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TO ALL SACS - RELAY MESSAGE PLAN

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 2P

MURKIN

CONTACTS SHOULD BE MAINTAINED WITH ALL MASS COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA IN YOUR TERRITORY TO INSURE THAT THERE IS FREQUENT REFERENCE TO RAY AND HIS CONNECTION WITH THIS CASE.

SINCE YOU HAVE PREVIOUSLY BEEN ADVISED THAT JAMES EARL RAY IS IDENTICAL WITH ERIC STARVO GALT AND YOU HAVE BEEN FURNISHED IO'S AND WANTED FLYERS ON RAY, YOU ARE TO BE CERTAIN THAT ALL APPROPRIATE STOPS HAVE BEEN RENEWED ON JAMES EARL RAY AND UNDER ALL OF HIS KNOWN ALIASES AS SET FORTH ON THE IO'S AND WANTED FLYERS. THIS IS TO INSURE THAT THE BUREAU WILL BE IMMEDIATELY NOTIFIED IF THE SUBJECT IS ARRESTED OR COMES TO THE ATTENTION OF AUTHORITIES WITH WHOM STOPS PLACED.

OFFICES COVERING DEPARTURE OR ARRIVAL OF OVERSEAS FLIGHTS SHOULD HAVE RENEWED STOPS AND SUBJECT'S PHOTOGRAPH SHOULD BE DISPLAYED APPROPRIATELY.

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ALL OFFICES SHOULD CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION
AT ALL "HIPPIE" ROOMING HOUSES AND SIMILAR ESTABLISHMENTS TO
OBTAIN ANY INFORMATION WHATSOEVER CONCERNING RAY.

APPROPRIATE LEGATS BEING ADVISED SEPARATELY.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) DATE: 4/25/68

FROM : SA CHARLES S. HARDING

SUBJECT: MURKIN

A check should be made of all car rental garages in the Capitol Homes area to determine if subject, JAMES EARL RAY could have left a car in one of these garages for future getaway.

Display photos of RAY.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P) DATE: 4/25/68

FROM : SA JOHN P. GRANFIELD

SUBJECT: MURKIN

The following investigation was conducted by
SAs JOHN P. GRANFIELD and C.O. KENNERLY, JR.:

RE: LEWIS DOWDA PHASE

On 4/24/68, Mrs. RALPH J. GRAHAM, 65 Wood Ridge Drive, Marietta, Georgia, telephone number 422-2514, advised she is the mother of SHARON DOWDA, nee Graham, aka Mrs. Lewis Dowda.

Mrs. GRAHAM reported that her daughter, SHARON, is 22 years of age, and met her husband, LEWIS DOWDA, while she was employed part-time at the Bonanza Steak House in Marietta, Georgia. SHARON, according to Mrs. GRAHAM, knew DOWDA for about four months prior to their marriage in August 1967. Since their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. DOWDA lived at Olive Springs Apartments at Austell and Olive Springs Roads, Cobb County and subsequently moved to Frances Ann Apartments on Olive Springs Road, Smyrna, Georgia where they were living at the time of LEWIS DOWDA's arrest on 4/15/68.

They are the parents of a two week old baby who Mrs. GRAHAM was caring for at the time of the interview. She explained that her daughter, SHARON, is staying with her and her husband temporarily.

She viewed photographs of subject JAMES EARL RAY with negative results and advised that she has never heard her son-in-law, LEWIS DOWDA, whom she referred to as "Whitey" refer to subject RAY.

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She advised that he never exhibited any right or left feelings but did state that he did not like the riotous conditions which have prevailed nor did he like STOKELY CARMICHAEL. She added that her son-in-law never had any problems with members of the Negro race and pointed out that he got along well with the employees at the Bonanza Steak House.

She advised that the only individual she knows of who was a friend of her son-in-law's was an individual whom she knew only as "RED" who visited her daughter and son-in-law for about two weeks in about September 1967. Her son-in-law told her that he had met this individual in Missouri and the purpose for "RED" coming to Cobb County was for the purpose of seeking employment in the neon lighting business. She added that "RED" was accompanied by his, "RED's" wife and baby boy who was then four to five months old. "RED" and his family came to Cobb County in about a 1956 or 1957 Dodge which he traded in for a Volkswagen probably at Schoenfeld, Inc., 350 White Ave., SE, Marietta, Georgia, telephone number 422-4303.

She described "RED" as being a white male, 6'5" tall, very slender, late 30s or early 40s, reddish hair and reddish-brown complexion.

She added that the parents of her son-in-law, LEWIS DOWDA, live at 110 Chandler Ave., DeLand, Florida. She stated that her daughter and son-in-law visited his parents in DeLand.

She again reiterated that she has absolutely no information concerning subject RAY under his true name or aliases, and she is certain that there has been no contact between subject and her son-in-law DOWDA.

SHARON DOWDA, 2016 Olive Springs Road (Frances Ann Apartments, Apartment I-3, Marietta, Georgia) advised that she is the wife of LEWIS DOWDA and she has been married to him since 8/19/67. She advised that she and her husband are the parents of a two week old baby. She reported she met her husband while she and he were employed at the Bonanza Sirloin Pit, Marietta, Georgia and this meeting occurred sometime in the latter part of May 1967.

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She viewed photographs of subject JAMES EARL RAY and advised that she had never met this individual nor had her husband ever mentioned his name prior to about 4/23/68 when she discussed this with her husband while he was in jail in Marietta, Georgia. She advised that at that time he said to her that he had met this individual whom he referred to as "JIMMY" at the Missouri Prison. She explained that this was after GALT's picture appeared on television and in the newspapers and her husband stated he did not know anyone by the name of GALT. Later as GALT was identified as RAY, her husband stated that he slightly knew RAY as a "JIMMY" at the Missouri Prison Branch.

She advised that the only friends her husband had other than the individuals he became acquainted with in Marietta were the following:

PAUL LAIL, JR., who owns a home in Palm Beach, Florida. She reported that LAIL together with LAIL's wife, BETTY, and baby DAVID visited her and her husband some two to three months ago and visited with them in Cobb County, Georgia for about three weeks. LAIL, according to Mrs. DOWDA, was in the lighting business and worked for an Atlanta company (name not known to her) for a period of about two weeks during the time that Mr. and Mrs. LAIL were visiting them.

