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ATTENTION GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION, CIVIL RIGHTS  
SECTION, CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT.

HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS, BUDED: FEBRUARY 11,  
1977.

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## King Murder Bullet To Be Tested Again

THE HOUSE Assassinations Committee announced that it will conduct independent ballistics tests next week on the bullet that killed Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

An FBI expert testified in proceedings following King's assassination in 1968 that the bullet was too badly damaged to determine if it came from the rifle that Memphis police say bore James Earl Ray's fingerprints.

Chairman Walter Fauntroy, Washington D.C. delegate, said two ballistics tests will be made by separate professionals and not the FBI.

Ray's lawyer, Jack Kershaw of Nashville, says Ray's story is that he had turned the rifle over to a man he knew only as Raoul and was sent off on an errand before King was shot.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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MIAMI HERALD

MIAMI, FLA.

Date: 3-18-77

Edition:

Author:

Editor:

Title: MARTIN LUTHER KING

Character:

or 44-1854\*

Classification:

Submitting Office MIAMI, FLA.

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Hollywood Police Department  
VEHICLE HOLD RELEASE FORM

DATE/TIME 12-10-76 2346 COMPLAINT NO. 76-67816

TYPE INCIDENT Auto Theft REASON FOR HOLD Abduction

NAME/NO. OF OFFICER PLACING HOLD W FAIRCHILD

76 FORD WHITE SEMI-TRACTOR 4836 PX 76 TENN  
YEAR MAKE COLOR STYLE MODEL LIC. TAG YR./STATE

W91UNC87405 PALM MOTORS 5650 PLUNKETT ST.  
VIN NUMBER GARAGE/LOCATION TOWED TO

WEST PALM BEACH PD.  
RELEASED TO ADDRESS

WEST PALM BEACH PD.  
RELEASE AUTHORIZED BY DATE/TIME RELEASED

HOLD REQUESTED BY WEST PALM BEACH PD. TO BE  
COMMENTS

RELEASED TO ANYONE AUTHORIZED BY WEST PALM BEACH

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8300 1210 1020 WPMR5  
AN. ALFHP, ALLCO, ALLPD, PMR5.  
BOLD BOLD  
KIDNAPING, HIJACKING, STOLEN VEH.  
WHITE 1976 FORD TRACTOR WITH HALO GREENS ON SIDE  
AND TRUCK NUMBER 170102 BEARING TENN. A3362X.  
TRAILER 47 FT WHITE ALSO WITH HALO GREEN'S DRUGS  
VEH 896185. TAG ON TRAILER UNKNOWN.  
VEH CONTAINED APPROX 20 TOBACCO, 500.00 IN CIGARETTES  
DRUGS AND MERCHANDISE.  
DRIVER HIJACKED SOUTH OF WEST PALM BEACH AROUND 2 A.M. THIS  
DATE.

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DET DIVISION  
555-3211 OR TERMINAL WPMR5  
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VEHICLE REPORT  
HOLLYWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENT FORM 2.4 (JUNE '69)

17. TOT. LOSS VALUE	18. DAY OF WEEK FRI	19. BEAT 156	1. REGISTERED OWNER'S NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE) WA/GREENS DRUG STORES	2. COMPLAINT NO. 76-67816
20. T.T. MSG. NO.	21. SENT BY SERIAL	5. PHONE - RES./BUS.	3. REG. OWNER'S ADDRESS CITY	4. REG. NO. 4836 PX
22. T.T. AUTH. BY SERIAL	23. VIDEO SENT BY SERIAL	6. VEHICLE SERIAL NO. W91 UVC 87405	7. YEAR 76	8. TYPE VEHICLE TRUCK
24. DATE/TIME T.T. MSG. CAN.	25. CANCELLED BY SERIAL	9. STOLEN OR TOWED FROM (ADDRESS) West Palm Beach	10. DATE/TIME STOLEN/TOWED 12-10-76 0800	
26. DATE/TIME VIDEO CAN.	27. CANCELLED BY SERIAL	11. NATURE OF INCIDENT Auto Theft Recovery	12. DATE/TIME REPORTED 12-10-76	
28. DATE/TIME OWNER NOT.	29. OWNER NOT. BY SERIAL	13. RECOVERED FROM (ADDRESS) 2800 N. 28th TERR.	14. DATE/TIME RECOVERED 12-10-76 2340	
30. RELATED COMPLAINT NO. K55056	JURISDICTION West Palm Beach	15. IF TOWED, NAME OF GARAGE Palm Motors	16. T.T. MSG. NO.	

