

AT 44-2386

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HIGHLAND AVE. BUT WILL OBTAIN PHONE BILL AND MAKE AVAILABLE IF CONTACTED AT BIRMINGHAM SOUTHERN.

WILLIAM WHITE, ANOTHER STUDENT, ADVISED THIS DATE HE HAD RECEIVED NUMEROUS PHONE CALLS FROM PARENTS, MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM B. WHITE, JR. THREE THREE FIVE ONE CHEROKEE ROAD, ON THEIR RESIDENCE PHONE. RECALLS BEING ADVISED BY ANOTHER STUDENT AT DARLINGTON OF RECEIPT OF PHONE CALL FOR WHITE FROM HIS GIRL FRIEND, BETH HENLEY WHO LIVES WITH HER STEPFATHER, CHARLES METCALF, LOCKSLEY DR., BIRMINGHAM. WHITE STATES CALL CAME ABOUT EIGHT O'CLOCK WHEN DARLINGTON PLAYED AVONDALE, GA. HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL GAME WHICH WAS ON OCTOBER SIX, NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN. BETH HENLEY WAS ENROUTE TO SELMA, ALA. AT THAT TIME AND DOES NOT RECALL IF SHE ORIGINATED CALL IN BIRMINGHAM OR SELMA. HENLEY AGE FIFTEEN DASH SIXTEEN AT THAT TIME WAS APPEARING IN A LITTLE THEATER PRODUCTION LOCATED IN HIGHLAND AVE. VICINITY IN BIRMINGHAM.

BIRMINGHAM DETERMINE WHERE BETH HNELEY PLACED CALL TO WILLIAM WHITE, DARLINGTON SCHOOL, ROME. IF THIS INVESTIGATION DOES NOT IDENTIFY PERSON MAKING CALL CONSIDER CONTACTING

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WILLIAM BANKS, BIRMINGHAM SOUTHERN TO VERIFY ORIGIN OF CALL HE
PLACED TO BROTHER AT ROME.

AIRMAIL COPY SENT MEMPHIS. P

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PLAINTEXT

TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: PITTSBURGH

FROM: CLEVELAND (44-565)

MURKIN

ALFRED KIRKER, JR. ⁰ THREE FIVE FOUR FOUR STORER, SHAKER HEIGHTS, OHIO, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED CLEVELAND THAT ON APRIL SIX, SIXTYEIGHT, WHILE EATING AT A HOLIDAY INN NEAR PRINCETON, W. VA., HE NOTICED A MAN FITTING THE DESCRIPTION AND WHO RESEMBLED ARTIST'S CONCEPTION OF SUSPECT IN ABOVE CAPTIONED CASE.

PITTSBURGH, AT PRINCETON, W. VA. WILL DISPLAY ARTIST'S CONCEPTION AT HOLIDAY INN, LOCATED NEAR PRINCETON, W. VA., IN EFFORT TO DEVELOP POSITIVE INFORMATION RE SUSPECT.

AIR MAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

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TO: SAC, LITTLE ROCK

FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

MURKIN

At 8:31 a.m., an anonymous phone call was received by SA CARL A. TURNER at the Gulfport Resident Agency. Caller stated "If you want to find out who killed Martin Luther King, talk to Edward Wynn, Tucker, Arkansas". Caller stated WYNN had served time in 1963.

LEAD:LITTLE ROCKAt Tucker, Arkansas

Will conduct appropriate investigation to eliminate WYNN as a possible suspect. Determine if he owns a white Mustang and if appropriate, interview him regarding his whereabouts on pertinent dates this case.

