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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)

IN CONNECTION WITH INVESTIGATION BY THE HSCA INTO THE ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., STAFF MEMBERS OF THE HSCA HAVE REQUESTED TO INTERVIEW JAMES W. SAMMON OF THE JACKSON OFFICE, CURRENTLY UNDER TRANSFER TO JACKSONVILLE. SAMMON IS SCHEDULED FOR INTERVIEW ON THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 1978, AT 2 P.M. AT THE COMMITTEE'S OFFICES IN WASHINGTON, D. C.

SAMMON HAS BEEN RELEASED FROM HIS EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT AND IS AUTHORIZED TO PARTICIPATE IN HSCA INTERVIEW. HE SHOULD REPORT TO FBIHQ ON THE DAY PRIOR TO SCHEDULED INTERVIEW. REPORT TO ROOM 3658 OR 8988 FOR INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING INTERVIEW.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Jackson, Mississippi 39205
March 28, 1978

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On March 16, 1978, from 2:12 p.m., to 3:54 p.m.; SA James W. Sammon, assigned Jackson, Mississippi, FBI Division, appeared before representatives of the House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA) at Washington, D.C.

SA Sammon was questioned by Mark A. Speiser, Peter G. Beeson, and Wendy S. Collins, all of whom identified themselves through the use of credentials, as being associated with aforementioned committee.

At the outset, SA Sammon was asked to furnish background information concerning his career with the FBI, the number of offices and dates assigned and classifications worked.

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SA Sammon was asked to identify Special Agents in Charge (SACs) and Assistant Special Agents in Charge (ASACs) assigned to the Miami, Florida, FBI Office during the period of 1961-1964, when SA Sammon was so assigned to that office. The identity of these SACs was furnished as Wesley G. Grapp and Fred A. Frobrose (phonetic). It was explained that former SAC Frobrose is now deceased.

SA Sammon was asked to identify members of his squad while he was assigned to the Miami Office. SA Sammon advised that he would be unable to identify each and every Agent assigned to the Number 5 squad during the years of 1961 and 1964 inclusive, due to the length of time that had transpired since that period.

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SA Sammon was then asked if SAs Francis McCarron, Jack Dawson, Vincent Stacey, Leon Pryor, and Leonard C. Peterson were assigned to the Number 5 squad in Miami from 1961 through 1964. SA Sammon replied that SAs McCarron, Dawson, and Peterson were assigned to that squad; however, it was not Sammon's recollection that either Stacey or Pryor were so assigned.

SA Sammon was then asked to give a breakdown by classifications as to the responsibilities of each of the six Miami squads from 1961 through 1964, which information was furnished to the committee representatives. SA Sammon was asked to elaborate on the assignment of responsibilities to the Number 5 squad of Miami during that period of time. Those classifications furnished of that squad were applicants, accounting matters, including Hoffa and teamster investigations; civil rights; racial matters; and fugitive matters. It was explained that these were the major classifications assigned the Number 5 squad.

SA Sammon was questioned regarding his transfer from Miami to the Jackson Division in July, 1964, his location and investigative responsibilities while assigned to Mississippi, which reply was to the effect that Sammon was assigned to the Clarksdale, Mississippi, Resident Agency from 1964-1969, and to the Jackson, Mississippi, Headquarters of the FBI from 1969 to the present time. SA Sammon advised that while assigned to the Clarksdale, Mississippi, Resident Agency, he worked any and all investigative matters under the jurisdiction of the FBI which pertained to the territory covered by that resident agency. In response to a direct question, SA Sammon advised that his transfer from Miami to Jackson, Mississippi, was a routine nature and not of a disciplinary nature.

In response to a direct question, SA Sammon advised that he was the "backup Agent" assigned to Bill Somerset, an FBI informant, while SA Sammon was assigned to the Miami Division during the period of 1961-1964.

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SA Sammon was asked to identify Intelligence Division Officers of the Miami, Florida, Police Department, which SA Sammon was unable to do, nor was Sammon in a position to advise whether or not any information furnished by Somerset was disseminated to that intelligence unit during the period of 1961-1964.

SA Sammon was then queried at length regarding Ku Klux Klan activity in Mississippi beginning in 1964, in particular, information regarding United Klans of America (UKA), White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (WKKKK); and the "Silver Dollar Group" of the WKKKK Mississippi. SA Sammon furnished a lengthy dissertation regarding Klan activities in Mississippi since his arrival in 1964.

SA Sammon was then asked if he had conducted any investigation regarding "Merkin". SA Sammon replied that immediately after the shooting death of Dr. Martin Luther King, SA Sammon was assigned the responsibility of traveling through North Mississippi with photographs of the evidence left by King's assailant, exhibiting those photographs at motels, service stations, in North Mississippi to determine if any of the photographs could be identified.

SA Sammon was asked if he was aware of Somerset's attempt to assassinate King in Montgomery, Alabama, in 1958 through poisoning his food. SA Sammon advised the committee that he was not aware of any such attempts.

SA Sammon was then queried regarding Bureau regulations regarding amounts of money paid informants and policy of the Bureau to overseeing those payments. SA Sammon explained to the committee that such amounts are normally determined by the Agent contacting the informant and are paid on a COD basis based on the value of the information furnished by the informant. SA Sammon advised that the Bureau oversees these payments only in an auditing or accounting of the particular informant's payment fund.

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SA Sammon was then questioned regarding the Bureau policy in discontinuing informants and if the informants are advised that they are being so discontinued. SA Sammon advised that the informant is so advised when he is discontinued, usually determined when the informant has furnished a lack of positive information, or when he has exposed himself as an informant, and of course upon his death.

SA Sammon was then questioned regarding Somerset's personal involvement in violence; Somerset's personal bigotry toward minority races; his bigotry regarding union membership; his carrying of weapons; and Somerset's knowledge of explosive devices; and information furnished by Somerset regarding Thomas Albert "Tommy" Tarrants.

To these questions, SA Sammon advised that he did not have any personal information of acts of violence performed by Somerset; and that the only personal bigotry exhibited by Somerset was Somerset's apparent dislike for SA Sammon, as Somerset felt that SA Sammon was of Jewish descent. SA Sammon advised that he had no knowledge of any acts of bigotry in union membership as indicated by Somerset, nor was SA Sammon aware of Somerset ever carrying a weapon or Somerset's knowledge of any explosive devices. SA Sammon advised the committee that he did not recall Somerset ever furnishing any information regarding Thomas Albert "Tommy" Tarrants; however, SA Sammon was acquainted with Tarrants, having been involved in a firearms shootout confrontation with Tarrants in 1969. The committee pressed for further details concerning this shootout and the committee was advised that in August, 1969, Tarrants and two other inmates of the Mississippi State Penitentiary (MSP), Parchman, Mississippi, escaped from that penitentiary and were thereafter subjects of an unlawful flight to avoid confinement investigation, and were considered by the FBI to be Federal fugitives. The committee was advised that in August, 1969, information was received by the Jackson, Mississippi, Office that the three escapees were hiding in a heavily wooded dense area near Jackson, Mississippi. Thereafter, SA Sammon and many other Jackson, Mississippi, Agents attempted to locate and apprehend Tarrants and the two other inmates, which attempts resulted in a gun battle, causing one of the inmates, name unrecalled, to be killed by

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law enforcement officers, consisting of FBI Agents, Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol (MHSP) officers, and those of the Rankin County Sheriff's Office. The committee was advised that this was SA Sammon's first and last contact with Tarrants. SA Sammon in answer to specific questions, advised that he had no personal knowledge of the acts of Tarrants performed on a residence of a Jewish businessman in Meridian, Mississippi.

