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Transmit the following in PLAIN TEXT
(Type in plaintext or code)Via TELETYPE URGENT
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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MIAMI (44-1854)
FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN.

RE MIAMI AND JACKSON TELS AUGUST TWO LAST.

JACKSON DIVISION HAS ACCOUNTED FOR WHEREABOUTS BURRIS DUNN,
JOE DANIEL HAWKINS, J. L. HARPER, AND KATHLEEN AINSWORTH, AND
HAS STATED IT IS IMPOSSIBLE THAT ROBERT EARL WILSON COULD HAVE
BEEN INVOLVED WITH THESE PERSONS ON DAY MARTIN LUTHER KING KILLED.

IN SPITE OF ABOVE, MIAMI SHOULD REINTERVIEW MARGARET
CAPOMACCHIA, MOTHER OF DECEASED AINSWORTH, FOR ANY AND ALL
INFORMATION WHICH SHE MAY HAVE IN HER POSSESSION INDICATING
THAT ANYONE CONSPIRED WITH SUBJECT RAY TO MURDER KING.

MIAMI SHOULD ACCOUNT FOR WHEREABOUTS CAPOMACCHIA ON APRIL
FOUR AND ASCERTAIN FROM HER WHAT SHE MAY KNOW ABOUT HER DAUGHTER'S
CONNECTION WITH THIS ALLEGED PLOT.

~~IN FUTURE, PRIOR TO REQUESTING INVESTIGATION OF OTHER~~
~~OFFICES, MIAMI REQUESTED TO MAKE SOME EFFORT TO RESOLVE INFORMA-~~
~~TION REPORTED BY FORMER INFORMANTS AS HAVING COME FROM A MENTAL~~
~~CASE.~~ MIAMI SHOULD ADVISE BUREAU AND MEMPHIS OF ITS ESTIMATE

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OF CAPOMACCHIA'S PRESENT MENTAL CONDITION AND VERACITY.

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420PM URGENT 8-6-68 TDB

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, JACKSON, AND MEMPHIS 44-1987
FROM MIAMI 44-1854 2P

MURKIN.

RE MIAMI TEL TO BUREAU, AUG. TWO LAST, AND MEMPHIS
TEL TO MIAMI, AUG. FIVE, LAST.

WILLIAM SCHERSETT, FORMER SYMBOL INFORMANT OF THE
MIAMI OFFICE, ADVISED TODAY AS FOLLOWS:

MARGARET CAPOMACCHIA, MOTHER OF KATHLEEN AINSWORTH,
CONTACTED HIM AND RELATED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING
THOMAS TARRANTS, III. STATED THAT AFTER ASSASSINATION OF
KING, TARRANTS PROCEEDED TO ATLANTA, GA.; AND THEN TO THE
RESIDENCE OF MR. HENDERSON, WHO RESIDES NEAR TOPTON, N. C.
HENDERSON DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, THIRTY FIVE TO FORTY,
DARK HAIR, FIVE FT. TEN IN., ONE HUNDRED FIFTYFIVE LBS.,
OCCUPATION SALESMAN. TARRANTS REPORTEDLY STAYED WITH
HENDERSON FOR ONE WEEK, WHEN HENDERSON FELT TARRANTS WAS
GETTING TO HOT AND TOLD HIM HE HAD TO LEAVE. TARRANTS
REPORTEDLY DROVE TO ATLANTA, GA., AND THEN PROCEEDED TO
MOBILE, ALA., WHERE HE REMAINED AT THE RESIDENCE OF SIDNEY
BARNES FOR A PERIOD OF TEN DAYS, PRIOR TO RETURNING TO
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JACKSON, MISS.

MIAMI WILL INTERVIEW MRS. CAPOMACCHIA AS SOON AS SHE CAN BE LOCATED. IT IS NOTED THAT SOURCE HAS NEVER BEEN ABLE TO CONTACT CAPOMACCHIA AT HER RESIDENCE AND WHEN SHE CONTACTS SOURCE, IT IS ALWAYS UNANNOUNCED AT SOURCE'S RESIDENCE. IN ADDITION, MRS. CAPOMACCHIA'S SON AND DAUGHTER-IN-LAW, WHO RESIDE IN MIAMI, HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO CONTACT HER.

MEMPHIS AND JACKSON CONDUCT NECESSARY INVESTIGATION RE POSSIBLE INVOLVEMENT BY TARRANTS.

AIRMAIL COPIES TO MOBILE AND CHARLOTTE.

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)
 MIAMI (44-1854)
 JACKSON (157-9586)

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN.

RE MIAMI TEL TO BUREAU AUGUST SIX INSTANT.

FOR INFORMATION MIAMI, MEMPHIS AND JACKSON ARE HOLDING IN ABEYANCE ANY ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION CONCERNING INFORMATION BEING FURNISHED BY MARGARET CAPOMACCHIA PENDING MIAMI'S EXHAUSTIVE INTERVIEW WITH CAPOMACCHIA. INFORMATION BEING FURNISHED TO BUREAU BY A DISCREDITED INFORMANT AS COMING FROM A POSSIBLE MENTAL CASE WHO HAS NOT BEEN INTERVIEWED IS NOT SUFFICIENT BASIS FOR EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION IN THIS MATTER.

MIAMI SHOULD TAKE WHATEVER ACTION NECESSARY, INCLUDING AROUND THE CLOCK SURVEILLANCES ON KNOWN HANGOUTS, IN ORDER TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW CAPOMACCHIA. WHEN THIS HAS BEEN DONE, IF IT IS THE OPINION OF YOUR OFFICE THAT HER INFORMATION WARRANTS ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION YOU ARE REQUESTED TO THEN SET OUT LEADS FOR SAME. AM COPIES TO ATLANTA, CHARLOTTEE, MOBILE.

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 1 - CHARLOTTE (AM)
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Transmit the following in _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
 FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-2627) (P)
 SUBJECT: MURKIN
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Re Miami teletype to the Bureau, 8/2/68, setting forth information to Miami by WILLIAM SOMERSETT concerning MARGARET CAPOMACCHIA.

Mobile was requested to be alert as to activities of SIDNEY C. BARNES who reportedly was leaving for Jackson, Miss., 8/2/68.

SIDNEY CROCKETTE BARNES, 1379 East Riviera Drive, Mobile, Ala., is a bombing suspect of the Mobile Office and his activity has been covered in the past month by four different neighborhood sources. No information has been reported by these sources to indicate that BARNES was away from his residence just prior to or subsequent to the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING. These sources have furnished no information indicating that THOMAS A. TARRANTS, III or KATHLEEN AINSWORTH had stayed at the BARNES' residence.

In the late afternoon of 8/2/68, neighborhood source, Mrs. MARY LONGCRIER, 1382 East Riviera Drive, telephonically advised that at about 5:20 PM that date she had observed BARNES in his stationwagon which vehicle appeared to be packed as if BARNES was moving from the residence. She did not see Mrs. BARNES on that occasion.

3 - Bureau
 2 - Jackson (157-9586)
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On the morning of 8/5/68, Mrs. LONGCRIER advised that BARNES had returned to his residence at 4 PM, Sunday, 8/4/68, and had left about 5 AM, 8/5/68, apparently enroute to work.