2 - Little Rock
② - Memphis
1 - Jackson
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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586) (P)

MURKIN

RE: REVEREND STEVE HAMMONDS - COMPLAINANT

sub E-404
Re Bu Airtel, 5-1-68,

Results of inquiry in this matter furnished to the Bureau by Jackson airtel to Bureau, 4/17/68, which contained four enclosures. Memphis and Oklahoma City were also advised similarly.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
RM

Re Oklahoma City teletype to Bureau and Jackson,
dated 4/14/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau is an investigative insert and three FD 302's. The investigative insert sets forth in detail the contents of referenced communication concerning information furnished by Reverend STEVE HAMMONDS, Oklahoma City. The FD 302 interviews of DAVID MARLON BREWER, OSCAR MAYNARD WORD and JACK C. PETERS, all of Jackson, eliminate OSCAR MAYNARD WORD as a possible suspect in captioned matter. *Sub E-404*

There are fifteen (15) copies of each enclosure, identified above, for Memphis.

There are four enclosures for Oklahoma City, one copy of each item identified above.

3 - Bureau (Enc. 4) (RM) *men*
2 - Memphis (44-1987) (Enc. 60) (RM)
1 - Oklahoma City (44-686) (Enc. 4) (RM)
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 16, 1968

OSCAR MAYNARD WORD, 3434 Midlawn Street, Jackson, Mississippi, in care of Mrs. M. M. HEARD, telephone number 366-8209, was interviewed at his place of employment, Briarwood Texaco Service Station, 5575 Interstate 55 North, Jackson, Mississippi. He was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and of the nature of the inquiry.

WORD advised that about one week ago his wife, MARY, took their five children and his Mustang automobile and left him, driving to the home of her mother in Las Vegas, Nevada. WORD subsequently found out where she was and left Jackson, Mississippi, on Wednesday, April 10, 1968, to go and get her or at least pick up the automobile which he had only made two payments on.

He stated he hitched a ride and also traveled by bus part of the way to Nevada. He stated he obtained the black Mustang convertible with a white top from his wife and drove it back to Mississippi alone. He stated he passed through Oklahoma City late Saturday afternoon.

WORD advised he arrived back in Jackson, Mississippi, Sunday night, first stopping by his place of employment and then checking into Baker Motel, Highway 49, North Jackson. He stayed in Unit Number 8 of this motel for one night. He stated he plans to live with his mother temporarily in Jackson since he and his wife are now separated.

WORD stated that the Mustang which he now has possession of was purchased by DAVID BREWER, an acquaintance of his at Jackson, Mississippi, but BREWER was unable to keep up the monthly payments and let WORD have the vehicle on February 12, 1968, letting WORD take up the payments.

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On 4/15/68 at Jackson, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-9586

by SA SAMUEL N. JENNINGS/bkh

Date 4/16/68

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WORD advised that the Mississippi License Plate which is on the Mustang now, 1968 Mississippi HB-9317, is the same license plate that has been on the vehicle since he obtained it. He stated he understands BREWER bought this license plate for a Ford Falcon but switched it to the Mustang after selling the Falcon.

WORD advised he works regularly at the Briarwood Texaco Service Station from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. six days a week and has not been off from work any this year other than the trip to Nevada mentioned above. He stated he is off each Thursday all day which is his regular day off. WORD advised he has not been in Memphis, Tennessee, or Birmingham, Alabama, during the past six months. He stated that on April 4, 1968, he was at Jackson, Mississippi. He stated he was working on a car behind the service station where he works at about 6:00 p.m. on April 4, 1968, and was talking to CLINTON BROWN, at which time he heard about Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING's being shot at Memphis, Tennessee.

WORD is described as follows through interview and observation:

Sex	Male
Race	White
Date of Birth	
Place of Birth	Carrollton, Georgia
Height	5'11"
Weight	137 Pounds
Build	Slim
Hair	Medium Brown
	Long and Curly
Eyes	Hazel
Scars and Marks	Small diagonal scar across bridge of nose

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Tattoos	Colored flower with word "Love" on left forearm;butterfly on right forearm shaped like "J"
Marital Status	Married
Wife	MARY RUTH
Children	Six, ages 4 through 17
Employment	Attendant, Briarwood Texaco Service Station, 5575 Interstate 55 North, Jackson, Mississippi employed for past year
Previous Employment	Truck driver for various companies, traveling throughout the United States