SA Sammon was then questioned regarding the availability of FBI informants to other Federal or local law enforcement agencies, and the Bureau policy as pertaining to that availability. SA Sammon advised the committee that it is the practice of the FBI, as well as other law enforcement agencies, not to reveal the identity of Bureau informants to those agencies, even though the information furnished by those informants may be disseminated to those agencies.

The committee at this point took exception with SA Sammon indicating it was their feeling that the FBI "receives all information but does not share information" with other law enforcement agencies, Federal, state, and local. The committee at this point was unequivocally advised that this has not and is not the case of the FBI, and that information obtained by the FBI which is of an interest to those agencies, is disseminated to them, even though the identity of the informant furnishing such information is not revealed to those agencies.

SA Sammon was again asked for his knowledge as to the availability of Bill Somerset to the Intelligence Unit of the Miami, Florida, Police Department, to which SA Sammon again advised that he was not aware of such availability during the years of 1961-1964, the only period that SA Sammon was acquainted with Somerset.

SA Sammon was asked as to the degree of confidence and reliability regarding the information furnished by Somerset while an FBI informant. SA Sammon advised from 1961-1964, it was his opinion that the information furnished by Somerset was reliable, and that SA Sammon had confidence in that information.

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At one point during the questioning, when SA Sammon was being questioned as to squad assignment classifications, and identities of Agents of the Miami, Florida, FBI Office from 1961-1964, SA Sammon advised the committee that as that period of time was from 14-17 years in the past, SA Sammon would try to be as accurate as possible as to months and years involved; however, the committee was reminded SA Sammon's recollection of the events may be six months to perhaps a year off. Mark Speiser advised SA Sammon that the committee would only allow a four month leeway. This comment may have been misunderstood by SA Sammon and may have been in jest by Speiser; however, in any regard, Speiser was advised that SA Sammon stood on his previous statement that events occurring 14-17 years ago would be timed as accurately as SA Sammon possibly could; however, there would be no "four month allowance" imposed on SA Sammon, unless the committee intended to furnish him documentary verification. There was no such documentary verification furnished SA Sammon during his interrogation, with the exception of SA Sammon being furnished a lengthy article from what appeared to be the "Parade" or pictorial section of the Miami, Florida, Herald, Sunday Supplement Newspaper, which article appeared to be regarding Bill Somerset. This article was furnished SA Sammon briefly in an effort to identify Somerset by photograph as it appeared in the article. SA Sammon was unable to positively identify Somerset, due to the length of time involved, and the fact that the photograph was not a good likeness, or Xerox copy, as the photograph of Somerset, made him appear older and thinner in appearance. SA Sammon advised the committee that the poor photograph did resemble Somerset; however, if the committee had not advised Sammon that it was of Somerset, SA Sammon would be unable to identify him. SA Sammon was not furnished the article to read.

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SA Sammon was furnished a name of an individual in Miami, Florida, which name SA Sammon failed to record, and therefore the identity of that individual is not recalled by SA Sammon. SA Sammon was asked by the committee if he was acquainted with this individual. SA Sammon advised the individual was unknown to him.

SA Sammon was then advised that this individual was a house painter in Miami, and SA Sammon was asked if Bill Somerset was acquainted with this individual.

SA Sammon advised that he then recalled that this individual may be identical to a person who was at the scene of the James Meredith integration disorder at the University of Mississippi, Oxford, Mississippi, which SA Sammon believed to be in 1963. The committee was advised that the incident arose over Meredith, a Negro, attempting to register to attend the University of Mississippi.

SA Sammon recalled that a lead was received at the Miami Office to identify and interview this Miami house painter as his vehicle had been observed at the University of Mississippi campus during the disorder involving the registration of Meredith at that university.

SA Sammon advised that he and SA Leonard C. Peterson contacted Bill Somerset for background information on this individual and that Somerset was acquainted with house painter and furnished SA Peterson background information concerning this individual, to the best of SA Sammon's recollection involving the house painter being a member of National States Rights Party (NSRP).

Thereafter, SA Sammon assisted SA Peterson in the interview of this individual in Miami in either the summer of 1963 or 1964. SA Sammon recalled that the individual was painting a house at the time of the

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interview, was very hostile towards the interviewing Agents; however, at the persistence of SA Peterson he was interviewed regarding his appearance at the University of Mississippi.

A short time thereafter, an article appeared in the newspaper of the NSRP on the front page which was submitted by this house painter. This article referred to his interview with SA Peterson and SA Sammon, and referred to Peterson as "a blond haired Swede" and to SA Sammon as "a Jew bastard" or words to that effect.

SA Sammon was asked if he was acquainted with Joseph A. Milteer, or if Somerset ever furnished any information regarding Milteer and his activities. SA Sammon advised he was not acquainted with Milteer and did not recall Somerset furnishing any information regarding him.

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FROM: SAC, JACKSON (62-544) (C)

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Enclosed for the Bureau are original and three copies of an LHM reflecting results of interview of SA JAMES W. SAMMON by representatives of aforementioned committee 3/16/78, at Washington, D.C.

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EACH RECEIVING OFFICE SHOULD SEARCH INDICES FOR ABOVE-NAMED INDIVIDUAL AND DUPLICATE ANY FILES AND REFERENCES FOUND IDENTICAL WITH POSEY. THIS MATERIAL SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO FBI HEADQUARTERS, ATTENTION: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT, BY CLOSE OF BUSINESS MAY 26, 1978.

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FROM: SAC, JACKSON (62-544)

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Re Bureau teletype 5/17/78, captioned as above.

Enclosed herewith are as follows:

1. Serial 109 from Jackson 157-9326 (2 pages)
2. Serials 1 - 23 from Jackson 157-2083, including 2 letters from 1A (57 pages)
3. Serials 1 - 46 from Jackson 100-491, including 1A1 (180 pages)

The above enclosures are concerning BUFORD WALLACE POSEY, born 8/28/25.

It should be noted, as related to item three above, 100-491 does not contain a serial numbered as eleven and there is no indication as to why. The only explanation is an error in serializing where said number was skipped.

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RE BUREAU TELETYPE DATED MAY 24, 1978.

ON MAY 26, 1978, JN 340-R, BUREAU FILE 170-1565, JACKSON FILE 170-459, INTERVIEWED AND OBJECTS TO INTERVIEW BY REPRESENTATIVES OF HSCA IN VIEW OF CURRENT EMPLOYMENT STATUS. JN 340-R STILL EMPLOYED AT JOHN'S CAFE, LAUREL, MISS., AND FEELS LIFE WOULD BE PLACED IN JEOPARDY IF IDENTITY WAS MADE KNOWN.

