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SHORTLY AFTER WILSON AND FATHER FANNON LEFT THE HOTEL, JACKSON ASAC TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED THE GULFPORT RA THAT

INFORMATION HAD BEEN RECEIVED THAT MOIC REVEALED WILSON WAS WANTED BY THE NEW BRADSFELD, TX., PD FOR PROBATION VIOLATION ON A WARRANT ISSUED APRIL 10, 1978.

THE OCEAN SPRINGS PD WAS NOTIFIED OF THIS OUTSTANDING WARRANT AND THE SURVEILLANCE OF FATHER FANNON'S VEHICLE WAS MAINTAINED UNTIL THE VEHICLE ENTERED OCEAN SPRINGS, MS. (APPROXIMATELY 15 MILES), AT WHICH TIME THE VEHICLE WAS STOPPED BY OFFICERS OF THE OCEAN SPRINGS PD AND WILSON WAS ARRESTED AT 7:35 PM, AND INCARCERATED IN THE OCEAN SPRINGS JAIL.

WILSON WAS HIDING AS A PASSENGER IN A PLYMOUTH SEDAN OWNED AND DRIVEN BY FATHER NOEL FANNON, PRIEST AT ST.

ELIZABETH SETON CATHOLIC CHURCH, OCEAN SPRINGS. WILSON

ADMITTED HIS FULL IDENTITY AS BURGESS ADDIE WILSON, JR., AND WAS TAKEN TO THE OCEAN SPRINGS PD. HE DECLINED TO TALK TO THE FBI.

ON AUGUST 10, 1978, AT 9:17 PM, REV. NOEL FANNON, PASTOR, ST. ELIZABETH SETON CATHOLIC CHURCH, OCEAN SPRINGS,

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MS., APPEARED AT THE OCEAN SPRINGS PD TO VISIT WILSON. FATHER FANNON WAS INTERVIEWED, AT WHICH TIME HE ADVISED HE FIRST MET WILSON THE MORNING OF AUGUST 18, 1978, WHILE EATING BREAKFAST AT THE MASTER GRILL RESTAURANT, HIGHWAY 90, OCEAN SPRINGS. HE HAD NEVER SEEN WILSON BEFORE THIS TIME.

WILSON INDICATED HE WANTED TO CONFIDE IN FATHER FANNON AND FOLLOWING THEIR CONVERSATION, THE NATURE OF WHICH FATHER FANNON REFUSED TO DIVULGE, FANNON AGREED TO FOLLOW WILSON IN THEIR AUTOMOBILES TO THE HOLIDAY INN, GULFPONT,

MS., WHERE WILSON HAD TOLD FATHER FANNON HE WOULD MEET SHELLEY COUNTY, TENN., SHERIFF GENE BARKSDALE. AFTER THE MORNING MEETING IN GULFPONT DID NOT COME OFF, AND AT THE BEING OF WILSON, FATHER FANNON PERSONALLY TELEPHONED SHERIFF GENE BARKSDALE IN MEMPHIS. DURING THEIR CONVERSATION, SHERIFF BARKSDALE ASSURED FATHER FANNON HE WOULD PERSONALLY FLY TO GULFPONT, MS., IN ORDER TO MEET WITH FATHER FANNON AND WILSON AT 8:00 PM AT THE HOLIDAY INN.

FATHER FANNON ADVISED HE CANNOT COMMENT ON WILSON PERSONALLY DUE TO THE SHORT LENGTH OF TIME HE HAD CONTACT WITH THIS INDIVIDUAL. HE CONTINUED TO POLITELY REFUSE TO

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REVEAL THE NATURE OF WILSON'S CONFIDENCE IN HIM.

FATHER FANNON WAS ADVISED BY JACKSON SA IN DALEF CONCERNING WILSON'S REMARKS TO THE GLADDENS ABOUT HIS INVOLVEMENT IN THE KING ASSASSINATION; HOWEVER, FATHER FANNON REFUSED TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THIS ALSO HAD BEEN THE SUBJECT OF WILSON'S CONFIDENCE IN HIM.

SAN ANTONIO DIVISION AT NEW BRAUNSFELS, TEXAS. CONTACT NEW BRAUNSFELS PD AND ADVISED THEM OF WILSON'S INCARCERATION AT OCEAN SPRINGS, MISS., PD, TELEPHONE 675-2211.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING JACKSON DIVISION.

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ATTENTION: CONSTITUTIONAL INSURANCE UNIT, ROOM 4900, JAN.
MURKIN. OO: MEMPHIS.

REFERENCE J. TEL TO DIRECTOR 6/19/78.

ON 6/19/78, LARRY ALLEN, PATROLMAN, CLEVELAND, TEXAS POLICE
DEPARTMENT (CPD), REVIEWED CPD FILES AND COULD LOCATE NO RECORD
IDENTIFIABLE WITH ALLEGED AUDIE WILSON, SR., DOB [REDACTED]. ALLEN
ADVISED NON-SHIELD SUPPORT WARRANT, IF FILED IN CLEVELAND, TEXAS,
PROBABLY FILED THROUGH CLEVELAND CITY COURT AND WARRANT ISSUED BY
CITY JUDGE GLEN JONES. RECORDS CITY COURT NOT AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW
UNTIL 9 AM, 6/21/78 AND JUDGE GLEN JONES CURRENTLY UNAVAILABLE.

LEAD: HOUSTON AT CLEVELAND, TEXAS:

ASAP, MONDAY, AM, WILL REVIEW CLEVELAND CITY COURT RECORDS
PER LEAD SET OUT IN REFERENCED TELETYPE.

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ATTENTION CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT
WORKING; OO: MEMPHIS.

RE JACKSON TEL TO SAN ANTONIO AUGUST 10, 1978.

INSTANT LATE 30 YEAR CHILDLESS, 118 MILL, SAN MARCOS, TX,
ADVISED SHE MET CONGRESS AUDIE WILSON, JR., AKA BILL WILSON, AT
SAYLER, TX, IN SEPTEMBER OF 1977, AND THEY WERE MARRIED IN
NOVEMBER OF 1977. THEY SEPARATED FEBRUARY 15, 1978 AND
DIVORCE FINALIZED APRIL 26, 1978. ON AUGUST 12, 1978 SHE RECEIVED
TELEPHONIC MESSAGE FROM WILSON INDICATING THAT HE WAS IN THE
STATE OF TENNESSEE AND WAS INVOLVED IN A CAR ACCIDENT. WILSON
STATED THAT AS A RESULT OF THIS ACCIDENT BOTH OF HIS LEGS WERE
AMPUTATED. CHILDLESS ADVISED THAT WILSON IS A "VERY CONVINCING
LIAR AND A CON MAN". HE HAS NEVER MENTIONED THE DEATH OF

*B. Johnson
advised 10/10/78
to SHC*

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MARTIN LUTHER KING AND HAS NEVER DISPLAYED ANY HATRED OR
PREJUDICE FOR MEMBERS OF THE BLACK RACE. ACCORDING TO CHILDRESS,
SHE BELIEVES THAT WILSON WAS IN THE U. S. ARMY DURING 1968, AND
WILSON HAS STATED THAT HE WAS A P.O.W. DURING VIETNAM CONFLICT.
SHE IS AWARE THAT WILSON VISITED THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION
HOSPITAL AT SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS, BUT SHE
POSSESSES NO KNOWLEDGE OF HIM SUFFERING FROM ANY PSYCHIATRIC
PROBLEMS. BY A PREVIOUS MARRIAGE WILSON HAD 3 CHILDREN,
2 BOYS, AND 1 DAUGHTER, LOCATIONS NOT KNOWN BY CHILDRESS.

CHILDRESS ADVISED THAT IT IS HER PERSONAL OPINION THAT
WILSON IS SICK AND SHE IS NOT IN THE POSITION TO PROVIDE
ANY INFORMATION REGARDING HIS WHEREABOUTS IN 1968 OTHER THAN
THE FACT THAT HE DID MENTION THAT HE ONCE RESIDED IN MEMPHIS,
TENNESSEE.

LEAD: SAN ANTONIO AT SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, WILL ATTEMPT
TO VERIFY VISITS TO VETERANS ADMINISTRATION HOSPITAL.

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ATTN CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRIES UNIT, ROOM 6900 JEN.

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RE MEMPHIS TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR AND OTHER OFFICES,
AUG. 19, 1978.

