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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (RUC)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Birmingham teletype, 5/31/77.

Source referred to in retel is MORRIS DAVIS,
DOB [REDACTED] address - 2029 Valleydale Road, Birmingham,
Alabama, 35244.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

File Copy

TO : Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division
(Attn: Robert L. Keuch)
FROM : Director, FBI

DATE: 6/2/77

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Reference is made to my memorandum dated 4/28/77
(your file _____).

There is enclosed one copy of the report of Special Agent a teletype
dated 6/2/77 at Seattle, Washington.

A. ☐ This covers the preliminary investigation and no further action concerning a full investigation will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

B. ☐ The investigation is continuing and you will be furnished copies of reports as they are received.

C. ☐ The investigation requested by you has now been completed. Unless advised to the contrary no further inquiries will be made by this Bureau.

D. ☐ Pursuant to instructions issued by the Department, no investigation will be conducted in this matter unless specifically directed by the Department.

E. ☐ Please advise whether you desire any further investigation.

F. ☐ This is submitted for your information and you will be advised of further developments.

G. ☒ This is submitted for your information and no further investigation will be conducted unless specifically requested by the Department.

H. ☐ This covers the receipt of a complaint and no further action will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

Enc. ENCLOSURE
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1 - Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division (Enclosure 1)

SEE NOTE PAGE TWO

1 - Office of Professional Responsibility, USDOJ
(Enclosure 1)

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Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division
(Attn: Robert L. Keuch)

NOTE: Bureau file 46-53387 reflects that [REDACTED] was the subject of a Fraud Against the Government case in 1966. [REDACTED] allegedly was in possession of a first-class radio telephone operator's license registered to another individual as reported by the Federal Communications Commission. Federal prosecution was declined.

[REDACTED] mentions the intermediary Cliff Andrews. Although insufficient identifying data exists for the purposes of identification, in 1974 one Clifford Holmes Andrews had been in contact with Ray's Attorney Robert Livingston and indicated his knowledge of, and involvement in, a conspiracy re this matter. District Attorney General in Memphis and a Memphis attorney, who had been in contact with Andrews, believed the revelations by Andrews were a hoax perpetrated to swindle Livingston of funds. Andrews was subsequently interviewed in Canada by Departmental Attorneys of the Civil Rights Division in the presence of a Special Agent of the FBI and he denied any knowledge of the King slaying.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) PRIORITY

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MURKIN. OO: MEMPHIS.

RE SEATTLE TEL CALL TO BUREAU, JUNE 1, 1977.

AT APPROXIMATELY 6:45 P.M., PDST, JUNE 1, 1977, SAC SEATTLE
RECEIVED CALL FROM INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFYING HIMSELF AS (X) [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (X). [REDACTED] ADVISED HE IS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, TEL.

[REDACTED] IDENTICAL WITH BUFILE [REDACTED], CAPTIONED

[REDACTED], FAG, OO: SEATTLE.)

[REDACTED] DESCRIBED PREVIOUS ASSOCIATION WITH BUREAU PERSONNEL

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WHILE [REDACTED]
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, AND ALSO WHILE WORKING [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] IN KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE. [REDACTED] PRESENTLY
RESIDES [REDACTED], WASHINGTON.

[REDACTED] INDICATED HE HAS BEEN WORKING ON CAPTIONED CASE
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THROUGH AN INTERMEDIARY (X) CLIFF ANDREWS (X), WHO SUPPOSEDLY
SERVED PRISON TIME WITH RAY.

[REDACTED] FURTHER INDICATED THAT WHEN THIS INFORMATION BREAKS
IT WILL CAUSE CONSIDERABLE PUBLICITY AND HE HAS ALREADY BEEN
CONTACTED BY THREE MAJOR NETWORKS AND LEAVES THURSDAY MORNING
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COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS WHO INDICATED THEY WOULD BE SUBPOENING [REDACTED] IN THE NEAR FUTURE. AT THE TIME OF THIS INTERVIEW [REDACTED] DID NOT HAVE THE AFOREMENTIONED INFORMATION ON RAUL MARTINEZ. MARTINEZ REPORTEDLY INDICATED HE WILL TESTIFY ABOUT CAPTIONED CASE IF HE CAN BE GRANTED IMMUNITY FROM PROSECUTION.

[REDACTED] PURPOSE IN CONTACTING SEATTLE FBI WAS TO EXPRESS CONCERN FOR THE SAFETY OF HIS TWO DAUGHTERS, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] ADVISED BY SAC OF THE WITNESS PROTECTION PROGRAM AND THAT HE SHOULD PROBABLY NOTIFY INVESTIGATORS FOR SELECT COMMITTEE OF HIS FEARS BUT TO CHECK WITH THIS OFFICE UPON HIS RETURN THIS COMING FRIDAY.

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SEE J. S. PIELMAN

TO MR. FEHL MEMO 6/2/77.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Fehl *feh*
FROM : J S. Peelman *peelman*
SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 6/2/77

1 - Mr. Held
1 - Mr. Adams
1 - Mr. Fehl
1 - Mr. Peelman
1 - Mr. Lawn
1 - Mr. Boynton
1 - Mr. Mintz

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PURPOSE: To advise of receipt of information from a [REDACTED] [REDACTED] to the effect that a Raoul Santiago Estejo Martinez is the unidentified "Raoul" referred to by James Earl Ray. Ray has claimed that "Raoul" was an international gun-runner and he drove "Raoul" away from the crime scene wholly unaware of the killing of King.

SYNOPSIS: This case pertains to the assassination of Martin Luther King on 4/4/68 in Memphis, Tennessee. James Earl Ray pled guilty to this murder and presently is in local confinement. On 6/1/77, [REDACTED] advised SAC, Seattle, that he now has developed information indicating that "Raoul" is actually Raoul Santiago Estejo Martinez and that with the cooperation of Ray's attorney, [REDACTED] is to meet with Martinez through an intermediary, Cliff Andrews. [REDACTED] indicated when this information breaks, it will cause considerable publicity; he has already been contacted by 3 major networks and leaves Thursday morning to be interviewed by the "National Enquirer" in Florida. He has been interviewed by the House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA); however, he did not have the aforementioned information on "Raoul" during this interview by the HSCA. Martinez reportedly indicated he will testify if granted immunity. [REDACTED] purpose in contacting FBI was to express concern for the safety of his two daughters inasmuch as he heard indirectly that a New Orleans "hit man" would cause him or his family alot of trouble if the story breaks. SAC advised [REDACTED] of the witness protection program and that he should probably notify HSCA of his fears.

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Memorandum to Mr. Rehl
RE: MURKIN

Our prior investigation never identified the existence of a "Raoul." A Task Force of the Office of Professional Responsibility, U. S. Department of Justice, recently reviewed our investigation of King and in examining the allegations re "Raoul," it concluded that "the task force views the exculpatory content of these varying and patently self-serving tales to be unbelievable," and "we concluded Ray was lying about the existence of a 'Raoul'."

