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RE: [REDACTED]

By communication dated April 6, 1968, the Memphis Office of the FBI advised as follows:

[REDACTED] Oteen, North Carolina, and [REDACTED] Asheville, North Carolina, both with [REDACTED] Asheville, North Carolina, telephonically advised the Memphis Office that they believe [REDACTED] may be identical with the assassin of MARTIN LUTHER KING. According to [REDACTED] was formerly the manager of [REDACTED] at Asheville and recently embezzled in excess of \$10,000 in company funds and disappeared. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] fits the description of the assassin which they read in their paper and because of this they believe he may be identical.

They both advised that [REDACTED] telephonically contacted his wife from Nashville, Tennessee, on April 3, 1968, stating he was going to give himself up but he has failed to return. [REDACTED] said that [REDACTED] has a 1965 white Ford automobile.

The following investigation was conducted by SA ROBERT S. MOORE:

AT ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

On April 10, 1968, Detective W. E. HANEY, Asheville Police Department, advised that [REDACTED] was arrested at Asheville on the night of April 8, 1968. HANEY said he verified that [REDACTED] was in [REDACTED] Sun Valley Motel, Arden, North Carolina, on April 4, 1968 - April 5, 1968, on a drinking spree.

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