE, LAST, HE WAS APPROACHED BY WHITE MALE, LATER IDENTIFIED THROUGH LICENSE CHECK AS BILLY D. MC GRIFF, AND ANOTHER UNIDENTIFIED WHITE MALE, AND TOLD THAT MC GRIFF AND COMPANION WERE DRINKING BEER IN LOUNGE ON SOUTH MAIN STREET, MEMPHIS, NIGHT OF SLAYING. MC GRIFF INTERVIEWED APRIL TEN, LAST, AND ADMITS BEING IN MEMPHIS APRIL FOUR, LAST, ACCOMPANIED BY VAN SULLIVAN, WHITE MALE, MIZE, MISS., A CO-WORKER. STATES THEY HAD RETURNED TO THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, AT TIME OF ASSASSINATION.

MC GRIFF STATES HE WAS NOT IN BIRMINGHAM MARCH TWENTY-NINE - THIRTY, LAST, BUT WAS EITHER EMPLOYED ON JOB THROUGH L.E. MYERS COMPANY, JACKSON, MISS., OR AT HOME WITH WIFE AND FAMILY.

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MC GRIFF DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BILLY D. MCGRUFF, ONE THREE FOUR TWO PLANTATION
ROAD, JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, WHITE MALE, BORN [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] AT SEBASTOPOL, MISS., FIVE FEET ELEVEN
INCHES TALL, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY POUNDS, MEDIUM BUILD,
BLACK HAIR, BROWN EYES, RUDDY COMPLEXION, THUMB OFF LEFT
HAND, EMPLOYED AS ELECTRICIAN, IN US ARMY FROM SEPTEMBER,
NINETEEN FORTYEIGHT, TO MAY NINETEEN FIFTYTWO, USA SERIAL
NUMBER [REDACTED] HONORABLE
DISCHARGE, MARRIED, WITH MARTHA WOLVERTON MC GRIFF, MOTHER
VIRGINIA MC GRIFF, FREDERICKA STREET, JACKSON, MISS.,
SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CLAIMS NO ARREST RECORD.

BUREAU REQUESTED TO COMPARE FINGERPRINTS OF
MC GRIFF, U.S. ARMY SERIAL NUMBER [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] WITH LATENT PRINTS THIS CASE.

JACKSON. WILL THROUGH L.E. MYERS, CONTRACTOR, OR WIFE
AND ASSOCIATES, VERIFY SUBJECT'S WHEREABOUTS MARCH TWENTYNINE-
THIRTY, LAST.

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NO 157-10673

LOCATE AND INTERVIEW VAN SULLIVAN, MIZE, MISS.,
WHO CAN BE LOCATED THROUGH IBEW, LOCAL SIX ZERO FIVE, JACKSON,
MISSISSIPPI.

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FBI DETROIT

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TO MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM DETROIT (44-989)

MURKIN.

RE MEMPHIS TEL TO DETROIT, APRIL NINE LAST.

LAWRENCE H. MILLER, EMPLOYED FORD TRACTOR DIVISION,
FORD MOTOR CO., DEARBORN, MICH., MARKETING RESEARCH DEPARTMENT.
INQUIRY AT FORD MOTOR CO. REVEALED SUSPECT SENT TO MEMPHIS
BY FORD MOTOR CO. ON APRIL FOUR LAST AS A COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE
FOR DEALER SURVEY. FURTHER INQUIRY RE SUSPECT'S WHEREABOUTS
ON MARCH TWENTY NINE LAST REVEALED HE WAS NOT ABSENT FROM
WORK DURING THAT TIME.

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TO MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM NEWARK (44-854)

MURKIN

RE MEMPHIS TEL TO NEWARK APRIL ELEVEN, SIXTY EIGHT, RE
CARL B. LAUFER.

RECORDS AT DMV, TRENTON, NJ, REVEAL N.J. LICENSE
MSR ONE ONE NINE REGISTERED TO CARL B. LAUFER, SEVEN
MOUNTAINVIEW DRIVE, CLIFTON, N.J., ON A NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN
RED TWO DOOR FORD (MUSTANG).

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI NEW YORK

326PM URGENT 4-11-68 JLW

TO DIRECTOR BIRMINGHAM JACKSON MEMPHIS MINNEAPOLIS
FROM NEW YORK 44-1609 1P

MURKIN

ANONYMOUS LETTER SENT TO NYO RECEIVED APRIL ELEVEN INSTANT, POST
MARKED TUNICA, MISS, APRIL FIVE LAST, STATES AS FOLLOWS.

"THERE ARE THOUSAND OF WHITE MUSTANG, BUT THIS IS ONE
OF THERE. WHITE MUSTANG ONE SEVEN B DASH FIVE TWO EIGHT DESOTA
TAGES. THIS MAY BE MR. KINGSPILLER. HOPE SO."

RETURN ADDR ON ENVELOPE IS BOX XXX, PAUL JONNES OR
JONNES, TUNICA, MISS.

JACKSON, AT TUNICA, MISS., ATTEMPT TO LOCATE AND
INTERVIEW JONNES FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

MINNEAPOLIS, AT NORTH DAKOTA AND SOUTH DAKOTA MOTOR
VEHICLE DIVISIONS, ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY ABOVE REGISTRATION.

MEMPHIS CONSIDER NATIONWIDE INQUIRY OF MOTOR VEHICLE
REGISTRATION IF ABOVE INQUIRIES NEGATIVE.

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CORR LINE 6 WD 7 SHLD BE KILLER

LINE 7 WD 2 SHLD BE ADDRESS

END IS THAT BOX KILLER? NO IT IS MR. KINGS KILLER. OK.

