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Report of: SA RAMON W. STRATTON
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Title: JAMES EARL RAY;
Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM

Character: CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY; UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID CONFINEMENT - ROBBERY

Synopsis: This report relates to individuals who have made threats against victim KING. ROBERT CORNELL BUXTON, born 6-22-15 at Brockville, Ontario, Canada; THOMAS EUGENE CRAMER, born 9-29-38 at Lima, Ohio; JOSEPH JOHN GAFFNEY, born 6-14-47 at Chicago, Illinois and ORVILLE H. BRETTMAN, USN 2250151; Mrs. JESSIE KILGRAF (KILGRAS), Penfield, New York; JOHN C. MEDIZER, born 3-6-40 at Chicago, Illinois; ALFRED GEORGE SCHNEIDER, born 2-24-13 at Chicago, Illinois; and MORTON L. ZASLAVSKI, born 1-8-15 at Chicago, Illinois; all investigated and no indication any connected with JAMES EARL RAY or murder of KING developed. Investigation to determine whether TONY DEXTER, reported by NAACP to have offered a reward for murder of KING, actually exists was completely negative. Investigation set forth identifying DONALD LAWRENCE STOUT, aka Lawrence Donald Stout, born 4-30-28 at Detroit, Michigan, FBI #4959380, as person who allegedly threatened to kill KING. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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On March 17, 1965 ROBERT C. BUXTON, white, male, 3102 South Wallace, Chicago, Illinois, telephonically contacted the Chicago FBI Office and stated "MARTIN LUTHER KING is a man to be watched." BUXTON stated "I'd kill him if he got in my way, yes, I am a threat to him." BUXTON gave the impression of being intoxicated and at times was incoherent.

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Re: ROBERT BUXTON

The following investigation was conducted by SA WILLIAM M. O'BRIEN and SA MICHAEL A. GARRETT III at Chicago, Illinois, on April 25, 1968:

Mrs. NORMA LOFTIS, Clerk, Immigration and Naturalization Service, 219 South Dearborn, advised that a check of their files revealed no record on ROBERT C. BUXTON.

A check of the records of the Bureau of Records and Communications, Chicago Police Department, reflected a ROBERT C. BUXTON, born June 15, 1915, or June 22, 1915, at Ontario, Canada, Social Security Number 350-07-4431. Records revealed that BUXTON was arrested in September, 1962, for sleeping on the sidewalk and had arrests in October, 1965, and December, 1965, for disorderly conduct. Records revealed BUXTON had an address of 3102 South Wallace, Chicago, in 1965, and an address of 468 West 28th Street, Chicago, in 1962.

A check of the files at the Chicago Credit Bureau revealed a record on ROBERT BUXTON, 3102 South Wallace, Chicago. Records revealed an inquiry was received on March 11, 1968, regarding BUXTON, wife DOROTHY, from Mercantile Discount, showing his employment as Paidor Fixtures.

A check of the telephone directory for the City of Chicago was negative for BUXTON; however, the directory showed an EMIL J. PAIDAR Company, barbers' fixtures, 1120 North Wells, Chicago, Illinois.

PAUL BRESTIN, Personnel Manager, Emil J. Paidar Company, 1120 North Wells, advised that ROBERT CORNELL BUXTON, Social Security Number 350-07-4431, has been employed with their company as a stockman since July 25, 1966. He described BUXTON as a white male, born June 22, 1915, 6'4" tall, 200 pounds, red hair, brown eyes, residence 3102 South Wallace, Chicago, Illinois. BUXTON's records show he is married, claims two exemptions, and was in United States Army from 1941 though 1946. BUXTON's records show previous employment with United

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Exposition, Hilton Hotel, from September, 1963, to May, 1966; Satalite Lounge, 87th and Rockwell, May, 1962, to September, 1963, as a cook; Cal-Mar Restaurant, 72nd and Ashland, as a cook; Como-Inn, Milwaukee near Grand,as a cook. BUXTON's records reflect he was working at this company on March 29 and April 4, 1968, from 7:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. BUXTON had not worked on March 30, 1968,as this was a Saturday. BUXTON's records reflect no derogatory information and Mr. BRESTIN advised that he was a good worker.

Mr. AUGUST BURDA, BUXTON's immediate supervisor, Emil J. Paidar Company, 1120 North Wells, advised that he has known ROBERT BUXTON during his employment with Paidar Company and stated that he knew nothing of a derogatory nature concerning his activities or associates. BURDA stated that he knew of no participation by BUXTON in hate-type groups or subversive organizations and he stated that although BUXTON has a hot temper on occasion, he does not feel that this characteristic inordinate. BURDA stated that BUXTON to his knowledge is amiable towards his fellow employees who are of various races and has never displayed or expressed any racist tendencies. BURDA stated that BUXTON has no credit difficulties and has presented no disciplinary problems other than missing several days work, probably because of excessive use of intoxicants.

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ROBERT CORNELL BUXTON, 3102 South Wallace, Chicago, Illinois, telephone number 842-4577, was advised of the identity of the interviewing agents as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and was advised of his rights by Special Agent MICHAEL A. GARRETT III, as shown on an Advice of Rights Form which he read and signed. BUXTON was advised that he was being interviewed regarding a telephone call that he had made on March 17, 1965, St. Patrick's Day, to the Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at Chicago, Illinois, threatening to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING.

BUXTON stated that he could not remember making the call in question. He stated that it was probably he that made the call and that he must have been drunk at the time since it was St. Patrick's Day. He stated that he does crazy things sometimes when he gets a few drinks in him and is capable of saying anything when he is drunk.

BUXTON stated that he knows nothing about the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., and has no idea who might have been connected with this crime. BUXTON was exhibited a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, Identification Order Number 4182, and he stated that this individual was totally unfamiliar to him.

BUXTON explained that he has never been in Birmingham, Alabama, or Memphis, Tennessee, and has not been out of the Chicago area in the last two months. BUXTON stated that he does not own an automobile and has no credit problems. He stated, however, that he has no bank account and has trouble keeping himself in beer money.

BUXTON stated that his whereabouts during the last two months could be verified by checking with the bartender named BABE at Babe's Tavern on the corner of 31st and Wallace Streets in Chicago.

The following is a description of BUXTON as taken from observation and interview:

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Name:	ROBERT CORNELL BUXTON
Residence:	3102 South Wallace, Chicago, Illinois
Date of Birth:	June 22, 1915
Place of Birth:	Brockville, Ontario, Canada
Height:	6'4"
Weight:	249 pounds
Hair:	Red
Eyes:	Brown
Sex:	Male
Race:	White
Citizenship:	Naturalized U.S. Citizen
Social Security #:	350-07-4431
Army Serial Number:	206-07-355
Employment:	EMIL J. PALIDAR Company, 1120 North Wells, Chicago
Occupation:	Stock Clerk
Scars and Marks:	Scar on left wrist
Marital Status:	Married, Wife, DOROTHY, Same Address
Daughter:	ROBERTA ATKINS, 30's and Albany, Basement Apartment, Chicago, Illinois.
Military Service:	U.S. Army from 1942 to 1945
Previous Residences:	468 West 28th Street, Bridgeport, Illinois 6607 South Stewart, Chicago, Illinois 6239 South Kimbark, Chicago, Illinois

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On September 6, 1966 THOMAS CRAMER or CRANER, 1909 School Street, Chicago, Illinois, telephonically advised the Chicago FBI Office that he had joined the "Nazis" and he was to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING when KING returned to Chicago.

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Re: THOMAS EUGENE CRAMER

The following investigation was conducted by SAS JAMES A. POND and ROBERT L. ZIMMERMANN:

A review of the records of the Chicago Police Department conducted on April 25, 1968, disclosed no arrest record for THOMAS E. CREAMER and no additional arrest record for THOMAS E. CRAMER to that already set forth. The records of the Chicago Police Department do reflect that on September 20, 1966, THOMAS E. CRAMER, 1901 School Street, Chicago, Illinois, was the victim of an auto theft.

