

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/23/68

JAMES H. LAUE, 8231 Chauncey Court, Fairfax County, Virginia, advised he was a guest at the Lorraine Motel, in Room 308, in Memphis, Tennessee, from April 1, 1968, through April 5, 1968, in connection with his duties as Acting Director, Program Evaluation and Development, with Community Relations Services, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D. C.

On April 4, 1968, according to LAUE, at approximately 6:00 p.m., he was in his room at the Lorraine Motel and heard what appeared to be a loud report of a firecracker from the direction of the motel court. Upon opening his door, he noted the prostrate form of Dr. KING lying on the motel balcony.

LAUE further stated he immediately went to Dr. KING's aid and upon arriving, he noticed upon viewing the body, a three inch in diameter wound between the right ear and jaw of Dr. KING, and there was much blood around the body.

LAUE further stated he immediately returned to his room and obtained a towel and returned to Dr. KING and placed the towel under Dr. KING's head in an effort to absorb the blood. He then attempted to find a pulse beat of Dr. KING.

LAUE further stated he noticed no one leaving the scene and could furnish no further pertinent information, except that he recalls the following individuals were present upon his first arriving at the prostrate form of Dr. KING:

Reverend ANDREW YOUNG;

Reverend RALPH ABERNATHY;

Reverend JESSE JACKSON.

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Re JAMES H. LOUE - guest at Lorraine Motel 4/4/68.

RE: Memphis teletype to Richmond, 4/13/68.  
Richmond teletype to Memphis 4/14/68. setting  
forth results of interview of JAMES H. LOUE.

Enclosed for Memphis are 30 copies of FD 302  
of interview with JAMES H. LOUE, a guest at the Lorraine  
Motel, Memphis, Tenn., on 4/4/68, it being noted LOUE  
indicated he heard the shot that killed KING and thereafter  
observed KING lying on the motel's balcony.

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