

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 10, 1968

Mr. ROLANDO VELOZ, Officer in Charge, Mexican Consulate, 410 N. Waldran Boulevard, Memphis, Tennessee, advised as follows:

Between 1:00 and 2:00 p.m. on April 8, 1968, he received a telephone call from a young male requesting directions to the Mexican Consulate. VELOZ furnished directions to the Consulate to the caller, and approximately 15 minutes later, a young white male appeared at his office and asked for a tourist card to visit Mazatlan, Mexico. VELOZ asked this individual the purpose of his trip, and the individual hesitated in answering this question but finally stated, "I'm just going."

At this point, a young Negro male approximately 5' 5" tall, weighing 117 pounds, with black hair and brown eyes, entered the Mexican Consulate and sat down in a chair. VELOZ inquired as to whether this individual wanted a tourist card, and the Negro male replied, "No, I'm just waiting for him."

VELOZ furnished the young white male an application for Tourist Card, and this individual then completed the required information on this card. A review of this card revealed the following:

JOHN SCOTT CANDRIAN, 1830 Western Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, telephone 393-3061, a student and single, was born on August 21, 1946, at Chicago, Illinois. According to this application, CANDRIAN indicated his approximate date of entry into Mexico as being April 13, 1968, and he would be traveling by car.

Mr. VELOZ then issued tourist card # 7833281 to CANDRIAN on the same date. This card is valid for a six-month period commencing on the date of entry into Mexico.

CANDRIAN did not volunteer any information as to what he was doing in this area. VELOZ believed CANDRIAN appeared

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to be younger than 21 years of age, and when he mentioned this to CANDRIAN, CANDRIAN displayed a voter's registration card from the State of Illinois reflecting his age as being 21.

Mr. VELOZ described CANDRIAN as being a white male, 6' 1" tall, weighing 175 to 180 pounds, fair complexion, light brown hair, wearing dark-colored pants with a white long-sleeve shirt and no hat or tie. He had a large, long, sharp nose pointed at the end.

According to Mr. VELOZ, CANDRIAN, after being issued the tourist card, left the Consulate accompanied by the Negro male. Both of these individuals apparently arrived and left the area in an automobile, as VELOZ heard the doors of an automobile open and close; however, from his vantage point in the Consulate, he was unable to obtain a description of the vehicle being used.

The only reason Mr. VELOZ did contact the news media suggesting CANDRIAN as a suspect in the killing of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. was the fact that the artist's conception appearing in the Commercial Appeal, a Memphis daily newspaper, in his opinion closely resembled the facial features of CANDRIAN.

The only other thing of interest he noted during the period CANDRIAN and the young Negro male were in his office was the fact that the young Negro male was wearing either a sweater or a jacket upon which the words "Memphis State University" appeared.