A review of the indices of the Chicago Division under the names THOMAS E. CREAMER and THOMAS E. CRAMER on April 25, 1968, disclosed no additional references under these names.

On April 25, 1968, JOSEPHINE ZERBIAN, Proprietoress of the Five Step Inn, 1801 West School Street, advised she recalled a THOMAS CRAMER, a white male, about 25 years old, who lived in the next block, west on School Street. She stated that she had not seen him in almost two years. She stated that she recalled he was from Ohio and she had heard he had returned to Ohio.

On April 25, 1968, Mrs. RUSSO, daughter of the landlord at the building, 1909 West School Street, advised that a review of rent receipts disclosed that THOMAS CRAMER moved from that address in early December, 1966. She advised that his wife was named GLINDA and she was a beautician. Mrs. RUSSO advised that THOMAS CRAMER was employed at Stewart-Warner Corporation, Department 75. Mrs. RUSSO advised that they had no forwarding address for the CRAMERs, however, she thought they were going to Ohio when they left Chicago in December, 1966.

On April 26, 1968, Miss JACKIE MOHR, Personnel Clerk, Stewart-Warner Corporation, made available the employment record of THOMAS E. CRAMER, born September 29, 1938, at Lima, Ohio, Social Security Number 273-34-0647. The record disclosed that CRAMER was hired originally on May 29, 1963, and worked to April 6, 1965. He was rehired June 15, 1965, and worked to September 19, 1966. He was rehired April 18, 1967, and was terminated April 28, 1967, when he failed to report for work.

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The record disclosed his address at time of employment in April, 1967, was reflected as 3840 Sheridan Road.

The records disclose his wife is GLINDA and describe CRAMER as a white male, 5' 10", 137 pounds, brown hair, and green eyes.

The records further disclose that when CRAMER left Stewart-Warner in 1965, he left a forwarding address of 234 Prospect Street, Freemont, Ohio.

On April 26, 1968, it was determined that there is no such address as 3840 North Sheridan Road, however, there is a 3840 North Sheffield, and Sheffield changes to Sheridan Road at 3900 North.

Inquiry at 3840 North Sheffield, and a review of the rent receipts for that address, disclose no record of THOMAS CRAMER as a resident.

On April 30, 1968, WILLIAM BUCHANAN was contacted at the Stewart-Warner Corporation, 1826 Diversey Parkway, Chicago, Illinois. He advised that he was a friend of THOMAS CRAMER and had heard CRAMER was in Oregon a couple of weeks ago. He advised that he received this information through CRAMER's half brother, ALFRED ROBERT SHANAHAN, who in turn, got it from CRAMER's wife, GLINDA. He advised that GLINDA lives on Palmer Street, exact address unknown.

On April 30, 1968, inquiry at House of Style by Solli, Incorporated, 3617 North Broadway, disclosed GLINDA CRAMER was not working that day and her residence address was unknown as shereportedly had just recently moved.

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Mrs. GLINDA CRAMER, 3322 West Palmer, telephone 772-4691, was interviewed at her place of employment, House of Style by Salli, Incorporated, 3617 North Broadway, telephone WE 5-3510, where she is employed as a beautician. Mrs. CRAMER advised that she is the wife of THOMAS EUGENE CRAMER, however, they are currently separated. She stated that in September, 1966, prior to separation from her husband, they resided at 1909 School Street, Chicago, Illinois. Mrs. CRAMER advised that the correct spelling of her family name is CRAMER and that she has never known it to be spelled CREAMER.

Mrs. CRAMER advised that she had been contacted by her in-laws in Ohio, who notified her that they had been contacted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation relative to locating her husband. She stated that she had received a telephone call from her husband on Wednesday, April 24, 1968, from Seattle, Washington. Her husband had been living at 621 North Jackson, Seattle, Washington, which is the Bush Hotel, however, when he called her, he had indicated he was possibly going to move from the hotel to a local YMCA. She stated that after being contacted by her in-laws, she called the Bush Hotel in an effort to locate her husband, however, was advised that he had moved without leaving a forwarding address. She stated that her husband was working in Seattle at a sporting goods store the name of which she did not recall.

Mrs. CRAMER advised that in the event her husband had left Seattle, he would, in all probability, go to San Jose, California, where he would stay at the residence of DAVE SHAW, 1967 Stoney Road, Apartment 3, San Jose, California.

Mrs. CRAMER advised that the last time she actually saw her husband was the Thursday after Valentine's Day, 1968. She stated that on that date, he left Chicago and she understands he went to Lima, Ohio, from there to Denver, Colorado, and from there to Seattle, Washington. She stated that she does not have any idea what his activities were during that period.

Regarding a telephone call made by him to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, in September, 1966, relative to his being

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contacted to kill Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, she stated she did not have any personal knowledge in regard to this call made by her husband, however, she did receive a telephone call about that time from a police agency, the identity of which she does not recall, wherein she was questioned concerning the call allegedly made by her husband. She stated she informed the inquiring police agency that she knew nothing about it, however, if they want to question her further, they should come out to see her personally. She stated that she was not further contacted.

Mrs. CRAMER advised that her husband does drink alot and that he does some odd things when he is drinking, however, she has never known him to do anything, even when drinking, which would cause her to believe he might deliberately plot to kill someone.

The Cleveland Division reported on April 27, 1968, that DONALD L. CRAMER and his wife, ELAINE, were interviewed on April 27, 1968, at 234 North Prospect Street, Freemont, Ohio. They said that DONALD CRAMER's brother, THOMAS E. CRAMER, left the Freemont area two to three years ago and has not been in contact with them. DONALD was of the opinion that THOMAS was separated from his wife, GLENDA, whi is called "DINK," and that GLENDA could be located as a beautician at the House of Sally, 3400 Broadway, Chicago. GLENDA's mother is INNA WADDLE, 1934 North Drake, Chicago, telephone: 384-8553. THOMAS has a half brother, ROBERT SHANAHAN, employed at the Stewart-Warner Company, Chicago.

DONALD telephonically contacted his mother at Findlay, Ohio, and she said that THOMAS had left his wife and that she believed him to be in the Chicago area.

DONALD said that THOMAS is an alcoholic who regularly left his family. DONALD recalled hearing in the past that two or three years ago THOMAS CRAMER telephoned the FBI in Chicago and as a joke said he was going to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING. DONALD said that THOMAS actually had done this because he was angry at some Negroes at the Stewart-Warner Company.

DONALD said that THOMAS telephonically contacted him several years ago from Chicago and said he had strangled his wife, that she was lying dead in bed in their home and that he had called the police. DONALD then telephoned the police in Chicago, who said that GLENDA was not injured and that THOMAS was drunk. DONALD said that his brother has a long history of making up such stories.

The Cleveland Division advised as follows on May 3, 1968:

The following investigation was conducted on May 2, 1968, by Special Agent HOMER K. MILLER at Lima, Ohio and Special Agent STEPHEN FUNDERBURK and Special Agent MILLER at Findlay, Ohio:

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Mrs. ESTHER MOTTER, Clerk, Health Department, Allen County, Lima, Ohio, advised birth certificate reflects THOMAS EUGENE CRAMER born September 29, 1938 at Lima, Ohio; father, DONALD CRAMER, mother, MARY RYPKENA CRAMER; birth record was registered on February 16, 1939.

AT LIMA,OHIO.

WAYNE ETHEL (NA), Chief of Police, Findlay, Ohio, Police Department, advised THOMAS EUGENE CRAMER, born September 29, 1938, had the following arrests:

March 19, 1960	Leaving scene of accident - $25 fine
September 10, 1960	Operating under suspension $9 costs, 2 days in County Jail
February 17, 1961	1. Entry in Night Season $300 fine. 2. Committing Personal Violence 3 days County Jail.
February 12, 1961	Intoxication - $10 fine $7.50 costs.
May 2, 1961	Non-support Released
July 31, 1964	Public Intoxication $10 Fine

WILLIAM BELL, Sheriff of Hancock County, advised THOMAS EUGENE CRAMER originally was in jail for a few days in 1961, for Non-Support, and in February, 1961, for B & E, then again on July 31, 1964, for Non-Support, and released August 3, 1964. On the arrest of July 31, 1964, which was non-support, his address was indicated as 1943 Henderson, Chicago, Illinois. His description was white, male, born September 29, 1938, 5'9", 135 pounds, brown hair, blue eyes, slim build.