BOX NO. WHAT? XXX, TU

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FBI MINNAPLS

5:31 PM URGENT 4/11/68 CMH

TO: MEMPHIS

FROM: MINNEAPOLIS (157-450)

MURKIN

RE NEW YORK TEL TO BUREAU, ETAL, THIS DATE, CONCERNING
ANONYMOUS LETTER RECEIVED POSTMARKED TUNICA, MISSISSIPPI,
REFERRING TO "WHITE MUSTANG, [REDACTED]
DESOTA TAGES."

INQUIRIES MOTOR VEHICLE BUREAU, PIERRE, SOUTH DAKOTA, AND
BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA, INDICATE LICENSE NUMBER [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] COULD NOT BE A LEGITIMATE PLATE FOR EITHER STATE.
SUGGEST POSSIBILITY PLATE ISSUED DESOTO COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI.

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Date: 4/16/68

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TO: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS
FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re New York teletype to Bureau, Birmingham,
Jackson, Memphis, and Minneapolis.

License [REDACTED] 44-1987-Sub E-158
license. Jackson handling. 171

Memphis and Minneapolis disregard leads in
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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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FBI JACKSVLE

407 PM URGENT 4/11/68 MMH

TO DETROIT /44-989/ AND MEMPHIS /44-1987/
FROM JACKSONVILLE /44-769/ 1P

MURKIN. CR. OO MEMPHIS.

RE DETROIT TEL TO JACKSONVILLE AND MEMPHIS, APRIL ELEVEN, LAST.

RE: SUSPECT GARY JO MC MILLIAN.

JOEL HARNAGE, DEPUTY SHERIFF, ST. JOHNS COUNTY JAIL, ST.
AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA, ADVISED SA CARL A. ANDERSON TODAY, GARY JO
MC MILLIAN ARRESTED BY ST. JOHNS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, MARCH
TWENTY SEVEN, LAST, AND IN CUSTODY OF THAT DEPARTMENT UNTIL APRIL
NINE, LAST, AT WHICH TIME HE WAS RELEASED TO DEPUTY ROBERT MURPHY
INGHAM, COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, MASIN, MICHIGAN.

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FBI ST LOUIS

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TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

FROM ST. LOUIS 44-775

MURKIN.

RE SUSPECT ROBERT L. PLUNK.

RE SPRINGFIELD TEL, APRIL ELEVEN INSTANT.

PLUNK EXAMINED AS [REDACTED] AND DEPARTED VAH, ST. LOUIS,
MO., BEFORE CONTACT COULD BE MADE AND OSTENSIBLY RETURNED
HOME. VAH RECORDS REFLECT PLUNK BORN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ADAMSVILLE, TENNESSEE, SERERED IN AIRFORCE,
SERIAL [REDACTED] FROM MARCH
TWENTYNINE, NINETEEN FIFTYFOUR TO JANUARY FIFTEEN, NINETEEN
FIFTYFIVE. PLUNK WAS PATIENT AT VAH, ST. LOUIS, MAY TWENTYSEVEN,
NENETEEN FIFTYEIGHT TO JULY ONE, NINETEEN FIFTYEIGHT, RECEIVING
TUBERCULAR [REDACTED] TREATMENT. TRANSFERRED TO VAH,
JEFFERSON BARRACKS, MO., AND THERON TO VAH, MURFREESBORO,
TENN., MAY SIX, NINETEEN FIFTYNINE. CURRENT RESIDENCE ROUTE
TWO, MICHIE, TENN., AND PLUNK STILL UNDER SUPERVISION OF VAH
MURFREESBORO.

MEMPHIS, INTERVIEW PLUNK AT MICHIE.

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CORR LINE FOUR FIFTH WRD SHLD READ SERVED

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4:26PM URGENT 4-11-68 JEW

TO MEMPHIS

FROM LITTLE ROCK (157-1215) 1P

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RE DALLAS TEL TO LITTLE ROCK APRIL TEN, SIXTY EIGHT, REQUESTING LITTLE ROCK VERIFY THE PRESENCE OF DON BYERS AT CRYSTAL SPRINGS BOAT DOCK, LAKE OUACHITA, NEAR HOT SPRINGS, ARK., ON APRIL FOUR, SIXTY EIGHT.

ROGER SMITH, CRYSTAL SPRINGS, ARK., BOAT DOCK OPERATOR, ADVISED TODAY THAT DON BYERS FISHED OUT OF THE LANDING AT LEAST THREE OR FOUR HOURS ON THE AFTERNOON OF APRIL FOUR, SIXTY EIGHT. NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION IS BEING CONDUCTED CONCERNING BYERS. PENDING.

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4:39 PM MST U R G E N T 4/11/68 LES

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

MEMPHIS (44-1987)

BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

FROM SALT LAKE CITY (44-253)

MURKIN.

RE SUSPECT THERAL BURNS LYMAN.

INFORMATION DEVELOPED BY SALT LAKE CITY THAT SUSPECT LYMAN
KILLED JUNE, NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN, IN SINGLE PLANE CRASH AT
BLANDING, UTAH.

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FBI KNOXVLE

4:40PM 4-11-68 URGENT BPW

TO MEMPHIS

FROM KNOXVILLE (44-596)

MURKIN.

RE MEMPHIS TEL TODAY.