She explained that she does not know the circumstances surrounding her husband's meeting LAIL but stated this occurred in Missouri.

She described LAIL as being a white male, 38 to 39 years of age, 6'5" tall, skinny, red hair, ruddy complexion, wears glasses and had a Volkswagen which he bought and paid for at some automobile dealer's agency in Marietta.

JOHN PETRIE, Shott Road, Star Route #2, Jefferson City, Missouri, who had something to do with the State Penitentiary there.

✓ A guard, name unknown, who was also affiliated with the penitentiary at Jefferson City, Missouri and still another individual (name unknown) who was also affiliated with the penitentiary at Jefferson City in a supervisory position in the diet kitchen.

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With respect to PETRIE and the two unknown individuals, she advised that she and her husband took a trip to California in November and December 1967 and en route there visited the above three individuals in Jefferson City, Missouri.

While in California, she and her husband visited her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. ROBERT GRAHAM, Palos Verdes Peninsula, Los Angeles and also visited Monterey, California. She advised that she was with her husband constantly during their trip to California and he made no contacts while there.

She advised that the only individual her husband corresponds with is the individual cited above who is affiliated at the Diet Kitchen at the State Penitentiary and who also has a farm and cattle somewhere in the Jefferson City area.

On 4/24/68, RALPH GRAHAM, father of SHARON GRAHAM DOWDA, 65 Wood Ridge Drive, Marietta, Georgia, advised that his son-in-law, LEWIS DOWDA, while working for the Bonanza Sirloin Pit, became friendly with LLOYD JURNIGAN (phonetic) who was the manager of Bonanza Sirloin Pit, and who presently resides in Chamblee, Georgia (address unknown) and is also the operator of a restaurant (name not known) in Atlanta.

According to GRAHAM, JURNIGAN knew some friends of DOWDA.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) DATE: 4/25/68

FROM : SA CHARLES S. HARDING

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Will contact all racial informants for Klan and hate groups, display photos of JAMES EARL RAY and also interview these informants for any knowledge of a so-called "bounty" or "Contract" for the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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1 - SA CLAIBORNE
1 - SA HAMILTON
1 - SA HENRY
1 - SA MC GRAW
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TO DIRECTOR

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NEW YORK

FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987 1 P

MURKIN.

RE CLEVELAND AIRTEL APRIL TWENTYFOUR, SIXTYEIGHT.

REFERENCE AIRTEL REQUESTS NEW YORK OFFICE MAKE CONTACT AT NBC NEWS AND DETERMINE IDENTITY ALCOHOLIC CLINIC IN ATLANTA SO ATLANTA THEREAFTER MAY IDENTIFY PERSON WHO APPEARED ON PROGRAM BELIEVED TO RESEMBLE SKETCHES OF GALT.

MEMPHIS OF OPINION NEW YORK NEED NOT HANDLE LEAD AS ATLANTA CAN THROUGH SOURCES DETERMINE WHEREABOUTS ALCOHOLIC CLINIC AND CAN ELIMINATE ON BASIS OF RECORDS THERE WHETHER OR NOT PERSON BY NAME RUDOLPH HELON OR HALLON WHO REPORTEDLY APPEARED IN PROGRAM IS IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT.

MEMPHIS PERSONNEL WHO RECALLED SEEING PROGRAM BELIEVE PERSON OF INTEREST WAS PERSON CALLED RUDY WHO HAD EXTENSIVE ARREST RECORD FOR ALCOHOLISM AND WAS ONE WHOM CAMERA FOLLOWED INTO LIQUOR STORE. ATLANTA RESOLVE. AIR MAIL COPY TO CLEVELAND.

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TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 AND MEMPHIS 44-1987
FROM ATLANTA 44-2386

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RE ATLANTA TEL TO BUREAU, ATTN. IDENTIFICATION DIV., APR.
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RETEL REQUESTED COPY OF FINGERPRINTS OF JAMES EARL RAY TO
BE SEARCHED THRU LATENT FINGERPRINT FILE OF ATLANTA PD. SUGGEST
SIMILAR REQUEST OF ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES. ALSO COMPARE
ALL CURRENT LATENT FINGERPRINTS FOUND TO BE SEARCHED AGAINST
SUBJECT'S PRINTS. P

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)

DATE: 4/25/68

FROM : SA JOHN T. DARKO

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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Re Memos of SA JAMES J. ROSE, 4/16/68.

On 4/17/68 FRED TIBBITS, Ideal Cleaners, Gainesville, Georgia, advised that the laundry mark 20-R-3 in all probability stands for the following:

The number 20 denotes the lot number of the laundry, the letter R denotes the letter which is used the particular week the laundry is checked into the respective laundry, and the number 3 in all probability denotes the bundle number of the laundry.

TIBBITS advised that in the Ideal Laundry at Gainesville, the lot numbers have never gone above the number 12; therefore, he is sure that a laundry marked 20-R-3 did not come from the Ideal Cleaners at Gainesville.

On 4/19/68 FRANCES DOOLEY, Gainesville Steam Laundry, Gainesville, Georgia, advised that the Steam Laundry does not use the Thermo-Seal Laundry Tapes in marking laundry. She advised that she has been employed by this laundry for eight years and that during this period of time, the laundry has utilized paper with metal clips which are attached to the laundry. She reiterated that Gainesville Steam Laundry did not utilize any thermo-seal tapes.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)

DATE: 4/25/68

FROM : SA WILLIAM B. WATTS, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re memo of Complaint Clerk JERRY D. ROSEBERRY,
4/22/68.

