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# Hunt On for King's

By BILL JOHNSON

MEMPHIS (AP)—Authorities pressed a manhunt today for the killer of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., whose assassination yesterday touched off Negro violence in a number of American cities and brought a national outpouring of grief and sorrow.

Two men were picked up by police in the area of the shooting but were released after questioning.

King, 39, leading advocate of nonviolence and a Nobel Prize winner, died in a hospital here last night less than an hour after he had been shot in the neck by a white gunman while standing on the balcony of his motel.

President Johnson led the nation in mourning and tribute. Over TV and radio, he called upon "every citizen to reject the blind violence that has struck down Dr. Martin Luther King."

But violence flared in Memphis and the convulsive reaction reared also in New York's Harlem and Bedford-Stuyvesant, Nashville, Newark, Washington, Boston and more than a half dozen smaller towns and cities.

Gov. Buford Ellington alerted the Army and Air National Guard of Tennessee and ordered 4,000 troops into Memphis and the same number into Nashville. A curfew first clamped on Memphis after a King-led march turned into a riot last week, was reimposed.

[At Indianapolis, a spokesman for Sen. Robert F. Kennedy said Kennedy had chartered a plane to take the King family to Memphis today and return the body to Atlanta.

[Mrs. King requested that the plane be chartered after Kennedy telephoned to ask if he could assist her, the spokesman said.]

Atty. Gen. Clark sped here by Air Force jet with Cartha D. DeLoach, top assistant to FBI Director Hoover; Roger Wilkins, director of the Community Relations Service and

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Clifford L. Alexander Jr., director of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

"The Attorney General plans to meet with members of Dr. King's family, Dr. Ralph Abernathy, Dr. Andrew Young and with colleagues of the late Dr. King," a Justice Dept. spokesman said.

"He will also confer with federal, state and local law enforcement officers concerning last night's assassination of Dr. King, and with others."

King was in the city preparing to lead another march in support of the city's 1,300 striking garbage collectors, most of whom are Negroes. His party was about to go out for dinner when King walked onto the motel balcony.

"And then we heard what sounded like a shot," said the Rev. Andrew Young. "I thought it was a firecracker."

The Rev. Jesse Jackson, who was standing beside King, said the civil rights leader's only utterance after the shot was, "Oh!"

"The bullet exploded in his face," said Ben Branch. "It knocked him off his feet."

Solomon Jones, King's chauffeur, said a "man in white clothes" ran from the scene. Police in Tennessee and Arkansas were looking for a young white man who witnesses said was dressed in white and was driving a late model white car.

Sheriff William Morris said the fatal shot was apparently fired from a "flophouse" facing the front of the motel. Police said a .30-06 Remington rifle and a suitcase were found in the doorway of a building adjacent to the rooming house.

"The back window of this flophouse faced the front of the motel in which Dr. King was staying," Sheriff Morris said. "We feel the assassin crouched in a second-floor window, sighted through some trees and fired the shot that killed Dr. King."

"He got a straight shot," Morris said. "King was standing on the second floor, leaning over a railing in front of his room. He was talking to two men on the ground. When the

shot hit him, it knocked him backward. Officers heard the shot."

#### Suspect Took a Room

Memphis Police Director Frank Holloman said the suspect checked into a second-floor room between 3 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. yesterday. "The shot was fired from a common bathroom which was at the end of a hall on the east side of the building," he said.

Police did not disclose the name the man signed when he checked in. They said they found a palm print on the rifle and it had been flown to the FBI in Washington.

Memphis police said they gave chase to a white automobile immediately after the shooting. State police in Arkansas were later asked to look for the same car.

In Washington, the FBI said it had begun an investigation of the shooting at the specific

request of Attorney General Clark.

"We exerted every human effort to prevent it from happening," Holloman said. A Memphis newspaper, the Commercial-Appeal, offered a \$25,000 reward for the killer.

Floyd McKissick, national director of CORE, told a Cleveland news conference that with the death of King, nonviolence "is now dead as a philosophy."

"We make no predictions," McKissick said. "But mark my word, black Americans of all sorts and beliefs loved Martin Luther King."

"I don't know what it means," Rev. Young said. "It's a blow to the whole country."

King himself had talked on the eve of his death about the possibility of harm to himself, but said he did not fear the possibility.

"It really doesn't matter what happens now," King had told a rally here Wednesday night. "I've been to the mountaintop."

King said he was aware of the threats made on his life but did not worry about the future.

"We've got some difficult days ahead, but it really doesn't matter now," King said, "because I've been to the mountaintop."

"I may not see the promised land myself," he said. "But it will come."

Dr. Reginald Hawkins, Negro

candidate for Governor of North Carolina, said King had told him that "nonviolence is on trial in Memphis."

#### The Memphis Riot

It was in Memphis March 28 that King's stance of nonviolence suffered perhaps its most severe setback. A march led by King in support of the garbage strikers turned into a small riot.

It was the only time that King had lost control of one of his nonviolent demonstrations.

Both police and Negro leaders say the violence was sparked by a group of about 200 Negro youths on the fringe of the march and that the main body of 6,000 marchers proceeded peacefully.

One Negro youth was killed in the outburst of vandalism and looting. King said later he would not have come here to lead the march if he had known the violence was possible.

Another march had been planned for next Monday with as many as 10,000 participants, their ranks swelled by sympathizers from labor and civil rights organizations in New York City and other places across the country.

#### Feared More Violence

City officials had gained an injunction against the march, saying they feared it would bring more violence. U. S. District Court Judge Bailey Brown took under advisement yesterday King's request that the injunction be dissolved.

But King had told the Wednesday-night rally that the march would be held, regardless of the court's decision, declaring, "We're not going to let any injunction turn us around."

A union official said today that Monday's mass march will go on.

"It will be bigger and better than ever," said P. J. Ciampa, field director of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees. "It's a shame it will have to be a memorial march."

#### Testified in Court

Young, in testifying at a court hearing on the injunction six hours before King was shot, was asked what effect violence in the planned march would have on King.

"I would say that Dr. King would consider it a repudiation of his philosophy and his whole way of life," Young replied.

King came to Memphis first on March 18 to speak in support of the strikers. He drew a crowd of 10,000 to a rally, in which he termed the strike a new phase of the Negro's struggle.

The strike, which began Feb. 12, took on early racial overtones because 98 per cent of the striking force are Negroes, and King called the strike a fight for "economic equality."

The strikers have asked for a written union contract, payroll deduction of union dues and higher wages.

#### It Was Unexpected

Mayor Henry Loeb has said he will never grant the written contract or dues checkoff.

The Memphis involvement had been unexpected for King, who was actively engaged in planning a big demonstration in Washington scheduled in a few weeks.

He and his Southern Christian Leadership Conference planned a massive "campaign" of post



Post Photo by Engel

Fireman bows head with fatigue while fighting Harlem fire.

people at the capital to demand jobs and higher income for Negroes.

But after the march in Memphis had turned into violence, King and several members of his staff had returned here to organize a campaign for the strikers and for other civil rights aims here.

"He felt we should attempt after what happened last week—to organize the SCLC in Memphis," a SCLC spokesman said in Atlanta.

The road to Memphis began for King in 1953 when he led Negroes in Montgomery, Ala., in a successful boycott of segregated city buses. It was the beginning of the modern civil rights movement.

The Montgomery boycott propelled him into the national spotlight and made a leader of the civil rights struggle in America.





Mrs. Martin Luther King (c) goes to her Atlanta home after learning the news. Mayor Ivan Allen holds umbrella in background.

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# Ira Flophouse, Something Unspeakable Lurked

By ANTHONY BURTON  
Staff Correspondent of THE NEWS

Memphis, Tenn., April 5—The stranger climbed the dingy stairs of Charlie Steven's rooming house on South Main St. in the early afternoon and took an \$8.50-a-week room. He registered as John Willard.

On the surface, there was nothing unusual about him except that he was a little better dressed than the average flophouse drifter.

The hatred that contorted his mind did not show. The binoculars and the box containing his rifle were concealed in his belongings.

The neighborhood was thick with police and there had been little time to test his plan, but his fanaticism told him he could do it.

He looked out of his window across the bleak yard and the thin barrier of leafless trees which lay between him and the Lorraine Motel. The green door of room 306 was on the second floor, opening onto a balcony.