ON AUG. 19, 1978, MR. ALLISON T. WILSON, P. O. BOX 23,
(HIGHWAY 17 SOUTH), ALFORD, ALA., ADVISED THAT BURGESS ALLIE
WILSON IS HIS BROTHER AND HAS FOR MANY YEARS BEEN AN ALCOHOLIC
AND IS A CONFIRMED LIAR AND THINKS OF HIMSELF AS A RETIRED
COLONEL AND POSES AS A VIET NAM VETERAN WHEN HE IS DRUNK. HE
STATED THAT HIS BROTHER HAS OFTEN CONFESSED TO VARIOUS CRIMES
IN ORDER TO BE LOCKED UP SO HE WILL BE ABLE TO GET SOBER. MR.
WILSON STATED HE CAN THINK OF ONLY ONE SPECIFIC TIME THAT HIS

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BROTHER CONFESSED TO A CRIME AND WAS LOCKED UP IN NEW BROWNVILLE, TEXAS. HE COULD NOT RECALL THE DATE OR THE SPECIFIC CRIME.

MR. WILSON STATED THAT THE FAMILY HAD RECENTLY SOLD HIS FATHER'S HOME AND HIS BROTHER WAS SENT HIS SHARE WHICH WAS \$2,075. HE FELT THAT HIS BROTHER AT THE PRESENT TIME IS OF A "FOOT". MR. WILSON STATED THAT HIS BROTHER HAD RECENTLY CALLED THEIR SISTER, MRS. LYDA MC GARY, COLUMBUS, MISS., AND TOLD HER THAT HE, ALLISON L. WILSON, WAS AND A FEARS WILSON WAS WAS ALMOST DEAD. MR. WILSON STATED THAT HE RECALLED ON ONE OCCASION, HIS BROTHER CALLED HIM AND TOLD HIM THAT HE HAD BEEN ELECTED MAYOR OF GRANDVIEW, MO., AND HE KNOWS THAT HIS BROTHER WAS LIVING AT GRANDVIEW, MO. AND OPERATING A JEWELRY STORE ON APRIL 4, 1968. HE STATED AT THIS TIME HIS BROTHER WAS MARRIED TO BETTY WALKER, WHO PRESENTLY RESIDES 208 CHITT STREET, DALLAS, TEXAS.

HE STATED THAT HIS BROTHER'S SON, STEVE WILSON, 117 LIVINGSTON, FT. WORTH, TEXAS, AND HIS DAUGHTER, MRS. CHARLES (DELLID) JONES, 2020 MEMPHIS ROAD, TRAILER 136, DELEVILLE, ILL., WAS LIVING AT HOME AT THIS TIME, AND THEY WOULD BE ABLE TO CONFIRM THIS ALSO. MR. WILSON CONCLUDED BY STATING HIS BROTHER WOULD NOT BE ABLE

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TO COMMIT A CRIME OF VIOLENCE INASMUCH AS HE ONLY WANTED TO
GET SOMETHING TO DRINK AND GET DRUNK.

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ATTENTION CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRIES UNIT, ROOM 2002, SRA.

MURKIN; CO: MEMPHIS.

FOR INFORMATION OF HOUSTON, ON AUGUST 10, 1978, GENE BARKSDALE, SHERIFF, SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE, ADVISED THAT ON THE NIGHT OF AUGUST 17, 1978, HE RECEIVED TWO TELEPHONE CALLS FROM BURGESS AUDIE WILSON. WILSON, WHO WAS FORMERLY IN THE TENNESSEE AIR NATIONAL GUARD UNIT AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, WITH BARKSDALE, INFORMED THE SHERIFF THAT HE HAD KILLED DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING IN 1968 AT

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MEMPHIS; THAT HIS DAUGHTER DROVE A WHITE MUSTANG FROM KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, TO MEMPHIS THREE DAYS PRIOR TO KING'S DEATH, AND WISHED TO SURRENDER TO BARNESDALE AT THE HOLIDAY INN, GULFPONT, MISSISSIPPI. ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE FOR WILSON AND COMPANION REVEREND JOEL FAYON, PASTOR, ST. ELIZABETH LUTHER CATHOLIC CHURCH, OCEAN SPRINGS, MISSISSIPPI, TO APPEAR AT THE HOLIDAY INN, GULFPONT, MISSISSIPPI, AT 8:30 PM ON AUGUST 16, 1978, AT WHICH TIME THEY WERE TO BE CONTACTED BY SPECIAL AGENTS OF THE JACKSON OFFICE. WILSON WAS CONTACTED BY SPECIAL AGENTS OF THE JACKSON OFFICE; HOWEVER, HE DECLINED TO DISCUSS INFORMATION REGARDING THE ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING WITH THEM.

BERNARD ALVIN WILSON, JR., AKA BILL WILSON, WAS ARRESTED BY OCEAN SPRINGS, MISSISSIPPI, POLICE DEPARTMENT, 7:30 PM, AUGUST 16, 1978, BASED ON PROBATION VIOLATOR WARRANT DATED APRIL 16, 1978, ISSUED BY NEW BRADFELD, TEXAS, POLICE DEPARTMENT. WILSON PRESENTLY INCARCERATED OCEAN SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT. OCEAN SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH NEW BRADFELD, TEXAS, POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND THE LATTER DESIRES HIS RETURN TO TEXAS.

WILSON CONTACTED AG, AUGUST 19, 1978, BY FBI AND FURNISHED FOLLOWING BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

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HE WAS BORN ON AUGUST 18, 1901, AT FULTON, MISSISSIPPI, AND RESIDES WITH HIS FAMILY AT GULDER, MISSISSIPPI, UNTIL 1938, WHEN THEY MOVED TO ELKIDGE, ALABAMA, WHERE HE WENT TO SCHOOL UNTIL THE EIGHTH GRADE AND THEN WENT TO GRADY HILL, ALABAMA, HIGH SCHOOL, UNTIL 1947.

ON MAY 2, 1947, HE ENTERED U. S. AIR FORCE AND WAS DISCHARGED 1950. AFTER BEING OUT OF THE AIR FORCE FOR APPROXIMATELY EIGHT YEARS, HE WAS RECALLED INTO THE SERVICE UNTIL HE WAS GIVEN AN HONORABLE DISCHARGE FEBRUARY, 1955.

HE AND HIS WIFE, BETTY LOU NELSON, MOVED TO MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, FOLLOWING HIS DISCHARGE AND WORKED FOR PRUDENTIAL INSURANCE COMPANY FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE YEAR. AFTER LEAVING PRUDENTIAL, HE OPERATED A LAUNDRY AND CLEANING BUSINESS IN MEMPHIS. DURING THIS TIME HE WAS ALSO IN THE TENNESSEE AIR NATIONAL GUARD.

HE LEFT MEMPHIS, WENT TO CHANDLER, MISSOURI, WHERE HE BECAME A CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEE OF THE AIR FORCE RESERVE AND REMAINED WITH THE RESERVE UNTIL 1970. ALSO, FROM 1960 UNTIL 1970, HE OPERATED A JEWELRY STORE BUSINESS.

IN 1970, HE AND WIFE BETTY NELSON MOVED TO MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, AND OPENED A JEWELRY BUSINESS IN BARTLETT, TENNESSEE. IN ADDITION

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TO JEWELRY BUSINESS, HE BUILT ALUMINUM STORAGE BUILDINGS, BUT IN
JUNE, 1970, HIS BUSINESS WAS DESTROYED BY A TORNADO.

HE THEN WENT TO SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, AND BECAME EMPLOYED BY
AIR FORCE RESERVE AS A FLIGHT ENGINEER. HE ALSO OPERATED A JEWELRY
STORE IN SAN ANTONIO UNTIL 1974, AND AT THIS TIME HE AND HIS WIFE,
BETTY, WERE DIVORCED. HE THEN MOVED TO MOUNTAIN HOME, ARKANSAS,
OPENED A JEWELRY STORE, AND MARRIED AVIS LEA HUNTER. HE WAS MARRIED
FOR APPROXIMATELY SIX MONTHS AND THEY WERE DIVORCED. SHE NOW
RESIDES AT 1015 HICKORY HILL LANE, HERMITAGE, TENNESSEE. HE THEN
WENT TO COLUMBUS, MISSISSIPPI, WHERE HE WORKED IN THE SUBLEGATONAL
CAMPAIGN FOR GOVERNOR CLIFF FINCH. WHILE IN COLUMBUS, HE MARRIED
PATRICIA BRINDALA OF STARKVILLE, MISSISSIPPI. DURING THE SUBLEGA-
TIONAL CAMPAIGN IT WAS SUGGESTED HE TELL PEOPLE HE WAS A RETIRED
COLONEL AND AN EX-PRISONER OF WAR. HE LEFT COLUMBUS, MISSISSIPPI,
JANUARY, 1976, WENT TO TYLER, TEXAS, AND STAYED WITH LARRY HUGHES,
A FRIEND. HE WENT TO TEXAS FOR PURPOSE OF CLEARING UP SOME CHARGES
AGAINST HIM AT JED CRABFELLS, TEXAS. HE WENT TO DALLAS, TEXAS,
TO SEE A FRIEND, AND WHILE THERE CALLED HIS SON, AND SHORTLY THERE-
AFTER POLICE ARRIVED AND ARRESTED HIM ON CHARGE OF NON CHILD SUPPORT
ON A WARRANT ISSUED FOR HIM AT CLEVELAND, TEXAS. HE WAS RELEASED

