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**FOR** 

OUR

AMERICAN

LIBERTIES

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The apostle Paul asked, "Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the truth?" If I become your enemy because I tell you the truth then your enemy I am willing to be.

No matter how resistant or unhelpful you are or shall be to me you are or will become a friend provided you believe in truth.

To compromise with the foolishness infiltering the American way of life today is to provide a ledge whereby anti-God may lodge and root itself, and thus destroy the well-being of a great nation and its people.

We cannot dodge or be passive toward today's issues and do the job required of us as citizens of our Republic - America.

We must take the message across the breadth and depth of our land. Together we win - apart we lose.

COMMUNISM - People say communism will come to America. Communism will not come to America - it is here.

METHODS — Communist methods are marching, revolting, demonstrating, looting, and defiance of law and order in whatever country it occurs.

MOB VIOLENCE — Turn back the pages of time and recall in foreign countries how we read of violence through mobs and the ultimate overthrow of governments. Remember how baffled we were as to why the people failed to rise against it?

In America it is happening through the same pattern and gesture — Yet rank and file Americans refuse to stand against such ruthless-

The question is are we going to be ruled by mob violence, pressure groups, and cheap politics or by the decent, respectable citizenry of the Republic.

INTERNAL COMMUNISM — Finds favor in liberal government through terror, bombings of schools and churches, beatings, lawlessness, and by crying police brutality and discrimination. PURGE — Communists and liberals purge their opposition by calling them extremist, bigot, isolationist, horse and buggy days, insanity inference, brotherhood, and constantly harping that the people demand more services from the government.

UNITY — Take note that the liberal, communist, socialist, and internationalist speak for the same programs whether in Washington or in Moscow. Read your daily newspaper and observe their unity of thought.

LIBERAL - The liberal is a first cousin to the communist. Communists and liberals theorize that government must become big and the people must be taught to depend upon government.

The liberal policy not only includes aid to communism, but includes construction of industry in communist countries. Under liberal leadership we are doing both.

Liberals say there are two kinds of communism. If so, it shows itself in two forms — Federal Aid and Foreign Aid.

ADMINISTRATION on the lust in man. They want people to seek something free without individual consideration for consequence. Our nation and our national way of life stand in jeopardy. What does the Administration propose? They propose more of the medicine that has made America sick unto death. All Americans should be as sick of the medicine men.

Too many people in America have forgotten to remember to think thoroughly.

Russia and communism must be dropped from our dole system. FREE — Notice how everything has become free to the communist, adulteress, lazy, and the masquerader at the expense of the productive worker and tax payer.

TAXATION — We are working hard to make more money to pay more taxes, so our government can sell to and extend credit to Russia, so Russia can enslave more people. Do you think God will hold us guiltless? I do not think God will hold us guiltless. TRADE — Why trade with communist countries? Russia wants trade with us because they manufacture goods using slave labor and can ship goods into the United States to sell at prices much lower than we can manufacture and sell the same goods at our high labor cost.

Look how this gap widens when our labor union chiefs demand more and more for less and less. We lower tariffs, too!

Foreign aid coupled with foreign trade allows for the disappearance of our gold reserves.

VOTING — The voting privilege is not free. Our forefathers paid with their lives, fortunes, and sacrifices for the privilege to vote. Voting requirements that include the poll tax are fair.

Voting is a heritage not to be taken lightly and should be exercised unselfishly with full awareness given to the best interest of our country in preference to personal motives.

DISCRIMINATION — Let one negro cry discrimination and the Army is alerted and sent immediately. The administration is trigger happy against its own people, but scared to death of the enemy. SENSES — There are five senses. We shall consider only two; these are hearing and feeling.

I hear Russia rattle their bombs——I feel the Administration shake. I feel them shake through disarmament negotiations, Cuban inspections, missile removals, hot lines, treaties, and another conference.

NUCLEAR WAR — If nuclear war is going to win future wars, Mr. Administration, explain to me why 200 million foot soldiers will go for Israel in the Battle of Armageddon in the ending war of wars? Answer this question before you tell us we cannot stand against Russia because we might trigger a nuclear war and destroy civilization. Another question please———to whom do you refer when you speak of peddlers of fear, Mr. Administration?