The distance was about 200 feet, not too difficult for a marksman with a telescopic sight.

But he was not satisfied. He decided that the bathroom, used communally by residents of the eight rooms on the second floor of the flophouse, would make a better sniper's nest.

The killer looked at his tools. The binoculars, which he had bought earlier in a downtown store, would ensure that he made no mistake in identifying his victim. The telescopic sight of his repeating rifle would magnify the target so that one shot would be enough.

## The Killer Took a Coffee Break

A little after 4 p.m. he left his room and went down to Jim's grill on the ground floor for a cup of coffee. Grill owner Lloyd Jowers, who had not seen him before, noticed that he had a mole on his lip. The stranger was aged between 25 and 30, sandy-haired with a thin face. Jowers also noticed that he seemed to be on familiar terms with two other men in the grill.

The killer finished his coffee and returned to his room. He took the rifle and binoculars into the bathroom and locked the door. Now it was a matter of waiting.

Shortly after 6 p.m. the door of Room 306 in the Lorraine Motel opened and the familiar stocky figure of the man who filled the killer's thoughts appeared. On the street below the balcony stood two men, obviously friends of the man on the balcony. They called up to the man and he replied.

## And the Beast Found His Prey

The killer peered through the telescopic sight and aimed until the cross hairs intersected on the man on the balcony.

He squeezed the trigger.

Martin Luther King was smiling when the bullet hit him. It ~~smashed~~ <sup>crashed</sup> into his jaw. His hands went up and a look of surprise passed over his features. Then he fell to the balcony floor.

Now some of the hatred suffusing the assassin perhaps was

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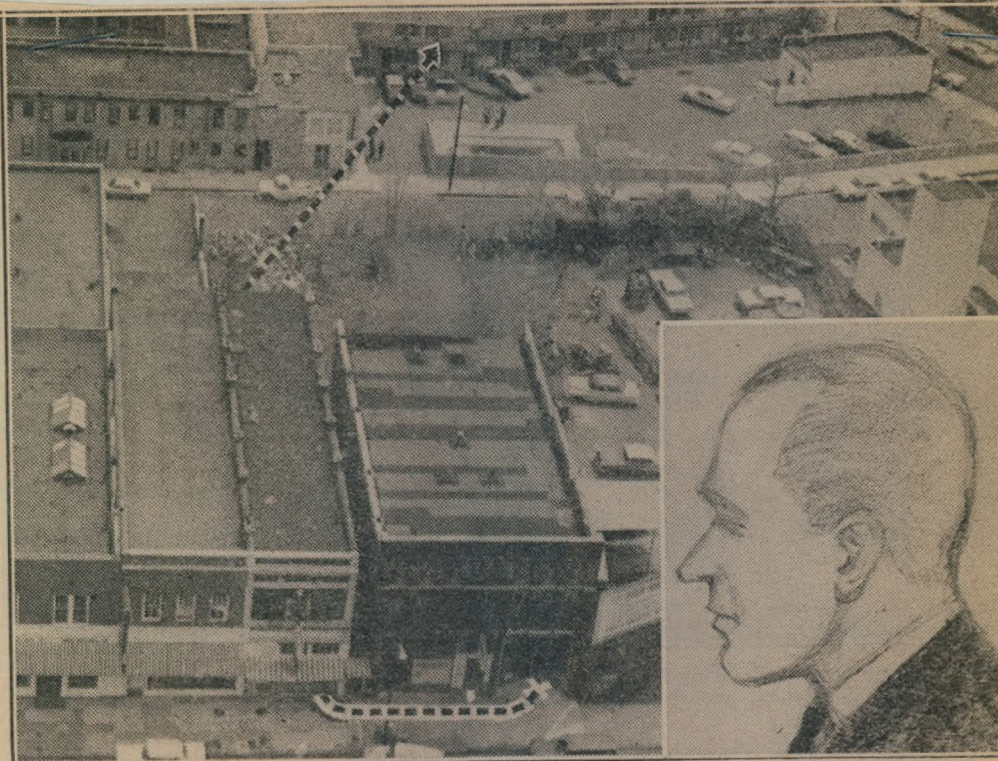
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Broken line (top center) shows path of bullet from assassin's gun that killed the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King on motel balcony. Memphis cops say killer then left building (dotted line foreground) and dropped his gun in a doorway (X), then fled scene. Artist's conception of killer (insert lower right) was made from description of tenant who saw assassin.

appeared. He moved swiftly, packing the rifle in its cardboard container, stuffing other belongings into a suitcase.

He ran down the stairs to the street on the far side of the rooming house from the Lorraine Motel. He could hear shouting and the barking of orders directed at policemen who had been assigned to protect Martin Luther King. For the moment, confusion had taken over on South Main Street and at the hotel.

The killer ran a few steps, skidded to a halt and dropped the rifle and suitcase in the doorway of the Canipe Amusement Company. The next moment, less than four hours since he had first climbed those stairs to Charlie Stevens' rooming house, he disappeared. ~~Today~~, 24 hours later, the killer was still at large.

Also missing was a sporty white auto which had been parked outside Jim's Grill during the brief period of the stranger's visit.

## Black Power Gains: Adam

Miami, April 5 (AP)—Deposed Congressman Adam Clayton Powell, who last Sunday called the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King "Martin Loner King," predicted today that King's assassination would push many into "the black power camp."



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# Suspect in King's Killing Is on the Run, Clark Says

By WILLIAM FEDERICI  
Staff Correspondent of THE NEWS

Memphis, April 7—Law enforcement agents have the suspected killer of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on the run, it was revealed here today. Authorities refused to identify the man, but it was hinted that the net was closing in on him.

Confirmation concerning the suspect came today in Washington with an announcement by Attorney General Ramsey Clark, who said: "There is one man on the run who is a suspect in this killing."

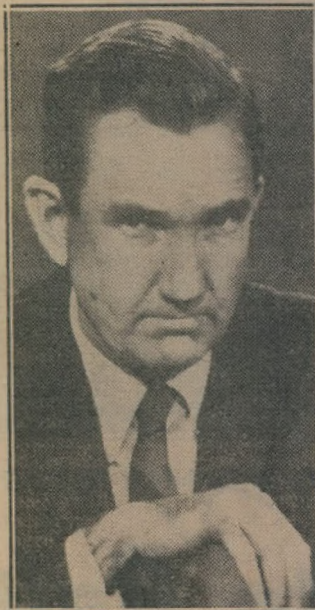
Authorities here refused comment on the manhunt other than to say: "The search has been intensified in the last few hours and looks promising."

## Work Around Clock

Ninety Memphis-based FBI men, bolstered by additional agents from nearby areas, have been working around the clock with Memphis police since a sniper's bullet killed Dr. King Thursday evening. King was hit as he stood on the balcony of a small motel in the Negro section of Memphis.

While FBI and police have been tracking down hundreds of leads on the asserted whereabouts of the "hawk-nosed" man, a vital piece of information was received Friday from the Mexican Consulate here.

The consulate called the FBI and told agents that 24 hours be-



Associated Press Wirephoto  
Attorney General Clark discussing search for killer.

fore the slaying, a man who closely fit the description of the killer applied at the consulate for

## Widow Will Lead March

Memphis, Tenn., April 7 (Special)—Mrs. Coretta King, widow of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., will lead the march here tomorrow that her husband had come here to head, Gerald Fanion, a leader of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, announced tonight. The right-hand place at the head of the march which King would have occupied will be left vacant as a symbol, he said.

a visa. Agents have been supplied with his name and other pertinent data and are presently trying to locate him. Today they refused to say if this man was the suspect they seek.

According to sources, the hunted man "does not have a criminal record" and they are not certain the name supplied is his proper one.

The suspect registered as "John Willard" at the cheap lodging house 205 feet away from King's motel. Authorities say

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they have been checking this name and an additional name in their files both here and in Washington.

Appearing on the television show Meet The Press today, Clark said: "One man is on the run as a suspect in the killing. We have a name we are working on. Whether this is the right name we will have to see."

Clark also said that the trail has lengthened since Friday, when he announced that the hunt had gone several hundred miles from Memphis and the murder scene. Clark would not say what the particular search areas were.

On a question of who would prosecute the killer when he was captured, Clark said: "The state of Tennessee will handle this prosecution."