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TO MEMPHIS FROM NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS, WHERE HE PLED GUILTY TO A CHARGE OF THEFT BY CHECK AND RECEIVED A SENTENCE OF EIGHT YEARS PROBATION. HE THEN STAYED IN VICINITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS WHERE HE WAS INVOLVED IN CONSTRUCTION WORK. HE HAD AN AFFILIATION WITH THE EMPLOYEES AND WAS ARRESTED FOR VIOLATION OF HIS PROBATION BUT WAS RELEASED A COUPLE OF WEEKS LATER. HE CONTINUED WORKING AROUND NEW BRAUNFELS AND WAS AGAIN ARRESTED FOR POSSESSION OF STOLEN ALCOHOLICS, BUT THE CHARGES WERE LATER DROPPED. HE CONTINUED IN CONSTRUCTION BUSINESS AND MARRIED JO ANN CHILDRESS AND WAS DIVORCED AFTER THREE MONTHS. IN JANUARY, 1970, HE DEPARTED FOR MOBILE, LOUISIANA, AND WORKED FOR LOUISIANA OFF-SHORE CATERING UNTIL APRIL, 1970, WHEN HE WENT TO WORK FOR GULF COAST CATERING OF NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, WHERE HE REMAINED UNTIL THE END OF JUNE, 1970. HE CAME TO OCEAN SPRINGS, MISSISSIPPI, AND OPENED A JEWELRY SHOP AND RESIDES AT TWIN PINE APARTMENTS IN OCEAN SPRINGS FOR THE FIRST THREE WEEKS THEY MOVED TO ROUTE 6, BOX 887.

WILSON IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

ADDRESS ABILE WILSON, JR., AND BILL; DOB [REDACTED]
POB FULTON, MISSISSIPPI; 5 FEET 11 INCHES; 175 POUNDS; BROWN EYES;
GRAY HAIR; SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER [REDACTED] HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE;

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MILITARY SERVICE, U. S. AIR FORCE, 1947 - 1965; FATHER EUGENE
AUDIE WILSON, SR. (DECEASED), GRENADA, MISSISSIPPI; MOTHER MITTIE
DALE (DECEASED); STEPMOTHER LILLIE MAE WILSON (DECEASED), GRENADA,
MISSISSIPPI; BROTHER ALLISON TOWERS WILSON, ALFORD, ALABAMA;
SISTER LYDA MC GAREY, 2332 EAST EIGHTH AVENUE NORTH, COLUMBUS,
MISSISSIPPI; SISTER CHRISTINE GUNTHERPE, FULTON, MISSISSIPPI;
EX-WIFE BETTY LOU WILSON WADE, DUNLESON, TEXAS; EX-WIFE AVIS LEE
HUNTER, 1015 MONDAY HILL LANE, NEWMATTHEW, TEWESSEL;
PATRICIA SHINDALA, STARRVILLE, MISSISSIPPI (BELIEVED KILLED IN
CAR ACCIDENT); EX-WIFE JO ANN CHILDRESS, 110 HILL STREET, CAR
WATKINS, TEXAS; DAUGHTER DEBORAH ANN JONES, HUSBAND CHARLES,
BELVEDERE, ILLINOIS; SON STEVEN WAYNE WILSON, DUNLESON, TEXAS;
SON MARK ANTHONY WILSON, DUNLESON, TEXAS.

BIRMINGHAM REQUESTED TO INTERVIEW ALLISON TOWERS WILSON,
BROTHER, ALFORD, ALABAMA.

DALLAS INTERVIEW BETTY LOU WILSON WADE, EX-WIFE, DUNLESON,
TEXAS, AND SONS STEVEN WAYNE WILSON AND MARK ANTHONY WILSON. IF
NOT ALREADY DONE, ASCERTAIN WHEREABOUTS OF DEBORAH ANN JONES,
DAUGHTER, FOR IMMEDIATE INTERVIEW, WHO IS REPORTEDLY RESIDING IN
EITHER BELVEDERE OR BELLEVUE, ILLINOIS.

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HOUSTON REVIEW POLICE RECORDS AT CLEVELAND, TEXAS, FOR FULL DETAILS OF NOW CHILD SUPPORT WARRANT ISSUED BY THAT DEPARTMENT AGAINST WILSON.

MEMPHIS INTERVIEW AVIS LEA RUSTEN, EX-WIFE.
SAN ANTONIO INTERVIEW JO ANN CHILDRESS, EX-WIFE, AND ALSO REVIEW RECORDS AT THE AIR FORCE RESERVE CENTER.

ALL OFFICES INTERVIEW RELATIVES OF WILSON FOR FULL BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND VERACITY OF HIS ALLEGATION THAT HE KILLED DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING. DETERMINE HIS WHEREABOUTS DURING THE CRITICAL PERIOD OF APRIL 4, 1968, AND IF WILSON MAY HAVE HAD A HISTORY OF PSYCHIATRIC PROBLEMS. ALL LEADS SHOULD BE HANDLED IMMEDIATELY AND KEEP FBIHQ, MEMPHIS, AND JACKSON APPRISED.

INTERVIEW OF BURGESS AUDIE WILSON, JR., CONTINUING AT SOLAR SPRINGS, MISSISSIPPI, CONCERNING ASSASSINATION.
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UNCLAS E F T O

ATTN CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATIVE UNIT, ROOM 6900 SEN. HEARIN.

RE MEMPHIS TELETYPE TO BUREAU 4/18/78 AND SAN ANTONIO
TELETYPE TO BUREAU 4/18/78.

ON 4/19/78 BETTY LOU WADE, 200 SMITH RD. FURLESON, TEXAS WHO
IS FORMER WIFE OF BURGESS ALVIN WILSON, STATES SHE WAS MARRIED TO
WILSON ON 4/4/68 AND CAN POSITIVELY STATE WILSON WAS AT GRANDVIEW,
MISSOURI, THAT DATE AND COULD NOT HAVE BEEN IN MEMPHIS, TENN.,
AS HE IS CLAIMING. SHE SAID THEY RESIDED AT AN UNRECALLED
ADDRESS ON HEARNICK ST. AND WILSON HAD A JEWELRY BUSINESS AT
THE KATZ DRUG STORE IN GRANDVIEW, MISSOURI. WADE SAID MR. KATZ
SUBSEQUENTLY SOLD THE DRUG STORE AND THE BUSINESS WAS MOVED TO
SELTON, MISSOURI, WHERE IS WAS ESTABLISHED IN A SMALL SHOPPING
CENTER UNDER THE NAME OF WILSON'S JEWELRY.

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WADE SAID WILSON NEVER OWNED OR HAD ACCESS TO A WHITE MUSTANG VEHICLE AND HER DAUGHTER DEBRA ANN JONES NEE WILSON NEVER DROVE ANY VEHICLE FROM KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, TO MEMPHIS, TENN., ON OR ABOUT 4/4/68.

WADE ADVISED SHE HAS BEEN DIVORCED FROM WILSON FOR OVER 5 YEARS. SHE SAID WILSON HAS EXPERIENCED MENTAL PROBLEMS FOR YEARS AND SHE DESCRIBED HIM AS A "LIAR AND CON ARTIST WHO CAN'T DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN TRUTH AND FANTASY". SHE SAID HE DEFINITELY NEEDS MEDICAL HELP.

WADE SAID SHE HAS RECEIVED NUMEROUS THREATENING AND HARASSING TELEPHONE CALLS FROM WILSON OVER THE PREVIOUS 5 YEARS AND HAD HIM ARRESTED AT CELBURN, TEXAS IN 1973 FOR NON-CHILD SUPPORT AND HARASSMENT. SHE SAID WILSON WAS COMMITTED TO A HOSPITAL AT NEW BRUNSWICK, TEXAS IN 1974-1975 FOR HIS UNSTABLE MENTAL CONDITION.

WADE STATED WILSON ALWAYS CARRIED A 38 CAL. PISTOL AND SHE WOULD CONSIDER HIM DANGEROUS.

