

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

1-Mr. Conrad
1-Mr. Frazier
1-Office, 7133

DATE: 4-8-68

1-Mr. Bonebrake, 6129, IB
1-Mr. Griffith

Tolson	✓
DeLoach	✓
Mohr	✓
Bishop	✓
Casper	✓
Callahan	✓
Conrad	✓
Felt	✓
Gale	✓
Rosen	✓
Sullivan	✓
Tavel	✓
Trotter	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Holmes	✓
Gandy	✓

TO : Mr. Conrad *we*

FROM : R. H. Jevons *H*

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT, also known as John Willard; MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM; CIVIL RIGHTS

Refg Jevons

As a result of investigation, the Birmingham Office advised that the .30-06 Remington rifle involved in this case was sold to a person giving the name Harvey Lowmeyer on 3-30-68 by the Aeromarine Supply Company, 5701 Airport Highway, Birmingham, Alabama. The purchaser originally bought a caliber .243 Winchester rifle on 3-29-68 upon which he had mounted a Redfield telescope sight. The purchaser returned this rifle the following day and exchanged it for the .30-06 caliber Remington rifle, Serial Number 461476, which was recovered in Memphis immediately following the shooting of Martin Luther King, Jr. Aeromarine Supply Company transferred the telescope sight to this rifle, using a new mount.

The Birmingham Office submitted the following material for Laboratory and latent examination:

.243 Winchester caliber Remington bolt-action rifle, Model 700, Serial Number 283749 from Aeromarine Supply Company

Telescope sight mount from .243 Winchester caliber rifle

Original invoice dated 3-29-68, Number 2251A, covering sale of rifle to Harvey Lowmeyer

Copy of invoice, Number 2251A

Factory box for .243 Winchester caliber rifle

~~1-Mr. Tolson~~
1-Mr. Mohr
1-Mr. DeLoach
1-Mr. Rosen
1-Mr. Trotter
1-Mr. Bishop
1-Mr. Martindale

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Memorandum to Mr. Conrad
Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECT, also
known as John Willard;
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Nine boxes of caliber .243 Winchester
ammunition

Elimination major case prints of Donald F. Wood
and U. L. Mathew Baker

Birmingham requested the Laboratory determine whether
this .243 Winchester rifle had been fired. The Laboratory
determined it had not been fired.

Birmingham requested we determine whether we could
associate the telescope sight on the rifle recovered in
Memphis with the sight mount originally used with this sight
on the .243 Winchester rifle. The Laboratory determined there
were no marks left on the telescope sight by this mount and
therefore no association was possible.

A document examination is being made of the signature
appearing on the gun sale invoice and fingerprint examinations
are being made on all of the items listed above.

In this connection, the nine boxes of ammunition were
submitted since the Aeromarine Supply Company clerks stated
the purchaser of the rifle may have handled one or more of
these boxes.

Birmingham and Memphis will be advised of the results
of all examinations by teletype.

ACTION: For information.

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