Clark said that it still seemed obvious that there was only one man involved in the killing and that it was not a conspiracy. He spoke of the substantial evidence being worked on in the FBI laboratory in Washington.

On the question of the security surrounding King and the killer's escape, Clark said: "It is quite understandable that the killer escaped under the circumstances." He described the killing as "a carefully planned assault," citing the strategically selected location chosen by the killer.

Meanwhile, six thousand national guardsmen, city, state and local police braced themselves today for tomorrow's massive memorial march for King.

About 40,000 mourners from all parts of the nation, including many top political figures and union leaders are expected to participate. It will start at 11 a.m. from the African Methodist Episcopal Clayborn Temple — a Negro church—winding through the streets of Memphis. The march is expected to last six hours.

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TO DIRECTOR, NEW YORK, AND MEMPHIS  
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RE ALBANY TEL APRIL EIGHT, LAST, NO COPY TO NEW YORK.

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"TEXTILE COMPANY EXPERTS ADVISE TYPE ON THIS MACHINE IS UNUSUAL IN THAT THE FIRST TWO CHARACTERS ARE FIFTEEN POINT TYPE AND THE LAST THREE CHARACTERS ARE EIGHTEEN POINT TYPE, WITH THE MIDDLE CHARACTER.  
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"TEXTILE COMPANY EXPERTS SAY THIS MACHINE IS DEFECTIVE IN THAT IT IS PRODUCING A TAPE ONE AND ONE SIXTEENTH INCHES LONG INSTEAD OF ONE AND ONE EIGHTH INCHES LONG AND IS NOT PROJECTING THE TAPE FAR ENOUGH RESULTING IN CUTTING OFF A PORTION OF THE FIRST LETTER.

"THE CODE USED IN THE NORTHEASTERN PART OF THE UNITED STATES IS AS FOLLOWS:

THE FIRST LETTER O STANDS FOR LOT NUMBER; THE FIRST NUMBER TWO INDICATES THE DAY OF THE WEEK, TWO BEING TUESDAY; THE SECOND LETTER INDICATES THE FIRST LETTER OF THE STORE NAME, THAT IS THE LETTER B; THE LAST NUMBER IS THE BUNDLE NUMBER, THAT IS SIX. COLOR CODING OF THE TAG MAY DESIGNATE VARIOUS THINGS, SUCH AS A DIFFERENT MONTH OR THE IDENTITY OF A STORE IN A CHAIN. USE OF THIS SYSTEM ON LAUNDRY ITEMS IS UNUSUAL IN THAT THE SYSTEM IS NORMALLY USED ON GARMENTS BEING DRYCLEANED.

"BUREAU HAS INSTRUCTED THAT ALL TEXTILE MACHINES USING THIS TYPE TAPE BE LOCATED AND MACHINE USING THIS CODE BE IDENTIFIED.

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UNITED STATES, HOWEVER, A SIMILAR CODE IS USED IN THE WESTERN PART OF THE UNITED STATES AND A SIMILAR CODE IS ALSO USED BY COMPANIES WITHOUT THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE COMPANIES' REPRESENTATIVES, THEREFORE, ALL OF THE MACHINES MUST BE CHECKED."

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RONALD ISLER, MANAGER, AND A. B. JOHNSON, FORMER MANAGER, SWAN CLEANERS, EIGHT ZERO FOUR MT. VERNON AVENUE, ADVISED INSTANT THAT TEXTILE MARKING MACHINE COMPANY MACHINE UTILIZING THERMOSEAL TYPE TAPE WAS TRADED FOR NEW MACHINES ABOUT NINE YEARS AGO. MACHINES WERE TRADED TO PINNACLE PRODUCTS CORPORATION, FIVE EIGHT SEVEN ROUTE THREE ZERO THREE, BLAUVELT, NEW YORK ONE ZERO NINE ONE THREE, TELEPHONE NINE ONE FOUR E L EIGHT - EIGHT ZERO TWO ZERO. IN JUNE OR JULY, NINETEEN SIXTY SIX, THESE MACHINES WERE TRADED TO THE SAME COMPANY FOR THE MARKING MACHINES NOW IN POSSESSION OF SWAN CLEANERS. CURRENT MACHINES BEAR NAME POLYMARK AND SERIAL NUMBERS TWO ZERO TWO FOUR SEVEN, TWO ZERO TWO FOUR EIGHT, TWO ZERO TWO FOUR NINE, TWO ZERO TWO SIX ZERO AND TWO ZERO TWO SIX ONE.

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AT BLAUVELT, NEW YORK, WILL CONTACT PINNACLE PRODUCTS CORPORATION, FIVE EIGHT SEVEN ROUTE THREE ZERO THREE, AND ASCERTAIN DISPOSITION MADE BY THAT CORPORATION OF TEXTILE MARKING MACHINE NUMBER H FIVE K ONE, SERIAL NUMBER R THREE ONE FIVE FOUR SEVEN, TRADED TO THAT COMPANY BY SWAN CLEANERS ABOUT NINE YEARS AGO FOR POLYMARK MACHINES SOLD BY PINNACLE.

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TO MEMPHIS, ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM AND NEW YORK.

FROM MOBILE 157-2627

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RE PHONE CALLS TO MOBILE FROM BH APRIL FIVE INSTANT AND FROM SYRACUSE RA APRIL NINE INSTANT.

THE FOLLOWING LAUNDRIES IN MOBILE DIVISION HAVE BEEN CONTACTED APRIL FIVE DASH NINE INSTANT BUT NO INFO DEVELOPED THAT LAUNDRY IN QUESTION HANDLED BY THEM;

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QUALITY LAUNDRY AND DRY CLEANERS, AUBURN.

YOUNGS LAUNDRY INC. AUBURN.

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THRIFTY LAUNDRY AND CLEANERS, ENTERPRISE.

LILY WHITE CLEANERS, DEMOPOLIS.

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CHINS LAUNDRY, MOBILE.

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BLAUVELT, NY, TWO YEARS AGO FOR FIVE POLYMARK MARKING MACHINES.

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TO IDENTIFY LAUNDRY CODE AS SET OUT BUTEL ALL DIVISIONS  
APRIL NINE INSTANT.

NYC CONTACT POLYMARK DIVISION, PINNACLE PRODUCTS CORP,  
BLAUVELT, NY TO IDENTIFY LAUNDRY USING CODE AS SET OUT IN  
BUTEL ALL DIVISIONS APRIL NINE INSTANT.

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AMONG ARTICLES RECOVERED AT SCENE OF SHOOTING, APPARENTLY ABANDONED BY UNSUB, WERE A PAIR OF BROWNISH CHECKERED PRINT UNDERSHORTS AND WHITE JOCKEY TEE SHIRT BEARING CLOTH LAUNDRY TAGS. THESE TAGS WERE MADE BY A THERMO SEAL MARKING MACHINE MANUFACTURED BY THE TEXTILE MARKING MACHINE COMPANY, SYRACUSE, NEW YORK. THESE TAGS ARE ONE QUARTER INCH WIDE AND ONE AND ONE SIXTEENTH INCH LONG, RED IN COLOR AND BEAR MARKING WHICH APPEARS TO BE "O TWO B DASH SIX" OR "D TWO B DASH SIX." ONLY A PORTION OF THE FIRST CHARACTER IS PRESENT ON EACH TAG, AND THIS CHARACTER IS CUT ON A SLIGHT BIAS. NO OTHER VISIBLE LAUNDRY MARKS WERE FOUND ON EITHER GARMENT.

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UPON RECEIPT, ALL OFFICES SHOULD IMMEDIATELY TELEPHONICALLY CONTACT ALL LAUNDRIES IN YOUR DIVISIONS TO IDENTIFY LAUNDRY USING THIS CODE AND THESE TAGS AND PURSUE LOGICAL LEADS DEVELOPED.

IF PERTINENT LAUNDRY IDENTIFIED, IMMEDIATELY ADVISE BUREAU TELEPHONICALLY.

THIS MUST BE GIVEN TOP PRIORITY HANDLING TO INSURE THAT THESE CHECKS ARE IMMEDIATELY RUN OUT.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD ANYONE BE TOLD THIS INVESTIGATION IS IN CONNECTION WITH CAPTIONED MATTER.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)

FROM : SA JOHN F. SHANLEY #23

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
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DATE: 4/9/68

Attached herewith is one (1) copy of Bureau teletype to all continental offices dated 4/9/68.