On 8/5/68, neighborhood source, Mrs. GERALDINE WILKINSON, 1383 East Riviera Drive, advised that both Mr. and Mrs. BARNES, according to Mrs. WILKINSON's daughter, were at their residence late in the afternoon of Sunday, 8/4/68, and left in their stationwagon which was loaded down. She had not seen them on the morning of 8/5/68.

It appears that BARNES may be moving, possibly to Miss., since he works in Miss. His activities are being followed in order to determine whether or not he moves and to determine any contacts which may have a bearing on this case.

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FBI MIAMI

455PM EDT 8-7-68 URGENT RGT

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) JACKSON (157-9586) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM MIAMI (44-1854)

MURKIN

RE MIAMI TEL TO BUREAU, AUG. SIX, LAST, AND MEMPHIS
TEL TTO BUREAU, AUG. SIX LAST.

Sub E-1078

MARGARET CAPOMACCHIA LOCATED HOLLYWOOD, FLA., AND INTER-
VIEWED TODAY. AT OUTSET OF INTERVIEW, CAPOMACCHIA WAS
PLEASANT, COOPERATIVE AND FRIENDLY, HOWEVER, WHN QUESTIONED
RE ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SHE REFUSED TO
DISCUSS THE MATTER , SAYING SHE WANTED TO HEAR NOTHING
CONCERNING KING OR WHAT HAPPENDED TO HIM. ALSO DECLINED TO
FURNISH HER WHEREABOUTS ON NIGHT OF APRIL FOUR, LAST. SHE
DENIED KNOWING ANYONE BY THE NAME OF ALBERT TARRANTS, AS
AS INDIVIDUALS BY THE NAMES OF HAWKINS, BUNN, HARPER AND
WILSON.

STATED SHE HAS BEEN UNDER CONSIDERABLE STRESS AND STRAIN
AND HAS CONSTANT HEADACHES SINCE DEATH OF HER DAUGHTER. IN

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DISCUSSING ACTIVITIES OF HER DAUGHTER, KATHY, SHE STATED SHE WAS UNAWARE AS TO THE EXTENT KATHY WAS INVOLVED WITH INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED IN BOMBING MATTERS. SHE DESCRIBED HER DAUGHTER AS THE BEST FIFTH GRADE SCHOOL TEACHER IN THE UNITED STATES.

PRIOR INTERVIEWS WITH CAPOMACCHIA'S SON AND DAUGHTER IN LAW INDICATE THAT CAPOMACCHIA HAS A MENTAL PROBLEM, BUT NO INFORMATION DEVELOPED THAT SHE HAS BEEN IN A MENTAL INSTITUTION.

IT IS NOTED THAT THE VARIOUS INDIVIDUALS IDENTIFIED BY CAPOMACCHIA WHEN CONTACTING INFORMANT, HAVE EXTENSIVE HATE TYPE BACKGROUNDS AND CAPABLE OF SERIOUS ACTS OF VIOLENCE.

MIAMI HAS NO REASON TO QUESTION THE INFORMATION FURNISHED BY INFORMANT, AS HE OBTAINED IT FROM CAPOMACCHIA. ALTHOUGH INFORMANT IS NOT BEING UTILIZED BY MIAMI, NO INFORMATION HAS EVER BEEN RECEIVED FROM HIM WHICH WOULD INDICATE THAT HE IS FURNISHING FALSE INFORMATION.

IT IS, THEREFORE, BEING LEFT TO THE DISCRETION OF THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN, WHETHER THE INFORMATION RELATIVE TO ALBERT TARRANTS WARRANTS ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION BY THE MEMPHIS AND JACKSON OFFICES.

AIRMAIL COPIES FURNISHED ATLANTA, CHARLOTTE AND MOBILE.

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8/12/68

Airtel

To: SAC, Miami (44-1884)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

In view of the alleged mental condition of Mrs. Margaret Caponechia, mother of Kathleen Ainsworth, and in view of the past performance of the informant, Miami should have no further contact with the former informant in regard to the information that Kathleen Ainsworth and five other individuals were involved in the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.

In view of the fact that in interview with Mrs. Caponechia she denies any knowledge of this alleged participation in the assassination and refuses to discuss it, receiving offices should conduct no further investigation in this aspect.

If any further information comes to your attention regarding this, you should notify the Bureau of same, submit your recommendations and take no further action.

1 - SAC, Jackson (157-9886)

1 - SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, RICHMOND
SUBJECT: MURKIN
(BUFILE 44-38861)
(RH 44-657)
(P)
KENSALT
(RH 62-2248)
(RUC)

On 7-24-68, ROBERT C. CALLAHAN, President, Goode Motors, Inc., Bristol, Tenn., Dodge Dealer, advised that about May 18, 1968, he attended a conference of the National Automobile Dealers Association truck meeting at the Americana Hotel, Miami Beach, Fla., and one evening during dinner he was with a group of people which included "BUDDY" JENSEN, GMC truck dealer, Fairfield, Conn., when JENSEN made some statements to the effect he had attended some meetings and knew what was going to happen to MARTIN LUTHER KING and "BOBBY" KENNEDY. JENSEN reportedly said that KENNEDY would be killed and that he would never get into office. JENSEN did not mention what meetings he had attended or where the meetings were held. CALLAHAN said JENSEN had been drinking, he (CALLAHAN) had never met him before and there was some discussion concerning JENSEN's comments among the people present. CALLAHAN advised that FRANK GOODPASTURE, JR., Goodpasture Motor Company, Bristol, Va., as well as a man from Nashville, Tenn., and one from Ohio, who may have heard the comments of JENSEN. He said GOODPASTURE was a good friend of JENSEN and he would be able to evaluate JENSEN and his remarks.

6 - Bureau (3 - 44-38861) 2 - Cleveland (Info.)
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On 7-25-68, FRANK GOODPASTURE, JR., Goodpasture Motor Company, Bristol, Va., advised he has known JOHN A. JENSEN, aka "Buddy," General Motor Service and Truck Company, 300 State Street Extension, Fairfield, Conn., since 1959 and he has always found him to be a person of high morals, character and reputation. He said he attended the dinner at the Americana Hotel, Miami Beach, Fla, during the conference of the National Automobile Dealer Association, truck meeting, that JOHN A. JENSEN was present and he heard JENSEN was making remarks concerning segregation, however, since the remarks were not made to him, he could not recall any definite statements he may have made. He gathered from the remarks that JENSEN had some feelings regarding segregation as there had apparently been some trouble in Fairfield, Conn. He did not feel that JENSEN meant anything by his remarks and he put no significance in them, as he had been drinking. He recalled that ARTHUR IRWIN, Irwin GMC Inc., GMC dealer, Lima, Ohio, was present, as well as BILL WILSON, General Truck Sales, Murfreesboro Road, Nashville, Tenn., and ROBERT C. CALLAHAN, Goode Motor Co., Bristol, Tenn. After the meeting he, WILSON and IRWIN made a trip to Jamaica and they discussed the remarks of JENSEN and they put no significance to them. He said that if JENSEN is contacted he is sure he could explain his remarks.

No further action being taken in this matter and copies are being furnished to interested offices in case further inquiry is made regarding this matter.

SAC, Los Angeles

August 1, 1968

Director, FBI

MURKIN

OO: MEMPHIS

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OO: LOS ANGELES

Re Richmond airtel dated 7/26/68, captioned as above.