[REDACTED] refers to intermediary, Cliff Andrews, and although insufficient identifying data exists, there was one C. H. Andrews who in 1974, indicated to Ray's attorney that he had information concerning a conspiracy; however, a District Attorney General in Memphis and another attorney felt this was a hoax and upon interview, Andrews denied any knowledge concerning the King slaying.

RECOMMENDATION: By memorandum dated 4/28/77, we advised the Department that in order to avoid duplication of investigative effort and the attendant problems between the FBI and the HSCA that could arise in the future, and until the jurisdiction of this Bureau in these investigations (both the King and Kennedy cases) is delineated by the Department, the FBI will refer all allegations relating to these investigations to the Department for its consideration as to whether any investigation is required of the FBI, or whether the Department desires to furnish these allegations directly to the HSCA. Accordingly, the Department will be advised of the information furnished by [REDACTED] and no investigation will be instituted unless specifically requested by the Department.

APPROVED:

Director [Signature]
Asst. Dir. [Signature]
Dep. AD Adm. [Signature]
Dep. AD Inv. [Signature]

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DETAILS:

SEATTLE TELETYPE: By teletype dated 6/2/77, the Seattle Division advised as follows: "At approximately

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6:45 P.M., PDST, June 1, 1977, SAC Seattle received call from individual identifying himself as [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised he is [REDACTED] Seattle, Washington, Tel. [REDACTED] identical with Bufile [REDACTED] captioned [REDACTED] FAG, OO: Seattle. [REDACTED] described previous association with Bureau personnel while [REDACTED] Memphis, Tennessee, and also while working [REDACTED] in Knoxville, Tennessee. [REDACTED] presently resides [REDACTED] Washington.

[REDACTED] indicated he has been working on captioned case and although he did not previously believe of the existence of "Raoul" theory as posed by James Earl Ray, he now has developed information indicating that "Raoul" is actually Raoul Santiago Estejo Martinez and that with the cooperation of Ray's Attorney, Jack Kershaw, he, [REDACTED] is to meet with Martinez through an intermediary, Cliff Andrews, who supposedly served prison time with Ray.

[REDACTED] further indicated that when this information breaks, it will cause considerable publicity and he has already been contacted by three major networks and leaves Thursday morning to be interviewed by the "National Enquirer" at Lantana, Florida, from where he will return to Seattle possibly on Friday. He said approximately two weekends ago he was interviewed by two investigators named Moriarty (PH), and Gilbert from the House Select Committee on Assassinations who indicated they would be subpoenaing [REDACTED] in the near future. At the time of this interview [REDACTED] did not have the aforementioned information on Raoul Martinez. Martinez reportedly indicated he will testify about captioned case if he can be granted immunity from prosecution.

[REDACTED] purpose in contacting Seattle FBI was to express concern for the safety of his two daughters, [REDACTED] age 7 and [REDACTED] age 6, who reside with his parents at [REDACTED] Washington, tel. [REDACTED]. Reason for his concern is that he had heard indirectly that a

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New Orleans "hit man," Rafael Martinez (no relation to Raoul Martinez) would cause him or his family alot of trouble if the story breaks. He said his new source told him of a confidential memo believed from Dallas, Texas, Police Department or Sheriff's Office to New Orleans in which Martinez was described as a very experienced hit man.

[REDACTED] advised by SAC of the witness protection program and that he should probably notify investigators for Select Committee of his fears but to check with this office upon his return this coming Friday.

Above furnished for information of Bureau for referral to Department. All offices hold specific leads in abeyance pending instructions from Bureau."

BACKGROUND ON [REDACTED] Bufile [REDACTED] reflects that [REDACTED] was the subject of a Fraud Against the Government case in 1966. [REDACTED] allegedly was in the possession of a first-class radio telephone operator's license registered to another individual as reported by the Federal Communications Commission. Federal prosecution was declined.

BACKGROUND ON "RAOUL": Ray previously related to Author William Bradford Huie that "Raoul" was an international gun-runner and he drove "Raoul" away from the crime scene after the murder wholly unaware of the killing of King. The "Pacific News Service" also previously reported that Ray received instructions from "Raoul" in Memphis. Our prior investigation never identified the existence of a "Raoul." A Task Force of the Office of Professional Responsibility, U. S. Department of Justice, recently reviewed our investigation of King and in examining the "Raoul" allegations, concluded that "the task force views the exculpatory content of these varying and patently self-serving tales to be unbelievable," and "we concluded Ray was lying about the existence of a 'Raoul'."

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON CLIFF ANDREWS: [REDACTED] claims he is to meet with Martinez through an intermediary, Cliff Andrews. Although insufficient identifying data exists for the purposes of identification, in 1974, one Clifford Holms Andrews had been in contact with Ray's attorney, Robert Livingston, and indicated his knowledge of, and involvement in, a conspiracy re this matter. A District Attorney General in Memphis and a Memphis attorney, who had been in contact with Andrews, believed the revelations by Andrews were a hoax perpetrated to swindle Livingston of funds. Andrews was subsequently interviewed and denied any knowledge of the King slaying.

RESULTS OF FBIHQ INDICES CHECK ON RAOUL SANTIAGO ESTEJO MARTINEZ AND RAFAEL MARTINEZ - THE ALLEGED "HITMAN."

Based on available identifying data, no pertinent information was located in Bufiles concerning the above two individuals.

POLICY RE INVESTIGATING ADDITIONAL ALLEGATIONS:

By memorandum dated 4/28/77, captioned "House Select Committee on Assassinations," we advised the Department that in order to avoid duplication of investigative effort and the attendant problems between the FBI and the HSCA that could arise in the future, and until the jurisdiction of this Bureau in these investigations (both the King and Kennedy cases) is delineated by the Department, the FBI will refer all allegations relating to these investigations to the Department for its consideration as to whether any investigation is required of the FBI, or whether the Department desires to furnish these allegations directly to the HSCA. Accordingly, the information furnished by [REDACTED] will be furnished to the Department and no investigation will be conducted unless specifically requested by the Department. Our appropriate field offices will be so advised. Also, our Seattle Office is being advised to insure that [REDACTED] is cognizant of the specific provisions of the witness protection program, and to advise him to notify the appropriate local authorities of the fears he has for his personal safety and that of his family.

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CONTACTED SAC SEATTLE EVENING OF JUNE 2, 1977. FROM CHICAGO.
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LAMONICA WILL BE STAYING AT PALM BEACH HAWAII HOTEL, PALM
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THROUGH NATIONAL ENQUIRER AT LANTANA, FLORIDA, TELEPHONE
305-586-1111.

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REBUTEL TO SEATTLE, JUNE 3, 1977.

