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CARL D. FORTNA, ROUTE 6, BOX 387, OCTAN SPRINGS, MISSISSIPPI,
STATED THAT HE MET BILL WILSON IN BELTON, MISSOURI, IN 1966 OR 1967.

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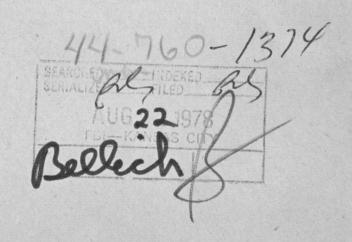
WILSON AND WILSON'S WIFE OWNED A LEWELRY STORE IN BELTON, MISSOURI,

AND THAT WILSON WAS A MEMBER OF THE 442ND AIR FORCE RESERVE WHIT

STATIONED AT RICHARDS—GERAUER AIR FORCE BASE. FORTNA STATED HE

KNEW WILSON THROUGH THEIR ASSOCIATION IN THE VEW IN BELTON, MISSOURI.

FORTNA STATED THAT HE, FORTNA, RETIRED FROM THE AIR FORCE IN 1969



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AND DID NOT SEE WILSON AGAIN EXCEPT FOR ONE BRIEF MOMENT IN 1972

UNTIL APPROXIMATELY TWO MONTHS AGO. WILSON CAME TO OCEAN SPRINGS,

MISSISSIPPI, FROM LAFAYETTE, LOUISIANA, ABOUT TWO MONTHS AGO AND

LIVED IN THE TWIN PINES MOTEL ON HIGHWAY 90, OCEAN SPRINGS,

MISSISSIPPI. ON JULY 23, 1978, WILSON MOVED INTO A HOUSE OWNED BY

FORTMA LOCATED MEXT DOOR TO FORTMA'S PRESENT RESIDENCE.

FORTNA TO COME INTO WILSON'S HOUSE, THAT HE HAD SOMETHING WERY
IMPORTANT TO TELL HIM. WILSON TOLD FORTNA, "I WILLED THAT BLACK
SON-OF-A-BITCH." FORTNA ASKED WILSON WHO HE WAS TALKING ABOUT,
AND WILSON REPLIED MARTIN LUTHER KING. FORTNA STATED THAT HE TOLD
WILSON HE DID NOT BELIEVE HIM, AND WILSON SAID, "I AM TELLING YOU
THE TRUTH. I ACTUALLY KILLED HIM. I'VE BEEN LIVING WITH IT FOR
TEN YEARS, AND I CAN'T TAKE IT ANYMORE." WILSON TOLD FORTNA THAT
MARTIN LUTHER KING WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR WILSON'S FATHER'S DEATH.
WILSON DID NOT ELABORATE FURTHER ON THIS. WILSON TOLD FORTNA
THAT THIS KILLING WAS "ENGINEERED" BY LOW ORUZ (PHONETIC). FORTNA
STATED THAT HE KNOWS LOW CRUZ AND THAT LOW CRUZ OWNED OR STILL OWNS
LOW ORUZ JEWELRY, 1505 MAIN STREET, GRANDVIEW, MISSONRI. WILSON
TOLD FORTNA THAT HE DROVE TO THE STATE LINE AIRPORT IN KANSAS CITY,

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MISSOURI, DRIVING A NEW FORD THUNDERBIRD. WILSON TOLD FORTMA THAT CRUZ ALSO OWNED AN IDENTICAL FORD THUNDERBIRD. WILSON LEFT HIS THUMDERBIRD AT THE AIRPORT AND FLEW TO MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE. CRUZ CAME TO THE AIRPORT AND PICKED UP WILSON'S THUMBERBIRD AND TOOK IT FROM THE AIRPORT SO IT WOULD NOT BE NOTICED. WHEN WILSON APRIVED IN MEMPHIS, HE BORROWED A WHITE FORD MUSTANG THAT HE HAD PURCHASED FOR HIS DAUGHTER, DEBORAH. DEBORAH HAD DRIVEN FROM MANSAS CITY TO MEMPHIS IN THE MUSTANG. WILSON TOLD FORTNA THAT HE WENT TO THE -MOTEL WHERE MARTIN LUTHER KING WAS STAYING AND THAT HE HEED A JAPANESE SNIPER RIELE AND SHOT KING HOLDING THE RIELE ON HIS MIP. HE STATED THAT THIS RIFLE IS NOW IN THE POSSESSION OF WILSON'S SON, WILSON TOLD FORTNA THAT HE WAS DRIVING AWAY FROM THE SCENE THE MUSTANG. AND HE WAS STOPPED BY THE MEMPHIS POLICE, BUT HE TALKED HIMSELF OUT OF A TICKET, AND THE CAR WAS NOT SEARCHED. THE STATED THAT THE PIELE WAS IN THE TRUNK OF THE CAP AT THIS TIME. WILSON TOLD FORTNA THAT HE THEM FLEW HIS AIRPLANE BACK TO KANSAS CITY, AND CRUZ PICKED; HIM UP AT THE AIRPORT AND TOOK HIM HOME.

