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VICTIM

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TO: DIRECTOR AND SACS, DALLAS AND MEMPHIS

FROM: SAC, WFO

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., ~~INVESTIGATION~~
CIVIL RIGHTS

MACK RICHARDSON IN INTELLIGENCE DIVISION, SECRET SERVICE
WASHINGTON, D. C., ADVISED INSTANT DATE OF RECEIPT OF A
TELEPHONE CALL AT ELEVEN THIRTY P. M., APRIL FOUR LAST,
FROM MRS. JAMES W. TRINKLE, FIFTEEN HUNDRED PROVINCETOWN
LANE, RICHARDSON, TEXAS, TELEPHONE AD ONE TWO SEVEN THREE
ONE. SHE SAID THAT ON MARCH TWENTYNINE LAST HER HUSBAND WAS
IN ABILENE, TEXAS, AND BOUGHT GAS FROM A MOBILE STATION WHERE
THE ATTENDANT INFORMED HIM THAT A YOUNG WHITE MALE IN A NEW
WHITE CAR HAD GUNS AND AMMUNITION IN THE BACK SEAT AND HAD
SAID HE WAS GOING TO MEMPHIS TO TAKE CARE OF THE LEADERS OF

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THE DEMONSTRATION. MR. TRINKLE DID NOT WISH HIS WIFE TO
INFORM THE AUTHORITIES IN ORDER NOT TO BECOME INVOLVED. MRS.
TRINKLE SAID THE CARBON CREDIT MOBILE TICKET IDENTIFIES THE
STATION AS ONE-H-TWENTY. DALLAS IMMEDIATELY CONDUCT APPROPRIATE
INVESTIGATION TO ASCERTAIN FACTS AIMED AT IDENTIFYING THE
OCCUPANT OF SAID AUTOMOBILE.

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TO DIRECTOR AND WASHINGTON FIELD

ATTN. DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION PLAINTEXT
FROM BALTIMORE

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. RM.

FOLLOWING SUBMITTED FOR INFORMATION.

COPPIN STATE COLLEGE BALTIMORE MARYLAND

COPPIN STATE IS A SMALL PREDOMINANTLY NEGRO STATE SCHOOL
LOCATED IN BALTIMORE MARYLAND.

SCHOOL CLOSED FOR THE DAY IN HONOR OF KING. MEMORIAL
SERVICE HELD THIS A.M. ON THE CAMPUS AND ATTENDED BY MOST OF
STUDENTS. MEETING SCHEDULED OF STUDENTS WITH PRESIDENT OF
SCHOOL AT ELEVEN A.M. TODAY FOR DISCUSSION OF SCHOOL
CONDITIONS GENERALLY.

CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ADVISED STUDENT NON-VIOLENT
COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS ARE DISTRIBUTING LEAFLETS
PROTESTING DEATH OF KING.

MORGAN STATE COLLEGE BALTIMORE MARYLAND
MORGAN STATE IS A PREDOMINANTLY NEGRO COLLEGE LOCATED IN
BALTIMORE MARYLAND. SCHOOL CLOSED TODAY IN HONOR OF KING.
MEMORIAL SERVICE BEING HELD THIS A.M.

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UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND\ COLLEGE PARK\ MARYLAND
STUDENTS FOR DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY AT U OF MD. ARE ATTEMPTING
THIS A.M. TO ORGANIZE A PROTEST MEETING ON THE CAMPUS.

CONGRESS OF RACIAL EQUALITY\ PRINCE GEORGES COUNTY\
MARYLAND MEMBERS HAVE BEEN DISCUSSING POSSIBILITY OF SOME TYPE
OF MEMORIAL SERVICE OR DEMONSTRATION IN PRINCE GEORGES COUNTY.

WILMINGTON\ DELAWARE

WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL\ A LARGE INTEGRATED SCHOOL WAS
CLOSED BY SCHOOL AUTHORITIES THIS A.M. NEGRO STUDENTS AT THE
SCHOOL BROKE NUMEROUS WINDOWS AND DAMAGED FURNITURE IN THE
CAFETERIA. NO ARRESTS.

APPROPRIATE LOCAL AND FEDERAL AUTHORITIES ARE COGNIZANT
OF THE ABOVE.

ADMINISTRATIVE

RE BA TEL TODAY.

ABOVE INFORMATION FROM RELIABLE SOURCES AND PDS.

INFORMANTS HAVE BEEN GIVEN SPECIFIC ASSIGNMENTS IN
CONNECTION WITH CAPTIONED MATTER.

BALTIMORE FOLLOWING CLOSELY.

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Date: 4/7/68

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FROM : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
SUBJECT: MURKIN - CR

Note "CHANGED" title. Previously carried under "ASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR."

All offices receiving copies of this Airtel note that Bureau has designated above caption as approved code word for investigation dealing with murder of Dr. KING.

Information under above caption should pertain only to investigation that may have bearing on identifying subject instant case. All other information pertaining to racial incidents, and racial activity arising out of assassination of Dr. KING should not be submitted under above caption, but should be submitted by interested offices under the appropriate caption pertaining to Racial Matters.

In addition, all offices in receipt of this information should re-canvass any Criminal Informants, Security Informants, and Racial Informants for possible knowledge concerning assassination, with specific emphasis directed toward informants in known hate groups.

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URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR AND SACS MEMPHIS
CHARLOTTE

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703)

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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DR. NORMAN FORRESTER, DENTIST, TWO ONE TWO
M STREET, S.W., WASHINGTON, D.C., TELEPHONICALLY
ADVISED WFO THAT THE ARTIST SKETCH OF THE SUSPECT
IN DR. KING'S ASSASSINATION APPEARING IN A LOCAL
NEWSPAPER LOOKS LIKE AN INDIVIDUAL WHO ACCOMPANIED
A PATIENT BY THE NAME OF RONNIE CHRISTBERRY, TWO ZERO
TWO TWENTYSEVENTH STREET, HICKORY, NORTH CAROLINA, NO
WASHINGTON, D.C. ADDRESS KNOWN, WHOM HE TREATED THIS
DATE. HE DESCRIBED THE INDIVIDUAL HE CONSIDERS AS
A SUSPECT AS BEING A WHITE MALE, TWENTY YEARS, BLOND

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HAIR, WEARING RED SWEATER, NOT WELL KEPT.