ON JUNE 3, 1977, KEITH ERNEST LAMONICA LOCATED PALM BEACH HAWAIIAN MOTEL, PALM BEACH, FLORIDA, AND AT THIS TIME MADE AWARE OF SPECIFIC PROVISIONS OF DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE REGULATIONS CONCERNING WITNESS PROTECTION. THIS INFO INCLUDED WHOM HE SHOULD CONTACT IN EVENT HE DESIRES OR IS ELIGIBLE FOR PROTECTION AND THE THREE CONDITIONS NECESSARY

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TO QUALIFY.

LAMONICA ADVISED THAT WHILE HE HAS SOME CONCERN FOR PROTECTION, HIS MAIN INTEREST IS TO DETERMINE IF RAFAEL MARTINEZ, AN ALLEGED "HIT MAN" IN NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, DOES ACTUALLY POSE A THREAT TO HIM. LAMONICA WAS ADVISED THAT NO SUCH DETERMINATION COULD BE MADE AND HE STATED HE IS PROBABLY GOING TO NEW ORLEANS IN THE NEXT SEVERAL DAYS AND WILL PURSUE THIS LOCALLY; HOWEVER, CLAIMED HE WOULD PROBABLY CONTACT FBI AT NEW ORLEANS WHILE THERE. LAMONICA CONTENDED HIS INVESTIGATION INTO CAPTIONED MATTER HAS PRODUCED NEWSWORTHY INFORMATION AND THAT HE INTENDS TO PURSUE HIS INVESTIGATION INTO THE ASSASSINATION.

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TRANSMIT VIA:

☐ Teletype
☐ Facsimile
☒ Airtel

PRECEDENCE:

☐ Immediate
☐ Priority
☐ Routine

CLASSIFICATION:

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☐ SECRET
☐ CONFIDENTIAL
☐ E F T O
☐ CLEAR

Date JUNE 6, 1977

TO: Director, FBI (44-38861)
 FROM: SAC, New Orleans (157-10673)
 MURKIN

Re Miami teletype to Bureau 6/3/77 and Bureau and New Orleans telcalls 6/6/77 relating to one RAFAEL MARTINEZ.

A review of the files of the New Orleans Office was conducted and there was no reference to anyone by the name of RAFAEL MARTINEZ in regard to MURKIN.

New Orleans indices do contain information regarding one RAFAEL MARTINEZ, who was a subject of a San Antonio investigation, 92-419, in which San Antonio was office of origin.

This individual is described as a white male, born [redacted] Laredo, Texas. As of February, 1968, he was further described as 5'11", 220 lbs., black hair, brown eyes, residing at 2216 Monterrey Street, Laredo, wife - CANDELARIA MARTINEZ. New Orleans files give no indication that this individual has ever been to New Orleans and in February, 1968, he was employed as a used-car salesman for Homer Auto Sales, Laredo, and reportedly was engaged in the smuggling of narcotics and the handling of stolen automobiles. He had been assigned FBI Number 659 601A.

- ② - Bureau
 1 - San Antonio (info)
 1 - New Orleans
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TO: SAC, NEW YORK

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK

Re: New York letter to Bureau dated 5/15/77, captioned as above.

Enclosed for the Bureau are two copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) dated 5/15/77, captioned as above, and two copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) dated 5/15/77, captioned as above.

The LHM dated 5/15/77, captioned as above, is being furnished to the Bureau for information.

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Very truly yours,
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Assistant Attorney General
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Attention: Mr. Robert F. Kennedy
Director, FBI

June 10, 1977

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ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

As you will recall, in March, 1977, U. S. Congressman M. G. Snyder, Kentucky, publicly revealed that a former police officer had received an offer from FBI Agents and Louisville police officers to kill Martin Luther King, Jr., for \$500,000. The police officer reportedly made tapes of two meetings concerning this offer in his automobile where he had a tape recorder secreted. One of these tapes reportedly was misplaced or stolen, and the other was turned over to the House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA). Newspaper accounts subsequently identified the officer making this allegation as Clifton E. Baird. Pursuant to the authority of the Attorney General, an attempt was made to interview Baird concerning this allegation, however, he refused to be interviewed and stated he would "say it all to the House Committee."

By my memorandum dated April 5, 1977, it was recommended that in order to resolve this allegation, you request the HSCA to furnish all information furnished by Mr. Baird, including a copy of the alleged tape, and that you consider calling Mr. Baird before a federal grand jury and request his testimony concerning this allegation.

On April 29, 1977, Mr. James Chenowich, HSCA, delivered to FBI Headquarters the alleged tape for reproduction by the FBI. Reproduction of this tape was made by the FBI and the original tape was returned to Mr. Chenowich per his request.

ENCLOSURE

Enclosed is a memorandum containing a transcript prepared from the tape made available by the HSCA and an examination of this tape by our Technical Services Division.

As reflected in this transcript, the only reference to Martin Luther King, Jr., appears in the first portion of the tape (pages 2-5 of enclosed memorandum). A male voice identifies himself as Clifton Baird and makes an "introduction" on the tape by saying "Today is September 20, 1965, on

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Criminal Division
Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch

September 18, Officer Blair (or Bair) (phonetic), riding home with me while his car was broke down made the offer to me said he belonged to an organization that wanted Martin Luther King killed. The price he mentioned was \$500,000 to anyone killing this man. I refused the offer and tonight I will attempt to find out who made this offer. I will see if Officer Bair (or Blair) wants a ride home tonight while his car is broken down. This is Officer Clifton Baird. The next voice you will hear will be that of Arlie Blair (phonetic) and myself."

A conversation then takes place on this tape reportedly between Baird and Arlie. After some idle chatter, Baird and Arlie, in essence, say the following regarding King: Baird says, "Talking about Martin Luther King the other night, who is it you know who wants him knocked off?" Arlie replies, "Somebody" . . . "a lot of them that want him knocked off." Baird agrees and says there are only two organizations that would have that much money, the "Communist Party and the Ku Klux Klan." Arlie says ". . . he (King) can be had." Baird agrees and says ". . . when you do, you have to start a civil war, probably." Baird says ". . . I don't know, I just don't want no part in it, do you? I sure don't." Arlie says "the only way I would operate is if the money was right - which I ain't even involved, not now and I don't intend to be . . ."

It is noted that part of the examination by our Technical Services Division suggests that the "introduction" (on this tape reportedly made by Baird as set forth above) may have been inserted over the existing recording but a more definitive conclusion on this point cannot be reached without developing and examining the magnetic patterns on the HSCA tape.

There is no further reference to Martin Luther King on this tape, (other than the information on Pages 2-5 of the enclosed memorandum summarized above) and no mention is made of the FBI. You were previously advised in my April 5, 1977, memorandum that the only reference in the files of the FBI to Mr. Baird is that he was the subject of a civil rights brutality complaint in 1963. The only reference to an Arlie Blair (or Bair) in the files of FBI Headquarters and our Louisville Office is that an Arlie Blair, an officer of the Louisville police department was the subject of a civil rights brutality complaint in 1957. Insufficient identifying data exists to know whether or not the Arlie Blair reportedly mentioned on this tape is identical with the Arlie Blair who was the subject of this 1957 civil rights complaint.