Each indicated Resident Agency is instructed to comply with paragraph 1, page 2 of attached teletype and immediately telephonically contact all laundries in your RA to identify the laundry using the described code and pursue the logical leads developed.

Under no circumstance should anyone be told this investigation is in connection with captioned matter.

Each RA assign this matter top priority and insure that all leads are immediately run out.

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)

DATE: 4/9/68

FROM : SA JOHN F. SHANLEY #23

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CIVIL RIGHTS  
(OO: MEMPHIS)

HENRY MAC MULLAN, who operates Mac Mullan's Stepping Stones Farms, Putnam County, New York, telephonically advised as follows at 2:50 p.m., 4/9/68:

MAC MULLAN who resides at Peekskill Hollow Road, Carmel, New York, telephone CA 5-3109, operates a rest farm for drying out alcoholics. One JOHN V.N. WILLARD has been a periodic visitor to this farm and is an alcoholic. He was last here about three years ago. MAC MULLAN's farm keeps no permanent records in the spirit of Alcoholics Anonymous, but it was his recollection that WILLARD's physical appearance generally matched that of UNSUB's being described in the daily newspapers in instant matter. He recalled WILLARD to be approximately 40 years old.

His recollection was that WILLARD's home area was Westchester County, New York, and that he was a recipient of a trust fund located at the National Bank of Westchester, White Plains, N.Y.

MAC MULLAN last heard from WILLARD about three years ago when WILLARD wrote to him from the East View Prison, Valhalla, New York, where he was incarcerated for vagrancy.

LEAD:

NEW YORK

AT WHITE PLAINS & VALHALLA, N.Y.: Will attempt to eliminate or ident JOHN V.N. WILLARD as UNSUB in instant matter.

1- White Plains RA  
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*(Insud: W, M  
Age - 26-40 yrs.  
ht - 5'8" - 5'11"  
wt - 140# - 170#  
hair - dk brown  
or sandy  
eyes - blue or green  
build - medium*



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For the information of all Agents the Bureau has designated above caption as approved code word for investigation dealing with the murder of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

All Agents assigned to the NYO are instructed to immediately canvass all criminal informants, security informants, racial informants and potential informants for any possible knowledge concerning assassination, with specific emphasis directed toward informants in known hate groups.

Report any positive information obtained to the writer.

- 1- ALL SACs
- 1- EACH SUPERVISOR
- 1- EVERY AGENT, NYO

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FROM : SA JOHN F. SHANLEY #23

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
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DATE: 4/9/68

By teletype dated 4/8/68 to all continental offices, the Bureau advised as follows: (serial 16)

This is the case involving the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr., on 4/4/68 in Memphis, Tennessee.

Under no circumstances should anyone be told this investigation is in connection with captioned matter.

It has been determined that a rifle abandoned near the scene of the crime was purchased by an individual using the name HARVEY LOWMEYER or LOWMYER. He is generally described as white, male, 36 years old, height-5'8", weight-150-160 pounds, hair-black or dark brown.

The Bureau instructs that all offices should immediately check all telephone directories covering your territories, all voter registration records, and all credit and criminal records on the surnames LOWMEYER and LOWMYER regardless of the first names. Any individuals identified as bearing these surnames should be immediately checked out covering the pertinent period. (The pertinent period dates are 3/28, 29 and 4/4/68).

The requested investigation is to be conducted on the same date as the receipt of the lead and the results

- 1- New York (44-1609)
- 1- Babylon — *Curry*
- 1- Garden City — *Tangil* — *Done*
- 1- Kingston — *Kent*
- 1- Monticello — *Lowery* — *Done*
- 1- Poughkeepsie — *Cishe* — *Done*
- 1- Staten Island — *Daly*
- 1- Suffern — *Ford* — *Done*
- 1- White Plains — *Lynch*

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of the lead are to be telephonically furnished to the writer the same day followed by an expedite insert in report form.

LEAD:

Each indicated RA will conduct the above investigation for his resident agency.

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Via TELETYPE URGENT  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI & SACS ATLANTA, SAVANNAH  
AND MEMPHIS

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)

MURKIN; CIVIL RIGHTS; OO: MEMPHIS

ROBERT HAYNES, TWO ZERO SEVEN FIVE FIRST AVENUE,  
APARTMENT SIXTEEN E, NEW YORK CITY, ADVISED THIS DATE AS  
FOLLOWS:

ON APRIL FIVE LAST, HAYNES FLEW DELTA, FLIGHT NUMBER  
EIGHT ONE SEVEN, FROM ATLANTA, GEORGIA, TO SAVANNAH,  
GEORGIA, ARRIVING AT SAVANNAH AT TWO TEN P.M. HAYNES  
OCCUPIED SEAT NUMBER FOUR THREE, NEXT TO THE LEFT HAND  
WINDOW DURING THIS FLIGHT. THE AISLE SEAT NEXT TO  
HAYNES WAS **OCCUPIED** BY A MAN HAYNES DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS  
AND WHOM HE STATES MATCHES UNSUB'S DESCRIPTION, <sup>AND ARTIST'S CONCEPTION</sup> PUBLISHED  
IN TODAY'S NEWSPAPERS; RACE, WHITE, SEX, MALE, AGE TWENTY  
EIGHT DASH THIRTY TWO YEARS, WEIGHT APPROXIMATELY  
ONE HUNDRED SIXTY POUNDS, SKIN DASH PALE (LIKE UNDERTAKER'S),  
NOSE HOOKED (LIKE DICK TRACY), HAIR, THIN ON SIDES, THICK

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ON TOP, LOOKED VERY MUCH LIKE A FALSE HAIRPIECE. THIS INDIVIDUAL WAS WEARING A BLACK, SUMMER DASH TYPE HALF TURTLE NECK JERSEY SHIRT AND BLACK TRENCH COAT. THE INDIVIDUAL STRUCK UP A CONVERSATION WITH A BLOND HAired MAN WHO WAS SEATED BEHIND HIM ON THE <sup>PLANE</sup> ~~PLANE~~ WHILE BOTH WERE WAITING FOR BAGGAGE AT SAVANNAH.

ATLANTA AND SAVANNAH CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION AT DELTA AIRLINES IN AN ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY UNSUB.

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LOS ANGELES, NEW ORLEANS (INFO), PHILADELPHIA &  
SACRAMENTO (INFO)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)

MURKIN; CIVIL RIGHTS; OO: MEMPHIS

*Serial #19*  
RE BIRMINGHAM TELETYPES TO THE BUREAU DATED APRIL SEVEN  
AND APRIL EIGHT LAST AND MEMPHIS TELETYPE TO ALL SACS DATED  
APRIL SEVEN LAST.

FOR INFORMATION, BIRMINGHAM ADVISED UNSUB USED NAME  
HARVEY LOWMEYER, WHEN PURCHASING RIFLE IN BIRMINGHAM AND  
NAME JOHN WILLARD IN REGISTRATION AT MEMPHIS. BIRMINGHAM  
REQUESTED NEW YORK OFFICE TO CONTACT DINERS CLUB TO DETERMINE  
IF EITHER NAME APPEARED AS CREDIT CARD HOLDERS AND THEREAFTER  
SET OUT APPROPRIATE LEADS TO ELIMINATE OR IDENTIFY AS UNSUB  
THIS CASE.

REVIEW OF DINERS CLUB'S RECORDS AT NEW YORK REVEALS  
NO CREDIT CARD FOR HARVEY LOWMEYER.

RECORDS REFLECT THE FOLLOWING DINERS CLUB ACCOUNTS

UNDER THE NAME JOHN WILLARD:

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JOHN F. WILLARD, WILLARD GENERAL TIRE SERVICE, INC.,  
TWO THREE NINE WEST KING STREET, YORK, PENNSYLVANIA.

THIS ACCOUNT NUMBER [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HAS BEEN ACTIVE SINCE NINETEEN HUNDRED FIFTY THREE.

PHILADELPHIA CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION TO  
ELIMINATE OR IDENTIFY JOHN F. WILLARD AS UNSUB THIS  
CASE.

