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SA ORVILLE V. JOHNSON

UNSUB, aka
John Willard
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM
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(OO: MEMPHIS)

JAMES H. PURDY, JR., Suite 36, Trumpet Motel, Memphis, employed by the Accredited Bonding Co., 416 Dermon Building, telephonically contacted the writer at 12:10 p.m., 4/6/68. He advised that MAXINE TATE, 149 Cedar, Memphis, telephone 526-3100, advised him that she had previously worked for a man who fits the description of the killer of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., which she had read in the Memphis newspaper. According to PURDY, TATE has just recently terminated employment with this individual but she would not give PURDY his name. PURDY advised that TATE told him that this man had tried to make a bet with her that KING would not leave Memphis alive. PURDY had no further information but stated that TATE could identify this individual and possibly furnish additional information.

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