REVIEW OF JACKSON FILE 170-457 PERTAINING TO JN 337-R DISCLOSED A NEWSPAPER CLIPPING FROM THE LAUREL LEADER CALL, A LAUREL, MISS., NEWSPAPER, DATED MARCH 4, 1974, COPY FURNISHED

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TO FBIHQ WHICH REFLECTS THAT INFORMANT WAS SHOT AND KILLED BY
 A SHOTGUN BLAST FIRED BY HIS BROTHER-IN-LAW. INFORMANT WAS
 PRONOUNCED DEAD ON ARRIVAL AT JONES COUNTY COMMUNITY HOSPITAL
 AND CAUSE OF SHOOTING HAD NOT BEEN DETERMINED AS OF THE DATE OF
 THE NEWSPAPER ARTICLE.

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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)

BUDED JUNE 12, 1978.

RE: BULET TO ALBANY, ET AL, AUGUST 25, 1967, CAPTIONED "COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM, BLACK NATIONALIST-HATE GROUPS, INTERNAL SECURITY" AND "BUAIRTEL TO ALBANY, ET AL, MARCH 4, 1968, CAPTIONED "COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM, BLACK NATIONALIST-HATE GROUPS, RACIAL INTELLIGENCE".

THE HSCA WHICH IS INVESTIGATING THE ASSASSINATION OF JOHN F. KENNEDY AND MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., NOTING THAT REFERENCED COMMUNICATIONS ASKED RECIPIENT OFFICES TO MAKE PERIODIC REPORTS TO THE BUREAU, HAS REQUESTED THAT RECIPIENT FIELD OFFICE FILES BE SEARCHED AND AWL REPORTS, LETTERHEAD MEMORANDA, AIRTELS, LETTERS AND TELETYPES CONCERNING

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DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., OR THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC) SUBMITTED PURSUANT TO REFERENCED COMMUNICATIONS UP TO AND INCLUDING DECEMBER 31, 1968, BE PREPARED FOR DELIVERY.

THE HSCA REQUESTED THAT OUR RESPONSE IN THIS MATTER BE GIVEN TOP PRIORITY OVER ALL OTHER ASPECTS OF KING INVESTIGATION.

FBI HEADQUARTERS (FBIHQ) FILES HAVE BEEN PARTIALLY PROCESSED IN RESPONSE TO A SIMILAR REQUEST, BUT TO INSURE COMPLETENESS AND THOROUGHNESS, EACH RECIPIENT OFFICE FURNISH FBIHQ TWO XEROX COPIES OF ANY COMMUNICATION MEETING ABOVE CRITERIA. COPY SHOULD REACH FBIHQ BY JUNE 12, 1978.

ALL COPIES SHOULD BE CLEARLY LEGIBLE AND SHOULD BE SENT REGISTERED MAIL, MAILED TO THE ATTENTION OF THE CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT, RECORDS MANAGEMENT DIVISION, ANY QUESTIONS CAN BE RESOLVED BY CONTACTING SUPERVISOR RICHARD C. BUSCHING, EXTENSION 3685.

RECIPIENT OFFICES HAVING NO COMMUNICATION MEETING CRITERIA ARE TO SO NOTIFY FBIHQ.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-117290)
ATTENTION: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT,
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FROM: JACKSON (62-544) (C)

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Re Bureau letter to Albany, ET AL, 8/25/67, captioned "Counterintelligence Program, Black Nationalist-Hate Groups, Internal Security"; Bureau airtel to Albany, ET AL, 3/4/68, captioned "Counterintelligence Program, Black Nationalist-Hate Groups, Racial Intelligence" and Bureau airtel to Albany, ET AL, 6/5/78, captioned as above.

Enclosed herewith are copies of serials 3, 5, and 7 of Jackson file 100-980. Said file is concerning same matter as set forth in referenced communications dated 8/25/67 and 3/4/68.

Review of above file was made for the period 8/25/67 through 12/31/68, and only for information concerning Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. and The Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

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DISTRICT COURT 57 (CASE NUMBER F 248-084). WILSON SERVED
TWELVE DAYS AND WAS RELEASED JUNE 30, 1972.

CENTRAL RECORDS, BEXAR COUNTY DISTRICT COURT, WILL
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ON AUGUST 18, 1978, AT 6 PM, MR. WILLIAM DON GLADDEN, AGE 46, W/M, RT. 3, BOX 205H-3 (MEADOW LARK DRIVE), GULF PARK ESTATES, OCEAN SPRINGS, MS., TELEPHONE 875-3518 ADVISED AS FOLLOWS:

HE IS EMPLOYED AS MGR. OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICE IN GULFPORT, MS. (TELEPHONE 896-3221). HE AND HIS WIFE, ALICE A. GLADDEN, OWN A GIFT SHOP, "SEASONS AND REASONS," 2446 HIGHWAY 90 EAST, OCEAN SPRINGS, MS. (TELEPHONE 875-2531). ON OR ABOUT JULY 26, 1978, A W/M BY THE NAME OF "BILL"

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WILSON CAME TO THEIR GIFT SHOP IN OCEAN SPRINGS SAYING THAT HE PLANNED TO OPEN A WATCH REPAIR BUSINESS IN THE EDGEWATER MALL SHOPPING CENTER, BILOXI, MS., AND WOULD LIKE TO USE THE GLADDENS' GIFT SHOP AS A PICKUP POINT FOR HIS WATCH REPAIR BUSINESS. GLADDEN ADVISED NEITHER HE NOR HIS WIFE HAD EVER MET WILSON PRIOR TO THIS TIME. FOUR OR FIVE DAYS LATER, GLADDEN AGREED TO LET WILSON RENT A ROOM TO THE REAR OF GLADDEN'S GIFT SHOP IN WHICH WILSON SET UP HIS WATCH REPAIR BUSINESS. GLADDEN AGREED TO LET WILSON KEEP 20 PERCENT OF PROFITS COMING FROM THE WATCH REPAIR.

GLADDEN AGREED THAT HE AND HIS WIFE "GREW TO TRUST" WILSON FROM THE VERY BEGINNING AND CONSIDERED HIM TO BE A VERY HARD WORKER, WHO PUT A LOT OF HIS OWN MONEY INTO LOCAL RADIO ADVERTISING BUILDING UP HIS WATCH REPAIR BUSINESS. WILSON LATER TOLD GLADDEN HE HAD "POSTPONED" OPENING UP A BUSINESS IN THE EDGEWATER MALL. WILSON HAD HIS OWN JEWELRY AND WATCH REPAIR EQUIPMENT AND, ACCORDING TO GLADDEN, SPENT SEVERAL THOUSAND DOLLARS OF HIS OWN MONEY TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT AFTER RENTING THE SPACE IN GLADDEN'S BUSINESS. WILSON KEPT A KEY TO THE GIFT SHOP

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WHICH HE OPENED EVERY MORNING. HE WORKED HARD IN THE SHOP COMPLETING HIS WATCH REPAIRS AFTER WHICH HE WOULD LEAVE THE SHOP FOR PLACES UNKNQWN.

WILSON INDICATED TO GLADDEN THAT HE HAD A DRINKING PROBLEM AND WAS TRYING TO ESTABLISH HIMSELF AND WORK HARD IN THE WATCH REPAIR BUSINESS IN HOPES OF GETTING OVER THIS PROBLEM.

