

Black on edge of movement. King knows

where he works. He's not from Memphis -
from this region.

Call Lawson
see Lawson
Call King
see Floyd (?) or Lloyd (?) 4

If it doesn't
get to (?)
by tomorrow -
King will call
him (?) or
King. (?)

site. (?)
call Howard at 3.
Solomon

told to a white person
close to Lawson.
telling
x happened on Monday.
Funeral Tuesday.
who went to Atlanta
Funeral Tues.
King doesn't know
him. He is liberal
went to police

Negro C.B.
Napoleon Williams
Chelsea St.
proxy Negro C. B.

Mr. Wallace

397 - 9250
Fire dept.

A man named LOFTON.

tried to organize the fire
department last year
& was fired.

- Charley -

Reduce to writing
2 originals
sworn statement.

Can't publicize without
permission.

Newsom -
Floyd Newsome
1814 Kingsview Dr.
946 - 5564

Pony express

Charlies Aunt.

Kings James

Committee

handling Charlie Break (?)

Solomon.

Transfer was very unusual
one. Two Negroes, both
transferred - as other
Negroes.

Floyd B Shift
N. E Wallace A Shift

Transfer occurred at 10:00
pm of A shift. He went to
work at 7:00 AM for 24 hours
was moved 10:00 pm Wednesday
April 3. Floyd due to go to
work Thurs AM

"Walter"
Nicky Warehouse
289 W. Olive.

Timothy Carter
1500 Britten Ave.

Mr. John Eskridge
517 Rosewood.

"Nick" ?

Wed night when I returned
home about 11:00 - recd.
message to call Lieut Jack
Smith at fire station regardless
of time.

I called him.
He told me not to report Thursday
but go to Engine Company #31 in
Frazier - 4200 blk of Overton (?)
Crossing. What irritated me
most was Wednesday AM I talked
to Wallace - he said now 222

Reddith is black policeman who was attending Sanitation Workers meetings.

What is he doing there.

He & another black policeman W. B. Richman were there watching the motel. through the back door window of the locker rooms. They had a paper covering window with holes in it. One on top of locker with binoculars. I don't know-why

I protested that Thursday morning when I went to

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work. It was hard to understand. I work on a company of seven men. Cannot operate with less than 5 men. On this day we only had 5 men. I was one of them. One man on day off - other on vacation. The company could not detail (transfer) because it would mean detailing another man to the company. They detailed a private. This tells me even more that the transfer was not necessary because

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there was no need for an officer. The company I was detailed to had-been for a (1) company. They cannot ride with less than 4. They already had 4, although a normal number would be 5.

Next: We are detailed in rotation, and I had had the last detail. It wasn't my time. Previous detail was previous Friday.

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had Capt
I called dist. chief on Thursday from Frasier, & asked him to come out, I wanted to talk to him. Said I didn't feel comfortable out there. Did I have to stay? I was in an all white suburb. Also the killing Also nature of the detail made me uncomfortable. He didn't come, & didn't mention it again.

I've been there a week.

My next day to work was the 6th. I didn't go because I overslept. When you don't report you have to see the dept. chief.

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I saw him & told him I overslept. He said I know what's on your mind. The Capt out there (31) said you mentioned you didn't want to go. I'm going to be honest, I think you didn't come deliberately.

But I can't prove any different. He then checked your record. out of 13 years this is the only time you've been late.

I agreed to make up by working my off day.

Next day was 8th. I reported. We had 5 men. We worked 8, 9, 10. But on 10th when I reported we had 6 men. The regular 5 and me.

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So they detailed one of their regular men to another company. The man they detailed was W. J. Morris(?). He went to 11 Truck Co.

Transfer -

Unless some emergency arises you would be told the day before unless it is an emergency. Even if an emergency, all they did was swap privates.