JOHN W. WILLARD, WIFE MARY R. WILLARD, ONE THREE FIVE  
HAMPTON ROAD, SYRACUSE, NEW YORK, TELEPHONE NUMBER  
GR NINE DASH NINE SEVEN FOUR FIVE, DINERS CLUB ACCOUNT  
NUMBER [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DINERS CLUB RECORDS REFLECT WILLARD AS PRESIDENT  
OF J. W. WILLARD ASSOCIATES, INC. EMPLOYMENT AGENCY, TWO  
TWO ZERO SOUTH WARREN STREET, SYRACUSE, NEW YORK,  
TELEPHONE NUMBER FOUR TWO TWO DASH FIVE ONE ONE ONE,  
AND HAS BANK ACCOUNT AT MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK AND TRUST  
COMPANY, SYRACUSE, NEW YORK.

HIS SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER IS RECORDED AS [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] AND HE HAS  
OPERATED ABOVE BUSINESS FOR PAST ELEVEN YEARS. THE ACCOUNT  
WAS OPENED OCTOBER THIRTY, NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN, AND  
IS PRESENTLY AN ACTIVE ACCOUNT.

ALBANY CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION TO ELIMINATE  
OR IDENTIFY JOHN W. WILLARD AS UNSUB THIS CASE.

JOHN D. WILLARD, JR., AGE TWENTY EIGHT IN NINETEEN  
SIXTY FIVE, DINERS CLUB ACCOUNT NUMBER [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] RESIDED AT FOUR FOUR ZERO  
SEVEN BEACH STREET, LANCASTER, CALIFORNIA, TELEPHONE  
NUMBER LI OR NI EIGHT DASH FIVE FOUR THREE EIGHT AS OF  
NINETEEN SIXTY FIVE, AT WHICH TIME HE WAS DESCRIBED AS  
BEING SINGLE. PRIOR TO THIS DATE, HE WAS FIRST LIEUTENANT  
AT EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, CALIFORNIA, FOR THREE YEARS.  
THIS ACCOUNT WAS CLOSED AT MEMBER'S REQUEST, MAY NINETEEN,  
NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN. ACCOUNT HISTORY IDENTIFIES FATHER  
AS JOHN D. WILLARD, SR., FOUR ONE FOUR CHICKASAND STREET,  
SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA AND REFLECTS WILLARD, JR., MAINTAINED

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A BANK ACCOUNT AT THE COMMERCIAL NATIONAL BANK, SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA. HE LISTED HIS PERSONAL REFERENCE AS KEN SMITH, FOUR FOUR ZERO SEVEN BEACH STREET, LANCASTER, CALIFORNIA, AND A CHARGE ACCOUNT AT KELEK, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS. THE ABOVE INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED TELEPHONICALLY FROM DINERS CLUB, LOS ANGELES BY DINERS CLUB, NEW YORK.

LOS ANGELES CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION TO ELIMINATE OR IDENTIFY JOHN D. WILLARD, JR., AS UNSUB THIS CASE.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, MEMPHIS

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)

MURKIN

REFERENCE: PAUL ADAM HARMON-SUSPECT.

REFERENCE BUFFALO TELETYPE APRIL SEVEN ONE NINE  
SIX EIGHT.

JOEL ROHER, TORONTO, CANADA, WAS INTERVIEWED AT HIS NEW YORK CITY RESIDENCE, ELEVEN WAVERLY PLACE, APRIL SEVEN, ONE NINE SIX EIGHT. HE STATED HARMON, WHO LIVES IN THE SAME BUILDING, BEARS A STRIKING RESEMBLANCE TO THE ARTIST'S CONCEPTION SEEN BY HIM IN A TORONTO ONTARIO PAPER APRIL SEVEN, ONE NINE SIX EIGHT, BUT HAS NO OTHER REASON TO LINK HIM TO THE SHOOTING OF VICTIM. HARMON'S ROOMMATE, KEITH ILES, BEARS NO RESEMBLANCE TO THE ARTIST'S CONCEPTION AND IS FEARFUL OF NEGROES BUT HAS EXPRESSED NO ANIMOSITY TOWARD NEGROES. NEITHER HAS

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MENTIONED <sup>Victim</sup> TO ROHER'S RECOLLECTION NOR HAS EITHER MADE ANY STATEMENT INDICATING ANY INTEREST IN THE FIELD OF CIVIL RIGHTS. HE CONSIDERS HARMON TO BE A HOMOSEXUAL.

ROHER OBSERVED HARMON ON THE STREET IN FRONT OF THEIR RESIDENCE ON THE MORNING OF MARCH TWENTY EIGHT, LAST AS HARMON WAS DEPARTING FOR WORK SHORTLY AFTER EIGHT A.M. AS IS HIS CUSTOM.

ROHER WAS ABSENT IN TORONTO, CANADA, UNTIL APRIL SEVENTH AND HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF THE <sup>LATER</sup> ACTIVITIES OF HARMON.

HARMON, A CASE WORKER ASSIGNED TO THE BRONX COUNTY NEW YORK JUVENILE COURT, WAS INTERVIEWED APRIL EIGHT, ONE NINE SIX EIGHT, AND EXHIBITED OFFICE RECORDS SHOWING HIS PRESENCE AT THE PROBATION OFFICE APRIL FOURTH AND MARCH TWENTY EIGHT, MARCH TWENTY NINE LAST. HIS PRESENCE AT WORK ON THE ABOVE DATES DURING THE HOURS EIGHT THIRTY A.M. TO FIVE P.M. WAS CORROBORATED BY W. KENNETH WARBURTON,

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DIRECTOR OF THE PROBATION OFFICE AND HARMON'S SUPERIOR. HARMON STATES HE HAS NOT BEEN OUT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK SINCE MARCH TWENTY EIGHT LAST.

HARMON STATES HE LEARNED OF VICTIM'S DEATH WHILE ON DUTY AT THE GRAND STREET SETTLEMENT HOUSE, NEW YORK CITY, ABOUT SEVEN P.M. APRIL FOURTH LAST.

HARMON IS DESCRIBED AS A WHITE MALE; BORN JULY TWELVE, ONE NINE THREE FIVE, EVANSVILLE, INDIANA; FIVE FEET NINE AND ONE-HALF INCHES; ONE FIVE FIVE POUNDS; MEDIUM BUILD; SANDY HAIR, RECEDING IN FRONT, COMBED DOWN ON THE SIDES; SINGLE; PARENTS, DR. PAUL AND GEORGIA HARMON, PENS<sup>A</sup>COLA, FLORIDA; BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE, EVANSVILLE COLLEGE, ALSO ATTENDED ABEL<sup>ine</sup>~~LEN~~ CHRISTIAN COLLEGE AND THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY; FORMERLY PROBATION OFFICER, JUVENILE COURT, ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA; SERVED<sup>S</sup> AS MINISTER, CHURCH OF CHRIST, EIGHT ZERO STREET AND MADISON AVENUE, NEW YORK CITY; DID NOT SERVE IN ARMED FORCES.

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NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION OF HARMON BEING CONDUCTED *in view*  
OF HIS PRESENCE AT NEW YORK CITY ON PERTINENT DATES.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI ~~and Domestic Intelligence Division,~~  
 SAC BIRMINGHAM  
 SAC LOS ANGELES (44-1574)  
 SAC MEMPHIS

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)

MURKIN

RE LOS ANGELES TEL TO THE BUREAU APRIL EIGHT LAST.

RUTH PETERSON, MOTHER OF ALAN ROY PETERSON, CONFIRMED  
 ALAN TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED HER MORNING OF APRIL EIGHT  
 LAST TO DETERMINE WHY FBI TRYING TO CONTACT HIM. SHE STATES  
 ALAN FORWARDS ALL HIS MAIL TO HER WHICH CONSISTS OF ONLY  
 CHURCH BULLETINS. SHE STATES NEITHER SHE NOR ALAN'S FATHER  
 HAVE ANY BROTHERS OR SISTERS, THEREFORE, ALAN HAS NO COUSINS.  
 SHE KNOWS OF NO ONE OTHER THAN HERSELF WHO COMMUNICATES WITH  
 ALAN PETERSON.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI & SACS MEMPHIS, BUTTE,  
CHICAGO, DETROIT, LOS ANGELES (INFO), PHILA-  
DELPHIA ~~AND~~ PITTSBURGH and LOUISVILLE

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)

MURKIN; CIVIL RIGHTS; OO: MEMPHIS

RE BIRMINGHAM TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU DATED APRIL SEVEN  
LAST; MEMPHIS TELETYPE TO ALL SACS DATED APRIL SEVEN LAST AND  
NEW YORK TELETYPE TO THE DIRECTOR DATED APRIL EIGHT  
LAST.