AT THE BEGINNING, WILSON RESIDED AT APARTMENT NO. 9, TWIN PINES MOTEL, OCEAN SPRINGS, MS., BUT AT AN UNKNOWN LATER DATE MOVED TO ROUBE 6, BOX 387, ROUTE SPRINGS. (TELEPHONE 875-9542).

NEITHER GLADDEN NOR HIS WIFE HAD EVER VISITED WILSON AT THE ABOVE TWO RESIDENCES AND ONLY TOOK WILSON'S WORD THAT HE LIVED THERE. ACCORDING TO GLADDEN, WILSON COMMENTED THAT HE IS STAYING IN A HOUSE OWNED BY AN UNIDENTIFIED FRIEND AND IS NOT PAYING ANY RENT AS LONG AS HE KEEPS THE HOUSE IN REPAIR.

WILSON RECENTLY TOOK GLADDEN AND GLADDEN'S SON FOR A RIDE IN AN AIRPLANE PILOTED BY WILSON. GLADDEN CONSIDERS

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KNOW EVERYTHING THERE WAS TO KNOW ABOUT FLYING AIRPLANES IN
ROUGH WEATHER.

GLADDEN FURTHER ADVISED THAT IN HIS OPINION WILSON IS
AN "EXTREMELY INTELLIGENT MAN"; HOWEVER, HE IS UNAWARE OF
THE EXTENT OF WILSON'S EDUCATION.

GLADDEN ADVISED THAT AT 11:45 PM, ON 8/17/78, WILSON
TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED HIM AT HIS RESIDENCE SAYING HE
HAD TO TALK TO GLADDEN AND HIS WIFE ABOUT SOMETHING THAT
COULD NOT WAIT UNTIL THE MORNING. WILSON REFUSED TO STATE
BY TELEPHONE WHY HE WANTED TO TALK TO GLADDEN AND HE REFUSED
TO COME TO GLADDEN'S RESIDENCE. WILSON SAID HE NEEDED TO
TALK ABOUT SOMETHING OF "NATIONAL URGENCY." THEY AGREED TO
MEET AT GLADDEN'S GIFT SHOP AT OCEAN SPRINGS AT 12:15 AM,
8/18/78. GLADDEN ADVISED HE TOOK HIS WIFE AND 18 YEAR OLD
SON, JOHN W. GLADDEN, TO THE SHOP WHERE HE MET WILSON AT
THE ABOVE TIME. WILSON ARRIVED ALONE, DRIVING AN OLD
MODEL BLUE CHEVROLET SEDAN WITH WHITE TOP, BEARING UNKNOWN
LOUISIANA TAG. WILSON APPARENTLY HAD BEEN DRINKING INAS-
MUCH AS HIS EYES WERE VERY RED AND HE SMELLED OF ALCOHOL;
HOWEVER, HE DID NOT TALK LIKE AN INTOXICATED PERSON IN

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GLADDEN'S OPINION AND SEEMED TO BE "VERY DEPRESSED."

WILSON SAID "I'M THE MYSTERY MAN. I'M THE MAN THAT MURDERED MARTIN LUTHER KING." THEY TALKED FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE HOUR AND 15 MINUTES. WILSON STATED THAT HE GREW UP IN GRENADA, MS., WHERE HIS FATHER WAS A BAPTIST MINISTER. THE BLACKS (REFERRED TO AS "NEGRES AND NIGGERS" BY WILSON), WHO LIVED IN THE AREA WERE WELCOMED TO WORSHIP AT THE CHURCH; HOWEVER, WHEN THE NORTHERN BLACKS BEGAN TO COME DOWN SOUTH, WILSON'S FATHER WELCOMED THEM INTO HIS CHURCH ONLY IF THEY CAME TO WORSHIP AND NOT TO CAUSE TROUBLE. ACCORDING TO WILSON, THE BLACKS HAD COME FOR TROUBLE AND IT WAS FOR THIS REASON THAT HIS ATTITUDE BEGAN TO CHANGE TOWARD BLACKS.

WILSON TOLD THE GLADDENS, "I AM THE ONE THAT PULLED THE TRIGGER. THERE WAS A CONSPIRACY. I WAS THE LOGICAL ONE." WILSON TOLD THE GLADDENS HE HAD "BEEN WITH THE GOVERNMENT AND GOT INVOLVED IN SOME UNDECLARED WARS." (HE DID NOT FURTHER ELABORATE; HOWEVER, GLADDEN RECALLED THAT WILSON ONCE MENTIONED HE HAD BEEN IN THE AIR FORCE.) WILSON CLAIMED TO KNOW MARTIN LUTHER KING'S FATHER AND BROTHER AND STATED HE GREW UP NEXT DOOR TO A COUSIN OF MARTIN LUTHER KING AND

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"KNEW HIS ENTIRE FAMILY."

GLADDEN RECALLED THAT HE (GLADDEN) HAD ONCE PURCHASED A USED MUSTANG FOR HIS DAUGHTER. ON SEEING THE VEHICLE WILSON REMARKED HE HAD ONCE PURCHASED A WHITE MUSTANG FOR HIS DAUGHTER.

DURING THE CONVERSATION ON THE EARLY MORNING OF 8/18/78, WILSON STATED THAT HIS DAUGHTER HAD DRIVEN THE WHITE MUSTANG TO MEMPHIS AT THE TIME OF THE KING KILLING. WILSON COMMENTED THAT HE WAS IN MEMPHIS AT THAT TIME, BUT HAD DOCUMENTED HIMSELF TO BE IN KANSAS CITY AS AN ALIBI. WILSON STATED THAT JAMES EARL RAY WAS THE "FALL GUY." "RAY ONLY SAW ME TWICE, BUT I KNEW HIM. RAY WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE GOTTEN AWAY CLEAN. I'M SURPRISED RAY HAS BROUGHT IT ALL BACK UP AGAIN BECAUSE HE WOULD HAVE HIS PAROLE IN TWO YEARS."

WILSON TOLD THE GLADDENS THAT HE WOULD NOT SEE THEM ANYMORE AFTER TONIGHT AND HE WANTED THEM TO HAVE ALL HIS EXPENSIVE WATCH REPAIR EQUIPMENT.

WILSON, AGAIN REFERRING TO THE KING ASSASSINATION, STATED, "IT WAS PART OF A GROUP CONSPIRACY." HE PROVIDED NO FURTHER DETAILS STATING HE WOULD ONLY DEAL WITH THE

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"SHERIFF OF MEMPHIS (TENN.), WHO HE USED TO FLY WITH.

WILSON FELT THAT THE GOVERNMENT WANTED IT TO HAPPEN TO KING.

"I KNEW IT NEEDED TO BE DONE." WILSON DID NOT BELIEVE HE
 WOULD HAVE TO SERVE MUCH TIME FOR HIS INVOLVEMENT, STATING

"I'M NOT SORRY I DID IT. THE NIGGERS ARE BETTER OFF."

LATER IN THE CONVERSATION WITH THE GLADDENS, WILSON SAID HE
 WAS SORRY HE HAD DONE IT.