MISS EMMA BERNARD, ONE ZERO EIGHT VISTON AVENUE, CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE, CONTACTED TODAY. BOTH TENNESSEE LICENSE WITH NUMERALS [REDACTED] ARE PRESENTLY ON HER NINETEEN SIXTYTWO FORD, AND SHE ADVISED THEY HAVE NOT BEEN REMOVED FROM HER CAR FOR ANY REASON.

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FBI ATLANTA

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TO MEMPHIS

FROM ATLANTA (44-2386)

*MURKIN.

RE MEMPHIS TEL TO ATLANTA, APRIL TEN, SIXTY EIGHT
SETTING FORTH INFORMATION RECEIVED BY MEMPHIS FROM
INSPECTOR N.E. ZACHARY, MPD, REGARDING CHARLES WILSON,
CEDARTOWN, GA.

INFORMATION REGARDING WILSON, SANDERS, AND HAYNES
SET FORTH IN ATLANTA TEL TO BUREAU AND MEMPHIS, APRIL SIX
SIXTYEIGHT, CAPTIONED "UNSUB, AKA JOHN WILLARD; MARTIN
LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM, CR." THAT INFORMATION WAS NOT
PERTINENT TO CAPTIONED CASE. P

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) ATLANTA (44-2386) AND MEMPHIS
(44-1987)

FROM CHARLOTTE (44-1365)

MURKIN

RE NEW HAVEN TELETYPE TODAY.

MARINE CORPS BASE LOCATOR, CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C.,
ADVISED THEY HAD NO RECORDS OF MARINES DISCHARGED MORE THAN
SIX MONTHS AGO. CURRENT RECORDS NEGATIVE RE DAVE PARRISH.
BASE LOCATOR FURNISHED FOLLOWING ADDRESS OF SIXTH MARINE
CORPS RESERVE DISTRICT, ROOM SEVEN FIVE TWO - PEACHTREE,
SEVENTH BUILDING, FIFTY- SEVENTH STREET NORTHEAST, ATLANTA,
GA.

NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED BY CHARLOTTE
RE PARRISH.

AM COPIES SENT NEW HAVEN AND WFO.

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FBI NORFOLK

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TO DALLAS (44-2649) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM NORFOLK (44-268) 1P

MURKIN, OO: MEMPHIS

RE DALLAS TELETYPES TO NORFOLK AND MEMPHIS DATED
APRIL TEN, LAST, AND APRIL ELEVEN, INSTANT.

LT. S. C. WADDELL, VSP, ADVISED ON APRIL TEN, LAST,
THAT ISACC WELDON KIRK AND CREW DEPARTED FRANKLIN, VIRGINIA,
ON APRIL NINE, LAST, ENROUTE TO MANASSAS, VA., FOR SIMILAR
CONSTRUCTION JOB.

RECORDS AT AIRWAY MOTOR LODGE, FRANKLIN, VA., INDICATE
KIRK REGISTERED AT THIS MOTEL FROM MARCH TWENTY-SEVEN, LAST,
TO APRIL NINE, LAST. KIRK DRIVING A FORD AUTOMOBILE BEARING
TEXAS LICENSE [REDACTED]

CLARENCE PITTMAN, OWNER, PITTMAN WOOD AND METAL
COMPANY, COURTLAND, VA., SUPPLIED WATER PUMPS FOR KIRK'S
CONSTRUCTION JOB NEAR FRANKLIN. PITTMAN STATES THAT HE SAW
KIRK ON JOB EVERYDAY FROM MARCH TWENTY-NINE THROUGH APRIL
FIVE, LAST.

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FBI ATLANTA

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TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 AND MEMPHIS 44-1987
FROM ATLANTA 44-2386

MURKIN. CR. OO: MEMPHIS

RE MEMPHIS TELETYPE TO ATLANTA, APR. TEN, LAST.

ON INSTANT DATE, MRS. HARLAN LACY, FOUR SIX SIX
LANDERS DR., MABLETON, GA., ADVISED HER HUSBAND WAS ON
BUSINESS TRIP TO MEMPHIS, DRIVING, SIXTYSIX RUST COLORED
MUSTANG, SIXTYEIGHT GEORGIA SEVEN D SEVEN THREE SEVEN EIGHT, ✓
FROM APR. ONE THRU FIVE, LAST. LACY STATED HUSBAND BEEN
EMPLOYED BY HARRIS SEYBOLD COMPANY, ONE SEVEN FOUR FIVE
TULLEY CR., ATLANTA, GA., PHONE SIX THREE FOUR DASH FIVE
ONE FOUR SEVEN FOR EIGHTS YRS DOING INSTALLATION AND
MAINTENANCE OF PRINTING PRESSES. LACY DESCRIBED HUSBAND
HARLAN CARL LACY, FOUR SIX SIX LANDERS DR., MABLETON, GA.,
W/M, DOB [REDACTED] AT PEKIN, KENTUCKY; FIVE FEET
EIGHT; ONE FIFTY LBS.; LIGHT BROWN HAIR, BLUE EYES, U S ARMY
(FIFTYSEVEN THRU FIFTYNINE), SN E R [REDACTED]

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BUREAU COMPARE ARMY FINGERPRINTS OF LACY WITH LATENTS
DEVELOPED TO ELIMINATE AS SUSPECT.

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ORIG. COPY CORRECT; FAULTY TAPE I SUPPOSE. OK OK.TU X

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FBI LOUISVLE

509PM URGENT 4-11-68 AJD

TO CHARLOTTE (44-1365) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM LOUISVILLE (44-947)

MURKIN

RE CHARLOTTE TELETYPE TO LOUISVILLE APR. EIGHT LAST.