HERSHEL THORNTON, Owner, Thornton Mortuary, 3340 Gordon Road, SW, was interviewed by SA WILLIAMS B. WATTS, JR., on April 24, 1968. THORNTON furnished substantially the same information as he furnished to Complaint Clerk ROSEBERRY on April 22, 1968. THORNTON advised that his mortuary received a telephone call from a woman on the night of April 18, 1968. This woman indicated that she was presently located on the Buford Highway in Chamblee, Georgia, and asked for directions as to how to get to his funeral home. He instructed her to take the North Expressway to Interstate 20. Sometime shortly before 11:00 p.m., on April 18, 1968, an individual appeared at the funeral home and identified himself as Dr. EARL VAN NESS. VAN NESS was accompanied by a woman whom he introduced as his wife. VAN NESS related to him that he wanted to make funeral arrangements for Dr. HOWARD CLEVELAND, a former professor at Howard University in Washington, D.C. VAN NESS indicated that he had either worked with VAN NESS or been associated with him in some way. VAN NESS stated that Dr. CLEVELAND's home address was Washington, D.C., was 223 East Capitol Street, Apartment 103, Washington, D.C. VAN NESS also mentioned the name of the Hospital that CLEVELAND reportedly died in but THORNTON was unable to recall the name of the hospital but thought it may have been connected with Howard University. VAN NESS told THORNTON that the funeral was to be a quiet arrangement and would be attended only by teachers and officials from Washington, D.C. He indicated that no announcement was to be made in the papers. VAN NESS told THORNTON that he had only \$280 to use as expenses for the funeral for Dr. CLEVELAND. THORNTON advised that he exhibited caskets and quoted VAN NESS a complete funeral arrangement, the cost of which including cemetery lot came to \$740. VAN NESS



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indicated to him that he would have to look into the matter of obtaining the extra \$460 to pay for the funeral and promised to call THORNTON on April 19, 1968, at 11:00 a.m. sharp.

THORNTON advised that he never received a call from VAN NESS and has heard nothing from him since that time.

Mr. THORNTON advised that during the time he discussed the funeral arrangements with VAN NESS, VAN NESS commented that Washington was in an uproar. He further indicated that Dr. CLEVELAND had died as a result of the death of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING. Mr. THORNTON advised that he got the definite impression that VAN NESS was trying to engage him in a conversation about Dr. KING's death but he refused to discuss the matter with him. Mr. THORNTON advised that VAN NESS may have thought that the funeral arrangements for Dr. KING had been made by his funeral home; however, funeral arrangements for KING were handled by his brother's funeral home, the Marcellous Thornton Funeral Home, located on Jonesboro Road, SE.

Mr. THORNTON advised that he became suspicious of VAN NESS after VAN NESS indicated that Dr. CLEVELAND held a PHD degree and he wondered how such a man who had been associated with Howard University could have died without insurance. He stated that VAN NESS explained to him that Dr. CLEVELAND had been originally from the Atlanta, Georgia area but there were no living members of his family now in Atlanta. THORNTON advised that he definitely smelled whisky on VAN NESS' breath at the time he was at the funeral home.

Mr. THORNTON advised that VAN NESS indicated that he was staying at the Holiday Inn, north end or northeast, in Room 210 E.

THORNTON described Dr. VAN NESS as follows:

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Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	35 to 40
Height	5'8"
Weight	178 to 180
Build	Muscular
Hair	Blood red
Characteristics	Dark blood red bushy moustache and eyebrows

THORNTON described Mrs. VAN NESS as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Female
Age	28 to 30
Height	Approximately 5'2 1/2"
Weight	145
Hair	Light red
Characteristics	Wore lots of rouge

Mr. THORNTON advised that there was another white woman with blond hair sitting in the rear of VAN NESS' 1968 white Mustang. THORNTON advised that he observed this woman as he walked VAN NESS to the door of the funeral home. THORNTON advised that inasmuch as he was suspicious of VAN NESS at this time, he did not accompany VAN NESS to his automobile. THORNTON was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and advised that RAY resembled the individual known to him as Dr. EARL VAN NESS provided one colored RAY's hair red, placed a bushy red moustache on his photograph. He added that in addition, Dr. VAN NESS was wearing dark horn-rimmed glasses. VAN NESS spoke with an accent which resembled the accent of a person who had lived in the South at one time but had moved to the North. He indicated that VAN NESS stated that he was originally from Birmingham, Alabama.

On 4/24/68, the following individuals were contacted by SA WATTS. These individuals all advised that they had no room 210E at their motel and that they were unable to locate a registration record for anyone

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by the name of Doctor EARL VAN NESS for the month of
April, 1968:

JACKIE LOBIS, Desk Clerk, Holiday Inn,
Northwest, 1810 Howell Mill Road, NW,
Atlanta

HENRY L. PARHAM, Manager, Holiday Inn,
1944 Piedmont Circle, NE

BRAD MITCHELL, Manager, Holiday Inn,
Northeast, 4422 Northeast Freeway,
Doraville, Georgia

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TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)

DATE: 4/25/68

FROM : SA PAUL LEE MILLER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re: Review of New and Used Car Dealers on Ponce de Leon
and North Avenue Within City and Gordon Road West
from Lee Street

On 4/23/68, the following automobile dealers
were contacted with negative results:

Hix Green Buick Co., 41 North Avenue, NE,
Mr. ED YARN, Hix Green Buick Used Cars; Mr. W. A. SWINDELL, JR.,
New Car Dealer for Hix Green Buick and Mr. JOHN KING,
Opel Kadett for Hix Green Buick.

Strickland Motors, Inc., 655 Spring St., NW,
Mr. J. C. STRICKLAND, owner of the used car lot.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)

FROM : SA WILLIAM B. WATTS, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/25/68

JAMES RIORDAN personally appeared at the Atlanta FBI Office on 4/24/68 and advised that he planned to leave Atlanta on 4/25/68 for Chicago, Ill. RIORDAN was extremely vague as to his plans after he reached Chicago and indicated that he did not have any particular employment in mind after his arrival in that area. RIORDAN indicated that he could be reached in Chicago only in care of the U.S. Post Office, General Delivery.

RIORDAN again requested that the three rolls of films which he furnished the FBI Office on 4/20/68 be returned to him as soon as the FBI has completed its processing of the film. RIORDAN requested that this film be mailed to him in care of his mother, Mrs. RAYMOND RIORDAN, 812 Margaret St., Rhinelander, Wisconsin.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)

DATE: 4/25/68

FROM : SA ROYMOND J. MICHEL

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re: Memo of SA JOSEPH P. AYERS, April 18, 1968
(Serial 708)

On 4/19/68, Miss PATRICIA BOYLE, 787 Barnett St., Atlanta, Ga., advised that she was sure that the name GALT was in the file of the Community Blood Plasma Center on Whitehall St. in Atlanta. She would check the files when she returned to work as she was interviewed while she was at her residence.