WILSON STATED HE HAD TALKED WITH THE MEMPHIS SHERIFF
 BY PHONE AND WAS TO MEET HIM AT THE GULFPORT, MS., HOLIDAY
 INN DURING THE MORNING OF 8/18/78. WILSON SPECULATED AS
 TO WHETHER OR NOT HE WOULD BE PROVIDED WITH A TV IN HIS CELL
 AND INDICATED HE PROBABLY WOULD BE GIVEN WORK AS AN
 INSTRUCTOR OR REPAIRMAN OF WATCHES WHILE IN JAIL.

REVERTING TO THE KING ASSASSINATION, WILSON TOLD
 THE GLADDENS THAT HE SHOT KING "NOT FROM 50 YARDS AWAY, BUT
 50 FEET AWAY." HE WAS CLOSE ENOUGH TO SEE THE BULLET HIT
 AND STATED SPECIFICALLY THAT "I SHOT THE SHIT OUT OF HIM AND
 SAW IT FLY." WILSON NEVER MENTIONED TO GLADDEN THE TYPE OF
 GUN HE ALLEGEDLY USED OR THE LOCATION FROM WHICH HE ALLEGEDLY
 SHOT KING.

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AT ONE POINT IN THE CONVERSATION WITH THE GLADDENS, WILSON APPARENTLY FEELING A DISAPPROVING GLANCE FROM GLADDEN'S 18 YEAR OLD SON, WARNED THE SON HE HAD BETTER NOT INTERFERE.

CONCERNING THE UNIDENTIFIED MEMPHIS SHERIFF, WILSON OFFERED TO FURNISH THIS INDIVIDUAL'S NAME AND TELEPHONE NO. TO GLADDEN FOR VERIFICATION OF HIS REMARKS; HOWEVER, GLADDEN REFUSED. WILSON SAID HE HAS "GONE THROUGH TEN YEARS OF HELL, AND BECAUSE HE KILLED KING, IT RUINED 26 YEARS OF MARRIAGE; HOWEVER, HIS CONSCIENCE ONLY STARTED BOTHERING HIM IN THE LAST FEW YEARS.

APPARENTLY REFERRING TO A SKETCH OF KING'S KILLER, WILSON TOLD THE GLADDENS THAT IT WAS ALMOST AN EXACT LIKENESS OF HIM AND BECAUSE IT WAS RECENTLY SHOWN ON TV, HE DECIDED TO TURN HIMSELF IN. HE SAID HE HAS A SISTER IN FULTON, MS. (NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED), WHO TELEPHONED HIM IN OCEAN SPRINGS TO SAY THAT THE SKETCH LOOKED JUST LIKE HIM. WILSON TOLD THE GLADDENS THAT HE HAD TELEPHONED VARIOUS FAMILY MEMBERS TO LET THEM KNOW HE WAS TURNING HIMSELF IN.

WILSON ALSO STATED THAT HE, AT ONE TIME, INTENDED TO OPEN A WATCH REPAIR BUSINESS IN TUPELO, MS., BUT DECIDED

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AGAINST IT BECAUSE OF THE TENSE RACIAL SITUATION.

WILSON ALSO ONCE TOLD MRS. GLADDEN THAT HE GETS "FLIGHT PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS" AT KEESLER AIR FORCE, BILOXI, MS.

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COMMENTED HE WAS NOT GOING TO GIVE ANYONE ANY TROUBLE. HE WAS ASKED IF HE HAD ANY WEAPONS ON HIM AND HE STATED HE DID NOT AND THAT SA GRAVES COULD SEARCH HIM IF HE SO DESIRED. WILSON WAS THEN "PATTED DOWN" AND NO WEAPONS WERE FELT ON HIS BODY.

WILSON COMMENTED THAT HE AND FATHER FANNON HAD BEEN TO THE MOTEL AT 9:30 AM, 8/18/78, AND AGAIN AT 6:30 PM, 8/18/78, TO SEE SHERIFF BARKSDALE AND THE SHERIFF HAD LIED TO THEM.

WILSON THEN ASKED FATHER FANNON IF HE WOULD DRIVE HIM BACK TO THE PLACE HE HAD BEEN PICKED UP AND FATHER FANNON AGREED TO DO SO.

WILSON WAS AGAIN ADVISED THAT FBI AGENTS WERE AT THE MOTEL AND WERE STILL WILLING TO TALK TO HIM AND HE REITERATED HE HAD NOTHING TO SAY TO THE FBI AND, AS HE DEPARTED, COMMENTED THAT THE FBI IN THE PAST HAD HARASSED HIS FATHER WITHOUT ANY EXPLANATION.

FATHER FANNON AND WILSON THEREAFTER LEFT THE AREA OF THE HOLIDAY INN IN FATHER FANNON'S VEHICLE PROCEEDING EAST ON HIGHWAY 90. A SURVEILLANCE WAS MAINTAINED ON THE VEHICLE.

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SHORTLY AFTER WILSON AND FATHER FANNON LEFT THE MOTEL, JACKSON ASAC TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED THE GULFPORT RA THAT INFORMATION HAD BEEN RECEIVED THAT NCIC REVEALED WILSON WAS WANTED BY THE NEW BRAUNSFELS, TX., PD FOR PROBATION VIOLATION ON A WARRANT ISSUED APRIL 18, 1978.

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

WILSON WAS RIDING AS A PASSENGER IN A PLYMOUTH SEDAN OWNED AND DRIVEN BY FATHER NOEL FANNON, PRIEST AT ST. ELIZABETH SETON CATHOLIC CHURCH, OCEAN SPRINGS. WILSON ADMITTED HIS FULL IDENTITY AS BURGESS AUDIE WILSON, JR., AND WAS TAKEN TO THE OCEAN SPRINGS PD. HE DECLINED TO TALK TO THE FBI.

ON AUGUST 18, 1978, AT 9:17 PM, REV. NOEL FANNON, PASTOR, ST. ELIZABETH SETON CATHOLIC CHURCH, OCEAN SPRINGS,

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

WILSON INDICATED HE WANTED TO CONFIDE IN FATHER FANNON AND FOLLOWING THEIR CONVERSATION, THE NATURE OF WHICH FATHER FANNON REFUSED TO DIVULGE, FANNON AGREED TO FOLLOW WILSON IN THEIR AUTOMOBILES TO THE HOLIDAY INN, GULFPORT, MS., WHERE WILSON HAD TOLD FATHER FANNON HE WOULD MEET SHELBY COUNTY, TENN., SHERIFF GENE BARKSDALE. AFTER THE MORNING MEETING IN GULFPORT DID NOT COME OFF, AND AT THE URGING OF WILSON, FATHER FANNON PERSONALLY TELEPHONED SHERIFF GENE BARKSDALE IN MEMPHIS. DURING THEIR CONVERSATION, SHERIFF BARKSDALE ASSURED FATHER FANNON HE WOULD PERSONALLY FLY TO GULFPORT, MS., IN ORDER TO MEET WITH FATHER FANNON AND WILSON AT 6:30 PM AT THE HOLIDAY INN.

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

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

SAN ANTONIO DIVISION AT NEW BRAUNSFELS, TEXAS. CONTACT NEW BRAUNSFELS PD AND ADVISED THEM OF WILSON'S INCARCERATION AT OCEAN SPRINGS, MISS., PD, TELEPHONE 875-2211.