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Date 4/15/68

DAVID MARLON BREWER, 1043 Pyle Street, Jackson, Mississippi, telephone number 352-6813, was interviewed at his place of employment, Hodges Engineering Company, 5175 Galaxie Street, Jackson, Mississippi. BREWER was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and the nature of the inquiry. He furnished the following voluntary information:

BREWER advised that he is the owner of a 1965 black Mustang convertible with a white top and the vehicle has 1968 Mississippi license HB-9317 on it. This tag was purchased for a 1962 Ford Falcon which was sold to a teenager in Jackson, Mississippi, and BREWER removed the tag and placed it on the Mustang when he purchased it, without advising anyone of the transfer of license plate. BREWER advised that he has not been in this Mustang recently since he was having trouble making the monthly payments and he let OSCAR WORD, an employee of the Briarwood Texaco Station, Interstate 55 North, Jackson, Mississippi, take over the vehicle and the monthly payments in February, 1968. BREWER advised that WORD has been having trouble with his wife recently and about a week ago, she took the Mustang and their children and left WORD, allegedly going to stay with her mother at Las Vegas, Nevada. About Wednesday, April 10, 1968, WORD found out where his wife was in Nevada and took a bus there immediately to either bring her back or bring the Mustang vehicle back.

BREWER advised he has not seen WORD for about a week but believes he will be back at work at the Briarwood Texaco Station as soon as he returns to Mississippi.

BREWER described OSCAR WORD as follows:

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by SA SAMUEL N. JENNINGS:ccs

Date dictated 4/15/68

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Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	About 36 years of age
Height	Six feet tall
Weight	150 pounds
Hair	Dark brown, curly
Complexion	Dark
Scars	Scar over bridge of nose
Employment	Briarwood Texaco Station, Interstate 55 North, Jackson, Mississippi,
Marital Status	Married
Children	Three or four school children.

BREWER described himself as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	
Place of Birth	Terry, Mississippi
Height	Five feet eleven inches
Weight	160 pounds
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Green
Scars	One inch scar on outside of left eye
Employment	Employed for about 2 years at Hodges Engineering Company, 5175 Galaxie Street, Jackson
Marital Status	Married
Children	One son, DAVID BREWER, JR., age 1.

BREWER advised that the manager of the Briarwood Texaco Service Station, Mr. JACK C. PETERS, would be able

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to assist in locating OSCAR WORD in the event he has not returned to work in Jackson. BREWER said he feels certain WORD would have been the individual driving the above Mustang convertible in Oklahoma on April 13, 1968, and very likely WORD was returning to Mississippi with this vehicle.

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Date April 16, 1968

Mr. JACK C. PETERS, owner, Briarwood Texaco Service Station, 5575 Interstate 55, North, Jackson, Mississippi, was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and the nature of the inquiry.

PETERS advised that OSCAR M. WORD has been employed regularly by this service station for approximately one year. He stated WORD works from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. or later, six days a week. His regular day off is Thursday of each week.

PETERS stated that WORD has not been absent from work any day this year to his recollection other than the past few days when he made a trip to Nevada to obtain his 1965 black Mustang convertible with a white top, which his wife had taken, about a week ago.

PETERS advised that WORD is a steady worker, has a good reputation, and he stated he has no reason to believe WORD would be involved in any type of racial violence.

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Information received from the Oklahoma City FBI Office on April 14, 1968, reveals that Reverend STEVE HAMMONDS, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, observed an individual at 7:15 p.m. on April 13, 1968, proceeding east on Interstate Highway 40, about forty miles east of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. This individual resembled the artist conception of the murderer of Doctor MARTIN LUTHER KING which recently appeared in an Oklahoma City newspaper. Reverend HAMMOND, a former Oklahoma City policeman, stated this individual was driving a black Mustang convertible with white top and the vehicle was bearing 1968 Mississippi license HB-9317.

