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STATEMENT OF PERSONAL HISTORY

Budget Bureau No. 22-057.
Approval expires October 1, 1953.

INSTRUCTIONS: Read the certificate at the end of this questionnaire before completing your answers. Print or type all answers. All answers must be completed. If proper answer is "no" or "none," so indicate. Fill out, sign, and return to the agency. If more space is required, use remarks section.

1. (Print) FIRST NAME—MIDDLE NAME—MAIDEN NAME (if any)—LAST NAME

AARON ISAAC LOFTON

SECURITY AGENCY

STATUS

☐ CIVILIAN

MILITARY
ON ACTIVE
DUTY ☒

2. (Print) ALL CHANGES IN NAME (Other than by marriage)

NONE

4. PERMANENT MAILING ADDRESS

P.O. Box 64, Summit, Miss.

3. DATE OF BIRTH

PLACE OF BIRTH (City, county, State, and country)

Brookhaven, Lincoln, Mississippi, USA

DATE AND PLACE CERTIFICATE IS RECORDED

Oct 34, Jackson, Miss.

☐ U.S. CITIZEN

☒ NATIVE

☐ NATURALIZED
CERT. NO.

☐ DERIVED—PARENTS CERT. NO(S)

REGISTRATION NO.

NATIVE COUNTRY

DATE AND PORT OF ENTRY

☐ ALIEN

U. S. ARMED FORCES ACTIVE SERVICE

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|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|--|-----------------------|--|
| YES | NO | ARE YOU PRESENTLY ON REGULAR OR EXTENDED ACTIVE DUTY DRAWING FULL PAY? IF "YES," COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING: | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | GRADE AND SERVICE NO. | SERVICE AND COMPONENT | ORGANIZATION AND STATION OR UNIT AND LOCATION |
| | | Pvt | A-RA | Division 49th Div, Ft Jackson, S.C. Co B, 49th Abn Engrs, 502nd Abn Inf |
| YES | NO | ARE YOU PRESENTLY A MEMBER OF A RESERVE OR NATIONAL GUARD ORGANIZATION? IF "YES," COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING: | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | GRADE AND SERVICE NO. | SERVICE AND COMPONENT | ORGANIZATION AND STATION OR UNIT AND LOCATION |
| YES | NO | HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY SERVED TOURS OF EXTENDED ACTIVE DUTY, DRAWING FULL DUTY PAY, FROM WHICH YOU WERE DISCHARGED OR SEPARATED TO CIVILIAN STATUS? IF ANSWER IS "YES," COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING: | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | SERVICE | COMPONENT | DATE AND TYPE LAST DISCHARGE OR SEPARATION—GRADE AND SERVICE NUMBER |

EDUCATION (Account for all civilian schools and military academies. Do not include service schools)

| FROM— | YEARS | TO— | NAME AND LOCATION OF SCHOOL | GRADUATE | DEGREE |
|-------|-------|-----|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | | | | YES | NO |
| 1942 | 1953 | | Summit High School, Summit, Miss. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| 1953 | 1954 | | Droughon's Commercial College, Jackson, Miss. | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 1954 | 1955 | | Southwest Jr. College, Summit, Miss. | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

SEARCHED.....INDEXED.....
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FAMILY (If citizenship obtained through naturalization, give date and place in Item 19)

| NAME (And maiden name, when applicable) | DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH | PRESENT ADDRESS, IF LIVING | U. S. CITIZEN |
|---|-----------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | | | YES |
| FATHER Aaron Alton Lofton | Brookhaven, Miss. | P.O. Box 64 Summit, Miss. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| MOTHER Agnes Lou Nunnery Lofton | Franklin Co, Miss. | P.O. Box 64 Summit, Miss. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| SPOUSE NONE | | | |
| FORMER SPOUSE(S) NONE | IF DIVORCED, DATE AND PLACE | | |

RELATIVES LIVING IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES

| NAME | RELATIONSHIP | COUNTRY |
|------|--------------|---------|
| NONE | | |

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1 NOV 50

REPLACES WD AGO FORM 643, 1 SEP 46, DA AGO FORM 643A, 1 AUG 48, WHICH ARE OBSOLETE
AND DPM-110-126 REV 5-47, WHICH MAY NOT BE USED AFTER 1 JUL 51

16-53775-1

[illegible]

STATEMENT OF PERSONAL HISTORY

Rudolf Bittner No. 22,000

15. PAST AND/OR PRESENT MEMBERSHIP IN ORGANIZATIONS

| NAME | CITY AND STATE | FROM | MEMBERSHIP |
|---------------------------|----------------|--------|------------|
| National Guard [REDACTED] | Summit, Miss. | Feb 54 | Jan 55 |
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☐ YES ☒ NO ARE YOU NOW OR HAVE YOU EVER BEEN A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY U. S. A., OR ANY COMMUNIST ORGANIZATION?

☐ YES ☒ NO ARE YOU NOW OR HAVE YOU EVER BEEN A MEMBER OF A FASCIST ORGANIZATION?

☐ YES ☒ NO ARE YOU NOW OR HAVE YOU EVER BEEN A MEMBER OF ANY ORGANIZATION, ASSOCIATION, MOVEMENT, GROUP OR COMBINATION OF PERSONS WHICH ADVOCATES THE OVERTHROW OF OUR CONSTITUTIONAL FORM OF GOVERNMENT, OR OF AN ORGANIZATION, ASSOCIATION, MOVEMENT, GROUP OR COMBINATION OF PERSONS WHICH HAS ADOPTED THE POLICY OF ADVOCATING OR APPROVING THE COMMISSION OF ACTS OF FORCE OR VIOLENCE TO DENY OTHER PERSONS THEIR RIGHTS UNDER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OR OF SEEKING TO ALTER THE FORM OF GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES BY UNCONSTITUTIONAL MEANS?

IF "YES," DESCRIBE CIRCUMSTANCES:

17. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN ARRESTED, INDICTED OR COURT MARTIALED FOR ANY REASON OTHER THAN FOR MINOR TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS?

☐ YES ☒ NO IF "YES," GIVE DATE AND PLACE, CHARGE AND DISPOSITION:

18. ARE THERE ANY UNFAVORABLE INCIDENTS IN YOUR LIFE NOT MENTIONED HEREIN WHICH YOU BELIEVE MAY REFLECT UPON YOUR LOYALTY TO THE U. S. GOVERNMENT OR UPON YOUR ABILITY TO PERFORM THE DUTIES WHICH YOU WILL BE CALLED UPON TO TAKE?

☐ YES ☒ NO IF SO, DESCRIBE:

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I PLACE MY SIGNATURE BELOW IN CERTIFICATION THAT THE INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS THE TRUTH TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF AND I UNDERSTAND THAT A KNOWING AND WILLFUL FALSE STATEMENT ON THIS FORM CAN BE PUNISHED BY FINE OR IMPRISONMENT. (See U. S. Code, Title 18, Section 1001)

DATE

26 Feb 55

SIGNATURE OF PERSON COMPLETING FORM

Adnan J. L. Khan

SIGNATURE OF WITNESS

Joseph R. Pearce

20.

THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY AUTHORITY REQUESTING INVESTIGATION

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DUTY ASSIGNMENT AND DEGREE OF CLASSIFIED MATTER (top secret, secret, etc.) TO WHICH APPLICANT WILL REQUIRE ACCESS

8-300 100 10-HO.
AGENCY
WASHINGTON 25 D.C.

RECORD OF PRIOR CLEARANCES

DATE OF CLEARANCE

TYPE OF CLEARANCE

AGENCY THAT COMPLETED INVESTIGATION

C O P Y

REMARKS

DD Form 98 executed satisfactorily.

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| REPORT OF INVESTIGATION (Background or Complaint) | | | | DATE SUBMITTED 27 April 1955 mor | |
|--|--|--|--|--|---------------|
| IDENTIFYING DATA | | CLASSIFICATION Conf Security | | | |
| 1. NAME (Last, first name - middle name) LOFTON, Aaron Isaac (U) | | 2. SERVICE NO. (Military) | 3. RACE | 4. GRADE | 5. ARM OR SV. |
| 6. DUTY OR JOB ASSIGNMENT Cryptologic | | 7. DATE OF BIRTH | 8. PLACE OF BIRTH Lincoln County, Mississippi | | |
| 9. DUTY STATION OR BUSINESS ADDRESS Co B, 49th Abn Engrs, 502d Abn Inf, 101st Abn Div Ft Jackson, S.C. | | 10. HOME OR QUARTERS ADDRESS P. O. Box 64, Summit, Mississippi | | | |
| 11. TITLE OF INCIDENT (Fire, explosion, etc.) DNA | | 12. DATE (Incident cases only) DNA | | 13. TIME (Incident cases only) DNA | |
| 14. LOCATION (Installation, unit, building) DNA | | 15. SERIAL NUMBERS OF EQUIPMENT, TANKS, ETC. DNA | | | |
| CONTROL DATA | | | | | |
| 16. CONTROL SYMBOL AND FILE NO. AJACI-4.41- E3005127-(BI-2) | | 17. INVESTIGATION MADE BY (Organization) 111th CIC Detachment | | 18. CONTROL OFFICE ACofS, G-2, Third Army Ft. McPherson, Ga. | |
| INVESTIGATIVE DATA | | | | | |
| 19. INVESTIGATION REQUESTED BY Army Security Agency The Pentagon Washington 25, D. C. | | 20. REASON FOR INVESTIGATION To determine SUBJECT's suitability for CRYPTOLOGIC clearance, under provisions of SR 380-160-10. | | | |
| 21. DATE INVESTIGATION | | | | | |
| COMMENCED | | COMPLETED | | | |
| 28 March 1955 | | 22 April 1955 | | | |
| 22. STATUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CLOSED <input type="checkbox"/> TERMINATED <input type="checkbox"/> SUSPENDED <input type="checkbox"/> PENDING | | | | | |
| 23. SYNOPSIS | | | | | |
| <p>LOFTON was born [redacted], in Lincoln County, Mississippi, and attended Mississippi Junior College, Summit, Mississippi, from 31 August 1954, to 14 January 1955, when HE withdrew (1,2,3). SUBJECT's employment from approximately 1950 to the middle of 1953 was verified (4). SUBJECT's employment from 30 September 1953, to 16 July 1954, was verified and HE is not eligible for rehire (5,6).</p> <p>Ten informants recommended SUBJECT for a position of trust and variously described HIM as a person of high morals and character, honest, discreet, financially responsible, and loyal to the United States (3,4,7,8). One informant refused to recommend SUBJECT for a position of trust and described HIM as immature and requiring close supervision (6). SUBJECT's credit rating is very satisfactory (9).</p> <p>Records of twelve national and local agencies reflect no derogatory information concerning SUBJECT (10,11).</p> | | | | | |
| END OF SYNOPSIS | | | | | |
| 24. DISTRIBUTION 1 - Army Security Agency 1 - File | | | | | |
| 25. REVIEWED BY JOHN W. BLOTZER, Major Inf S-3, 111th CIC Detachment | | | | | |
| 27. SIGNATURE <i>John W. Blotzer</i> | | | | | |

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AGENT REPORT
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2. DATE SUBMITTED

18 April 1955

3. CONTROL SYMBOL OR FILE NUMBER

AJACI-4.41-100007

4. REPORT OF FINDINGS

(31.78) On 4 April 1955, records maintained by the Division of Vital Statistics, Old Capitol Building, Jackson, Mississippi, were examined concerning SUBJECT and the following information was recorded:

Name: LOFTON, Aaron Isaac
Date of Birth:
Place of Birth: Lincoln County, Mississippi
Father: Aaron Lofton
Mother: Agnes Nunnery
Certificate:
Volume:
Date Filed: Not recorded.

C O P Y

TYPED NAME AND ORGANIZATION OF SPECIAL AGENT
ROBERT W. CHAFFIN, REGION III,
111th CIC DETACHMENT

6. SIGNATURE OF SPECIAL AGENT

Robert W. Chaffin

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AGENT REPORT

(SR 350 (Rev. 10))

NAME OF SUBJECT OR TITLE OF INCIDENT

LOFTON, Aaron Isaac () (1-2)

2. DATE SUBMITTED

18 April 1955

3. CONTROL SYMBOL OR FILE NUMBER

AJACI-4.41-10005127

4. REPORT OF FINDINGS

2 (EDUCATION) On 12 April 1955, student records at Southwest Mississippi Junior College, Summit, Mississippi, were examined concerning SUBJECT with the assistance of Miss Martha Gene Willoughby, Assistant Registrar. The following information was recorded:

Name: Aaron Isaac LOFTON
Date of Birth:
Father: Aaron Lofton
Dates of Attendance: 31 August 1954 to 14 January 1955
Average Grade: B
Graduate: No
Previous School: Summit High School, Summit, Mississippi.

3 (FORMER INSTRUCTOR) On 12 April 1955, Mrs. Annette E. Statham, Instructor of English and History, Southwest Mississippi Junior College, Summit, Mississippi, was interviewed concerning SUBJECT and stated in substance:

SUBJECT was an above average student and was highly regarded by everyone who knew him. He was never a disciplinary problem. Nothing is known which would reflect adversely on his character, honesty, integrity, or discretion. SUBJECT's loyalty to the United States is unquestioned. Informant recommended LOFTON for a position of trust and responsibility with the United States Army.

