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TO

DIRECTOR AND MIAMI

FROM

**MEMPHIS (44-1987)** 

MURKIN, CR.

RE JACKSON TELETYPE TO SUREAU AND MEMPHIS APRIL FIVE,
LAST, QUOTING BOB MC GOWN BELIEVED TO BE AN INFORMANT OF
THE MIAMI OFFICE.

BOTH WHITE MALE ATTENDANTS, AND OWNER AND MANAGER, AT ESSO SERVICE STATION, SOUTHEAST CORNER OF HIGHWAY SIXTY ONE SOUTH AND BROOKS ROAD INTERVIEWED.

ONE ATTENDANT, FREDERIC ALVIN DORRIS, DOB

OVER GREEN CUTLASS OLDSMOBILE, SIXTY EIGHT, WAS GASSED AND WASHED AT THIS SERVICE STATION ON AFTERNOON OF TUESDAY, APRIL TWO, LAST. ADMITS HE MADE TELEPHONE CALL AT THAT TIME AND THAT HE WALKED ALONE TO NEARBY RESTAURANT AND BROUGHT BACK FOOD. STATES HE WAS TALKING TO GIRL FRIEND AND DENIES ANY KNOWLEDGE OF DYNAMITE, BURNING OF CHURCH, VICTIM KING, ANY WHITE MUSTANG AND ANY RED DODGE PICKUP TRUCK AND ANY PERSONS AS DESCRIBED BY MC GOWAN. BELONGS TO NO ORGANIZATION

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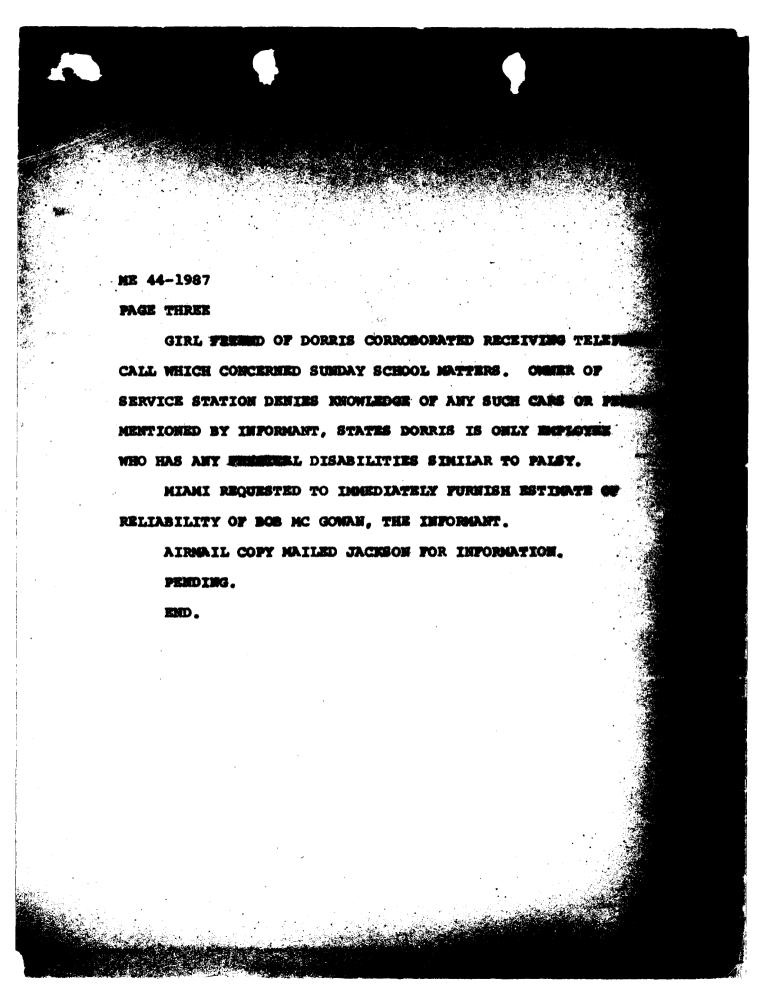
EXCEPT CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL WHICH HE ATTENDS REGULARLY.

DORRIS IS NERVOUS AND SHAKY, SUFFERING FROM BIRTH DEFECT

WHICH CAUSES INVOLUNTARY TREMORS.

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ONE FOUR TWO NINE NINE FIVE NINE THREE, STATES HE WAS
PRESENT ON AFTERNOON OF WEDNESDAY APRIL THREE, LAST,
WHEN BLACK TIMEL OVER GREEN CUTLASS OLDSMOBILE, SIXTY EIGHT,
BEARING FLORIDA LICENSE, WAS GASSED AND WASHED. HE TALKED
TO OWNER OF CUTLASS WHO WAS FINISHING A PINT BOTTLE
OF WHISKEY. OWNER TOLD HIM THAT HE WAS ON HIS WAY
BACK TO FLORIDA, THAT HE HAD BOUGHT A MUSTANG FOR HIS
DAUGHER AND HAD WRECKED IT ON THE WAY TO TENNESSEE. THIS
ATTENDANT DESCRIBED OWNER OF THE CUTLASS AS WHITE MALE,
AGE FIFTY FIVE, FIVE FEET FIVE INCHES, ONE HUNDRED NINTY
FIVE POUNDS, WITH DARK HAIR, WEARING KHAKI TROUSERS, AND
SHIRT, BLUE JACKET AND GOLF CAP. SWEATMAN DENIES ANY
KNOWLEDGE OF THINGS CLAIMED BY MC GOWAN.



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UNITED STATES G. VERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-3807)

DATE: 4/6/68

FROM : SA FRANK B. WATTS

SUBJECT: R. H. WATTS

Re propensity for violence and assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, 4/4/68.

Above captioned individual was observed by the writer at Bill's Barber Shop, 9th Street, Meridian, Mississippi, from about 7:00 P.M. to 10:30 P.M. on night of 4/4/68.

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EMMONS made available a sample of cloth with several samples of tape markings, yellow in color. He numbered the lettering on the tape as "02B-6", 'MIF14," and 'MIF15." He made available other items described in paragraph one which are enclosed for the Bureau.

The managers of the Rudolph Ramelli Company and F. H. Ross Company, both of Jackson, Mississippi, advised that the only machine handling Thermo-Seal to the knowledge in the central and southern portions of the state is the Phoenix Laundry in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. They do not handle northern Mississippi.

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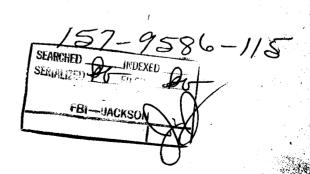
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