Reverend HAMMONDS was interviewed by the FBI at Oklahoma City and advised that the artist sketch of the individual observed at Birmingham in connection with this case bears some resemblance to the individual observed by him in the above mentioned Mustang. He stated that the individual he saw had a long sharp nose and was dressed in green uniform type work clothes.

On April 15, 1968, Sheriff FRED THOMAS, Hinds County Sheriff's Office, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that 1968 Mississippi license HB-9317 was issued to DAVID BREWER, 5063 Sharpe Street, Jackson, Mississippi, for a 1962 Ford.

DAVID BREWER, 1043 Pyle Street, Jackson, Mississippi, was interviewed by SA SAMUEL N. JENNINGS on April 15, 1968, regarding the 1968 Mississippi license HB-9317 which was issued to a 1962 Ford owned by BREWER. The interview is as follows:

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PLAIN TEXT

TELETYPE

URGENT

PM CST URGENT JWS

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) AND SAC JACKSON

FROM: SAC OKLAHOMA CITY (44-686) 1P

MURKIN

REVEREND STEVE HAMMONDS, OKLAHOMA CITY, ADVISED HE OBSERVED INDIVIDUAL AT SEVEN FIFTEEN PM ON FOUR THIRTEEN LAST, PROCEEDING EAST ON INTERSTATE FORTY ABOUT FORTY MILES EAST OF OKLAHOMA CITY, WHO RESEMBLED ARTIST CONCEPTION OF KING'S MURDERER WHICH APPEARED IN RECENT EDITION OF OKLAHOMA CITY NEWSPAPER. REVEREND HAMMONDS, WHO IS A FORMER OKLAHOMA CITY POLICEMAN STATED INDIVIDUAL OBSERVED WAS DRIVING A BLACK MUSTANG CONVERTIBLE WITH WHITE TOP BEARING HINDS COUNTY MISSISSIPPI LICENSE H B NINE THREE ONE SEVEN.

REVEREND HAMMONDS WAS SHOWN ARTIST CONCEPTIONS OF MEMPHIS SUBJECT AND BIRMINGHAM SUBJECT FURNISHED BY BUREAU AND ADVISED INDIVIDUAL HE SAW BEARS SOME RESEMBLANCE TO THE BIRMINGHAM SUBJECT. HE STATED PERSON HE SAW HAD A LONG SHARP NOSE, AND WAS DRESSED IN GREEN UNIFORM TYPE WORK CLOTHES.

JACKSON ASCERTAIN OWNER OF AUTOMOBILE DESCRIBED ABOVE AND DETERMINE IF IDENTICAL WITH SUSPECT IN THIS CASE.

MEMPHIS ADVISED AIRMAIL.

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Via TELETYPEURGENT

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TO SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

FROM SAC, MOBILE (157-2627)

MURKIN. CR. OO: MEMPHIS.

RE ALBANY TEL TO BUREAU, ET AL. APRIL TWELVE LAST.

MR. W. R. PFASSMAN, ¹⁰LILLY-WHITE LAUNDRY, DEMOPOLIS,

ALA. FARMS OUR CUSTOMERS LAUNDRY FOR CLEANING BY NORTHINGTON
CLEANERS, TUSCALOOSA, ALA. WHICH HE ADDED USES THERMO-
SEAL LAUNDRY TAPE. HE SUGGESTED MRS. BURGIN OF NORTHINGTON,
TELEPHONE SEVEN FIVE SIX DASH FIVE FIVE FOUR SIX BE
CONTACTED FOR FURTHER DETAILS. PFASSMAN USES NO THERMO-
SEAL LAUNDRY TAPE.

SUGGEST BIRMINGHAM INCLUDE THIS INTERVIEW WITH
OTHERS CONDUCTED WITH LAUNDRY PROPRIETORS AT BIRMINGHAM
REQUESTED IN RETEL. NO INSERT BEING SUBMITTED BY MOBILE.

AIRMAIL COPIES BEING DESIGNATED FOR MEMPHIS. PENDING.