SHE FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING LIST OF WILSON'S RELATIVES WHO CAN SUBSTANTIATE HIS MENTAL CONDITION: SISTERS, LYDA MCCABREY, 2502 EAST 6TH AVE. NORTH, COLUMBUS, MISSISSIPPI, TELEPHONE NUMBER 327-

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1141, CHRISTINE GUTHROAP, ROUTE 1 BOX 36, FULTON, MISSISSIPPI;
BROTHER, ALLISON WILSON, REFORM, ALABAMA; CHILDREN, STEPHEN
WAYNE WILSON, 3117 LIVINGSTON, FORT WORTH, TEXAS, TELEPHONE
NUMBER 923-9414, MARK ANTHONY WILSON, 314 SOUTHEAST GARDENS, APT.
132, DUNLESON, TEXAS, TELEPHONE NUMBER 293-2834, DEBRA ANN JONES,
2620 NEWBURG RD. LOT NUMBER 108 AT BELVEDERE, ILLINOIS, TELEPHONE
NUMBER 343-9734.

DALLAS INDICES SEARCH NEGATIVE RE WILSON.

FURTHER LEADS BEING LEFT TO THE DISCRETION OF MEMPHIS.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription August 19, 1978

BURGESS AUDREYSON, JR., an inmate of the Ocean Springs City Jail, Ocean Springs, Mississippi, furnished the following information to ROYCE DAVID HIGHT and R. P. WHITE-SPURNER, JR., who he knows to be Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, after having been advised the purpose of the interview being his knowledge and involvement in the murder of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING and after having been advised of his Constitutional rights which he waived as indicated by a Notice of Rights and Waiver of Rights Form which he signed:

Mr. WILSON advised that at the time prior to the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING, he was living in Grandview, Missouri, in a house on Myers Road with his wife BETTY LOU, and his three children, MICHAEL, STEVE, and MAR. He was in the Air Force Reserve and also operated a jewelry store.

In the course of his jewelry business, he met a white male Italian who was in his thirties and was approximately 5 feet 9 inches tall, weighed approximately 230 pounds, and who operated a jewelry trade shop on West Street. He stated that this white male introduced him to another white male Italian by the name of MITCH (last name unknown), who was in his mid thirties and was approximately 5 feet 10 inches tall, weighed approximately 190 pounds, who had black, wavy hair and had a connection with a bonding company, and also MITCH's brother, one he recalled, who fit the same physical description as MITCH, but he had numerous cut scars on his face.

He stated that MITCH started delivering jewelry to him for the purpose of having diamonds removed from the fillings. He stated MITCH usually met him at his bar on Walnut Street which was run by a white female and it appeared that MITCH might have been a part owner or had an interest in this bar. He stated that due to the volume of jewelry that MITCH was bringing to him, he asked MITCH about it, and MITCH advised him that it was stolen jewelry. MITCH told him, however, that WILSON was in as deep as he, MITCH, was and that he would have to continue working with MITCH. He stated this relationship with MITCH continued until 1970.

He stated that MITCH brought up the idea of killing KING and said that there was a \$4,000 contract on him. However, he

Interviewed on 8/19/78 at Ocean Springs, Mississippi File # Jackson 62-544
by SA R. P. WHITE-SPURNER, JR.
SA ROYCE DAVID HIGHT/PC/ao Date dictated 8/19/78

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never said who put out the contract but said that he could get the money for WILSON if he killed KING.

WILSON stated that MITCH was well aware of his, WILSON's, thoughts concerning KING and the black civil rights movement, in that his father, who was pastor of the Central Baptist Church at Grenada, Mississippi, died a heart attack which he, WILSON, thought was caused as a result of racial tensions at Grenada brought on by the forceful integration of his father's church.

WILSON stated that approximately five or six months before KING's murder, he started gathering information on the movement, habits, and whereabouts of KING.

WILSON advised that he had a red and white Bonanza airplane, Register Number 341, and a Cessna 310 twin-engine aircraft, which was blue and white, which he used to fly to different places where KING was supposed to be. He stated that he recalls going to Nashville, Alabama; Tupelo, Mississippi; Jackson, Tennessee; Atlanta, Georgia; and Greenville, South Carolina. He stated that while at Tupelo, Mississippi, he stayed in the Ramada Inn and believes that in the other places he visited he stayed in Holiday Inns.

He stated that MITCH furnished him a Japanese sniper rifle. He stated that he kept a rifle and that just before Christmas of 1975, he had it reworked at a gunshop in Columbus, Mississippi, on Fourth Street across from bank. He stated that the last knowledge he had of the rifle, his son, STEVEN WAYNE WILSON, had the rifle and a shotgun but told him that he had sold it.

Mr. WILSON advised that there was a garbage strike in progress at Memphis, Tennessee, and that MITCH called him at his store in Grandview, Miss., and told him that KING was coming to Memphis for a rally and instructed WILSON to come to Memphis where he was to meet two men at the Wonder Bar located at the corner of Sumner Avenue and White Station Road.

Mr. WILSON advised that he flew to Memphis, Tennessee, in the Bonanza aircraft, landed at an airport just north of Raleigh, Tennessee. He stated that the airport was operated by a long-time acquaintance of his who had attended a church which was pastored by WILSON's father in the past. WILSON stated that his daughter, DEBORAH, picked him up at the airport in her 1965 white Mustang, which WILSON had previously bought for her and which was registered in his name in Missouri.

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He advised that DEBORAH and her mother, BETTY LOU, were staying at the residence of WILSON's father-in-law, VERNON HOOTEN, 3095 Kishin Road, Memphis, Tennessee. He stated that HOOTEN had had a heart attack and that his wife and daughter were temporarily staying at the HOOTEN residence.

WILSON advised that he went to the Wonder Bar and while having a drink two whites approached him, one having an accent similar to a Puerto Rican.

The two whites furnished him with FBI credentials, which he stated had a black and white photograph of himself on it, and they took him and showed him where KING was to hold the rally. They then took WILSON to a hotel on South Main Street near Beale Street and took him to a room on the third floor. They told him he was to be in the crowd at the rally and that a decoy shot was to be fired and that he was then to shoot. They said that KING had a habit of raising his arm over his head when he was making a speech and that the second time that he did so, the shots were to be fired.

WILSON stated that on the day of the murder he was in the crowd standing near a wire fence approximately 60 feet from where KING was standing and that when KING raised his arms the second time he shot him.

Mr. WILSON advised that he had the rifle which he used strapped to his belt under a suit coat and attached to his belt on a swivel. He stated that the barrel protruded from below his coat but no one questioned him concerning it. He said that he had practiced a great deal swiveling the rifle and firing it.

He advised that after the shooting, he was stopped by the Memphis police, but he showed them the credentials, and they let him go, and he walked across the street approximately two blocks to where he had left the Mustang parked. He advised that he got in the Mustang and drove back to the HOOTEN residence, and his daughter, DEBORAH, then took him to the airport, and he got his plane and flew back to Kansas City. He stated that the airport that he used was on the Kansas side on the highway to Olathe, Kansas. He stated the airport was run by (First Name Unknown) FISHER. He also stated that he had purchased the Bonanza aircraft from FISHER.

WILSON advised that approximately one week before the murder, MITCH gave him \$25,000 in \$20 bills, and following the murder, MITCH gave him another \$25,000, at which time he gave the credentials back to MITCH.

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WILSON advised that he has no knowledge of JAMES EARL RAY having been involved in the conspiracy.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription August 19, 1978

BURGESS AUDIE WILSON, JR., also known as Bill, date of birth August 28, 1931, Social Security Account Number 422-34-1275, furnished the following information to SA ROYCE DAVID HIGHTIGHT:

Mr. WILSON advised that he was born August 28, 1931, at Fulton, Mississippi, and that he resided with his family at Golden, Mississippi, until 1936, at which time the family moved to Eldridge, Alabama, where he attended school until the eighth grade and then went to high school at Carbon Hill, Alabama, until 1947.

He advised on May 2, 1947, he entered the U. S. Air Force and was discharged in 1950. He stated that after being out of the Air Force for approximately eight months he was recalled for the Korean War and stayed in until February, 1960, at which time he was given an honorable discharge.

He and his wife, BETTY LOU WILSON, moved to Memphis, Tennessee, following his discharge, where he worked for Prudential Insurance Company for approximately one year. After leaving Prudential Insurance Company, he operated a laundry and cleaning business in Memphis. During this time, he was also in the Tennessee Air National Guard.

He left Memphis, Tennessee, went to Grandview, Missouri, where he became a civil service employee in the Air Force Reserve. He stayed employed in the Air Force Reserve until 1970. From 1966 until 1970, he also operated a jewelry store business.

In 1970, he and wife, BETTY WILSON, moved to Memphis, Tennessee, and opened a jewelry business in Bartlett, Tennessee. In addition to the jewelry business, he also built aluminum storage buildings. He stated that in June, 1970, a tornado hit his business and destroyed it.

