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RE: UNKNOWN SUSPECT  
ALABAMA LICENSE 52-25871

On April 16, 1968, WILLIAM D. BROOKS, Chief of Police, Gaston Rural Police Department, Gastonia, North Carolina, telephonically advised the Charlotte Office of the FBI that JOSEPH SAMUEL MEADOWS, who operates a used car lot at Bessemer City, North Carolina, had information concerning the KING assassination.

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA EMANUEL R. JOHNSON:

AT BESSEMER CITY, NORTH CAROLINA

On April 16, 1968, JOSEPH SAMUEL MEADOWS advised that in the late afternoon of April 15, 1968, he was driving north on Interstate Highway 85 in South Carolina with his wife when a white Mustang passed him heading in the same direction doing about 95 miles per hour. He said he observed a red and white license plate on the car and having read in the newspaper that the FBI was looking for a white Mustang with Alabama license, he gave chase. The Mustang turned off Interstate Highway 85 onto White Horse Road near Greenville, South Carolina, at which time he observed the license number which was Alabama License 52-25871. The driver, who was alone, was observed to be 35 to 40 years old, 160 to 170 pounds, sandy brown hair, with heavy eyebrows. He was wearing a tan or beige sports shirt and had on no hat and did not wear glasses.

He advised that later on April 15, 1968, his wife observed a drawing of the assassin and commented that this was the man they had seen in the Mustang earlier that date.

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