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At the time of sanitation workers walkout. - Redditt approached me, asked, is there a Negro fireman by name of Hall - I said no. he said yes, he lives on Kingsview - I said, that's me. R: They're checking up on Hall. N(?): I'm the only Negro Fireman lives on Kingsview. Another policeman asked him if he was still in the F. D. Most recent City Council-meeting. Walked in with p d radio in ear. Heard them talking with about Nims(?). trying to get a picture.

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Cab Driver

Lives out in Frazier

Menute(?) Mark

Hollywood & _____(?) rd. Selling liquor over Counter Sunday

Wallace, Howell v
2365 Perry Rd.
Area before Floyd's.

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Kaffe - Sheridan Peabody
526 - 7766

Ted Radatobie(?)
397 - 5144
Be there tonite or will leave word.

278 5000

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drawing on back cover - notebook

Transcript of tape recording - HALL

H.

My name is Audrey Hall. I live at 605 East Mecklin Avenue, Memphis, Tenn. On Thursday, April 4, 1968, Mr. Hanes and I attended a Citizens' Committee for the Blind. This committee meets every first Thursday in each month. Upon entering the room, I noticed not very many people. The tables were set up in a sort of L, or T, rather. Mr. Hanes and I decided to sit at the very end away from the other group, and I helped him take off his wrap and I took off my coat and got ready to situate ourselves. And the hostess called our attention to the fact that

Then she called me by name. I left Mr. Hanes alone at the table and went back. Mr. Hanes and I began to engage in small talk. Uh - someone else called my name, I can't remember who it was, and at that Mr. Hanes denied, sit closer, to the group there was quite a bit of space between us and the rest. I was aware of the conversation taking place and uh, as he sat next to uh, one - I don't know whom. I heard their name Dr. Martin Luther King. And uh, on the other side of ~~me~~ I heard uh, what I ~~heard~~ thought was the person said, I know some guys from Mississippi who think differently. This is what I thought I heard. Mr. Hanes and I did not have an opportunity to discuss this at the time. I was immediately embarrassed. I missed the because the person sitting directly in front of me leaned toward me and started talking, so that I could not tell you the course that the conversation took because of this person who diverted my attention. At first, I felt that this statement was made because Mr. Hanes and myself were the only two colored people present. And I was embarrassed. I paid \$2 for a dinner that I did not enjoy, could not eat. The meeting was a strictly business type and at the end of the meeting they asked Mr. Hanes to stay by a set time that they would take him back to work. I left Mr. Hanes and I went back to work.

It was that evening around after 7 when I learned that Dr. King was killed. I had no reaction at the time. I did not think of what I had heard, not until Mr. Hanes called me the next day. It might have been a day or so, I can't remember, ^{which, and} ~~but he~~ asked me, did I hear what he heard. I said, I think so; what did you hear? Uh, he went on to tell me, and I said, well, I thought it was like this. I thought I heard the man say 'I know someone in Mississippi who thinks differently' and Mr. Hanes corrected me. He said, 'The man say, I know someone in Mississippi who'll get him.' I said, is that right? I said, do you know who it was? He said, yes, I do. He said, you afraid to talk about it? I said, of course I'm not. He

said, well, I've gone out on the limb. I said, what do you mean? He said, I've gone to the authorities. I said, I think this call is going to involve me. I did not give him an opportunity to discuss it further, and at this date I really don't know exactly what he heard, and Mr. Hanes is our trainer; I'm pretty sure he heard more than I heard.

The meeting was at the Sheraton Motor Inn. Our meeting.

Q. Do you remember the time that you arrived?

A. I picked Mr. Hanes up - I left my office to go out about 11:30.

It was between 11:30 and quarter to 12 that I picked Mr. Hanes up and we proceeded

I expect we got there around noon, so it might be slightly before or shortly after.