He then went to San Antonio, Texas, and became employed by the Air Force Reserve as a flight engineer. He also operated a jewelry store in San Antonio until 1974, when he and his wife BETTY divorced.

Interviewed on 8/19/78 at Ocean Springs, Mississippi # Jackson 62-544

by SA ROYCE DAVID HIGHTIGHT/mae

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He then went to Mountain Home, Arkansas, and opened a jewelry store and married AVIS IFA HUNTER. He was married to HUNTER for approximately six months, and they divorced. HUNTER now resides at 1010 Hickory Hill Lane, Hermitage, Tennessee.

He then went to Columbus, Mississippi, where he worked in the gubernatorial campaign for Governor CLIVE FINCH, while in Columbus, he married PATRICIA SHIMPA of Starkville, Mississippi. He also advised that while in Columbus he sold five extinguishers. He stated that during the gubernatorial campaign it was suggested that he tell people that he was a retired colonel and an ex-prisoner of war to campaign for FINCH. He stated that after the campaign was over, he was dropped by the FINCH people.

He left Columbus, Mississippi, in January, 1976, and went to Tyler, Texas, where he stayed with LARRY HUGHES, a friend who had a farm. He went to Texas for the purpose of clearing up some "charges" against him at New Braunfels, Texas. He advised that he went to Dallas, Texas, to see a friend, and while there, he called his son and asked him to come see him, and shortly thereafter the police arrived and arrested him on a charge of non-child support on a warrant issued for him at Cleveland, Texas. He was released to authorities from New Braunfels, where he pled guilty to a charge of theft by check and received a sentence of eight years probation.

He advised that he then stayed in the vicinity of New Braunfels where he did construction work. He had an altercation with another employee, and he was arrested for violation of his probation but was released a couple of weeks later. He continued working around New Braunfels and was again arrested for possession of stolen merchandise which actually was a dispute between himself and an associate over some property that he had stored for the associate, and the charges were subsequently dropped. He continued in the construction business and married JO ANN CHILDRESS, and they were divorced after three months.

In January of 1978, he went to Houma, Louisiana, and went to work for Louisiana Off-Shore Caterers and worked there until April, at which time he went to work for Gulf Coast

Caterers of New Iberia, Louisiana, and worked there until the end of June of 1978, at which time he came to Ocean Springs, Mississippi, and opened a jewelry shop. He lived at the Twin Pines Apartments the first three weeks he was in Ocean Springs and then moved to Route 6, Box 387.

He furnished the following description of himself:

Name	BURGESS AUDIE WILSON, JR.
Also known as	Bill
Date of birth	August 28, 1931
Place of birth	Fulton, Mississippi
Height	5 feet 11 inches
Weight	170 pounds
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Gray
Social Security Number	422-34-1275
Education	High school graduate
Military service	U. S. Air Force 1947-1960
Father	BURGESS AUDIE WILSON, SR. (deceased) Grenada, Mississippi
Mother	MITTIE DAIR (deceased)
Stepmother	LILLIE MAE WILSON (deceased) Grenada, Mississippi
Brother	ALLISON TOWERS WILSON Reform, Alabama
Sister	LYDA MC GAHEY 2002 East Eighth Avenue North Columbus, Mississippi
Sister	CHRISTINE GUNTHORPE Fulton, Mississippi
Ex-wife	BETTY LOU WILSON WADE Burleson, Texas
Ex-wife	AVIS LEA HUNTER 1010 Hickory Hill Lane Hermitage, Tennessee
Ex-wife	PATRICIA SHINDALA Starkville, Mississippi (believed killed in car accident)
Ex-wife	JO ANN CHILDRESS 113 Mill Street San Marcos, Texas

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Daughter

DEBORAH ANN JONES,
husband CHARLES,
Belvedere, Illinois

Son

STEVEN WAYNE WILSON
Burleson, Texas

Son

MARK ANTHONY WILSON
Burleson, Texas

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ATTENTION CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT, ROOM 6896, NEW

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RE MEMPHIS TELEPHONE CALL CHICAGO 8/18/78.

FOR INFORMATION OF CHICAGO, ON AUGUST 18, 1978 GENE PARKSDALE, SHERIFF, SHELBY COUNTY, TENN., ADVISED THAT ON THE NIGHT OF AUGUST 17, 1978, HE RECEIVED TWO TELEPHONE CALLS FROM BURGESS ANDIE WILSON. WILSON, WHO WAS FORMERLY IN THE TENNESSEE AIR NATIONAL GUARD UNIT AT MEMPHIS, TENN., WITH PARKSDALE, INFORMED THE SHERIFF THAT HE KILLED DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING IN 1968 AT MEMPHIS AND HIS DAUGHTER DROVE A WHITE MUSTANG FROM KANSAS CITY MISSOURI, TO MEMPHIS 3 DAYS PRIOR TO KING'S DEATH. HE WANTED TO MEET PARKSDALE AT THE HOLIDAY INN, GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI ON 8/18/78 AND SURRENDER. ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE FOR

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WILSON TO MAKE AN APPEARANCE AT THE HOLIDAY INN, GULFPORT WHERE HE WAS CONTACTED BY SPECIAL AGENTS OF THE JACKSON OFFICE; HOWEVER HE DECLINED TO DISCUSS INFORMATION REGARDING THE ASSASSINATION OF DR. KING WITH THE AGENTS. ON 2/19/78 HE AGREED TO SEE AGENTS OF THE FBI. DETAILS REGARDING THIS CONTACT NOT AVAILABLE TO MEMPHIS AT THIS TIME.

ON 2/19/78 BETTY LOU MADE, DUBLESON, TEXAS, WILSON'S FORMER WIFE, ADVISED SHE AND PURCESS WILSON ALONG WITH THEIR CHILDREN WHICH INCLUDED ONE DAUGHTER, ^{DEBRA} ~~DEBORAH~~, RESIDED IN GRANDVIEW, MISSOURI IN APRIL 1968, AND PURCESS WAS NOT IN MEMPHIS AT TIME DR. KING WAS KILLED. SHE ALSO REPORTED THAT WILSON DID NOT OWN OR HAVE ACCESS TO A WHITE MUSTANG VEHICLE AND ~~WAS~~ DEBRA ANN JONES, NEE WILSON NEVER DROVE ANY VEHICLE FROM KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI TO MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE ON OR ABOUT 4/4/68. SHE REPORTED THAT WILSON HAS EXPERIENCED MENTAL PROBLEMS FOR YEARS AND DESCRIBED HIM AS A "LIAR AND CON ARTIST WHO CAN'T DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN TRUTH AND FANTASY." SHE REPORTED THAT DEBRA JONES RESIDES AT 2622 NEWBURG ROAD, LOT 106, BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS,

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BURGESS AUDIE WILSON, SR., INMATE, COLEMAN SPRINGS CITY JAIL, COLEMAN SPRINGS, MISSISSIPPI, WAS INTERVIEWED BY FBI AGENTS, AUGUST 19, 1970, REGARDING HIS ALLEGED KNOWLEDGE AND INVOLVEMENT IN THE ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING AFTER HAVING WAIVED HIS RIGHTS, AND HE FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

WILSON ADVISED THAT THE TIME PRIOR TO THE MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, HE WAS LIVING IN GRANVIEW, MISSOURI, IN A HOUSE OF

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BYERS ROAD WITH HIS WIFE, BETTY LOU, AND HIS THREE CHILDREN, DELORAN, STEVE, AND MARK. HE WAS IN THE AIR FORCE RESERVE AND ALSO OPERATED A JEWELRY STORE.

IN THE COURSE OF HIS JEWELRY BUSINESS, HE MET A WHITE MALE ITALIAN WHO WAS IN HIS LATE SIXTIES AND WAS APPROXIMATELY 5 FEET 8 INCHES TALL, WEIGHED APPROXIMATELY 200 POUNDS, AND WHO OPERATED A JEWELRY TRADE SHOP ON WALNUT STREET. HE STATED THAT THIS WHITE MALE INTRODUCED HIM TO ANOTHER WHITE MALE ITALIAN BY THE NAME OF MITCH (LNU), WHO WAS IN HIS MID FIFTIES AND WAS APPROXIMATELY 5 FEET 10 INCHES TALL, AND WEIGHED APPROXIMATELY 190 POUNDS, WHO HAD BLACK, WAVY HAIR AND HAD SOME CONNECTION WITH A SOUNDING COMPANY, AND ALSO MITCH'S BROTHER, NAME NOT RECALLED, WHO FIT THE SAME PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION AS MITCH, BUT WHO HAD NUMEROUS CUT SCARS ON HIS FACE.

