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**AIR MAIL**

**TO:** SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)  
**FROM:** SAC, MOBILE (157-2627) (P)  
**RE:** MURKIN  
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(OO: ME)

On 4/16/68 [REDACTED], telephone number [REDACTED], telephonically advised SA JOHN B. HEISLER as follows:

Shortly before Christmas of 1966, while [REDACTED] was a student at Birmingham Southern College, Birmingham, Ala., he was selling automobiles for ROY BRIDGES, Volkswagen dealer in Birmingham. At that time one of the other salesmen, JAMES "BIG JIM" MOORE, was heard to make the statement that the assassination of negro leader, MARTIN LUTHER KING, had been "bought and paid for" and that somebody in Birmingham had already been paid to assassinate KING or to have it done. He said that MOORE is a white male, about 6' to 6' 4", 200 pounds, stout build, hair balding and brown.

It is suggested that Birmingham contact JAMES "BIG JIM" MOORE, care of ROY BRIDGES, Volkswagen dealer, and determine if he has any information relevant to this matter.

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