Mrs. ELINOR LAIRD, Credit Reporter, Credit Bureau of Findlay, Ohio, advised THOMAS EUGENE CRAMER had been known to her files since 1961 and there was a notation that he had been divorced from a BETTY JYWISE in November, 1961; no other information.

Mrs. BETTY J. CRAMER, 342 Trenton, advised she divorced THOMAS EUGENE CRAMER in 1961 and had only seen him about once a year since when he had come to see their child. She stated he re-married and she believed he left a second wife. She stated the last she knew he was driving an old Lincoln Continental. She stated that on no occasion had she ever heard him mention the Nazi Party, attending any special meetings of any kind, nor had she ever heard him mention Dr. KING. She had no idea as to the whereabouts of subject, but advised his mother, MARY KENNEDY and a sister, FRANCES, lived in Findlay.

Mrs. MARY KENNEDY, 1209 Concord Street, advised that she talked to her son's wife, GLENDA, in Chicago, by telephone, and that GLENDA, who is also known as "DINK", lives at 3322 West Palmer Street, Chicago, telephone 312 772-4691. She stated GLENDA is employed at Sally's Beauty Shop, Broadway and Addison Streets, Chicago, telephone 312 WE 5-3510. She advised when talking to GLENDA, GLENDA told her THOMAS had left and gone to Seattle, Washington, where he lived in some motel, but that he reportedly had checked out of his hotel; also that she believed he had been working at some sporting goods store. Mrs. KENNEDY had no idea as to the present whereabouts of her son, THOMAS EUGENE CRAMER, and advised that the person he would get in touch with would be his wife, GLENDA. She advised that her son had left the Findlay area a year ago and she had not seen him in four or five months. She advised that her son did at one time go with a young man named DAVE SHAW, but she did not know the whereabouts of this DAVE SHAW. She said that in her opinion, her son needed psychiatric treatment, and has been known to tell tall stories when he has been drinking. Further, she stated she recalled hearing that her son had at one time telephoned the FBI in Chicago, within the last few years, but she thought it had something to do with Communism. She advised that her son does have two or three weapons; that he liked to hunt and fish; but,

she has never known him to carry a weapon on his person. She stated that at no time had she ever heard her son mention Nazism or talk about Dr. KING. She stated it was her belief that at the time he may have called the FBI in Chicago, he may have been drinking at some bar in Chicago with some friends. She advised that although he was not mentally unbalanced, he did frequently during his marriages just take up and leave when he felt like it.

She stated she would immediately contact the FBI if she receives any information as to his whereabouts.

FRANCES CRAMER, subject's sister, who resides with her mother, could furnish no additional information.

Mrs. MARY KENNEDY, his mother said that he had a brother, DONALD, in Freemont, Ohio, and a stepbrother, BOB SHANAHAN in Chicago. She said she believed this BOB SHANAHAN, his half-brother, lived on George Street, back of the Stewart-Warner Factory.

The Seattle Division advised on May 21,1968, that THOMAS EUGENE CRAMER was located and interviewed at Seattle, Washington, on May 2, 1968. He claimed to have been in Seattle, Washington continuously since early March, 1968, which claim was forwarded by hotel and employment records and interview of his roommate.

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On March 25, 1967, Military Intelligence, Evanston, Illinois, reported that one JOSEPH JOHN GAFFNEY of Elmhurst, Illinois, had recruited Private First Class STEPHEN LANE to serve as a member of a two man team with him to assassinate MARTIN LUTHER KING on KING's visit to Chicago in 1967. On April 7, 1967 GAFFNEY was interviewed by military authorities and denied any knowledge of an planned acts of violence against anyone.

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JOSEPH JOHN GAFFNEY, 285 Elm Park Avenue, advised that he lives at home with his parents and is presently a student attending the Elmhurst College. He pointed out the Elmhurst College is located in the immediate area of his home and that he enrolled in that college on February 6, 1967, now majoring in English.

GAFFNEY stated he is also a member of the 86th U.S. Army Reserve Command, G-2 Section (Administrative), 1819 West Pershing Road, Chicago, and that his group meets on Sunday and Thursday nights.

GAFFNEY stated he has not made any trips from the Chicago area during the last couple months except during the Easter Vacation period from school during which time he traveled to Pella, Iowa. He explained that he left for Pella, Iowa, about April 11, 1968, and returned on April 14, 1968. He said the purpose of the trip was to visit MARY KAY BRADOF, Central College, Pella, Iowa, and that he was accompanied by ROBERT PINDERSKI, a fellow student at Elmhurst College and his girl friend, RUTH BRADOF, who is a sister of MARY KAY BRADOF. GAFFNEY stated that he and PINDERSKI stayed at the Motel Dutch Mill, Pella, Iowa.

GAFFNEY stated he has been at school since his time of enrollment except for the time he went to Iowa during the Easter Vacation and about two days during which time he was home with the flu about the middle part of March, 1968.

GAFFNEY said that he has known ORVILLE BRETTMAN since childhood days and that BRETTMAN is now in the U.S. Marines and is presently in Viet Nam. He said BRETTMAN has been stationed at Camp Pendleton, California, and was home in the Chicago area from approximately December 10-27, 1967. He said he believes BRETTMAN, referred to as "ORV", left for Viet Nam about the middle of March, 1968.

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GAFFNEY said that he had previously had some discussions with BRETTMAN regarding the "Minutemen" as well as many other subjects through the years. GAFFNEY said he has not in the past nor is he now a member of "Minutemen" and has no interest in the organization. He said BRETTMAN had some knowledge of the organization and although he is of the impression BRETTMAN might have been a member he is not absolutely certain.

GAFFNEY stated that he has never mentioned any conspiracy to assassinate anyone and volunteered that the loss of KING is a loss to everyone because he stood for non-violence. GAFFNEY said he is against violence and the loss of KING "is the worst thing that could have happened." He said he is against all this recent violence including the riots and burning.

GAFFNEY concluded by stating he assumed he was interviewed previously regarding the "Minutemen" and again this time because someone probably put his name on a membership or mailing list. He said if this has happened he wants it to be known he is not a member and is against violence such as killing, rioting, and burning. He added he is not anti-Negro and has not taken part in any demonstrations or other activity.

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Mrs. JANE LOVELL, Recorders Office, Elmhurst College, advised that JOSEPH JOHN GAFFNEY is presently enrolled in the college. However, it was determined by additional questions that there is no requirement that the students actually attend classes. She added she has no records of attendance by students and that the keeping of attendance records is not required at the school or by the individual teachers.

LOVELL stated GAFFNEY takes the following courses:

Geography, teacher - JOHN BOHNERT; English, teacher - Miss ALICE HADDIX; Philosophy, teacher - DEAN CLARK; Art, teacher - Miss LATHAM BASKERVILLE.

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JOHN BOHNERT advised that JOSEPH GAFFNEY is enrolled in his Geography class and added that even though he is not required to keep student attendance records, he can state with certainty that GAFFNEY is in fairly good attendance. He said GAFFNEY attends about three of the four weekly classes of his and that GAFFNEY has been turning in regularly his weekly test papers. BOHNERT said he also had GAFFNEY in his class last semester, therefore, knows him well by sight.

BOHNERT added that he has talked with GAFFNEY outside regular class periods and has gained the impression that GAFFNEY brags and is always trying to impress others with his importance. He said the times he has talked with GAFFNEY outside of class he can hardly get away from him once he begins bragging of his exploits, accomplishments and wealth or wealthy acquainances.

BOHNERT said that GAFFNEY is failing in his class.