**CHARLOTTE IMMEDIATELY LOCATE AND INTERVIEW
CHRISTBERRY AT HICKORY, NORTH CAROLINA, TO DETERMINE
THE IDENTITY OF THE INDIVIDUAL WHO ACCOMPANIED HIM
AND SET OUT LEAD TO HAVE HIM INTERVIEWED AS TO
HIS WHEREABOUTS ON APRIL FOUR LAST, DATE OF DR. KING'S
DEATH. PERTINENT INFORMATION DEVELOPED SHOULD BE
SUTEL MEMPHIS. P**

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TO: DIRECTOR AND SACs, MEMPHIS, RICHMOND, DETROIT

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703)

MURKIN, CR

WFO 4/8/68
MRS. KATHERINE LIMPUS (CONCEAL IDENTITY PER HER REQUEST), FIVE ONE FOUR ONE WEST O.N. AVENUE, KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN, PHONE NUMBER THREE FOUR FOUR DASH NAUGHT EIGHT ONE FIVE, TELEPHONED WFO FROM KALAMAZOO NINE ZERO EIGHT A.M. APRIL EIGHT INSTANT TO FURNISH FOLLOWING INFO REGARDING MAN RESEMBLING ARTIST'S CONCEPTION OF UNSUB IN THIS CASE. STATED SHE IS EX-SCHOOLTEACHER, HUSBAND IS DEAN OF WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY, KALAMAZOO. SHE HAS RELATIVES IN CIVIL RIGHTS WORK IN SOUTH.

SECOND WEEK IN OCTOBER, LAST, SHE TRAVELED TO ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA, STOPPED EN ROUTE AT SUPPERTIME AT AAA MOTEL AT PIKEVILLE, KENTUCKY WHERE A MAN TOLD HER NOT TO GO FARTHER, THAT THEY DID NOT LIKE NORTHERNERS. THIS MAN, SAID TO BE EX-PRESIDENT OF LOCAL BANK, ALSO ASKED IF SHE CARRIED CAMERA OR GUN.

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SHE PROCEEDED TO GATE CITY, VIRGINIA, WHERE SHE WAS STOPPED BY ROADBLOCK OF ABOUT THIRTYFIVE WHITE MEN INCLUDING ONE CARTER WHO CLAIMED TO BE SHERIFF. A MAN IN MARKED POLICE CAR WAS WATCHING ROADBLOCK. MRS. LIMPUS PUT HERSELF UNDER PROTECTION OF LATTER, WHO CLAIMED TO BE HEAD OF GATE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT. HE HAD HER TAKE REFUGE IN USED CAR LOT TWO OR THREE HOURS, HAD HER GET IN HIS CAR, ALLEGEDLY TRIED TO MAKE LOVE TO HER. THEREAFTER HE TOOK HER TO RESTAURANT, WHICH WAS FULL OF MEN AT TWO OR THREE A.M., WOULD NOT LET HER TELEPHONE HER HUSBAND AT ASHEVILLE. THEREAFTER LET HER GO ON WAY.

SHE STATED THIS ALLEGED POLICE CHIEF RESEMBLED NEWSPAPER DRAWING OF INSTANT UNSUB. DESCRIBED HIM AS WHITE, THIRTYFIVE OR OLDER, FIVE FEET NINE INCHES, TRIM, WELL BUILT, WORE HAT, BUT HAIR BELIEVED DARK BLOND TURNING SLIGHTLY GRAY, EYES PROBABLY GRAY, CLEAN SHAVEN, NO GLASSES, NO SCARS OR MARKS, SQUARISH CHIN, STRAIGHT NOSE, SOUTHERN ACCENT, CIVILIAN CLOTHES, POLICE BADGE.

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DETROIT CHECK INDICES REGARDING ABOVE COMPLAINANT.

RICHMOND AT GATE CITY, VIRGINIA, DISCREETLY IDENTIFY ABOVE
ALLEGED HEAD OF POLICE DEPARTMENT AND DETERMINE WHEREABOUTS AT
PERTINENT PERIOD.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI, AND SACS MEMPHIS AND RICHMOND

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703)

MURKIN, CR.

RE BUREAU TELEPHONE CALL APRIL EIGHT INSTANT.

ONE NEAL HUSTON, THREE TEN EAST NELSON STREET, ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA, EMPLOYED AT JOE HEISMAN, VOLKSWAGEN DEALER, ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA, TELEPHONICALLY FURNISHED FOLLOWING INFO.

ROOMMATE OF HIS GIRL FRIEND, ONE JANET WHEATLEY, TWO THREE ZERO ONE NORTH ELEVENTH STREET, ALEXANDRIA, APARTMENT THREE ZERO TWO, TELEPHONE NUMBER FIVE TWO TWO DASH SIX SIX ZERO FIVE, EMPLOYED AS TELEPHONE OPERATOR, WAS VISITED BY A QUOTE CHUCK END QUOTE LNU WHO CAME TO WDC AREA ON APRIL FIVE LAST, FROM MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE. CHUCK DESCRIBED AS SIX FEET TALL, SANDY HAIR, SIDEBURNS, DARK GLASSES, DRIVING LIGHT COLORED

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BUICK OR PONTIAC, TENNESSEE LICENSE WITH SKELETON HEAD IN REAR WINDOW, MARRIED, WIFE AND CHILDREN IN TENNESSEE EITHER JOHNSON CITY OR MEMPHIS. DURING TIME CHUCK WITH JANET ON APRIL FIVE LAST, HE REPORTEDLY ADMITTED SOME INVOLVEMENT IN MURKIN. HUSTON ADVISED CHUCK TO START WORK APRIL EIGHT INSTANT ALEXANDRIA, FOR UNKNOWN BRICK LAYER AND REPORTEDLY STAYING IN AREA OF COLUMBUS STREET, ALEXANDRIA.