On 4/23/68, Miss BOYLE advised that the files of her office contain one RALPH GAULT, whose date of birth was 1906. Based on DOB, this would not be the suspect of the Murkin case.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)

FROM : SA CHARLES T. HAYNES

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/25/68

Reurmemo 4/24/68, with lead to attempt to develop any information from the Atlanta Police Department regarding the possibility of subject's being involved in any "fracas" with any Negro in the area during his presence in Atlanta.

Det. Sgt. ROBERT B. MOORE, Atlanta Police Department, advised on 4/24/68 that matters involving difficulty between white and Negro individuals are normally called to his attention for informational purposes; however, an arrest report would not necessarily be made on all arrests, therefore, the most satisfactory approach would be to contact the superior officers in charge of each watch as well as a particular officer covering the 14th and Peachtree Street area.

On 4/25/68, Sgt. MOORE advised that he had contacted the logical officers in a position to have knowledge of any arrests involving a white man of the subject's description with a Negro individual anywhere in the Peachtree-14th Street area during the approximate period of 3/24/68 through 4/11/68, and no one recalled any incident which could be considered pertinent to this matter.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Chicago teletype dated 4/19/68.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau and interested offices is one Xerox copy of the file re JAMES E. RAY, Inmate Number 19121 dated 7/9/55, from the ISP, Pontiac, Illinois. Also enclosed is one copy of the Chicago Police Department file re JAMES RAY. In addition, there is enclosed a Xerox copy of the Cook County Jail inmate card dated 6/13/52, re JAMES E. RAY.

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NOVEMBER 13, 1967

MEMO:

RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

FROM: RRM

FBI OFFICE IN CHICAGO RECEIVED WORD FROM THE LOCAL CHAPTER OF NAACP THAT CITY. THEY HAD RECEIVED A TELEGRAM FROM A JESSE KILGORE, PENFIELD, N.Y. TELEGRAM STATED THAT HE WOULD BE HARMED IF HE DID NOT TONE DOWN THE SPEECHES HE HAS BEEN MAKING. NO ~~IDENTITY~~ IDENTITY, OR ANY INFORMATION AS TO WHO KILGORE IS.

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November 8, 1967

MEMO:

RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

FROM: I-17

TO: FILES

HAVE INFORMATION THAT A MAN BY THE NAME OF HAROLD J. THOME FROM TUNNOA, CALIF. IS HERE IN ATLANTA ANXIOUSLY ATTEMPTING TO HAVE A PERSONAL INTERVIEW WITH MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

THIS SUBJECT IS DESCRIBED AS BEING APPROXIMATELY 52 YEARS OLD. HAS BEEN A MENTAL PATIENT IN CALIF, AND HAS AT ONE TIME ATTEMPTED SUICIDE. HE IS DRIVING A CAR (MAKE UNKNOWN) 67 CALIF. LICENSE SRP 384.

NATURE OF HIS AUDIENCE WITH MLK, IS UNKNOWN.

Submitted:
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M. L. K. F. H.

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SEP 11, 1967

MEMO: TO FILES

RE: SNCC

FROM: SGT. COSS

AT 1030 AM THIS DATE, I WENT TO 235 AUBURN AVE AND TALKED TO MR. B.B. BEAMON, REF: TO A PHONE CALL TO SUPT. MOSELEY.

MR. BEAMON STATED THAT THIS A.M., A MAN CAME INTO HIS RESTAURANT AND TALKED TO HIM, IN REFERENCE TO S.N.C.C.. HE STATED THAT THIS MAN IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS M.L. THOMPSON, PRESIDENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL BLACK CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT, OF FLORIDA. ALSO OUT OF ILLINOIS. THIS MAN GAVE HIM A NOTE, AND ASKED HIM TO PASS IT ON TO SOME SNCC PERSONNEL. THIS NOTE READ " BROTHERS, BE CAREFUL ENT RING YOUR BUILDING TODAY, SOMETHING MAY GO WRONG", THIS NOTE WAS SIGNED BY M.L. THOMPSON. MR. BEAMON STATED THIS MAN TOLD HIM THAT AN ATTEMPT WOULD BE MADE ON THE LIFE OF DR. M.L. KING. HE STATED THIS WOULD BE DONE BY TWO WHITE MALES AND ONE COLORED MALE, IN AN ATTEMPT TO START A NATIONAL UPRISING. THESE SUBJECTS WOULD BE DRIVING A WHITE CHEVROLET, 1963 MODEL. THEY WOULD BE OUT OF TOWNERS.