HE STATED THAT MITCH STARTED DELIVERING JEWELRY TO HIM FOR THE PURPOSE OF HAVING THE STONES REMOVED FROM THE FITTINGS. HE STATED MITCH USUALLY MET HIM AT A CAR ON WALNUT STREET WHICH WAS RUN BY A WHITE FEMALE AND IT ALSO APPEARED THAT MITCH MIGHT HAVE BEEN A PART OWNER OR HAD AN INTEREST IN THIS CAR. HE STATED THAT DUE TO THE VOLUME OF JEWELRY THAT MITCH WAS BRINGING TO HIM, HE

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ASKED MITCH ABOUT IT, AND MITCH ADVISED HIM THAT IT WAS STOLEN JEWELRY. MITCH TOLD HIM, HOWEVER, THAT HE, WILSON, WAS IN AS DEEP AS HE, MITCH, WAS AND THAT HE WOULD HAVE TO CONTINUE WORKING WITH MITCH. HE STATED THIS RELATIONSHIP WITH MITCH CONTINUED UNTIL 1970.

HE STATED THAT MITCH BROUGHT UP THE IDEA OF KILLING KING AND SAID THAT THERE WAS A \$30,000 CONTRACT ON HIM. HOWEVER, HE NEVER SAID WHO PUT OUT THE CONTRACT BUT SAID THAT HE COULD GET THE MONEY FOR WILSON IF HE KILLED KING.

WILSON STATED THAT MITCH WAS WELL AWARE OF HIS, WILSON'S, THOUGHTS CONCERNING KING AND THE BLACK CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT, IN THAT HIS FATHER, WHO WAS A PASTOR OF THE CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH AT SHREVEPORT, MISSISSIPPI, DIED OF A HEART ATTACK WHICH HE, WILSON, THOUGHT WAS CAUSED AS A RESULT OF RACIAL TENSIONS AT SHREVEPORT BROUGHT ON BY THE FORCEFUL INTEGRATION OF HIS FATHER'S CHURCH.

WILSON STATED THAT APPROXIMATELY FIVE OR SIX MONTHS BEFORE KING'S MURDER, HE STARTED GATHERING INFORMATION ON THE MOVEMENT, HABITS, AND CIRCUMSTANCES OF KING.

WILSON ADVISED THAT HE HAD A RED AND WHITE BOEING AIRPLANE, REGISTRATION NUMBER 34L, AND A CESSNA 310TWIN-ENGINE AIRCRAFT, WHICH

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WAS BLUE AND WHITE, WHICH PLANE HE USED TO FLY TO DIFFERENT PLACES WHERE KING WAS SUPPOSED TO BE. HE STATED THAT HE RECALLED GOING TO MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA; TUPALO, MISSISSIPPI; JACKSON, TENNESSEE; ATLANTA, GEORGIA; AND GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA. HE STATED THAT WHILE AT TUPALO, MISSISSIPPI, HE STAYED IN THE WAGON INN AND BELIEVES THAT IN THE OTHER PLACES HE VISITED HE STAYED IN HOLIDAY INNS.

HE STATED THAT NITCH FURNISHED HIM A JAPANESE RIFLE. HE STATED THAT HE KEPT THE RIFLE AND THAT JUST BEFORE CHRISTMAS OF 1975, HE HAD IT REMODELED AT A GUNSHOP IN COLUMBUS, MISSISSIPPI, ON FOURTH STREET ACROSS FROM A BANK. HE STATED THAT THE LAST KNOWLEDGE HE HAD OF THE RIFLE, HIS OLDER SON, STEVEN WAYNE WILSON, HAD THE RIFLE AND A SHOTGUN BUT HAD TOLD HIM THAT HE HAD SOLD IT.

MR. WILSON ADVISED THAT THERE WAS A CHARGE OF STRIKE IN PROGRESS AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, AND THAT NITCH CALLED HIM AT HIS HOME IN CHANDLER, MISSOURI, AND TOLD HIM THAT NITCH WAS COMING TO MEMPHIS FOR A WEEK AND INSTRUCTED WILSON TO COME TO MEMPHIS WHERE HE WOULD MEET THE NEW AT THE MONDIE BAR LOCATED AT THE CORNER OF SUMNER AVENUE AND WHITE STATION ROAD.

MR. WILSON ADVISED THAT HE FLEW TO MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, IN THE

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SENAZER AIRCRAFT AND LANDED AT AN AIRPORT JUST SOUTH OF DALLIEN, TENNESSEE. HE STATED THAT THE AIRPORT WAS OPERATED BY A LONG-TIME ACQUAINTANCE OF HIS WHO HAD ATTENDED A CHURCH WHICH WAS PASIONED BY WILSON'S FATHER IN THE PAST. WILSON STATED THAT HIS DAUGHTER, DEBORAH, PICKED HIM UP AT THE AIRPORT IN HER 1965 WHITE MUSTANG, WHICH WILSON HAD PREVIOUSLY BOUGHT FOR HER AND WHICH WAS REGISTERED IN HIS NAME IN MISSOURI.

HE ADVISED THAT DEBORAH AND HER MOTHER, BETTY LOU, WERE STAYING AT THE RESIDENCE OF WILSON'S FATHER-IN-LAW, VERNON ROOPER, 6000 HILLHURST ROAD, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE. HE STATED THAT ROOPER HAD A HEART ATTACK AND THAT HIS WIFE AND DAUGHTER WERE TEMPORARILY STAYING AT THE ROOPER RESIDENCE.

WILSON ADVISED THAT HE WENT TO THE ROOPER LAFAYETTE HOME WHILE HAVING A DRINK TWO WHITE MEN APPROACHED HIM, ONE HAVING AN ACCENT SIMILAR TO A POLICE MAN.

THE TWO WHITE MALES FURNISHED HIM WITH FBI CREDENTIALS, WHICH HE STATED HAD A BLACK AND WHITE PHOTOGRAPH OF HIMSELF ON IT, AND THEY TOOK HIM AND SHOWED HIM WHERE HIS WAS TO HOLD THE RALLY. THEY THEN TOOK WILSON TO A HOTEL ON SOUTH MAIN STREET NEAR DEARBORN STREET AND TOOK HIM TO A ROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR. THEY TOLD HIM

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HE WAS TO BE IN THE CROWD AT THE RALLY AND THAT A DECoy SHOT WAS TO BE FIRED AND THAT HE WAS THEN TO SHOOT. THEY SAID THAT KING HAD A HABIT OF RAISING HIS ARMS OVER HIS HEAD WHEN HE WAS MAKING A SPEECH AND THAT THE SHOOT WAS TIME THAT HE DID SO, THE SHOTS WERE TO BE FIRED.

WILSON STATED THAT ON THE DAY OF THE MARCH HE WAS IN THE CROWD STANDING NEAR A WOOD FENCE APPROXIMATELY 50 FEET FROM WHERE KING WAS STANDING AND THAT WHEN KING RAISED HIS ARMS THE SECOND TIME HE SHOT HIM.

MR. WILSON ADVISED THAT HE HAD THE RIFLE WHICH HE USED STRAPPED TO HIS BELT UNDER A SUIT COAT AND ATTACHED TO HIS BELT ON A SWIVEL. HE STATED THAT THE BARREL PROTRUDED FROM BELOW HIS COAT BUT NO ONE QUESTIONED HIM CONCERNING IT. HE SAID THAT HE HAD PRACTICED A GREAT DEAL SWIVELING THE RIFLE AND FIRING IT.

HE ADVISED THAT AFTER THE SHOOTING, HE WAS STOPPED BY THE MEMPHIS POLICE, BUT HE SHOWED THEM THE CREDENTIALS, AND THEY LET HIM GO, AND HE WALKED ON DOWN THE STREET APPROXIMATELY TWO BLOCKS TO WHERE HE HAD LEFT THE MUSTANG PARKED. HE ADVISED THAT HE GOT IN THE MUSTANG AND DROVE BACK TO THE ROOPER RESIDENCE, AND HIS DAUGHTER, DEBORAH, THEN TOOK HIM TO THE AIRPORT, AND HE GOT HIS PLANE AND FLEW BACK TO MOBILE CITY. HE STATED THAT THE AIRPORT

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THAT HE USED WAS ON THE KANSAS SIDE ON THE HIGHWAY TO CLATHE,
KANSAS. HE STATED THE AIRPORT WAS RUN BY (FNU) FISHER. HE ALSO
STATED THAT HE HAD PURCHASED THE BOEING AIRCRAFT FROM FISHER.

WILSON ADVISED THAT APPROXIMATELY ONE WEEK BEFORE THE MURDER,
WITCH GAVE HIM \$25,000 IN CDS BILLS, AND FOLLOWING THE MURDER,
WITCH GAVE HIM ANOTHER \$25,000, AT WHICH TIME HE GAVE THE
CDS BILLS BACK TO WITCH.