TYPE, NAME AND ORGANIZATION OF SPECIAL AGENT

ROBERT W. CHAFFIN, DETACHMENT III,
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6. SIGNATURE OF SPECIAL AGENT

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|---|------------------------------------|
| 1. TITLE OF INCIDENT Aaron Isaac () () () | 2. DATE SUBMITTED 13 April 1955 |
| 3. CONTROL SYMBOL OR FILE NUMBER AJACI-4.41-DE 15127 | |

REPORT OF FINDINGS

4 (EMPLOYMENT-FOUNDER SUPERVISOR) On 13 April 1955, B. Frank Watkins, Owner, Fox Theater, Summit, Mississippi, was interviewed concerning SUBJECT and stated in substance:

There are no employment records concerning SUBJECT. HE was employed at the Fox Theater from approximately 1950 to the middle of 1953. SUBJECT was hired as a popcorn machine operator and HE worked HIS way up to projection operator before HE resigned to attend a business college in Jackson, Mississippi. LOFTON was efficient, dependable, and favorably regarded by everyone who knew HIM. Nothing is known which would reflect adversely on HIS honesty, integrity, discretion, or financial responsibility. Informant recommended LOFTON for a position of trust and responsibility with the United States Army.

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TYPED NAME AND ORGANIZATION OF SPECIAL AGENT
ROBERT W. CHAFFIN, REGION III,
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AGENT REPORT

(SR 380-3-10)

1. TITLE OF INCIDENT
[REDACTED]

2. DATE SUBMITTED

16 April 1955

3. CONTROL SYMBOL OR FILE NUMBER

AJACI-2.41-1127

4. REPORT OF FINDINGS

5 (EMPLOYEE) On 13 April 1955, employment records of the McComb Manufacturing Company, McComb, Mississippi, were examined concerning SUBJECT with the assistance of Mrs. Ida Duncan, Personnel Director. The following information was recorded:

Name: Aaron Isaac LOFTON
Date of Birth: [REDACTED]
Place of Birth: Lincoln County, Mississippi
Father: Aaron Lofton
Dates of Employment: 30 September 1953 to 13 July 1954
Position: Inventory Clerk
Reason for Leaving: Return to School
Last School Attended: Draughton's Business College, Jackson, Mississippi for four months.

6 (FORMER SUPERVISOR) On 13 April 1955, David C. Matthews, Chief Accountant, McComb Manufacturing Company, McComb, Mississippi was interviewed concerning SUBJECT and stated in substance:

Informant knew SUBJECT as HIS supervisor while HE was employed by the McComb Manufacturing Company for approximately nine months in 1953 and 1954. SUBJECT was immature and required close supervision in HIS work. HE was very capable, but HE did not seem to be very interested in HIS work. Informant would not rehire SUBJECT because HE could not be depended on to do HIS work properly without close supervision. To the best of informant's knowledge, LOFTON does not indulge in alcoholic beverages. Nothing is known which would reflect adversely on HIS honesty, integrity, or discretion. HIS loyalty to the United States is unquestioned. Informant did not recommend LOFTON for a position of trust and responsibility with the United States Army because HE was immature and required close supervision.

7. TYPE, NAME, AND ORGANIZATION OF SPECIAL AGENT

ROBERT W. CHAFFIN, DETACHMENT III,
11100 CIG DETACHMENT

8. SIGNATURE OF SPECIAL AGENT

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AJACI-4.41-500007

REPORT OF FINDINGS

7 (CHARACTER REFERENCES) On 13 and 14 April 1955, the following character references were interviewed concerning SUBJECT:

James L. Hurdle, Superintendent, Summit Separate School District, Summit High School, Summit, Mississippi, has known SUBJECT as a friend and student for three years.

L. Gordon Covington, Jr., Co-owner, J. T. Covington and Son, Summit, Mississippi, has known SUBJECT six years as a friend and customer.

H. Grady Jackson, Jr., Manager, Jackson the Cleaner, Summit, Mississippi, has known SUBJECT approximately ten years as a friend and customer.

Jefferson G. Stephens, Jr., Draftsman, United States Pipe Line Company, Deposit Guaranty Bank Building, Jackson, Mississippi, has known SUBJECT five years as a friend.

Informants stated in substance: SUBJECT is a fine young man of high character and morals and is favorably regarded by everyone who knows HIM. HE has a very pleasing personality. To the best of informants' knowledge, SUBJECT does not drink or have any bad habits. Nothing is known which would reflect adversely on HIS honesty, integrity, discretion, or financial responsibility. HIS loyalty to the United States is above reproach. To the best of informants' knowledge, SUBJECT has no foreign relations or connections and belongs to no questionable organizations. LOFTON was recommended for a position of trust and responsibility with the United States Army.

8 (DEVELOPED REFERENCES) On 12 and 13 April 1955, the following developed references were interviewed:

Miss Martha Gene Willoughby, Assistant Registrar, Southwest Mississippi Junior College, Summit, Mississippi, has known SUBJECT three years as a friend.

Mrs. Clarence G. Brown, Assistant Tax Collector, City Hall, Summit, Mississippi, has known SUBJECT all of HIS life as a friend.

Mr. Edward L. Smith, 1/Sgt [REDACTED] Hqs & Hqs, National Guard 154th Infantry and Heavy Mortar Battalion, City Hall, Summit, Mississippi, has known SUBJECT since 8 February 1954 as a friend and associate in the National Guard.

5. TYPED NAME AND ORGANIZATION OF SPECIAL AGENT

ROBERT W. CHAFFIN, REGION III,
1114th CIC DETACHMENT

6. SIGNATURE OF SPECIAL AGENT

Robert W. Chaffin

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AGENT REPORT (SR 380-320 10)

1. NAME OF SUBJECT OR TITLE OF INCIDENT

LOFTON, Aaron Isaac (U) (SI-2)
Pvt [REDACTED]

2. DATE SUBMITTED

18 April 1952

3. CONTROL SYMBOL OR FILE NUMBER

AJACI-4.57-005127

4. REPORT OF FINDINGS

Mr. Julius B. Magee, Biology Instructor, Southwest Mississippi Junior College, Summit, Mississippi, has known SUBJECT for four years as a friend and neighbor.

Informants stated in substance: SUBJECT is a person of high character and morals. HE has a very pleasing personality and is favorably regarded by all who know HIM. To the best of informants' knowledge, SUBJECT does not drink nor have any bad habits. Nothing is known which would reflect adversely upon HIS honesty, integrity, discretion, or financial responsibility. SUBJECT's loyalty to the United States Government is unquestioned. To the best of informants' knowledge, HE has no foreign interests or connections and belongs to no questionable organizations. LOFTON was recommended for a position of trust and responsibility with the United States Government.

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5. TYPE, NAME AND ORGANIZATION OF SPECIAL AGENT

AGENT W. CHAFFIN, REGIONAL
11th CIC DETACHMENT

6. SIGNATURE OF SPECIAL AGENT

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AGENT REPORT
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NAME OF SUBJECT OR TITLE OF INCIDENT

Aaron Isaac

2. DATE SUBMITTED

18 April 1955

3. CONTROL SYMBOL OR FILE NUMBER

AJACI-4.41-127

REPORT OF FINDINGS

(CREDIT) On 13 April 1955, Jimmy R. Thatcher, Credit Manager, Firestone Tire and Rubber Company, 201 Main Street, McComb, Mississippi consulted records of that firm concerning SUBJECT and divulged the following information:

Name: Ike LOMTON
Address: Box 64, Summit, Mississippi
Account Opened: 12 February 1954
High Credit: \$73.81
Method of Payment: \$10.00 Bi-monthly
Account Closed: 7 May 1954
Credit Rating: Very Satisfactory
Eligible for further credit: Yes

AGENT'S NOTES: During the course of investigation it was developed that SUBJECT's nickname is IKE.