31. IDENTIFY SUSPECTS BY NO. (NAME-ADDRESS-SEX-DESCENT-AGE-HT-WT-HAIR-EYES-COMPLEX-CLOTHING-IDENTIFYING CHARACTERISTICS. IF ARRESTED, INCLUDE BKG. NO. AND CHARGE.)	32. BY WHOM RECOVERED (OFFICER'S NAME AND SERIAL NO. - IF CITIZEN, NAME-ADDRESS-RES. PHONE-BUS.-PHONE) OFFICER FAIRCHILD 46
	33. DESCRIBE LOCATION OF RECOVERY BUSINESS
	34. METHOD OF THEFT (JUMP WIRES-TINFOIL-IGNITION LEFT OPEN, ETC.) KEYS IN IGNITION
	35. DESCRIBE EVIDENCE OF STRIPPING, TAMPERING NONE (EMPTYED TRAILER)
	36. TECHNICIAN AT SCENE (STATE HIS NAME OR REASON NOT CALLED) SCHUMACHER 811
37. NARRATIVE: (1) IDENTIFY ADDITIONAL SUSPECTS. (2) IDENTIFY WITNESSES BY NAME, ADDRESS, RES. AND BUS. PHONES. (3) DESCRIBE PHYSICAL EVIDENCE LEFT IN AREA OF THEFT, OR IN OR NEAR RECOVERED CAR. (4) SUMMARIZE DETAILS OF OFFENSE OR INCIDENT. (5) LIST ANY PERTINENT OR VALUABLE ITEMS IN CAR WHEN TOWED. GIVE PROPERTY INVENTORY IF DELIVERED TO PROPERTY ROOM. - IF ADDITIONAL SPACE IS NEEDED, USE SUPPLEMENT REPORT.	
SEE SUPP (TAPED.)	

VEHICLE INVENTORY REPORT			38. NATURE OF INCIDENT Auto Theft Recovery	39. COMPLAINT NO. 76-67816
40. YEAR 76	MAKE Ford	BODY Semi Tractor	41. VEHICLE SERIAL NO. W91 UVC 87405	42. REG. NO. 4836 PX
43. STOLEN OR TOWED FROM (ADDRESS) Palm motor 5650 Plunkett St.			44. IF TOWED, NAME OF GARAGE Palm motor	45. VEHICLE SEALED BY SERIAL
46. VEHICLE OPENED BY			47. IGNITION LOCKED <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	48. KEYS IN IGNITION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
49. TRUNK LOCKED <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO			50. SPARE TIRE IN CAR <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	51. RADIO IN CAR <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
52. BATTERY IN CAR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO			53. HOLD PLACED ON VEHICLE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
54. RELEASE TO OWNER <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO			55. HOLD PLACED BY W FAIRCHILD 46 Auth.	
56. PERTINENT OR VALUABLE ITEMS IN CAR RELEASE TO WEST PALM BEACH P.D. OR ANYONE AUTHORIZED BY WEST PALM BEACH P.D.				
57. SIGNATURE OF TOW DRIVER R. W. [Signature]			58. SIGNATURE OF TOW COMPANY/AGENT RELEASING VEHICLE	
59. SIGNATURE OF VEHICLE OWNER/AGENT			60. DATE/TIME VEHICLE RELEASED	
61. PROP. INV. NO.			62. OFFICER RECEIVING VEHICLE FROM TOW COMPANY	
63. SIGNATURE OF OFFICER RELEASING VEHICLE			64. STATUS (CHECK ONE) <input type="checkbox"/> CLEARED <input type="checkbox"/> UNFOUNDED <input type="checkbox"/> NOT CLEARED	
65. REPORTING OFFICER W FAIRCHILD 46			66. SUPERVISOR APPROVING [Signature]	
67. DATE/TIME VIOL. NOTICE ISSUED			68. FOLLOW UP BY (CHECK ONE) <input type="checkbox"/> PATROL <input type="checkbox"/> TRAFFIC <input type="checkbox"/> FILE <input type="checkbox"/> CRIM. INV.	
69. REVIEWER			70. REVIEWER	

SUPPLEMENT REPORT  
HOLLYWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENT FORM 2.5 (REV. '65)

1. ARRESTEE, COMPLAINANT, DRIVER #1, VI	2. ARREST NO.	3. COMPLAINT NO.
OFFICER W. FAIRCHILD #046		76-67816

<input type="checkbox"/> FORM USED AS CONTINUATION SHEET FOR CURRENT REPORT			<input type="checkbox"/> FORM USED TO REPORT FOLLOWUP INVESTIGATION OR SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION		
4. EXTRA COPIES.	5. PAGE NO. 1	6. TRAFFIC CITATION NO.	9. OFFENSE AND CLASSIFICATION		CHANGED? <input type="checkbox"/> YES
7. KIND OF REPORT CONTINUED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OFFENSE <input type="checkbox"/> TRAFFIC ACCIDENT <input type="checkbox"/> ARREST <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FOLLOWUP OR SUPPLEMENTAL			10. STATUS <input type="checkbox"/> UNFOUNDED <input type="checkbox"/> CLEARED <input type="checkbox"/> NOT CLEARED		11. MULTIPLE CLEAR-UP? <input type="checkbox"/> YES (LIST OTHER COMPLAINT NOS. IN NARRATIVE) <input type="checkbox"/> NO
8. OFFENSE OR CHARGE AUTO THEFT (RECOVERY)			12. FURTHER POLICE ACTION & REPORT REQUIRED <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		13. VALUE OF PROPERTY RECOVERED S

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FOLLOWUP OR SUPPLEMENTAL USAGE. UNDER NARRATIVE, RECORD ALL DEVELOPMENTS IN THE CASE SUBSEQUENT TO LAST REPORT. DESCRIBE AND RECORD VALUE OF ANY PROPERTY RECOVERED. NAMES AND ARREST NUMBERS OF ANY PERSONS ARRESTED. EXPLAIN ANY OFFENSE CLASSIFICATION CHANGE. CLEARLY SHOW DISPOSITION OF RECOVERED PROPERTY AND INVENTORY NO.

