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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

SUBJECT: CLAUDE CHESTER MELAPEN, JR.

1. A SENSITIVE RELIABLE SOURCE IN MEXICO CITY REPORTED THAT SUBJECT, BORN 12 SEPT 1936 IN TEXAS, U.S. PASSPORT Z 155489, ARRIVED MEXICO CITY FROM HONDURAS ON PAN AMERICAN FLIGHT ON 8 APRIL. SOURCE NOTED SUBJECT HAD AMAZING RESEMBLANCE TO PHOTOGRAPHS OF ALLEGED ASSASSIN OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
2. ANOTHER SENSITIVE RELIABLE SOURCE IN MEXICO CITY REPORTED THAT MELAPEN DEPARTED MEXICO CITY FOR HOUSTON ON PANAM FLIGHT IN EVENING 8 APRIL OCCUPYING SEAT NO. 41. SOURCE SAW PLANE TAXI OFF WITH SUBJECT ABOARD. ACCORDING TO SOURCE, CAPTAIN OF THE PANAM FLIGHT (WHO RETURNED TO MEXICO CITY AFTERNOON 9 APRIL) REPORTEDLY SAID THAT SUBJECT ARRIVED IN HOUSTON.
3. THIS OFFICE HAS NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON SUBJECT.
4. THE INFORMATION IN PARA ONE HAS BEEN MADE AVAILABLE TO YOUR BUREAU REPRESENTATIVE IN MEXICO CITY. ~~THE INFORMATION IS BEING~~

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