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TYPED NAME AND ORGANIZATION OF SPECIAL AGENT

ROBERT W. CHAFFIN, REGION III,
1116th CIC DETACHMENT

6. SIGNATURE OF SPECIAL AGENT

Robert W. Chaffin

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| DO. M. Aaron Isaac (P-2) | | 18 April 1955 | |
| 3. CONTROL SYMBOL OR FILE NUMBER | | AJACI-4.41-1005127 | |
| 4. REPORT OF FINDINGS | | | |
| <p>(AGENCY) On 12 and 14 April 1955, the name files and/or dockets of the following agencies were examined concerning SUBJECT and no record on LOFTON exists:</p> <p>Circuit Court, Pike County, Magnolia, Mississippi, County Court, Pike County, Magnolia, Mississippi, Sheriff's Office, Pike County, Magnolia, Mississippi, City Police, McComb, Mississippi, Town Marshal, Summit, Mississippi, Circuit Court, Hinds County, Jackson, Mississippi, County Court, Hinds County, Jackson, Mississippi, Sheriff's Office, Hinds County, Jackson, Mississippi, City Police, Jackson, Mississippi.</p> | | | |
| 5. ORGANIZATION OF SPECIAL AGENT | | 6. SIGNATURE OF SPECIAL AGENT | |
| W. C. CLAFFIN, JR., SAC, JACKSON | | <i>Robert W. Claffin</i> | |

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REPORT OF FINDINGS

On [REDACTED], files of G2, Third Army, Fort McPherson, Ga., were checked re SUBJECT and revealed no record. (B-2)

11. On 15 April 1955 files of the following agencies were checked re SUBJECT with results as indicated:

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|-----|-----------------------------|---|-----|-----|-------------|---|
| (x) | G2, DA | : | NR | () | IMS | : |
| (x) | FBI, Criminal, Wash., D. C. | : | NR | () | Coast Guard | : |
| (x) | FBI, Sub., Wash., D. C. | : | NR | () | USMC | : |
| () | TAG | : | () | () | HCUA | : |
| () | CSC | : | () | () | OSI | : |
| () | ANAFPSB | : | () | () | AFAGO | : |
| () | Bur of Pers, Dept of Navy | : | () | () | State Dept | : |
| () | ONI | : | () | () | GIA | : |
| () | FBI | : | () | () | CPI | : |

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END OF REPORT

5. TYPED NAME AND ORGANIZATION OF SPECIAL AGENT
S. C. WORKMASTER, 111th CIC Detachment

6. SIGNATURE OF SPECIAL AGENT

Martin D Baer

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AIRTEL AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-775)
RE: MURKIN

Re telephone call from SAC ROY MOORE, Jackson, to
ASAC EDWARD J. KRUPINSKY, 4/15/68.

RE: DANCING SCHOOL PROJECT
 SUSPECT AARON ISAAC LOFTON

Sub E-447

Enclosures: To Bureau, Memphis, Atlanta and Jackson,
one copy each of complete service record of AARON ISAAC LOFTON
[REDACTED]

SAC MOORE, in referenced telephone call, stated dancing
school leads in this case had developed LOFTON as a suspect and
requested xerox copies of his complete service record be sent to
Bureau and recipient offices.

The legality of copying entire record may be questionable.
Original record may be obtained by Subpoena Duces Tecum.

File is being reviewed and apparent leads will be
set out by teletype, however, it is presumed Jackson has better
knowledge of LOFTON's connection, and will set forth all
necessary leads and request any examination desired.

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3 - Bureau (44-38861) (Encl. 1) (AMSD)
2 - Memphis (44-1987) (Encl. 1) (AMSD)
2 - Atlanta (Encl. 1) (AMSD) *mn*
2 - Jackson (Encl. 1) (AMSD)
1 - St. Louis (44-775)
HRD:mjb
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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND SACS, MEMPHIS (44-1987),
ATLANTA, JACKSON, BALTIMORE.
FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775) 3-P

MURKIN.

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RE TELEPHONE CALL SAC ROY MOORE, JACKSON, TO ST. LOUIS,
APRIL FIFTEEN LAST, REQUESTING XEROX COPIES OF SERVICE RECORD
OF AARON ISAAC LOFTON BE SENT BUREAU, MEMPHIS, ATLANTA, AND
JACKSON.

RE: DANCE SCHOOL PROJECT, SUSPECT AARON ISAAC LOFTON.

COPIES OF LOFTON SERVICE RECORD FORWARDED AMSD THIS DATE.
JACKSON REQUEST ANY EXAMINATION DESIRED AND SET FORTH ANY
LEADS NOT SET FORTH HEREIN.

REVIEW OF SERVICE RECORD FOR LOFTON THIS DATE REVEALED
HE ENLISTED ARMY JANUARY TWENTYFOUR FIFTYFIVE, JACKSON, MISS.,
ASN RA TWO FOUR NINE ONE NINE SEVEN SEVEN TWO. HONORABLY
DISCHARGED, CONVENIENCE OF GOVERNMENT, AS SP THREE (T),
WALTER REED HOSPITAL, WASHINGTON, D. C., NOVEMBER ONE FIFTYSEVEN,
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AND TRANSFERRED TO RESERVE, MISS. MILITARY DISTRICT. RESERVE OBLIGATION TO FEBRUARY EIGHT SIXTYTWO. PREVIOUSLY SERVED MISS. NATIONAL GUARD, ONE FIVE FOUR INFANTRY BATTALION. HAD CANAL ZONE FOREIGN SERVICE.

GRANTED TOP SECRET CLEARANCE MAY TWELVE FIFTYFIVE, DOSSIER NUMBER E THREE ZERO ZERO FIVE ONE TWO SEVEN.

MILITARY OCCUPATION MORSE INTERCEPTOR; CIVILIAN STUDENT AND INTERIOR DECORATOR. SHARPSHOOTER MEDAL, M DASH ONE AND CARBINE. NO COURTS-MARTIAL OR AWOL. SUFFERED PARTIAL HEARING LOSS.

RESIDENCE AT ENLISTMENT AND DISCHARGE P.O. BOX SIX FOUR, SUMMIT (PIKE), MISS., HOME OF PARENTS, AARON ALTON AND AGNES NUNNERY LOFTON. BROTHER AND COUSIN MENTIONED, NO NAMES GIVEN. LAST ADDRESS ELEVEN SIXTYFOUR OGILVIE N.E., ATLANTA, DECEMBER, FIFTYNINE.

BORN

BROOKHAVEN, MISS.

