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TO: SACs, Memphis (Enclosures 2)  
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FROM: Director, FBI (44-38861) - 5197

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Enclosed are two copies of a memorandum received from the Department relative to the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. The attached sets forth interview of Mr. Bill Sartor by Department attorney on June 12, 1968, and August 22, 1968, however, the memorandum was not furnished to us until September 23, 1968.

Memphis should completely evaluate the contents of the Departmental memorandum and submit comments and recommendations to the Bureau including what investigative aspects of the Departmental memorandum completed and indices check of Sartor. This should be handled immediately.

Jackson should immediately furnish Bureau and Memphis results of indices check concerning Sartor. Two copies of the Departmental memorandum furnished to Jackson in the event it becomes necessary for investigation to be conducted in the future.

Based upon available data, no information recorded in Bureau files concerning Bill Sartor. No interview of Sartor should be conducted until Bureau advises.

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NOTE:

Department, in a memorandum furnished us the results of an interview by them with one Bill Sartor who is allegedly a contract writer for Time, Inc., and who resides in Greenville, Mississippi. The interviews took place on June 12, 1968, and August 22, 1968, in which Sartor claims a conspiracy exists in the assassination of King and he gives names and locations including what appears to be Cosa Nosta figures, racketeers, and Memphis Police officers. Sartor does not furnish the Department complete details and he has not fully investigated this matter due to finances.

The Department has not furnished us with this information before, although we have been in receipt of some of the information contained herein which we ran out with negative findings as to a conspiracy involvement. The Department is requesting that we follow out all leads.

Sartor, in his interview with the Department expected or hoped that they would feed investigative results back to him, and if this is not possible he wanted to be given the story first or no later than anyone else. No indication in the Department memo of any commitments other than the person conducting the interview advised he would report this information to his superiors.

It is possible that Memphis has run out some of the items in the Department memo, which resulted in negative findings and the Bureau would not be aware of such. Negative findings are not necessarily reported to the Bureau, therefore, Memphis should make an evaluation and submit their recommendations.

Jackson is being instructed to furnish Bureau and Memphis the results of indices check concerning Sartor. Jackson is also being furnished two copies of the Departmental memo in the event it becomes necessary to conduct investigation there at a future date.