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Date Received 4/6/68

From [REDACTED]

(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

USMC

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

Millington, Tenn.

(CITY AND STATE)

By C. F. Busch

(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned Yes No

Receipt given Yes No

Description:

*Signed statement
of [REDACTED]*

Millington, Tenn.
Apr. 6, 1968.

I [redacted] make the following voluntary statement to Cyril F. Busch and Franklin L. Johnson who have identified themselves as Special Agents of the FBI.

I was born Apr. 21, 1947 at Lansing, Mich., am married, am presently a PFC in the USMC at Millington, Tenn., and live at [redacted] Millington, Tenn.

I have a cousin named [redacted] age 19, who lives on [redacted] Hazel, Michigan, with his wife [redacted] and small baby and claims to be employed as a private detective. I was arrested with him once about a year ago at Lansing, Mich., in a stolen car. He has told me that he had psychiatric treatment in the Marine Corps, that the doctor put needles all over his head. He has also told me several years ago that an uncle had bought him a

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30.06. rifle. He has also told me that while he was in the USMC he and seven other people had flown a stolen jet airplane.

His parents are [redacted] Co. [redacted] McMillon, Lansing, Mich. and his father works at "The Motor Wheel," a factory.

I last saw him two to three weeks ago when [redacted] came to Millington alone driving a 1964 medium blue Plymouth. He said he was on his way to Florida on a case as a private detective, and he stayed at my home for about a week. He had a briefcase with a .45 automatic pistol. He said that he would like to be a ~~to get into the~~ professional assassin, ~~Assassination~~ ~~business,~~ that he heard there was good money in it. He mentioned no names and nothing specific.

One day while driving to Memphis was [redacted] and a Marine named [redacted]

[redacted] (who has since been transferred) in [redacted] 1964 Plymouth, Reverend Martin Luther King was mentioned on the radio and [redacted] said, "I'd like to shoot that son-of-a-bitch." He then went on talking about a dog race or something.

After [redacted] left Millington on a Friday (probably March 15th) he telephoned me at the residence of my duplex neighbor [redacted]

[redacted] telephone # [redacted] ([redacted] was transferred to El Toro, Cal. and left 3/22/68). This call came at about 5:15 PM about Wednesday 3/20/68. [redacted] asked me if I wanted to come to Florida for a couple of hours. He said he had a "job" lined up for about \$20,000. I did not ask what the job was. I asked him to hold on while I checked with my wife. I went around to my apartment and asked my wife if I could fly to Florida with [redacted] for a

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couple of hours & she said "OK" if I would be back by 6:15 AM the next morning. I went back to the phone and told [redacted] I would go. He said he was flying a single-engine plane and would meet me at the airport in Memphis at about midnite.

After he hung up I talked it over with my wife, told her about the \$20,000 job and that I did not know what the job was. I decided not to go and went to bed.

At about 10:00 PM the same night [redacted] called back at the same number, said his plane had gone down at Atlanta, Ga. and he would be a little late. I did not let him finish.

I told him my wife (who had a baby on 4/6/68) was having labor pains and I could not go. I told him to call back Friday (knowing that [redacted] was leaving and the phone would be disconnected by then).

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the call and the \$20,000 job while [redacted] was here by [redacted] ^{WPT} ~~asked~~ ^{to} ~~asked~~ ^{to} lead me \$100.00 and he wrote me a \$100.00 check drawn on some bank in Hazel, Michigan. I kept this check until about Wed. 4/3/68 and then gave it to my attorney, Mr. (FNU) Martin, in Arlington, Tenn.

On the morning after Reverend Martin Luther King was shot in Memphis, at the morning formation at about 6:15 AM Friday, I told several people, "I wouldn't put it past my cousin. He might have shot him. He's got a 30.06." I also told these fellows that the white Mustang (reportedly used by the killer) does not fit in because [redacted] has a 1964 Plymouth. I did not believe that it was possible that [redacted] shot him because I was recalling [redacted] talk about wanting to be a professional assassin; I believed that [redacted] once owned a 30.06 rifle; and [redacted] generally fits it.

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The description of the killer in
that he is a young white male
with dark hair. I heard that
description of the killer over the radio.

I have read this six page statement
and it is true

[REDACTED]

Witness:

Cyril F. Bush, Spec. Agt., FBI, Memphis 4/6/68
Franklin Johnson, S.A., FBI, Memphis 4/6/68