AT 2:15 PM THIS DATE, I WENT TO 235 AUBURN AVE AND TALKED TO REV. FRED BENNETT, AND DR. RALPH ABERNATHY. BOTH WERE QUESTIONED AS TO WHETHER THEY HAD ANY INFORMATION THAT A THREAT WOULD BE MADE ON THE LIFE OF DR. KING. REV. BENNETT STATED THAT HE WENT TO BEAMON'S RESTAURANT, AND WAS TOLD BY MR. BEAMON, THAT M.L. THOMPSON HAD BEEN THERE, AND MENTIONED THE TWO WHITE MEN AND ONE COLORED MALE, WOULD MAKE AN ATTEMPT ON DR. KING'S LIFE. REV. BENNETT SAID THAT HE WENT TO THE OFFICE A SHORT TIME LATER AND OBSERVED TWO WHITE MALES, ONE ~~XXXXXX~~ STANDING ON EACH SIDE OF THE DOOR, SHORTLY AFTER 10 AM. HE SAID THAT HE ENTERED THE BUILDING AND THOUGHT OVER THE SITUATION FOR A FEW MINUTES, AND WALKED BACK TO THE DOOR, ASKED THEM IF HE COULD HELP THEM. ONE OF THE MEN ASKED HIM IF HE KNEW M.L. THOMPSON. HE TOLD THEM THAT HE DIDNOT KNOW THE MAN. HE STOOD OUTSIDE FOR A FEW MINUTES, THEN LEFT AND WENT BACK INSIDE THE BUILDING. HE LATER CAME BACK OUT AND WENT DOWN TOWN, LEAVING THE TWO MEN NEAR THE BUILDING. HE STATED APPROXIMATELY LATER HE CAME BACK AND THE TWO WERE STILL NEAR BY. HE SPOKE TO THEM A SECOND TIME, THEY INDICATED THEY WERE FROM THE C.I.A. FROM THEIR CONVERSATION. THEY WERE SUPPOSE TO SEE M.L. THOMPSON. BENNETT SAID HE WENT INTO THE OFFICE, CAME OUT A THIRD TIME, AND AT THIS TIME DR. KING WAS WALKING ACROSS THE STREET, AND ENTERED THE BUILDING. REV. BENNETT AGAIN STOPPED OUTSIDE THE DOOR AND SPOKE TO THE TWO MEN, SAYING, "I SEE YOU ARE STILL HERE". ONE OF THE SAID, "YES, WE ARE LEAVING NOW." WE'VE COMPLETED THIS BUSINESS, WE LEFT FLORIDA FOR! REV. ABERNATHY SAID HE RECEIVED A PHONE CALL FROM DETROIT, MICHIGAN, FROM A MAN WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF, ONLY AS A DOCTOR. THIS MAN TOLD HIM THERE WOULD BE A TELEVISION STORY, THURSDAY NIGHT OF THIS WEEK, THIS STORY WOULD BE ONE OF DR. M.L. KING'S SPEECHES, BUT IN A DISTORTED FORM. REV. BENNETT STATED THAT WHEN DR. KING WALKED ON TO THE SIDEWALK, NEAR THE ENTRANCE OF THE BUILDING, ONE OF THE MEN LOOKED AT OTHER AND WINKED HIS EYE. HE DIDNOT KNOW HOW THE MEN WERE TRAVELING.

REV. ABERNATHY SAID THAT HE WOULD RELAY ANY INFORMATION THAT HE MIGHT GET TO OUR DEPARTMENT.

September 11, 1967

Received a call from Mrs. McDonald, Secretary to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who stated that they had received several telephone calls stating that Dr. King would be assassinated, and that the guns were already in Atlanta. She said that she received one call at approx. 3:30PM today, apparently from Detroit, Michigan. Call received on Atlanta Telephone 522-1420, and call was received by Dr. King last night on either Tel. No. 524-1378 or 688-3164. She stated that Dr. King was on his way to New York City.

Lt. W. E. HARVEIL
Burglary Squad

*M. King
9/11*

5-44

August 23, 1967

MEMO:

RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING

FROM: I-20

TO: FILES

CALIER STATED HE HAD RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM THE NEW ORLEANS OFFICE THAT A BILL WILLIAMS, WHITE MALE, ASSOCIATED WITH THE KLAN. MADE A BOAST THAT HE WAS GOING TO KILL MARTIN LUTHER KING. STATED THEY RECEIVED THIS INFORMATION FROM THE NAACP OFFICE IN NEW ORLEANS. NO INFORMATION ON WILLIAMS. POSSIBLY IS NOW IN THE SHREVEPORT OR NEW ORLEANS AREA. RECEIVED CALL 11PM.

Submitted:
rbm

King File

5-43

May 2, 1967

MEMO:

RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

FROM: I-I7

TO: FILES

GRAND RAPIDS POLICE DEPT. ADVISED DETROIT, MICH. OFFICE OF LETTER RECEIVED APRIL 18, WHICH READS AS FOLLOWS. SOURCE STATES THAT HE HEARD ADRIAN JAMES HAHNENBERG @ RONALD L. STEVENS @ RONALD LEON STEVENS, DOB 8-6-46, GREAT BRITIAN. ALSO A MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN NAZI PARTY. SOURCE WAS ALSO SHOWN A LETTER SENT TO HAHENBERG FROM GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL DATED 5-28-67.

THE LETTER STATED THAT JAMES MEREDITH HAD RECENTLY VISITED GRAND RAPIDS, MICH. AT WHICH TIME HE STATED THERE WOULD BE DEMONSTRATIONS THERE THIS SUMMER, AT WHICH TIME MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. WOULD BE KILLED.

Submitted:
rbm

King file

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APRIL 28, 1967

MEMO:

RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

FROM: I-17

TO: FILES

ABOVE STATED THAT JACKSON, MISS. OFFICE. HAD ADVISED THAT AN INFORMER HAD HEARD A L.C BLAYLOCK, OWNER OF CURLYS PLACE, WINONA, MISS. SAY THAT A JULIO ROMEO OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, WOULD GIVE ANYONE \$100,000 TO KILL THE ABOVE.

Submitted:
rbm

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APRIL 26, 1967

MEMO:

RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

FROM: I-I7

TO: FILES

940 PM, THE ABOVE NOTIFIED THIS OFFICE THAT THEY HAD RECEIVED A TELETYPE FROM WASHINGTON. STATING THAT S.L. HANCOCK, EDITOR OF THE NEWSPAPER IN KENOSHA, WISCONSIN. HAD RECEIVED A ANONYMOUS PHONE CALL, STATING THE MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. WOULD NOT LEAVE THAT CITY ALIVE. KING IS TO MAKE A SPEECH IN KENOSHA APRIL 27. TH.

MRS. McDONALD, 755-3581, KING'S SECRETARY WAS NOTIFIED, AND GIVEN THE ABOVE INFORMATION.

Submitted:

rbm

King Let

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TO: The Files
FROM: Lt. C.E. Wright
REF: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
DATE: March 25, 1967

Advised at 9:30PM this date by SA Al Sentinella that their office received a Teletype from the Chicago Office which stated that they had received information from G-2 that a Colonel in the Army in Germany had obtained a confession from Joseph Gaffney that stated he employed a Stephen Lane who is a Pfc to serve as a member of a two-man assassination team to assassinate Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in 1967.