DESCRIPTION: WHITE MALE, FIVE ELEVEN, ONE HUNDRED FORTY-FIVE POUNDS, BLOND HAIR, RIGHT EYE HAZEL, LEFT GREEN, CONGENITAL
END PAGE TWO

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HETEROCHROMIC RIGHT IRIS, SINGLE, ONE SEMESTER SW MISS. JR.
COLLEGE, COMMERCE MAJOR, SUMMIT, MISS., SS BOARD SIXTYTWO,
MC COMB, MISS., NUMBER [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CLAIMED HAD SUFFERED WHOOPING COUGH, RUNNING EARS, HAY
FEVER, ASTHMA, AND FREQUENT INDIGESTION.

BALTIMORE, REVIEW MILITARY INTELLIGENCE FILE RE LOFTON.

ATLANTA, ATTEMPT TO LOCATE LOFTON AT LAST ADDRESS AND DETERMINE
ANY CONNECTION THIS CASE.

JACKSON, DETERMINE LOFTON WHEREABOUTS. ADVISE BUREAU NATURE
OF ANY EXAMINATION OF SERVICE RECORD DESIRED AND SET FORTH
ADDITIONAL LEADS DEEMED PERTINENT.

UNSUB ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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CORRECTIONS PAGE THREE LINE TWO FIRST WRD SHLD BE COLLEGE
LINE EIGHT FIRST WRD SHLD BE ANY..

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SAB

FBI MEMPHIS

841 Federal Office Building
Memphis, Tennessee 38103
April 22, 1968

Miss Janet Robinson
2500 N. McGregor Way, #142
Houston, Texas 77004

Dear Miss Robinson:

This will acknowledge
receipt of your letter of April 16,
1968.

Your cooperation is
appreciated and your suggestion will
be considered.

Very truly yours,

ROBERT G. JENSEN
Special Agent in Charge

1- Addressee
1- Memphis(44-1987)

JHK:FJ

(2) *FD*

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Dear Sir,

4/16/1968

①

Please check for a white house with
in black, gold and white sign that say Denton
and some other small letters are behind the Denton
I don't know if it a City, name of business or
what but it a lead in Dr. King murdered. Is
there such a place in Las Vegas, there is in Texas,
And some kind of connection in Dallas

Please let me explain, I saw or dream Dr. King killing
on the 24th of March. I have been to talk to the Bishop
and to a (poor) friend of mine. He advise me since a
lot of my dream are true to contact and convince enough
people and they could be prevented.

I have left an envelope over to the Bishop house
with material in it on thing that I had dream twice
after Dr. King murdered. on the 9th of April I dream I had
read an article which said Eric Von D I couldn't
make out the last of the name. I have proof of my
statement I told Stat Sec. Curtis Graves of the Inforce
on March the 27th In my doctor office about a
Negro leader being killed about me seeing 2 white
men and a negro put the body in a car. This was the Negro
Reaney. Ascheff

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in the morning and he was along over the other side and when
my husband and I were a different man who
look like a king but was a boy and King and I
known so far but he was a boy (I don't know his name)
told them it was a boy but he was a boy over
to the left shoulder and there was a head in the other
side of the neck. If a king had been shot any other
place I could have been in a hospital. But I was the
the doctor that Thursday night and it was a head of my
the only place I remember seeing it from that night
I believe the man the paper about two days later.
his doctor was in the paper about the week of May
I also told them about the paper Sunday morning
was shot in the back on TV. I don't know on April 9th
they didn't even tell me on TV. I don't know on April 9th
(right) I also heard saw the man. I
one of the men in the paper about the week of May
told a reporter on the paper about the week of May
about the man in the paper. So far I forget but the last
him if you are in the paper. I forget but the last
ahead of the man morning one he was no way might
because of the man place I have a picture of the
house and office building where he was connected
it was the office building where he was connected
and then I forget

I draw a large picture ⁽³⁾ of the man last Sunday
7th and wrote a letter and sent it to the Houston Post
to a reporter name Louie Hudkin. I also told him of
my dream. He believe in me once I had drew a picture
of a ~~criminal~~ ^{criminal} 18 day before he had committ
a crime here. I took it to the newspaper It was
perfect to their drawing 18 day after miss.

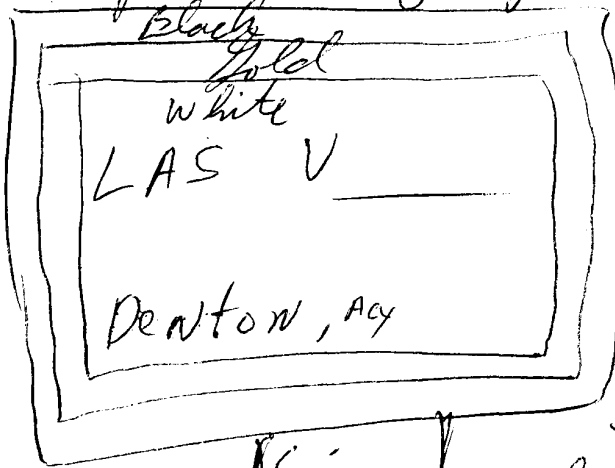
I try to forget but I can't sleep good Because
if I had let some one know before about my dream
I feel like he would be alive today.
I have these witness and people who believe in

me.

Arthur Gray - Engineer - Brown & Root
State Rep Curtis Lane - Informer Paper
Bishop Moore - Bayou & Ville
Carl Adams - my husband
Rubber Thompson - Reporter Informer Paper and
Dr. John D. Coleman - my doctor
Dr. Bennie Callies - ~~Opsey~~ ^{Howard Times Newspaper}

So I have been right before, I left the article
I wrote over to the Bishop with date on them so far
I have been right. So may be I'm still on to
something I told him not to open my notes until
you had found the killer. Okay so make

I can help you ~~no~~ ^{publicly} please. Before I had to have my phone taken out from people pestering me. Please there is a white house of office building with this sign in front of it. In my register mail to the Post Reporter I



describe his weight height color of his hair as chestnut brown but reddish gold with the sun on it before it was in the newspaper check it out if you may.

Denton - in Texas too???

please check Dallas ??

(for a business or place) or county?

Las Vegas

I couldn't see the rest of the sign very well also a street marker that said 1202 BURE. Could this be where he connected, I also believe there is a connect with the sheriff of Vaig. Check there to see if the white car or man was there too that

1202 BURE
OR BUR T

man was murdered too that who I saw them put in the car dump over the wheel I could see the reddish man face but couldn't see the Negro or the other white man but he had straight black hair and I believe the other a Negro because his face was brown but in a shallow. Please I would like to sleep again. May be this is something (maybe not) but it keep bugging me since march 26th. I can't check it out but you can. And then forget my name please. Thank You
Mrs Janet Robinson
2506 W. 1st St. Las Vegas NV 89102

Robinson
N M Grey Way #142
Houston, Texas 77004



J. B. L.

Federal Office Bldg.
Memphis, Tenn.



William?? B???