RICHMOND HANDLE.

ABOVE FURNISHED TELEPHONICALLY TO SA A. ROEHL, ALEXANDRIA, APRIL EIGHT, INSTANT.

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TO: DIRECTOR AND
SAC MEMPHIS

FROM: SAC DALLAS (44-2849) (P)

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.; CIVIL RIGHTS.
OO MEMPHIS.

RE WFO TEL TO BUREAU, DALLAS AND MEMPHIS, TWO TEN AM,
TODAY.

JAMES W. TRINKLE, ONE FIVE ZERO ZERO PROVINCETOWN LANE,
RICHARDSON, TEXAS, WAS INTERVIEWED TODAY AND STATES HE STOPPED
AT INTERSTATE HIGHWAY ^{TWENTY} MOBILE STATION IN ABILENE, TEXAS, AT
APPROXIMATELY ELEVEN THIRTY AM, MARCH TWENTYNINE LAST. WHILE
OBTAINING GAS, ATTENDANT ASKED WHERE HE WAS FROM AND TRINKLE
ADVISED HIM HE WAS EN ROUTE TO DALLAS. DURING BRIEF CONVERSATION
ATTENDANT MENTIONED FACT UNIDENTIFIED MAN HAD COME INTO STATION
EARLIER THAT MORNING OR DAY BEFORE AND MAN HAD SEVERAL GUNS IN
BACK END OF CAR. ATTENDANT TOLD TRINKLE MAN SAID HE WAS "GOING
TO MEMPHIS TO KILL SOME NEGROES." NO FURTHER DETAILS OF CONVERSA-
TION RECALLED BY TRINKLE AND TRINKLE DID NOT OBTAIN DESCRIPTION
OF MAN OR CAR HE WAS DRIVING. ATTENDANT DID COMMENT ABOUT SEVERE

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SCARS ON MAN'S FACE AND ATTENDANT MADE SOME COMMENT TO FACT APPARENTLY MAN HAD JUST RETURNED FROM SERVICE IN VIETNAM BECAUSE OF SCARS ON FACE.

TODAY HOMER DILL, MANAGER, MOBIL INTERSTATE TWENTY SERVICE STATION, ABILENE, TEXAS, ADVISES AS RECALLED ON MARCH THIRTYONE LAST ABOUT SEVEN AM, AN INDIVIDUAL DRIVING A BRAND NEW WHITE, TWO-DOOR HARDTOP THUNDERBIRD AUTO STOPPED THERE FOR GAS. HE ADVISED HE DID NOT NOTE THE LICENSE NO. AS THE PAYMENT FOR THE GAS WAS IN CASH. HE STATED THE INDIVIDUAL MENTIONED THAT HE WAS GOING TO MEMPHIS AND HAD A THIRTY POINT ZERO SIX AND SOME OTHER RIFLES LAYING IN THE BACK SEAT PARTIALLY COVERED BY A SHEET. HE ADVISED DURING THE COURSE OF CONVERSATION, THIS INDIVIDUAL STATED HE WAS EN ROUTE TO DALLAS TO STAY WITH AN AUNT AND THEN GOING TO MEMPHIS. HE STATED THE GUNS DID NOT HAVE A SCOPE AND THE INDIVIDUAL MENTIONED HE DID NOT USE A SCOPE AS HE FELT IT WAS NOT FAIR TO ANIMALS AND DID NOT GIVE THEM A

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CHANCE. DILL STATED THE INDIVIDUAL SAID NOTHING ABOUT GOING TO KILL NEGROES NOR DID HE SHOW ANY ANIMOSITY TOWARD NEGROES. HE ADVISED THE INDIVIDUAL CAME BACK THROUGH, STOPPED AT HIS SERVICE STATION ON APRIL THREE LAST, JUST AS HE OPENED, AND WAS ACCOMPANIED BY A WHITE FEMALE, BELIEVED TO BE HIS WIFE. DILL ADVISED THEY MENTIONED THEY HAD COME FROM HIS AUNT'S IN DALLAS AND WERE GOING ON A VACATION AND TOOK TWELVE OR FOURTEEN GALLONS OF GAS, THE LAST TIME PAYING IN CASH. DILL CONTENDED THAT AT NO TIME DID THIS INDIVIDUAL SAY HE WAS GOING TO KILL ANYONE. HE STATED HIS IMPRESSION WAS THIS INDIVIDUAL HAD JUST RETURNED FROM VIETNAM AS HE HAD TWO LARGE SCARS ON THE LEFT SIDE OF HIS FACE WHICH HAD NOT YET HEALED AND WERE DEEP SCARS CONTAINING A SCAB. DILL STATED IT WAS HIS IMPRESSION THAT THIS INDIVIDUAL WAS TRAVELING FROM SOMEWHERE IN THE WEST, PLACE UNKNOWN, TO PICK UP HIS WIFE WHO WAS LIVING IN MEMPHIS AND WAS RETURNING TO THE AREA FROM WHICH HE HAD COME TO GO ON A VACATION. HE WAS UNABLE TO

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FURNISH ANY FURTHER INFO WHICH MIGHT HELP TO IDENTIFY OR LOCATE THIS INDIVIDUAL, STATING SHOULD HE COME THROUGH AGAIN HE WOULD ASCERTAIN THE LICENSE NO. OF THE CAR AND FURTHER INFO TO IDENTIFY HIM AND FURNISH SAME TO THE FBI.