LOCATION: 2800 North 28th Terrace. (Denny's Restaurant)

RELATED COMP. #K55056, Jurisdiction; West Palm Beach Police Department.

DATE & TIME: 12/10/76 - 2340 hours.

While on a security check of the Industrial area of Hollywood, the assigned officer observed a 1976 Ford tractor trailer truck that matched a BOLO that was read to roll call at 2200. Further investigation of the vehicle revealed that the truck was numbered 172192, and that it carried a Tennessee tag 4836PX. The assigned officer then verified the vehicle as being a stolen vehicle with the NCIC operator. The vehicle being stolen from West Palm Beach on 12/10/76 at 0800. The assigned was also advised that the driver of the vehicle had been abducted. At this time the assigned made a check of the tractor to locate the driver, and found the tractor to be unoccupied. The assigned then opened the rear door of the trailer to check for the driver, and found the trailer empty also. The assigned was also aware that the trailer contained 80 to 90,000 dollars in cigarettes, drugs, and merchandise prior to the theft. At this time the assigned made a check of Denny's Restaurant and located a waitress by the name of Barbara Brown, (Dob and address refused), who advised that she was at the restaurant at approximately 3:30 P.M. on 12/10/76, and stated that she was enroute to Walgreens, as the place to which they were enroute too. A further check found the Assistant Manager, white female, TONYA FARRANT, 5/30/52, who advised the assigned that she observed the vehicle at approximately 1900 hours as she was on her break and observed the vehicle through the north window of the

14. DATE/TIME REPRODUCED-SERIAL 12/11/76 #783	15. REPORTING OFFICER OFFICER W. FAIRCHILD #046 Squad #4	16. SUPERV. APPROVING #4	17. REVIEWER
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## SUPPLEMENT REPORT

HOLLYWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENT FORM 2. (Rev. 6-65)

1. ARRESTEE, COMPLAINANT, DRIVER #1, VICTIM

2. ARREST NO.

3. COMPLAINT NO.

OFFICER W. FAIRCHILD #046

76-67816

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6. TRAFFIC CITATION NO.

9. OFFENSE AND CLASSIFICATION

CHANGED?

☐ YES

7. KIND OF REPORT CONTINUED

☒ OFFENSE☐ TRAFFIC ACCIDENT☐ ARREST☒ FOLLOWUP OR SUPPLEMENTAL

10. STATUS

☐ UNFOUNDED☐ CLEARED☐ NOT CLEARED

11. MULTIPLE CLEAR-UP?

(LIST OTHER COMPLAINT NOS. IN NARRATIVE)

☐ YES☐ NO

8. OFFENSE OR CHARGE

AUTO THEFT (RECOVERY)

12. FURTHER POLICE ACTION &amp; REPORT REQUIRED

☐ YES☐ NO

13. VALUE OF PROPERTY RECOVERED

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR FOLLOWUP OR SUPPLEMENTAL USAGE.

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restaurant. Both the witness BROWN and FARRANT stated that they did not observe any persons around the vehicle at the time they observed the vehicle. The assigned then returned to the vehicle parked in the open field just north of the north parking lot of Dennys, and awaited the arrival of I.D. Officer SCHUMACHER #811. The assigned then copied the odometer reading of 033624.0 and the hubodometer reading of 033425.2. NCIC operator then advised that Detective ERTLE of West Palm Beach Police Department was advised of the recovery and that he advised to have the assigned put a hold on the vehicle per his authority. At this time Palm Motors towing arrived and towed the vehicle to the compound at 5650 Plunkett Street, Hollywood. The vehicle was also sealed by the assigned prior to the towing of same.

14. DATE/TIME REPRODUCED: 12/11/78 #789

15. REPORTING OFFICER: OFFICER W. FAIRCHILD #046 Squad #4

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SUPPLEMENT REPORT HOLLYWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENT FORM 2.5 (REV. '65)		1. ARRESTEE, COMPLAINANT, DRIVER #1, VICTIM <b>Walgreen Drug Stores</b>	2. ARREST NO.	3. COMPLAINT NO. <b>76-67816</b>
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8. OFFENSE OR CHARGE <b>Auto Theft (Recovery)</b>		12. FURTHER POLICE ACTION & REPORT REQUIRED? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		13. VALUE OF PROPERTY RECOVERED <b>\$</b>
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Location: North of 2800 N.28th,Terr.(Denny's Resturant)				
Date & Time: 11:40PM -- Dec.10,1976				
This writer responded to the above location and contacted Officer Fairchild and Sgt.Hobbs and found that Off.Fairchild had located a tractor and trailer that had been stolen,when the driver had been abducted,in West Palm Beach. Also the T.T. message stated that the trailer had contained approx. \$80,000.00 worth of cigarettes and drugs.				
Upon my arrival,it was found that the vehicle was parked just north of Denny's Resturant,in an open field also that the truck trailer was now empty. West Palm P.D. was contacted at 655-3211 and informed of the recovery. I then spoke to a Sgt.Ertle and he advised that the driver was found in Dade County and that Dade Public Safety and the F.B.I. were also investigating this incident. The sergeant requested that we process the truck and trailer and then have it towed. A short time later Agent Roberts of the Miami Divison of the F.B.I. contacted this writer and he was advised of the situation. He stated that Agent Lawson would come to our station in the AM to continue their investigation.				
NOTE: West Palms case number is K55056 See Officer Fairchild's report.				
14. DATE/TIME REPRODUCED-SERIAL	15. REPORTING OFFICER <b>Lt. Robert L. Loos</b>	SERIAL <b>572</b>	DATE/TIME <b>Dec.11,1976</b>	16. SUPERV. APPROVING
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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS; BUREAU DEADLINE  
SEPTEMBER 23, 1977

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WHICH IS INVESTIGATING THE ASSASSINATIONS OF JOHN F. KENNEDY  
AND MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., HAS REQUESTED ACCESS TO INVESTI-  
GATE FILES OF THE ABOVE FIELD OFF CE FILES CONCERNING OUR

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MURKIN INVESTIGATION (ASSASSINATION OF KING).

