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Mr. LEE EDWARD BRANCH was interviewed in the presence of his wife, WILMA BRANCH, at 2546 Keen Road, Memphis, Tennessee, his residence, and he advised as follows:

Mr. BRANCH is the District Manager of the Supreme Life Insurance Company, 656 Vance Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee.

On or about Sunday night, March 31, 1968, Mr. BRANCH and his wife had gone to the Main Post Office on Calhoun Street to pick up some mail. It was shortly after dark. As they left the Post Office, they drove north on Main Street in the downtown area of Memphis. They stopped for a stop light at Madison and Main, with Mr. BRANCH driving, the car being headed north at this time. Pulling up to Mr. BRANCH's left was a 1959 or 1960 model white Chevrolet convertible with the top down, and which appeared to have red upholstery or interior. This car was occupied by three whites, all sitting on the front seat. The driver appeared to be short and was white. Sitting beside the driver was a tall female white, with short blonde hair and sharp features, and sitting to her right, or on the extreme passenger side closest to Mr. BRANCH, was a white male, dark-headed, who appeared to be at least six feet tall, based on his seating position in the car. This individual yelled out in a derogatory fashion at Mr. BRANCH, a Negro, "I've bought a new high-powered rifle with a scope on it, and I've got some binoculars, and I'm going to shoot MARTIN LUTHER KING right between the eyes." He laughed and then added, "I've got 20 rounds." Mr. BRANCH recalled that he had on a blue denim jumper or jacket and could recall nothing else concerning this individual other than to say that he would be approximately 30 years of age.

Mr. BRANCH stated that he thought little about this until he saw the artist's conception, which appeared on page one of the Saturday, April 6, 1968, Commercial Appeal,

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drawn by Staff Artist WILLIAM HERRINGTON. He stated that it now appears that the individual who spoke to him could possibly be identical with the person depicted in the drawing. He stated that his wife, WILMA BRANCH, attempted to get the license number of the car but was unable to do so, but she had told him that it was a Dyer County, Tennessee, license.

He stated that he felt he could identify this individual, should he see him again.