

TO : SAC, WFO

DATE: 4/14/68

FROM : SUPERVISOR JAMES W. REDFIELD

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
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At approximately 7:30 p.m., one CHARLES RUNFORD telephonically advised that he was calling from St. Elizabeths Hospital, Washington, D.C. (WDC). He stated that he resided at 1926½ 7th Avenue, North, St. Petersburg, Florida. He stated that some time last week he had called the FBI in St. Petersburg, Florida, and had been interviewed by SA CHARLES HUGHES and another Agent concerning information he wanted to furnish regarding one JAMES A. POUNCEY of 216 South Albany Avenue, Apartment 7, Tampa, Florida. He said that he had heard POUNCEY speak of the assassination of Dr. KING approximately three weeks prior to the assassination. He said the Agents had attempted to locate POUNCEY at the above address with negative results.

RUNFORD subsequently came to WDC and attempted to bring some flowers to President JOHNSON but was denied entry to the White House by the Secret Service even though he offered to wait as long as necessary to see him. He said that he had additional information which might assist in locating POUNCEY, but he would not furnish it unless the writer would arrange an appointment for RUNFORD to see President JOHNSON or Vice President HUMPHREY. He stated he had been committed to St. Elizabeth's two days previous but had not yet seen a doctor. He said that after speaking with the doctor tomorrow, 4/15/68, he would request the doctor to call the FBI regarding his request. Supervisor REDFIELD advised him we were unable to arrange an appointment for him with the President or Vice President but would be happy to accept any information he desired to offer.

WFO indices were negative regarding RUNFORD or POUNCEY.

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