

SAC, Memphis

April 10, 1968

Birmingham Evidence:

Remington model 700 rifle, serial #283749, Q72
Telescope sight mount, Q73
Original invoice, #2251-A, Q74
Copy of invoice, Q75
Factory box for rifle
Nine boxes of ammunition
Elimination major case prints of store clerks
Donald F. Wood and U. L. Mathew Baker
Browning rifle, serial #3700Z5
Remington model 700 rifle, serial #266009, with
tag attached to trigger guard
Remington model 788 rifle, serial #020726, with
tag attached to trigger guard

This report confirms and supplements Butels to
Memphis and Birmingham 4-6-68, 4-7-68, and 4-8-68.

All evidence examined for latent prints and latent
impressions of value found or developed as follows:

Memphis evidence:

One palm print on black rifle box, Q1
One fingerprint on side of rifle, Q2
One fingerprint on telescopic sight of
rifle, Q2
One fingerprint on binoculars, Q14
One fingerprint on front page of Memphis
newspaper "COMMERCIAL APPEAL"
for 4-4-68, Q19
One fingerprint on after shave lotion
bottle, part of Q24
One fingerprint on Schlitz beer can, Q53
One fingerprint on board, Q71
One fingerprint on lift marked in part
"Lifted from Dresser top"
One fingerprint on lift marked in part
"Rt. side of fireplace (front)"

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Birmingham evidence:

Eight fingerprints on original invoice, Q74
Seven fingerprints on copy of invoice, Q75
Three fingerprints on Federal Center Fire
Cartridge box bearing #58 H 31 D 243 B
and marked #3 in Latent Fingerprint Section
Three fingerprints and three palm prints on
factory box for rifle
Two fingerprints and one palm print on
Browning rifle, serial #370025

No other latent impressions of value found or
developed.

Latent palm print on rifle box, Q1, identified as right
palm print of Birmingham gun store clerk, Donald F. Wood. Latent
fingerprint on board, Q71, identified as fingerprint of SA [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Eight latent fingerprints on original invoice, Q74, identified
as fingerprints of Birmingham gun store clerk Wood. Six latent finger-
prints on copy of invoice, Q75, identified as fingerprints of Wood and
remaining latent fingerprint on copy of invoice identified as fingerprint
of SA [REDACTED]. Three latent fingerprints and three latent palm prints
on factory box for rifle identified as prints of Wood.

Remaining latent fingerprints on Memphis evidence not
identical with fingerprints of SAC Robert G. Jensen, SA Fitzpatrick,
SA [REDACTED], SA [REDACTED], or Guy Warren Canipe,
[REDACTED] and Canipe may or may not
be individuals named for elimination purposes. Remaining latent prints
on Birmingham evidence not identical major case prints of Wood or
Baker or fingerprints of SA [REDACTED]

Latent fingerprint on rifle, Q2, identical latent finger-
print on binoculars, Q14. Latent prints compared with each other, but
no additional identifications effected.

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Thirteen latent fingerprints and one latent palm print remain unidentified. These latent prints have been compared and found to be not identical with fingerprints, and palm prints where available, of all suspects named to date.

Three rifles listed in Birmingham airtel of 4-7-68, and major case prints of Wood and Baker being retained temporarily in LEPS. You will subsequently be advised of the disposition of these items.

Results of laboratory examination and disposition of all other submitted items subjects of separate report.

FBI

Date: 4/7/68

PLAINTEXT

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRMAIL AIRTEL URGENT
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS ATTN: FBI IDENTIFICATION
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) DIVISION AND LATENT
FINGERPRINT SECTION

MURKIN

Reference Birmingham Summary teletype this date.

Agents conducting investigation in connection with customer's
in Aeromarine 3/29/68, identified one JOHN WEBSTER DE SHAZO, member
of National Rifle Association and avid gun enthusiast. DE SHAZO
advised Agents that Unsub handled three rifles while in Aeromarine
shile shopping for a rifle. DE SHAZO stated that these were
expensive guns and he was certain no one else would buy these guns
and he could locate these guns in Aeromarine. 44-1740-1116

REC-74 910 75

At 10:30 P.M., this date Agents located owner of store and
accompanied by DE SHAZO, went to Aeromarine and located guns
referred to by DE SHAZO. They are identified as follows:

One Browning Safari Grade, Caliber 243, bolt action rifle,
SN 370025;

One Remington Model 700 Heavy Barrel Varmint 243, Winchester
Rifle, SN 266009;

One Remington Model 788, caliber 30-30, bolt action rifle,
SN 020726.

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44-1740-3886-563
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with Package

Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____

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A preliminary inspection of these rifles indicates what appears to be full set of latent fingerprints. Owner indicates he has serious doubts these weapons have been handled by anyone else since handled by Unsub, 3/20/68.

Latent Fingerprint Section is requested to examine these rifles and conduct appropriate comparison and search. Sutel results Memphis and Birmingham.

Weapons are being hand carried to Identification Division by SA [REDACTED] this date.

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AIRTEL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTN: FBI LABORATORY
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

UNSUB; Aka. John Willard;
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM
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Submitted herewith is black box with caption "Browning Shotguns, Rifles, Pistols, Mauser Rifle" appearing on top of box. At end of box appears label bearing Number 130712 with marking "Caliber 243W." Further descriptive data on this label discloses it is Browning high-powered rifle, 22" barrel, light with sights, grade Safari, and SN 444915. Possibility exists that number may read "4Y44Z5."

