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TO: SAC, BALTIMORE
FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703)
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[redacted] (protect by request), [redacted] Hillcrest Heights, Maryland, whose home telephone is [redacted] telephonically contacted WFO 4/20/68 and stated she saw a man about eight weeks ago named JIM CRAIG who she thinks resembles somewhat the newspaper photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, suspect in instant matter. [redacted] stated she was driving alone through Georgia and met CRAIG at an un-recalled restaurant. CRAIG was accompanied by a white male age 40 by the name of BUDDY CHRISTIAN, and a white male age about 28 who claimed to be CHRISTIAN's younger brother, name unknown.

[redacted] stated she became friendly with the three men and drove along the same highway they were traveling for about eight hours until she left them at Deland, Florida. During this period [redacted] learned that the CHRISTIAN brothers claimed to have jumped bail in some northern state possibly Illinois or Wisconsin. They also claimed they had served time in prison on robbery or similar charges. CRAIG claimed he

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WFO indices contain numerous references to [redacted] and JAMES CRAIG but no [redacted] fugitive file. [redacted] re MAZZELLA and one [redacted] referent located on (3) BUDDY CHRISTIAN.

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[redacted] said that BUDDY CHRISTIAN tried to persuade her to accompany him and live with him but she refused. She said she exchanged addresses with JIM CRAIG and learned that the men were going to Naples, Florida, to do construction work where CRAIG said he could be located in care of a relative MAC RICHARDS, 2364 Bayside Drive, Naples, Florida, phone MI9-9058. [redacted] also stated CRAIG claimed to have a grandparent residing in Deland, Florida. She also recalled the three men were traveling in a red Dodge, about three or four years old, license unknown.

[redacted] furnished the following description of CRAIG after revealing her fears in this matter and being assured that the FBI would treat the information in the strictest confidence:

Name:	HIM CRAIG
Race:	White.
Sex:	Male
Age:	35
Height:	5'7"
Weight:	150 lbs.
Hair:	Dark brown
Characteristics:	Beard cut short
Clothing:	Plaid sport shirt with light tan jeans
Other:	Sharp features, clean shaven

WFO indices contain numerous references on JIMMY, JIM and JAMES CRAIG but no main fugitive file. Indices negative re [redacted] and one applicant reference located on a BUDDY CHRISTIAN.

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Death Conspiracy

AT HILLCREST HEIGHTS, MARYLAND. Interview

for further details of her contact with CRAIG and associates.

... the ... of ... and charged ... with ... of the Rev. Dr. Martin ...

... a warrant for Mr. Galt's arrest in ... the FBI left unanswered these ... in the case.

... Mr. Galt ... the ... suspected conspirator ... the FBI ... of ...

... the FBI ... information about ... and it got the picture of this ...

... to be the first big break in ... General Ramsey Clark ... Mr. Galt ... years ...

... a nervous habit of occasionally putting ... with his hand. Mr. Clark reported, ... who have met Mr. Galt described ...

... his brown hair in a brush cut, has a ... and narrow ... He is said to be an ... and took dancing lessons in New ...

... on Mississippi river boats and ... of ... He had attended ... in Los Angeles early this year and was ...

... THE FBI ... The FBI charges the conspiracy against Dr. King began in Birmingham March 19 and that the next day Mr. Galt purchased a rifle and a tele- ...

... The complaint also says the conspiracy contin- ... April 5 -- the day after ... King was ... on a Memphis motel ...

... While FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover said a ... with ... was found near the ... house from which Dr. King's ...

... Mr. Hoover did identify Mr. Galt as the owner ... of a 1966 white Mustang bearing Alabama license ... found abandoned in Atlanta April 12. A ...

... The Mustang found in Atlanta had been driven ... more than 18,000 miles since last August when ... Mr. Galt bought it in Birmingham, Mr. Hoover ...

... Viewed as the most intriguing aspect of the ... was the emergence of the suspected ... Mr. Galt obviously told someone was ...

... Soon after Dr. King's murder, Mr. Clark said it ... to be the work of one man and initially ... out a conspiracy.

... The complaint against Mr. Galt specifically ... Mr. Galt and the "brother" with conspir-

... King in his right to travel ... state.

... 10-YEAR TERM ... Justice Department officials ... only a 10-year prison sentence ... on conviction, but ... that when Dr. King's slayer ...

... The new civil rights law, had ... before Dr. King's slaying, would ... the Justice Department to bring a ... charge against the assassin. ...

... The FBI said Mr. Galt has used ... lawyer and ... Dr. King's suspected killer used when ...

... Mr. Galt's birthplace was not revealed.

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