FORTMA STATED THAT WHEN WILSON TOLD HIM THE ABOVE INFORMATION,
HE, FORTMA, BELIEVED THAT WILSON THOUGHT HE WAS TELLING THE TRUTH
AND THAT HE SWORE ON HIS MOTHER'S GRAVE IN FRONT OF A PRIEST THAT IT

PAGE 4 JN 62-544 UNCLAS E F T O WAS THE TRUTH. FORTMA STATED THAT HILSON HAD NEVER MENTIONED THIS SIBJECT PRIOR TO THIS INSTANCE. FORTNA STATED THAT WILSON HAS BEEN DRINKING HEAVILY FOR THE PAST TWO MONTHS AND HAS LIED TO HIM SEVERAL TIMES IN THE PAST TWO MONTHS. WILSON, ON OCCASION, WOULD TELL FORT NA THAT HE HAD BEEN MARRIED THREE OR FOUR TIMES SINCE DIVORCING HIS FIRST WIFE AND THEN COME BACK AT A LATER DATE AND SAY THAT HE MAD NOT BEEN MARRIED AFTER DIVORCING HIS FIRST WIFE. FORTNA STATED THAT WILSON IS AN EXCELLENT PILOT, THAT HE, FORTNA, HAS FLOWN WITH WILSON THROUGH BAD WEATHER, AND WILSON HAD NO PROBLEMS FLYING THE AIRCPAST. BURGESS AUDIE WILSON, JR., AKA BILL, WAS BORN AUGUST 28, 1931, AT FULTON, MISSISSIPPI, 5 FEET 11 INCHES, 170 POUNDS, BROWN EYES, GRAY HAIR, SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER 422-34-4275, MILITARY SERVICE H. S. AIR FORCE 1947-1960. KANSAS CITY AT GRANDVIEW, MISSOURI. WILL LOCATE LOU CRUZ (PHONETTO), 1505 MAIN STREET, RE KNOWLEDGE OF WILSON AND FACT HE "ENGINEERED" ASSASSINATION OF DR. KING.

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TENNESSEE, ON OR ABOUT APRIL 4, 1968.

FOR INFORMATION OF KANSAS CITY, IN A PRIOR INTERVIEW OF WILSON, HE STATED HE HAD A RED AND WHITE BONANZA AIRPLANE, REGISTER NUMBER 341, AND A CESSNA 310 TWIN-ENGINE BLUE AND WHITE AIRCRAFT.

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RE MEMPHIS TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR AND KANSAS CITY, 8/21/78:, 8/21/78; MEMPHIS TELEPHONE CALL TO KANSAS CITY, 8/21/78:, JACKSON TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR, KANSAS CITY AND MEMPHIS, 8/22/78: KANSAS CITY TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR, AND MEMPHIS, 8/24/78.

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OF A MODEL G, NUMBER 5" BONANZA TO WILSON. HE SAID HE DOES NOT

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FINANCID THE PLANE AT JOHNSO COUNTY BANK, AND BELIEVES

THAT WILSON HAD A PARTNER. FISHER RECALLS THE NAME OF LOU

CREWS, WHO OWNS LOU CREWS JEWELERS, GRANDVIEW, MISSOURI.

FISHER INDICATED THAT THE AIRPORT KEEPS NO RECORDS OF

LANDINGS OR TAKE-OFFS OF AIRCRAFTS. FISHER ULSO BELIEVES

THAT WILSON WAS A SHRINER AND THAT HE DRANK A LOT.

FOR BELION, MISSOURI, GRANDVIEW, MISSOURI, RAYMORE, MISSOURI, AND PECULIAR, MISSOURI, FOR A WILBUR JEWELERS PROVED MEGATIVE, ALL POSSIBLE SPELLINGS FOR WILBUR WERE SEARCHED.

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THAT ALL RECORDS OF PAST EMPLOYEES ARE STORED AT THE RECORDS

CE TER, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, TELEPHONE 314-268-7243.

KANSAS CITY PHONE COMPANY INDICATED THAT RECORDS FOR THE PERIOD IN QUESTION HAVE BEEN DESTROYED.

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