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Att. of the Attorney General
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

4/12/68

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Dear Sir:

As yet you have not located the killer of Martin Luther King, jr. The following may have no relationship to it whatsoever; on the other hand, it may be a one in a million clue.

I have a neighbor who formerly was a tile salesman, headquarters, Alabama. While a salesman he travelled the U. S.. He is, in my opinion, an intense racist, has written frequently in the newspaper expressing his views, and his son in turn brought to another neighbor racist newspapers from Mississippi. When his son returned from service in Germany, he had praise for Hitler.

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The neighbor evidently began a floor-tile laying business two or three years ago, for a volks-type truck has frequently been at his house, cans debris indicate this, and very frequently, he receives packages via truck delivery. He leaves his home frequently and returns frequently carrying packages into the house. I have heard the rumor that he obtained a rifle of special quality for his next door neighbor.

The man's son owns a white mustang Ford, and the last I knew, the son was working in Miami with an airline company.

As I said, typically a volks-type delivery truck comes to the house, and it has not been there for some time. In the two weeks beginning the Sundays of the 17th and the 24, there was an unusual flurry of activity around the house--across the street. A passenger car volkswagon appeared with young man, wife, and child and the rear apparently loaded with clothes. The young lady showed her face, and she may be a relative. The young man however during the several days he was here did not "show himself." Too, as I recall he had been at the house before, he or someone his age,-- and again had not shown himself. As I recall, the Volks passenger car reappeared for a second time with the family and again loaded with clothing around the 19-23 of March. During this latter period a delivery truck--not the Volks, but an open one, appeared apparently loaded with square gallon or square five gallon cans. Nightly both the delivery truck and the volks backed into the neighbor's drive, the volks lastly.

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Sometime around the 24, the neighbor's two cars, the Volks passenger, the delivery truck, all disappeared. The enclosed Volks floor-tile truck did not show up during this period. My wife and I went to Atlanta to a conference this same week.

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and were away March 27, 28, 29. When we returned all cars were still gone. ~~xxxxxxx~~ On the 5th of April ~~xxx~~ the man neighbor returned by himself with his personal cars. The wife no, and no other cars or trucks. It may be they all have gone to their home in Mass.

Anyway, this may have a bearing on the case or it may not. I know no more than this. If you feel it worthwhile I can give a name but I would rather not. The neighbor is my accross the street neighbor. Because we differ so strongly on our racial and political views we do not talk.

Yours truly, ~~_____~~
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