

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS

DATE: 4-11-68

FROM : SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) - P -

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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Re Springfield teletype to the Director, Memphis and other offices dated 4-7-68.

Enclosed for Memphis are 9 copies of an FD-302 reflecting interview of suspect BILLY RAY KING at Rock Island, Illinois.

On 4-7-68, Detective Sergeants JOHN COLEMAN and ROY WEST, Rock Island Police Department, advised an anonymous telephone call was received at the Police Department that a white male wearing gold colored clothing was at the Ft. Armstrong Hotel in Rock Island, Illinois, either had a gun or guns or made statements that he had killed someone or that he had been in Memphis, Tennessee, when MARTIN LUTHER KING was killed. The voice was very muffled and the exact comments could not be distinguished.

Both proceeded to the Hotel where they immediately located BILLY RAY KING whom they checked for a gun. In subsequent conversation, they determined that KING came from Louisiana and spoke very bitterly of MARTIN LUTHER KING. He stated he got what he deserved and when asked if he had killed him, this person responded that even if he had he wouldn't tell them. They decided to take him to the Police Department for further investigation.

Photographs were obtained and major case prints were obtained. The major case prints were mailed directly to the Latent Fingerprint Section and photographs directly to the Memphis Division.

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