SIXTYEIGHT KY. LICENSE [REDACTED]

REGISTERED TO CALVIN DUNCAN, NINE ZERO FIVE MAYWICK DRIVE,
LEXINGTON, KY., ON SIXTYSIX WHITE THUNDERBIRD. DUNCAN
DETERMINED TO BE A "FIRST LINE MANAGER", INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS
MACHINES, ELECTRICK TYPEWRITER PLANT, LEXINGTON, KY., WHERE
HE HAS SO BEEN EMPLOYED FOR PAST TEN YEARS. WAS WORKING IN
THIS CAPACITY APR. FOUR LAST UNTIL AFTER FOUR P.M. AND LEFT
THAT DAT FOR VACATION WITH FAMILY IN CAROLINAS. IN VIEW
OF EMPLOYMENT AT LEXINGTON LATE ON DATE OF APR. FOUR LAST
NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION RE DUNCAN'S WHEREABOUTS APR. FOUR
LAST BEING CONDUCTED LOUISVILLE DIVISION. BUREAU AND COLUMBIA
ADVISED AIRMAIL.

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RE: CALVIN DUNCAN

On April 8, 1968, Mr. J. LEWIS MOSS, 102 Lincetta Street, York, South Carolina, telephonically advised that at approximately 3:00 P. M. on that date, he stopped at a Sinclair Service Station located across from the Pepsi Cola Plant in Rock Hill, South Carolina. While at the station, a 1965 white Thunderbird bearing 1968 Kentucky license [REDACTED] pulled into the station and the driver purchased gasoline by use of a credit card.

Mr. MOSS stated upon observing the unknown driver of the Thunderbird, he felt this individual fit the description and the composite drawing of the individual who shot MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. Mr. MOSS stated he went home and again looked at the drawing of the assassin which appeared in local newspapers before contacting the FBI.

By communication dated April 11, 1968, the Louisville Office advised that 1968 Kentucky license [REDACTED] is registered to CALVIN DUNCAN, 905 Maywick Drive, Lexington, Kentucky, for a 1966 white Thunderbird. DUNCAN was determined to be a "First Line Manager" of International Business Machines, Electric Typewriter Plant, Lexington, Kentucky, where he has been so employed for the past ten years. He was working in this capacity on April 4, 1968, until after 4:00 P. M., and left on that date for a vacation with his family in the Carolinas.

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Charlotte teletype to Bureau, Memphis, and Louisville dated 4/8/68, and Louisville teletype to Charlotte and Memphis dated 4/11/68.

There are being furnished Memphis herewith an original and 8 copies of an insert concerning CALVIN DUNCAN. ✓

Louisville in its referenced teletype advised that in view of DUNCAN's employment at Lexington, Ky., on 4/4/68, no further investigation is being conducted.

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1 - Charlotte

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521PM URGENT 4-11-68 SVW

TO NEW ORLEANS 157-10673 MEMPHIS 44-1987

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 1P

MURKIN.

RE NEW ORLEANS AIRTEL APRIL EIGHT.

LATENT PRINTS THIS CASE NOT IDENTICAL SUBMITTED
MAJOR CASE PRINTS RONALD BARDIN SIMPSON. MAJOR CASE
PRINTS RETAINED TEMPORARILY.

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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
(ATTENTION: LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION)
FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10072) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
(OO: Memphis)

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Memphis to Bureau, Charlotte and Memphis, 4/8/68 at
6:52 p.m.

Enclosed for the Latent Fingerprint Section are the major case prints of RONALD BARRIE SHEPSON, WMA, born 10/24/41 at Halifax County, N. C., who was arrested by the Jennings, La., SO on 4/8/68 on vagrancy charges. SHEPSON is 6 feet, 130 pounds, and states he was arrested in 1966 in Tampa, Fla., for disturbing the peace. He advised he received 1967 Christmas leave, at which time he headed to the West Coast. While he states he was probably hitchhiking from Texas to Louisiana on Thursday, 4/4/68, he is vague concerning his location and SHEPSON is obviously in [REDACTED]. However, SHEPSON is similar in facial appearance to the artist's sketch of the URMH drawn by Memphis artist BILL HARRINGTON and carried in the Bonham, Texas, Enterprise morning newspaper of 4/8/68.

The Latent Fingerprint Section is requested to compare the major case prints of SHEPSON with those reportedly found on the rifle or other items submitted by the Memphis Division and advise interested offices as to findings.

- 3 - Bureau (Enc. 1)
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 4/8/68

Deputy Sheriff GEORGE SPEIGHT, Jefferson Davis Sheriff's Office, advised that on the morning of April 6, 1968, at approximately 8:30 AM, he received a call from officials at the Southern Pacific Railroad, advising that a white male was sleeping near the railroad tracks just east of the main section of Jennings. He advised he arrested this individual who furnished the name and had identification in the name of RONALD BARDIN SIMPSON, white male, born [redacted] Halifax County, North Carolina.

Deputy SPEIGHT advised that he had observed the penciled sketch of the subject wanted for the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING carried in the "Beaumont Enterprise," a Beaumont, Texas, morning newspaper and that this sketch resembled SIMPSON except for the well dressed appearance and hair of the subject as depicted in the sketch.

He stated that SIMPSON told him he had been hitchhiking from California to his home in Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina, at the time he was arrested, and on March 25, 1968, and April 4, 1968, he was in the Texas area. He arrested SIMPSON on vagrancy charges, and he advised that it was quite obvious that SIMPSON was extremely nervous and [redacted].