HE STATED THAT THE INDIVIDUAL WAS DESCRIBED AS A W/M, ABOUT THIRTYFIVE, SIX FEET, TWO HUNDRED, BAREHEADED, WELL KEPT HAIR, WHITE LEVIS AND A SPORT SHIRT. THE FEMALE ACCOMPANYING HIM WAS DESCRIBED AS A W/F, AGE THIRTYFIVE, FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES, ONE HUNDRED FIFTY, SHORT BROWN HAIR. P

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, WFO (44-703)

DATE: 4/5/68

FROM : ROBERT H. SYLVESTER, Clerk

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
CIVIL RIGHTS

complaint
At 4:57 p.m., 4/5/68, an individual ^{who} identified himself as ELBERT G. RUDASILL, 1509 T Street, S. E., Apartment 4, Washington, D. C., telephone 584-9762, telephonically contacted WFO. RUDASILL advised he is employed as the Technical Director, York Employment Service, 1522 K Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. He advised as follows:

He wanted to suggest the name of an individual as a possible suspect in the murder of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. He identified this individual as JAMES AIERS, the spelling of whose surname he was not certain, a counselor, Technical Department, York Employment Service. AIERS is described as a white male, age 24, 6', 170, blond hair, who usually wears horn-rimmed glasses. AIERS likes to go hunting and owns several firearms, the descriptions of which RUDASILL was unaware of.

RUDASILL said he was furnishing AIERS' name only because he fits the general description of unsub and owns firearms. In addition he has learned that around noon, 4/4/68, AIERS and his wife left for a trip to Miami, Florida, in their automobile.

RUDASILL said he knew nothing about the political feelings of AIERS or his feelings toward Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. He had no information which would connect AIERS with Dr. KING's murder.

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9:30PM URGENT RSB

TO: DIRECTOR, WASHINGTON FIELD, AND MEMPHIS
FROM: RICHMOND

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CIVIL RIGHTS.

REFERENCE WASHINGTON FIELD TELETYPE THIS DATE RE. CECIL
WILLARD.

INVESTIGATION, ROANOKE VA. VERIFIES JOHNNY SAUNDERS WILLARD
CURRENTLY INCARCERATED ROANOKE CITY JAIL SINCE MARCH TWENTYSEVEN
LAST. IN VIEW OF THIS, NO FURTHER INQUIRY RE WILLARD BEING
MADE. UACB.

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JMS.

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URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR AND SACS MEMPHIS
RICHMOND

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703)

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

CIVIL RIGHTS 00:MEMPHIS

ON APRIL SIX INSTANT, CECIL WILLARD, FOUR EIGHT
ONE THREE EDWARDS STREET, ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA, WHO
OPERATES AN UPHOLSTERY SHOP IN ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA,
ADVISED THAT BASED ON INFORMATION HE HAS READ IN
LOCAL NEWSPAPERS, HE FEELS THAT JOHNNY WILLARD, HIS
HALF-BROTHER, MAY BE IDENTICAL WITH THE SUSPECT IN
THIS CASE. THE INFORMANT REQUESTED HIS IDENTITY BE
PROTECTED. WILLARD ADVISED THAT HE HAS NOT SEEN HIS
HALF-BROTHER FOR OVER A YEAR AND THAT HIS HALF-BROTHER

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WAS LAST KNOWN TO RESIDE IN ROANOKE, VIRGINIA. HE STATED HE BELIEVES HIS HALF-BROTHER MAY HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN THE ASSASSINATION BECAUSE HE HAS BEEN "TROUBLED" IN RECENT YEARS AND WAS ARRESTED FOR MOLESTING CHILDREN, AS WELL AS FOR STEALING AN AUTO IN ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA.

HE STATED HIS HALF-BROTHER WAS LIVING WITH SOME GIRL KNOWN AS "PENNY" IN PULASKI, VIRGINIA, SOME TIME AGO. AS FAR AS HE KNOWS, HE IS NOT MARRIED TO THE GIRL.

RICHMOND IS REQUESTED TO REINTERVIEW CECIL WILLARD TO SECURE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION HE MAY HAVE CONCERNING JOHN WILLARD. SUTEL PERTINENT INFORMATION TO MEMPHIS.

SA ARTHUR ROEHRL, ALEXANDRIA RA, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703)

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER
KING, JR.
CIVIL RIGHTS
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Mrs. MARJORIE ULEN, 1515 Ogden Street,
N.W., telephone 291-6320, advised SA JEROME E.
VEIGLE on 4/6/68 that she worked in Congressman
GEORGE RYDER's office during 1965 - 1966, when the
Congressman was defeated. Congressman RYDER repre-
sented the Ninth Congressional District of Tennessee.

Mrs. ULEN advised that during the period
she worked in the Congressman's office she recalls
that on a regular basis they received "hate cards"
from one J. C. WILLARD, 3454 Chelsea Street, Memphis,
Tennessee. Mrs. ULEN noted that she read that one
WILLARD was named in a local newspaper as being a
suspect in the assassination of KING.

She stated that Congressman RYDER's office
records are now housed at the Memphis State University
Library at Memphis.

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This is furnished for the information of the Bureau and Memphis and for whatever action the office of origin may desire to take.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI AND SACS BIRMINGHAM, BALTIMORE AND MEMPHIS
FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703)

MURKIN/SUSPECT EMIL MATALIK.

RE BALTIMORE TEL APRIL SIX LAST AND WFO TELEPHONE CALL TO
BALTIMORE APRIL SEVEN INSTANT.

EMIL MATALIK IDENTICAL WITH INDIVIDUAL INVESTIGATED BY
WFO FEBRUARY TO MARCH, SIXTY UNDER CAPTION EMIL MATALIK, IS-R,
WHO RESIDED FOUR THREE ZERO K ST., N. W., WASHINGTON, D. C.
INQUIRIES ON APRIL SEVEN INSTANT REFLECTS MATALIK AT THAT
RESIDENCE AT ABOUT FIVE PM AND AGAIN AT SEVEN OR SEVEN THIRTY
PM ON APRIL FOUR LAST. FOUR INDIVIDUALS RECALL MATALIK BEING
AT HIS RESIDENCE AT VARIOUS TIMES DURING THE ENTIRE WEEK
OF APRIL ONE UNTIL MORNING OF APRIL SIX LAST.