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To: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

✓ From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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Latent fingerprints previously reported this case
not identical fingerprints of Henry Ewell Hartford, Army service
[REDACTED], FBI #3611525. No palm prints Identification Division
files for Hartford.

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AIRTEL

**TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) ATTN: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION
LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION**

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

**MURKIN
CR**

Sub E - 402

Re Bureau airtel to Memphis 4/30/68 making inquiry concerning HENRY EWELL HARTFORD, WILLIAM BIRDSONG and J. CONRAD MORGAN.

HENRY EWELL HARTFORD is a white male, born [redacted] 5'7 1/2", 140 lbs., was in the U. S. Army from 10/25/43 to 4/21/46, under SN [redacted]. He has been employed by the U. S. Post Office Department, Highland Street Branch, since 4/6/65. He was eliminated based on physical description.

Investigation determined that WILLIAM E. BIRDSONG, 3656 Dunn Avenue, is apparently identical with WILLIAM BIRDSONG referred to in Birmingham teletype to Bureau 4/9/68. BIRDSONG has been interviewed and he is described as a white male, born [redacted] at New Orleans, La., and weighs 210 lbs. He has no prior arrest record or military service. He admits being in the Avon Hotel, Birmingham, on 4/1-2/68 with his wife and 3 children. The reason for his presence in Birmingham was to substitute for an employee who was absent at the Raiford Shoe Company in Birmingham. BIRDSONG was traveling in a 1965 white Chevrolet bearing Tennessee License JP-5357. BIRDSONG was eliminated based on physical description.

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JAMES CONRAD MORGAN, 3097 Ingers Apartment 4, Memphis, is identical with the J. CONRAD MORGAN mentioned in Miami teletype to Bureau 4/9/68. MORGAN is a white male born [REDACTED] 5' 11", 264 lbs., and was a member of the Tennessee National Guard under Serial Number [REDACTED] MORGAN was eliminated based on interview and physical description.

REQUEST OF THE BUREAU

The Identification Division is requested to compare the fingerprints for HENRY SWILL HARTFORD, ASN [REDACTED] with latent fingerprints of an evidentiary nature previously furnished the Bureau in this matter.

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✓ To: SAC, Memphis

✓ From: Director, FBI

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Re Henry Ewell Hartford - suspect. (ReLatel
4-9-68, setting forth Hartford as a possible suspect.) *msl*

Re William Budding - suspect. (ReBhtel to Bureau
and Memphis 4-9-68.) *44-1987-278*

Re J. Conrad Morgan - suspect. (ReMMtel to Bureau,
Atlanta, Birmingham and Memphis 4-9-68.) *44-1987-Sub E-402*
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No indication Bureau files those suspects have
been resolved. If not already handled, do so immediately
and advise by return airtel.

*eliminated by
interview*

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

DATE: 4/15/68

FROM : SA RALPH J. LIEWER

SUBJECT: MURKIN;
CIVIL RIGHTS
OO: MEMPHIS

Re Miami teletype to Bureau, Atlanta, Birmingham
and Memphis, 4/9/68.

44-1987-306
Referenced teletype called attention to the fact
that an individual in the Miami Division had stated that
JOHN EDWARDS, Hollywood, Florida, is a firearms salesman,
and during October, 1967, had been at a firearms show in
Memphis and there encountered one J. CONRAD MORGAN, who had
purchased a .22 caliber rifle. During the conversation,
MORGAN commented he owned a 30.6 caliber automatic rifle.
EDWARDS recalls that MORGAN generally fits the description
of Unsub appearing in local press stories and artist's
conceptions. MORGAN was further described as weird and
funny talking.

On 4/13/68, JAMES CONRAD MORGAN, 2097 Imogene,
Apt. #4, Memphis, was contacted at his place of business,
153 N. Cleveland.

The following is a description of MORGAN as obtained
from observation and interview:

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Nationality:	American
DOB:	
Height:	5' 11"
Weight:	264 lbs.
Hair:	Short blond, combed forward
Eyes:	Blue
Military Service:	National Guard, National Guard # [REDACTED]

MORGAN advised that he formerly lived at 1018 N.
Watkins, Apartment 4.