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Miss ALICE HADDIX advised that JOSEPH GAFFNEY is enrolled in her English class, however, he has not been to class. She said it is possible that he may have been to the first class at the beginning of the semester, but since that time she is sure he has not been to her class. She added that no attendance records are maintained but she is sure of the above statement.

She concluded that since GAFFNEY has not been to class, he will not receive a passing grade from her class.

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Dr. ROBERT J. CLARK advised he is the Dean of School and that he teaches the Philosophy class in which JOSEPH GAFFNEY is enrolled.

Dr. CLARK said that GAFFNEY is a very poor class attender and has not been to his class for quite some time. He said he wrote a note to GAFFNEY to see him on April 3, 1968, but has not heard from GAFFNEY. He said the note was written because GAFFNEY had not been to his class for probably a week or two before that date and it may have been longer.

He added the school does not keep attendance records of the students and that GAFFNEY will not receive a passing grade from his class.

Dr. CLARK said that he lives on the other side of the street from the GAFFNEY family residence but has no personal knowledge of the family.

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Miss LATHAM BASKERVILLE advised that JOSEPH GAFFNEY is enrolled in her Art class. She said she has a very poor memory for faces and gets the students mixed up. She looked through several piles of papers and finally said she had located a paper, which according to her, GAFFNEY turned in on April 25, 1968.

Miss BASKERVILLE added she is not required to keep attendance records but believes GAFFNEY is a regular attender even through she does get the students mixed up.

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JOSEPH J. GAFFNEY, 285 Elm Park Avenue, advised that he has enrolled at the Elmhurst College only to please his parents. He stated he does not want to go to school and was of the impression that the agents would only check to see if he was enrolled at the school. He said that he did not expect that his daily attendance in the classes would be checked and then admitted that he does not attend classes regularly. He said that his mother gets him up in the morning and that he leaves for the campus, but usually does not go to his classes.

GAFFNEY stated that he has not taken any trips from the area, as stated before, even though he has not been attending classes.

GAFFNEY explained that when he does not go to classes, he goes to the room of his friend, JOHN PALM, Room 204, Niebur Hall, Elmhurst College, to rest or listen to records. He said PALM would not know when he has been there because PALM is at his classes during that time.

He said that other times he walks around the campus or goes to the Elmhurst Camera Shop, located on Addison Street, Elmhurst, Illinois, and talks to his friends, JERRY MOLLER or TROCK (LNU), who operate the camera shop. GAFFNEY said he has an interest in photography and considers cameras his hobby.

GAFFNEY then located the last address for BRETTMAN which he stated is as follows:

Cpl. ORVILLE H. BRETTMAN,
Number 2250151,
H&S Company,
5th Recon. Batt.,
5th Marine Division, FMF(REIN) M.C.B.,
Camp Pendleton, California.

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GAFFNEY advised that he expects to fail in school and since he now realizes that it is known that he does not attend most of his classes regularly his whereabouts can be verified through his parents. He maintained that at least one of his parents sees him each day and that both parents usually see him each day.

GAFFNEY said his parents were on a trip during part of February and early March, 1968, and at least one of them has been home from that time until April 29, 1968. He said that at the present time both of his parents are out of town but that his father is expected to be back in the area the following day.

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JOSEPH W. GAFFNEY advised that he is employed as the General Purchasing Agent and heads the purchasing for all Sears Roebuck and Company stores located nationally. He advised that his son, JOSEPH J. GAFFNEY, is an only child and was adopted.

GAFFNEY said that he can personally vouch for the whereabouts of his son in this area since he sees the son each day or if he does not, the mother sees the son and is sure he gets off to school.

GAFFNEY said his son left the area only for a few days during the Easter vacation when he went to Pella, Iowa, and was accompanied by a school friend, ROBERT PINDERSKI, and his girl friend.

GAFFNEY said the only time one of the parents was not home was when they were both away on trips during part of February and early March, 1968.

GAFFNEY said his son has been more or less forced by his parents to go to school and he knows that the son does not want to continue. He maintained that in spite of his son's irregular attendance in classes, he can without reservation vouch that he has been in this area and at home each day since his wife and he returned to the house early March, 1968.

GAFFNEY said that his son's "weakness" is that he talks too much and in a very immature way is always trying to impress people. He said that on many occasions his son has been talking or exaggerating and in one way or another it has caused him trouble. GAFFNEY said he has many times cautioned his son about trying to impress people by talking too much but he thinks it is probably something his son has to grow out of or become more mature.

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GAFFNEY said he has talked at length with his son in view of the previous interview regarding the "Minutemen" and the interview of the day before and still does not understand why his son is being interviewed. He said that if his son's name has been placed on a membership or mailing list ofsome organization without his son's knowledge, he would like to have the matter resolved once and for all now because he does not want his son to be interviewed everytime something happens.

GAFFNEY said that he assumes that his son's name probably was turned into the "Minutemen" organization by a childhood friend, ORVILLE BRETTMAN. GAFFNEY said that he has forbidden his son to write or associate with BRETTMAN.

GAFFNEY added that his son has taken no part in school demonstrations or protests of any kind and has expressed no strong feeling for or against Negroes or their causes or any other political or social movements.

GAFFNEY advised that he very much appreciated the courteous manner in which he and his son were interviewed and the lack of embarrassment caused him or his family because of the interviews. He added that he would like to take some steps if he knew what steps to take to insure that his son's name would be taken off the organization list or the matter resolved.

He concluded by repeating that his son's "weakness" is attempting to impress people by immature talk and added that he can vouch for his son's whereabouts in this area during the periods previously stated.

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The San Diego Division reported on May 1, 1968, that MARY CARTER, Clerk, Base Locator, Camp Pendleton, California, advised that her records reflect ORVILLE H. BRETTMAN, Marine Serial Number 2250151 is currently serving overseas with F Company, 2nd Bn., 13th Marines, having departed during early February, 1968, from the continental United States.

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JESSIE KILGRAF (KILGRAS)

Mrs. JESSIE KILGRAF, 752 Liberty Street, Apartment 7, Penfield, New York, on November 13, 1967, sent a telegram to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), stating "Please find Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING and warn him his life is in danger. Go easy on speeches for a while."

The Buffalo Division reported on April 26, 1968, JESSIE KILGRAF, a white female, age 59, apartment 7, 752 Liberty Street, Penfield, New York, advised on April 26, 1968, that the above mentioned telegram was sent to the NAACP in Chicago on November 14, 1967, as a result of a dream.

She said that she had read of a speech by Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING made in Buffalo, New York and the next night dreamed that Dr. KING's life was in danger. She said she attempted to contact a member of the NAACP in Rochester, New York, without success. She then called the Chicago Police Department, who suggested that she send the telegram.

Mrs. KILGRAF volunteered that she has been under psychiatric care for four years, part of which time was spent in a local hospital for mental treatment.

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On March 23, 1968 VINCENT BURNILL, Roto Print Company, Chicago, advised that JOHN MEDIZER, born on March 6, 1940, was one of his shop employees. BURNILL related that for several months MEDIZER has been bragging to his co-workers about his activities in the Nazi Party in the United States and has also mentioned in vague terms threats against MARTIN LUTHER KING, and plans to "take care of him."

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On April 26, 1968, VINCENT BURNELL, Foreman, Chicago Rotoprint Company, 4601 West Belmont, was contacted. BURNELL reiterated information previously furnished concerning JOHN MEDIZER, a former employee of Rotoprint.

MEDIZER, born March 6, 1940, in Chicago, according to records, has Social Security Number 328-34-5344, and resided at 3208 North Sheffield, Chicago.

MEDIZER left his employment at Rotoprint on March 29, 1968, after picking up his last paycheck. MEDIZER worked in the shop of this printing concern. For several months, MEDIZER had been bragging to his co-workers about his activities in the American Nazi Party, and had displayed pictures of himself and women who he purported to be the daughters of HIMMLER and EICHMANN, both of whom had been high party functionaries in the Third Reich.