WFO WILL RECORD INVESTIGATION AND MAINTAIN IN WFO FILE.

WFO INDICATING NO FURTHER ACTION RE MATALIK.

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TO DIRECTOR WFO BIRMINGHAM AND MEMPHIS PLAINTEXT
FROM BALTIMORE

MURKIN\ SUSPECT EMIL MATALIK.

SUSPECT ARRESTED BY BALTIMORE PD AS LOOK ALIKE AFTER PD
OBSERVED ARTISTS CONCEPTION OF ASSASSIN IN BALTIMORE NEWSPAPER
TOADY. MATALIK\ BORN [REDACTED] HIGHLAND
WISCONSIN\ FIVE FEET TEN INCHES\ ONE HUNDRED SIXTY POUNDS\
RUDDY COMPLEXION\ HONORABLY DISCHARGED FROM USAF SERIAL NUMBER
[REDACTED] ADVISED UPON INTERVIEW
ARRIVED BALTIMORE TODAY FROM WASHINGTON\ D.C.\ WHERE HE LIVED
FOR PAST MONTH AT FOUR THREE ZERO K STREET\ N. W. IN ROOMING
HOUSE. CLAIMS TO LIVE ON DISABILITY PENSION AND TO HAVE BEEN
CONFINED TO ST. ELIZABETHS HOSPITAL WASHINGTON\ D.C.\ IN
NINETEEN SIXTY THREE. ALSO CLAIMS ARREST BY GAME WARDEN DOUGLAS
COUNTY WISC.\ NINETEEN SIXTY ONE OR SIXTY TWO FOR CARRYING GUN.
MATALIK FOR MOST PART UNCOOPERATIVE DURING INTERVIEW. PER BUREAU
INSTRUCTIONS TWO SETS OF TEN PHOTOS OF MATALIK ARE BEING FORWARDED
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MEMPHIS BY PILOT AMERICAN AIRLINES FLIGHT NUMBER FIVE NINE NINE
LEAVING BALTIMORE ONE FIFTY FIVE AM APRIL SEVEN NEXT ARRIVING THREE
FORTY ONE AM MEMPHIS TIME. MEMPHIS REQUESTED TO FORWARD ONE SET OF
THESE PHOTOS TO BIRMINGHAM. WFO ATTEMPT VERIFY D.C. RESIDENCE AND
LOCATION PAST SEVERAL DAYS. BALTIMORE WILL FOUR SEVEN NEXT HAND
DELIVER TO BUREAU AND WFO PHOTOS OF MATALIK ALSO FINGER ANDP
PALM PRINTS TO IDENT DIVISION.

MATALIK BEING HELD BY BALTIMORE PD FOR INVESTIGATION
LOCAL CHARGE\ ANTICIPATED RELEASE APRIL SEVEN NEXT.

END

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, WFO (

DATE: 4-8-68

FROM : JOSEPH P. DOYLE, CLERK

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN
LUTHER KING, JR
CIVIL RIGHTS

At 2:10 p.m. this date MRS BATTLE, 300 "M" Street, S.W., WDC phone 554-3155 telephonically contacted writer and stated that at 1:15 p.m. this date she observed a white male, age 21 to 25, height 6'1" to 6'2", "tall and very thin" brown hair combed in a Hitler hair style, carrying a large attache (black) case, white shirt, dark tie, double-breasted navy blue sports jacket, dark trousers, walking north on 7th street at Independence Ave, S.W., WDC in the direction of the Mall. MRS BATTLE stated that the person she observed resembled the suspect in this matter.

The above for your info.

*No action
in hood not
feasible at
this location
JPD*



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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

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FROM: SAC, WFO (157-1576)

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
CIVIL RIGHTS -

On 4/7/68, at approximately 1:50 p.m., Agent WILLIAM STUCKEY, Secret Service, White House, telephonically advised SA JIMMIE E. HURD that a collect call had come to the White House from Lansing, Michigan. STUCKEY advised they at first declined the collect call until the operator indicated it had to do with the assassination of KING. Call accepted and a male individual stated he knew who killed KING and immediately hung up.

Agent STUCKEY advised they traced the call through Lansing operator # 105 and determined it came from a pay phone # 337-9034 located in a Burger King near the University of Michigan with address Grand River and Stoddard.

DE conduct investigation at Lansing in attempt to identify caller and information in his possession if he is identified.

(confirming info telephonically furnished to D.L.)

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2 - Detroit
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, WFO

DATE: 4/8/68

FROM : SE MELVIN L. MONTGOMERY

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
CIVIL RIGHTS

At 12:02 PM this date Officer W. L. SIGNON, #8 Pct, MPD, telephonically advised that an individual had stopped him on the street on Connecticut Ave. and said that he had seen a man who resembled the published picture of the assassin. SIGNON said he accompanied the man back over the area involved (both sides of Chevy Chase Circle) without sighting the suspect again.

The suspect was described as being 5' 9" to 5' 10"; 145 to 150#; ruddy complexion; long, straight nose, wearing khaki pants. The nose was described as being the single thing that caused the observer to feel the suspect might be the assassin.

The observer was described as being a physician who had furnished his name to the officer but had requested that he not be identified unless necessary. The sighting took place at 11:45 AM.

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647PM URGENT 4-8-68 SAA

TO ALL CONTINENTAL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR 1P

MURKIN

THIS IS THE CAPTION FOR THE CIVIL RIGHTS INVESTIGATION TO IDENTIFY PERSON OR PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., IN MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, ON APRIL FOUR LAST.