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**In view of the aforementioned description of
MORGAN, no further investigation is being conducted with
regard to him.**

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FBI JACKSVLE

1137 AM URGENT 4/12/68 MHM
TO MEMPHIS /44-1987/
FROM JACKSONVILLE /44-769/ 3P

MURKIN, CR, OO MEMPHIS.

ON APRIL ELEVEN, LAST, WILLIE MORTON, AND DORIS WILLIAMS, NEGRO FEMALES, EMPLOYED SANTA ROSA HOSPITAL, MILTON, FLA., CONFIDENTIALLY ADVISED THAT ON EITHER APRIL FIVE OR SIX, LAST, ETHEL SMITH, RESIDENCE BAGDAD, FLA., WHITE FEMALE, A CO-WORKER APPEARED VERY UPSET AND THEY ASKED HER WHAT WAS WORRYING HER.

THEY RELATED THAT MRS. SMITH STATED THAT SHE HAD RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALL FROM HER DAUGHTER, GAYNELL /PHONETIC/ LAST NAME UNKNOWN, WHO RESIDES IN MEMPHIS, TENN., ADDRESS UNKNOWN, AND THIS DAUGHTER STATED THAT HER BROTHER-IN-LAW, RAY GENE /PHONETIC/ LAST NAME UNKNOWN, WAS COMING FROM MEMPHIS TO MRS. SMITH'S RESIDENCE AND ASKED HER TO LET HIM STAY AT HER, MRS. SMITH'S RESIDENCE, UNTIL SHE, GAYNELL, AND HER HUSBAND COULD COME AND GET HIM. GAYNELL REPORTEDLY TOLD MRS. SMITH NOT TO HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH RAY GENE OR BE SEEN WITH HIM AND THAT SHE WAS ONLY TO LET HIM STAY AT HER RESIDENCE UNTIL GAYNELL AND HER

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Chas F. Holste, Jr.
will be home about
5:30 pm -
Have some one
call him at 396-9372
Unlisted number given
by his father.

JMS

He has 68 chev. Pickup
green.

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HUSBAND COULD COME DOWN.

ACCORDING TO MORTON AND WILLIAMS, THIS INDIVIDUAL, A WHITE MALE, ABOUT THIRTY YEARS OF AGE, NO OTHER DESCRIPTION, ARRIVED AT MRS SMITH'S RESIDENCE ON APRIL FIVE, LAST, IN A BLUE AND WHITE PONTIAC, LICENSE NUMBER UNKNOWN, AND THAT THIS CAR IS STILL AT MRS. SMITH'S RESIDENCE. THEY WERE UNABLE TO FURNISH ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OTHER THAN THAT THEY FELT THIS INDIVIDUAL MIGHT BE WANTED BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN MEMPHIS OR POSSIBLY INVOLVED IN THE ASSASSINATION OF KING. MORTON AND WILLIAMS WILL ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN COMPLETE NAME OF THIS INDIVIDUAL.

DISCREET OBSERVATION AT ETHEL SMITH'S RESIDENCE REVEALED A NINETEEN FIFTYNINE PONTIAC STAR CHIEF, WHITE OVER BLUE, BEARING TENNESSEE LICENSE A T - FIVE THREE FIVE ONE ^P

IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE INFORMATION, IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THE ABOVE MENTIONED "RAY GENE" LEFT MEMPHIS, SURREPTITIOUSLY UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH MIGHT INDICATE A POSSIBLE CONNECTION WITH CAPTIONED CASE OR THAT HE IS WANTED BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES MEMPHIS.

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MEMPHIS IS REQUESTED TO DETERMINE REGISTERED OWNER OF ABOVE
VEHICLE AND DETERMINE IF THERE IS ANY KNOWN CONNECTION WITH CAPTIONED
CASE OR SUSPECT, GALT, AND OR IF POSSIBLY WANTED BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

END

MCP

FBI MEMPHIS

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