On 4/6/68 at Jennings, Louisiana

by SA JAMES FRANCIS WRIGHT:med

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AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

On April 7, 1968, the two latent fingerprints on lifts submitted by Memphis were checked and were not identical with previously reported latent prints. Latents fingerprints in this case are not identical fingerprints of RONALD BARDIN SIMPSON, U. S. Air Force [REDACTED]

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Date 4/8/68

RONALD BARDIN SIMPSON was interviewed at the Jefferson Davis Sheriff's Office in the presence of Deputy Sheriff GEORGE SPEIGHT. He was advised as to his rights and advised that he understood his rights but was very nervous and did not desire to sign any document.

SIMPSON stated that he was born on [redacted] in Halifax County, North Carolina, and that prior to December 24 or 25, 1967, he was at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Durham, North Carolina, where he was being treated for [redacted]. He advised that he was granted Christmas leave and in December hitchhiked to the West Coast where he remained until approximately March 15, 1967. He then traveled to Texas where he worked for Mr. AL WEBB, 4010 West Highway 80, Big Spring, Texas. On April 4, 1968, he recalls that he spent the entire day at the "Honey Hut," a Negro bar located in Houston, Texas, address unknown. He recalls being in this bar from the early morning hours until approximately 6:00 or 6:30 PM, April 4, 1968. On or about April 5, 1968, he then began hitchhiking from Houston via Interstate 10 east with the intentions of returning to Durham and to the Veterans Administration Hospital as his [redacted] has become worse in the past few months. He denied being in Memphis, Tennessee, April 4, or March 28, 1968 and advises the last time he was in Memphis was approximately two years ago and he was merely passing through the city at that time. He stated he has no relatives or friends in Memphis, Tennessee.

The following description of SIMPSON was obtained by observation and interview:

Name	RONALD BARDIN SIMPSON
Sex	Male
Race	White
Nationality	American
Birth Data	Born [redacted] at Halifax, North Carolina
Height	6'

On 4/6/68 at Jennings, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673
 by SA JAMES FRANCIS WRIGHT:med APR 18 1968 Date dictated 4/8/68

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Weight	150 pounds
Hair	Black (thin and unruly)
Eyes	Hazel
Complexion	Ruddy
Permanent Address	910 Henry Street, Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina
Parents	VERNEY WALTER SIMPSON, father (deceased); LUCILLE FINCH, mother, 910 Henry Street, Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina HOWARD O'NEAL, step-father, above address
Education	High school
Service Record	U. S. Air Force, 6 years, discharge in 1966, Air Force SN [REDACTED]
Selective Service Number	[REDACTED]
Local Draft Board	#3, Halifax County, North Carolina
Blood Group	O Positive
Occupation	Common laborer
Scars and Marks	None
Remarks	SIMPSON attired in dirty unwashed clothing and has very unkempt appearance
Arrest Record	Tampa, Florida, 1966, Police Department, Disturbing the Peace, served 50 days

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
 FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673) (P)
 SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re New Orleans teletype to Director, Charlotte
 and Memphis, 4/6/68 at 6:25 p.m.;
 Charlotte teletype to the Director, New Orleans
 and Memphis, 4/6/68 at 9:14 p.m.;
 Bureau teletype to Memphis and New Orleans
 dated 4/7/68 at 5:55 a.m.;
 Bureau teletype to New Orleans dated 4/7/68 at
 3:59 p.m..

Re: SUSPECT RONALD BARDIN SIMPSON

Enclosed for Memphis are 25 copies each of
 FD-302's setting forth results of interviews with
 Deputy Sheriff GEORGE SPEIGHT and RONALD BARDIN SIMPSON
 on 4/6/68 at Jennings, La.

Also enclosed are 25 copies of an insert setting
 forth results of latent fingerprint examination.

The following is a synopsis of the enclosed
 material:

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RONALD BARDIN SIMPSON arrested at Jennings, La., 4/6/68, on charges of vagrancy. Upon interview, SIMPSON states he has past history [REDACTED] and on April 4, 1968, was in Houston, Texas. Examination of fingerprints of SIMPSON with latent fingerprints in this matter determined not identical.

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RE: RONALD BARDIN SIMPSON

By communication dated April 6, 1968, the New Orleans Office of the FBI advised as follows:

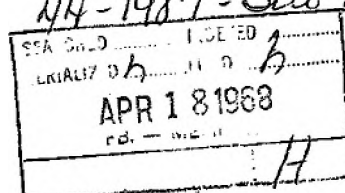
RONALD BARDIN SIMPSON, white male, born [redacted] Halifax, North Carolina, United States Air Force Serial Number [redacted] is now in local custody of Lake Charles, Louisiana, authorities on a vagrancy charge. He is unable to give an account of his whereabouts for the period April 4, 1968. His appearance matches an artist conception published in the "Beaumont Enterprise" newspaper. SIMPSON claims he is on Christmas leave from the Veterans Administration Hospital, Durham, North Carolina.

The following investigation was conducted by SA CHARLES S. MILLER:

AT DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

On April 6, 1968, HARRY PROPST, Night Administrations Officer, Veterans Administration Hospital, Durham, advised hospital records reflect RONALD B. SIMPSON, born [redacted] United States Air Force Serial Number [redacted] was first admitted to the Veterans Administration Hospital on October 9, 1967, [redacted]. SIMPSON was released on leave on November 11, 1967, and returned November 24, 1967. He was released on leave again on December 20, 1967, for return on December 27, 1967, but was granted an extension until January 9, 1968, and again granted extension without return to the hospital until February 9, 1968. However, prior to termination of this extension, SIMPSON was discharged on January 12, 1968, for maximum hospital benefits. This was the only recorded admission for SIMPSON at the hospital.