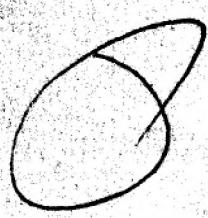
ALL INVESTIGATION MUST BE HANDLED UNDER THE PERSONAL DIRECTION OF THE SAC. LEADS ARE TO BE AFFORDED IMMEDIATE, THOROUGH IMAGINATIVE ATTENTION. YOU MUST EXHAUST ALL POSSIBILITIES FROM SUCH LEADS AS ANY ONE LEAD COULD RESULT IN THE SOLUTION OF THIS MOST IMPORTANT INVESTIGATION. SAC WILL BE HELD PERSONALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY FAILURE TO PROMPTLY AND THOROUGHLY HANDLE INVESTIGATION IN THIS MATTER.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, WFO (

DATE: 4-8-68

FROM : JOSEPH F. DOYNE, CLERK

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN
LUTHER KING, JR.
CIVIL RIGHTS.

*Wednesday morning
at 8:50 AM*

MRS EULA MC REYNOLDS, 319 Waterford Road, Silverspring, Md phone 593-0482 telephonically advised writer at 3:40 p.m. this date that she and her husband were at the Howard Johnson Hotel, located on Mariott Parkway, Millford, Conn on Monday and Tuesday nights last and were in the process of checking out when both she and her husband observed a Black Mustang, year 1966 or 1967, believed to be bearing Mass Tags also parked in the Hotel parking lot. In the rear seat of the auto were several rifles some of which were in canvas bags. The trunk of the auto appeared to be broken and did not fit down properly. The owner of the car was also in the process of checking out. He was described as a white male, age 35, height 6', weight 170, light brown hair, fair complexion but slightly sun-burned, wearing plaid shirt (color unknown), color of trousers unknown, carrying one bag.

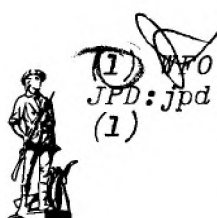
MC REYNOLDS stated that she stayed in room #29 and that the owner of the car stayed in the next room on the right of hers.

MC REYNOLDS stated that on registering at the Hotel that all applicants are required to state the tag number, state, and make and model of auto.

The above for info.

See serial 35473

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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: SACS MEMPHIS, ATLANTA AND RICHMOND

FROM: SAC, WFO

ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., CIVIL
RIGHTS.

AT ONE TWENTYFIVE PM APRIL EIGHT JOHN C. THOMAS,
AGRICULTURE, DU EIGHT SEVEN ZERO FOUR EIGHT, RESIDENCE FIVE
ZERO SIX FOUR SILVER HOLL COURT, SUITLAND, MARYLAND, TELEPHONE
SEVEN THREE FIVE NINE TWO FOUR ZERO, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED
ON APRIL FIRST LAST, HE HAD FLOWN TO ATLANTA, GEORGIA, AND
ON PLANE SAW MAN WITH BOX WHICH APPEARED TO BE IDENTICAL WITH
ONE PICTURED IN ATLANTA JOURNAL THURSDAY AS BEING ONE THAT
HAD CONTAINED THE RIFLE USED TO SHOOT DR. KING. SAID BOX WAS
LABELED MAUSER. AT TIME, STEWARDESS TOOK BOX FROM HIM AND
STORED IT IN PLANE COCKPIT UNTIL THE END OF THE FLIGHT WHEN
IT WAS RETURNED TO OWNER.

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THE PLANE INVOLVED WAS DELTA AIRLINES FLIGHT SEVEN TWO FIVE LEAVING WASHINGTON NATIONAL AIRPORT EIGHT ZERO NINE AM AND ARRIVING ATLANTA AT NINE FORTYTHREE AM.

THE MAN CARRYING THE BOX WAS DESCRIBED AS AVERAGE HEIGHT ABOUT FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES OR SO, STOCKY AND WEARING SUNGLASSES. HE COULD FURNISH NO FURTHER DESCRIPTION.

RICHMOND DETERMINE STEWARDESS OF ABOVE FLIGHT AND ALL DETAILS FOR HANDLING.

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PLAINTEXT

TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: SACS MEMPHIS
RICHMOND

FROM: SAC, WFO

ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - CIVIL
RIGHTS.

ON APRIL EIGHT SIXTY-EIGHT DALE CROWLEY, ONE FIVE ZERO
ONE FARRAGUT STREET, N.W., WHO HAS RADIO PROGRAM ON STATION
WFAX ADVISED THAT AN ACQUAINTANCE, MRS. R. L. WELLS, FIVE
FIVE ZERO ZERO JUSTIS PLACE, ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA (OFF
FRANCONIA ROAD) HAD ADVISED HIM SHE HAD SEEN PERSON IN HER
AREA WHO RESEMBLED PUBLISHED PICTURE OF KILLER OF DR. KING.
SHE WOULD FURNISH NO OTHER INFORMATION BUT ASKED HIM TO REPORT
MATTER TO AUTHORITIES. INDICATED DID NOT ^{Want} ~~WAS~~ UNIFORMED
OFFICERS TO APPEAR AT HER HOUSE. CROWLEY OPINED REASON WAS
THAT SON HAD BEEN IN TROUBLE WITH POLICE IN PAST.

RICHMOND HANDLE.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, WFO (157-1576)

DATE: 4/7/68

FROM : SA, WILLIAM S. MEEHAN

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
CIVIL RIGHTS

At 4:25 PM, this date, CHARLES THOMAS, 7215 G. St. Seat Pleasant, Md. (336-2899), telephonically advised SA MEEHAN, that he is a clerk-carrier for the U.S. Post Office at the Friendship Post Office on Wisconsin Ave., WDC. He stated at fellow postman JIMMY THOMPSON, possible JAMES, a white male has made frequent trips to Tennessee recently and owns a white mustang. He stated THOMPSON has been absent from his job since Wednesday, April 3 last. He stated THOMPSON has never displayed any Anti-Negro tendencies and on the contrary is more than friendly towards fellow Negro employees. He stated he has no other reason for reporting this information except his absence. He stated their supervisor at the Post Office is MR. KENNETH FEWELL. He stated he made the above call from his mother-in-law's home at 1221 Hamilton St. NW, WDC, tel. TA 9-4017.