WILSON ADVISED THAT HE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF JAMES EARL RAY
HAVING BEEN INVOLVED IN THE CONSPIRACY.

THE ABOVE INFORMATION REFLECTS COMPLETE DETAILS OF INTERVIEW
WITH WILSON.

WILSON HAS SIGNED EXTRADITION PAPERS, AND EXTRADITION IS
PROGRESS BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

APPROPRIATE REQUESTS REQUESTED TO REINTERVIEW RELATIVES OF
WILSON IN AN EFFORT TO RESOLVE INCONSISTENCIES CONCERNING HIS
APPEARANCE IN MEMPHIS ON APRIL 4, 1968.

CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO ALLOWING TWO AGENTS FROM
MEMPHIS DIVISION WHO ARE THOROUGHLY FAMILIAR WITH THE MURKIN
MATTER TO REINTERVIEW WILSON CONCERNING HIS ALLEGED INVOLVEMENT IN
THE ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING AND ALSO INTERVIEW

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BY POLYGRAPH OPERATOR FROM MEMPHIS DIVISION.

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FOR ANY CORRECTIONS PLEASE CONTACT JACKSON!

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RE: MEMPHIS TEL TO THE BUREAU, 8/19/70.

ON 8/19/70, DELIA ANN SCOTT, LOT 178, 1610 WILSON ROAD, BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS, ADVISED SHE IS THE DAUGHTER OF BENJAMIN AUSTIN WILSON AND LIVED IN KANSAS CITY, MO., FROM 1904 TO SEPTEMBER, 1960. SHE WAS A SENIOR IN HIGH SCHOOL IN 1960 AND RECEIVED A 1960 WHITE MUSTANG FROM HER FATHER FOR A CHRISTMAS PRESENT. SHE STATED SHE WAS IN MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE WITH HER MOTHER VISITING HER UNTERFARM GRANDFATHER WHO WAS IN LATEST HOSPITAL AFTER SUFFERING A HEART ATTACK AT THE TIME OF THE KING MURDER. SHE AND HER MOTHER FLEW FROM KANSAS CITY TO MEMPHIS ON UNRECORDED AIRLINES STAYED THREE OR FOUR DAYS. SHE RECORDED CONFER RESTRICTIONS WHILE IN MEMPHIS. BEN WILSON,

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NICHOLAS SMITH

WHO WAS A FLIGHT ENGINEER ON A C-124 AND STATIONED AT RICHMOND GABORN AIR FORCE BASE REMAINED IN KANSAS CITY WITH HER TWO BROTHERS, STEPHEN AND MARK WILSON, AGES FOURTEEN AND TEN.

SHE STATED SHE DEFINITELY DID NOT TRAVEL TO MEMPHIS IN THE MUSTANG AND NEVER MADE ANY TRIPS IN IT WITH HER FATHER. SHE STATED THE CAR WAS IN VERY POOR CONDITION AND COULD NOT MAKE IT TO MEMPHIS.

SHE RECALLED THAT WHILE IN MEMPHIS HER MOTHER CALLED KANSAS CITY AT LEAST TWO TIMES AND TALKED TO HER FATHER.

SHE STATED SHE HAD NOT SEEN HER FATHER IN FIVE YEARS, BUT HE CALLS HER FREQUENTLY. SHE RECEIVED A CALL LAST SATURDAY MORNING AT WHICH TIME HE SOUNDED COERCE. ON THIS OCCASION THEY HAD A GENERAL CONVERSATION. HE CALLED HER AGAIN ON THURSDAY NIGHT AND WAS OBVIOUSLY INCOHERENT. ON THIS OCCASION HER FATHER TOLD HER THE FBI WAS GOING TO PUT HIM IN CHAIL FOR THE MURDER OF KING AND ALSO TOLD HER THE FBI HAD GIVEN HIM A POLYGRAPH TEST. HE ALSO TOLD HER SHE WOULD BE CONTACTED BY THE FBI AND TOLD HER TO SAY NOTHING.

SHE ADVISED HER FATHER IS INCOHERENT MOST OF THE TIMES HE CALLS HER AND SHE FEELS HE DEFINITELY HAS SOME PROBLEMS. SHE KNOWS OF NO PSYCHIATRIC TREATMENT, BUT FEELS HE NEEDS IT BADLY.

HER MOTHER, LUTY L. (MRS. HEITH W.D.) WARE RESIDES AT 1200

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SMITH ST., DALLAS, TEXAS AND HAS TELEPHONE 817-299-1210.

HEN TWO BROTHERS LIVE IN THE SAME AREA. HER FATHER HAS A SISTER,
LEIDA MC GARLY, 2202 E. 5TH ST., COLOMBUS, MISSISSIPPI, TELEPHONE
601-827-1141, WHO USUALLY KNOWS HIS WHEREABOUTS.

SHE STATED HER FATHER NEVER INDICATES WHERE HE IS CALLING
FROM AND HAS MOVED AROUND A GREAT DEAL SINCE HIS DIVORCE FOUR
AND ONE HALF YEARS AGO AT FORT WORTH, TEXAS. HE WAS ARRESTED
AROUND THAT TIME AT BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS WHILE INTOXICATED
IN A CAR AND AFTER HAVING MADE THREATS TO KILL HIS WIFE. POLICE
FOUND A RIFLE IN HIS CAR.

SHE STATED HER FATHER WAS CONSIDERABLE WHEN SOBER, BUT WHEN DRINKING
HE WAS WILD AND OFTEN HIT HIS WIFE. ALTHOUGH HE WAS DRUNK, SHE
IS SURE HE DID NOT KILL KING AND WAS NOT IN MEMPHIS AT THE TIME
OF THE KING MURDER.

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ATTN CONGRESSIONAL INQUIREIES UNIT, ROOM 8988 JEH.

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RE DALLAS TEL TO BU 8-19-78.

CHICAGO TEL TO BU 8-20-78, NO COPY TO DALLAS.

FOR INFORMATION DALLAS, ON 8-19-78 DEBRA ANN JONES, BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS, DAUGHTER OF BURGESS AUDIE WILSON, ADVISED WILSON FAMILY RESIDED KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI FROM 1964 TO SEPTEMBER, 1968. IN 1968 HER FATHER GAVE HER 1965 WHITE MUSTANG AS GRADUATION PRESENT.

SHE NEVER DRIVOVE THIS VEHICLE TO MEMPHIS, TENN. SHE AND HER MOTHER, BETTY LOU WADE VISITED HER MATERNAL GRANDFATHER, VERNON HOOTEN, WHO WAS IN HOSPITAL AT MEMPHIS, AT TIME OF THE KING MURDER.

THEY USED COMMERCIAL AIRLINE FOR ROUNDTRIP TRANSPORTATION, . DURING TIME THEY WERE IN MEMPHIS AREA BETTY WADE TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED HER HUSBAND, BURGESS WILSON TWO TIMES IN KANSAS CITY WHERE HE REMAINED

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WITH HER TWO BROTHERS, STEVEN AND MARK WILSON.

BURGESS WILSON WHO WAS INTOXICATED, TELEPHONED DEBRA JONES ON EVENING OF 8-17-78 AND TOLD HER FBI WAS GOING TO PUT HIM IN JAIL FOR THE MURDER OF KING AND THAT FBI HAD GIVEN HIM A POLYGRAPH TEST. HE TOLD HER SHE WOULD BE CONTACTED BY THE FBI AND TOLD HER TO SAY NOTHING.

MRS. OPAL HOOTEN, MOTHER OF BETTY LOU WADE, CONTACTED 8-20-78 AND UNABLE TO RECALL VISIT OF BOTH BETTY LOU WADE AND DEBRA JONES ON OCCASIONS HER HUSBAND VERNON HOOTEN SUFFERED HEART ATTACKS, BUT RECALLS BETTY LOU WADE VISITING ON OCCASIONS WHEN BOTH SHE AND MR. HOOTEN WERE ILL. SHE WAS UNABLE TO FURNISH SPECIFIC DATES BUT WILL CHECK FAMILY MEDICAL RECORDS AND ATTEMPT TO ESTABLISH SPECIFIC DATES OF MR. HOOTEN'S ILLNESSES.