Arthur Irwin, Lima, Ohio, and Bill Wilson, Nashville, Tennessee, both of whom were allegedly present at the time remarks attributed to Buddy Jensen were made, should immediately be interviewed and a determination made as to what, in fact, transpired.

New Haven should be advised of results and immediately thereafter Jensen should be interviewed in detail.

Submit results of interviews in 302 form to both Memphis and Los Angeles for inclusion in their respective cases.

- 1 - Memphis
- 1 - New Haven
- 1 - Cleveland

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Interview Bill Wilson

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES

SUBJECT: MURKIN ✓ 44-1987
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(LA 44-1574)KENSALT
(Bufile 62-587)
(LA 56-156)Re Richmond airtel 7/26/68 concerning information
furnished by ROBERT C. CALLAHAN concerning "BUDDY" JENSEN.Re: JOHN A. JENSEN, aka "Buddy" Jensen ✓ 62-1605-A5New Haven should contact Mr. JENSEN and have him
clarify the source of his remarks as to what meetings he attended
where the deaths of MARTIN LUTHER KING and Senator ROBERT F.
KENNEDY were discussed. FD-302 should be submitted.Richmond is requested to submit interview of CALLAHAN
on FD-302 to Los Angeles, as well as interview of FRANK
GOODPASTURE.Additional leads to interview ARTHUR IRWIN at Lima,
Ohio, and BILL WILSON at Nashville will be held in abeyance
until results of contact with JENSEN are known.

- 6 - Bureau (AM)
- ② - Memphis (AM)
- 2 - New Haven (AM)
- 1 - Richmond (AM)
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND
RE: MURKIN
Bufile: 44-38861
CVfile: 44-565 (P)
OO: Memphis
KENSALT
CVfile: 175-16

Re Richmond airtel to Director, 7/26/68 and Bureau letter to Los Angeles, 8/1/68.

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ARTHUR IRWIN, President, Irwin GMC, Inc., Lima, Ohio, interviewed 8/5/68 and stated he had attended the National Automobile Dealers Association truck meeting at the Americana Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida, about 5/18/68, and recalls "BUDDY" JENSEN, FRANK GOODPASTURE, JR., BILL WILSON and some men from Bristol, Tennessee, attending. He stated at dinner one evening, he sat about four to six seats from JENSEN, and somebody mentioned in general conversation words to the effect that some group was probably behind the KING matter, and also another remarked to the effect that after what happened to JACK, something might happen to BOBBY. Mr. IRWIN could not recall who made these remarks and no other details. He did say he has known JENSEN for about six years and described JENSEN as a very reputable man of a good reputation. He added it was his belief JENSEN

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was the type of man who would probably have rather strong opinions, and just go ahead and say something. He added he placed no significance on the remarks and said there had been quite a bit of drinking.

FD-302 reflecting interview of JENSEN will be furnished Memphis and Los Angeles for their respective cases.

August 7, 1968

Airtel

To: SAC, Tampa (88-608)

From: Director, FBI (88-387)

REURTEL 62-1605
OO: LOS ANGELES

MURKIN 44-1987
OO: MEMPHIS

Re Tampa airtel 6/11/68 and Tampa letter 7/19/68 with letterhead memorandum attached thereto captioned Russell Russell.

In view of the allegations concerning Russell Russell, he should be interviewed immediately in order to determine whether he does, in fact, have any information pertinent to either of captioned inquiries.

Furnish results of your interview to Los Angeles and Memphis under appropriate caption on 88-387.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Tampa, Florida
August 13, 1968

PERNELL EZZELL

Reference is made to prior communications in the captioned matter, the most recent one being dated June 19, 1968.

Mr. Emory A. Dowling, Jr., son of the owner of Perdue Radio, Television and Appliances, Inc., 2425 East Colonial Drive, Orlando, Florida, furnished the following information on August 12, 1968:

Pernell Ezzell recently had his Florida driver's license revoked because he had been involved in an accident some months ago in North Carolina. Ezzell had to terminate his employment with the company as a color TV technician because he was unable to drive a car and his services were not needed on a full time basis in the shop. Because he was unable to do his job in Florida, he went to California to seek employment. At that time, he was not drinking and he was perfectly normal. He had just returned from a trip to North Carolina, where he had gotten his 1965 Buick automobile back from an automobile repair garage.

On Saturday, August 10, 1968, Mr. Dowling had received a long distance telephone call from a manager of a motel in Long Beach, California. He could not recall the manager's name or the identity of the establishment which he represented. The manager inquired as to whether he should cash a check for Pernell Ezzell in the amount of about \$200.00 and he refused to recommend cashing the check. He could not recall the name of the bank on which the check was drawn and he said he did not speak with Ezzell at the time, but he believed he was standing nearby during the telephone call.

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PERNELL EZZELL

Mr. Dowling said that he had no further information concerning Ezzell at this time.

On August 12, 1968, Mrs. Fay Ezzell, wife of Pernell Ezzell, 636 22nd Street, Orlando, Florida, furnished the following information:

Pernell Ezzell had his driver's license revoked for five years by the State of Florida because he had hit a bridge with his 1965 Buick in or near Fayetteville, North Carolina, or Clinton, North Carolina, during his last escapade. He had been charged with driving while intoxicated. Ezzell said that he had paid for the damages to the bridge, but his license was still revoked last week. Mrs. Ezzell said that her husband tried to obtain bench work as a TV technician in the Orlando, Florida, area, but he was unsuccessful, since he had no driver's license and he could not travel throughout the city to do his work. She advised that he left Orlando on Monday, August 5, 1968, for California, in order to seek employment.

On Thursday, August 9, 1968, he called in the middle of the night, saying that he was in Los Angeles, California, working for an aircraft plant and making good money. He did not mention the name of his employer or the location of the aircraft plant. He told his wife that he wanted her and the family to fly out in the near future when he would send money.

On Saturday, August 11, 1968, Ezzell called about 8:00 P.M., saying he was in Los Angeles, California. He remarked to the effect that he had been out of the country and he had just gotten back, therefore, he had not gotten a permanent address. He did not state where he could be reached or the name of his employer. He did not say where he had gone while he was out of the country. Mrs. Ezzell said she is bitter because her husband had run up about a \$1,000.00 debt on his American Express Credit Card during his last escapade and he still has this card. She said that she wanted him to show good faith by supporting her and their child before she would decide whether or not to go to California. Mrs. Ezzell said that she was not certain whether or not Ezzell had been drinking, but she was unable to detect that he was under the influence of alcohol from the sound of his voice on the two occasions on which he made calls. She said that if he does

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not help support their child, she will change her telephone number to an unlisted telephone number in the near future to avoid getting telephone calls from her husband in the middle of the night. She explained that she has to go to work very early each day. She said that she did not believe Ezzell's story about being out of the country and that he had possibly utilized the story to cover up for a period during which he had been drunk. She said that she could not believe but very little of any statements that Ezzell made to her and she, therefore, does not question him when he calls her. She said that she has no information as to her husband's exact whereabouts, the identity of his employer, or any of the details or location of the foreign trip that he allegedly made. She said that she did not believe him because he did not previously have a passport and he had not had time to obtain a passport before allegedly going out of the country. She said that she is waiting to see if he shows good faith by sending money for her and their child's support or whether he will go on another escapade and go deeper into financial trouble.