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Date: 4/16/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTENTION: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586) (P)

MURKIN

Enclosed for the Bureau is one typed letter and envelope addressed to "POLICE CHIEF OF MERIDIAN, MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI" postmarked 4/12/68, and fingerprint card containing fingerprints of Chief of Police C. L. GUNN, Meridian, Mississippi.

On 4/15/68, Chief of Police C. L. GUNN, Meridian, Mississippi, Police Department, made available a carbon copy of a typed letter dated 4/12/68, and signed "COON AMEN". He stated that he received this letter at the Meridian PD on this date and is the only person who handled it. He added that he has no idea who sent this letter, that he knows no one in New York City, and was making it available for whatever assistance it might be in this investigation. He added that the letter and the envelope is all the information he has concerning this matter.

The following is the contents of the letter furnished by Chief GUNN:

3-Bureau (Enc. 3)
②-Memphis
1-New York (Info)
2-Jackson
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Kearney

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

"An exact copy of my letter
to 7 various officers as of yesterday,
Good Thursday, 11-th of April, 1968

Coon Amen,
Harlem, New York.

Good Friday 12-th of
April, 1968

"TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

"Please pass on to all the authorities wherever possible - to discontinue the search of a white man, as the killer of Martin Lucifer King, because the smart killer is right now in his own family. He is one of his own Civil Rights Urinators and a negro, not a white. I was among them myself in 1965, there were many young nuts, such as was I, and also many whites. However, God opened my eyes in Alabama, when I witnessed the behavior of our marchers under King's leadership. He was a devil's minister, taking all the money he could from the jews, and was doing his work under their leadership and demand. Those were communist jews.

"While marching in Alabama in 1965-it was in spring-we were instructed by King's advisers-red-rat-jews to do the following:

"A group of our negroes forced their way into a nice restaurant; on a given signal, all the negroes grabbed the sugar bawls off the tables, stood up and urinated into them, amid laughter, replaced the bals on the tables-MLK laughed approvingly.

"This is the reason why I, and many others, turned against him, and it was God's will that he was shot by one of his own disciples, a negro, not a white. Please stop all your sham broadcastings and grateful homage for that killed Martin Lucifer King - he was against our best President LBJ - for the nut hippie Bobby Kennedy, who hates the President because he was not appointed as Vice Pres. when his brother JFK was murdered the same way as was MLK. Senate should prohibit all marches at least for the duration of this war, and specially in our Capital. Now the white people are to be more against us for the crazy revolts, murders and damages.

Amen!

"Our hope is still in LBJ - God let him be again our President. The second best is HHH, but Hippie Bobby and his conspirators are politically just as good as dead. God save USA with LBJ all the way.

C. Amen.

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"I am mailing the Police drawing of suspected killer of Dr.K. which appeared on page 2 in yesterday's Daily News, as a white man, who actually is a negro, but a brown one, made white with cream etc. - however, I made it with a crayon darker so they may find him in Atlanta in the King's family.

"You must understand that I cannot reveal my real name and address, although I actually do live in Harlen. Please do not hesitate to use my information, because it is God's truth.

"I am mailing 7 Of these letters to various places - why 7? Because yesterday was Good Thursday, the last supper of Jesus Christ, as a reminder of HIS seven words on the Cross:

'Into Your Hands I command my soul!'

"May your Easter be blessed!

"Sincerely,

"Coon Amen, 23 years old"

The Identification Division is requested to process this letter for latent fingerprints and compare any prints located with prints developed in this investigation. Any prints developed should be compared with those contained in the single fingerprint section.

One copy of this communication is being furnished New York for information in view of their investigative interest.

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4/16/68

Airtel

To: SAC's, Atlanta (44-2386)
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Atlanta letter and teletype 4/15/68, and delivery of evidence 4/15/68, by SA J. B. Reynolds.

Two latent fingerprints developed on piece of lined paper, Q168, and two latent palm prints developed on newspaper from shelf, Q169. These items from Room 6 at 113 14th Street, N. E., Atlanta, Georgia.

Nine latent palm prints of value found on lifts A-1, A-3, A-5, A-9, A-10, A-11, and A-12. No other latent impressions of value found or developed.

These latent impressions compared with latent impressions previously reported in this case, but no identification effected. Latent prints not identical with fingerprints of suspect Harold George Anderson, FBI #4156402. No palm prints here for Anderson.

Lifts A-4 and A-7 are of no value and have been destroyed. Results of laboratory examination and disposition of all other submitted items are subjects of separate report.

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airtel

air mail special delivery

TO: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)
FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
MURKIN

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Unidentified latent fingerprints this case are not identical with fingerprints of HAROLD GEORGE ANDERSON, FBI # 4-158-402. No palm prints here for ANDERSON.

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2-SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) airtels AMSD from Div. 1, 4-16-68 obf
1- Mr. Rosen

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AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38961)
FROM: SAC, LITTLE ROCK (157-1215) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Little Rock teletype to Director, Memphis, and New Orleans, 4/15/68.

The following investigation was conducted by SA EDWARD D. O'BRIEN at Magnolia, Arkansas, on 4/15/68:

JOHN MICHAEL MC KENZIE, aka Mike McKenzie, Route 4, Box 57A, advised that he is presently a junior attending Southern State College, Magnolia, Arkansas, and that on the day KING was assassinated he received a telephone call from CAROL PAFFORD inquiring as to the whereabouts of her husband, JAMES PAFFORD, and during this conversation Mrs. PAFFORD stated that KING had just been shot and that he should look at the TV for further details.

On the same date, Mrs. CAROL B. MC KENZIE, same address, was interviewed at her place of employment, the Magnolia Hospital, where she is a registered nurse and advised that on the day KING was assassinated JAMES CARL PAFFORD was with her at the Magnolia Hospital. PAFFORD had come to the hospital to borrow a projector to view an educational film for ambulance drivers. PAFFORD received a telephone call from his wife and his wife allegedly stated that KING had been shot.

3 - Bureau
2 - Memphis (44-1987)
1 - New Orleans (157-10673)
2 - Little Rock
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Mrs. MC KENZIE advised that she and PAFFORD then went to the snack bar in the hospital to look at the TV where they heard additional details of the shooting. Mrs. MC KENZIE recalled that there was another unrecalled hospital volunteer worker present while they watched TV but she could not recall her name.

5/2/68

AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, LITTLE ROCK (157-1215) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
OO: ME
RE: WOODY EDWARD THOMAS

ReBuairtel to Little Rock, 5/1/68, re WOODY (LEU)
which made reference to Oklahoma City tel to Bureau and Little
Rock, 4/12/68.

Enclosed for the information of the Bureau are 3
Xerox copies of Little Rock airtel to Memphis dated 4/16/68 re
suspect WOODY EDWARD THOMAS. A review of the file reflects
this airtel was inadvertently sent only to the Memphis Office.

3 - Bureau (Enc. 3)
① - Memphis (44-1987)
2 - Little Rock
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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, LITTLE ROCK (157-1215) (P)
RE: MURKIN
C R
(OO: ME)

Re Little Rock teletype to Oklahoma City,
4/11/68, and Oklahoma City teletype to Little Rock,
4/12/68.