MEDIZER had told BURNELL that he was quitting his job to work for the Nazis in Argentina; reportedly with the use of a "forged passport." He advised he would first be going to Dallas, Texas, where he had friends, and had read letters from someone in Dallas telling him to come down because they were having "a ball" down there.

BURNELL advised that during his "bragging" to other employees MEDIZER mentioned in vague terms threats against MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr. and plans "to take care of him."

On the day he picked up his paycheck, MEDIZER mentioned other plans including a possible trip to St. Louis, Missouri, then a trip to the Washington, D.C. area where he would be in touch with MATT KOEHL at Arlington, Virginia. MEDIZER stated he would discuss his plans with Major KOEHL and do what ever "The Major" wanted him to do. He indicated his plans may not include a trip to Argentina.

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Subsequently BURNELL also stated that a former employment listed on his application indicated Texas Monoplate, 2000 South Ervoy, Dallas. Records indicate MEDIZER to be originally from West Frankfort, Illinois, where he attended grammar and high school. MEDIZER told him he had studied for the priesthood.

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FRED CATALANO, Leader, Chicago Unit, National Socialist White Peoples Party (NSWPP), 624 North May Street, Chicago, advised he knows JOHN MEDIZER, and MEDIZER is a member of the NSWPP, who resided at the headquarters of the NSWPP when it was located at 1314 West Ohio Street during the summer and fall of 1967. CATALANO has not seen MEDIZER in about one month. MEDIZER indicated to CATALANO he was leaving Chicago to spend some time in Dallas, Texas, then travel to the NSWPP National Headquarters in Arlington, Virginia.

CATALANO stated that MEDIZER would probably get in touch with persons associated with the Dallas Unit of the NSWPP, and would probably also visit friends there. CATALANO mentioned the Target Lounge on the outskirts of Dallas as a place MEDIZER may have worked in the past. MEDIZER has spent time in Dallas in the past and was believed to have worked in various nightclubs as a drummer. CHRIS VIDNJEVICH, NSWPP officer, also knows MEDIZER, and may possibly have additional information. VIDNJEVICH is now located at NSWPP headquarters, Arlington. MEDIZER had indicated no plans to CATALANO other than travel plans.

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The files of the FBI, Chicago, revealed that JOHN C. MEDIZER, a white male, born March 6, 1940, 5'11", 145 pounds, black hair, blue eyes, was active in the Chicago Unit of the National Socialist White Peoples Party (NSWPP), during the summer and fall of 1967.

MEDIZER lived for a time at the NSWPP headquarters and was at the Diplomat Hotel in Chicago, Illinois. He worked at the Roto Print Company, Chicago, until March 29, 1968, when he quit his job. On March 20, 1968, MEDIZER advised his foreman he was quitting his job to "work for the Nazis in Argentina", reportedly on a "forged transport." He indicated that he would first visit friends in Dallas, Texas. MEDIZER frequently bragged to co-workers about his Nazi party activities and displayed literature and other Nazi party items.

He was reportedly originally from West Frankford, Illinois, and has previously worked as a drummer in quiet spots in the Dallas, Texas area.

While active in the NSWPP affairs, MEDIZER participated in demonstrations, including demonstrations against anti-Vietnam peace demonstrators, in Washington, D. C., on October 20 - 21, 1967.

MEDIZER picked up his paycheck on March 29, 1968, at the Roto Print Company in Chicago and stated that his present plans included a visit to St. Louis, Missouri, then a trip to Washington, D. C., where he would discuss his plans with Major MATT KOEHL of the NSWPP in Arlington, Virginia.

The Richmond Division reported on April 25, 1968, that MATT KOEHL, NSWPP leader at Arlington, Virginia, advised that MEDIZER has not been in Arlington and is still receiving mail at Post Office Box 6168, Chicago.

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Mrs. MORRIS, Diplomat Hotel, 3208 North Sheffield, Chicago, Illinois, advised on April 26, 1968, that JOHN MEDIZER stayed at this hotel a number of times in the past year. He stayed in Room 324. During the latter part of March he left the hotel stating he was going to Australia. He left no forwarding address.

MEDIZER discussed his Nazi beliefs with whom ever would listen to him, but Mrs. MORRIS could furnish no additional information concerning MEDIZER's plans.

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The Dallas Division advised on May 7, 1968, as follows:

On May 6, 1968, JOHN C. MEDIZER was located at his place of employment, the Texas Nameplate Company, 1900 South Ervay Street, Dallas. Records of that company as furnished by Mrs. MARGARET ROSE, Personnel Department, reflected that MEDIZER had been employed by that company as a printer since April 18, 1968, and his residence was shown at 5506 East R. L. Thornton Expressway, Dallas. Personnel records of the above company reflected that MEDIZER sustained an injury while on duty on April 22, 1968, and at that time he gave the above address.

On May 6, 1968, MEDIZER was interviewed at the Texas Nameplate Company and stated that he left Chicago, Illinois on March 31, 1968, by way of Greyhound Bus, directly to Dallas, Texas with an approximate two hour layover at St. Louis, Missouri, on the same date. He stated that he arrived Dallas early on the morning of April 1, 1968, and immediately contacted a friend of his by the name of EDDIE CRANFIELD, who lives at 5506 East R. L. Thornton Freeway. MEDIZER stated that before leaving Chicago he lived at 4601 Belmont and worked for the Roto-Print Company. He stated that while in Chicago he was a member of the American Nazi Party (ANP) and plans to continue his membership with the ANP by paying his dues to the ANP headquarters in Arlington, Virginia. MEDIZER further stated that he does not plan to contact any of the ANP members in Dallas, Texas, since he is becoming inactive in the ANP inasmuch as he is getting married shortly to a Dallas girl by the name of CHARLENE HARRIS, who works at the Coca-Cola Bottling Company, Dallas, Texas.

MEDIZER then stated that on April 1, 1968, he obtained a construction job through his friend, EDDIE CRANFIELD, with the Leroy Roberts Construction Company, 4031 Mission Street, Dallas, Texas. He stated that he worked continuously at this construction company with EDDIE CRANFIELD until approximately April 12, 1968, and has been so employed to the present date.

MEDIZER then stated that in regard to the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. he does not recall ever making any threats against the life of KING, however, since he is a member of the ANP, he does not agree at all with the policies followed by KING or his successors. He stated, however, that as a member of the ANP he does not believe in violence and the present policy of the ANP is against physical violence.

MEDIZER is described as white male, born March 6, 1940, at Chicago, Illinois, 5'10", 146 pounds, Selective Service Number 11-128-40-58 (Classified 1A with Benton, Illinois Selective Service Board), blue eyes, blond hair.

MEDIZER stated that since he is getting married in the near future, he plans to stay in the Dallas area and purchase a home and become inactive in the ANP.

He further stated that Mr. LEROY ROBERTS or his foreman, BILL DAVIDSON, could vouch for his whereabouts from April 1 to 12, 1968.

On May 6, 1968, Mr. BILL DAVIDSON, Foreman with the Leroy Roberts Construction Company (supra), advised Special Agent JAMES W. ANDERTON that his payroll records reflect that JOHN C. MEDIZER was employed by that company as a fork lift operator (assistant) from April 1, 1968, through April 12, 1968. Mr. DAVIDSON stated that in addition to his payroll records he recalls MEDIZER working during that period with his friend, EDDIE CRANFIELD.

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On August 13, 1966 ALFRED G. SCHNEIDER, white, male, 5054 North Leavitt, Chicago, Illinois, contacted the Chicago Police Department, stating he would kill MARTIN LUTHER KING if KING goes to Winnemac Park, Chicago.

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ALFRED GEORGE SCHNEIDER, 5054 North Leavitt Street, Chicago, was interviewed by SA MICHAEL V. KOGUT and SA ROBERT LEE ALEXANDER. At the time of this interview, SA KOGUT advised SCHNEIDER that he had the right to remain silent, that anything he said could be used against him in a court of law, that he had the right to engage counsel, and that if he were indigent, counsel would be appointed for him by the court. SA KOGUT further advised SCHNEIDER that he had the right to have a lawyer present during the interview and if he decided to answer questions without the advice of his attorney, he had the right to terminate the interview at any point. SCHNEIDER stated that he did not wish to consult a lawyer and would answer any questions directed to him.

