

4/24/68

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TO: SAC, JACKSON
FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365)
MURKIN
(BUFILE 44-38861)

On 4/23/68, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (Protect Identity), advised that she learned from a reliable source that on 2/1/68 **KENNETH WAYNE MELTON**, 1315 Dan St., Bogalusa, La., departed Bogalusa allegedly to go to work on a boat at Pascagoula, Miss. She is not certain if MELTON did go to work on a boat but she knows that he never has worked on a boat in the past and has never had any gainful employment to amount to anything in recent years. He has been in trouble with law enforcement authorities in the past and less than a year ago shot and killed a white male, name unknown, at Bogalusa, La., and as far as she knows, has never been tried for same as of this time. She learned that he returned to Bogalusa about 10 or 12 days ago where he is presently staying. She said that her source wondered why he did not return to his employment which was allegedly on a boat. MELTON is a relative of [REDACTED] **BUDDY LEWIS**, who resides at 1311 Dan St., Bogalusa, La., with his sister, **OLA MAE HARRIE**, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] also advised that she learned from her source that MELTON always has a large sum of money in his possession, which seems very strange since he had no gainful employment to account for this. She does not know if he is a member of any hate group but that he would be capable of killing **MARTIN LUTHER KING** and might have done so if paid enough. She described MELTON as follows:

- 2 - Jackson
 - 2 - Memphis (44-1854)
 - 2 - New Orleans
 - 2 - Charlotte
- FKB:bjt
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 [Signature: Boyer] 10/3/68

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Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Date of Birth:	21
Hair:	Brown
Eyes:	Blue
Height:	5' 9" - 5' 10"
Weight:	160 - 170

[REDACTED] went on to say that about six years ago and she believed it to be 1961, a Negro male was murdered at Poplarville, Miss., and thrown into a small river near there. The river separates Mississippi and Louisiana at that point and is near Bogalusa, La. She believes there were six white males who went to a jail at Poplarville, beat and abducted the Negro prisoner from his cell. The Negro had been accused of raping a white woman in the State of Mississippi. She further advised that none of the six whites were ever arrested and she does not know if any of the six were Klansmen. She said that she knows the identity of two of the boys who were involved at the time. One was a white male by the name of TERRY HERRING, age 23, of Bogalusa, La. She declined to name the other male at that time since he is a friend of [REDACTED]

She further advised that HERRING has had psychiatric treatment as a result of being bothered by the murder in which he participated. He admitted taking part in this murder and named the other boy whom she knew, but declined to identify at this time. She said that she learned from a very reliable source that HERRING had participated in this murder and HERRING admitted the murder to this source. She further advised that she never heard that any of these individuals were arrested for the murder or tried for same.

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It should be noted that [REDACTED] is obviously referring to the murder involving one JACK CHARLES PARKER which occurred 4/25/68.

About eight or nine months ago, the white male, whose she declined to identify at that time, made a statement before a group of people at a club near Bogalusa, La., that KING, referring to MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., was on their list next. She declined to relate where she learned this information but stated she would give further details [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] said that [REDACTED] have been residing at [REDACTED] Bogalusa, La., since 1/68 and [REDACTED] is employed at [REDACTED], and [REDACTED] at the [REDACTED] both in Bogalusa. They are allegedly returning [REDACTED] about Saturday, 4/27/68, but she desired that they not be contacted directly until such time as she had an opportunity to ascertain their feelings toward divulging any information that might have come across while residing at Bogalusa, La.

[REDACTED] also stated that [REDACTED] also lives near the river at Bogalusa is a member of the KKK. [REDACTED] wife is [REDACTED] who resides at [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is described as follows:

Race:	White
Sex:	Female
Date of Birth:	[REDACTED]
Place of Birth:	[REDACTED]
Height:	5' 5"
Weight:	115
Build:	Slender
Eyes:	Blue
Hair:	Black

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Daughters:

Son:

Son:

Marital Status:

Two copies of this communication are being designated for all offices and no leads are being set forth. This information is being furnished for whatever purpose it may serve to the receiving offices; and in addition, it is being furnished in view of the fact that **KENNETH WAYNE MELTON** was considered a suspect by [REDACTED] in captioned matter.

[REDACTED] will be contacted at a subsequent date in the near future in order to ascertain what information she has obtained from [REDACTED] regarding the racial situation in the Bogalusa, LA., area.

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