SIMPSON's home address was shown as in care of a sister, Mrs. I. D. WHITE, 311 Jackson Street, Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina. Hospital records reflected SIMPSON has never been married.



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Re New Orleans teletype to Bureau, Charlotte and Memphis dated 4/6/68, and Charlotte teletype to Bureau, New Orleans and Memphis dated 4/6/68.

There are being furnished Memphis herewith an original and 8 copies of an insert concerning RONALD BARDIN SIMPSON.

The files of the Charlotte Office reflected SIMPSON was arrested on 12/19/66, by the El Paso County, Texas, SO and charged with vagrancy. At that time he had no draft card and no wallet and advised he had not requested duplicate registration. Records of the LB, Halifax, N. C., reflected SIMPSON correctly and properly registered and was classified 4-A, for prior military service.

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5:29 PM URGENT 4-11-68 AWS

TO DIRECTOR, BIRMINGHAM AND MEMPHIS
FROM NEW YORK 44-1609

MURKIN

RE BH TEL TO WA APRIL TEN LAST, RE DONALD WALTER PACCIO ✓
PACCIO'S WIFE ADVISED HE IS SEAMAN ABOARD SS COSMOS
MRAINER AND HAS BEEN AT SEA SINCE JANUARY TWENTY FIVE LAST.
OPERATOR OF SHIP, ADMATHOS SHIPPING AGENCY,
ADVISED PACCIO WAS ABOARD SHIP WHEN IT LEFT WILLMINGTON,
NC, JANUARY THIRTY LAST FOR FOREIGN PORTS. ADVISED SHIP
LEFT PHILIPPINES APRIL NINE LAST AND IS DUE IN SAN FRANCISCO,
CALIF. APRIL TWENTY SEVEN NEXT WITH PACCIO ABOARD.
NY CONDUCTING NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION RE PACCIO.

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Employee

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Date charged

Employee

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TO CHICAGO 44-1114 MEMPHIS 44-1987

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861

MURKIN

RE CG TEL APRIL ELEVEN LAST

REMAINING LATENT FINGERPRINTS THIS CASE NOT IDENTICAL
FINGERPRINTS ALEXANDER RISTO KOCHANOVSKI, FBI NUMBER [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] NO PALM PRINTS AVAILABLE.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38891) ATTN. IDENT DIVISION
FROM CHICAGO (44-1114) (P) 1P

MURKIN.

RE ALEXANDER RISTO KOCHANOVSKI.

CAPTIONED INDIVIDUAL PASSPORT APPLICANT, IS SUSPECT IN
INSTANT MATTER. COMPARE FINGERPRINTS UNDER FBI NUMBER [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] WITH SUBJECT'S PRINTS. SUTEL.

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641PM URGENT 4/11/68 OLP

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) MEMPHIS(44-1987) AND LITTLE ROCK
FROM NEW ORLEANS (157-10673) 1P

MURKIN

RE BIRMINGHAM TEL, APR. TEN, LAST RE JAMES CARL PAFFORD.

RETEL STATED PAFFORD CONSIDERED POSSIBLE SUSPECT BECAUSE
OF STATEMENT HE MADE IN JAN. SIXTYFIVE AT A CITIZENS COUNCIL
MEETING IN ALABAMA. ON THAT OCCASION PAFFORD SAID HE MIGHT
STOP OFF IN SELMA, ALA., TO TAKE CARE OF MARTIN LUTHER KING.
AT THAT TIME PAFFORD LIVED AT P. O. BOX ONE NINE FIVE,
CULLEN, LA.

PAFFORD IS DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, BORN

SIX FEET, THREE INCHES, ONE SEVENTYFIVE LBS.,
BROWN HAIR, BLUE EYES.

TOMMY JARRED, CHIEF OF POLICE, SPRINGHILL, LA., ADVISED
ON APR. ELEVEN INSTANT THAT PAFFORD NO LONGER LIVES IN
NEARBY CULLEN. HE STATED PAFFORD RESIDES IN MAGNOLIA,
ARK., WHERE HE OPERATES AN AMBULANCE SERVICE AND IS CLOSELY
ASSOCIATED AND WELL KNOWN TO THE PD IN MAGNOLIA.

LITTLE ROCK AT MAGNOLIA, ARK., WILL DETERMINE PAFFORD'S
WHEREABOUTS PERTINENT PERIOD APR. FOUR AND MARCH TWENTYNINE-
THIRTY SIXTYEIGHT.

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TO DIRECTOR /44-38861/, MEMPHIS /44-1987/, AND NORFOLK
FROM CHARLOTTE /44-1365/ 2P

MURKIN.

POLICE OFFICERS, MURFREESBORO, N. C., ON APRIL ELEVEN
INSTANT, ADVISED AS FOLLOWS:

ON APRIL TEN LAST, AT TWO THIRTY P.M., AS A RESULT OF A
COMPLAINT THEY LOCATED A INDIVIDUAL [REDACTED]
IN VICINITY OF MURFREESBORO, N. C. INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFIED AS
RICHARD JAMES DAYHOFF, ASN RA ONE EIGHT SEVEN FOUR SEVEN EIGHT
EIGHT FOUR, MILITARY UNIT FIVE SIX FOUR TRANSPORTATION CO
(T DASH FIVE), FT. STORY, VA., DRIVING SIXTY-THREE DODGE DART,
TWO-DOOR SEDAN, WITH SIXTY-EIGHT NEW MEXICO LICENSE [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] MOTOR NO. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DAYHOFF HAD FABRICATED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] . DAYHOFF WAS