On August 12, 1968, Mrs. Mary Smith, Orange County Drivers License Office, Orlando, Florida, furnished the following information:

Pernell (no middle name) Ezzell, 636 22nd Street, Orlando, Florida, was issued chauffeur's license number [REDACTED] on April 8, 1968. It was ordered revoked for five years by the Department of Public Safety, State of Florida, Tallahassee, Florida, for driving while intoxicated on the third offense within a ten-year period. It became effective May 27, 1968, but the order was not received and executed in Orlando, Florida, until August 6, 1968. The revocation resulted from Ezzell being convicted of driving while under the influence of intoxicants in the State of North Carolina. One of his other suspensions of his driver's license was from August 18, 1967, until February 29, 1968, because he forfeited bond in the State of South Carolina, on a charge of driving while under the influence of intoxicants.

Mrs. Smith said that she did not have a record of the third offense pertaining to Ezzell.

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On August 12, 1968, Mrs. LILA HOEQUIST, Orange County Auto Tag Office, Orlando, Florida, furnished the following information:

Pernell Ezzell or Fay Ezzell, 636 22nd Street, Orlando, Florida, obtained Florida automobile license registration number 7W-10531, on May 1, 1968, for a 1965 Buick, two-door sedan, and Florida license 7-1518 on the same date, for a 1966 Chevrolet, two-door sedan. The file contained no additional descriptive information pertaining to these automobiles.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

8/13/68

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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-587)
FROM: SAC, TAMPA (62-963) (P)

PERNELL EZZELL
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(OO: TP)
(TP file 62-963)

KENSALT
(OO: LA) ✓ Sub E-1079
(TP file 44-729)

MURKIN
(OO: ME)
(TP file 157-3231)

Re Bureau airtel to Tampa, Los Angeles and
Memphis dated 8/7/68 and captioned "KENSALT" and "MURKIN";
Tampa airtels to the Bureau, Los Angeles and Memphis
captioned "PERNELL EZZELL, INFORMATION CONCERNING", dated
8/11/68 and 7/19/68.

Attached are 11 copies of an LHM captioned
"PERNELL EZZELL" and dated as above, for the Bureau.

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- 2 - Los Angeles (Enc. 2) (RM)
- 1 - Memphis (Enc. 1) (Info) (RM) *thw*
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Investigation in the attached LHM was conducted by SA GORDON W. TINDLE.

Copies of the LHM were disseminated locally to Secret Service, Jacksonville, Fla.; OSI, Robins AFB, Ga.; MI, Orlando, Fla. and NISO, Charleston, S. C., because they have cognizance.

LEADS

LOS ANGELES DIVISION

AT LONG BEACH, CALIF.

Will conduct credit and arrest checks in an effort to locate and interview the subject in accordance with instructions contained in re Bureau airtel.

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

Will check credit and arrest files in an attempt to locate and interview the subject, as indicated above.

TAMPA DIVISION

AT ORLANDO, FLA.

Will maintain contact with the subject's wife, Mrs. FAY EZZELL, 636 22nd St., Orlando, Fla., in order to ascertain the subject's whereabouts, and set forth appropriate leads for an immediate interview.

Will maintain contact with Mr. EMORY A. DOWLING, JR., 2425 E. Colonial Dr., Orlando, for the above reason.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date August 19, 1968

WILLIAM J. WILSON, General Truck Sales, 535
 Murfreesboro Road, Nashville, Tennessee advised as follows:

During May of 1968 he attended a conference of the National Automobile Dealers Association in Miami Beach, Florida, which was attended by a number of truck dealers throughout the United States. On one evening during this series of meetings he was with a group of individuals including "BUDDY" JENSEN of Fairfield, Connecticut and ARTHUR IRWIN of Lima, Ohio. Everyone in this group of some twenty to twenty-five men had been drinking heavily and conversations could only be described as extremely "alcoholic."

On one occasion, "BUDDY" JENSEN made some remark to the effect that ROBERT KENNEDY would never live to become President, if he were nominated and elected, that someone would probably shoot him. JENSEN did not say that he had attended any meeting where this was discussed, nor was any conversation recalled with reference to MARTIN LUTHER KING.

He does not recall any other remarks of JENSEN and does not recall discussing JENSEN'S remarks on a subsequent trip to Jamaica, which he made accompanied by other men at the conference.

He paid absolutely no attention to JENSEN'S remark regarding KENNEDY, since he was drinking heavily, as were most of the men at the conference.

He described JENSEN as an "ultra conservative", a loyal American, and one who would have no part in the death of KENNEDY or KING.

On 8/12/68 at Nashville, Tennessee File # Memphis 44-1987-Sub E-1299 ⁻¹⁰⁷⁹⁰²

by SA WILLIAM M. HOBBS:maw

Date dictated 8/12/68

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SAC, Memphis (44-1987) (P)

MURKIN
(Bufile 44-38861)
OO: MEMPHIS
KINHALT
(Bufile 62-537)
OO: LOS ANGELES

ReBulet dated 2/1/68.

Enclosed are eight copies of FD 302
covering interview with WILLIAM J. WILSON, Nashville,
Tennessee.

Enclosed for New Haven is one (1) copy of
above FD 302 for assistance in interview with JAMES.

2-Los Angeles (56-156) (Encls. 8)
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Date 8/7/68

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ARTHUR IRWIN, 2629 Shoreline Drive, advised that he is the President of the Irwin GMC, Inc., 2320 St. Johns Avenue, Lima, Ohio, and that he had in May, attended a conference of the National Automobile Dealers Association truck meeting at the Americana Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida. He recalled around May 18, 1968, he had attended dinner and at this dinner "BUDDY" JENSEN, GMC truck dealer at Fairfield, Connecticut; FRANK GOODPASTURE, JR., of the Goodpasture Motor Company, Bristol, Virginia; a BILL WILSON of Nashville, Tennessee, and a man from Bristol, Tennessee, attended. He stated he could not recall the name of the man from Bristol, Tennessee. Mr. IRWIN said there were about 14 people who sat at a long table at this dinner and that a large number of persons attended the conference at the Hotel. Mr. IRWIN said that he had a place at the table about 4 to 6 persons from "BUDDY" JENSEN. He said he does recall that in general conversation someone, he did not know who made the remark, said something about some group possibly being behind the KING matter.

He stated he could recall no further details. He said he had placed absolutely no significance in this and that there had been quite a bit of drinking going on. Mr. IRWIN said that he has known "BUDDY" JENSEN for about 6 years and he described him as a very reputable man of good reputation. Mr. IRWIN said it was his belief Mr. JENSEN was the type of man who would possibly have rather strong opinions and just go ahead and say something.

Mr. IRWIN said further that during the dinner, someone also made a remark to the effect that after what had happened to JACK, something might happen to BOBBY. Mr. IRWIN could not recall any specific words, other details, nor could he recall who made this remark.

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On 8/5/68 at Lima, Ohio File # Cleveland 44-565
 by SA HOMER K. MILLER /slk Date dictated 8/6/68

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TO: SAC, Memphis
FROM: SAC, Cleveland - 1st

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Bufile: 44-38861
CV File: 44-565
OO: Memphis

KENSALT
CV File: 175-16

sub E-1079

Re Cleveland airtel to the Bureau, 8/5/68.