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ATTN CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRIES UNIT, ROOM 8988, JEH BUILDING.
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ON AUGUST 18, 1978, AT 6 PM, MR. WILLIAM DON GLADDEN,
AGE 46, W/M, RT. 3, BOX 205H-3 (MEADOW LARK DRIVE), GULF PARK
ESTATES, OCEAN SPRINGS, MS., TELEPHONE 875-3518 ADVISED AS
FOLLOWS:

HE IS EMPLOYED AS MGR. OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICE IN
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A. GLADDEN, OWN A GIFT SHOP, "SEASONS AND REASONS," 2446
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ON OR ABOUT JULY 26, 1978, A W/M BY THE NAME OF "BILL"

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WILSON CAME TO THEIR GIFT SHOP IN OCEAN SPRINGS SAYING THAT HE PLANNED TO OPEN A WATCH REPAIR BUSINESS IN THE EDGEWATER MALL SHOPPING CENTER, BILOXI, MS., AND WOULD LIKE TO USE THE GLADDENS' GIFT SHOP AS A PICKUP POINT FOR HIS WATCH REPAIR BUSINESS. GLADDEN ADVISED NEITHER HE NOR HIS WIFE HAD EVER MET WILSON PRIOR TO THIS TIME. FOUR OR FIVE DAYS LATER, GLADDEN AGREED TO LET WILSON RENT A ROOM TO THE REAR OF GLADDEN'S GIFT SHOP IN WHICH WILSON SET UP HIS WATCH REPAIR BUSINESS. GLADDEN AGREED TO LET WILSON KEEP 20 PERCENT OF PROFITS COMING FROM THE WATCH REPAIR.

GLADDEN AGREED THAT HE AND HIS WIFE "GREW TO TRUST" WILSON FROM THE VERY BEGINNING AND CONSIDERED HIM TO BE A VERY HARD WORKER, WHO PUT A LOT OF HIS OWN MONEY INTO LOCAL RADIO ADVERTISING BUILDING UP HIS WATCH REPAIR BUSINESS. WILSON LATER TOLD GLADDEN HE HAD "POSTPONED" OPENING UP A BUSINESS IN THE EDGEWATER MALL. WILSON HAD HIS OWN JEWELRY AND WATCH REPAIR EQUIPMENT AND, ACCORDING TO GLADDEN, SPENT SEVERAL THOUSAND DOLLARS OF HIS OWN MONEY TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT AFTER RENTING THE SPACE IN GLADDEN'S BUSINESS. WILSON KEPT A KEY TO THE GIFT SHOP

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WHICH HE OPENED EVERY MORNING. HE WORKED HARD IN THE SHOP COMPLETING HIS WATCH REPAIRS AFTER WHICH HE WOULD LEAVE THE SHOP FOR PLACES UNKNOWN.

WILSON INDICATED TO GLADDEN THAT HE HAD A DRINKING PROBLEM AND WAS TRYING TO ESTABLISH HIMSELF AND WORK HARD IN THE WATCH REPAIR BUSINESS IN HOPES OF GETTING OVER THIS PROBLEM.

AT THE BEGINNING, WILSON RESIDED AT APARTMENT NO. 9, TWIN PINES MOTEL, OCEAN SPRINGS, MS., BUT AT AN UNKNOWN LATER DATE MOVED TO ROUBE 6, BOX 387, ROUTE SPRINGS (TELEPHONE 875-9542).

NEITHER GLADDEN NOR HIS WIFE HAD EVER VISITED WILSON AT THE ABOVE TWO RESIDENCES AND ONLY TOOK WILSON'S WORD THAT HE LIVED THERE. ACCORDING TO GLADDEN, WILSON COMMENTED THAT HE IS STAYING IN A HOUSE OWNED BY AN UNIDENTIFIED FRIEND AND IS NOT PAYING ANY RENT AS LONG AS HE KEEPS THE HOUSE IN REPAIR.

WILSON RECENTLY TOOK GLADDEN AND GLADDEN'S SON FOR A RIDE IN AN AIRPLANE PILOTED BY WILSON. GLADDEN CONSIDERS

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KNOW EVERYTHING THERE WAS TO KNOW ABOUT FLYING AIRPLANES IN
ROUGH WEATHER .

GLADDEN FURTHER ADVISED THAT IN HIS OPINION WILSON IS
AN "EXTREMELY INTELLIGENT MAN"; HOWEVER, HE IS UNAWARE OF
THE EXTENT OF WILSON'S EDUCATION.

GLADDEN ADVISED THAT AT 11:45 PM, ON 8/17/78, WILSON
TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED HIM AT HIS RESIDENCE SAYING HE
HAD TO TALK TO GLADDEN AND HIS WIFE ABOUT SOMETHING THAT
COULD NOT WAIT UNTIL THE MORNING. WILSON REFUSED TO STATE
BY TELEPHONE WHY HE WANTED TO TALK TO GLADDEN AND HE REFUSED
TO COME TO GLADDEN'S RESIDENCE. WILSON SAID HE NEEDED TO
TALK ABOUT SOMETHING OF "NATIONAL URGENCY." THEY AGREED TO
MEET AT GLADDEN'S GIFT SHOP AT OCEAN SPRINGS AT 12:15 AM,
8/18/78. GLADDEN ADVISED HE TOOK HIS WIFE AND 18 YEAR OLD
SON, JOHN W. GLADDEN, TO THE SHOP WHERE HE MET WILSON AT
THE ABOVE TIME. WILSON ARRIVED ALONE, DRIVING AN OLD
MODEL BLUE CHEVROLET SEDAN WITH WHITE TOP, BEARING UNKNOWN
LOUISIANA TAG. WILSON APPARENTLY HAD BEEN DRINKING INAS-
MUCH AS HIS EYES WERE VERY RED AND HE SMELLED OF ALCOHOL;
HOWEVER, HE DID NOT TALK LIKE AN INTOXICATED PERSON IN

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GLADDEN'S OPINION AND SEEMED TO BE "VERY DEPRESSED."

WILSON SAID "I'M THE MYSTERY MAN. I'M THE MAN THAT MURDERED MARTIN LUTHER KING." THEY TALKED FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE HOUR AND 15 MINUTES. WILSON STATED THAT HE GREW UP IN GRENADA, MS., WHERE HIS FATHER WAS A BAPTIST MINISTER. THE BLACKS (REFERRED TO AS "NEGRES AND NIGGERS" BY WILSON), WHO LIVED IN THE AREA WERE WELCOMED TO WORSHIP AT THE CHURCH; HOWEVER, WHEN THE NORTHERN BLACKS BEGAN TO COME DOWN SOUTH, WILSON'S FATHER WELCOMED THEM INTO HIS CHURCH ONLY IF THEY CAME TO WORSHIP AND NOT TO CAUSE TROUBLE. ACCORDING TO WILSON, THE BLACKS HAD COME FOR TROUBLE AND IT WAS FOR THIS REASON THAT HIS ATTITUDE BEGAN TO CHANGE TOWARD BLACKS.

