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TO: SAC, BIRMINGHAM
 FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-2627)(P)
 SUBJECT: MURKIN
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On 8/30/68, [redacted] a W/M, [redacted], Little Shawmut, Ala., stated he was furnishing the following information with the understanding his name would be protected, that he would not have to testify and his name would not be divulged outside the Bureau. [redacted] has not been in trouble in the past three years and is supporting his family at this time.

[redacted] said that approximately five years ago during the spring of 1963 he was incarcerated at the Birmingham County Jail, Birmingham, Ala., where he was serving time on a worthless check charge. At this time Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING was in the Birmingham area.

[redacted] said that he [redacted] was treated as a trusty in that he had the privilege of traveling anywhere in the prison including the maximum security section; he also worked in the hospital section. [redacted] advised that while he was in prison he learned by "the grapevine" that a contract was being put out for Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING. The individual who accepted the contract would be represented by [redacted] a lawyer who would get this individual out of jail, and the individual would receive \$10,000 for assassinating Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING.

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[REDACTED] further advised that an individual [REDACTED] (would not divulge his identity) had him deliver the details of this contract to an inmate who was being detained in the maximum security section. [REDACTED] said he did not know this man's name, but only knew him as [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] said he delivered this message concerning the contract on Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING to [REDACTED] and that he heard [REDACTED] was contacted at a later date by [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] said he had nothing else to do with this matter and could not furnish any other details.

[REDACTED] stated he had heard [REDACTED] had been arrested by the Birmingham PD in 1963 or early 1964 for concealing stolen goods in an apartment he had leased. [REDACTED] said he heard [REDACTED] is or has served time in Kilby Prison for the above violation.

Birmingham, will identify [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and will evaluate information furnished by [REDACTED].