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The following anonymous letter was received in an envelope postmarked Hartford, Connecticut, April 20, 1968, addressed to Federal Bureau of Investigation, FBI, 450 Main, Hartford, Connecticut.

"On the morning of April 6th, Saturday, I boarded a 2R School-Middle Bus on Kalakaua Ave in Waikiki, Honolulu for the Bishop Museum, on Kalihi Street. About four or five blocks before that a young girl got on, sat down, began asking questions of the Bus driver. Suddenly I heard mutterings from a man across the aisle from me (who was working a cross-word puzzle) I looked over, he smiled a sort of silly smile of disgust, shook his head at the girl, obviously thought her questions of the driver ridiculous. I looked again at his profile thinking how very much he looked like the drawing of a man, I had seen in the morning paper, who was being sought as a suspect for the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King. I stared at the contour of the face--a rather long nose (not as full a face as the picture I have since seen). I only saw the profile which certainly resembled the Artist's drawing. He turned to see me staring, folded his paper and left the Bus. I watched him walk up the hill to the right of the Main Street (may have been King Street we were on) There seemed to be some large bldgs. up on the hill--perhaps a Hospital?

"This has worried me ever since--so here it is for what it may be worth to you. The possibility of a hunt in Hawaii which I pray does not prove to be false."

The following investigation was conducted by
SA LEO S. BRENNISEN:

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At Honolulu, Hawaii

On April 26, 1968, RICHARD TOM, Office of Superintendent, Honolulu Rapid Transit (HRT), advised as follows:

On the morning of April 6, 1968, there would have been seven regular drivers assigned to the School-Middle Street route. TOM explained that he would cause the records of HRT to be checked that evening to determine the identities of the regular drivers assigned to that route on April 6, 1968, and he believed that all of them could be contacted the following day as they came off duty from 12:45 to 1:15 p.m. TOM also stated that he would post wanted flyers on subject where they could be observed by all drivers.

Concerning the description of the vicinity where suspect was alleged to have departed from the bus, TOM pointed out that this would undoubtedly refer to the intersection of Lanakila and School Streets. Maluhia Hospital can be seen from the bus at this site. However, there is an extensive housing area in the vicinity.

On the same date, Mrs. QUEEN VIEJERA and STAN MATSUNAGA were contacted at the front office of Maluhia Hospital. They viewed a wanted flyer of subject with negative results. They stated the flyer would be posted at the time clock for all employees to observe. MATSUNAGA stated that the visiting hours at the hospital are normally from 12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m. However, on April 3, 1968, a Saturday, Mrs. LUCILLE MC GUIRE was the only employee on duty at the front desk. MATSUNAGA related that subject could not have been an employee at the hospital inasmuch as this is a city hospital and there is an extended residence employment requirement.

On April 27, 1968, Mrs. LUCILLE MC GUIRE was contacted at Maluhia Hospital and reported she had observed no one answering the description of suspect.

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On the same date SAs JOHN F. WILTCEN and JOHN R. HOOD interviewed the following bus drivers for HRT, who were on the School-Middle Street route. They examined photographs of JAMES EARL RAY but were unable to identify him with any persons they had known or seen:

G. R. SOUZA;

STANLEY NAKAMOTO;

TOM FURUSHIMA;

CALVIN KAPUUA;

JOHN KEPAA;

L. TOKAMA;

KENNETH CROWELL.