FOR INFORMATION BIRMINGHAM ADVISED UNSUB USED NAME  
HARVEY LOWMEYER WHEN PURCHASING RIFLE IN BIRMINGHAM AND  
NAME JOHN WILLARD IN REGISTRATION AT MEMPHIS. BIRMINGHAM  
REQUESTED NEW YORK OFFICE TO CONTACT AMERICAN EXPRESS  
COMPANY TO DETERMINE IF EITHER NAME APPEARED AS CREDIT  
CARD HOLDERS AND THEREAFTER SET OUT APPROPRIATE LEADS TO  
ELIMINATE OR IDENTIFY AS UNSUB THIS CASE.

REVIEW OF AMERICAN EXPRESS RECORDS AT NEW YORK REVEAL  
NO CREDIT CARD FOR HARVEY LOWMEYER OR VARIATIONS OF NAME.

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RECORDS REFLECT THE FOLLOWING AMERICAN EXPRESS ACCOUNTS  
UNDER THE NAME JOHN WILLARD:

JOHN A. WILLARD, JR., EMPLOYED WITH MONTANA RR ASSOCIATION,  
BOX ONE ONE SEVEN TWO, HELENA, MONTANA.

JOHN DEE WILLARD, AGE TWENTY EIGHT IN NINETEEN SIXTY  
FIVE, RESIDES AT FOUR FOUR ZERO SEVEN TWO NORTH BEACH,  
APARTMENT D, LANCASTER, CALIFORNIA, TELEPHONE NUMBER  
WH EIGHT DASH FIVE FOUR THREE EIGHT AS OF NINETEEN SIXTY  
FIVE, AT WHICH TIME HE WAS DESCRIBED AS BEING SINGLE.  
PRIOR TO THIS DATE HE WAS FIRST LIEUTENANT AT EDWARDS AIR  
FORCE BASE, CALIFORNIA, FOR THREE YEARS. BANK REFERENCES  
REFLECT <sup>HE</sup> HAS A BANK ACCOUNT AT THE COMMERCIAL NATIONAL BANK,  
SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA AND HAS A BANK ACCOUNT AT AMERICAN  
BANK AND TRUST COMPANY, PLANK ROAD, BATON ROUGE,  
LOUISIANA.

JOHN F. WILLARD, EIGHT ONE FIVE SOUTHERN ROAD,  
YORK, PENNSYLVANIA, TELEPHONE NUMBER EIGHT FOUR THREE DASH  
SEVEN FIVE THREE FOUR.

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JOHN H. WILLARD, IVY HILL, HARLAN, KENTUCKY.

JOHN K. WILLARD, LAKE GROVE ROAD, PETOSKEY, MICHIGAN,  
TELEPHONE NUMBER DI SEVEN DASH THREE ZERO ONE FOUR.JOHN RODERICK WILLARD, ONE ZERO TWO NINE PARKVIEW  
AVENUE, NEW KENSINGTON, PENNSYLVANIA, TELEPHONE NUMBER  
ED FIVE DASH SIX SEVEN NINE TWO.JOHN WILLIAM WILLARD, SR., FIVE TWO TWO FOUR DAVIS  
STREET, SKOKIE, ILLINOIS, TELEPHONE NUMBER CR FIVE DASH  
FIVE FIVE FOUR TWO.ALL OFFICES CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION TO  
ELIMINATE OR IDENTIFY PERSONS WHO ARE AMERICAN EXPRESS CREDIT  
CARD HOLDERS USING THE NAME OF WILLARD.FOR INFORMATION OF LOS ANGELES, JOHN DEE WILLARD  
APPEARS TO BE IDENTICAL WITH JOHN D. WILLARD, JR., SET OUT  
IN REFERENCED TELETYPE DATED APRIL EIGHT LAST AND IF SO,  
SHOULD NOT BE REINTERVIEWED.Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
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(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

# The Man Who Killed King —His 3 Hours in Memphis

MEMPHIS, Tenn. AP)—The man sought as the slayer of Martin Luther King Jr. gave his name as John Willard.

He spoke with a Southern drawl.

He paid for his \$8.50-a-week room with a crisp \$20 bill, fishing it out of a pocket and holding it in both hands before handing it to the landlady at 422½ South Main.

He wore a dark suit and appeared to have little in common with men who stay in flophouses.

He took room 5. It is no more than 13 steps from there to the ugly bathroom from which a



Associated Press Wirephoto  
A sketch of the man believed to be the assassin.

killer struck Dr. King.

King was shot as he stood alone on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel exactly 205 feet and 3 inches away across Mulberry St.

## No Rifle

The man did not have with him the 30-caliber, pump-action Remington rifle and telescopic sight that killed King. It was 3:15 p.m. when he checked into the rooming house.

Mrs. Bessie Brewer said she left the inside chain latch on when the man knocked at the office door.

"He was a clean, neat man," she said. "I showed him room 8, a \$10-a-week kitchenette but he said, 'I only want a sleeping room.'"

"I showed him room 5 and he said, 'This will be fine.'"

"We went back to the office.

"He said his name was John Willard and I wrote out a receipt. He paid with a \$20 bill. He reached into his right pants pocket, pulled it out and unfolded it with both hands."

Police investigators took the receipt carbon and the \$20 to headquarters.

Mrs. Brewer said the man was as tall as her husband—about six feet.

B. L. Reeves, a 74-year-old retired hotel clerk, watched the man as he talked to Mrs. Brewer.

"I seen him when she check him in. He had his back to me, but I judge he was about 5-11. He had dark hair and a pretty neat hair cut."

## Neighbor's View

Charlie Q. Stephens, in room 6—between the room taken by Willard, and the bathroom—got a better look.

"He was clean shaven and had a long, sharp nose. He had normal eyes and a square chin, thick hair at the front and receded on each side.

"He was wearing a black solid color dress suit, a white shirt and a very dark or black, narrow tie. He combed his hair straight back."

Mrs. Brewer said his features didn't register too much with her, but his neatness was noticeable.

"He spoke like any other Memphian," she said.

She said she never asks questions.

## Heard Shot

Stephens said he heard the shot.

"I was in the kitchen working on a radio. When that explosion went off, it sounded like a German 88. I went to the door and

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walked out into the hall. I could see the man at the offset in the hall. He had in his hand something wrapped in a newspaper."

The killer climbed a flight of 25 steps to reach the rooming house office on the second floor. He fled the scene by going down 20 steps at 418½ South Main. The 16 units are connected by a walkaway.

What the man who registered did between 3:15 p.m. and 6:01 is cloudy.

He did not lie down on the bed. There is evidence he sat on the edge of it. He also moved around the room which has a wellworn wardrobe and a single window with yellow and green floral curtains. The curtains had been placed on top of a nearby mantle, possibly to avoid obstructing his view.

From the window, there is a clear view of room 306 at the Lorraine motel. It was Dr. King's room, but the window is at such an angle that it would be difficult to shoot out of it.

Between 3:15 p.m. and 5 p.m., no one recalls seeing "Willard."

Stephens said around 5 p.m. the man went to the bathroom and stayed about 25 minutes. Apparently, he now had the weapon.

"Willie Anchutz — the man in No. 4—tried to get in the bath and then knocked on my door. I told him that was the man who had rented No. 5. He (Anchutz) returned to his room."

There was bright sunshine at 6:01—24 minutes before sunset — when the killer fired the rifle.

The second-floor bathroom window holds a commanding view of the Lorraine motel at 406 Mulberry.

If King had looked up and to the west from the balcony outside his room—room 306—he could easily have seen his assassin.

He was looking down and talking to friends in the courtyard below when struck.



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# Search for Assassin Spreads Across South

By TED POSTON

New York Post Correspondent

MEMPHIS—The search for the killer of Martin Luther King Jr. has spread hundreds of miles from this quiet, tense city, but authorities expressed confidence today that he would be caught.

There seemed little doubt that he was able to flee the city, eluding city police and the Arkansas state troopers guarding bridges across the Mississippi.

Attorney General Clark, who flew here at the direction of President Johnson to lead the search, said the investigation has widened to several states and "will spread as far as the evidence takes us."

