

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM : S. SHIELDS W. SMITH

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CIVIL RIGHTS

DATE: 4/15/68

On 4/10/68, an individual, HOWARD B. CASH, 249 Honduras Drive, Memphis, Tennessee, telephonically contacted the Memphis Office, and furnished the following information:

CASH stated that on 4/9/68, that he had attended the funeral of DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING at Atlanta, Georgia, and had participated in the march in that city. He stated that while circulating through the crowd attending the funeral, he overheard two persons talking about the possibility of a policeman shooting DR. KING in Memphis, Tennessee. He stated that these persons had maps, which he thought to be maps of the City of Memphis, and they were discussing how DR. KING was shot on the south side of Memphis, and a white Mustang was later noticed on the north side of Memphis, which answered the description of the Mustang supposedly used as a getaway car.

He stated that these persons were expressing the thought that the PD had been involved, and had given safe conduct to the murderer so that he could get out of Memphis.

He described these individuals as being a white male, and another male whom he described as a black-skinned Negro or a foreigner. This was the extent of the description which CASH furnished.

He stated that these persons were also talking about the militant Negroes taking action, providing the subject in the murder of DR. KING was not apprehended quickly. However, he could not furnish any details about the militant talks.

CASH identified himself as an employee of the Federal Government, and stated that he worked with the Postal Department. At the time of the talk, CASH demanded that the Memphis PD be thoroughly investigated concerning the possibility that a policeman or policemen were involved in the shooting of DR. KING.

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