Assistant Attorney General
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Inasmuch as no reference is made to the FBI on this tape, and since the HSCA has furnished no additional information regarding the Baird allegation, no further action is being taken by the FBI concerning the reported Baird allegation.

Enclosure

- 1 - Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division (Enclosure)
- 1 - Office of Professional Responsibility (Enclosure)

Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division
Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch

NOTE: This furnishes the Department with a copy of a transcript of an alleged tape which reportedly was made by Baird to record a meeting between FBI Agents and Louisville police officers in an alleged plot to assassinate Martin Luther King, Jr., and furnishes the Department with an examination of this type by our Technical Services Division as set forth in a W. D. Campbell to Mr. Cochran memorandum dated 6/7/77. This advises the Department we are taking no further action since no mention was made of the FBI on this tape and since the HSCA has furnished no additional information re the Baird allegation. Information concerning references re Baird obtained from Bureau file 44-21236 and re Blair obtained from 44-12387.

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ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. 1 - Mr. Mintz
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Set forth hereinafter is a transcript prepared from a tape made available by the House Select Committee On Assassinations and an examination of this tape by the Technical Services Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation:

- 1 - Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division
- 1 - Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division
- 1 - Office of Professional Responsibility

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The following is a transcript of a tape (which was difficult to understand due to poor quality) made available by Mr. James Chenowich of the House Select Committee On Assassinations on 4/29/77:

Side 1 of Tape

(Dotted lines denote words that are unintelligible.)

Baird - Today is September 20, 1965, on September 18, Officer Blair (or Bair) (phonetic), riding home with me while his car was broke down made the offer to me said he belonged to an organization that wanted Martin Luther King killed. The price he mentioned was \$500,000 to anyone killing this man. I refused the offer and tonight I will attempt to find out who made this offer. I will see if Officer Bair (or Blair) wants a ride home tonight while his car is broken down. This is Officer Clifton Baird. The next voice you will hear will be that of Arlie Blair (phonetic) and myself.

Arlie - Well anyway me and him is gonna have to have a little conversation---and I believe we can do it.

Baird - Down in the Carolina's?

Arlie - That's right.

Baird - When are you gonna get to see him? What did he do to you?---

Arlie - The guy ain't done nothing to me yet. I just want to whip his ass. Don't like his looks. Think I ought to take him up and kick him around.

Baird - Who is he?

Arlie - My nephew.

Baird - Your nephew? That's the one who's gonna drive the truck with you, is it?

Arlie - I don't know if I did?

Baird - With him? You're talking about your nephew, shit, you've been talking about us for three years.

Arlie - He's the only (bscene obscene) I have met that's a man, not because he's my nephew... he's the only son-of-a-bitch I have met that is come out of the hills faster by God than since the last well... since I have been big enough to know what a man is,--- Just like on a rain pole when that old goddamn mule was marred. You remember that shit real well. I don't know what those (bscene obscene) gonna do. I know them son-of-a-bitches is dogs. That's right. I talked to them; not to Bill but to Wood.---

Baird - Do you know what universal is?---

Arllie - When you can run 'em like that, go down and have all that has money.

Baird - Well, they didn't know a damn thing about trucks when they started. Rafold (phonetic) was suppose to have been a truck driver before he had come to the police department. But, I think all he ever drove was farm trucks and that sort of stuff. But I don't think Rafold (phonetic) ever drove the real commercial trucks, I don't think he knew anything about them.

Arllie - I wouldn't doubt it.

Baird - They just took his opinion, that's all it was.--- They worked about six months and that outfit took them for everything they could get out of them and when they went broke, why they picked it up.

Arllie - That's another thing, if you are gonna hold out, you gotta take more out than you need. You know that?

Baird - Oh yeah.

Arllie - That's right. Yes sir. See when you work them lathes (phonetic), there is no proverb if best of all. Every time I talk about it, I get a kick out of that. You know someone told us about that black whiskey. You know what I mean?...

Baird - ... running them trucks, you gotta know something about it, you know, you can't just go into it blind.

Arllie - It's the easy thing you got Cliff. You gotta have the guts.

Baird - Arllie, not to change the subject. You know we were talking about Martin Luther King the other night. Who in the (p)bscene is it you know who wants the son-of-a-bitch knocked off?

Arllie - Huh?

Baird - Talking about Martin Luther King the other night, who is it you know who wants him knocked off?

Arllie - Somebody.

Baird - Well, Arllie, here's the thing about it.

Arllie - A lot of them that want him knocked off.

Baird - Oh yeah, there is a lot of people, yeah, I agree with you.

Arlie - -----

Baird - But here is the thing about it, there is only two organizations that would have that much money it would be the Communist Party and the Ku Klux Klan and he couldn't trust anyone of them.

Arlie - No.

Baird - So I am going to tell you. The best thing you can do is to forget them.

(Noise of banging)

Baird - Backfires.

Arlie - I understand.

Baird - Because that son-of-a-bitch I am telling you Martin Luther King is a big son-of-a-bitch.

Arlie - Oh, he can be had.

Baird - He can be had, ya, that's right but when you do, here's the thing about it Arlie, when you do, you have to start a civil war, probably.

Arlie - Right now that's about the best thing we can have . . . a civil war.

Baird - But here's the thing about it, its probably coming it anyway. I agree with you, it's probably coming. But that would start it I imagine.

Arlie - You know a funny thing Cliff.

Baird - But I tell you Arlie, I don't know, I just don't want no part in it, do you? I sure don't.

Arlie - The only way I would operate is if the money was right-which I ain't even involved, not now and I don't intend to be. The only way I would be involved if I went looking for it, and if I went looking for it, of course I went looking for it I would know uh----a number.

Baird - Well, I tell you Arlie, that Martin Luther King is big and it will probably start a civil war. I don't know who it is that made this offer to you, but boy I tell you, just forget it, because it is shit, it might start something that 10 million people get killed . . . women, kids, children, old ladies, old men, everybody else. But

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the bastards like you and I, it don't amount to much
I mean you know we're superficial, I mean we can be replaced;
we will be replaced so will everybody I mean everybody
will be replaced sometime or another.

Arlie - The thing about it is I ain't gonna worry
about it. At one time let me you know---

Baird - No, I'm not either Arlie.

Arlie - I don't know what them is.

Baird - You know all I want.

Arlie - No, I know what you're thinking about Cliff.
And I think he misimproved me the other day on the. My good
blood brother down south. With what I said, if I can kill you
without question the good----oh anyone else would like to know.
Without being caught.

Baird - Well here is the thing about it.

Arlie - I could.

Baird - Arlie, Arlie, the only people that wanted
Martin Luther King knocked off is two people.