RE SUSPECT WOODY EDWARD THOMAS

The following investigation was conducted
by SA RALPH E. RAWLINGS:

On April 12, 1968, contact with the office
of ALFRED B. HATHCOCK, physician, 1500 Dodson Avenue,
Fort Smith, Arkansas, determined that the suspect
named only as WOODY is WOODY EDWARD THOMAS.

THOMAS's present employment was traced to
the Floyd's Sinclair Service Station, North 10th and
A, Fort Smith.

On April 12, 1968, HOWARD FLOYD, Manager of
this service station, advised that THOMAS was employed
there on March 28, 29 and 30, 1968, and, on April 4,
1968.

THOMAS is described as follows:

② - Memphis
2 - Little Rock
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[Signature]

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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| Race | White |
| Sex | Male |
| Born | at |
| | Fort Smith, Arkansas |
| Height | 5'8½" |
| Weight | 135 pounds |
| Build | Slight |
| Hair | Brown |
| Eyes | Brown |
| Scars and Marks | Right hand noticeably and badly crippled |

THOMAS. No further investigation being conducted concerning

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Date: 4-16-68

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

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
 FROM: SAC, LOUISVILLE (44-947) (P)
 SUBJECT: MURKIN
 CIVIL RIGHTS
 OO: MEMPHIS

Re Memphis tel dated 4-13-68 to Louisville advising records Lorraine Motel-Hotel, Memphis, reflect A.D. WILLIAMS KING of Louisville, Ky. was registered in Room 201 on 4-4-68 and C. A. DAVIS and L. B. WARD of Louisville were registered in Room 207 on 4-4-68 and requesting these individuals be interviewed re captioned matter.

Enclosed for the Bureau and Atlanta is one copy each, for Jacksonville two copies, and for Memphis nine copies each of FD-302's recording interviews on 4-15 and 4-16-68 with Mrs. JASPER (EUGENIA E.) WARD, and on 4-15-68 with Mrs. NORMAN (GEORGIA M.) DAVIS of Louisville, Ky. Rev. A.D. WILLIAMS KING is currently in Atlanta, Ga. in care of his father's residence there, but is expected to return to Louisville late on 4-17-68 and will be contacted as soon as possible thereafter by Louisville.

Neither Mrs. DAVIS nor WARD knew of any C.A. DAVIS of Louisville having been at the Lorraine Motel on 4-4-68, and it appears the motel records erroneously listed Mrs. DAVIS' name as C. A. DAVIS.

- 3 - Bureau (Enc. 3) (FM)
- 1 - Atlanta (44-2386) (Info) (Enc. 3) (PM)
- 2 - Jacksonville (44-769) (Enc. 6) (RM)
- ② - Memphis (44-1987) (Enc. 27) (RM)
- 4 - Louisville
 - (1 - 157-259) (KING)
 - (1 - 157-90) (KCLC)

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 Special Agent in Charge

It should be noted that during the interview with Mrs. JASPER WARD she very confidentially advised that although she is a close friend of Rev. A.D. WILLIAMS KING, the brother of the late Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., and thinks highly of him having served as his administrative assistant in connection with the Kentucky Christian Leadership Conference (KCLC) for the past several years, she felt it her duty to advise the FBI only that at the time Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING was assassinated Rev. A.D. WILLIAMS KING was in her room, 207, at the Lorraine Motel and was under the influence of alcohol to the extent that he could not be immediately awakened and advised of his brother's having been shot. Mrs. WARD was unable to awaken Rev. A.D. WILLIAMS KING until about 20 minutes later and during this period she made concerted efforts to keep other individuals from the room to learn of Rev. A.D. WILLIAMS KING's condition. Mrs. WARD stated that Rev. A.D. WILLIAMS KING is extremely fearful that the nature of his condition at the time of his brother's death may become public knowledge.

Concerning Rev. A.D. WILLIAMS KING, Mrs. WARD further commented that he has had an alcohol problem since she has known him, but that in her estimation he is an exceptionally intelligent individual, a compassionate person, and one that she does not believe would ever intentionally advocate violence in connection with the racial issue. In this connection she commented that when she was able to convey to Rev. KING the report of his brother's having been shot and probably critically wounded, he immediately assumed the person responsible was a white man and commented he was going to make an immediate news statement to the effect that he hates all white people, but then at once changed his views by commenting he could not make such a statement as it would not be a true statement, pointing out that he certainly does not hate Mrs. WARD who is a white person.

Mrs. WARD further commented that she does not feel that the condition of Rev. A.D. WILLIAMS KING at the time of his brother's assassination has any bearing whatever on the assassination and if she may later be called to testify before some public type committee which may inquire into the assassination, she seriously doubts if she would furnish the above information to such committee, but she did feel that she had an obligation and a duty to confidentially report this information to the FBI.

LS 44-947

During the interview with Mrs. GEORGIA DAVIS, she mentioned the incident re the report that BUD HASTINGS and his wife FRANCES, owners of the Treasures Island Motel in Panama City, Fla., having been displeased with the visit there in late March and early April, 1968, by herself, Mrs. WARD and Rev. A.D. WILLIAMS KING, as this report has worried her somewhat. She stated that she has no reason to believe that the HASTINGS may have in any way been involved in the assassination of Dr. KING, but did feel the FBI should be made aware of the reported displeasure of the HASTINGS re the visit to their motel by herself, Mrs. WARD and Rev. A.D. WILLIAMS KING.

It may be noted that Mrs. GEORGIA DAVIS is Negro.

LEADS:

JACKSONVILLE

AT PANAMA CITY, FLORIDA

Interview BUD and FRANCES HASTINGS, owners of the Treasures Island Motel, to determine if they possess any information pertinent to captioned matter.

LOUISVILLE

AT LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

Upon the return of Rev. A.D. WILLIAMS KING to Louisville, interview him re captioned matter.

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Date: 4/15/68

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

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

Re Dallas teletype to Memphis and New Orleans
4/8/68 at 10:39 a.m., New Orleans teletype to Dallas and
Memphis, 4/8/68 at 11:15 a.m., Dallas teletype to New
Orleans, 4/8/68 at 12:08 p.m.

Re RONALD W. REHL

Enclosed for Memphis are 25 cc's of the following
described items:

- 1) An insert containing information
furnished by NANCY SAULNIER, of
Abilene, Texas, on 4/8/68.
- 2) An insert containing information
furnished by Mr. CLARENCE FISH,
Minden, La., on 4/8/68.
- 3) An FD-302 setting forth an interview
with RONALD W. REHL, on 4/8/68,
at Alexandria, La.