"It has already spread several hundred miles from the boundaries of Tennessee now," he added.

The Attorney General said all evidence "indicated a single individual" was involved.

"There is no evidence of a widespread plot," he said.

Rewards totaling \$155,000 have been offered for evidence leading to the arrest and conviction of the killer.

Clark's confidence that an arrest was near was based on his statement that authorities had considerably more evidence than police "usually get in cases like this, including a number of studies of prints that may establish identity."

The prime suspect was de-

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scribed as a tall young white man who was seen running from the rooming house from which King was shot.

The man stopped in a doorway near the rooming house and discarded several objects. They were said to include a .30.06 Remington rifle and a small suitcase. Both are at the FBI laboratory in Washington for examination.

Mrs. Frank Brewer, who manages the rooming house, said the man seen fleeing resembled one to whom she had rented a room a few hours earlier.

A tight curfew was in effect in Memphis as 4,000 National Guardsmen in troop carriers kept order. There was a strange sense of isolation within the Negro community.

With streets empty and few businesses open along Beale St., many Negroes sat at home and listened to radio reports or watched television pictures of rioting and disorder in other cities. But here, where it all

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began, there was only tense quiet.

Many shops along Beale St. had been wrecked before order was restored. Only those with "soul brother" written on the windows had escaped damage.

The city administration, meanwhile, had done an about-face on permitting the massive parade which Dr. King had come here to lead on Monday. Earlier, an injunction had been obtained to halt the demonstration, but now Mayor Henry Loeb said that "in view of the tragic circumstances" there would be no objection.

Civil rights leaders predicted that as many as 40,000 persons would take part in the march which had been scheduled to give support to the city's striking garbage collectors, most of whom are Negroes.

The city has agreed to resume negotiations in the strike, now in its eighth week, but there was no indication that the mayor had relaxed his stand against union recognition and check-off of dues.



A reporter examines the room which Memphis police say the assassin of Martin Luther King rented shortly before the killing. He was believed to have fired the fatal shot from the window in the adjacent bathroom.

Associated Press Wirephoto

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# Four Who Can Identify Killer Put Under Guard

By WILLIAM FEDERICI  
Staff Correspondent of THE NEWS

Memphis, April 6—Four Memphis residents who can "definitely identify" the man sought as the killer of the Rev. Martin Luther King were placed under protective surveillance today.

The protection was ordered as Police Director Frank C. Holloman made a curt announcement this afternoon that "the investigation at this point is very encouraging."

Holloman refused to discuss any further developments, saying: "Furnishing of any more details at this time might jeopardize either the investigation or the conviction of the individual responsible."

Attorney General Ramsey Clark announced yesterday that substantial evidence had been uncovered and that the capture of the slayer of Dr. King was very close at hand. Today investigators would say only that they have had no setbacks and are very confident. A lab report from the FBI in Washington on fingerprints and the murder weapon has not been completed.

## Not an Amateur's Work

Informed sources revealed that a composite drawing of the alleged killer, who signed the flea-bag lodging house's register as "John Willard," has been completed and that law enforcement agencies across the nation have been alerted.

Early this morning, a carload of FBI men crossed over to Mississippi, following a report that King's murderer has been seen there. Authorities refused to comment on the FBI mission.

The professional skill with which the assassin worked was being closely analyzed by the FBI. "It was too cool, too detailed, and too perfect to have been carried out by an amateur," an agent said.

King, 39-year-old Nobel Prize winner, was hit Thursday by a single shot from a .30 caliber pump-action rifle, which ripped into his jaw and neck. Death was almost instantaneous.

"John Willard" never lay on the bed of the \$8.50-a-week room he rented just three hours before he was alleged to have killed the civil rights leader.

The four who could identify him were described as Mrs. Bessie Brewer, 45, manager of the small rooming house, B. L.

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Reeves, 74, retired hotel clerk; Charlie Q. Stephens, retired heavy equipment operator, and Willie Anchutz, 33, truck driver.

All got an excellent look at the fugitive and furnished detailed descriptions.

Charlie Stephens said that "Willard" went into the communal bathroom, from which the shot was fired, and locked the door from the inside. "He remained in there for over a half hour," he said.

### 3 Hours Accounted For

"I remember it so clearly because Anchutz came to my door shortly before 6 o'clock and asked why the door was locked. I told him the new man from Room 8 was in there," Stephens told investigators.

A few minutes later, Stephens said, he heard the shot and ran into the hallway. He saw the killer walk out of the bathroom and calmly head for the stairway.

Anchutz also saw "Willard" walking down the steps. Anchutz said he was "carrying a luggage piece and something long wrapped in a newspaper under his arm."

Both men said the time was shortly after 6 p.m. All of "Willard's" actions between 3:15 and 6:01 p.m. that day when he



Attorney General Clark  
He went to the scene

fired the fatal shot while standing in a bathtub have been accounted for.

A reward fund for the arrest and conviction of the killer has grown to \$155,000.

As the massive manhunt con-

tinued, city, state and federal authorities met in a downtown Memphis hotel with civil rights leaders working out final arrangements for Monday's massive march here.

The march, which had been planned by King originally as a protest on behalf of the city's striking sanitation workers, took on new importance after the assassination.

### Wide Turnout Expected

Delegations from across the nation were expected here, including a contingent of labor officials and King's aides from Atlanta.

Undersecretary of Labor James Reynolds, acting as an emissary of President Johnson, arrived this afternoon to lend a hand in settling the 55-day-old Memphis garbage men's strike, which Reynolds termed a small labor dispute that has "touched off deep frustrations and bitterness throughout the nation."

Arson, looting and rioting in Memphis continued last night but to a lesser degree. More than 200 Negroes have been arrested since the murder-sparked violence erupted.

Constant patrols by national guardsmen and local and state police have kept the rioters under control. Incidents have been sporadic but violent.

A tight curfew remained in effect for tonight, keeping all residents off the streets from 7 p.m. to 5 a.m. Only emergency services are permitted.

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## Clark Is Sure Killer Will Soon Be Seized

By MARTIN WALDRON  
Special to The New York Times

MEMPHIS, Tenn., April 5—Attorney General Ramsey Clark said today that he was "confident" of a quick solution to the assassination here yesterday of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

A source close to the intensive manhunt said that agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation were close to making an arrest.

The Attorney General, who flew here this morning at the order of President Johnson with other top officials of the Justice Department, told a news conference that the F.B.I. was searching for the killer in several states.

He said that the killer, who was believed to have escaped in a white Mustang automobile,

had left an "unusually large" amount of physical evidence at the scene of the ambush. A search for the car was under way tonight.

The evidence collected by several squads of F.B.I. agents and Memphis homicide detectives included a small suitcase, a number of fingerprints and a 30.06-caliber rifle with a telescopic sight.

The bullet that killed Dr. King was a 30.06. Tests were under way to try to establish that that particular bullet had been fired from that particular rifle.

"Leads derived from the evidence are being followed up in several parts of the United States," Mr. Clark said.

"All of the evidence indicates that this was the act of a single individual," Mr. Clark said.

Mr. Holloman said that the evidence indicated conclusively that the slayer was a white man.

Dr. King, who was 39 years old, was felled by a rifle bullet as he emerged from Room 306 of the Lorraine Motel to go to dinner.

Dr. Jerry Francisco, a professor of pathology at the University of Tennessee who is the Shelby County medical examiner, said that the civil rights leader was hit only once. Death must have been almost instantaneous, Dr. Francisco said.

The bullet, he said, exploded through Dr. King's right jaw and neck, severing his spinal cord in the region of the second thoracic vertebra.

### Damage Was Severe

Dr. Francisco said that the force of the speeding bullet had done severe damage to Dr. King's vital organs.

If Dr. King had lived, he said, he would have been paralyzed from the chest down except for his arms because of the severing of his spinal cord.

Mr. Holloman, whose job is equivalent to that of police commissioner, said that the rifle shot that killed Dr. King had apparently been fired from a bathroom used by upstairs occupants of a rundown rooming house at 420 South Main Street.

The bathroom window is 205 feet and three inches from the spot where Dr. King was standing when the bullet hit him yesterday at 6:01 P.M., central standard time.

A white man, about six feet tall and in his late twenties, was seen running from the rooming house immediately after the shooting.

