Statement of LEWIS BOYD STEPHENSON, WM 32, Residence, 1556 Old Mulberry, phone, HE 7-2735, Occupation, Lucky Electric Co., made at Central Police Headquarters on Friday, October 18, 1968 at 11:40 AM, to Lt. T. E. Smith and Pltn. J. A. Duncan.

TYPED BY: M. Jackson

QUESTIONED BY: Lt. T. E. Smith

Relative to the FATAL SHOOTING of MARTIN LUTHER KING, MI 39, that occurred on April 4, 1968 at approximately 6:00 PM, at the Lorraine Motel, 406 Mulberry.

Q. Mr. Stephenson, on April 4, 1968 were you employed at the Lucky Electric Supply?

A. Right, Yes.

Q. Were you at the Lucky Electric Supply, 136 E. Butler at the time of the shooting of Martin Luther King?

A. Yes sir.

Q. Did you hear the shot that was fired?

A. No sir.

Q. When did you first learn of the shooting of Martin Luther King?

A. The first I knew that anything was wrong was when I heard the ambulance leaving the area, then after all the police started gathering around, we turned on the radio, and found out that Martin Luther King had been shot.

Q. I will ask you to state in detail what you recall of this shooting?

A. We, Robert Haggerty and James R. Tipler, were sitting in the office discussing the electric panel, and we heard a nigger woman screaming and Bob went to the door to look, and he said she was trying to get in a automobile out there, I didn't even get up to look myself, I figured somebody was fighting in that joint next door. That's about all I know. Just as Mr. Tipler, left, right after he heard the woman screaming, as he was leaving the ambulance almost ran over him.

Q. Can you recall approximately what time you observed this woman crying?

A. Approx. 6:00 PM.

Q. Prior to hearing this woman crying, did you hear, or whom observe any suspicious in the area?

A. No sir.

Q. During the afternoon of April 4, 1968 did you observe an unmarked police cruiser in the area?

A. We saw police cruisers and car inthat area but most of them were the day before & the shooting occurred, I believe there may have been some cruising around the area all that day also.

Q. When was the first time that you went out on the street to see what was going on?

A. When I heard the ambulance.

Q. Have you been questioned by the police dept., or the FBI prior to October 18, 1968?

A. The police questioned us briefly on the night it happened, and that 's the only contact I 've had with the police until yesterday.

Q. Have you been questioned by Newspaper reports, or attorney's since the shooting?

A. No sir.

Q. Do you have any personal knowledge of the killing of Dr. Martin Luther King.

A. No sir.

L. B. Stephenson