The following is a synopsis of the enclosed
material:

Information received that an individual allegedly
employed by the Top Value Trading Stamp Company, Alexandria,

2 - Memphis (Enc. 75) (RM)
2 - New Orleans

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Approved: _____

Special Agent in Charge

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La., resembled artist conception appearing in newspaper of a suspect in connection with the shooting of MARTIN LUTHER KING. This person identified as RONALD W. REHL of Alexandria, La., who accounted for his whereabouts on the dates in question. REHL is described as 6' 4", 200 lbs.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/9/68

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The information set forth hereinafter was furnished by Mr. RONALD W. REHL, 1007 Grefel Court, Alexandria, Louisiana:

Mr. REHL is the zone manager for Top Value Stamps. He has lived in Alexandria for the past two years and maintains an office in the MacArthur Village Shopping Center in Alexandria. He has three salesmen working with him and in connection with his work, he travels extensively in Central Louisiana.

On some occasions it is necessary for him to spend the night out of town but generally is able to return to his home for the night. On March 29, 1968, which was a Friday, he felt sure he was traveling some place in Louisiana but spent Friday night at home. On Saturday, March 30, 1968, he was positive he was in Alexandria all day and night. On Thursday, April 4, 1968, he was probably at Minden, Louisiana, for part of the day but was positive that he was back home in time for supper between 6:00 and 7:00 PM and after supper attended a church meeting at Alexandria at the First Methodist Church between 7:30 and 8:30 PM. He went to these services by himself.

The following description was obtained from observation and interview:

| | |
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| Name | RONALD W. REHL |
| Sex | Male |
| Race | White |
| Date of birth | |
| Place of birth | Milwaukee, Wisconsin |
| Height | 6'4" |
| Weight | 200 |
| Eyes | Green |
| Hair | Brown, has receding hairline, high forehead and parts hair on left |
| Occupation | Has been with Top Value Stamps since 1959 |

On 4/8/68 at Alexandria, Louisiana File # 44-1987-Sub E-440B
by SA PAUL R. LANCASTER/cst Date dictated APR 11 1968

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| Marital Status | Married - Wife - DEANNE R. REHL |
| Military Service | None |
| Selective Service | Classification 4-F with Local Board, Dayton, Ohio |
| Louisiana drivers license | [REDACTED], issued November 7, 1966, photograph number 1970, office number 40 |
| Characteristics | Appeared to be soft spoken and mild mannered |
| Remarks | Said he has never been fingerprinted. |

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent JAMES W. SMITH at Minden, Louisiana, on April 8, 1968:

Mr. CLARENCE FISH, Manager, Ramada Inn, Minden, made available his file which showed a registration for the night of March 20, 1968, as NANCY SAULNIER, 302 Louisiana Avenue, Abilene, Texas. SAULNIER was driving a 1966 Pontiac white, 1968 Virginia license A480697. SAULNIER checked out of the Ramada Inn at 7:53 a. m., March 21, 1968. On rear bumper of SAULNIER's car was a sticker, Dyess Air Force Base, written on it.

On the same night, March 20, 1968, MARK RUELL, registered for one night at Ramada Inn and he checked out at 7:53 a. m., March 21, 1968, the same time as SAULNIER.

RUELL is well known to Mr. FISH as the manager of Top Value Stamps, Inc., Alexandria, Louisiana. His address as listed on registration card was 1000 Grebell Avenue, Alexandria, Louisiana. FISH stated that RUELL is known to drive a late model red MG or Porche automobile. FISH described RUELL as follows:

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| Age | 35 |
| Height | 6' |
| Weight | 160-170 |
| Hair | Receding hair line |

He also stated that RUELL has some sort of difficulty with his arms, one being slightly shorter than the other.

He advised that RUELL is well known to him and has been a guest at the Ramada Inn on many occasions.

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He recalls seeing RUELL at the Ramada Inn about one week ago either last Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday night. He also advised that RUELL has had with him a number of salesmen that work with him in Top Value Stamps, Alexandria.

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On April 8, 1968, the following information was received from the Dallas Office of the FBI:

NANCY SAULNIER, 302 Louisiana, Abilene, Texas, advised that she had seen what was an alleged artist conception in an Abilene newspaper, of a suspect in the shooting of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

She informed that on the evening of March 28, 1968, she met an individual by the first name of MARK (LAST NAME UNKNOWN), at the Ramanda Inn, located in a town about thirty miles east of Shreveport, Louisiana. This person was supposedly a salesman for the Top Value Trading Stamp Company, from Alexandria, Louisiana. This individual sat near her at dinner and, subsequently, visited with her in her room.

She described MARK (LNU) as about six feet tall, receding hairline, and last saw him leaving the motel on the following morning in a red car, possibly a Porsche. She did not know in what direction he went. She has no basis other than the apparent feeling that MARK's (LNU) physical description is similar to that of the artist coception.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703) (P)

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On 4/12/68, Mrs. W. WAYNE (ALICE) WILSON, 6807 Nesbitt Place, Mc Lean, Virginia, telephone 356-6134, advised that she had cut out and retained a copy of the composite drawing of the slayer of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. While watching the television coverage of the funeral, she felt certain she observed a person closely resembling or identical with the person on the composite. She advised that she believes she was watching channel 4 (NBC Network) and that the person was observed prior to the Church service, and approximately ten minutes previous to the appearance of Mrs. KING at the Church. She stated that the person was standing along side of a full-faced colored male, near a brick wall. This possible suspect was standing to the side and in front of the colored male.

The above information is being furnished for the information thereof for Atlanta for possible future use.

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To: SAC, Milwaukee (44-388)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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Remaining unidentified latent fingerprints and the latent impression in this case are not identical with the fingerprints of Roger William Long, Police Department, Milwaukee, Wisconsin #105239, FBI #60 887 G.

No palm prints are available in our Identification Division files for Long.

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To: SAC, Cincinnati

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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Unidentified latent fingerprints this case are not identical with fingerprints of Lowery Eugene Garrett, born 10-6-31, Lindale, Georgia, Army service number RA 24790927. This may or may not be the person named urtel. No palm prints here for Garrett.

2- SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

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Date: 4-15-68

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Re Charlotte teletype to Columbia dated 4-13-68.

Re New York teletype to Memphis 4-12-68 suspect furnished by Clarence Shuckelford.

For the information of Memphis, R. T. HODGENS, Greyhound Bus Driver, Raleigh, North Carolina, advised today that incident described in referenced teletype occurred 4-9-68. An unknown individual with reddish tan suitcase and blanket roll boarded his bus at Florence, South Carolina approximately 2:30 p.m., and Mr. CAMPBELL, Bus Station Manager, observed him. This individual was unknown to HODGENS, but he was traveling at least as far as Richmond, Virginia; however, he could have had a ticket to a more distant city. HODGENS departed the bus at Raleigh, North Carolina and could offer no additional descriptive data or information.

On 4-13-68, CARL G. CAMPBELL, Station Manager, Greyhound Bus Station, Florence, South Carolina, advised that he vaguely recalls seeing an unknown white male wearing muddy shoes or boots in the Greyhound station on approximately 4-9-68. He stated he paid little attention to the individual, does not know his name and has no idea if he purchased a ticket and, if so, did not know his destination.

On 4-13-68, Mrs. EDATHELL H. GIBBS, Ticket Agent, Greyhound Bus Station, Florence, South Carolina, advised

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