Arlie - Right.

Baird - I mean with one half million dollars is the
Communist Party which they would do it just to start a bunch
of crap, you know, and Ku Klux Klan they would do it
just out of revenge. Ah--you know, to get even or to keep
the colored people down. But I am gonna tell you Arlie, I
don't exactly sympathize with colored people. I think most
of them could do better if they tried. 90% of them could do
better but you know down south in Alabama and Mississippi,
colored people are accustomed to----. They are not allowed
to walk on the damn street or anything else. They have no
voice in the Government and you know here is why Hitler didn't
like the colored people. They took all the shit and they
didn't have backbone to fight back. That was his sole reason
for hating colored people.

Arlie - That's the thing I think we ought to get
together now on. I even had the chance now we can make a
deep voice. That is why not we don't want those colored
folks down in South Carolina.

Baird - That's it. That's right. Why don't they
move up north. That's it, I would, wouldn't you?

Arlie - No---

Baird - No, I tell you, this world can't stay much longer like it is with the shit they got now. This world, it's not for long. You know the Bible's right, it's gonna end in fire alright.

Arlie - You know the funny thing I like is that a lot of people think I'm nuts but uh I wonder why?---- Pity man that walks out on this earth. He can make a rock about 7 or 8 million pounds of rock. I am not going nowhere with it. A big object. Yeh, big h-bomb trying to destroy. I don't want it here in my living room. But, I don't believe man himself want to destroy this world. I don't really know Cliff.

Baird - I do Arlie, I believe man is destroying himself.

Arlie - I don't think so because I will tell you why. Is there a little meat in this place? He tells me where to go. ----and someone said no one knows how we would look, the angels had said this. No, no one else wants to take your place. Man himself would not destroy this earth. You can forget about that. Man has not enough sense. Man has made the h-bomb. They can destroy about anything. I would tell you what I believe. I don't think man himself will blow this damn world up. I don't believe he can do it.

Baird - I don't know . . .

Arlie - If man himself wants to destroy the world, the angels in heaven would ignore him. Wonder that man would want to destroy himself. The Democrats come up with some goddamn sharp place for a change.

Baird - Yes, that's it.

Arlie - huh?

Baird - That's it.

Arlie - If their choice is---and the whole darn thing, you're right. He's gonna help---he's gonna help.

Baird - Oh yeah. But he's the main man.

Arlie - He's not cold, he's not cold -----

Baird - He's going to be there tomorrow.

Arlie - No he ain't. I bet you a hundred and one he ain't.

Baird - At least part of them.

Arlie - Maybe I ought to know, I ought to care myself, if you want me to.

Baird - Well Arlie I don't know. I don't have the facts to back me up. But I'd say it's really - I don't have the facts to back me up but I would say no use calling all the plays now that's my opinion.

Arlie - He's, no it's ---- I know what you're thinking about. He is calling the gas ghetto. Namely not a book and ah, what can I say -----, two or three other guys have received ----- he's the main powerman. Sure don't believe he'd do a thing like that. I'm the old authority. I know what's going on, he can't fool me a bit, cause I know what's going on. The idea is he's trying to get a common observer, we're all working on the same pay, to get a common ----- It all depends on how we're going to handle this thing that's the idea. Do you know what I mean?

Baird - Yeah.

Arlie - Alright let's suppose that I'm the boy back here. Good point there. We got something here to discuss. Everybody sets ----- hollering. I said wait just a minute. Let's just quiet down and quit fooling around. We'll take every man's opinion. Now we'll work out something everybody is on the same team see. But the idea you have to do Cliff you have to have a leader of that group. I don't let any choice ----- what's wrong with that?

Baird - Well Ed Shoring (phonetic) is he's the one pulling the thing together.

Arlie - Do you blame him for that?

Baird - No I don't blame him a goddamned bit but he is the main guy that runs this county and everything else.

Arllie - They ain't nobody, he ain't running Marlo Cooke.
There ain't nobody.

Baird - Yes he does.

Arllie - Huh?

Baird - Yes he does.

Arllie - Uhuh.

Baird - Yeah, I think he does.

Arllie - The thing to do he don't run Marlo.

Baird - Yeah, he runs Marlo.

Arllie - Marlo is Jefferson County -----.

Baird - Ed Shoring (phonetic) just got Marlo out of a
hell of a pinch, I don't know.

Arllie - What?

Baird - With the pinball machines.

Arllie - (Laughs) He just got me a -----.

Baird - Oh shit, they is guilty Arllie.

Arllie - Huh?

Baird - They is guilty.

Arllie - Who?

Baird - Shit, they left that meeting in the Holiday Inn
with all those pinball records and Ned Beckett (phonetic) knows it,
and if they didn't go to Jefferson County they'd work on their ass
and don't think they wouldn't. And old Ed Shoring (phonetic) saved
their ass boy.

Arllie - No -----.

Baird - If they ever got them out of Jefferson County
they would have, they would have torn them up. You could believe
they would have.

Arllie - No never could have hurt.

Baird - Yes they could have too. If they ever got 'em out of this country, you'd seen it.

Arllie - ----- is much more calm as, I thought very calm myself.

Baird - He made it all right - shit he's pretty square shooter -----.

Arllie - I hope he is.

Baird - He's a politician but he's a pretty fair sort of guy.

Arllie - He better quit talking like regular talk that son-of-a-bitch ----- some nice guy like Marlo Cooke -----.

Baird - Well Arllie - they were guilty. I mean hell -----.

Arllie - ----- come out with that there, he wayed and jumped up and down I ----- stand up and say you bald faced liar but hell I wouldn't jump around and wave with my voice getting quiverly and act like a doggone woman just because cream and sugar that's all a woman's made with sugar candy. But he did that ----- did he caught all the fishes. Of course he had a lot of shit on him. But he -----.

Baird - But we didn't get him out of Jefferson County. He would have worked on our ass and you better believe it.

Arllie - Well I'm just glad he didn't.

Baird - Of course they were all fixed here. I mean shit, Republican judges trying the case, Republican prosecutors prosecuting the case.

Arllie - That was made in 32 years, that was a mistake.

Baird - Yeah, he was up against, up a creek if he could never get out of Jefferson County and he couldn't, there wasn't a legal means.

Arllie - ----- knew the \$130,000, he got.

Baird - Well hell ----- half the time we're going to do with these swimming pools.

Arllie - ----- I know that.

Baird - All of them are guilty but Ed Beckett (phonetic) was right. In my opinion he was right.

Arlie - Why did he back off for.

Baird - He didn't back off they just beat him. They beat him here.

Arlie - They beat him where?

Baird - Right down here, they beat him right down here.

Arlie - That's what he said.

Baird - In Jefferson County but they got him out here in the country. Those Democrats worked on him. You better believe it.

Arlie - Another thing your damn thankful for, let's not worry about. It's like the coffee I had yesterday. Well, ah, ----- more milk ----- Now -----

Baird - Well did you take a wee wee Mr. Blair?

