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From: Director, FBI (44-38861) - 5109

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Re Birmingham airtel dated 8-13-68.

If not already done, you should advise appropriate Birmingham officials of the fact that Arthur Hanes, attorney for James Earl Ray, purchased two .38 caliber Colt Detective Specials from Aeromarine Supply Company, Birmingham, Alabama, and stated that he needed them for protection for both him and his son because of harassing telephone calls.

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NOTE:

Donald Wood, Aeromarine Supply Company, Birmingham, who sold the rifle found at the scene of the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., advised that Arthur Hanes, the attorney for James Earl Ray, came into his store and stated "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 replied "He was in here sometime in the afternoon."

Wood stated that Hanes came in his store about two or three weeks ago and purchased two .38 caliber Colt Detective Specials from him and stated that he needed them for protection for both he and his son because of harassing telephone calls.

Bureau officials and the Department have been advised of the conversation between Wood and Hanes. Birmingham, being instructed, if not already done, to advise appropriate authorities in Birmingham re purchase of the pistols by Hanes

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- DeLoach
- Mohr
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- Casper
- Callahan
- Conrad
- Felt
- Gale
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