WILSON TOLD THE GLADDENS, "I AM THE ONE THAT PULLED THE TRIGGER. THERE WAS A CONSPIRACY. I WAS THE LOGICAL ONE." WILSON TOLD THE GLADDENS HE HAD "BEEN WITH THE GOVERNMENT AND GOT INVOLVED IN SOME UNDECLARED WARS." (HE DID NOT FURTHER ELABORATE; HOWEVER, GLADDEN RECALLED THAT WILSON ONCE MENTIONED HE HAD BEEN IN THE AIR FORCE.) WILSON CLAIMED TO KNOW MARTIN LUTHER KING'S FATHER AND BROTHER AND STATED HE GREW UP NEXT DOOR TO A COUSIN OF MARTIN LUTHER KING AND

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"KNEW HIS ENTIRE FAMILY."

GLADDEN RECALLED THAT HE (GLADDEN) HAD ONCE PURCHASED A USED MUSTANG FOR HIS DAUGHTER. ON SEEING THE VEHICLE WILSON REMARKED HE HAD ONCE PURCHASED A WHITE MUSTANG FOR HIS DAUGHTER.

DURING THE CONVERSATION ON THE EARLY MORNING OF 8/18/78, WILSON STATED THAT HIS DAUGHTER HAD DRIVEN THE WHITE MUSTANG TO MEMPHIS AT THE TIME OF THE KING KILLING. WILSON COMMENTED THAT HE WAS IN MEMPHIS AT THAT TIME, BUT HAD DOCUMENTED HIMSELF TO BE IN KANSAS CITY AS AN ALIBI. WILSON STATED THAT JAMES EARL RAY WAS THE "FALL GUY." "RAY ONLY SAW ME TWICE, BUT I KNEW HIM. RAY WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE GOTTEN AWAY CLEAN. I'M SURPRISED RAY HAS BROUGHT IT ALL BACK UP AGAIN BECAUSE HE WOULD HAVE HIS PAROLE IN TWO YEARS."

WILSON TOLD THE GLADDENS THAT HE WOULD NOT SEE THEM ANYMORE AFTER TONIGHT AND HE WANTED THEM TO HAVE ALL HIS EXPENSIVE WATCH REPAIR EQUIPMENT.

WILSON, AGAIN REFERRING TO THE KING ASSASSINATION, STATED, "IT WAS PART OF A GROUP CONSPIRACY." HE PROVIDED NO FURTHER DETAILS STATING HE WOULD ONLY DEAL WITH THE

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"SHERIFF OF MEMPHIS (TENN.), WHO HE USED TO FLY WITH.

WILSON FELT THAT THE GOVERNMENT WANTED IT TO HAPPEN TO KING .

"I KNEW IT NEEDED TO BE DONE ." WILSON DID NOT BELIEVE HE WOULD HAVE TO SERVE MUCH TIME FOR HIS INVOLVEMENT , STATING

"I'M NOT SORRY I DID IT . THE NIGGERS ARE BETTER OFF ."

LATER IN THE CONVERSATION WITH THE GLADDENS , WILSON SAID HE WAS SORRY HE HAD DONE IT .

WILSON STATED HE HAD TALKED WITH THE MEMPHIS SHERIFF BY PHONE AND WAS TO MEET HIM AT THE GULFPORT , MS. , HOLIDAY INN DURING THE MORNING OF 8/18/78 . WILSON SPECULATED AS TO WHETHER OR NOT HE WOULD BE PROVIDED WITH A TV IN HIS CELL AND INDICATED HE PROBABLY WOULD BE GIVEN WORK AS AN INSTRUCTOR OR REPAIRMAN OF WATCHES WHILE IN JAIL .

REVERTING TO THE KING ASSASSINATION , WILSON TOLD THE GLADDENS THAT HE SHOT KING "NOT FROM 50 YARDS AWAY , BUT 50 FEET AWAY ." HE WAS CLOSE ENOUGH TO SEE THE BULLET HIT AND STATED SPECIFICALLY THAT "I SHOT THE SHIT OUT OF HIM AND SAW IT FLY ." WILSON NEVER MENTIONED TO GLADDEN THE TYPE OF GUN HE ALLEGEDLY USED OR THE LOCATION FROM WHICH HE ALLEGEDLY SHOT KING .

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AT ONE POINT IN THE CONVERSATION WITH THE GLADDENS, WILSON APPARENTLY FEELING A DISAPPROVING GLANCE FROM GLADDEN'S 18 YEAR OLD SON, WARNED THE SON HE HAD BETTER NOT INTERFERE.

CONCERNING THE UNIDENTIFIED MEMPHIS SHERIFF, WILSON OFFERED TO FURNISH THIS INDIVIDUAL'S NAME AND TELEPHONE NO. TO GLADDEN FOR VERIFICATION OF HIS REMARKS; HOWEVER, GLADDEN REFUSED. WILSON SAID HE HAS "GONE THROUGH TEN YEARS OF HELL, AND BECAUSE HE KILLED KING, IT RUINED 26 YEARS OF MARRIAGE; HOWEVER, HIS CONSCIENCE ONLY STARTED BOTHERING HIM IN THE LAST FEW YEARS.

APPARENTLY REFERRING TO A SKETCH OF KING'S KILLER, WILSON TOLD THE GLADDENS THAT IT WAS ALMOST AN EXACT LIKENESS OF HIM AND BECAUSE IT WAS RECENTLY SHOWN ON TV, HE DECIDED TO TURN HIMSELF IN. HE SAID HE HAS A SISTER IN FULTON, MS. (NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED), WHO TELEPHONED HIM IN OCEAN SPRINGS TO SAY THAT THE SKETCH LOOKED JUST LIKE HIM. WILSON TOLD THE GLADDENS THAT HE HAD TELEPHONED VARIOUS FAMILY MEMBERS TO LET THEM KNOW HE WAS TURNING HIMSELF IN.

WILSON ALSO STATED THAT HE, AT ONE TIME, INTENDED TO OPEN A WATCH REPAIR BUSINESS IN TUPELO, MS., BUT DECIDED

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THE GLADDENS ADVISED WILSON THEY WERE SERIOUSLY CONTEMPLATING SELLING THE BUSINESS AND HAD ALREADY CONTACTED A REALTOR.

AT 6:28 PM, 8/18/78, FIVE FBI AGENTS ESTABLISHED PHYSICAL OBSERVATION AT THE HOLIDAY INN, U. S. HIGHWAY 90, GLFPORT, MS.

AT APPROXIMATELY 6:45 PM, A 1970 PLYMOUTH BEARING JACKSON COUNTY, MS., LICENSE JAH-637 STOPPED IN FRONT OF THE HOLIDAY INN AND A WHITE MALE, WHO LATER ACKNOWLEDGED THAT HE WAS BURGESS AUDIE WILSON, JR., EXITED THE VEHICLE AND ENTERED THE HOLIDAY INN. THE WHITE MALE DRIVER OF THE VEHICLE THEREAFTER PARKED THE VEHICLE AND CAME TO THE ENTRANCE OF THE HOLIDAY INN, WHERE HE WAS APPROACHED BY SA BENJAMIN F. GRAVES AND WAS ASKED IF HE WAS FATHER NOEL FANNON AND HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT HE WAS.

