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On the evening of April 6, 1968, a telephone call was received at the Memphis Office of the FBI by SA FRANKLIN L. JOHNSON from

requesting that someone meet him near the Cherokee Baptist Church, 3311 Kimball Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee. He stated that he bad some information that he wanted to furnish but he preferred that Agents not come to his home.

was interviewed by SA's FRANKLIN
L. JOHNSON and WALTER R. HAPPELL in a Bureau car in the
vicinity of the Cherokee Baptist Church, above, at which
time he furnished the following information:

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A Mr. HAL (or HAROLD) WILSON, who is a deacon in the Cherokee Baptist Church, attended by the and who is a pilot on some airline that flies between Memphis, Tennessee, and Atlanta Georgia, told the following story

Sometime during the previous week when Dr. MARTIK LUTHER KING was returning from Memphis, Tennessee, to Atlanta, Georgia, one of the airlines hostesses on the flight piloted by WILSON was serving coffee to the passengers. When she reached Dr. KING, she asked him . if he would like some coffee, at which time Dr. KING reportedly replied, "Yeah, baby, believe I will." The hostess reported this conversation and whatever else occurred at the time to the pilot, WILSON, as a result of which WILSON left the cabin and walked back into the passenger compartment, where he discussed the conversation and incident reported to him by the hostess. WILSON questioned Dr. KING as to whether his conduct and conversation with the hostess was in good taste in view of the current racial situation. Dr. KING reportedly replied, "Yeah, man, that's love. Everything is love now

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The pilot, WILSON, continued the conversation in a serious vein as to the meaning of love, following which Dr. KING reportedly continued to laugh and joke about the incident.

advised that after hearing this story related to him by his brother, who received the story from the pilot, he was of the opinion that if the incident had been sufficiently serious and if the hostess in question had told the story to her boyfriend or some other man, then the latter may have become sufficiently incenced to attempt to do violence to Dr. KING.

Some other person aboard may have repeated this story to someone who possibly took some action to harm Dr. KING on the grounds that he had insulted a white woman.

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