CEW/dj

5-45

Atlanta Police Department
Nov. 3, 1966

MEMO:

RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING

TO: FILES

FROM: 1-17

Information reveals that in Chicago. There are posters offering 10,000 dollars for the death of MARTIN LUTHER KING. It is reported by this agency that a male by the name of TONY DEXTER knows who the party is that will pay the reward. It is not known at this time the whereabouts or anything pertinent about DEXTER.

rbm

King file

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June 10, 1966

TO: Capt. M. G. Redding

FROM: Sgt. C. E. Wright

RE: JAMES WILLIAM COLE alias "CATFISH"

At app. 1:15 PM this date, I received a call from Al Sontinella advising us that their office had received information from the Charlotte office that the above subject who is the Grand Wizard of the Klan in Kingston, North Carolina was going to Mississippi to kill Martin Luther King. They have no information in reference to the above subject coming either through or to Atlanta.

DECEMBER 14, 1965

REF: TELCAT ON DR. MARTIN LUTHER
KING

TO: THE FILES

FROM: LT. M. G. REDDING

APP. 2:30 P.M. DEC., 13, 1965 I RECEIVED A CALL FROM DR. KING'S SECRETARY, MISS LORA McDONALD. SHE STATED SHE RECEIVED A LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE CALL FROM A MAN WHO GAVE HIS NAME AS MR. CHIEV 800 WASHINGTON ST., DENVER, COLORADO. HE GAVE HER THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE: TELL DR. KING TO BE CAREFUL, SOMEONE IS GOING TO ASSASSINATE HIM, THEN IS HE GOING TO MAKE ANOTHER APPEARANCE. THEN HE HUNG UP.

I NOTIFIED FBI AGENT, AL SENTELLINA OF THIS THREAT, HE IN TURN NOTIFIED HIS OFFICE IN COLORADO SO THEY COULD CHECK THE SUBJECT OUT. ALSO DR. KING WAS SUPPOSED TO MAKE A XXXX SPEECH IN BIRMINGHAM, ALA. THIS DATE. FBI WILL NOTIFY LOCAL AUTHORITIES THERE.

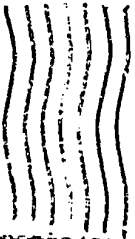
FORWARD

Dr Martin Luther King
C R ~~REDD~~VILLE GA

Attn: 

OCT 18 1964





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OCT 27 1968

LUTHER KING

I HOPE YOU GET WHAT
COMING, I AM A CALIFORNIAN

IF YOU GOING TO FAR

SO YOU BETTER WATCH
YOUR FAMILY -

YOU NOTHING BUT
A DIRTY RAT.

MARK MY WORD YOU
WILL GET
IT

SOON

But BEAR
IT

TOO
LATE

WE CALIFORNIAN

Charles Bratten
39014 ALTON AVE
Covina, CAL

11-2-68
Original letter also given to F.B.I. The F.B.I. office
in Calif. could not find anyone with the name
none of address 11565 M.C. 5-29

August 31, 1965

TO: THE FILES

FROM: LT. H. G. REDDING
SECURITY SQUAD

REF: SECURITY INVESTIGATION (REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING)

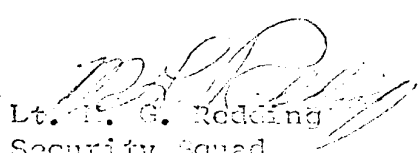
DATE INVESTIGATED: August 26, 1965

App. 11:00 a.m. this date Miss Dora McDonald who is Dr. King's secretary called and stated that two strange men were in the rear of SCLC Headquarters the previous night and asking for Dr. King and had drawn a pistol on the night watchman.

I talked with Robert Maxwell, c/m also he is a member of SCLC, he stated that app. 11:00 p.m. that on Aug. 25, 1965 he saw 4 young w/m in the rear of SCLC Headquarters. They were riding in a dark automobile with a Dekalb Co. prefix on the tag. This is the only number he was able to obtain.

He said two of these men asked him did he know anything about this fellow King, he said he did not answer him: then one of them pulled a pistol and said "Damn it I mean Business!" At this time a number of other c/m came around the street and the boys jumped in a automobile headed west on Auburn Ave. He does not believe he would be able to recognize them.

Submitted by:


Lt. H. G. Redding
Security Squad

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Date May 23, 1965

Time 6:55 AM AM
PM

Call Placed To _____

Call Received from Captain Tom Kelly, Kansas City, Missouri 1D, Ph 91-6100

Message:

Received a call from Capt Kelly who stated that two white males
by the names of: 1 - Francis X. Ray, MI
2 - William D. Halley, MI

will arrive in Atlanta at 9:00 PM, this date by Eastern Airlines.
Capt Kelly stated that the two are "race haters" and have weapons
on this flight coming to Atlanta. Capt Kelly stated that they are
coming to Atlanta to threaten Doctor Martin Luther King.

To be charged to Caller

Address _____

Received By Sgt C.E. Dickerson

Call authorized by Sgt C.E. Dickerson

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April 5, 1965

RE: Threat on Martin Lk Luther
Kings life.

Lt. M.G Redding:

Information reveals (BN) that the United Klan has hired 5 individuals to kill
King. No further information.

Resp.

R.B. Moore

R.B Moore

rbm

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March 26, 1965

RE: Threat on Martin Luther Kings life

Lt. M.G Redding:

Received information from B.N that a WILLIAM HAROLD JAMISON w/m 26, 10133 San Antonio St., South Gate, Calif. (suburb of Los Angeles). Made threat to informer March 9th. "I'm going to get ~~WILLIAM~~ Martin Luther King, he's mine". Subject had argument with wife and has left home, carrying an old rifle.

He is described further as follows: believed born in Kansas, 5'8", 125-130#, skinny, lean face, eyes sunken in, dark brown hair, hair cut short. Drives old gray car, make and model unknown. At one time been member of JBS, was kicked out.

King is to be in San Francisco this week-end.

Resp.



R.B Moore

rbm

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March 26, 1965

RE: Threat on Martin Luthers Kings life.