SCHNEIDER stated that he was born February 24, 1913, in Chicago, Illinois, and for the last 25 years, he has been employed as an underwriter by the Kemper Insurance Company at Foster Avenue and Sheridan Road, Chicago. For the past 16 years he has resided in Apartment 2 at 5054 North Leavitt Street, Chicago.

SCHNEIDER related that sometime in August, 1966, there was talk circulating in the neighborhood that MARTIN LUTHER KING planned to make a speech in Winnemac Park, which is located across from his residence on North Leavitt Street. He further advised that one night during this time, he was having a few drinks in Foster Liquors, a tavern in the vicinity of Foster Avenue and Leavitt Street, and customers in the bar were discussing the speech of Doctor KING which rumor had it was planned to be held in Winnemac Park. He stated that he had been drinking rather heavily that night but did not consider himself to be inebriated. He further advised that from the tenure of the conversation at the tavern, it appeared that feelings were very strongly against MARTIN LUTHER KING's proposed rally at Winnemac Park. He advised that during the course of the discussion, a few of the other patrons in the bar after learning that he, SCHNEIDER, was also

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opposed to MARTIN LUTHER KING's proposed rally, issued a dare to him. He explained that they had dared him to call the police department and make public his feelings about MARTIN LUTHER KING. He left the bar and went to his residence where at approximately 8:30 p.m. that night he used his residence telephone to call the local police district on Foster Avenue. He told a police officer that if MARTIN LUTHER KING appeared in Winnemac Park, he would be killed. He stated he never said or implied that he himself intended to do harm to KING. He explained that by using those words, he meant to express that the feelings in the community were very much against Doctor KING and as a result, he, SCHNEIDER, thought that Doctor KING would be harmed if he did appear at the park. He added that the proposed rally never did take place.

SCHNEIDER stated that he has not traveled out of the State of Illinois during the past five years. He advised that the only traveling he had engaged in recently was a Christmas trip to visit relatives in Springfield, Illinois. He stated he has never been arrested nor has he ever been involved in any violence or fighting. He advised that he does not own a firearm and is not familiar with the use of firearms.

SCHNEIDER advised that he did not know JAMES EARL RAY nor does he know anything relating to the slaying of MARTIN LUTHER KING.

The following description was obtained through interview and observation:

Name	ALFRED GEORGE SCHNEIDER
Sex	Male
Race	White
Date of Birth	February 24, 1913
Place of Birth	Chicago, Illinois
Residence	Apartment 2 5054 North Leavitt Street Chicago, Illinois
Telephone	SU 4-0568 (moving to 2211 West Foster Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, same telephone)

Height	5'7" tall
Weight	145 pounds
Build	Medium
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Blond, crewcut
Complexion	Light
Wife	VIRGINIA SCHNEIDER
Children	
Son	DALE SCHNEIDER, Age 26
Daughter	CHRISTINE SCHNEIDER, Age 12
Military Service	None
Occupation	Underwriter Kemper Insurance Company Foster Avenue at Sheridan Road Chicago, Illinois Telephone LO 1-8000, Ext. 1209
Arrests	None

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VIRGINIA SCHNEIDER, 5054 North Leavitt Street, Chicago, provided the following information to SA MICHAEL V. KOGUT and SA ROBERT LEE ALEXANDER:

She advised that she and her husband, ALFRED, have been residents of 5054 North Leavitt for the past 16 years and were soon planning to move to the new address, 2211 West Foster. She advised that her husband was currently employed at the Kemper Insurance Company and has been associated with this company for approximately 25 years.

Mrs. SCHNEIDER stated that she did recall that sometime during the summer months of 1966, her husband had told her that Doctor MARTIN LUTHER KING planned to stage a rally in Winnemac Park. Mrs. SCHNEIDER further advised that she recalled that at the time that her husband had told her this, he had just returned from one of the local taverns and appeared to have quite a bit to drink. She stated that her husband did have one fault and this was that on occasion he did drink to excess. She stated that shortly after her husband returned home, he called the local police station and told them that it was his opinion that MARTIN LUTHER KING should not appear in Winnemac Park. She stated that other than this reference to MARTIN LUTHER KING, she did not recall any of her husband's verbatim conversation over the telephone.

Mrs. SCHNEIDER stated that to her knowledge, her husband had never been arrested for any violation of the law and had never been involved in any violence or fighting. She stated that her husband enjoyed a good reputation in the community. She stated that she had no further information to offer concerning this incident but was positive that her husband had made this call because of the fact that he was under the influence of alcohol. She stated that he was not the type of man to react violently to any situation and certainly was not the type of man who would threaten another's life.

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PETER FIEL, Janitor, 5054 North Leavitt Street, Chicago, Illinois, advised that he has been acquainted with ALFRED SCHNEIDER for the past 16 years. He stated that the SCHNEIDER family had occupied Apartment 2 at this address for the last 16 years and were planning to move within the very near future to a new address approximately one block away. He stated that Mr. SCHNEIDER was employed by an insurance company and worked only a short distance away from his home. He advised that Mr. SCHNEIDER and his family were ideal tenants who caused no trouble whatsoever. He added that the SCHNEIDERs enjoyed a good reputation in the community.

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Captain JAMES J. CONNOLLY, Commander, 20th Police District, Chicago Police Department, advised that he could locate no record identifiable with ALFRED G. SCHNEIDER, 5054 North Leavitt Street, Chicago, Illinois. He stated that he had also checked the Bureau of Records and Communications of the Chicago Police Department. These records indicate that an individual by the name of ALFRED SCHNEIDER, who gave his residence as 5054 North Leavitt, Chicago, Illinois, had made a complaint to the police department during July, 1966, to the effect that his automobile had been vandalized. The files contain no other information identifiable with SCHNEIDER. Captain CONNOLLY further advised that after checking with his personnel, he could identify no police officer who was involved in investigating a threat made by SCHNEIDER against the life of MARTIN LUTHER KING.

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On April 8, 1966, LAVERNON CORNELIUS, 7354 South Michigan, Chicago, Illinois, reported that he had received a letter in the mail from one JAMES C. WATTS stating, among other things, that MORTON ZASLAVSKI, 6240 North Drake Avenue, Chicago, had put up $3,000 to have MARTIN LUTHER KING killed.

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MORTON L. ZASLAWSKI, Attorney at Law, 820 West North Avenue, furnished the following information:

In addition to being an attorney, ZASLAWSKI is the owner of the Public Service Currency Exchange, 820 West North Avenue, Chicago, which is located in a predominantly Negro area. A majority of the customers of the currency exchange are Negroes.

ZASLAWSKI advised that he does not know JAMES EARL RAY by name, aliases or description. ZASLAWSKI was shown a photograph of RAY and he advised that he has never seen RAY.

ZASLAWSKI's business interests are located in Chicago and he uses his office at 820 West North Avenue to operate these interests. During March and April, 1968, he was in Chicago, Illinois. ZASLAWSKI did not travel to Tennessee or Alabama during March or April, 1968.

At this point ZASLAWSKI stated that he does not know the FBI's source of information but he attributes this inquiry to an occurence in 1966. At this time, an individual whom he believes is named BROWN, first name unknown, reported to the Chicago Police Department that he, ZASLAWSKI, had put up some money to have MARTIN LUTHER KING killed. BROWN was a self-appointed civil rights leader who may have been affiliated with the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE). Actually BROWN was a trouble maker who would disappear for months at a time and then reappear. Whenever BROWN appeared ZASLAWSKI would always anticipate some type of trouble. ZASLAWSKI believes BROWN has been a customer at the Public Service Currency Exchange.

At the time of this alleged threat to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING, a Chicago police officer came to 820 West North Avenue and interviewed ZASLAWSKI. The officer explained that a complaint had been made. ZASLAWSKI told the officer that he did not make any offer of money to have KING killed nor did he make any threats to kill KING. ZASLAWSKI believes that

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the officer made a report and that it could be located at the district police station covering 820 West North Avenue. The police at that district station were aware of BROWN and that he had a history of being a trouble maker.

