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RE ME TEL FOUR THIRTEEN LAST.

JAMES H. LAUE EIGHT TWO THREE ONE CHAUNCEY COURT, FAIRFAX CO., VA., ADVISED TODAY HE WAS GUEST AT LORRAINE MOTEL, ROOM THREE ZERO EIGHT MEMPHIS, FROM FOUR ONE THROUGH FOUR FIVE SIXTYEIGHT, IN CONNECTION AS ACTING DIRECTOR PROGRAM EVALUATION AND DEVELOPMENT, COMMUNITY RELATIONS SERVICES, U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, WDC.

ON FOUR FOUR LAST AT APPROXIMATELY SIX PM ACCORDING TO LAUE HE WAS IN ROOM THREE ZERO EIGHT LORRAINE MOTEL AND HEARD LOUD REPORT OF FIRECRACKER FROM DIRECTION OF MOTEL COURT. HE OPENED DOOR AND NOTED DR. KING LYING ON MOTEL BALCONY BLEEDING PROFUSELY.

LAUE STATED HE NOTICE NO ONE LEAVING THE AREA. COULD FURNISH NO PERTINENT INFORMATION. BUT RECALLS THE FOLLOWING PRESENT UPON ARRIVING BODY OF DR. KING: REVERENDS ANDREW YOUNG, RALPH ABERNATHY, AND JESSE JACKSON.

MEMPHIS AT MEMPHIS IF APPROPRIATE INTERVIEW REVERENDS ANDREW YOUNG, RALPH ABERNATHY, AND JESSE JACKSON RE THEIR RECOLLECTIONS EVENING OF FOUR FOOUR SIXTYEIGHT.

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