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8/31/77

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-117290)  
FROM: SAC, MIAMI (62-6603) (C)  
SUBJECT: HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE  
ON ASSASSINATIONS;  
BUREAU DEADLINE 9/23/77

Re Bureau teletype to Miami dated 8/18/77; Miami airtel to the Bureau dated 8/3/76.

Pursuant to instructions in referenced teletype, the Bureau is being furnished herewith two xerox copies each of pages of serials with notations not previously forwarded to the Bureau in the Miami office file captioned, "MURKIN, Civil Rights (44-1854)," as well as the assassination of "MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., Racial Matters, file 157-2434 as indicated below:

For ease of identification the first page of the appropriate serial is also included.

These are as follows:

Miami 44-1854 Volume 2, Serials 152 page 3, 175 page 2, 251 page 3, 264 page 2, 299 page 2, Volume 3, Serial 439 page 2, Volume 5, Serial 647 page 2.

In addition, the following first pages of serials not previously sent to the Bureau by Miami Division are enclosed for the Bureau which communications are in Bureau files:

Miami 44-1854, Volume 6, Serials 774, 775, 776, 782, 786, 787, 788, 789, 791 pages 1 and 2, 792, 803, 804, 813, 815, 816.  
Miami file 157-2434 serials 13, 14, 15, 16.

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Also the following serials are enclosed in their entirety inasmuch as they have not been previously furnished to the Bureau and are not in the Bureau files:

Miami file 44-1854, Volume 6, Serial 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 783, 784, 785, 790, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 814, 817, 818, 819, 820. The total number of serials are 53.

A review of the exhibits contained in the aforementioned files did not disclose any notations.



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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-117290)  
(ATTN.: SUPERVISOR JAY ALDHIZER)

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (62-6603) (C)

SUBJECT: HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE  
ON ASSASSINATIONS;  
DATED: 9/23/77

Re Miami telephone conversation with the Bureau on 9/20/77; Miami airtel to the Bureau 8/31/77; Bureau teletype to Miami dated 8/18/77.

Pursuant to Bureau instructions, enclosed herewith are two copies each of the following listed serials from Miami Office file captioned, "MURKIN, CIVIL RIGHTS (44-1854)", which are not contained in Bureau files:

Serials 297, 360 and 737.

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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA), BUREAU

✓ DEADLINE JANUARY 13, 1977.

THE HSCA IS CURRENTLY CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION INTO THE  
ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. (MURKIN). BY LETTER  
DATED DECEMBER 13, 1977, THE HSCA REQUESTED THE FBI PROVIDE  
THE FOLLOWING:

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(1) IDENTIFICATION OF FIELD OFFICE CASE AGENT(S), ASSIGNED TO THE "MURKIN" INVESTIGATION" IN ALL ABOVE LISTED OFFICES (EXCEPT LOUISVILLE). INCLUDED SHOULD BE THE DIVISION, SECTION OR SQUAD OF ASSIGNMENT AND THE NATURE OF THE AGENT'S ASSIGNMENT IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO HIS INVOLVEMENT IN THE "MURKIN" INVESTIGATION".

(2) IDENTIFICATION OF FIELD OFFICE CASE AGENT(S) ASSIGNED TO COUNTERINTELLIGENCE (COINTELPRO) EFFORTS DIRECTED AGAINST KING AND THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC) DURING THE PERIOD 1965<sup>to 1968</sup> IN ALL ABOVE LISTED OFFICES. AS ABOVE, INCLUDED SHOULD BE THE DIVISION, SECTION OR SQUAD OF ASSIGNMENT AND THE NATURE OF THE AGENT'S ASSIGNMENT IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO HIS INVOLVEMENT IN THE COINTELPRO, KING AND SCLC INVESTIGATIONS.

BECAUSE MOST COUNTERINTELLIGENCE ACTIVITY AGAINST KING AND SCLC WAS HANDLED IN THE SUBSTANTIVE INVESTIGATIONS, YOU SHOULD IDENTIFY THE CASE AGENT(S) INVOLVED IN THE SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS OF KING AND SCLC, AS WELL AS THE COINTELPRO. THIS REVIEW SHOULD INCLUDE INSTANCES WHERE COUNTERINTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES WERE EITHER CONSIDERED OR CARRIED OUT AGAINST KING AND SCLC.

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RESPONSES SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY TELETYPE TO THE ATTENTION OF THE CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT, SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION, BY JANUARY 13, 1977.

