

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1987)

DATE: 4/12/68

FROM : SA WILLIAM J. BILLEAUD

SUBJECT: MURKING  
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At 8:02 AM, 4/12/68, Mr. AUGUSTUS BRYAN PIERCE, 1334 Cardinal Drive, Nashville, Tenn., telephonically contacted the Nashville RA requesting that he be interviewed personally by Agents concerning the above matter.

On 4/12/68, Mr. PIERCE was interviewed XXXX by SAs WILLIAM J. BILLEAUD and FRANK J. HAERESHAW and furnished the following information:

He stated that at approximately 6:30 PM on Saturday, 4/6/68, an unknown white male came into his barber shop off Old Hickory Rd., wanting to use a coin phone. He stated that he sent this man to the Texaco service station around the corner. Mr. PIERCE noted at this time that the man was in a 1957 or 1958 black and white Ford with Alabama licence plates (number unknown). He was accompanied by XXXX an attractive white female who was neatly dressed and remained in the car.

After this man made his telephone call, he came back into the barber shop and inquired as to where he might be able to purchase a man's wig. Mr. PIERCE told him that he might try the Sears-Roebuck store on Gallitan Rd. where he might find a cheaper type wig, but the man indicated that he wanted a more expensive wig. Mr. PIERCE then suggested that he might try a women's beauty shop, but pointed that probably all such shops would be closed because of the 7:00 PM curfew which was imposed in Nashville on 4/6 and 7/68. The man then indicated that he would attempt to find such a wig on Monday, 4/8/68. He then departed from Mr. PIERCE's barber shop at about 6:50 PM. Mr. PIERCE pointed out that the reason that he thought that this was unusual was because the man definitely had a full head of hair (although he did have thinning hair) and would not need such a wig. He also stated that the man was neatly dressed but looked as though he had not had any sleep for quite some time.

Mr. PIERCE stated that he was furnishing this information to the FBI in the event that the above man had anything

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to do with the killing of MARTIN LUTHER KING. He stated that he definitely had no information to indicate that this man was so involved and got the impression that the man would not be staying around Nashville very long. Mr. PIERCE stated that the reason that he had not reported the above information sooner is because he was afraid that the man might come back and try to kill him if he (the unidentified man) were involved in a crime.

Mr. PIERCE described the man as follows:

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Age:	Late 20's (about 29)
Height:	5' 7" or 5' 8"
Weight:	125 to 130 lbs.
Build:	Medium to thin
Hair:	Light brown and parted; had about a 2 weeks growth of hair; had a full head of hair, but was thinning slightly
Dress:	Tan waist length jacket, tan shirt and pants
Remarks:	Clean shaven; spoke with slight southern or western accent