Perhaps I should bring out the fact that Mr. Hanes is visually handicapped himself and his ears are trained. I had made a statement earlier that Mr. Hanes could hear very well. He's not easily distracted. The person who made the statement was quite handsome, of stock - stockily built -

Q. The person who ...

A. The person who made the statement, he knew some guys from Mississippi. Was stocky-built; he talked an awful lot, like he talks real loud, and I think he has gray hair, and he is blind. There was another blind Caucasian there who spoke on the quiet side, he's tall and thin, slim, rather, and of course, Mr. Hanes. Now, these were the only two blind people that I've experienced.

I think I should bring out at this point that the cover - the conversation that Mr. Hanes and I had over the phone uh - when he asked me, did I hear what he hear, proceeded to the point where he corrected me by telling me that uh, the man had spoke about he knew some guys in Mississippi who would get him. Uh, I didn't give Mr. Hanes a chance to go any further; I became frightened at the very thought of hearing such a statement that I had - I had not heard it, you know, and - and he hadn't had a chance to really discuss it, you know, since that day.

Today is April 13, 1968.

Transcript of tape recording - Fane (FAIN?)

F. My name is Gerald Fane, 561 Memphis, Tennessee. I am a witness to the statement for Mrs. Audrey Hall, here, April 13, at 1:15 p.m. I certify that I have witnessed the statement of Mrs. Hall - Mrs. Audrey Hall.

BF: This is Mrs. Blanche Fane. I have also witnessed the recording made by Mrs. Audrey Hall, Saturday, April 13, 1968..

Transcription of tape recording

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JEE. Today is April 12, 1968. My name is John Eddy Sakridge.
On Monday before Dr. King was shot, there was a man over there where I worked at, he told me that Dr. King, uh, was going to get shot when he come back to Memphis.

Q. What was the man's name?

JEE. His name was Walter.

Q. Is that his last name?

JEE. So, that's not his last name. That is his first name. He said that he had received, uh, a telephone call from his cousin that night and they told him that, uh, that this - that, uh, er - they was working with the police department, and uh, er - and if King returned to Memphis to - er, uh - lead a march, they was going to put up a man¹⁰ building uh - uh - to shoot him. So, on the following that Thursday, when King did get killed, I returned to work er - uh on Friday morning, at 8:15 and he met me and uh, and uh told me that I told you that uh - that they was going to kill him. So I replied to him that, uh, it was not funny worth a damn, and you better be careful is uh, in uh, in uh, in uh what you are saying, or you may get arrested yourself. And that was all that was said.

Q. Well, what is this man's full name?

JEE. I I really don't know his full name.

Q. Well, where does he work?

JEE. He works at Mickey's (Nixie?) warehouse.

Q. Mickey Warehouse?

JEE. Yes; Mickey warehouse.

Q2. Is that Mickey Lumber Company?

JEE. Well, it used to be Mickey Lumber Company, but it's a warehouse now.

Q. Where is it located?

JEE. It's 289 West Ollie.

Q. West what?

JEE. Ollie. O L L I E.

Q. O L L I E ?

JEE. Right.

- Q. What's his job there?
- JEE. Well, uh, he don't have no certain job.
- Q2. He's a general foreman, then, you would say?
- JEE. Well, uh, he's not a foreman, and uh - well, you could call him a foreman 'cause he don't do too much. He just mostly do ...
- Q. You don't know his last name. You just simply know he's Walter.
- JEE. That's all I know, is Walter.
- Q. He still works there.
- JEE. Oh, yes. He still works there.
- Q2. Does he own a part in the business?
- JEE. No, he don't own a part in the business.
- Q. He just ...
- JEE. In other words, his half-brother there is the manager of the warehouse.
- Q. I see. What's his half-brother's name?
- JEE. Denny Lee Meadows.
- Q. M E T T E R S ?
- JEE. That's right.
- Q. Would you spell it for the record?
- JEE. M E T T E R S .
- Q. That's right.
- JEE. That's the way I would spell it. That's right.
- Q. Can you tell us again what Walter said. And remember as many details as possible.
- JEE. Er uh - from the first I will start?
- Q. Yes, from the first ...
- JEE. Well, the first story, it was - I believe it was on a Monday. He came out where we got to work, and he said if Dr. King went to Memphis that he was going to get killed because, he said, that he had a talk with his cousin that night, before that, and said that if he made a attempt to lead a march that they was going to shoot him. Well, they did kill him on a Thursday.
- Q. The cousin said that he would be killed.
- JEE. Yes.
- Q. They said that they would put a man in the building? Would you explain that again?
- JEE. You see, Walter, he - evidently, he have re - some people on the police force.
- Q. ...
- JEE. Ye - his cousin is on the police force. And uh, he was talking