Inside box is Remington Gamemaster rifle, Model 760. Number appearing on rifle is 461476. Rifle bears Redfield Tube Sight 2X7X. In addition, box contains clip which was removed from weapon by SA [redacted]. Also contained in box is shell casing which was removed from weapon by SA [redacted] and SAC R. G. JENSEN. Also in box is package of Peters high velocity center fire cartridges; nine cartridges in case, eleven empty slots.

This material recovered by [redacted] Memphis Police Department, in area immediately in front of 424 South Main Street. This is location Canipe Amusement Co. Box in which rifle contained was partially obscured and covered by blanket of green herringbone type material. This blanket also recovered by [redacted]. It is noted blanket has some mud stains thereon. [redacted] advised blanket is not property of rooming house at which UNSUB stayed.

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1 MEMPHIS
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*Ans 4-10-68
GJJ/mms*

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*bot rifle
Sight
clip
shell casing
bot of cartridge
(9 cartridges)
Memphis*

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REQUEST OF LABORATORY

Laboratory requested to examine all possible places on rifle, scope, cartridges, and box for possible evidence of fingerprints.

In connection with enclosed blanket, Laboratory requested to submit to soil examination since evidence of soil appears thereon. Also determine, if possible, nature of composition of blanket, as to whether it is synthetic or animal fiber. If possible, determine percentage of content, if it is a mixed type composition, cotton fiber, woolen fiber, or synthetic fiber. Also advise if possible any knowledge available to Laboratory as to possible manufacturer of blanket. Any other appropriate examination in connection with this blanket should be conducted by the Laboratory.

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FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

UNSUB, Aka. John Willard;
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM
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AIRTEL #2

Re Airtel #1 submitted this date, Attn: FBI Laboratory.

In separate container there is submitted second item recovered by ~~_____~~, Memphis PD, in same area as rifle submitted in prior Airtel. This zipper bag was recovered in area in front of 424 South Main Street. Business located at this address is Canipe Amusement Co.

Individual items in blue zipper bag, 20 x 30 inches, have not been individually marked. They were all, however, recovered by ~~_____~~. Contents of bag are as follows:

- (1) In outside zipper compartment is one small magnetic tack hammer.
- (2) Small needle-nose type pliers bearing sales tag, or identifying tag, on handle which reads either "Compag" or "Compag" Hardware.
- (3) Georgia-Alabama Standard Oil map.
- (4) "Commercial Appeal," Memphis newspaper, first section only, issue of April 4, 1968.
- (5) Standard Oil U. S. map.

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When opened, blue bag has insert and enclosed in insert is one roll of toilet paper.

In bag proper is a set of binoculars, Banner by Bushnell, binocular case and a box in which binoculars in case belong. Binoculars carry magnifying 7 x 35 and No. DQ408664.

- (2) Gillette shaving kit - razor, lotion, foamy cream. Right Guard, Heads Up - appears purchased from Oliver Rexall Drug Store, Whitthaven, Tenn., price \$1.89.
- (3) Gray paper sack bearing York Arms Co. price tag \$41.55, dated 4/4/68. This appears to be bag in which binoculars purchased.
- (4) One white and yellow checked towel.
- (5) One white handkerchief, no laundry mark.
- (6) Tube Colgate toothpaste
- (7) Pair black socks
- (8) 3 oz. can Right Guard
- (9) 6-Transistor Channel Master Radio
- (10) Bottle Bufferin
- (11) String belt, gray in color.
- (12) Brillcream
- (13) Bottle of one-a-day Vitamins
- (14) Cashmere Bouquet bar of soap
- (15) Hair brush
- (16) Dial Soap
- (17) Head and Shoulders Shampoo bearing Liggitt-Rexall #1678, Price \$1.10.
- (18) Can Kiwi brown polish

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- (19) Palmolive Rapid Shave with Liggitt Rexall #3478, 79¢
- (20) Loose button, maroon color
- (21) Tooth brush and safety razor
- (22) Mennin Afta
- (23) Cameo Small toilet soap
- (24) Two bobby pins
- (25) 2 cans Schlitz beer in paper sack.

REQUEST OF LABORATORY

Laboratory requested to arrange for appropriate latent fingerprint examination of all items contained herein, as well as exterior and interior of blue bag, various and sundry items enclosed inside bag, and various compartments. Consider all for possibility latent fingerprint examination.

In addition to latent examination, Laboratory should conduct any appropriate Laboratory examination that will assist Memphis in determining manufacturer and distributor of any of items enclosed in blue bag.

See next page for additional Request of Laboratory.

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REQUEST OF FBI LABORATORY

Laboratory requested to process all material within this outer compartment for fingerprints and conduct any other appropriate Laboratory examination to assist Memphis in ascertaining where this material came from.

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AIRTEL

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ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)
SUBJECT: UNSUB, aka
John Willard;
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. -
VICTIM
CR

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2
20 bills
pts of Bessie Ruth Brewer

(OO Memphis)

Submitted herewith under separate cover is the bullet which was removed from Dr. KING's body. It is requested the Laboratory perform the necessary examinations to determine if this bullet came from the rifle being submitted.

In addition to item mentioned above, there is submitted herewith 3 separate \$20 bills bearing the following serial numbers:

Federal Reserve Note
Series 1963 A SN F14002844A

Federal Reserve Note
Series 1963 A SN H16164663A

Federal Reserve Note
Series 1963 SN F08445143A

These were received from BESSIE RUTH BREWER at flop house in which captioned subject stayed. Mrs. BREWER advised subject paid her this date shortly after 3:00 P.M. with a \$20 bill. She does not know which of these \$20 bills subject used. Therefore, Laboratory requested to have necessary latent examination conducted on these \$20

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bills. Also enclosed herewith are prints of BESSIE RUTH BREWER for elimination purposes.