The following is a description of ZASLAVSKI:

Name	MORTON L. ZASLAVSKI
Sex	Male
Race	White
Date of Birth	January 8, 1915
Place of Birth	Chicago, Illinois
Height	6'1"
Weight	190 pounds
Hair	Grey
Eyes	Brown
Occupation	Attorney, Currency Exchange owner
Address	820 West North Avenue Chicago, Illinois

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On November 3, 1966, a representative of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Chicago, advised that an anonymous call had been received from an unidentified male. The caller indicated he was acquainted with one TONY DEXTER, an employee of the City of Chicago. The caller indicated he had learned that DEXTER was aware of an individual, not named, who was offering $10,000 for the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, if and when KING returned to Chicago.

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Re: "TONY DEXTER"

The following investigation was predicated upon information by SA FRANK BYDLON and SA PAUL H. KELLERMEYER that on November 3, 1966, SYDNEY FINLEY, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), advised that he had received information from an anonymous source which revealed that "TONY DEXTER," an employee of the City of Chicago "working for the City of Chicago Asphalt Company," was aware of an individual who was currently reported to be offering $10,000 for the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING when he returns to Chicago.

A review was made of the classified section of the telephone directory for Chicago and no mention was made of a company with the name Chicago Asphalt Company. The only companies that had similar sounding names were the Chicago Asphalt Patching Company, 6009 North Nina, Chicago, and the Chicago Paving and Construction Company,7601 South Wentworth (office), and 12701 South Doty (plant), Chicago.

AL HOFFMANN, Partner, Chicago Asphalt Patching Company, advised on April 25, 1968, that he has never had an individual named TONY or ANTHONY DEXTER employed for his company.

Miss EVELYN WILSON, Secretary, and DICK WARRINGTON, Office Manager, Chicago Paving and Construction Company, from memory and a record check advised on April 25, 1968, that a TONY or ANTHONY DEXTER has never been employed for this company.

ED NEFELD, Plant Foreman, Chicago Paving and Construction Company, advised on April 26, 1968, that he cannot recall any individual having worked for this company having the name TONY or ANTHONY DEXTER. He had contacted several other knowledgeable individuals working in the industry and could not come up with any information. He suggested, however, that if DEXTER was an employee in this industry, he would most probably belong to a labor organization. He said that the group certified for this company is the County, Municipal, Employee and Foreman's Union, Local 1001, 228 North La Salle, Chicago.

All of the above individuals could not identify a company called the Chicago Asphalt Company.

On April 26, 1968, JAMES S. OSBORNE, Secretary and Chief Custodian of Records of the Civil Service Commission, City of Chicago, City Hall, 121 North La Salle Street, Chicago, advised SA GARRETT M. DUEL that records of this office reflect that no individual named DEXTER had been an employee of the City of Chicago in any capacity during the period 1966 to the present date.

DELLE CRIVELLONE, Executive Secretary, Local 1001, advised on April 26, 1968, that this union has certification of practically all of the companies and government agencies that engage in various trades which include asphalt work. She reviewed records and found nothing concerning membership for 1966 to present of a TONY or ANTHONY DEXTER.

Due to the possibility that TONY DEXTER could have been a member of another union, the following investigation was conducted:

CATHERINE GRUND, Secretary, Laborers Union, 6222 West North Avenue, Chicago, reviewed records on April 26, 1968, of Locals 76, 1006 and 1, and found no record of a TONY or ANTHONY DEXTER having present or recent (1966) membership in any of these locals.

MATT BOSS, Secretary of the Treasurer, Excavating, Grading and Asphalt Teamsters and Chauffeurs Union, Local 731, 133 South Ashland, Chicago, advised on April 26, 1968, that this union certifies practically all drivers in the asphalt industry. He reviewed records and could locate no information concerning TONY or ANTHONY DEXTER, 1966 to present.

Chicago telephone directories from 1965 to the present were reviewed and no information concerning a TONY or ANTHONY DEXTER could be located.

Chicago indices had no additional references concerning a TONY or ANTHONY DEXTER.

Since SYDNEY FINLEY, the original complainant, advised that he would furnish anything additional to the FBI concerning this matter, no additional contacts with FINLEY have been made.

The records of the Chicago Police Department and the Chicago Credit Bureau, as furnished on April 26, 1968, to IC RALPH MC CLAIN reflect no information concerning TONY or ANTHONY DEXTER.

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Mrs. M. MARANTO, Personnel Department, Chicago Park District, Chicago, Illinois, advised SA PAUL H. KELLERMEYER on May 2, 1968, that "TONY DEXTER" is unknown to the Chicago Park District and further, that the park district in the last five years has not had any employee with the last name DEXTER.

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On September 5, 1966 DONALD STOUT, white, male, reportedly of 826 South Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, told passengers riding in his car in the vicinity of Kansas City, Missouri, that he was rabidly anti-Negro and that he was going to shoot MARTIN LUTHER KING.

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On September 7, 1966, HARRY P. STEWART, United States Secret Service, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, advised that his nephew, STEWART LINDH, 2206 Greenwich, San Francisco, California, along with JEFFREY KRONEN, 58 Miller Road, Farmingdale, Long Island, New York, and RICHARD LARKEY, in care of Mrs. SCHONBERGER, 2829 Highland Street, Allentown, Pennsylvania, were in San Francisco and answered an advertisement placed in the "San Francisco Chronicle" by DONALD STOUT, who was seeking paying passengers to accompany him on a trip from San Francisco to New York City in his car. An agreement was made by him with STOUT and each paid him $50 for the trip.

On September 5, 1966, STOUT and his passengers arrived in Kansas City, Missouri, and went to a local YMCA. STOUT disappeared with his car and the boys' personal effects. They said that before arriving in Kansas City STOUT made it clear that he was rabidly anti-Negro and he told the boys he was going to shoot MARTIN LUTHER KING.

STOUT had claimed residence at 826 South Wabash, Chicago, Illinois, and claimed that he was employed by the Eastern States Freight Lines, Terre Haute, Indiana. He was driving a 1966 light green Chevrolet Impala with Massachusetts license plates PP83473.

The files of the FBI, Chicago, reveal a similar type incident which occurred at Rapid City, South Dakota on February 23, 1953, and involved one DONALD LAWRENCE STOUT also known as LAWRENCE DONALD STOUT, FBI number 4959380. He was described as a white male, born April 30, 1928, at Detroit, Michigan, about 5'5", 185 pounds and having brown hair and blue eyes.

On April 26, 1968, the FBI Identification Division, Washington, D. C., reported that STOUT, FBI number 4959380, was received on March 12, 1955, at the Federal Correctional Institute, Seagoville, Texas, to serve one year and one day for violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act. His latest arrest record in FBI Identification Division files was on April 10, 1958, by the police department at Berlin , New Hampshire.

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The following investigation conducted by SA GIFFORD G. BASHAM and SA DAVID L. PIPPENGER on the dates indicated:

On April 26, 1968, records of the Chicago Police Department were searched concerning the names DONALD STOUT, DON STOUT, LAWRENCE D. STOUT, DONALD L. STOUT, DONALD LAWRENCE STOUT, and reflected the following information:

DONALD RAY STOUT, also known as DONALD STOUT, DONALD RAYMOND STOUT, RALPH DON STOUT

Sex	Male
Race	White
Date of Birth	June 11, 1926
Height	6' tall
Weight	162 pounds
FBI Number	4 930 647
Chicago Police Department Number	IR 131324

The records failed to reflect any other individuals with the name or alias of STOUT.

On April 26, 1968, HAMID MIRKARINI, Chief Security Officer, YMCA Hotel, 826 South Wabash, Chicago, Illinois, advised that the hotel has no person by the name STOUT currently residing and that these records would go back for one year.

MIRKARINI advised that records of so-called "permanent guests" are maintained indefinitely but that they are maintained in the basement.