Arlie - Oh, well she had to go back in the house.

Baird - Did she really raise hell?

Arlie - No she didn't.

Baird - She didn't say a word, didn't even stir?

Arlie - ----- She just looked at me real funny.

Baird - Told her we're setting out here in the driveway getting drunker than hell?

Arlie - Shit. ----- they are the ones that want to raise hell with me, they can kiss my ass. I could care less.

Baird - Yeah, I don't blame you Arlie, that's about the way I feel sometimes.

Arlie - Well who the hell suppose to control this goddamned world, a man or a woman?

Baird - I don't know.

Arllie - All the time they holler ----- the next thing they holler well man better go on ----- and keep his country free. Next thing they say well I think the women ought to have their man's job and then it would be equal.

Baird - Yeah.

Arllie - Well now if they want to have equalization of the amount of taxes, I'm for it. When they become 18 years old they go in and register for the draft. You draft the women in the service and you don't have no type of ----- of sexes in the barracks or nothing. Each one of them go on in just like a man. And another thing is.

Baird - Zip off and go to the showers and everything. Just like that. I'm for that Arllie. I think that's a good deal. I think that's, that's the best idea anybody has ever come up with yet. I love that.

Arllie - Well what the hell, goddamn ain't there equalization. If it's going to be equal goddamn, it's gotta be equal all the way right?

Baird - That's right.

Ollie - And if you want to lay out in the mud when it's 40 below, ride ----- that low M1 ride along with them.

Baird - You know what I'd like to say, what I'd like to see, last month was what's that lieutenant in the Second District at the Ratler (phonetic), what's his name, Buckmore (phonetic). He said the policeman's job was more dangerous than the combat infantry. Now what does he know about the price of peaches in Russia. Now I'm going to tell you because he's never been there. And I've heard some good stories about him. I don't know. And it comes pretty straight and ah, but ah, what does he know about the prices of peaches in Russia? But I'm going to tell you one damn thing I just spent 10 years in the police department and then one day on Awol. I'm going to tell you this, because they shot our ass off, and I don't know whether there's any, that police department down there couldn't be much worse and easier than Trojan (phonetic) ----- was cause we'd liked to have froze our ass off up there. It was 35 below up in the tops of them damn mountains and I'm going to tell you I don't know what that man knows what he's talking or not but I'd like to see that big fat son-of-a-bitch glide in, have to dig in, and where are we going to sleep tonight, where's our beds said the men. Why don't you dig in over there in that big stove pile you big fat son-of-a-bitch.

Arllie - That's your -----

Baird - And then until the groups move back or come forward or something. Old Bucky wrote that article a policeman's job is more dangerous than a combat infantry. What does that son-of-a-bitch know? Boy I'm going to tell you, he don't know much if he wrote that stupid article like that. I'm going to tell you he don't. Man I'm going to tell you when those damn motor shells start knocking dirt in your ears and them damn 50 calibers start cracking over your head, they crack like a damn firecracker. Man and I'm going to tell you he just don't know what in the hell he's talking about. I'm going to tell you he don't. You could stay scared not for 30 minutes, not for 10 hours, but you could stay scared for weeks. You stay scared for three, four, five weeks. While you're on that damn mine. You're scared every damn minute. Now what the hell does that son-of-a-bitch know, he's never been anywhere, he's never seen anything, he's never done anything and what the hell does he know. He's nothing but a big fat gob of shit. I've heard some good stories about him and I tell you who this ----- is nobody but his daddy. His daddy was a doctor and I tell you get Lieutenant Kohl (phonetic) to tell you about him sometime. He can tell you all about him.

Ollie - I don't know, I never did care nothing for Kohl either. Like Kohl, I don't care about none of them (obscene) down there.

Baird - Well I'm going to tell you Kohl is alright. He's different. He don't give a damn about nobody but Kohl. But when he tells you something he can usually speak your damn ass off, he's usually true. Kohl won't bother you unless you bother him. And that's just the way he feels and when you work for Kohl you don't call me and I won't call you. You take care of your work and I'll take care of mine, and to me Arlie you can't work for a better son-of-a-bitch than that. Cause I figure that I can take care of anything that happens out here, I don't need no help, I'm usually soft and I do the best I can. If I can't do the best I can well piss on it, it's all gone, but I kind of admire old Kohl, but if you want to know about Buckmore (phonetic) ask Lieutenant Kohl, he'll tell you about him. I ain't even going to spread the rumor, but ah, it's all rumor.

Arlie - ----- most of us don't like at all. Of course everyone of us has got -----

Baird - Wait, you know not changing the subject, but you remember one time I asked you, was that two local policemen who broke my door down out there, that screen door? Did you ever hear?

Arlie - Ah, oh yah, I don't know what you're talking about Cliff, I never did get in on that one. I just heard and that was all. I could probably have got the answer, I don't know, but I ----- and it was ----- that killed it and that was it.

Baird - -----

Arllie - No, hell no it wasn't ----- No, what the hell do you think I am.

Baird - But I got to win this. I can't solve this, two police break my door down or kick it in.

Arllie - Who the hell they were looking for.

Baird - Well, I don't rightly know. But the slat was broken.

Arllie - ----- kick my (obscene) door in anytime you want to goddamn ----- solve it.

Baird - I know Arllie, but Arllie here's the thing about it, I'll be there to tell you the next day, if I kicked you're door down, I'd come and tell you about it. I wouldn't wait for somebody down the street come by and tell me ah, say, I think it's two policemen, one in a white shirt and one in a blue shirt.

Arllie - You ever talk to them?

Baird - No, I have an idea who it was, I don't know.

Arllie - ----- was it. Goddamn, I mean you just won't talk about it what the hell was that.

Baird - Well, I tell you it was a long story, but.

Arllie - Goddamn I can't help you if you ain't going to help me, shit. I mean I ain't asking you to help me I mean I said something I shouldn't, what the hell was he going in there for. ----- oh shit, forget about it goddamn it just like I said I want out of this damn city of Louisville - I want out of the police department, I want out of the whole (obscene) ----- I don't want no son-of-a-bitch ever to come up to me and say ----- I will get the (obscene) in his teeth.

Baird - I don't blame you Arllie, I would too.

Arllie - And I've got three little kids in there. I'd take a million dollars a piece for and I don't want no son-of-a-bitch (obscene) up.

Baird - That's right. Well Arllie here's the thing about it ----- and I think it's about to end. ----- but.

Arlie - ----- I wish they'd get off my (obscene) ass. Like that (obscene) little (obscene) -----.

Baird - Who Moore (phonetic)?

Arlie - I don't know what the ----- name was.

Baird - Yeah, it's Moore -----.