Witnesses said that he continued south along Main Street while, around the corner, police officers assigned to guard Dr. King swarmed into the parking lot of the Lorraine Motel.

The back of the rooming house faces the side of the Lorraine Motel. The balcony on which Dr. King was standing when he was shot can be seen clearly from the bathroom of the rooming house.

Mr. Holloman said that he was unable to explain how the man who shot Dr. King had eluded the police officers who were there to guard the civil rights leader. "I'm trying to find out," he said.

The neighborhood where the assassination occurred is in south Memphis on the edge of a business district patronized largely by Negroes.

The rooming house at 420 South Main Street, where the ambusher apparently lay in wait, is occupied mostly by elderly men.

Mrs. Frank Brewer, who with her husband manages the rooming house, said that a young man wearing dark clothing rented one of the rooms at 3:30 P.M. yesterday under the name of "John Willard."

"I showed him a room toward the north side of the building but he was not interested in that one," Mrs. Brewer said.

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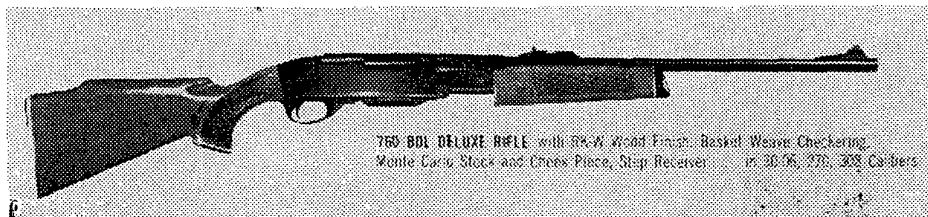
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## 30.06 Hunting Rifle Was Believed Used in Slaying



A Remington rifle of the type believed to have been used in slaying. Its range is limited.

The weapon believed to have been used in the slaying of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is a 30.06-caliber Remington pump rifle. It may have been one of several stolen from a Memphis sporting goods store a week ago.

A spokesman for the Remington Arms Company, Bridgeport, Conn., said yesterday that the weapon was "a standard game rifle used by people to hunt such things as deer, bear, mountain lions and moose." To maintain ac-

curacy, hunters cannot expect to use it at more than 200 yards.

The 30.06 is a popular rifle that retails for \$139.95 to \$159.95, depending on, how fancy a finish on the stock and metal surfaces the purchaser wants.

When it is fired, the rifle ejects a spent empty case on the rear move and automatically shifts a fresh round into firing position in the chamber. This occurs on the forward move. All models of the 30.06 have capacity for

the four-cartridge clip except one, Model 223, which has a five-cartridge clip.

The rifle has simple iron sights — a blade atop the muzzle and a notch on top of the breach. In taking aim, the object is to line up the target, sighting through the notch and blade. It is possible to attach telescopic sights to the weapon.

The Memphis police found a new 30.06 two doors away from the rooming house from which the fatal shot is believed to have been fired.

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MINUTEMEN

The following information was received from a source who claims to be familiar with activities and plans of the Minutemen:

The Minutemen had a general plan to foment civil strife by killing Negro Leaders, Martin Luther King, Rap Brown, and Stokely Carmichael and, therefore, seize power in the confusion. No specific time table set and Carmichael had least priority because he was already fomenting civil strife himself.

The Minutemen also planned to kill New York Attorney General Louis Lefkowitz and to kidnap and kill the United States Attorney in Kansas City, Missouri, for prosecution against the Minutemen and Robert B. DePugh, and Alcohol, Tobacco and Tax Unit Agents James Moore and Frank Belliki of Kansas City, Missouri, and FBI Investigator of the Minutemen in Kansas City whom they described as elderly, short and with gray hair.

They planned to place a bomb at the door of the FBI Office in New Haven, Connecticut, after working hours, not to injure people but to cause confusion.

From time to time, the Minutemen have conducted surveillances of individuals in their offices concerning these plans. The Minutemen members in Connecticut are identified as Doctor Convard, Optometrist, Bridgeport, Connecticut, George Brown, Fire Department, Waterbury, Connecticut, Thomas Hart, Bridgeport, Connecticut, Joseph Fabiano, 27½ Wall Street, Waterbury, Connecticut. The meetings are held on a farm in Naugatuck, Connecticut. DePugh has standing orders to blow up the courtroom or court house rather than let himself be tried and convicted.

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APPENDIX"MINUTEMEN"

The "Minutemen" was organized in June, 1960. Its present headquarters are Norborne, Missouri. Robert B. DePugh, Norborne, Missouri, has been publicly identified as the National Coordinator of the organization. DePugh has stated the membership of the "Minutemen" to be in excess of 35,000 members, however, confidential sources state this figure is greatly exaggerated and that a more true estimate would be between 800 and 2,000 members. Statements by DePugh and literature distributed by the organization indicate its purpose to be the resistance to, and exposure of, the spread of Communist influence within the United States; for the formation of a guerrilla or underground organization to combat the troops of any foreign powers which might eventually occupy this country; and resist passage of laws which would regulate private ownership of firearms.

The Kansas City Star newspaper has on numerous occasions contained articles concerning the "Minutemen", wherein it was stated that members of the organization participate in maneuvers utilizing guerrilla tactics with machine guns, mortars, grenades, and other firearms. DePugh has publicly stated the "Minutemen" as an organization does not buy or store arms or ammunition; however, individual members are urged to maintain arms and ammunition, which is their constitutional right. "Minutemen" has given instructions in the use of explosive compounds from such readily accessible ingredients as common fertilizer, ammonium nitrate. Robert DePugh, along with his close associate Walter Patrick Peyson and Troy Haughton, West Coast Regional Coordinator, were convicted in U. S. District Court of violation of the Federal Firearms Act. All were sentenced to prison and all are free on bond pending their appeals to the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals, St. Louis, Missouri.

On October 30, 1966, the New York City Police Department arrested 19 members of the "Minutemen", charging them with "conspiracy to commit arson", and "Illegal possession of firearms". An inventory of firearms seized as a result of these arrests included 115 rifles, 26 handguns, 8 automatic weapons, 3 bazookas, 2 mortars, 1 anti-tank gun and an unknown quantity of ammunition.

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In April, 1966, DePugh stated the "Minutemen" organization was then dividing itself into two bodies: one group to be members who have been able to maintain their identity in complete secrecy from the public and government investigative agencies, and the other group to be made up of members who have been publicly identified and who will become active in the Patriotic Party. The first group will go completely underground and will continue to emphasize intelligence activities and resistance warfare training programs. The first national convention of the Patriotic Party was held July 3 and 4, 1966, at Kansas City, Missouri, with DePugh acting as chairman. About 300 individuals attended this convention. The second annual convention of the Patriotic Party was held July 2, 3, & 4, 1967, Kansas City, Kansas, with approximately 240 persons attending. DePugh resigned as National Chairman at the convention, however, he stated he would continue in an advisory capacity. The delegates, at DePugh's urging, endorsed former Governor of Alabama, George Wallace, and William Penn Patrick, millionaire cosmetics manufacturer of San Rafael, California, as presidential and vice-presidential candidates in the 1968 elections.

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JOHN WILLARD  
Hazelton Hotel  
Stamford, Connecticut;  
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Captioned individual called this office on Friday afternoon, 6/23/61, and it was obvious that he had been drinking. He said he was a native of Westchester County, having lived in Rye and White Plains, N. Y. He rambled about two young negro boys who came into a bar on Main Street, in Stamford, asking patrons to let them shine their shoes. He said he questioned the boys and felt, in his own mind, that they had stolen a 4-wheel scooter in Bridgeport, Conn., and had brought it to Stamford. He said he chased one of the boys out of the bar, caught him, and turned him over to a policeman, who disregarded his complaint.

Mr. Willard was informed that he should contact the Police Department in Stamford, Conn., in the event he felt the police officer had acted improperly. Mr. Willard said he had ruined a suit of clothes and injured his hand in trying to run down the negro boy. He was vehement over the incident and threatened to go out and get a machine gun. He was told this would be improper; that, if he felt there had been a violation of the state law in Connecticut, he should report the matter to the Stamford Police. He was informed the matter was not within the jurisdiction of the FBI as he outlined it. Mr. Willard was unable to furnish the names, addresses, or any other pertinent or identifiable information concerning the boys.

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