*Sup'r Todd advised 4/7/68
RE ABOVE*

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, WFO

DATE: 4/5/68

FROM : SE MELVIN L. MONTGOMERY

SUBJECT: UNSUB
REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING, Victim

At 10:32 AM this date, ^{Dr.} DAVID ROSENBAUM, Office of Emergency Planning, Office of the President, telephone 395 3465, stated that two days ago and also on a prior date not recalled, RUSSELL YOUNG, Special Assistant for Government Relations, American Telephone & Telegraph Co., 1730 K St NW, telephone 392 5196, had remarked in a manner that indicated that he was not merely expressing an opinion that Victim was going to be killed in Memphis. ROSENBAUM said that he knew that YOUNG knew people from the area "down there". ROSENBAUM said that he had passed it off at the time and thought no more about it, but felt that since the statement had been proven true he felt that he should advise the Bureau. He could not suggest what the source of YOUNG's information might be, but reiterated that the statement did not appear to be put forth as an opinion. He said that he had not seen YOUNG since last night but that he intended to call YOUNG and advise him that he had furnished the above to this Bureau.



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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, WFO (157-1579)

FROM : ROBERT H. SYLVESTER, CLERK

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/8/68

At 10:30pm, 4/8/68, the writer received a call from a male who stated "I want to give you the name of the man in the Martin Luther King killing." The writer attempted to channel the call to the special squad in WFO handling captioned investigation. The caller refused to be transferred, and he then made the following statement: "His name is ED MEARS (PH) of Madonna (PH), Ohio." The caller then hung up.

The caller afforded the writer no opportunity to ask him any questions re this matter.

The call did not come through a long-distance operator. My immediate impression was that it was a local call.

The caller sounded to be a mature male. He had no noticeable accent. My immediate impression was that he is a white, male.

It is noted that the postal guide lists no Madonna, Ohio. There is a Mc Donald, Ohio, in Trumbull County, Ohio, and a Madonna in Medina County. There are no other cities listed which I believe have any similarity to the caller's pronunciation of the city.

This information was immediately relayed to SA JOSEPH E. KELLER on the special squad handling captioned matter.

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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR AND SACS CINCINNATI AND CLEVELAND
FROM: SAC, WFO (157-1579)

MURKIN

FOLLOWING INFO FURNISHED AS RECEIVED BY WFO BY AN
ANONYMOUS TELEPHONE CALL FROM A MALE INDIVIDUAL:

CALLER MADE STATEMENT "I WANT TO GIVE YOU THE NAME
OF THE MAN IN THE MARTIN LUTHER KING KILLING, HIS NAME IS
ED MEARS (PHONETIC) OF MADONNA (PHONETIC) OHIO."

WHEN WFO ENDEAVORED TO OBTAIN FURTHER INFO, HE HUNG
UP THE TELEPHONE. CURRENT POSTAL DIRECTORY REFLECTS NO
NAME MADONNA, HOWEVER, INFO IS FURNISHED TO CV AND CI FOR
INFORMATION PURPOSES.

for
2-Bureau
2-Teletype Unit
2-WFO

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(6) *llw*

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TO: CHIEF CLERK

Date 4/9/68

Subject

LOWMYER

Aliases

Address

Birth Date

Birthplace

Race

Sex

☐ Male

☐ Female

☐

Exact Spelling

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All References

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Main Subversive Case Files Only

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Subject

Date 4/9/08

Aliases

Address

Birth Date

Birthplace	
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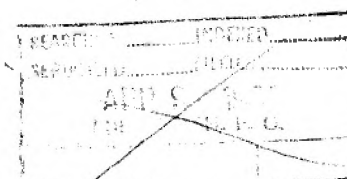
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649PM URGENT 4/8/68 GJM

TO ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 2P

MURKIN

© THIS IS THE CASE INVOLVING THE MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., ON APRIL FOUR, LAST, 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 SCENE OF CRIME WAS PURCHASED BY INDIVIDUAL USING THE NAME ~~HARVEY LOWMEYER OR LOWMYER~~ ^{HARVEY}.

LOWMEYER OR LOWMYER IS GENERALLY DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, THIRTYSIX YEARS OLD, FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES TALL, ONE HUNDRED FIFTY - ONE HUNDRED SIXTY POUNDS, BLACK OR DARK BROWN HAIR.

IN VIEW OF THE UNUSUAL NATURE OF THE NAMES LOWMEYER AND LOWMYER, ALL OFFICES SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CHECK YOUR INDICES, ALL CITY DIRECTORIES, ALL TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES COVERING YOUR TERRITORIES, ALL DRIVERS LICENSE RECORDS, ALL AUTOMOBILE

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REGISTRATION RECORDS, VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS, AND
CREDIT AND CRIMINAL RECORDS ON THE SURNAMES LOWMEYER
AND LOWMYER. IN VIEW OF THE UNUSUAL NATURE OF THE NAMES,
DO NOT CONFINE YOUR CHECK TO HARVEY LOWMEYER AND LOWMYER
ONLY. ANY INDIVIDUALS IDENTIFIED AS BEARING THESE SURNAMES
SHOULD BE IMMEDIATELY CHECKED OUT COVERING THE PERTINENT
PERIOD. YOU SHOULD ALSO APPROPRIATELY CHECKOUT ALL
BOMBING SUSPECTS IN YOUR TERRITORIES.

HANDLE IMMEDIATELY AND GIVE TOP PRIORITY ATTENTION.

BUFILES CONTAIN NO INFORMATION IDENTIFIABLE ON
HARVEY LOWMEYER OR LOWMYER.

END

LRHS

FBI WFO

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TO: CHIEF CLERK

Date

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Aliases

Address

Birth Date

Birthplace

Race

Sex

☐ Male

☐ Female

☐ Exact Spelling

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Date: 4/10/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
 FROM: SAC, ALBANY (44-493) (P)
 SUBJECT: MURKIN
 CR
 (OO:MEMPHIS)

Re Albany telephone calls to Bureau, Memphis, Birmingham, New York, Boston, Atlanta, Jackson, Mobile, 4/6-9/68; and Bureau teletype to all offices, 4/9/68.