It is worthy of further note that it is not man who destroys that Army.

DAVID AND GOLIATH - Viewing the American scene today reminds me of the defiance of Goliath during the day of David.

I think that I must feel the pangs of disbelief coupled with disgust that David felt when Goliath strutted in the Valley of Elah observing the tremble of some of his fellow countrymen.

To me the picture is absolutely the same except for two things: I am no David and the Russian is no Giant.

The Premier's subjects in Russia would love a piece of his hide and I think we should avail to them that privilege.

DEAD END — The boys dying daily from hot bullets, if they could talk, would tell us of the fallacy of the dead-end policy called cold war.

COLD WAR - We disarm while the enemy arms. We pull troops out while they send troops in. We give; they receive. We train enemy pilots; they shoot ours.

There is no such thing as a cold war. The coldest spot of the cold war is in Washington. It is the Administration that has frozen and these men are very cold.

What has happened to the value of every American life? We should weep and fight rather than fright and compromise.

\*\*Allow me one word of caution, please — — we had better put our military back into the hands of the military <u>first</u> and away from

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Memorandum

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TO

SAC, MEMPHIS

DATE: 4/9/68

FROM SAC, CHARLOTTE (157-5800) (P)

SUBJECT:

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER

KING, JR.

RM

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RE HERMAN EUGENE PATTERSON

Re Knoxville teletype to Charlotte and Memphis

4/4/68;

Charlotte teletype to Memphis and Knoxville 4A/68

At 10:35 p.m., 4/4/68, JAMES M. UNDERHILL placed from Charlotte a long distance telephone call to JIM WEST at telephone 487-9453, Shelby, N. C. The telephone was answered by a person sounding like an elderly white male, who stated JIM WEST was not there. After some delay, he identified himself as LEM PATTERSON, and conversation continued with him. After a short period, he turned the telephone over to another person who identified himself as HERMAN PATTERSON, son of LEM PATTERSON. During further conversation, the younger PATTERSON was asked his middle name and he stated it was EUGENE.

HERMAN EUGENE PATTERSON sounded obviously intoxicated and during the conversation mentioned he had been taking some "pills" that day. It was extremely difficult to get any kind of coherent story from him and he at first denied any knowledge of JIM WEST and then later said that WEST had been there earlier that evening and had been drinking heavily and had left to go get some more to drink.

HERMAN EUGENE PATTERSON stated he had been in Shelby all that day but did not give any clear account of his activities. Later during his rambling conversation, he said he had been in Knoxville, Tenn., up until a week or so earlier and had returned to Shelby when the family wired him money. Still later he said he had left Shelby on the morning of 4/4/68

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and had gone to Nashville and Knoxville, Tenn., returning to Shelby about 9:00 p.m. At various times during the conversation he said he had gone to Nashville by hitching a ride with a truck driver and also said he had traveled by plane to Nashville and Knoxville.

Further during the conversation, which was not coherent, he stated he had that morning drawn his pay from Howell Stroup of the Cherryville Nursery, for grading work he had done. He said he had taken this money which amounted to about \$12, to make the trip on.

HERMAN EUGENE PATTERSON was asked where he had been in Tennessee and he would only say he had been at a poolroom in Knoxville and claimed he did not know the name of it or its location or the name of the operator.

HERMAN EUGENE PATTERSON denied any knowledge of any telephone call having been made to the FBI from that telephone on that date by anyone. At several points during the conversation, he denied any knowledge of a JIM WEST.

It is pointed out there is no commercial air service at Shelby, the nearest commercial airport being at Charlotte, approximately 40 miles away.

HERMAN EUGENE PATTERSON and LEM PATTERSON stated the above telephone was located at the residence of LEM PATTERSON, 627 S. DeKalb St., Shelby.