Enclosed for Memphis and Los Angeles is one copy of
FD-302 reflecting interview with ARTHUR IRWIN for your respective
cases.

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Special Agent in Charge

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date September 26, 1968

JOHN A. JENSEN, proprietor, General Motors Service and Truck Company, 386 State Street Extension, Fairfield, Connecticut, advised that he is also known as "BUDDY" JENSEN. He informed that he attended a General Motors truck dealers convention in Miami Beach, Florida, during mid-May of 1968. He related that one evening during the convention, he participated in a cocktail party and dinner with other General Motors dealers at the Luau Restaurant in Miami Beach. He mentioned among those participating in the party were BILL WILSON, a dealer from Nashville, Tennessee, and his wife; FRANK GOODPASTURE, a dealer from Bristol, Virginia, and his wife; ART IRWIN, a dealer from Lima, Ohio, and his wife; and one Mr. CALLAHAN, a Dodge dealer from Bristol, Tennessee, and his wife. He stated that all were close friends and associates of his, with the exception of Mr. and Mrs. CALLAHAN, whom he met at the convention.

JENSEN related that considerable consumption of intoxicating beverages preceded the dinner party. He specifically asserted having "two large blasts" prior to dinner. He immediately mentioned that he has extrasensory perception, and during the course of the dinner mentioned that he had predicted the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY and Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING. He remarked that his utterances in this regard may have been stupid, but that he had sincerely believed in his ability of extrasensory perception. He also mentioned that he remarked during the dinner party that if Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was nominated and elected President he would also be assassinated.

JENSEN reiterated that this remark was probably stupid on his part, but insisted on his ability toward extrasensory perception and "guesswork."

JENSEN stated that following the assassination of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, he was told by friends that Mrs. CALLAHAN, who is pregnant and very emotional, became very upset and in recalling

On 9/20/68 at Fairfield, Connecticut File # NH 157-818
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by SA GEORGE T. RIORDAN/mec Date dictated 9/23/68

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the party at the Luau Restaurant in Miami Beach, decided to contact the FBI concerning remarks made by JENSEN.

JENSEN repeated his belief of his ability toward extrasensory perception. He asserted that he does not belong to any organizations other than the Kiwanis Club and the General Motors dealers organizations. He specifically denied attending any meetings or organizations where the assassinations of any prominent figures were discussed. He also claimed that during the dinner party at the Luau Restaurant in Miami Beach, he had not mentioned attending any meetings where the assassinations of the Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING and Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY had been discussed.

JENSEN denied being sympathetic toward or affiliated with any racist, extremist or hate groups. He recalled that he and his wife were the only Northerners at the dinner party at the Luau Restaurant and that the others present were deeply interested in their comments concerning racial matters. He stated that some racial questions were probably discussed and mentioned during the course of the evening; however, he was unable to recall any specific racial topic, other than he may have accused the Southerners of sending all of the Negroes north to create problems here.

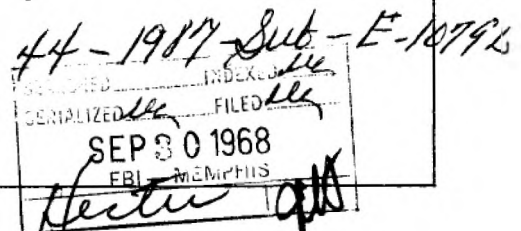
JENSEN remarked: "I will probably have to keep my mouth shut. I know it was a stupid thing to say, but I knew all of the rest of the people in the party, with the exception of the CALLAHANS."

JENSEN steadfastly claimed that although his remarks may have sounded stupid, it was his honest belief that his predictions were based on his power of extrasensory perception or "purely guesswork."

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Date: **SEPTEMBER 26, 1968**Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via **AIRTEL** **AIRMAIL**
(Priority)**TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)****FROM : SAC, NEW HAVEN (157-818)****SUBJECT: MURKIN**
OO: MEMPHIS
KENSALT
OO: LOS ANGELES**Re: Richmond airtel to the Bureau dated 7/26/68;**
Bureau letter to Los Angeles and New Haven dated
8/1/68;
Cleveland airtel to New Haven dated 9/5/68.**Enclosed herewith for the Memphis and Los Angeles Divisions**
are nine copies each of an FD-302 reflecting interview with
JOHN A. JENSEN, proprietor, General Motors Service and Truck
Company, 386 State Street Extension, Fairfield, Connecticut.*Sub E-1049*

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DIRECTOR, FBI (62-587)

9/30/68

SAC, TAMPA (62-963)

PERNELL KEXELL
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KENSALT (p)
OO: LOS ANGELES
TP 44-729

MURKIN (P)
OO: MEMPHIS
TP 157-3231

Re Bureau airtel to Tampa, copies to Los Angeles and Memphis dated 8/7/68, in the dual caption, KENSALT and MURKIN; TP airtel to Bureau and LHM dated 8/13/68, copies to Los Angeles and Memphis, in above caption.

Enclosed for New Orleans is one copy of each of the referenced communications and copies of LHM's captioned KEXELL PERNELL, dated 6/11/68; and 7/19/68.

Recontact with Mrs. FAY KEXELL, wife of PERNELL KEXELL, 836 2nd Street, Orlando, Florida on 9/25/68, revealed the following but she requested her husband not be contacted at his job or be advised she furnished his whereabouts.

He came home to Orlando three weeks ago for one night leaving the next morning to take a new job with

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JET TV in New Orleans, Louisiana where he intends to earn enough money to repay his debts to American Express Credit Card Co. incurred while on his escapade. He mentioned talking with FBI, she believed, in Shreveport, Louisiana.

EMORY DOWLING, former employer in Orlando, Florida, during recontact on 9/23/68, mentioned EXXELL had called to apologize for past actions about three weeks ago saying he was in Orlando and he was going to another state to take a job, possibly in Alabama, but his whereabouts were unknown.

Los Angeles and New Orleans are requested to advise whether EXXELL has been located and interviewed and the Bureau advised. If not, New Orleans should immediately interview EXXELL away from his employer, JET TV, in New Orleans without divulging his wife furnished his whereabouts and advise the Bureau of results with copies to Los Angeles, Memphis, and Tampa.

29 October 1968
2835 Cascade Rd. S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia. 30311.

TO THE FBI,
Atlanta, Ga.

Here is some information I feel you may be interested in and I wish to report it in the hope it will be of value to you, but also hope you will not make my name public.

On the evening of Sunday June 2nd 1968 my niece, ^{2w}husband and children from Illinois came to visit me on their vacation.

On Monday the next day, June 3rd, they felt too tired from their trip to do much sight seeing around Atlanta, but suggested they would like to go to the airport in the evening to see the Jets come in and take off; a past time enjoyed by many people.

That evening of June 3rd when we walked into the main upper lobby of the airport building about 7 PM Atlanta time, we heard a loud voice coming over the airport loud speaker calling Cerrano - Cerrano. It was repeated several times asking the party to come to one of the ticket counters. My friend who lives with me looked at me and I at her both thinking what an odd name with both first and last names the same.