Lt. M.G Redding:

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Received information from B.N that a JACK MAYNARD RAY wa34, dob [redacted] 5'10 $\frac{1}{2}$ " 158#, light brown hair, gray eyes, born in Franklin Co N.C. ~~lives~~ 1814 Vale St, Durham, N.C. This subject has been convicted for bank robbery and other felonys, carrying concealed weapons etc.

Informxer stated the above subject was offered \$5000 to kill either Martin Luther King or John Farmer (this could have been James Farmer or Forman). By GEORGE MCLAMB wa37, who is president of Durham Countys White Citizens Council, also belongs to local telephone union. Further described as being 5'8", round face, drives dark Ford station wagon. He also offered subject gun to do it with.

Resp.

R.B. Moore

R.B Moore

rbm

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March 17, 1965

RE: Threat on Martin Luther Kings
life

Lt. M.G Redding:

Received information from B.N that the Washington Post newspaper had received a call from a Ruth Harrington of. Wanting to know where Martin Luther King was at now, also what his address was in Atlanta. Asked why she wanted this information, she stated that she wanted to kill him. That he had caused all this trouble. Said she was going to take a plane to Alabama and kill him.

Washington police records show that this individual lives at 812 Quintana Pl. N.W, Washington D.C, and that she operates a super market. There is also a 32 Cal. S&W pistol registered in her name.

Resp.

RBM

R.B Moore

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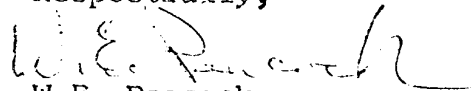
Lt. M. G. Redding

Dear Sir:

Re: Information from F.B.I. A.S.

Received call from F.B.I. and they informed us that they had a teletype from Kansas City stating that William Thomas Jacobs, colored ?, was approached on the 15th of February to kill King and President Johnson. The subject Jacobs was staying at the Salvation Army in Kansas City but before they could contact him, he had checked out, whereabouts unknown.

Respectfully,



W.E. Peacock

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Security Squad

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CITY OF ATLANTA

DEPARTMENT OF POLICE

ATLANTA, GA.

February 26, 1965

Supt. Clinton Chafin
Detective Department

Dear Sir:

I received a telephone call at approx. 5:30PM on Feb. 24, 1965 from Miss McDonald, who is Dr. Martin Luther King's, Jr. secretary. She said she received information from Sherman Harris that a Plan was in action to assassinate Dr. King in Los Angeles where he is to make a speech at the premier of the showing of the Greatest Story Ever Told. She wanted me to notify the Police Department in Los Angeles of this. I advised her that I would contact the local F.B.I. Office and they would notify the Police Department in Los Angeles.

I informed Agent Chuck Harden of the F. B. I. and he in turn notified the Police Department in Los Angeles.

Respectfully,

M. G. Redding
Lt. M.G. Redding
Security Squad

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February 11, 1965

Secret Klan Operational Squad

A-2 advises that he was asked to a meeting Wednesday evening, February 10, at the home of Lewis Eldridge, who now lives at 412 Shannon Drive, S.W. (Eldridge and A-2 have known each other for some time).

Present at the meeting was Earl Holcolm. Our records reflect that on May 14, 1962, Holcolm was one of four individuals meeting in James Venable's office with regard to the Defensive Legion of Registered Americans. Holcolm is described as a klansman who had been involved in the Athens riots.

Holcolm was armed with a .38 caliber top break revolver which he carried in a western style holster and a full shell belt under his coat.

Eldridge and Holcolm quizzed A-2 unmercifully, told him he had been under their constant surveillance for the past four years (obviously a lie), that Eldridge had four men high up in ADL and that A-2 would be checked through ADL records, etc. They wanted details about his proficiency with weapons in the service and specifics about his feelings on the race issue. Their attitudes indicated they believe the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. is one of their main problems.

They specifically invited A-2 to be a member of a secret group to go anywhere on a few minutes notice, to do anything he was ordered to do without question.

A-2 by pure luck under the stress gave the correct answers and fended and parried to the degree that Eldridge was impressed. A-2 has a permit to carry a pistol while working as a security guard for Southern Detectives, Inc. with whom he is occasionally employed to make extra money. Eldridge and Holcolm insisted that this was excellent cover and cautioned him to maintain his status with them.

The final touch of the evening was when Holcolm produced an application blank for membership in the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, headquarters unit in Tucker, Ga., made A-2 sign and stated "this will make it legal."

A-2 believes from the discussion that there is in being this small secret group and they represent a serious potential danger.

You shall be kept apprised of further developments.

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This information received from T-2

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February 8, 1965

A-3 Report

Alleged threat on the life of Martin Luther King, Jr.

A-3 advises that while at a meeting with James Venable at the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan headquarters in Tucker, Ga., he was told by his friend Jim Johnson that there is a plan already in being to assassinate the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. A-3 pressed for details and Johnson refused to reveal any more but insisted that the plan was in motion.

A-3 advises that he was present in the room when Venable spoke to J.B. Stoner and as the conversation progressed he was asked to leave the room. He feels very strongly that these two items are inter-related.

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28 Mar 65
8:30 AM

Received word from Det. Perkins, Homicide Squad, that FBI Agent J. S. Frackensted of the Atlanta Office, that a Subject last seen at the Corsair Hotel in Miami Beach had threatened to shoot President Johnson and Martin Luther King, Jr.

Subject is Alfred Shaeffer, WA 27, 5' 6", blond.
Home address is Rt 1, Wando, S.C.

This info forwarded to Det. Moore of the Security Squad at 8:30 AM.

Lt. Solvent
Auto Theft

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Dr. N. K. 12-4-1939

QUOTING THE PRESS AND OTHERS:

"THE NOBEL COMMITTEE OF THE NORWEGIAN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ANNOUNCED WITH A STRAIGHT FACE THAT IT HAD DECIDED TO AWARD THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE TO MARTIN LUTHER KING.

SELECTION OF KING AS THIS YEARS WINNER NOT ONLY MAKES THE PEACE PRIZE MEANINGLESS BUT A MOCKERY. ALTHOUGH THERE ARE SOME CLOSE RUNNERS, HE HAS DONE MORE THAN ANY OTHER INDIVIDUAL TO STIR UP HATRED AMONG RACES, sow discord and generate violence in his country while piously and HYPOCRITICALLY posing as an ADVOCATE OF NON-VIOLENCE.

