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Date 7/29/68

Mr. EDWARD LE MASTER MONTEDONICO, JR., 3776 Highland Park Place, Memphis, Tennessee, voluntarily appeared at the Memphis Office of the FBI. Mr. MONTEDONICO was advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents and the nature of the inquiry, which concerned a citizens band (CB) radio transmission during the evening of April 4, 1968, relaying information of a Pontiac automobile following a white Mustang that was alleged to have been involved in the shooting of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., on that date. Mr. MONTEDONICO was furnished a "Voluntary Appearance; Advice of Rights" form by SA HARLEY E. GYLFE. Mr. MONTEDONICO after reading this form signed same and stated he would gladly discuss this matter to the best of his ability.

Mr. MONTEDONICO stated during the evening of April 4, 1968, he was working on a term paper for school that was due the next day. He said he was in his room but was not listening to his CB unit or any other radio, nor did he have any radio turned on. He commented he has his CB radio and his "ham" radio in his room as well as a police monitor and a regular commercial radio. He said his firstknowledge of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., being shot came from his mother who some few minutes after the shooting called up to him in his room and rold him what she had heard on the radio. He said he believes he then turned on the police monitor to hear the events as they transpired. Mr. MONTEDONICO stated shortly after his mother told him about the shooting a friend (whose name he did not choose to reveal) called him on the telephone and told him about the shooting and then mentioned the CB transmission. He said since he believes he had the police monitor turned on he naturally did not turn on the CB unit.

Mr. MONTEDONICO advised he has read the local newspapers' account of the CB transmission but again commented he did not hear this particular transmission.

Mr. MONTEDONICO was advised considerable investigation has been conducted to establish the identity of the individual or individuals that caused this CB transmission to be made. It was pointed out to Mr. MONTEDONICO that it has been suggested ~~he is the individual who made this transmission in question.~~

On 7/17/68 at Memphis, Tennessee
 by SA ROBERT F. BOYLE and SA HARLEY E. GYLFE HEG:mnr

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Mr. MONTEDONICO after swallowing hard and with a break in his voice said he did not make the CB radio transmission in question and after wiping a tear that had welled in his eye added he does not know or have any idea who made that transmission. He said he could not understand why anyone would accuse him of this act. He said that whoever accused him of this does not know what they are talking about.

Mr. MONTEDONICO said that he did not think there were many CB operators in Memphis who had knowledge of these units that would be knowledgeable enough to pinpoint anyone making a CB transmission of this type. He went on to add that anyone with knowledge of CB radios could disguise their voices and cause distortions in the transmission so as to be unable to be identified. He said anyone with any knowledge of CB radios and transmissions of this type knows no one can positively identify the source of the transmission unless the guilty person admitted it.

Mr. MONTEDONICO reluctantly but voluntarily mentioned that he heard from a friend who was a patient in the Methodist Hospital on April 4, 1968, that he had his CB unit in the hospital room and heard the above mentioned CB transmission. He reluctantly added that J. E. STANTON, 5009 Barfield Road, Memphis, Tennessee, a friend of his father, was visiting in the hospital and heard the above mentioned CB radio transmission but had no idea who did the broadcasting.

Mr. MONTEDONICO stated emphatically that he did not make the CB radio transmission in question and does not have any knowledge as to the source of the transmission.

The following is a description of MONTEDONICO obtained through interview and observation:

Name	EDWARD LE MASTER MONTEDONICO, JR.
Address	3776 Highland Park Place, Memphis, Tennessee
Age	18
Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	5'10"
Weight	180

Hair
Eyes
Build
Marital status
Education

Occupation

Light brown, wavy

Blue

Stocky

Single

High school graduate (in June
1968)

Sacker at Montesi Grocery
Store, Memphis