On April 27, 1968, MIRKARINI advised that the hotel had a RICHARD GORDON STOUT from December 7, 1953, to July 20, 1954. He stated that the record gives no further information other than the fact that STOUT was originally from Texas and was attending the Art Institute.

On April 26, 1968, CAROL MATTHEWS, Secretary, Inland Boatman's Union (IBU), 9383 South Ewing, Chicago, Illinois, advised that the union office was previously located at 3261 East 92nd Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Mrs. MATTHEWS stated that her records reflect no person by the name STOUT as being a member of the union. She stated that her records are only maintained for one year.

Mrs. MATTHEWS advised that should further information be needed concerning past membership, all records are maintained at the IBU Office, 675 4th Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

On April 26, 1968, SCOTTIE AUBUSSON, Agent, Seafarers International Union (SIU), 9383 South Ewing, Chicago, Illinois, advised that his records reflect no person by the name STOUT as having been a member.

On April 26, 1968, WILLIAM NEILL, Port Agent, National Meritime Union (NMI), 2335 East 100th, Chicago, Illinois, advised that his records reflect no person by the name of STOUT as having been a member since 1959. Records prior to 1959 are not available because they were destroyed by a fire.

On April 26, 1968, the Pittsburgh Division advised that RAYMOND ZACKOVICH, United States Secret Service, Pittsburgh, reported that HARRY P. STEWART, former Secret Service Agent, retired one year previously and was now residing at Route 1, Box 388, Sebastian, Florida.

On April 26, 1968, the Miami Division advised that HARRY P. STEWART, Sebastian, Florida, advised that he possessed no additional information concerning the incident in which his nephew was involved while hitch-hiking from San Francisco, California to Vermont, and did not recall any references to MARTIN LUTHER KING. He stated that his nephew, STEWART LINDH, was not residing at 4010½ Van Dyke, San Diego, California, and attending college in San Diego.

The Boston Division advised on April 26, 1968, that 1966 Massachusetts license P83473 was listed to National Car Rentals, Boston, Massachusetts.

Investigation at National Car Rentals, Boston, on September 13, 1966, concerning rental of car by DONALD STOUT was negative; however, the manager of the rental agency had frequent contact with STOUT at that time. The manager stated that ROBERT GUNDY, National Car Rentals, John Fitzgerald Kennedy Airport, New York City, was fairly acquainted with STOUT. GUNDY contacted STOUT through Indianapolis telephone number WA 5-8965. STOUT was described as a "big talker, who likes to hear himself talk." He has transported cars for his rental agency at much lower rates than other car jockeys. STOUT has no record at the Massachusetts State Police, however, trooper HARDIN, Massachusetts State Police, Logan Airport, Boston, recalled that STOUT was questioned concerning the theft of personal belongings from riders he had abandoned in Kansas City, Missouri.

DONALD LAWRENCE STOUT, 826 South Wabash, Chicago, Illinois, born on April 30, 1938, was arrested by the Berlin Police Department on April 10, 1958, for operating an unregistered vehicle. He is described in the police record as a white male, 5'8", medium build, blue eyes. STOUT paid a $5 fine and was released on April 11, 1958. The New Hampshire State Police found no further information concerning STOUT.

The San Francisco Division advised on April 26, 1968, as follows:

FRANCES LINDH, 1545 Green Street, Apartment 104, San Francisco, California, reported that her son, STEWART MARSHALL LINDH, age 24, is presently attending San Diego State College full time and resides at 4010½ Van Dyke, San Diego, California. She possesses no information concerning the incident with DONALD STOUT.

On April 26, 1968, the New York Division reported that efforts to locate ROBERT GUNDY at John Fitzgerald Kennedy Airport were negative and it was determined that the executive officers at National Car Rentals are located at 5000 Normandale Road, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

The Indianapolis Division reported on April 26, 1968, that Indianapolis telephone number WA 5-8965 was assigned to Ford Motor Credit Company. C. DEMPSEY of this firm advised that STOUT delivered a Mayflower moving van to Indianapolis in repossession for an Indianapolis dealer. STOUT had been recommended by the Los Angeles Office of Ford Motor Company, 13701 Riverside Drive, Sherman Oaks, California. There is no such company as Eastern States Freight Lines, Terre Haute, Indiana.

The Boston Division reported on April 30, 1968, that ROBERT MC HUGH, city manager, National Car Rentals, Logan Airport, east Boston, Massachusetts, advised that no present employee of that agency is acquainted with DONALD STOUT.

The San Diego Division reported on April 30, 1968, as follows:

STEWART MARSHALL LINDH was interviewed on April 29, 1968. He said that on October (sic; should be September) 2, 1966, an ad appeared in the classified section of the "San Francisco Chronicle" for persons to share a ride to New York and Boston and the ad contained the name of DONALD STOUT with an Oakland, California address given. LINDH, RICHARD ALLAN, an architectural draftsman from Newark, New Jersey, and JEFFERY COHN from Farmingdale, Long Island, New York, a student attending George Washington University, Washington, D. C., answered the ad and all three met with

STOUT at 7th and Market Street, San Francisco, California for the trip to New York and Boston.

STOUT was allegedly an employee of the National Car Rental Company and was returning a 1966 Chevrolet Impala to Boston, Massachusetts.

LINDH said that immediately departing from San Francisco, California STOUT displayed a very obsessive attitude towards the Negro and Jewish people. He stated "We might as well kill some niggers on the way." During the trip STOUT indicated he had three .357 magnum revolvers in the trunk of his automobile. During the entire trip from San Francisco to Kansas City, STOUT continuously talked against the Negro and Jewish people, mentioning that Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING and all other "niggers" should be killed or sent back to Africa." STOUT left LINDH and the two other boys at the YMCA in Kansas City, Missouri and gave the excuse that he had to do something to the automobile and departed, never returning.

LINDH immediately left Kansas City for Boston, Massachusetts and arrived there before STOUT. When STOUT arrived at the National Car Rental, Logan Airport, Boston, LINDH had STOUT detained, however, no charges were pressed against STOUT. LINDH said that STOUT claimed to be a member of the Teamsters Union and a telephone call from LINDH to Detroit, Michigan, verified STOUT's membership.

On May 1, 1968, the San Diego Division reported that STEWART MARSHALL LINDH advised on May 1, 1968, that the dates previously furnished by him of October 2, 1966, Et Seq., should have been September 2, 1966, that the classified ad appeared in the "San Francisco Chronicle" and September 4, 1966, that he and the others met with STOUT.

The San Francisco Division reported on May 1, 1968, that JAMES HEALY, Charter Member, National Car Rental System, 735 Harrison Street, San Francisco, California, advised on April 30, 1968, that he could not locate any record of STOUT. A present employee, ROBERT E. STOUT, is not identical to DONALD LAWRENCE STOUT.

MARGARET REED, Payroll Clerk, National Car Rental System, San Francisco, advised on May 1, 1968, that she was unable to locate any record of DONALD LAWRENCE STOUT, also known as LAWRENCE DONALD STOUT.

No record of STOUT was found by CURT KRAFT, Manager, Advertising and Accounting Department, San Francisco New Printing, Inc., which firm prints the "San Francisco Chronicle", which indicated that STOUT was not billed for any ad placed by him.

On May 2, 1968, the San Francisco Division reported an interview on that date with National Car Rental System Manager ROBERT E.STOUT, who could furnish no information concerning suspect STOUT.

The San Diego Division reported on May 3, 1968, that a photograph of DONALD LAWRENCE STOUT, also known as LAWRENCE DONALD STOUT, FBI number 4959380, which was a Reno, Nevada Police Department photograph number 15495, taken on March 16, 1953, was displayed to STEWART MARSHALL LINDH, San Diego, California, on May 3, 1968, and LINDH advised that the photograph shown was definitely identical to the same individual called DONALD STOUT, who gave LINDH and others a ride to Kansas City, Kansas. LINDH reported that STOUT is actually much heavier than he is depicted in the photograph.