[REDACTED] UNABLE TO GIVE COHERENT

STORY AS TO HIS TRAVELS AND ROUTES DURING PAST TWO WEEKS, SINCE
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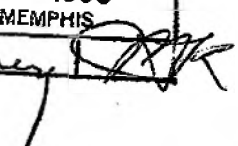
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HE RECEIVED A TWELVE DAY LEAVE STARTING MARCH TWENTY- NINE LAST. HE DID STATE HE HAD VISITED FAMILY AT THREE FIVE ZERO NINE MARY ELLEN, N.E. (COURT) ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO. DAYHOFF INDICATED THIS WAS [REDACTED], AND THIS CONCERNED HIS FAMILY'S DISAPPROVAL OF HIS ASSOCIATION WITH A [REDACTED] GIRL. DAYHOFF DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, AGE TWENTY, ONE FOUR ZERO LBS., FAIR COMPLEXION, BLOND HAIR, BLACK EYES.

NORFOLK, AT FT. STORY, VA., CONTACT MILITARY AUTHORITIES AND HAVE THEM DETERMINE IF DAYHOFF IS RATIONAL WHAT HIS ROUTE OF TRAVEL HAD BEEN AND CITIES VISITED.

IDENTIFICATION DIVISION, WILL COMPARE FINGERPRINTS OF DAYHOFF, DESCRIBED ABOVE, WITH THOSE OBTAINED IN CAPTIONED MATTER.

DAYHOFF RELEASED TO MILITARY AUTHORITIES LATE P.M., APRIL TEN LAST.

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131PM URGENT 4-12-68 SNB

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987), ALBUQUERQUE
FROM NORFOLK (44-268) 2P

MURKIN.

RE CHARLOTTE TEL TO BUREAU, MEMPHIS, AND NORFOLK, APRIL ELEVEN
LAST.

RETEL ADVISED THAT ON APRIL TEN LAST, MURFREESBORO, N. C., PD
LOCATED INDIVIDUAL [REDACTED]. IDENTIFIED AS RICHARD
JAMES DAYHOFF, ASN [REDACTED] 44-1987-Sub E-174

MILITARY UNIT FIVE SIX FOUR TRANSPORTATION CO., FT. STORY, VA., DRIVING
SIXTYTHREE DODGE DART, TWO DOOR SEDAN WITH SIXTYEIGHT N. M. LICENSE

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DAYHOFF HAD FABRICATED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. DAYHOFF WAS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] UNABLE TO GIVE COHERENT STORY AS TO HIS TRAVELS
AND ROUTES DURING PAST TWO WEEKS SINCE HE RECEIVED A TWELVE DAY LEAVE
STARTING MARCH TWENTYNINE LAST. HE DID STATE HE HAD VISITED FAMILY AT
THREE FIVE ZERO NINE MARY ELLEN COURT, N. E., ALBUQUERQUE. DAYHOFF
INDICATED THIS WAS HIS [REDACTED] AND THIS CONCERNED HIS [REDACTED] 44-1987-Sub E-174

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FAMILY'S DISAPPROVAL OF HIS ASSOCIATION WITH A [REDACTED] GIRL. DAYHOFF DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, TWENTY YEARS, ONE FORTY LBS., FAIR COMPLEXION, BLOND HAIR, BLACK EYES.

ON APRIL TWELVE INSTANT, FIRST SGT. ALPHA NIMS, FIVE SIX FOUR TRANSPORTATION CO., ADVISED THAT DAYHOFF COMMENCED LEAVE AT TWELVE NOON, MARCH TWENTYNINE LAST, ROUTES UNKNOWN. LEAVE ADDRESS SAME AS ABOVE. DUE BACK MIDNIGHT, APRIL TEN LAST. LEAVE GRANTED MARCH TWENTYNINE WHEN DAYHOFF REQUESTED IT BECAUSE OF PERSONAL PROBLEMS AT HOME. DAYHOFF NEW TO OUTFIT AND EXACT NATURE OF PROBLEMS UNKNOWN. DAYHOFF BELIEVED SEEN IN FT. STORY VICINITY, APRIL NINE LAST, BUT HE DID NOT SIGN IN. GIRL FRIEND BELIEVED TO BE [REDACTED] THREE TWO ZERO FIVE BRITT, N. E., ALBUQUERQUE.

ALBUQUERQUE CONTACT DAYHOFF'S PARENTS AND GIRL FRIEND TO DETERMINE DATES HE ARRIVED AND DEPARTED ALBUQUERQUE AND ROUTES OF TRAVEL. P.

AIRMAIL COPY FURNISHED CHARLOTTE.

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1005PM URGENT 4-12-68 AFO

TO: MEMPHIS (44-268)

FROM: ALBUQUERQUE (44-715) 3PAGES

MURKIN. OO: MEMPHIS

RE NORFOLK TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR, APRIL TWELVE, INSTANT. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], THIRTYTWO ZERO FIVE BRITT, NE, AQ, NM, [REDACTED]

TODAY ADVISED THAT RICHARD JAMES DAYHOFF ARRIVED IN ALBUQUERQUE, AT THEIR HOME AT SEVEN FIFTEEN PM ON APRIL ONE LAST. HE VISITED AT THEIR HOME DAILY UNTIL HE LEFT TOWN. HE WAS LAST SEEN BY MRS. QUINTON ON APRIL SEVEN, LAST, AT SIX AM WHEN HE SAID GOODBYE AND DEPARTED IN HIS SIXTYTHREE DODGE DART AUTOMOBILE. MRS QUINTON RECALLS HIM MENTIONING THAT HE WOULD BE GOING THROUGH MEMPHIS ON HIS RETURN TRIP AND THEY COMMENTED ON THE EXCITEMENT IN MEMPHIS CAUSED BY KING'S MURDER.

