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TO: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)
FROM: SAC, OMAHA (44-310)(P)
RE: MURKIN

Re Chicago teletype to Omaha 4/18/68.

On 4/18/68

[REDACTED]
Head, Nebraska, advised

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was paroled early in 1966 from the Illinois State Penitentiary where he had been sentenced for rape. She became acquainted with him when they were both employed at International Harvester, Moline, Illinois, and J.I. Case, Bettendorf, Iowa. Either through direct association or mutual acquaintances at the penitentiary, [REDACTED] became closely associated with Chicago hoodlums "Little Caesar" (an "Italian name" not recalled by [REDACTED]), [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] "thinks the world" of "Little Caesar". The "Double R" bar or tavern in Chicago is operated by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

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On or about 3/24/68 [redacted] and [redacted] returned to Mead and during their conversations regarding his trip, [redacted] told [redacted] they had been in Chicago where [redacted] had "offered him [redacted] a contract to kill 'KING' for \$20,000" or, as an alternative, to "transport dope out of New York" for \$10,000. [redacted] said he had not accepted either offer [redacted]

[redacted] and [redacted] again departed Mead on or about Sunday March 31 and returned Sunday 4/7/68, reportedly by bus to Fremont or possibly Omaha, Nebraska, where they were picked up by [redacted]. They stayed only about 24 hours when they left again, taking [redacted] car, a black two-door Ford, about 1962 model, license or VIN not immediately available, and their present whereabouts are unknown to her. During that time [redacted] mentioned that [redacted] had a gun and that he had taken possession of it for safekeeping. She did not see a gun nor was it described to her. No reference was made by [redacted] to their previous conversation about his offer of "a contract" nor to the shooting of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., which had occurred during the previous week and [redacted] was prompted to advise the FBI of these circumstances only after long deliberation and her conclusion that she should not withhold it even though it may be without significance.

[redacted] requested that her identity be protected in any investigation which may be undertaken with respect to the information furnished by her.

[redacted] was described as white male, born 2/21/40, 6'2", 230 pounds, light brown curly hair with blond streaks; blue eyes and always wears hornrimmed glasses; native of Coleta, Dixon or Sterling, Illinois; employed, since early 1966 when paroled from Illinois State Penitentiary, as welder and lift truck operator, at International Harvester, Moline, Illinois, J.I. Case, Bettendorf, Iowa, Independent Metals and Omaha Steel, Omaha.

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[REDACTED] was described as white male, born
4/11/45 or 46, 6' slender build. His (adoptive) parents
are [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] who operate [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] An adopted sister is [REDACTED] employed as [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] described as lazy
and dependent upon his mother for pocket money.

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will conduct appropriate
investigation to determine the identities of "Little Caesar"
[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and whether [REDACTED]
in fact may have been implicated in instant conspiracy.