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TO: SAC, BIRMINGHAM

FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-769) (P)

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On 5/16/68, [REDACTED] Jacksonville Beach, Fla., telephonically contacted the Jacksonville Office and indicated that he had some information concerning the shooting of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING.

On the same date [REDACTED] was interviewed and he indicated that his full name was [REDACTED] but that he has traditionally used the name of [REDACTED]. He stated that he has been dating a young lady named [REDACTED] who works as a waitress [REDACTED]

He further advised that a week or two after the KING incident he was on a date with [REDACTED] and after he made some remark about the shooting she noted that her boss, [REDACTED] left for Birmingham, Ala., either the day before KING was assassinated or the same date and that [REDACTED] remarked that he was going to Birmingham to get "that black S.O.B. MARTIN LUTHER KING".

[REDACTED] stated that this is the only remark that [REDACTED] made concerning [REDACTED] in regards to the shooting of MARTIN LUTHER KING, but that he is aware that [REDACTED] is a [REDACTED] man from Bessemer, Ala., who is in the real estate business and also is the owner of [REDACTED]

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[redacted] furnished the place of employment of Mrs. PHELPS in Ocala, Fla., where she could be contacted.

AT OCALA, FLA.

On 5/16/68, [redacted], Ocala, Fla., was located and interviewed at 8:15 PM by SAs TED R. TUCKER and WILLIAM M. BAKER at her place of employment, [redacted]

[redacted] advised the owner of [redacted] is [redacted], a construction company owner, who resides at Bessemer, Ala.

[redacted] advised at no time has she ever heard [redacted] make any remarks that he intended to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING or any other person. She advised if anyone stated that she had related this information then this is purely a figment of that person's imagination.

[redacted] advised [redacted] is a very fine individual and she has never heard him discuss his political views with anyone. She further advised [redacted] resides in Bessemer, Ala., and only comes to Ocala on rather infrequent occasions.

On 5/17/68 [redacted], Investigator for Ocala attorneys [redacted], appeared at the Ocala RA at approximately 3 PM and furnished the following information to SA ROBERT H. ANDERSON, JR.:

On the night of 5/16/68, he, [redacted], was at [redacted] having a drink and entered into conversation with [redacted] whom he knew and who was acting as the bartender on this particular night. [redacted] informed [redacted] she had been visited earlier in the evening by the FBI regarding remarks that her boss, [redacted], allegedly made concerning threats about MARTIN LUTHER KING.

According to [redacted] [redacted] advised she did not want to get involved in this matter and she informed the FBI

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that [redacted] had never made any threatening remarks concerning KING in her presence. [redacted] advised, however, that [redacted] told him that [redacted] had made the remark, "We're going to have to kill KING" in her presence and in the presence of [redacted] or [redacted] the night bookkeeper, prior to KING's assassination.

[redacted] further advised [redacted] told him that [redacted] owns a [redacted] and is well known in his home town of Bessemer, Ala., and is reportedly a high official of the Ku Klux Klan in that area.

[redacted] advised he has no way to assess the truthfulness of the comments made by [redacted]. He advised he has had business contacts with her in the past and he feels she could be possibly somewhat emotionally disturbed.

Attention is directed to the fact that [redacted] was formerly [redacted]

She further informed the Ocala RA several years ago regarding LEROY AMBROSIA FRAZIER (JK 76-543) who was then a Top Ten Fugitive. At that time [redacted] was convinced FRAZIER was residing in Citra, Fla. Subsequent investigation revealed her information was absolutely worthless.

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BIRMINGHAM

AT BESSEMER, ALA.

Immediately determine general reputation and background of [redacted]. Ascertain if he is a member of the KKK unit and conduct any other logical investigation, including interview, to determine if he could be in any way involved in the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING.

JACKSONVILLE

AT OCALA, FLA.

Will identify [redacted] or [redacted] and interview him concerning any remarks he has ever overheard made by [redacted] concerning MARTIN LUTHER KING.

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