RE WFO TELETYPE APRIL TEN, LAST. SNAPSHOTS AND HANDWRITING SPECIMENS OF HENRY DAVID MC MINN, JR., WERE OBTAINED FROM MRS. ARTIE MC MINN, ROOM CLERK, CHAPPARRAL MOTEL, RUIDOSO DOWNS, N.M. AND WERE AIRMAILED TO MEMPHIS TODAY.

MRS. MCMINN ADVISED ON APRIL ELEVEN, LAST, THAT HER FORMER HUSBAND, HENRY DAVID MC MINN, JR., APPEARED IN RUIDOSO DOWNS, NM, AT APPROXIMATELY TWO THIRTY PM, APRIL ONE, LAST, REMAINED UNTIL SEVEN THIRTY PM, AT WHICH TIME HE DEPARTED, INDICATING HE WAS PROCEEDING TO AQ, NM, THENCE TO PHOENIX, ARIZONA.

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MRS. MC MINN ADVISED THAT AT THE TIME OF HIS APPEARANCE HE WAS IN POSSESSION OF A WHITE STATION WAGON, POSSIBLY A SIXTYTWO OR SIXTYTHREE MODEL AND MAKE NOT SPECIFICALLY KNOWN. SHE INDICATED HE USUALLY DRIVES CHEVROLETS OR FORDS, THEREFORE, THIS COULD HAVE BEEN ONE OR THE OTHER. ALSO, THE VEHICLE HAS TEXAS LICENSE PLATES, BELIEVED TO HAVE THE PREFIX B Y M NINE SIX NINE OR SIX NINE SIX.

MRS. MC MINN ADVISED THAT HER FORMER HUSBAND WAS PREVIOUSLY CONNECTED WITH THE NAACP IN LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS, IN APPROXIMATELY NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE OR SIXTYSIX, HOWEVER, SHE IS UNAWARE OF WHAT CAPACITY HE WAS SO CONNECTED. IT WAS HER IMPRESSION HE EITHER DISTRIBUTED OR SOLD LITERATURE TO NEGROES IN THAT PARTICULAR AREA.

HENRY DAVID MC MINN, JR., IS DESCRIBED AS BEING BORN [REDACTED] [REDACTED] IN EITHER LUBBOCK OR HOCKLEY COUNTY, TEXAS, FIVE FEET EIGHT, ONE SIXTYFIVE, HAIR LIGHT BROWN BUT HE USES A HAIR OIL THEREBY EFFECTING A DARKER HUE. HE HAS AN APPENDECTOMY SCAR,

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OTHERS NOT KNOWN. HE IS AN IMMACULATE DRESSER, TEXAS ACCENT; IS MARRIED TO LINDA MC MINN, NEE AARON, WHOSE PARENTS ARE BELIEVED TO RESIDE AT FOTY-SIX HUNDRED MASON ROAD, MEMPHIS, TENN. BELIEVED TO BE PRESENTLY SEPARATED.

VARIOUS CHECKS MADE IN RESPONSE TO VARIOUS TELETYPES RECEIVED IN ALBUQUERQUE TO DATE NEGATIVE AND UNPRODUCTIVE.

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Enclosed for the Memphis Division are the following:

1. Seven snapshots of HENRY DAVID MC MINN, JR.
2. Two specimens of handwriting of MC MINN, one being a check in the amount of \$100, bearing his signature and the other is a power of attorney form bearing his signature.

The above items were obtained from MRS. ARTIE MC MINN, a room clerk, Chaparral Motel, Ruidoso Downs, N.M., and she requests that if they are of no evidentiary value that they be returned to her.

MRS. MC MINN furnished the following description of this possible suspect:

Name	HENRY DAVID MC MINN, JR.
Age	38
Born	Either in either Lubbock or Hockley County, Texas
Height	5'9"
Weight	165
Hair	Medium or light brown but he used a hair oil, thereby effecting a darker hue

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Scars or marks
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Marital status

Appendectomy, no others noticeable
Immaculate dresser - Texas accent
Married to LINDA MC MINN, nee
AARON, whose parents believed to
reside at 4600 Mason Road, Memphis,
Tennessee, believed to be currently
separated. LINDA MC MINN previously
married to a CARTER.

MRS. MC MINN advised on 4/11/68, that her former husband, HENRY DAVID MC MINN, JR., appeared in Ruidoso Downs, NM, at approximately 2:30PM, 4/1/68, remained until 7:30PM, at which time he departed, indicating he was proceeding to Albuquerque, NM, thence to Phoenix, Arizona.

MRS. MC MINN advised that at the time of his appearance he was in possession of a White Station Wagon, possibly a 1962 or 1963 model and make not specifically known. She indicated he usually drives Chevrolets or Fords, therefore, this could have been one or the other. Also, the vehicle has Texas license plates, believed to have the prefix BYM 969 or 696.

MRS. MC MINN advised that her former husband was previously connected with the NAACP in Little Rock, Arkansas, in approximately 1965 or 1966, however, she is unaware of what capacity he was so connected. It was her impression he either distributed or sold literature to Negroes in that particular area.

In the event the enclosures tend to implicate this individual it is suggested that Memphis set out specific leads to assist in effecting his location.