SAS FRANCIS X. BRADSHAW and JAMES M. UNDERHILL conducted the following investigation on 4/5/68:

Detective HOWARD SMITH, Shelby PD, stated that HERMAN EUGENE PATTERSON is the son of LEM PATTERSON, who lives at 627 S. DeKalb. LEM PATTERSON has operated a grocery store at that location for a number of years but recently suffered a stroke and has great difficulty in talking or getting around. Another son operates Patterson's Cleaners at the rear of the same location. HERMAN EUGENE PATTERSON is a notorious town drunk and has been for years. Detective SMITH knows that HERMAN EUGENE PATTERSON had been away for some time up until

a couple of weeks ago and reportedly had been in Tennessee. He had no knowledge that he had been away from Shelby within the last several days. He knew that within the last few days HERMAN EUGENE PATTERSON had been doing some landscape grading work at the location of a new branch bank on DeKalb St. in Shelby, for HOWELL STROUP, Cherryville Nurseries. He had not seen HERMAN EUGENE PATTERSON on 4/4/68. Detective SMITH further stated that PATTERSON, for years, has followed the pattern of working as little as possible and only until he can get enough to buy something to drink, and thereafter he will get drunk and usually wind up being arrested. He commented it would be impossible for HERMAN EUGENE PATTERSON to have gone as far as Knoxville, Tenn., and back in the same day, because in his opinion as soon as he got to the firstplace he could buy liquor, he would buy it and get drunk and that would be as far as he would go.

Detective SMITH stated that HERMAN EUGENE PATTERSON has had about 30 arrests since 1950, at the Shelby PD alone, mostly for drunk, and some for cursing, fighting and petty larceny. He was locally arrested on 3/30/68 for drunk, at which time he gave his address as 627 S. DeKalb. From Mrs. MARTIN, Clerk of Recorders Court, Detective SMITH determined that PATTERSON had appeared in Court in Shelby on Tuesday, 4/2/68, and was sentenced to serve 20 days or pay costs of court. Further, he had come to Mrs. MARTIN's office on the early morning of 4/4/68 with part of the money for the costs of court and fine and left saying he would try to get the rest of the money. He returned about noon and paid the entire amount.

Detective SMITH stated that PATTERSON has on numerous occasions in the past called the PD with false reports. One time, a year or so ago, he called the PD without giving any name and said there was a drunk at a particular service station. This was late at night, and when officers responded, they found PATTERSON in an automobile, obviously waiting for them, and when the officers approached the automobile, he produced a gun and stuck it right in the stomach of one of the officers. The officer managed to get the gun away from him and placed him under arrest, after which it was determined this was only a toy gun, though it very definitely resembled a real gun. At that time, PATTERSON admitted he had been the

one who had made the call and indicated it had just been to see what the officers would do. In addition, within the last week, PATTERSON had telephoned the PD and said there was going to be a riot but he did not give any details or where it would take place. He had not given his name but his voice had been recognized and the call had been disregarded. On another recent occasion, he had telephoned the PD giving some false name which was not recalled, and said there was going to be a bomb placed at some unrecalled location and made the comment, "You'll find out where when it happens." Detective SMITH had been the one answering the telephone and he recognized the voice of PATTERSON and called him by his first name, after which PATTERSON gave his own full name and cursed the officer for recognizing his voice. No arrest action had been taken as a result of this incident.

Detective SMITH stated he had no knowledge of any JIM WEST in Shelby except for an attorney JAMES A. WEST, and definitely he was not any associate of PATTERSON and would not be hanging around drinking with him.

Detective SMITH stated in his opinion if a telephone call from a person claiming to be JIM WEST had been made to the FBI accusing HERMAN PATTERSON of being involved in something, the call had probably been made by HERMAN PATTERSON himself. He stated the only reason he could suggest for these activities on the part of PATTERSON was a desire to attract attention or to possibly play tricks on the police.

Mrs. JAMES T. WEST, 604 LeGrand St., Shelby, stated her husband is not related in any way to HERMAN EUGENE PATTERSON or his family. She stated she knows of another family named WEST in Shelby and has no knowledge or reason to believe that they are in any way related to the PATTERSONs or have any association with them.