FATHER FANNON WAS ADVISED THAT GENE BARKSDALE, SHERIFF OF SHELBY COUNTY, MEMPHIS, TENN., WAS NOT GOING TO MEET

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WILSON. HE WAS ADVISED THAT AGENTS OF THE FBI WERE IN THE MOTEL AND HE WAS REQUESTED TO TELL WILSON THAT THE SHERIFF WAS NOT GOING TO MEET HIM; HOWEVER, THE FBI AGENTS WERE AT THE MOTEL AND DESIRED TO TALK WITH HIM IF HE, WILSON, WOULD AGREE TO TALK WITH THE AGENTS. FATHER FANNON STATED HE WOULD LIKE TO TALK TO WILSON BECAUSE SHERIFF BARKSDALE HAD LIED ABOUT HIS APPEARANCE IN GULFPORT.

FATHER FANNON THEREAFTER ENTERED THE MOTEL AND TALKED WITH WILSON IN THE LOBBY. SHORTLY THEREAFTER, THEY BOTH RETURNED TO THE SIDEWALK IN FRONT OF THE MOTEL AND SA GRAVES IDENTIFIED HIMSELF TO WILSON AND ASKED HIM IF HE WERE BURGESS AUDIE WILSON. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT HE WAS AND LATER STATED HE WAS A JUNIOR.

WILSON WAS ADVISED THAT SHERIFF BARKSDALE WAS NOT THERE TO MEET HIM, HOWEVER, FBI AGENTS WERE THERE AND DESIRED TO TALK WITH HIM, PARTICULARLY ABOUT HIS DAUGHTER SUPPOSEDLY HAVING DRIVEN A WHITE MUSTANG FROM KANSAS CITY, MO., TO MEMPHIS, TENN. HE STATED HE HAD NO INFORMATION TO FURNISH THE FBI. WILSON INQUIRED AS TO WHETHER OR NOT HE WAS UNDER ARREST AND HE WAS ADVISED HE WAS NOT UNDER ARREST. WILSON

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COMMENTED HE WAS NOT GOING TO GIVE ANYONE ANY TROUBLE. HE WAS ASKED IF HE HAD ANY WEAPONS ON HIM AND HE STATED HE DID NOT AND THAT SA GRAVES COULD SEARCH HIM IF HE SO DESIRED. WILSON WAS THEN "PATTED DOWN" AND NO WEAPONS WERE FELT ON HIS BODY.

WILSON COMMENTED THAT HE AND FATHER FANNON HAD BEEN TO THE MOTEL AT 9:30 AM, 8/18/78, AND AGAIN AT 6:30 PM, 8/18/78, TO SEE SHERIFF BARKSDALE AND THE SHERIFF HAD LIED TO THEM.

WILSON THEN ASKED FATHER FANNON IF HE WOULD DRIVE HIM BACK TO THE PLACE HE HAD BEEN PICKED UP AND FATHER FANNON AGREED TO DO SO.

WILSON WAS AGAIN ADVISED THAT FBI AGENTS WERE AT THE MOTEL AND WERE STILL WILLING TO TALK TO HIM AND HE REITERATED HE HAD NOTHING TO SAY TO THE FBI AND, AS HE DEPARTED, COMMENTED THAT THE FBI IN THE PAST HAD HARASSED HIS FATHER WITHOUT ANY EXPLANATION.

FATHER FANNON AND WILSON THEREAFTER LEFT THE AREA OF THE HOLIDAY INN IN FATHER FANNON'S VEHICLE PROCEEDING EAST ON HIGHWAY 90. A SURVEILLANCE WAS MAINTAINED ON THE VEHICLE.

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SHORTLY AFTER WILSON AND FATHER FANNON LEFT THE MOTEL, JACKSON ASAC TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED THE GULFPORT RA THAT INFORMATION HAD BEEN RECEIVED THAT NCIC REVEALED WILSON WAS WANTED BY THE NEW BRAUNSFELS, TX., PD FOR PROBATION VIOLATION ON A WARRANT ISSUED APRIL 18, 1978.

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

WILSON WAS RIDING AS A PASSENGER IN A PLYMOUTH SEDAN OWNED AND DRIVEN BY FATHER NOEL FANNON, PRIEST AT ST. ELIZABETH SETON CATHOLIC CHURCH, OCEAN SPRINGS. WILSON ADMITTED HIS FULL IDENTITY AS BURGESS AUDIE WILSON, JR., AND WAS TAKEN TO THE OCEAN SPRINGS PD. HE DECLINED TO TALK TO THE FBI.

ON AUGUST 18, 1978, AT 9:17 PM, REV. NOEL FANNON, PASTOR, ST. ELIZABETH SETON CATHOLIC CHURCH, OCEAN SPRINGS,

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

WILSON INDICATED HE WANTED TO CONFIDE IN FATHER FANNON AND FOLLOWING THEIR CONVERSATION, THE NATURE OF WHICH FATHER FANNON REFUSED TO DIVULGE, FANNON AGREED TO FOLLOW WILSON IN THEIR AUTOMOBILES TO THE HOLIDAY INN, GULFPORT, MS., WHERE WILSON HAD TOLD FATHER FANNON HE WOULD MEET SHELBY COUNTY, TENN., SHERIFF GENE BARKSDALE. AFTER THE MORNING MEETING IN GULFPORT DID NOT COME OFF, AND AT THE URGING OF WILSON, FATHER FANNON PERSONALLY TELEPHONED SHERIFF GENE BARKSDALE IN MEMPHIS. DURING THEIR CONVERSATION, SHERIFF BARKSDALE ASSURED FATHER FANNON HE WOULD PERSONALLY FLY TO GULFPORT, MS., IN ORDER TO MEET WITH FATHER FANNON AND WILSON AT 6:30 PM AT THE HOLIDAY INN.

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

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REVEAL THE NATURE OF WILSON'S CONFIDENCE IN HIM.

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

SAN ANTONIO DIVISION AT NEW BRAUNSFELS, TEXAS. CONTACT NEW BRAUNSFELS PD AND ADVISED THEM OF WILSON'S INCARCERATION AT OCEAN SPRINGS, MISS., PD, TELEPHONE 875-2211.

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TELETYPE TO BUREAU 8/18/78.

ON 8/19/78 BETTY LOU WADE, 233 SMIH RD. BURLESON, TEXAS WHO
IS FORMER WIFE OF BURGESS AUDIE WILSON, STATES SHE WAS MARRIED TO
WILSON ON 4/4/68 AND CAN POSITIVELY STATE WILSON WAS AT GRANDVIEW,
MISSOURI, THAT DATE AND COULD NOT HAVE BEEN IN MEMPHIS, TENN.,
AS HE IS CLAIMING. SHE SAID THEY RESIDED AT AN UNRECALLED
ADDRESS ON HERRICK ST. AND WILSON HAD A JEWELRY BUSINESS AT
THE KATZ DRUG STORE IN GRANDVIEW, MISSOURI. WADE SAID MR. KATZ
SUBSEQUENTLY SOLD THE DRUG STORE AND THE BUSINESS WAS MOVED TO
BELTON, MISSOURI, WHERE IS WAS ESTABLISHED IN A SMALL SHOPPING
CENTER UNDER THE NAME OF WILBUR'S JEWELRY.

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