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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574) (P)
RE: MURKIN
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OO: Memphis

Enclosed for the Memphis Division is one blue business reply envelope of the Portable Power Company, 3756 Tracy Street, Los Angeles, California, bearing a postmark of Perry, Florida and a return address of "WILLIAM P. (illegible), 1118 Southampton Street, Perry, Ga., 415"; one rectangular slip of white paper, inscribed on both sides the words, "Death Comes to Martin Luther King. The Truth is our Prime objective-----Death is already inevitable for the Black B-----d;" and one expended .30 caliber shell casing.

These enclosures were furnished to SA THEODORE M. GARDNER on 4/8/68 by Mr. ART DE LUCA, Plant Manager, O & R Engines, Inc., 3340 Emory Street, Los Angeles, California, along with the following information regarding the circumstances by which he came to acquire them:

During the first part of 1964, possibly as early as January, O & R Engines, Inc., acquired a number of small portable generators from a bankrupt company which owed them a large debt. Having no real use for these generators, it was decided to market them through a mailing house. This was

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done under the fictitious name of the Portable Power Company, and a large quantity of the above-described blue business envelopes were sent out by the mailing house.

The enclosed envelope was returned in response to this marketing program, and is the only such envelope retained by O & R Engines, Inc. Mr. DE LUCA has kept it in his desk since its return and did not think it important until the assassination of KING occurred on 4/4/68.

In view of the fact DE LUCA advised that an undetermined number of individuals have handled the enclosures, and because Los Angeles is unaware of the details of the investigation surrounding captioned case, the above evidence is being furnished to the Memphis Division rather than being submitted to the FBI Laboratory and further leads are being left to the discretion of the office of origin.

Inasmuch as the postal guide shows there is both a Perry, Florida, and a Perry, Georgia, information copies of this communication are being furnished to those offices covering these locations.

FD-302 will be prepared on above-described investigation, and will be retained by the Los Angeles Division unless advised to the contrary by Memphis.