On 4/5/68, WILLARD PATTERSON and his wife MAE were interviewed at their residence located at the rear of 627 S. DeKalb St. Mr. PATTERSON is the brother of HERMAN EUGENE PATTERSON and is the operator of Patterson's Cleaners. He expressed himself as completely disgusted with HERMAN EUGENE PATTERSON, saying he is a notorious and constant drunk and has as little to do with him as possible. However, since he

stays with the father at their house at the same location, he does see him constantly. Both WILLARD PATTERSON and his wife stated that HERMAN EUGENE PATTERSON had been in Knoxville and other unknown locations in Tennessee for several weeks up until about three weeks ago. At that time he contacted the family and his father sent him money to come home on. HERMAN EUGENE PATTERSON had worked for a few days doing grading work for Cherryville Nurseries, but got drunk over the weekend of 3/30/68. He received a fine in court on 4/2/68but was not required to pay it on that particular date. They continued that on the morning of 4/4/68 HERMAN EUGENE PATTERSON had said he was going to Cherryville to collect his pay in order to pay off his fine. Sometime after noon, he came back to that neighborhood and said he had paid his fine. At that time he was drinking and continued to be very drunk and Mr. and Mrs. PATTERSON stated they had seen him at least three times between 3:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. on 4/4/68. Part of that time he had been in their house since Mrs. PATTERSON had gotten him to come in and lie down just to get him off the streets.

WILLARD PATTERSON stated that HERMAN EUGENE PATTERSON had called over from the house of their father at the time the news came over the radio or television about the killing of MARTIN LUTHER KING, and HERMAN EUGENE had commented in his drunken fashion that he was elated over this occurrence.

WILLARD PATTERSON stated he knows of a JAMES WEST in Shelby but there is no WEST who is related to his family or to the family of the wife of HERMAN EUGENE PATTERSON. In addition, he has no knowledge of any JIM WEST being an associate of HERMAN EUGENE PATTERSON or of ever being in or around the house of their father, LEM PATTERSON.

On 4/5/68, HERMAN EUGENE PATTERSON was located at the home of a neighbor near his father's house. At that time he appeared sober. He stated that he had been at various places in and around Knoxville, Tenn., up until about a month ago, when the family sent him money and he came home. For

about two weeks he has been working for HOWELL STROUP doing grading work, but has not worked in the last few days. He was arrested over the past weekend in Shelby for being drunk and on 4/4/68 he went down to the Clerk of Court's Office to pay his fine. He found he did not have enough money and he hitched a ride with an unknown Negro truck driver to Cherryville to collect his pay. He said he went there once before 9:00 a.m. and again about noon. He collected his pay of something under \$20 and returned to Shelby and paid his fine, paying it sometime around noon.

He continued that after that he went out and got drunk and spent most of the afternoon and evening in and around his father's house. He recalled that he had been at one time on 4/4/68 at the service station operated by HOWARD LEWIS in Shelby, and that at one time on that date he had ridden in a cab driven by ADAM HUNT.

patterson stated he had no knowledge of a JIM WEST but said he believed he had heard that name in the last day or two, and possibly it was the name of the Negro truck driver who had given him a ride to Cherryville. He denied any knowledge of a telephone call having been made to the FBI in Knoxville. He added that when he gets drunk he does not remember what happens. He did remember having talked to agent UNDERHILL on the telephone on the night of 4/4/68. PATTERSON was strongly warned against making any false calls to the FBI on police agencies.

The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

Race
Age

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Has weatherbeaten appearance and looks about 45

Born

7/5/32
Shelby, N. C.

Height
Weight
150 lbs.
Build

Medium to stocky

Complexion

Tanned and weatherbeaten

Eyes Hair Brown Black

Scars and Marks

Crude tattoos on both arms

He acknowledged that he was identical with the HERMAN EUGENE PATTERSON who had, in 9/67, together with another individual, stolen a taxi cab in Charlotte and driven it to Clover, S. C. In that case, Federal prosecution was declined and PATTERSON, on 9/7/67, was sentenced in local court in Charlotte to serve 90 days.

On 4/5/68, Cab Driver ADAM HUNT, Shelby, stated he had hauled HERMAN EUGENE PATTERSON as a passenger from somewhere in downtown Shelby to a service station operated by HOWARD LEWIS on the edge of Shelby, this being somewhere around noon. He stated he did not recall having seen him later on that date. PATTERSON had apparently started drinking at the time he hauled him.

No further investigation as to HERMAN EUGENE PATTERSON is being conducted by Charlotte.