We went immediately to the observation platform and enjoyed seeing the children enjoying the sights. As I was seated on one of the benches 3 men pushed by me rather rudely, so I took special notice of them. One, a thin slender, blonde about 5ft 5 inches long thin face with very light complexion. A second man short about 5 ft, round face dark hair but looked american, and a taller man about 5ft 9- thin, dark brown hair and dark skin who looked foreign to me. Their countenances looked evil to me and they seemed to be in a hurry. I jumped up from the bench to find the children not knowing what 3 men were up to. Then I saw them enter (the 3 men) the inner glassed in portion of the observation platform and pointing towards the Eastern air lines planes. The thought crossed my mind and I wondered whether they were plotting to hi-jack a plane. Then they disappeared.

About ten minutes to 9 PM we left the platform going back thru the main lobby to the parking lot to get our car. Again when we entered the lobby we still heard the name Cerrano Cerrano being called and repeated several times. I kept wondering to myself what was the significance of that name.

The next morning Tuesday June 4th when we heard that Robert Kennedy had been shot by a man whose name was SIRHAN SIRHAN I still could not shake off the feeling of the night before. Then when a clear picture of Sirhan was shown on the news on TV I saw the face was that of one of the 3 men seen at the airport evening.

Perhaps I should have reported this before but I am one who does not want to get myself involved either and tried to forget it. But this morning when reading the Atlanta Constitution page 7 an account of Earl Ray (Kings murderer) telling a news man about a Blonde Latin man who had made different kinds of arrangements

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for him, I thought could this be the same blonde man I saw at the airport and a part of some type of conspiracy? It is since reading this mornings paper that I felt urged very strongly to report what I had heard and seen at the airport on the night of June 3rd 1968.

I shall be glad to discuss this with you but believe I have given all the important details. I would appreciate very much also that you not give me any publicity in this matter. I am not easily scared and have no fear/fren the wrong element. I have reported things before to the FBI here in Atlanta and respect your good judgment.

Respectfully submitted,

① *Doris Ebbert*

(Miss) Doris Ebbert (retired US govt employee)

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS

DATE: 10/31/68

FROM : SAC, ATLANTA

SUBJECT:

MURKIN
(OO: Memphis)
AT file 44-2386 (P)
ME file 44-1987

KENSALT *Sub E - 1079*
(OO: Los Angeles)
AT file 44-2412 (RUC)
LA file 56-156

Enclosed for Memphis and Los Angeles is one xerox copy each of a letter written to the Atlanta Office by Miss DORIS EBBERT 2835 Cascade Road, SW, Atlanta, Georgia, dated 10/29/68.

Inasmuch as this letter makes some reference to circumstances which Miss EBBERT feels may possibly be connected with captioned matters, these letters are furnished for informational purposes. It does not appear that the reasoning used by Miss EBBERT in her letter would warrant any further action; however, it is felt the receiving offices should be aware of Miss EBBERT's opinion in this matter.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA CALVIN C. CLEGG:

AT BISBEE, ARIZONA

On August 16, 1968, WALTER BRUMLEY, Post Office Box 552, Bisbee, advised that during the early part of April, 1968, he was in the Cochise County Welfare Office in Bisbee and noticed a poster of JAMES EARL RAY. A few days later, possibly April 6 or 7, 1968, BRUMLEY was standing in front of the Hotel Golden on Main Street, Bisbee, when a man approached and asked him where he could find a place to stay for a short period of time. BRUMLEY suggested the Hotel Golden would provide him a room for less than \$10.00 per week. The stranger left and walked into the hotel and a short while later returned to ask BRUMLEY where he could buy some groceries. BRUMLEY said that after the stranger approached him the second time, he never saw him again.

A couple of days following the above described incidents, it occurred to BRUMLEY that the stranger possessed a certain likeness to the poster of JAMES EARL RAY in the Cochise County Welfare Department. He reported the description of the stranger, along with his impression that he thought this stranger to be JAMES EARL RAY, to Chief of Police ARTHUR KENT, Bisbee Police Department.

BRUMLEY furnished the following description of the individual:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Nationality	American
Height	6'
Weight	175 pounds
Hair	Dark in color, medium length, combed back
Eyes	Color unknown; wore glasses
Build	Slender

The vehicle which this individual was driving was light blue or off-white in color, recent model, of

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unknown manufacture, bearing red license plates with white figures.

BRUMLEY said he could very easily have made an error in establishing the identity of the stranger as JAMES EARL RAY inasmuch as there was a period of days between the time he had first seen the poster of RAY and when he had been approached by the unknown individual. BRUMLEY stated that he thought that he would direct a letter to the District Attorney General PHIL CANATE, Washington, D. C., in order to clarify the matter in his own mind.

On August 16, 1968, Chief of Police ARTHUR KENT, Bisbee Police Department, advised that he had been notified by WALTER BRUMLEY that the latter had observed someone thought to have fit the description of JAMES EARL RAY. KENT advised that BRUMLEY is a maintenance custodian at the Bisbee High School, is married, and has one daughter, [REDACTED]. He said BRUMLEY has contacted his office in the past and has been of assistance in providing the Police Department with various information concerning criminal activities in the Bisbee area.

KENT said that BRUMLEY first contacted his department concerning this matter shortly following the assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING. When BRUMLEY told him the stranger was occupying a room at the Hotel Golden, KENT stated he had a surveillance placed on the suspect immediately. He advised he had given instructions to his men on the surveillance to pick him up on the slightest infraction of the law in order that the suspect could be photographed and fingerprinted. The surveillance failed to accomplish this purpose, although complaints were received from the waitresses at the Bisbee Lunch that the suspect had an evil way of looking at the girls employed there.

Hotel records at the Hotel Golden revealed the suspect's name to be H. J. BLANKENSHIP and he had provided his previous address as Tucson, Arizona.

KENT advised that BLANKENSHIP stayed at the hotel for a period of about ten days and later rented a

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run-down home at 1221 Brewery Gulch in Bisbee. BLANKENSHIP stayed at that home until the end of April. KENT said that during April, BLANKENSHIP stayed in the Bisbee area and never developed any male or female associates. No one saw him leave the Bisbee area and he left with his rent paid.

KENT stated that after he and his police force first saw BLANKENSHIP, he discounted the possibility of his being JAMES EARL RAY, inasmuch as he did not fit the description given for RAY on the wanted posters. He said the only reason the Police Department continued the surveillance on BLANKENSHIP was because he looked like a potential trouble-maker and that it appeared he may have had perverse sexual motives. He stated that he has not seen BLANKENSHIP in the Bisbee area since that time.

8/20/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, PHOENIX (44-371) (RUC)
MURKIN

Re Bulet to PK, 8/14/68.

Enclosed for the Memphis Division are eight (8) copies of an investigative insert reflecting investigation conducted at Bisbee, Arizona.

One copy of the above described insert is enclosed for the information of the Bureau.

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OKLAHOMA CITY

FBI DALLAS

1249PM URGENT 4-23-68 LMB

TO OKLAHOMA CITY (44-686)

FROM DALLAS (44-2649) 1P

MURKIN.