UNDER CURRENT OPERATING PROCEDURES EXISTING BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND THE HSCA, DISCLOSURE OF ABOVE AGENT IDENTITIES TO THE HSCA CANNOT BE PREVENTED. HOWEVER, THE LEGAL COUNSEL DIVISION OF FBIHQ IS NEGOTIATING WITH THE HSCA IN EFFORT TO LIMIT PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF NAMES OF ANY AGENT PERSONNEL INVOLVED IN THE COINTELPRO ACTIVITIES. SUCH AGREEMENT WOULD FOLLOW PRECEDENT OF THE SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE WHICH IN ITS REPORT DURING 1976 DID NOT LIST THE NAMES OF ANY FBI PERSONNEL BELOW THE POSITION OF SECTION CHIEF.

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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (USCA), BUREAU DEADLINE  
 JANUARY 13, 1978.

RE BUTEL DECEMBER 27, 1977.

FOLLOWING IS NUMBERED PARAGRAPH REPLY TO REQUEST OF MIAMI  
 SET OUT IN RE BUTEL:

1. "MURKIN". SA DAVID N. JELLISON, ASSIGNED APRIL 8, 1968;  
 NUMBER 5 SQUAD; IMMEDIATE PRIOR ASSIGNMENTS INVOLVED BLACK AND WHITE  
 EXTREMIST MATTERS AND CIVIL RIGHTS INVESTIGATIONS. SA LEON E.  
 FISH; ASSIGNED AUGUST 10, 1972 (RUC AUGUST 28, 1972); NUMBER 2  
 SQUAD; IMMEDIATELY PRIOR ASSIGNMENTS MAINLY CIVIL RIGHTS INVESTIGA-  
 TIONS; SA JOSEPH T. O'LEARY; ASSIGNED JULY 30, 1976 (RUC AUGUST 3,  
 1976), FBIHQ ADMINISTRATIVE REQUEST; IMMEDIATELY PRIOR ASSIGNED  
 APPLICANT INVESTIGATION, SRA JOHN S. ATWATER; ASSIGNED JUNE 3,  
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IMMEDIATELY PRIOR ASSIGNMENTS GENERAL CRIMINAL AND SECURITY.

2. A. "MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.; SM-C. "SA RAYMOND L. O'KELLY, ASSIGNED 1965 THROUGH 1968; NUMBER 3 SQUAD; IMMEDIATELY PRIOR ASSIGNMENTS DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE NATURE, INCLUDING LOCAL CPUSA GROUP.

B. "COMINFIL OF SCLC; IS - C." SA RAYMOND L. O'KELLY, ASSIGNED 1965 TO MAY 2, 1968; NUMBER 3 SQUAD; PRIOR ASSIGNMENTS, SEE PRECEEDING PARAGRAPH.

SA JOHN C. MENTON, ASSIGNED MAY 2, 1968 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1968; NUMBER 5 SQUAD; IMMEDIATELY PRIOR ASSIGNMENTS INVOLVED BLACK AND WHITE EXTREMIST MATTERS AND CIVIL RIGHTS INVESTIGATIONS.

C. "COINTELPRO; BLACK EXTREMISTS; RACIAL MATTERS." FILE OPENED MARCH 7, 1968, ASSIGNED SA JOHN C. MENTON, STILL PENDING TO MENTON DECEMBER 31, 1968; NUMBER 5 SQUAD; IMMEDIATELY PRIOR ASSIGNMENT SET OUT IN PRECEEDING PARAGRAPH.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-117290)  
(ATTN: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT,  
RECORDS MANAGEMENT DIVISION)

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (62-6603) (C)

SUBJECT: HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS  
BUDED: 3/24/78

Re Bureau teletype to Miami, 3/14/78.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 75 serials gleaned  
from WILLIAM SOMERSETT's informant file at Miami.

Enclosures may or may not have been in Bureau  
informant file.

Prior volumes of informant file were ~~inadvertently~~  
destroyed.

Miami indices negative regarding WILLIAM AUGUSTUS  
SOMERSETT or SUMERSET, SUMMERSET, SUMERSETT, or SUMMERSETT.

Indices contain one index card regarding WILLIE  
A. SOMERSET, Miami file 157-2354-66. This serial is a  
letterhead memorandum regarding Washington Spring Project  
dated 2/27/68 sent to Bureau file 157-8428 by Birmingham  
airtel, 2/29/68. A review of this serial did not reveal  
the name SOMERSET.

Indices contain one index card regardng WILLIE A.  
SOMERSETT, Miami file 173-249. This file has been destroyed  
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TO DIRECTOR (62-117290) ROUTINE

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ATTENTION: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT, RECORDS MANAGEMENT DIVISION.

✓ HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS.

RE MIAMI AIRTEL TO THE BUREAU, MARCH 22, 1978, MIAMI  
 TELEPHONE CALL TO THE BUREAU, MARCH 28, 1978.