Following is a list by states of all Thermo-Seal machines capable of producing 5 character tapes, 1 1/8" long, 1/4" wide, as provided by Mr. DONALD BROTON, Textile Marking Machine Company, 2204 Erie Boulevard East, Syracuse, N. Y.

For the information of offices not previously advised, the following is furnished:

3 - Bureau	5 - Milwaukee
5 - Memphis (44-1987)	5 - Minneapolis
5 - Albuquerque	5 - Mobile
5 - Atlanta	5 - New Haven
5 - Baltimore	5 - Norfolk
5 - Birmingham	5 - Omaha
5 - Butte	5 - Phoenix
5 - Charlotte	5 - Portland
5 - Columbia 5 - Denver	5 - Richmond
5 - Jackson	5 - Salt Lake City
5 - Jacksonville	5 - Savannah
5 - Knoxville	5 - Seattle
5 - Las Vegas	5 - Tampa
5 - Little Rock	5 - WFO
5 - Louisville	5 - Albany
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AL 44-493

Search of premises believed occupied by Unsub who assassinated Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING on 4/4/68, disclosed suitcase in which was located tee-shirt and undershorts bearing laundry mark on red tape with black lettering believed to be thermo-seal type, manufactured by Textile Marking Machine Co., Inc., Syracuse, N. Y. The tape is $\frac{1}{4}$ " wide and $1 \frac{1}{16}$ " long and bears letters and numbers 02B-6.

Experts at Textile Marking Machine Company advise type on this machine is unusual in that the first two characters are 15 point type and the last three characters are 18 point type, with the middle character, the letter B, probably being narrow rather than regular type. The usual machine carries 15 point type for the first three characters and 18 point type for the last two characters.

Textile Marking Machine experts also stated this machine is defective in that it is producing a tape $1 \frac{1}{16}$ " long instead of $1 \frac{1}{8}$ " long and is not projecting the tape far enough resulting in cutting off a portion of the first letter. The code used in the Northeast part of the U. S. is as follows:

The first letter O stands for lot number; the first number 2 indicates the day of the week, two being Tuesday; the second letter indicates the first letter of the store name, this is the letter B; the last number is the bundle number, this is 6. Color coding of the tag may designate various things such as a different month or the identity of a store in a chain. Experts also state the use of this system on laundry items is unusual in that the system is normally used on garments being dry cleaned.

The Bureau has instructed that all textile machines using this type tape be located and machines using this code be identified.

ALABAMA

(These names were obtained and furnished to the Birmingham Office telephonically on 4/5/68.)

Alexander City Laundry
Alexander City, Alabama

Homer L. Corum
2508 Memorial Parkway South
Huntsville, Alabama

Capitol City Laundry
507 South Decatur
Montgomery, Alabama

Empire Rouse, Inc.
1083 Adams Avenue
Montgomery, Alabama

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Oakwood College Laundry Dept.
Huntsville, Alabama

James F Odell
Huntsville, Alabama

Quality Laundry and Cleaners
Auburn, Alabama

Snow White Laundry and Cleaners
9052 Park Avenue
Enterprise, Alabama

White Swan Laundry
Huntsville, Alabama

Young's Laundry
216 North College Street
Auburn, Alabama

Following machines were originally located as shown
but have been sold or otherwise disposed of by the purchasers,
present owners not known:

Bishop Cleaners and Laundry
Dothan, Alabama
Model H5M4B-1, Serial #33095

Chin's Laundry,
361 St Louis Street
Mobile Alabama
Model H5K1, Serial Nos. R32111, R32112, R32114, R32021,
R32023, R32167, and R31886

Palace Laundry
701 St Anthony Street
Mobile, Alabama
Model H5K4, Serial Nos. R32514, R32535

Above was furnished to Mobile by Albany teletype,
4/9/68, and by prior telephone call.

ARIZONA

Acme Laundry
3316 North 3rd Street
Phoenix, Arizona

Allen's Cleaners
4192 North 40th Street
Phoenix, Arizona

American Laundry
101 South San Francisco
Flagstaff, Arizona

Bartoli's Cleaners
9103 North Central
Phoenix, Arizona

Cleaners and Laundry Equipment Co.
Carmelbush Mail
Scottsdale, Arizona

Gila Valley Laundry
Safford, Arizona

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Clover Cleaners and Laundry
2543 North Campbell
Tucson, Arizona

Jim Dandy Cleaners
1119 East 6th Street
Tucson, Arizona

Hammerton Laundry
1718 West Buckeye Road
Phoenix, Arizona

Maroney Cleaners
4903 North Central
Phoenix, Arizona

McKane Laundry
245 West Madison
Phoenix, Arizona

Oliver Drachonan Laundry
300 East 6th Street
Tucson, Arizona

Phoenix Laundry
333 North 7th Street
Phoenix, Arizona

Pioneer Laundry and Dry Cleaners
1400 North First Avenue
Tucson, Arizona

Pride Laundry and Cleaners
3192 East Indian School Storage
Phoenix, Arizona

San-Way Valet Laundry
551 North Country Club Drive
Mesa, Arizona

Sparkle Laundry and Cleaners
4500 East Broadway
Tucson, Arizona

Sparkle Laundry and Cleaners
1801 East McDowell
Phoenix, Arizona

Spic and Span Cleaners
P. O. Box 189
Kingsman, Arizona

Varsity Cleaners and Laundry
921 East 3rd Street
Tucson, Arizona

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Acme Laundry Cleaners, Harrison, Arkansas

Broadmon (OHM), Broadmon Shopping Center,
University Ave., Little Rock

City Laundry & Cleaners, 425 Main St., Malvern

Fayetteville 1-Hour Martinizing, Evelyn Hill
Shopping Center, Fayetteville