DALLAS WILL RECONTACT BETTY LOU WADE REGARDING VISIT TO MEMPHIS NOTED ABOVE AND ATTEMPT TO CLARIFY INFORMATION SHE PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED REGARDING LACK OF OWNERSHIP OR ACCESS TO WHITE MUSTANG VEHICLE BY WILSON. INTERVIEW STEVEN AND MARK ANTHONY WILSON FOR FULL BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND VERACITY OF BURGESS WILSON'S ALLEGATIONS THAT HE KILLED DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING. DETERMINE HIS WHEREABOUTS DURING CRITICAL PERIOD OF 4-4-68 AND WHETHER WILSON HAS HISTORY OF PSYCHIATRIC PROBLEMS. ATTEMPT TO VERIFY INFORMATION FURNISHED BY DEBRA JONES.

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ATTN CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRIES UNIT, ROOM 8988 JEH.

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RE JACKSON TEL TO BUREAU 8-19-78.

ON 8-19-78, MRS. AVIS LHEA HUNTER, NEE PRUETT, C 103,
RAVENWOOD APARTMENTS, 1005 HICKORY HILL LANE, NASHVILLE, TENN.,
ADVISED AS FOLLOWS:

SHE MARRIED BURGESS AUDIE WILSON, AKA, BILL ON 12-31-74
AT MOUNTAIN HOME, ARKANSAS, AFTER KNOWING HIM FOR ONLY 5 WEEKS.
SHE DIVORCED HIM IN JUNE, 1975 AT HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA. WILSON TOLD
HER HE WAS 42 YEARS OLD AND HE WORKED AS A JEWELER. DURING THEIR
MARRIAGE WILSON DRANK FREQUENTLY AND WOULD BECOME CRAZY, RAMBLING,
AND SILLY, ALTHOUGH NEVER VIOLENT. HE WOULD FREQUENTLY TELL HER
"WILD" UNTRUE STORIES INCLUDING THAT HE WAS IN THE MAFIA. SHE LEFT
HIM BECAUSE OF HIS INSTABILITY AND THE FACT HE WAS RECEIVING DIAMONDS
THAT HE APPARENTLY WAS NOT PAYING FOR. SHE IS NOT AWARE OF WILSON

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EVER BEING INSTITUTIONALIZED FOR MENTAL PROBLEMS, ALTHOUGH HE WAS SUPPOSEDLY JAILED AT NEW BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS IN 1975 AFTER THEIR DIVORCE.

SINCE DIVORCE, WILSON CALLS HER FREQUENTLY AND ON THIS PAST THURSDAY, 8-17-78, HE PHONED AT ABOUT 10 TO 10:30 P.M. CENTRAL DAYLIGHT TIME. HER SON, [REDACTED] AGE 14, ANSWERED THE PHONE BUT SHE LISTENED ON THE EXTENSION. WILSON WAS VERY DRUNK AND TOLD [REDACTED] HE WOULD BE ON TV SOON AS HE HAD KILLED MARTIN LUTHER KING. WILSON SAID THE FBI WOULD ARREST HIM SOON THEN HUNG UP.

THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME WILSON EVER MENTIONED KING AS THE TOPIC OF KING'S ASSASSINATION NEVER CAME UP DURING THEIR MARRIAGE. WILSON HAS NEVER MENTIONED JAMES EARL RAY TO HER. SHE KNOWS NONE OF WILSON'S ASSOCIATES AND DOES NOT KNOW WHERE HE WAS IN APRIL, 1968. MRS. HUNTER ADVISED WILSON'S STORY ABOUT KILLING KING WAS ATTEMPT ON HIS PART TO GAIN ATTENTION.

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RE MEMPHIS TELEPHONE CALL CHICAGO 8/19/78.

FOR INFORMATION OF CHICAGO, ON AUGUST 18, 1978 GENE BARKSDALE, SHERIFF, SHELBY COUNTY, TENN., ADVISED THAT ON THE NIGHT OF AUGUST 17, 1978, HE RECEIVED TWO TELEPHONE CALLS FROM BURGESS AUDIE WILSON. WILSON, WHO WAS FORMERLY IN THE TENNESSEE AIR NATIONAL GUARD UNIT AT MEMPHIS, TENN., WITH BARKSDALE, INFORMED THE SHERIFF THAT HE KILLED DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING IN 1968 AT MEMPHIS AND HIS DAUGHTER DROVE A WHITE MUSTANG FROM KANSAS CITY MISSOURI, TO MEMPHIS 3 DAYS PRIOR TO KING'S DEATH. HE WANTED TO MEET BARKSDALE AT THE HOLIDAY INN, GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI ON 8/18/78 AND SURRENDER. ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE FOR

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WILSON TO MAKE AN APPEARANCE AT THE HOLIDAY INN, GULFPORT WHERE HE WAS CONTACTED BY SPECIAL AGENTS OF THE JACKSON OFFICE; HOWEVER HE DECLINED TO DISCUSS INFORMATION REGARDING THE ASSASSINATION OF DR. KING WITH THE AGENTS. ON 8/19/78 HE AGREED TO SEE AGENTS OF THE FBI. DETAILS REGARDING THIS CONTACT NOT AVAILABLE TO MEMPHIS AT THIS TIME.

ON 8/19/78 BETTY LOU WADE, BURLESON, TEXAS, WILSON'S FORMER WIFE, ADVISED SHE AND BURGESS WILSON ALONG WITH THEIR CHILDREN WHICH INCLUDED ONE DAUGHTER, ^{DEBRA}~~DEBORAH~~, RESIDED IN GRANDVIEW, MISSOURI IN APRIL 1968, AND BURGESS WAS NOT IN MEMPHIS AT TIME DR. KING WAS KILLED. SHE ALSO REPORTED THAT WILSON DID NOT OWN OR HAVE ACCESS TO A WHITE MUSTANG VEHICLE AND ~~HIS~~ DEBRA ANN JONES, NEE WILSON NEVER DROVE ANY VEHICLE FROM KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI TO MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE ON OR ABOUT 4/4/68. SHE REPORTED THAT WILSON HAS EXPERIENCED MENTAL PROBLEMS FOR YEARS AND DESCRIBED HIM AS A "LIAR AND CON ARTIST WHO CAN'T DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN TRUTH AND FANTASY." SHE REPORTED THAT DEBRA JONES RESIDES AT 2628 NEWBURG ROAD, LOT 106, BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS,

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RE ME TEL TO BUREAU, ET AL, AUGUST 18, 1978, AND SA TEL TO
BUREAU, AUGUST 18, 1978, REGARDING INCARCERATION OF BURGESS
AUDIE WILSON, JR., IN BEXAR COUNTY JAIL, JUNE 19, 1972, TO
JUNE 30, 1972, ON CONTEMPT OF COURT, STATE DISTRICT COURT 59,
(CASE NUMBER F248084).

ON AUGUST 21, 1978, REVIEW OF COURT RECORDS, BEXAR COUNTY
57TH DISTRICT COURT, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, REVEALED WILSON
INCARCERATED FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT GROWING OUT OF CIVIL SUIT
ENTITLED ALLISON - KAUFMANN COMPANY, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION
VS. NORTH STAR DIAMOND CORPORATION (CASE NUMBER F248-084) OF

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WHICH WILSON WAS LISTED AS OWNER. THIS CIVIL SUIT INVOLVED FRAUD CASE AND WILSON INCARCERATED FOLLOWING HIS REFUSAL TO FURNISH THE COURT AN INVENTORY OF MERCHANDISE IN HIS POSSESSION BELONGING TO ALLISON - KAUFMANN COMPANY. THIS INCARCERATION DID NOT INVOLVE ANY ACTION GROWING OUT OF CHILD SUPPORT AND IDENTITY OF CHILDREN NOT SET FORTH IN COURT RECORDS.

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RE MEMPHIS TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR 8-20-78.

BETTY LOU WADE RECONCATED 8-20-78, AND STATES VISIT TO MEMPHIS TO SEE VERNON HOOTEN, BAPTIST HOSPITAL, WAS SEVERAL WEEKS AFTER KING MURDER.

WADE CONFIRMS WILSON BOUGHT DAUGHTER A CREAM COLORED MUSTANG IN FEBURARY 1968, BUT SAYS HE NEVER DROVE VEHICLE ON ANY TRIPS TO HER KNOWLEDGE. SHE ALSO RECONFIRMS THAT WILSON WAS AT HOME IN GRANDVIEW, MO. AT TIME KING MURDERED. SHE STATED THAT SHE HAS NEVER HEARD WILSON MAKE ANY STATEMENT THAT HE KILLED MARTIN LUTHER KING.

STEPHEN WAYNE WILSON SAYS HE WAS 15 ON 4-4-68, AND RECALLS SEEING OF KINGS DEATH ON TV AT HOME IN GRANDVIEW, MO. HE CONFIRMS FATHER BURGESS AUDIE WILSON WAS ALSO HOME AT THAT TIME. STATES THAT THERE WAS NO WAY HIS FATHER COULD HAVE KILLED

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