IT IS NOTED THAT THE INFORMANT FILE ON WILLIAM SOMERSETT,  
 FORMER MM 607-C (RAC), WAS CLOSED NOVEMBER 22, 1961. SOMERSETT  
 CONTINUED TO FURNISH INFORMATION ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS WHICH WAS  
 DISSEMINATED AND INDEXED TO APPROPRIATE FILES. EVEN THOUGH  
 INFORMATION WAS RECEIVED FROM SOMERSETT AS LATE AS MAY, 1969,  
 INFORMANT FILE WAS NEVER REOPENED. THE ENTIRE FILE SHOULD HAVE  
 BEEN DESTROYED PURSUANT TO BUREAU LETTERS TO ALBANY, AUGUST 15,  
 1977, AND OCTOBER 28, 1977, CAPTIONED DESTRUCTION OF FIELD FILES  
 AND RECORDS. SOMERSETT'S INFORMANT FILE WAS DESTROYED PURSUANT

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TO INSTRUCTIONS IN NOVEMBER, 1977. VOLUME FOUR OF THE FOUR  
VOLUME FILE WAS INADVERTENTLY NOT DESTROYED AND CONTAINS  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. 62-6603

Miami, Florida  
March 28, 1978

HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE  
ON ASSASSINATIONS

INTERVIEW OF FORMER SPECIAL  
- AGENT LEONARD C. PETERSON

On March 24, 1978, I, Leonard C. Peterson, former Special Agent of the Miami Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, was interviewed by Peter G. Beeson, Staff Counsel, Richard C. Wrose and Mark Speiser, investigators for the House Select Committee on Assassinations at the Airways Motel, Miami, Florida.

I furnished general information about my Bureau career, offices of assignment and arrival in Miami, Florida, office in April, 1960. Shortly after arriving in Miami, I took over as the principal contact for William Sommersett, a highly placed extremist source, in the Miami Division, and continued in this assignment until the Fall of 1961. I related the following information to the investigators to the best of my recollection.

Sommersett was discontinued in late 1961 for his personal safety and possible embarrassment to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Sommersett was characterized as a source who had furnished reliable information in the past and, in addition, had furnished information which could not be verified or corroborated. Sommersett's work for the Federal Bureau of Investigation covered a span of twelve to fourteen years, having started out in New Orleans Division where he furnished information on White Slavery and local police corruption. He later worked out of the Charlotte Division furnishing information on criminal matters and Klan activities in the eastern part of the North and South Carolinas. Following his work in the Charlotte Division, Sommersett came to the Miami Division where he furnished some criminal information, possible violations of labor

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### INTERVIEW OF FORMER SPECIAL AGENT LEONARD C. PETERSON

matters and principally worked during the last two or three years as a source on extremist matters covering the southeastern section of the United States. Sommersett made some fourteen or more trips out of the Miami Division to various states in the southeast including Georgia, Louisiana, Tennessee, Mississippi and North Carolina, reporting on Klan organizations and leaders of White Hate Groups. After Sommersett was discontinued, he continued to furnish information that he felt was of interest to the Federal Bureau of Investigation even though he was never reimbursed for this information.

Contact with the Federal Bureau of Investigation was initiated by Sommersett and as time passed he initiated fewer and fewer contacts. After Sommersett had been discontinued he notified the Federal Bureau of Investigation about a group responsible for the bombing at the home of Donald Shoemaker, Editor of the "Miami Herald". This information was furnished to the Miami Police Department and Sommersett was placed in contact with the Intelligence Unit of the Miami Police Department who continued the bombing investigation, utilizing Sommersett and other sources. This later resulted in the prosecution and conviction of two individuals involved in the bombing.

The Miami Police Department continued to use Sommersett on extremist matters, including trips they sent him on to other states. The extent of the information developed by Sommersett and subsequently furnished to the Miami Division is not clear. Some information was furnished; however, there was a feeling that the Miami Police Department was reluctant to furnish information developed by Sommersett since they were utilizing him outside of their jurisdiction.

The investigators were primarily interested in information developed by Sommersett on or about April 3, 1968, in Washington, D.C., to the effect that Martin Luther King was to be assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee. I do

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INTERVIEW OF FORMER SPECIAL AGENT LEONARD C. PETERSON

not recall having received this information from the Miami Police Department or Sommersett. I vaguely recall that something to this effect did come up later, but I am unable to put it in any time frame and why I only vaguely recall such a development. The investigators exhibited to me a memorandum, dated April 25, 1968, from Sergeant Sapp of the Miami Police Department to Chief Headley of the Miami Police Department. This memorandum related a call from Sommersett to Sergeant Sapp on or about April 4, 1968, reporting on Sommersett's trip to Washington, D.C., where he learned of a plot to assassinate Martin Luther King. The memorandum goes on to state that the Miami Police Department sent Sommersett to Atlanta, Georgia, to make contact with White Hate Groups in an effort to develop additional information on the assassination of Martin Luther King. I do not recall having previously seen this memorandum or if a copy was furnished to the Miami Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Following the interview, I was advised that I would be notified in the event I am needed to testify at an open hearing in Washington, D.C., before the House Select Committee on Assassinations.

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3/28/78

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-117290)  
ATTN: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT  
RECORDS MANAGEMENT DIVISION

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (62-6603) (C)

RE: HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS

Enclosed for the Bureau are five (5) copies of an LHM re interview of former SA LEONARD C. PETERSON by staff counsel and investigators of captioned committee on 3/24/78.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. 62-6603

Miami, Florida  
April 12, 1978

HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE  
ON ASSASSINATIONS

INTERVIEW OF  
SPECIAL AGENT DAVID N. JELLISON

On March 29, 1978, I, David N. Jellison, Special Agent with the Miami Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, was interviewed by Richard C. Wrose, Mark Speiser, and Wendy Collins, investigators, and Peter G. Beeson, Staff Counsel, for the United States House of Representatives Select Committee on Assassinations. This interview took place at the House of Representatives Select Committee Office Building, Washington, D.C.

