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RE: [REDACTED]

The following investigation was conducted by  
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AT CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

On April 10, 1968, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that he would like to furnish the following information to the FBI on a confidential basis:

He stated that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] white male, age twenty, six feet one inch to six feet two inches, two hundred twenty pounds, blond hair, dresses well, who resides in Salt Lake City, Utah, telephone number [REDACTED] which is an unlisted number. He stated the boy was discharged from the Army in the summer of 1967, and that the boy inherited a considerable amount of money from his father and is now wealthy.

[REDACTED] stated that in January or February, 1968, the boy [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised him that he was going to purchase a high-powered rifle to shoot Negroes with. He stated he advised the boy at that time not to get involved in any type of violence. He stated the boy did not indicate that he was a member of any type of organization during his conversation regarding the purchase of the rifle. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated the boy is reportedly a "crack-shot" with a rifle.

[REDACTED] stated he did not hear from [REDACTED] again until approximately one week prior to the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING. He stated he received a telephone call from the boy from Richmond, Virginia. He advised the boy told him he was working for a sign company but did not mention the name of the company. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] he stated that during the telephone conversation he asked the boy why he was working as a traveling salesman but the boy did not say. He stated he told the boy that he did not have to do that type of work due to the large inheritance he had received. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Therefore [REDACTED] the boy's residence in Salt Lake City and talked with the boy [REDACTED]

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wife, who advised him [REDACTED] was not at home due to his employment with a machine company, name of company not mentioned. [REDACTED] thought it was strange that the boy advised him he was working for a sign company and the boy's wife advised he was employed by a machine company. He stated he requested the boy's wife have him call, but has not heard from the boy yet.

[REDACTED] stated that after MARTIN LUTHER KING was killed, a composite drawing of the subject responsible was published in the newspaper. He stated that viewing the picture, he feels [REDACTED] strongly resembles the individual. [REDACTED] stated he is afraid that the killer of MARTIN LUTHER KING could possibly be [REDACTED] due to the resemblance of the boy with the picture in the paper and the fact that the boy had stated that he was going to purchase a high-powered rifle to use on Negroes. He stated he had no other reason to suspect [REDACTED] other than the reasons mentioned above.

[REDACTED] stated he does not know what kind of automobile his nephew drives but at one time had a Cadillac and later purchased a new Chevrolet. He stated he feels the boy is not driving around the country in connection with his employment but feels he is flying on commercial airlines because the boy stated during the telephone call mentioned above that he would call him from the Charlotte Airport when he arrived.

[REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] address is [REDACTED] Salt Lake City, Utah. He advised he does not have a photograph of [REDACTED]