Arlie - ----- with everybody else and most men have that they treat everybody like they're gentlemen. And every man or every woman if she's a female I feel like she's a lady, and I ignore everything I can and I back off. But when some start (obscene) on me there's going to be blood and it ain't going to be blood blood because that son-of-a-bitch will want to kill you.

Baird - He's allergic to his own blood ain't he. Arlie here's the thing about it, do you remember you made the statement to me that one of them couldn't help it, do you remember that.

Arlie - ----- I remember you talking about that and I know one night that you were well perturbed and you were well mad, and I don't blame you at all, and it was talking about who it might have been then and all that; but you never would say who, and I might have said some words that I meant because I don't recall it, ever mentioning it. I might have.

Baird - Did you make the statement that one of them couldn't help it?

Arlie - No, I don't remember making a statement like that, because if I made a statement like that I'd admit of making that statement, ----- only one guy -----, that would've been me and I wouldn't do it.

Baird - Yeah.

Arlie - And you know goddamned good and well that I wouldn't.

Baird - Yeah, I know you -----.

Arlie - Like I said, I might have been tanked up and you might have been hot, pressing and all that but that old ----- get my wife and kids away from this goddamned place and forget about this shit.

Baird - Arlie there's no reason to do that, none whatsoever, stay and fight these son-of-a-bitches till hell freezes over, cause you don't have anything to worry about and nothing else.

Arlie - (Laughs) - I know I don't have nothing to worry about. But goddamn -----.

Baird - Cause the job is going to get better in the very near future, it's going to get damn sight better and you better believe it. Like I told you Arlie one time you was the best friend I got whether you realize or not, you're still the best friend I got down there in that damn police department. Well there's a couple more that probably equal you but.

Arlie - They don't mean much.

Baird - Ah, you are the best friend I got. You probably don't realize it right now but you are. So, ah, you stick with it and ah, you'll make alright -----.

Side 2 of Tape

Unknown Voice - ----- seem a little bit redundant - some of you -----.

Baird - One, two, three, four. Testing one, two, three, four, testing one, two, three, four, testing one, two, three, four. One, two, three, four.

Arlie - ----- them things awful hard to pull -----.

Baird - Yeah, once in a while on a Sterling (phonetic) they'll pull off and I guess you're able to do that anyway.

Arlie - Oh yeah.

Baird - The Sterling is the only one like it. Now you know between Sterling and Melish High (phonetic) I can't tell any difference.

Arlie - There ain't a hell of a lot of difference.

Baird - It tastes just exactly alike to me.

Arlie - I can tell a little bit, there is a little difference but, ah, I'm going to tell ya too. You know what the difference is?

Baird - No.

Arlie - Water.

Baird - Water?

Arllie - Yeah.

Baird - Yeah go ahead.

Arllie - I imagine that if the truth was known they use the same formula.

Baird - But it tastes just exactly alike. Oh, Blue Ribbon, to me, tastes sweet.

Arllie - Yeah.

Baird - Does it taste sweet to you? I mean women like that. In my opinion, beer to me, to be good, has got to have a bite to it, you know.

Arllie - Taste of the hops.

Baird - Yeah.

Arllie - You know what's funny, when you're a kid growing up you like stuff sweet. The minute you get older you don't like stuff sweet you want something bitter. You get up to a certain age you start liking pepsis or cokes. Which are, cokes reminds a little on the sweet side. Pepsi's got a little more of a tang to it. But then you get to the point you don't like them. Now then you want something that's got kind of a, more of a bitter taste.

Baird - Yeah, like, ah, when I was 21, 22 years old I had to have a drink and I'd mix it with coke or ginger ale or seven up or something, you know something sweet. And now I want my yellowstone in water.

Arllie - Yeah.

Baird - I don't want anything sweet. And when I was a kid I used to drink coffee all the time. I drank coffee ever since I was knee high to a duck and I use to put about four, five teaspoons full of the damn sugar in it.

Arllie - I didn't put sugar in my coffee.

Baird - But now I want just enough sugar in that coffee to knock that bitter taste, just maybe, bearylly, well between a half and three quarters of a teaspoon full of sugar. Just a little bit not much.

Arllie - ----- a lot of ----- but I always liked coffee black, but, ah, my wife ----- usually drink one cup of coffee every morning for breakfast that's all, and actually we don't drink nothing else ----- But I tell you used to be up there at home working up there long, 10-12 hour days, usually 12, you got tired, hot and five, five-thirty we used to breakfast, set for five-thirty. We started work about six-thirty seven o'clock when we were suppose to be starting. The first thing you smell, when you woke up, was that hot, strong coffee boiling. That aroma would be running all through that doggone shanty.

Baird - You know if I was building me another house, you remember houses like you use to build way back in the country with oak boards. You'd run them damn things straight up and down, you know vertical, and then put a slab right over the crack?

Arllie - Yeah.

Baird - I'd like to have one of them damn things with an over hanging, maybe about two and a half feet, and a great big rocking chair. ---- tight ----- you know that son-of-a-bitch would be pretty you know.

Arllie - Yeah..

Baird - But it would cost you a fortune to get that kind of lumber now you know it.

Arllie - Sure would. I was talking to a guy up there at home, he's still got a saw mill and a planer, in fact he's got a ----- roof, but, ah, the only, the saw mill man I know up there has got one because, I mean in town I mean there are lumber companies now.

Baird - Yeah, they've all got them there.

Arllie - Ah, but this guy I come around there, I was wanting to buy some, he built him a little house, of course this guy made a cabin, heck of nice then, he had a boy that died back while I was in the high school, heart trouble. My closest friend. They were brothers, two brothers actually, they were so much older than me and weren't around he wanted to put him in some nice oak floor and he wanted to know for how much it would cost him for what he'd need. And figured out I don't know the ----- or how big a house he had but ----- about 52 or 53. He came over and said, well I can get \$250 a thousand for the floor. He told us he don't want pay ----- for this. It was just tire, what you call tire sap, we used to call it, an inch and a quarter lumber that we'd knock off the side of the log in getting down to a square for a tire. Why rather than cut it all off for a slab, why I'd just take off ----- the slab, the log was big enough.

to make the tire but there'd be enough on the side, actually, that you'd be wasting. Then we'd cut off another board there and, ah, but, ----- the thing is you've got two saws like that and you set them back and forth and you can run your board through there and it knocks off the two strips on the side. And that tire, at that time ran about \$50 a thousand and now I imagine it runs about \$80. That's just rough lumber and that's ----- but if you've got a doggone ----- you'll take that damn stuff and make yourself some nice doggone, anything you want. He told those guys he don't want to pay no \$250. So I tell you what I'll do ----- no way, he'd take ----- logs and he had ----- truck and he said if you bring the logs around to my mill. He said I'll cut it up for you and run it through. Tell you what. You want \$20 a thousand for sawing it he said ----- pay for \$15. So ----- \$35 a thousand, of course, a man brings his own lumber in the mill. We figure well ----- right there I'd figure it would take 140 X 300, get me about right close to 500 pieces of lumber for the house. So you figure that for a man of like up there most people no money anyhow, but \$250 that's \$125 which the old man just wouldn't had anyway.