At the outset, I identified myself as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and obtained names and titles of the interviewing officials. I also furnished my date of birth, Social Security Number, and general background information relating to my FBI career to date. I specifically furnished the date I commenced my assignment in the Miami Division as June 1966. Upon arriving in Miami, I was assigned to the investigation of civil rights and extremist matters as they existed in the Miami Division at that time. In this regard, I was assigned to handling the Martin Luther King murder investigation as leads developed in the Miami Division in 1968.

I was asked to comment on any contact I had with William Sommersett, an extremist source in the Miami Division at the time I was assigned to investigate extremist matters. To my recollection, regular contact with Somersett had been discontinued prior to my arrival in Miami due to his unstable behavior and to avoid possible embarrassment to the Bureau. I am of the opinion that for some years prior to 1966, Sommersett had furnished reliable information to the Bureau relating to both extremist and criminal matters. Any direct

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INTERVIEW OF SPECIAL AGENT DAVID N. JELLISON

contact I had with Sommersett was initiated by Sommersett, and any information developed as a result was accepted at face value and either verified or discredited, as the case may have been. To my knowledge, Sommersett was not paid for any information he furnished to the FBI during my tenure handling extremist matters.

Whatever contact the Miami Police Department had with Sommersett is unknown to me with the exception of a bombing matter which fell under the jurisdiction of the Miami Police Department and of which Sommersett apparently had direct knowledge. I was shown a memorandum by the House of Representatives interviewing officials which was allegedly written by an Officer Sap of the Miami Police Department on April 25, 1968, to Chief of Police Headley, wherein Officer Sap stated he had developed information from Sommersett on April 3, 1968 indicating that Martin Luther King would be killed in Memphis, Tennessee. I never met Officer Sap and never saw this memorandum. I do not recall Sommersett or any Miami Police Department official relating any of the information contained in this memorandum to me.

Prior to the conclusion of this interview, I was asked about several names which were unknown to me and was interrogated about any knowledge I might have regarding an FBI "Cointell" (phonetic) Program as it pertained to the Miami Division. I have no knowledge of this program in the Miami Division or anywhere else in the Bureau.

At the conclusion of the interview, I was advised that I would be notified of any further inquiries in this matter wherein my presence or testimony would be necessary.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-117290)  
ATT: DAN COULSON,  
CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT,  
RECORDS MANAGEMENT DIVISION

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (62-6603) (C)

RE: ✓ HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS

Enclosed for the Bureau are five (5) copies of  
an LHM re interview of SA DAVID N. JELLISON by staff  
counsel and investigators of captioned committee on 3/29/78.

Per Bureau request, no property statement is being  
placed on enclosed LHM.

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HSCA, BY LETTER DATED MARCH 27, 1978, REQUESTED THAT A NUMBER OF RETIRED AND CURRENT SPECIAL AGENTS BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW BY STAFF OF THE COMMITTEE. INCLUDED IN THAT LIST PROVIDED BY THE COMMITTEE ARE SPECIAL AGENTS RICHARD W. KAISER, MIAMI; AND JOHN W. BENTON AND HOWELL S. LOWE, MEMPHIS.

ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO INTERVIEW THESE AGENTS AS FOLLOWS: BENTON - TEN A.M., APRIL 19, 1978; LOWE - TWO P.M., APRIL 19, 1978; AND KAISER - TWELVE NOON, APRIL 21, 1978.

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PRIOR TO INTERVIEW, A REPRESENTATIVE OF LEGAL LIAISON AND CONGRESSIONAL AFFAIRS UNIT, LEGAL COUNSEL DIVISION, WILL PROVIDE LEGAL BRIEFING TO AGENTS.

AGENTS NAMED ABOVE AND ASSISTANT SPECIAL AGENTS IN CHARGE OF MEMPHIS AND MIAMI OFFICES HAVE BEEN TELEPHONICALLY NOTIFIED OF HSCA'S INTEREST IN THE INTERVIEW.

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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)

BUDED JUNE 12, 1978.

RE: BULET TO ALBANY, ET AL, AUGUST 25, 1967, CAPTIONED  
157-2414 + 3/68  
"COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM, BLACK NATIONALIST-HATE GROUPS,  
INTERNAL SECURITY" AND "BUAIRTEL TO ALBANY, ET AL, MARCH 4,  
1968, CAPTIONED "COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM, BLACK NATION-  
ALIST-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 ALL 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 OFFICE  
S HAVING NO COMMUNICATION MEETING CRITERIA  
ARE TO SO NOTIFY FBIHQ.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-117290)  
(ATTN: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT,  
RECORDS MANAGEMENT DIVISION)

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (62-6603) (RUC)

SUBJECT: HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HCSA)  
BUDED 6/12/78

Re Bureau teletype to Albany, 6/5/78.

Enclosed for the Bureau are two xerox copies each of five airtels dated 4/2/68, 4/10/68, 6/26/68, 8/28/68, and 11/29/68, which were previously furnished to the Bureau by Miami captioned "Counterintelligence Program, Black Nationalist-Hate Groups, Racial Intelligence", Miami file 157-2414.

The enclosures are furnished in response to a request in referenced teletype for copies of communications in Miami's Racial Intelligence file which refer to MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr., or The Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) between the dates 3/4/68 and 12/31/68.