KING'S CANDIDACY WAS SPONSORED BY POLITICAL FIGURES IN THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE AND THIS SHOULD EXPLAIN IN PART WHY HE WAS CHOSEN FOR THE AWARD. BECAUSE OF THESE CIRCUMSTANCES AND ADVANCE LEAKS THAT THE NEGRO AGITATOR WAS GOING TO WIN, THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE TOOK A SHARP FALL IN PRESTIGE AND AS A CONSEQUENCE PRIOR AWARDS RIGHTFULLY BECAME SUSPECT.

FIRST REACTION TO THE ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT KING WAS THAT IT HAD BEEN MADE IN NORWEGIAN AND GOT GARBLED IN TRANSLATION. THEN, WHEN IT APPEARED THAT THIS HADN'T HAPPENED AND KING WAS ACTUALLY THE RECIPIENT, WE TRIED TO THINK OF AN OUTSTANDING AMERICAN ALIVE AND OUT OF JAIL WHO DESERVED IT LESS. WE WERE UNABLE TO COME UP WITH A NOMINEE. IN FURTHER SEARCH ON A GLOBAL SCALE WE CONSIDERED CASTRO AND MAO TSE-TUNG BUT REJECTED THEM FOR TECHNICAL REASONS."

"KING'S COUNTERFACET CONFIRMS WHAT HE IS. TO WIT: AN AGITATOR, STINKER, TROUBLE MAKER, HARASSER, HYPOCRITE, AND JUST AS J. EDGAR HOOVER SO TRUTHFULLY SAID, "THE MOST NOTORIOUS LIAR IN THIS COUNTRY." "ANYONE CONDONING AND WHITE-WASHING KING'S STINK AND VEFOROUS STATEMENTS, SUCH AS "I'LL TURN THIS AND THAT TOWN UPSIDE DOWN, ETC.," "WE'LL ONLY OBEY THE LAWS THAT SUIT US, ETC" SHOULD IMMEDIATELY GO TO HIS PSYCHIATRIST."

"MY FAMILY AND I AND FRIENDS AND THEIR FRIENDS HAVE PATRONISED THE DINELER-PLAZA FOR A LONG TIME BUT NO MORE IF THE "KING FETE" IS HELD THERE COME THE 27TH."

"THAT NIGGER HAS BROUGHT MORE DISCREDIT TO GEORGIA THAN ANYONE CAN IMAGINE."

GEORGIANS-ATLANTIANS

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CITY OF ATLANTA

DEPARTMENT OF POLICE

ATLANTA, GA.

Jan. 17, 1965

Re: Martin Luther King Jr.

I received A telephone call at approximately 1:30 PM this date from FBI agent Joe Ponder, he said that he received word from the Justice Dept. in Washington D.C. that the above subject was going to be killed in thrity- six hours. He said that a Mr. Walter Fauntroy who is a member of SCLC, called the justice dept, and said that he obtain this information from a meeting that he was at , held by some Citizen Council, name unknown. This all of the information that he has at this time.

We checked the above house as offen as possible, durning the day, and he is leaving Atlanta Jan. 18, 1965, going to Selma Ala.

Lt. Redding

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Handwritten: 10/9/64
Oct. 9, 1964

Re: Martin Luther King Jr.
Threat on King's life
Source: Redding, FBI

Capt. W.L. Duncan:

Received information this date, 11:30 pm, forwarded to FBI by Robert McCollough, St. Louis PD.

Benny Kingston em, has contacted lawyer by name of David Landsden, asking questions as to what could happen to him if he killed Martin Luther King. Kingston been recently released from Menard, Illinois (presumably mental institution).

King is to appear on T.V panel in St. Louis Oct. 11, 1964. Kingston not reported to be in this area, but Redding had orders to convey this information on to us.

Resp.

Handwritten: R. B. Moore

R.B. Moore

Handwritten: 5-3

Handwritten: 5-5

April 18, 1968

MEMO:

RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

TO: LT. WAYNE SPIVA

FROM: SECURITY SQUAD

LT.

WE HAVE BEEN REQUESTED TO FURNISH YOUR OFFICE WITH THE NAMES OF PERSONS WHO IN THE PAST HAVE THREATENED THE LIFE OF MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. CHECK TO SEE IF ERIC GALT COULD HAVE BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH ANY OF THEM, AND ANY OTHER INFORMATION THAN COULD BE PERTINENT TO THE INVESTIGATION.

JESSE KILGORE, PENFIELD, N.Y

HAORLD J. THOME, TUJUNGA, CALIF.

M.L. THOMPSON

BILL WILLIAMS, NEW ORLEANS

ADRIN JAMES HAHNENBERG @RONALD L. STEVENS @ RONALD LEON STEVENS DOB

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L.C. BLAYLOCK, WINONA, MISS.

STEPHEN LANE

JOSEPH GAFFNEY

TONY DEXTER

JAMES WILLIAM COLE @CATFISH

MR. CHEW

CHARLES BRITTIN, COVINA, CALIF.

FRANCIS X. LAY, WM

WILLIAM D. MALLOY, WM

WILLIAM HAROLD JAMISON, SAN ANTONIO ST., SOUTH GATE, CALIF.

JACK MAYNARD RAY, WM 34 DOB

P11

GEORGE MCLAMB WM37

RUTH HARRINGTON CF, 812 QUINTANA PL, WASHINGTON, D.C

WILLIAM THOMAS JACOBS, SALVATION ARMY, KANSAS CITY

JIM JOHNSON, NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF KKK

ALFRED SHAEFFER WM 27, 5'6" Blonde, MAUDE, TEXAS

DAVID LANDSDEN, RELEASED FROM MENARD, ILL. (PRESUMABLY MENTAL INSTITUTE)

RESP,

R. B. Moore

SGT. R.B MOORE

*Orig to
Sentinella
vint PO Lello
with Apr-
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[Handwritten marks]

AT 44-2386

TLL:jgd

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Observation of Mr. NEWMAN revealed that he does not bear any resemblance to ERIC STARVO GALT as depicted in GALT's photograph.