AL CHAPMAN, TWO NINE TWO ZERO PERRYTON DR., DALLAS, ADVISED ON APRIL TWENTYTHREE LAST HE HAD SEEN INDIVIDUAL IN SOUREN'S COFFEE SHOP, WYNNEWOOD SHOPPING CENTER, DALLAS, AT NINE THIRTY AM, WHO CLOSELY RESEMBLED PICTURE OF JAMES EARL RAY. CHAPMAN DESCRIBED THE MAN AS WHITE MALE, AGE THIRTYFIVE TO FORTY, FIVE ELEVEN, ONE HUNDRED FIFTYFIVE TO ONE HUNDRED SIXTYFIVE, BROWN HAIR. HE SAID THE INDIVIDUAL WAS WEARING BROWN SUEDE COWBOY BOOTS, BROWN SLACKS AND DARK SPORT SHIRT. HE SAID THIS INDIVIDUAL LEFT COFFEE SHOP AND DROVE AWAY IN A RED NATIONAL TRAILER RENTAL TRACTOR, OKLAHOMA LICENSE FIVE FIVE FOUR - ZERO SIX ONE. TRACTOR ALSO CONTAINED EIGHT OR TEN LICENSE PLATES OF DIFFERENT STATES. SERIAL NUMBER ON RIGHT REAR OF TRACTOR CAB WAS X T L SIX TWO TWO ZERO.

INVESTIGATION DALLAS DOES NOT REVEAL LOCAL OFFICE FOR NATIONAL TRAILER RENTAL.

OKLAHOMA CITY CONTACT NATIONAL TRAILER RENTAL AND DETERMINE WHO ABOVEMENTIONED VEHICLE WAS IN POSSESSION OF ON APRIL TWENTYTHREE LAST.

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SAC, DALLAS (44-2649) (RUC)

MURKIN

OO: MEMPHIS

Re Baltimore airtel to Dallas dated 5/3/68.

Enclosed herewith for Memphis and Baltimore is one copy of Dallas teletype to Oklahoma City dated 4/24/68.

The following investigation was conducted by SA BARDWELL D. ODUM:

AT DALLAS, TEXAS

Do we have these? → On 5/14/68, FELIX MC KNIGHT, co-publisher of "The Dallas Times Herald", advised that it appeared to him that the alleged newspaper artist's sketch appeared to have been made by someone who was looking at the photo of the unknown lookalike, both photos furnished by the Baltimore office of the FBI. He advised that BILL ALLEN is now employed by the API at Little Rock, Arkansas. He produced the negative from which the close-up was taken. It shows a Dallas Police Officer leading three men followed by another Police Officer away from the front of the Texas School Book Depository.

On 5/15/68, BILL BASS, Identification Division, Dallas PD, identified the officer leading these three men as himself, and stated that on 11/22/63, the date the photo was taken, he, ROY VAUGHN, and MARVIN WISE had found three men in a boxcar about a mile from the Texas School Book Depository down the railroad tracks. They brought them to the Dallas County SO and turned them over to an unknown Deputy Sheriff. He did not know the names of these individuals and did not know if they were booked.

On 5/15/68, officers MARVIN WISE and ROY VAUGHN advised that they could add nothing to the information furnished by BASS, confirmed what he had furnished and advised

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- 3 - Dallas (1 - 44-2649) (1 - 105-815)
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they did not know the identity of the Deputy Sheriff or the three men they brought in.

On 5/16/68, JAMES D. KITCHING, Dallas County SO, advised that he is in charge of the Identification Division, and that he had personally looked up the jacket and photo of each person booked on 11/22/63, and did not find anyone who bears a resemblance to the persons appearing in the photo with Dallas policeman BILL BASS. He advised that this indicates that these persons were not booked but they may have been interviewed. He advised that a sort of screening office was operated by the Dallas County SO on 11/22/63, and numerous persons were interviewed. He advised that without the names of the persons it would be almost impossible to develop the name of the persons in the photo.

On 5/17/68, Sheriff BILL DECKER, Dallas County, advised that he does not know who the men are in the photo taken by BILL ALLEN, but that recently this same photo had been shown to him by someone representing JIM AGARRISON, DA, New Orleans, Louisiana. He stated he did not know the significance.

On 5/17/68, FELIX MC KNIGHT advised that he had received a telephonic inquiry from the head of the Associated Press in New York, New York, apparently inquiring about this same photo. The AP information had originated from a press release by TRENT GOUGH, a Canadian actor who says he is connected with the Citizens Committee of Inquiry and the Kennedy Assassination Inquiry Committee, 243 West 54th Street, New York.

For the information of Memphis and Baltimore, a photo of the same close-up as that submitted by Baltimore was furnished to SA CHARLES A. BLOSSFIELD on 4/23/68, by AL CHAPMAN, member of the Ku Klux Klan, Dallas, Texas. He declined to say where he got this photo. (See enclosed teletype.)

Memphis note that instant photo has been given considerable widespread distribution. No further investigation is being conducted re same, in absence of specific instructions from OO.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 8/27/68

PERNELL EZZELL was interviewed at the Shreveport, Louisiana, Resident Agency. At the outset of the interview EZZELL was advised of his rights but declined to sign a waiver of same. EZZELL declined to furnish a signed statement but voluntarily furnished the following information:

EZZELL denied that he had received or was ever in possession of a great amount of money as a result of his participation in the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING and the assassination of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. He further denied stating to anyone he was on the payroll of the OSI and CIA.

EZZELL said he definately did not participate in any manner, nor did he have any knowledge of or information concerning the murders of MARTIN LUTHER KING and Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

EZZELL admitted that he was glad KING was dead as he felt KING was a troublemaker, but emphasized that he did not have anything to do with killing him.

EZZELL said he could not remember making any statements to anyone regarding any of the above. He admitted that he may have made them when he was in a drunken condition, but could not recall making any such statements. He said he often has black-out periods which occur when he is drinking and he has been known to appear sober even when he is in a drunken state.

EZZELL said FRANK WETZEL is the Shop Foreman for his former employer at Perdue Radio and Television Company, Orlando, Florida. He and Wetzel have been out drinking together on a few occasions, usually after closing shop or on a payday night. WETZEL has been trying to get him into trouble with his wife. EZZELL said WETZEL thinks he is a ladies man and has in the past tried to take his wife out. His wife has told him that WETZEL has called her several times and in addition to trying to make a date would tell her of his ~~ground~~ ^{around} with other women. EZZELL believed WETZEL tells his (EZZELL's) wife what he tells WETZEL in confidence. He was sure WETZEL told her about

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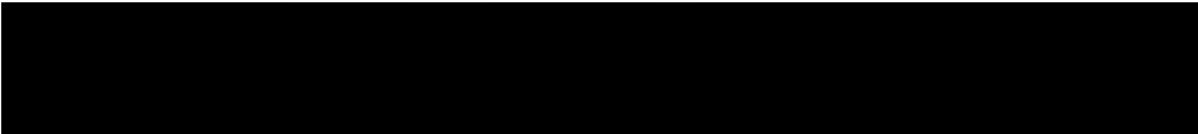
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his being responsible for another girl's pregnancy at the time he married his wife.

EZZELL stated he has never confronted WETZEL with any of the above, but WETZEL has told him that he called him one night when he was drunk and cursed him out. EZZELL said he could not remember this call.

EZZELL advised that he has a serious drinking problem, but he did not consider himself an alcoholic. He said he was treated in the Veterans Administration Hospital, Fayetteville, North Carolina, for drunkenness shortly after his release from the Air Force in 1953. He further



EZZELL stated that he has had this serious drinking problem since his marriage in November 1967. He indicated he was forced to marry his wife as a result of her pregnancy prior to their wedding. He said, since his marriage he has been under constant pressure from his wife and in addition has serious financial problems.

