



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Birmingham, Alabama, 35203

August 13, 1968

Re: James Earl Ray;  
Reverend Martin Luther King - Victim

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Mr. Don Wood, Aeromarine Supply Company, Birmingham, Alabama, telephonically contacted Special Agent [REDACTED] of the Birmingham office of the FBI and furnished the following information:

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Mr. DON WOOD, Aeromarine Supply Company, Birmingham, telephonically contacted Special Agent [REDACTED] and furnished the following information:

WOOD stated that at approximately 3:15 or 3:30 p.m., on August 12, 1968, ARTHUR HANKS, Attorney, appeared at the Aeromarine Supply Company and requested to speak with him. WOOD advised that he was busy and when he had completed his sale, he spoke with Mr. HANKS, who made small talk for a few minutes and then said "DON, my man is so shook up, he can't remember exactly what time he was in this store on that Friday and Saturday afternoon. Can you remember what time he was in here?" WOOD advised that he told HANKS that "he was in here sometime in the afternoon."

WOOD stated that following this exchange, HANKS thanked him very much and then left the store. At no time did HANKS refer to his client, JAMES EARL RAY or anyone else by name but left no doubt in his (WOOD's) mind that he was referring to his client, JAMES EARL RAY.

WOOD stated also that HANKS came in his store about two or three weeks ago and purchased two .38 caliber Colt Detective Specials from him, and stated at the time that he needed them for protection for both he and his son because of harassing telephone calls.

On 8/12/68 at Birmingham, Alabama File # ME 44-1740

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by [REDACTED] Date dictated 8/13/68

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