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RE: HAROLD H. FLETCHER

By communication dated April 12, 1968, the Atlanta Office of the FBI advised as follows:

On April 12, 1968, R. OBESTER, Desk Clerk, Briarcliff Hotel, 1050 Ponce de Leon Avenue, NE, Atlanta, advised he thought he recognized a composit photograph of the assassin of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. as being identical with a guest registered as H. H. FLETCHER. FLETCHER called the hotel on April 7, 1968, and made reservations for a double and a single room. He appeared at the hotel on April 8, 1968, and made a \$10 deposit on these rooms. On April 9, 1968, two women approached the desk at the hotel and identified themselves as the wife and a friend of FLETCHER. FLETCHER and his wife occupied Room 501 and the other girl occupied Room 528. It appeared FLETCHER did not have an automobile but was traveling in the second girl's automobile.

Atlanta Police Department officer JACK POPHAM, assigned to the beat around the hotel also advised he also recognizes a composit drawing of the assassin as an individual he saw around the hotel.

DAVID ELLER, Alternate Desk Clerk, also advised he places a person similar to the composit drawing in and around the hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. FLETCHER gave an address of 615 Stirling Street, Greensboro, North Carolina. The second girl was identified by registration records as SARAH E. COLLINS, 601 Guilford Avenue, Greensboro. She was described as 5'3" tall, 23 or 24 years of age or younger, dishwater blonde, medium length, wears glasses, hippy-type dress.

By telephone call on April 13, 1968, the Atlanta Office advised as follows:

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HAROLD FLETCHER, according to his landlady, a Miss BETTY TWEED, 846 St. Charles Avenue, NE, Atlanta, Georgia, was secretly married to a girl who is attending Jonesboro College and his wife and a friend of hers came to Atlanta on Tuesday morning (April 9, 1968), and left Atlanta on Thursday night, (April 11, 1968). FLETCHER as of April 13, 1968, reportedly had gone to Jonesboro College with his wife.

It had been determined the true address for HAROLD FLETCHER is 107 East Lee Avenue, Gastonia, North Carolina, telephone number 629-2020.

The girl reported to be FLETCHER's wife was described as 23 or 24, red hair, blue eyes, very attractive, with a good build.

The following investigation was conducted by SA ANDREW M. PALUMBO:

AT GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA

On April 13, 1968, the owner and present resident at 615 Sterling Street, Greensboro, North Carolina, advised HAROLD H. FLETCHER is not known to them.

No one was located at 601 Guilford Avenue, Greensboro, North Carolina.

The current Greensboro City Directory fails to list H. H. FLETCHER or SARAH E. COLLINS.

The following investigation was conducted by SA GEORGE J. KLEIN:

AT GASTONIA, NORTH CAROLINA

On April 13, 1968, investigation at Gastonia revealed HAROLD H. FLETCHER resides at 107 East Lee Street, Bessemer City, North Carolina. Gastonia Police Department records reveal

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FLETCHER was arrested March 22, 1965, for violation of the Prohibition laws.

On April 13, 1968, FLETCHER's uncle, LUTHER T. FLETCHER 107 East Lee Street, Bessemer City, North Carolina, advised that HAROLD H. FLETCHER works for Annon Johnson Ceiling Tile Company, Atlanta, Georgia, and has been residing and working in Atlanta since December, 1967. FLETCHER was in Bessemer City Saturday, April 13, 1968, with his wife, MARGARET WALKER FLETCHER.

Mrs. ZENIH BEAM, aunt of MARGARET WALKER FLETCHER, advised on April 13, 1968, FLETCHER and his wife stopped by earlier on that date but she did not know his current whereabouts.

No record of FLETCHER was located at the Bessemer City Police Department.

On April 14, 1968, FLETCHER telephonically contacted the Charlotte Office and stated he was en route to Atlanta and could be contacted at 846 St. Charles Place, Atlanta. He stated he listed Greensboro as an address for his wife and her friend because she attends the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. He advised he may also be contacted at his place of employment for additional information.