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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

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Re Bureau airtel to Jackson, 4/24/68, concerning
"UNSUB, MISSISSIPPI LICENSE 120-134."

Enclosed for the Bureau are four copies of an LHM disclosing results of investigation in this matter. It should be noted there is no such license number as 120-134, Mississippi. It was determined that license number 12D-134 is in all probability the license number that the complainant observed.

Jackson indices negative re WILLIAM E. SIKES, JR.

Investigation at EMV was conducted by SA LAURIER C. BUTEAU.

Investigation at Clarke County, Mississippi, conducted by SA FRANK B. WATTS.

Investigation at Jackson, Miss., conducted by SA ANTHONY E. DANIELS.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Jackson, Mississippi 39205

May 3, 1968

UNKNOWN SUBJECT; MISSISSIPPI
LICENSE NUMBER 120-134.

COMPLAINANT - [REDACTED]

By communication dated April 24, 1968, FBI
Headquarters, Washington, D. C., forwarded a copy of
the following letter from [REDACTED] to the Jackson,
Mississippi, Office.

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On April 25, 1968, Miss Sherry Armstrong, Motor Vehicle Comptroller's Office, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that there is no such prefix as 120 for automobile registrations in the State of Mississippi, and further that there is no such tag number issued as 12-0134.

The 1968 Mississippi tag 12-134 is registered to Mrs. J.N. McRee, Quitman, Mississippi (Clarke County) for use on a 1954 Ford.

The 1968 Mississippi tag 12-1034 is registered to W. W. Buckley, Jr., Route 2, Enterprise, Mississippi (Clarke County) for use on a 1961 Ford.

The 1968 Mississippi tag 12D-134 is registered to William E. Sikes, Jr., Stonewall, Mississippi, (Clarke County) for use on a 1965 Buick, Vehicle Identification Number 464675X132855.

A review of the Road and Bridge Privilege Tax receipt for 1968 tag number 12D-134 disclosed it is registered to William E. Sikes, Jr., Stonewall, Mississippi, for use on a 1965 Buick Wildcat, white convertible, eight cylinder, bearing Vehicle Identification Number 464675X132855.

On April 29, 1968, Mrs. Beatrice Sikes, mother of William E. Sikes, Jr., operator of Stonewall Hotel, Stonewall, Mississippi, advised that her son, William E. Sikes, Jr., is employed at the Emporium Department Store, Jackson, Mississippi, and resides at 820 Eastview Street, Jackson, Mississippi.

On May 2, 1968, Mr. William E. Sikes, Jr., was located at the Emporium Department Store, Jackson, Mississippi, where he is employed as a salesman.

Mr. Sikes advised that on April 4, 1968, he worked

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at the Emporium Department Store in downtown Jackson from 12:00 noon to 9:00 P.M., closing time. He stated he could not specifically recall whether or not he went anywhere that particular night after working but his usual procedure is to go home to his Eastview Street address immediately after work. Mr. Sikes could not recall any unusual event on the night of April 4, 1968, but assumes he went straight home after work. He advised that South Prentiss Street is less than a block away from his home on Eastview Street. He said he could not recall whether or not anyone followed him home this particular night.

Mr. Sikes advised that he is leaving the Jackson, Mississippi, area around June 1, 1968, and is taking a new position as a salesman with the National Jewelry Company, Ruston, Louisiana, and that his new address will be 1602 Ridge Street, Ruston, Louisiana.

The following descriptive information was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	William E. Sikes, Jr.
Address	820 Eastview Street Jackson, Mississippi Meridian, Mississippi
Place of birth	Meridian, Mississippi
Date of birth	December 22, 1924
Height	Five feet eight inches
Weight	One hundred sixty pounds
Hair	Gray
Eyes	Blue
Social Security Number	[REDACTED]
Military Service	United States Marines, Honorable Discharge
Marine Serial Number	[REDACTED]

Mr. Sikes is not identical to James Earl Ray

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but does bear a slight resemblance in height, weight, and age only.

Mr. Sikes advised he has no information other than what he has read in the newspapers concerning the assassination of Doctor Martin Luther King, Jr.

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