EZZELL advised that because of his heavy drinking and the resulting "black-outs" he is not able to fix exactly his whereabouts on specific dates during the past year. However, he remembered the night of MARTIN LUTHER KING's death and said he was drunk at the time. He was registered at the Motel South, Orlando, Florida. With him at the time was a girl friend, whom he identified as VIOLET ALLRED, a nurse, who operates the Clear Lake Manor Nursing Home, Orlando, Florida. He said she is about 38 years of age. He recalled hearing of KING's death on the T.V. on the night it happened.

EZZELL said he did not remember where he was the night Senator KENNEDY was shot.

EZZELL could not account for his whereabouts on the night of June 5, 1968 and said he could not recall where he was at all during the month of June as he again was on a drunk.

EZZELL remembers flying from Orlando, Florida,

to Los Angeles twice in recent months. The last was about August 4, 1968 when he flew via Delta Airlines. He stayed in Los Angeles four days and left driving a rented car after an unsuccessful effort in finding a job. On his way to Shreveport he stopped briefly at Phoenix, Albuquerque, and Hope, Arkansas. He claimed he pawned his 357 magnum revolver with a police officer in Hope, Arkansas, for \$45 on August 23, 1968. The gun was purchased for his second job as a security guard with Associated Security Company, Orlando, Florida. He claims he has never used the gun in commission of a crime.

EZZELL believed the previous trip to Los Angeles was made in June 1968 when he flew via Delta Airlines from Orlando, Florida. He was looking for a job on the occasion also. He stayed only two days and remembers returning from California via an unrecalled airline and that he stopped at Las Vegas, Denver, New Orleans and Miami. He does not remember if he stayed in any of these cities for any length of time. After reaching Miami he rented a car and drove to Orlando.

EZZELL claims he had no employment other than his jobs in Orlando and that he financed his trips with the money earned from working these two jobs, along with using his credit cards.

EZZELL recalled after driving from Miami he did not go home, but to a motel with Miss ALLRED. The following day he drove back to Miami and then returned to Orlando by bus. He thinks he rented the car at Miami from either Hertz or Avis-Rent-A-Car.

EZZELL stated he has not worked any where since August 4, 1968, and that he presently had in his possession \$36.00 which was left over from the sale of his gun.

EZZELL claimed he pawned a .38 Colt "Cobra" in Los Angeles on the last trip at an unrecalled pawn shop and that he presently has no weapon.

EZZELL could not recall any other details concerning his first trip to Los Angeles, he said he was drinking heavy on these trips and could not remember anything much about them. He could not remember the names of motels where he stayed. He claimed he has no friends in Los Angeles and

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that he made none while there on these trips.

EZZELL stated he is not now and never has been a member of any "hate" type organization such as the Ku Klux Klan.

EZZELL stated he would be leaving Shreveport, Louisiana, this evening by bus and could be reached through his mother Mrs. ACRIE EZZELL, Route 4, Clinton, North Carolina.

The following description was obtained from interview and observation:

Name	PERNELL EZZELL alias "Easy"
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	
Place of Birth	Fayetteville, North Carolina
Height	6'1"
Weight	173
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue
Scars and Marks	None
Marital Status	Married to FAYE MARIE EZZELL 636 22nd Street, Orlando, Florida
Children	CLINTON EARL - 11 months
Parents	Father - deceased Mother - ACRIE EZZELL Route 4, Clinton, North Carolina
Brothers	THOMAS OZELLE EZELLE, age 33, Simco, Ontario, Canada WENDELL EZZELLE, age 25, High Point, North Carolina
Sister	DIANE McMILLIAN, age 19, Fayetteville, North Carolina employed Ft. Bragg, North Carolina
Residence	636 22nd Street, Orlando, Florida
Military Service	US Air Force 1951-1953, Honorable discharge Serial # [REDACTED]

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Arrest record	Numerous drunk arrests - no felony arrests
Identification #	244-38-4049
Occupation	T.V. repairman and security guard
Previous employment	Perdue Radio and T.V. - Orlando, Florida; Associates Security, Orlando, Florida; Electronic Service, Inc., Patco Division, Newport News, Virginia; American District Telegraph - Winston Salem, North Carolina American District Telegraph - Indianapolis, Indiana
Previous Residences	Raleigh, North Carolina, Fayetteville, North Carolina, Ashville, North Carolina, Newport News, Virginia, Indianapolis, Indiana, Orlando, Florida
Friends	CHRISTINE TENDELL, Clinton, North Carolina VIOLET ALLRED, Orlando, Florida

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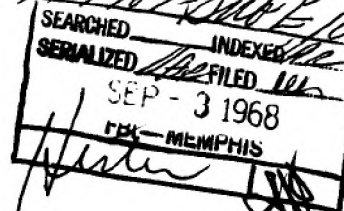
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Enclosed for Memphis are twenty-five copies of
an FD-302 concerning interview of PERNELL EZZELL on 8/24/68.

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DESCRIBED AS AN ALCOHOLIC WHO BECOMES UNSTABLE WHEN INTOXI-
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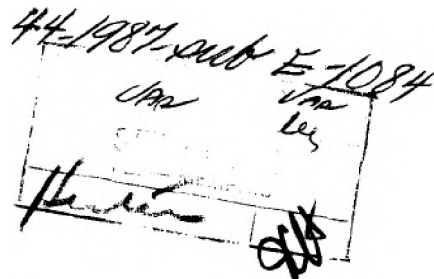
On 8/30/68, JIM LOCKHART, a W/M, 3307 - 15th Ave., Little Shauwet, Ala., stated he was furnishing the following information with the understanding his name would be protected, that he would not have to testify and his name would not be divulged outside the Bureau. LOCKHART has not been in trouble in the past three years and is supporting his family at this time.

LOCKHART said that approximately five years ago during the spring of 1963 he was incarcerated at the Birmingham County Jail, Birmingham, Ala., where he was serving time on a worthless check charge. At this time Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING was in the Birmingham area.

LOCKHART said that he (LOCKHART) was treated as a trusty in that he had the privilege of traveling anywhere in the prison including the maximum security section; he also worked in the hospital section. LOCKHART advised that while he was in prison he learned by "the grapevine" that a contract was being put out for Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING. The individual who accepted the contract would be represented by ROBERT PRATT, a lawyer who would get this individual out of jail, and the individual would receive \$10,000 for assassinating Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING.

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LOCKHART further advised that an individual (LOCKHART would not divulge his identity) had him deliver the details of this contract to an inmate who was being detained in the maximum security section. LOCKHART said he did not know this man's name, but only knew him as "ACE". LOCKHART said he delivered this message concerning the contract on Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING to "ACE" and that he heard "ACE" was contacted at a later date by ROBERT PRATT.

LOCKHART said he had nothing else to do with this matter and could not furnish any other details.

LOCKHART stated he had heard ROBERT PRATT had been arrested by the Birmingham PD in 1963 or early 1964 for concealing stolen goods in an apartment he had leased. LOCKHART said he heard PRATT is or has served time in Kilby Prison for the above violation.

Birmingham, will identify ROBERT PRATT and "ACE", and will evaluate information furnished by LOCKHART.