to them over - over uh, the telephone that night. See, ...

Q. That was what - Monday night?

JEE. It was on a - it was on - on - Sunday night when that - he was talking with them.

Q. Umhm.

JEE. And uh, and uh, he brought the news right to the plant on a Monday morning.

Q2. This was the ^{Monday} morning before King was killed.

JEE. That's right. That's right.

Q2. That would be April 3rd first.

JEE. That's right. That would be on April 1st.

Q2. Now, you said to us, that there were other people present when he said that?

JEE. Well, sir, there was - there was two/^{my} other boys present, the rest was white people, what were standing round. But it didn't no one pay him too much attention or uh, or uh, what he said or about King but me. So, Walter ^{all} during that week, I was ^{out at} company maintenance. Uh, er, one of the boys worked with me. So he said well, I believe what he said, said, but I just don't believe that it - that it ever would happen in Memphis. Then, he said, well, you can't trust these people here in Memphis, says, they'll do most anything uh - uh that could happen.

Q. What were the names of the other black people who heard this Walter say ...

JEE. One was Timothy Carter.

Q. You know where Timothy Carter is now?

JEE. He live on Grenwich St. offa Sheriff. I just remember ~~that~~ ^{Briton.}

Q. B R I T -

JEE. Briton. B R I T O N. But I wouldn't know exactly his number. If I'm not mistaken, it's in the 1500 block.

Q. And what about the other one.

JEE. This other fellow, he's a - he heard, uh, what he told me was on a Friday morning because we was working side by side, and he definitely heard him what he said, and -

Q. He heard Walter say it.

JEE. Yes, sir. He ~~was~~ heard him, ~~and~~ said, I told you he was going get killed.

Q. He heard him say this Friday following -

JEE. After. That's right.

Q. That would be April 5.

JEE. April 5th. That's right. That's right.

Q2.

JEE. No, the difference is our own Hollywood and not Memphis. One
His name is John. Uh, I told John about
what happened, see, and uh, John uh, uh, he got his information from Hink.

Q2. Did you know the other John's name who was present?

JEE. No. Nick was his first name. I don't even know his last name.

Q2. Nick was his first name. You don't know -

JEE. That's right. I don't know -

Q. Is he white or colored?

JEE. He's colored.

Q2. Do you know the name of any of the white men who were present?
What were their names?

JEE. Well, I know one of the white men was present. His name is Chip.
Course, I don't know if he paid him any attention or not when he said it
then. I wouldn't ...

Q2. You don't know his last name.

JEE. No. I don't know his last name. Umuh.

Q. Is there anything else you can add to this?

JEE. No. That's just the way it was. That is just the truth, and
nothing else I could add to it, no more than I told him that, uh, it wasn't
funny, that Friday morning. I didn't see nothing funny about it. And he
was tickled about it. Seemed like he was really happy from all what was
said because after he replied it Monday he come right back laughing and
atelling us that I told you that, that er uh, that er uh, they was agoing
to kill him. So I was already mad, so I told him that already, it wasn't
funny worth a damn. That's the way I replied it to him.

Q.

JEE. I been working there at the Mickey Warehouse about two years.

Q. What did you do there?

JEE. ...