Baird - Yeah.

Arlie - But he was able to bring it around there and for about, well it would cost around \$18, \$20. It's hard to believe that doggone tongue groove flooring. Do you know what, tongue groove, I don't know what costs around here but I know what it costs around at home. Tongue groove oak flooring cost you now.

Baird - No, I don't, but it's expensive I know that.

Arlie - Last job I had is \$350 a thousand.

Baird - \$350 a thousand.

Arlie - 35¢ a foot.

Baird - That's a lot of money. You know Arlie when I was a boy we bought rough oak lumber \$4 or \$5 a hundred. I don't know just exactly what it was.

Arlie - Well ----- I know back to about that Thursday night at Bowie I can remember it selling what for, tire sap, rough lumber so, we commonly call it tire sap. It was \$30 a thousand. That was number one grade.

Baird - Yeah, ----- \$3 a hundred. You buy something like that now it didn't cost you a fortune. Where are you going to get it? You know Arlie here a while back I was doing some work around the house, and, ah, well it's been several years ago, but I hit some fur two by fours, then I sawed one off and I set (possibly

dishes clanging, Baird says no not yet); one up in the corner of the house there. Then I went back a couple of weeks later, oh, about a month later I guess, and picked the damn thing up. You know that damn thing on the end, a foot up from the ground, it rotted completely and all that was left there was just a few little splinters of those hard rings and that was all that was left of that end. Now you know when I was a boy we used to see those old two by fours and you could take one out and throw it out in the barnyard and that damn thing would lay there for years and it would curl up and get hard as as a damn piece of steel but it wouldn't rot. It would lay there and get just as black and just as hard as a, it's ----- and all that stuff, it just ah.

Arle - ----- which I wanted to see if this brother-in-law of mine, I told him I thought he was full of shit, but he's all true force. Up in East Tennessee, I don't know, something is supposed to be around 70 or 80 miles out of Kingsport. There is supposed to be a boundary of white oak timber. Four or five different outfits had went in there and bought, had tried to work it, couldn't do it, between the rock cliffs and rattlesnakes he couldn't get it. Well I've never seen any (obscene) place yet that I couldn't get that damn shit out of there. Suppose to be first a group of white oak timber.

Baird - How many acres is it?

Arle - From what he says there is suppose to be somewhere in the neighborhood of around 500 acres. That would be a hell of a lot.

Baird - ----- if you could get you some fencing and fence the damn, put a fence around that and then get you some of the old razorback hogs and turn them damn things loose and they'll take care of your damn snakes.

Arle - No, they say they won't.

Baird - They won't?

Arle - They said not hogs. Now he said this my brother-in-law said they was rougher in this area, in this place where we took timber out of over near.

Baird - Well I mean water falls off the cliff you can two or three more of you could take his place but a hog would eat a snake and anything it can get. Did you know that? And it don't make any difference a rattlesnake, copperhead, anything, water-moccasin, they'll eat any kind of a snake they can get.

Archie - But they had a place over there along side old West Virginia. I tell you if you can cut a damn tree down, maybe halfway up the mountains sometimes closer to the top but when you go to chop the son-of-a-bitch ----- down in the gourd, should do it. You cut that son-of-a-bitch down he's gone, I mean gone and you have to watch ----- because if there's anything for him to hit to split open, you don't want him to do that. He usually toss with ----- notch of one side and tosses around the side of the hill at a certain angle and let it go. And I've seen them things cut them off and they go down them hills hollering. I mean it was that damn steep by hell where you had to hang on with both hands. And let me tell you I was able to practically walk up that damn house out there at that time, and he says it's rougher than that.

Baird - Well I was riding a bus through East Tennessee one time and, ah, past this cornfield one time and I looked out and I swear that thing was on a slope just like that and you could stand down in the lower row and get the corn off a row below you.

Archie - Oh, yeah, I done that. (Laughs) But I just wanted to say, well the funny thing trees are, of course, if there is an opening on the ground, once the tree gets started it'll run the roots a long time, the wrong way to get water in there and food source in order to get big. But them white oaks, of course, if they don't watch the stem what happens your lumber man, oh, shit, just a minute, a long time ago they up and the law passed in fact, I think it's on the books that only ----- they could use the stays of one half. ----- they have to use more timber now cause it ----- And that's what caused it. But for a white oak you couldn't make stays out of that shit if you wanted to. That's the crookedest damn bunch of shit I ever seen. You can take a white oak, ----- white oak and use ----- at the base ----- and then it'll run straight, it will look real straight, nice ----- I don't know how it looks on making stables, I've never made it on stables out side of grove timber. None of them guys even tried. They said you're wasting your time and I wouldn't doubt it. But you can saw that shit up and you can put it in a nice shady spot where sun can hit it. See sun will draw the boards like it will make them curl and you can put weights on it and everything else and that damn shit will curl up, twist up, snarl up.

Baird - Yeah.

Arllie - You can make a two by four or two by six or anything else you want to out of white oak, satin rope, boy I'll tell you what you can do if you don't want it in the yard where the sun will hit, that's freshly cut today, and I'll bet you by the day after tomorrow that thing will be bent at least three foot.

Baird - Yeah.

Arllie - I don't want that to do that.

Baird - Well here's the thing about it Arllie, it's not as old as the other. That's the trouble. See you take little trees set out there 150 years in the wind, and the rain, and the storms, and the lightening and everything. They get tough you know, and, ah, you take something that grows in 20 years, a tree that grows in 20 years and it'll get big but it's not as tough as that other.

Arllie - No, white oak might be at least 50 years old.

Baird - At least yeah.

Arllie - Cause the good thing on the white oak I'd say is not over I'd say shit 50 years but it would be a lot more than that, ----- real fast ----- board.

Baird - They grow real slow, real big, real strong.

Arllie - Yeah, you take a pine or a poplar that grows real fast and a len (phonetic) grows lot faster than a poplar.

Baird - A what?

Arllie - A len (phonetic).

Baird - What's that?

Arllie - It's a, actually it looks like a poplar, a form of a poplar family I guess. It's real soft. We call them len (phonetic) trees and the tree is a little different than a poplar. Most of their ----- wood is darker. Most poplars got a yellow color to them, but they've got a, orange or kind of a bloody like color to it. Actually ----- one guy up there bought a bunch of those and sawed one down and I told him, it might make real pretty ----- Mr. Blair. He was damned suprised alright, ----- stacked up out there. About three weeks before he went and hauled it off ----- He said that stuff is already fallen apart. You can just take your finger and pinch it through. Dad said well I told you. But you could take that len, (phonetic) you could take a board, say about two by four, two by six and cut you one about foot and a half, two foot long and you could took one of them with your bare hand and broke it in half.