

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1987)

DATE: 5/22/68

FROM : SA JOHN W. BAUER

SUBJECT: MURKIN;  
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ReBuairtel to Memphis dated 4/24/68 concerning license plates no. BV-7925 (44-1987-SUB E-653A).

The following investigation was conducted by SA JOHN W. BAUER on 4/26/68 at Memphis, Tenn.:

A check of Shelby County license plate registrations indicates license plate no. BV-7925 is registered to SIDNEY J. HARTSFIELD, 333 North Angelus, Memphis, Tenn., 1965 Oldsmobile convertible.

Mrs. SIDNEY J. HARTSFIELD advised that neither she nor her husband owns a 1965 Oldsmobile convertible bearing license no. BV-7925. She stated that this car belonged to her son, SIDNEY J. HARTSFIELD, JR., who lives at 817 North Avalon St., Memphis, Tenn., and who is the manager of the Radio Shack, 1825 South Third St., Memphis.

SIDNEY J. HARTSFIELD, JR., Manager, Radio Shack, 1825 South Third St., Memphis, Tenn., advised that on 4/4/68 he was working at the Radio Shack when he heard on the radio that MARTIN LUTHER KING had been shot. At approximately 6:10 P. M., he left the shop, taking with him a patrolman radio which sells under the trade name Realistic Radio Company, manufacturer. He stated that he took this radio with him so that he could hear the police calls which were being transmitted concerning KING's killing. He added that this radio cannot transmit, but receives all police bands except the Tennessee Highway Patrol. Mr. HARTSFIELD stated that he took his normal route home, which is to head north on Third Street to the Parkway where he heads east and cuts across Lauderdale Street, continues to Bellevue where he takes a left and heads north to his residence on Avalon Street. He stated that he would have crossed Lauderdale Street on the Parkway at approximately 6:20 P. M. on 4/4/68. He added that he remembers this well because he was speeding to get out of this Negro neighborhood because he was afraid that he would be caught in the middle of some type of violent demonstration brought about by KING's death.

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