

File No: ME 149-121

Re: THREAT TO AMERICAN AIRLINES  
DR. KING, MEMPHIS 4/1/68

Date: 12/87  
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Date: 4/1/68

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Via RADIO URGENT (Priority)

*IAFO*  
TO: DIRECTOR AND SAC ATLANTA  
FROM: SAC MEMPHIS

*REPORT*  
UNSUB; THREAT TO AMERICAN AIRLINES AND DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., MEMPHIS, TENN., APRIL ONE SIXTYEIGHT; DAMV.

AT APPROXIMATELY TWELVE FIFTYFIVE PM APRIL ONE INSTANT [REDACTED] RESERVATIONIST, AMERICAN AIRLINES, MEMPHIS, TENN., RECEIVED A CALL FROM A MALE INDIVIDUAL WHO SPOKE IN A CLEAR, PRECISE, EMPHATIC VOICE. [REDACTED] JUDGED HIM TO BE MIDDLE AGED AND A WHITE MAN AND HEARD NO BACKGROUND NOISES. THE MAN ASKED "IS THIS THE AMERICAN AIRLINES OFFICE?" [REDACTED] REPLIED YES. THE MAN SAID "YOUR AIRLINES BROUGHT MARTIN LUTHER KING INTO MEMPHIS AND WHEN HE COMES IN AGAIN A BOMB WILL GO OFF AND HE WILL BE ASSASSINATED ." [REDACTED] SAID THE INDIVIDUAL HUNG UP IMMEDIATELY AND SHE WAS UNDER THE IMPRESSION THE CALL WAS A LOCAL CALL.

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(b)(7)(c)



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/9/68

[redacted] Reservations, American Airlines, First National Bank Building, Whitehaven, Tennessee, advised that at approximately 12:55 P.M., April 1, 1968, [redacted] Reservations Clerk, American Airlines, received a call regarding MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. According to [redacted] this call was from a male individual who talked in a clear, precise, emphatic voice. [redacted] said [redacted] thought it was a middle age white man talking. This individual asked [redacted] if this was the American Airlines office. [redacted] replied that it was. The male individual then said, "Your airlines brought MARTIN LUTHER KING into Memphis and when he comes in again, a bomb will go off and he will be assassinated." [redacted] said the individual hung up immediately and further stated that [redacted] was of the opinion that this was a local call. (b)(7)(c)

[redacted] could furnish no further information regarding this call or provide any additional information which might be of value to identify the individual responsible for making the call. (b)(7)(c)

On 4/1/68 at Memphis, Tennessee File # Memphis 149-121-2  
by SA [redacted] (b)(7)(c) Date dictated 4/3/68

# Memorandum

TO : SAC (149-121)

DATE: 5/28/68

FROM : SA [REDACTED] (b)(7)(c)

SUBJECT: UNSUB; Threat to American  
Airlines and Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING,  
Memphis, Tennessee, 4/1/68  
DAMV

Re Memphis tel to Bureau and Atlanta 4/1/68.

Investigation in this case was predicated upon information received from the reservations office, American Airlines, to the effect that a male individual, identity unknown, had called that office on 4/1/68 and threatened to bomb the plane which was to bring Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING back to Memphis.

The above information was immediately furnished to the Bureau and to the Atlanta Office by referenced tel.

Inasmuch as all the information furnished by the unknown person making the above mentioned call was untrue, it is recommended that this case be closed.

*J. Lee*  
*[Handwritten flourish]*

(1) [REDACTED] (b)(7)(c)

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