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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)

HSCA, BY LETTER DATED JUNE 12, 1978, REQUESTED THAT THE  
FIELD OFFICE FILES ON THE SOUTHERN STATES INDUSTRIAL COUNCIL  
FOR THE PERIOD 1956-1978 FROM ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, JACKSON, 62-6603-57

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KNOXVILLE, LOUISVILLE, MEMPHIS, MIAMI, NEW ORLEANS, ST. LOUIS,  
AND WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE, BE PROVIDED ON A PRIORITY BASIS.

RECEIVING OFFICES ARE REQUESTED TO SEARCH FOR ANY FILES  
OR REFERENCES ON THE SOUTHERN STATES INDUSTRIAL COUNCIL FOR THE  
PERIOD 1956-1978. ANY MATERIAL LOCATED ON THIS SUBJECT SHOULD  
BE DUPLICATED AND ONE COPY FURNISHED TO FBI HEADQUARTERS,  
ATTENTION: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT, RECORDS MANAGEMENT  
DIVISION, BY CLOSE OF BUSINESS JUNE 19, 1978.

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FM MIAMI (62-6603) (RUC)

TO DIRECTOR (62-117290) ROUTINE

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ATTENTION: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT, RECORDS MANAGEMENT  
 DIVISION.

HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA).

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO ATLANTA, ET AL, DATED JUNE 14, 1978.

SEARCH OF MIAMI INDICES JUNE 15, 1978, FOR REFERENCE  
 TO SOUTHERN STATES INDUSTRIAL COUNCIL PRODUCED NEGATIVE RESULTS.

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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU, THE MIAMI OFFICE  
 HAS BEEN ~~BEEN~~ CONTACTED BY LORNE NEWMAN, 3810 S.W. 31ST  
 COURT, HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA, TELEPHONE 981-7366, WHO FURNISHED  
 THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

HE IS THE FORMER OWNER AND OPERATOR OF NEWMAN AND NEWMAN'S  
 RADIO AND T.V. REPAIR, 1807 N.W. 79TH STREET, MIAMI, FLORIDA.  
 WHILE OPERATING THAT BUSINESS, HE HAD OCCASION TO FREQUENT  
 HADDIE'S BAR, 1801 N.W. 79TH STREET, WHICH AT THAT TIME WAS  
<sup>N</sup>  
~~A~~ OWED AND OPERATED BY CHARLES PETERSON.

APPROXIMATELY EIGHT TO NINE MONTHS PRIOR TO THE MURDER  
 OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, HE SAW AN INDIVIDUAL STRONGLY RESEMBLING  
 JAMES EARL RAY IN THE BAR ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS. HE DID NOT

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KNOW RAY BY NAME AT THE TIME AND AT THIS TIME AFTER SEEING HIS PHOTOGRAPH CANNOT POSITIVELY IDENTIFY HIM AS RAY, BUT IS FAIRLY SURE HE WAS IN FACT RAY. THIS INDIVIDUAL OPERATED A WHITE MUSTANG VEHICLE, REGISTRATION UNKNOWN. HE NOTED THAT THE UNUSUAL THING ABOUT THE VEHICLE WAS THAT IT HAD A VERY BRIGHT WHITE FINISH WHICH ALMOST APPEARED TO BE AN ENAMEL TYPE FINISH.

AT ONE TIME DURING A CONVERSATION AT HADDIE'S THIS INDIVIDUAL ASKED NEWMAN TO INSTALL A POLICE RADIO IN HIS CAR. THIS INDIVIDUAL WAS TO PROVIDE THE RADIO. NEWMAN RECALLS THAT DURING THE PERIOD THIS INDIVIDUAL FREQUENTED HADDIE'S HE WAS TOLD BY PETERSON THIS INDIVIDUAL TRAVELED TO NORTH CAROLINA TO PARTICIPATE IN A KU KLUX KLAN RALLY AT WHICH A CROSS WAS BURNED SOMEWHERE IN NORTH CAROLINA. THIS INCIDENT REPORTEDLY INVOLVED A DISPUTE INVOLVING AN AMERICAN INDIAN GROUP ~~THERE AT~~ *IN NORTH CAROLINA.* THIS IS HIS ONLY WAY OF BEING AT ALL SPECIFIC CONCERNING THE DATES THIS INDIVIDUAL WAS IN MIAMI.

MR. NEWMAN INDICATED THAT HE HAD PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED THIS INFORMATION TO THE FBI. MIAMI INDICIES NEGATIVE REGARDING NEWMAN.

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NEWMAN INDICATED HE WAS FURNISHING THE INFORMATION  
*THAT* BEING <sup>A</sup> INTERESTED ~~IN~~ <sup>HAS BEEN</sup> IN THE KING ASSASSINATION ~~WAS~~ REKINDLED  
*AND* WITH THE HOUSE HEARING THAT HE FELT IT WAS PERTINENT THAT  
THIS INDIVIDUAL WHOM HE BELIEVES WAS RAY PARTICIPATED IN  
KU KLUX KLAN ACTIVITIES. NEWMAN COULD FURNISH NO FURTHER  
INFORMATION REGARDING THIS INDIVIDUAL OR THE PRESENT WHEREABOUTS  
OF MR. CHARLES PETERSON.

THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS BEING FURNISHED TO THE BUREAU  
SINCE NEWMAN INDICATED THAT HE MIGHT PERSONALLY CONTACT THE  
HOUSE COMMITTEE REGARDING THE ABOVE.

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