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THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED
IN THE MEMPHIS DIVISION APRIL TWELVE INSTANT:

LORRAINE MOTEL

FORMER EMPLOYEE, LORRAINE MOTEL DASH HOTEL, SAID SHE
HEARD MURDER SHOT FROM HER LOCATION ON BALCONY APPROXIMATELY
THREE ROOMS NORTH OF DR. KING'S ROOM. SHE WAS WALKING TOWARDS
DR. KING IN A SOUTHERLY DIRECTION ALONG MOTEL BALCONY. NOISE
SOUNDED AS IF IT CAME FROM A NORTHWESTERLY DIRECTION FROM
HER POSITION IN FRONT OF ROOM THREE ZERO THREE. SHE LOOKED IN
DIRECTION OF SHOT BUT SAW NO ONE AT ALL IN VICINITY. SHE ~~COULD~~

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FURNISH NO FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING THE SHOOTING. 12 APR 15 1968

NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION FOR LORRAINE HOTEL REVEALS
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HEART LABORATORY, INC., THREE NINE ZERO MULBERRY AVE., MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, LEFT THEIR ESTABLISHMENT AT APPROXIMATELY BETWEEN FIVE THIRTY AND FIVE FIFTYFIVE P.M., APRIL FOUR, LAST, BUT COULD FURNISH NOTHING OF VALUE REGARDING SHOOTING. ATTEMPTS TO INTERVIEW PERSONS REGISTERED AT LORRAINE ON APRIL THREE AND APRIL FOUR, LAST, WHO ARE STILL IN MEMPHIS WERE NEGATIVE, EFFORTS ARE CONTINUING.

NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION CRIME SCENE

TEN WITNESSES IN JIM'S GRILL, FOUR ONE EIGHT SOUTH MAIN, WHICH IS IMMEDIATELY BELOW ROOMING HOUSE AT FOUR TWO TWO AND ONE-HALF SOUTH MAIN, AT TIME OF MURDER OF KING UNABLE TO FURNISH ANY INFO AS TO IDENTITY OF UNSUB.

INVESTIGATION AT REBEL MOTEL [REDACTED]

PHOTOGRAPHS OF ARTISTS' CONCEPTION DRAWINGS DRAWN AT BIRMINGHAM AND MEMPHIS, ALONG WITH PHOTOGRAPH OF [REDACTED] [REDACTED] DISPLAYED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. ALL EMPLOYEES AT THE REBEL MOTEL AND REBEL RESTAURANT, WHO WERE ON DUTY ONE
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APRIL THREE AND FOUR, LAST, HAVE BEEN INTERVIEWED, AND NO FURTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING GALT COULD BE FURNISHED.

INVESTIGATION AT THE MOTEL AND RESTAURANT COMPLETED.

WILBUR N. HESTER, PREVIOUSLY CARRIED AS WILLIAM HESTER, SPENT NIGHT OF APRIL FOUR, LAST, AT REBEL MOTEL, REGISTERING AFTER HE HAD HEARD OF KING MURDER. HE DID NOT SEE WHITE MUSTANG OR HAVE CONTACT WITH OTHER MOTEL OCCUPANTS. LEONARD EARL DAY, DOB [REDACTED] VICE PRESIDENT AND CHEMICAL ENGINEER OF PACE CORP., MEMPHIS, ARRIVED REBEL MOTEL APRIL THREE, LAST, AT SIX FIFTEEN IN EVENING WITH WIFE, HAD NO CONTACT WITH OTHER MOTEL OCCUPANTS, AND DEPARTED APPROXIMATELY THREE HOURS LATER. WHITE MUSTANG NOT OBSERVED.

BARGE AND RIVERBOAT EMPLOYMENT

REMAINDER OF BARGE AND RIVERBOAT COMPANIES, MEMPHIS DIVISION, CHECKED, BUT NO RECORD OF GALT, [REDACTED] JOHN WILLARD, OR HARVEY LOWMEYER LOCATED. MARINE UNIONS NEGATIVE.

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INTERVIEW OF MRRELL MC COLLOUGH

MARRELL MC COLLOUGH, MALE NEGRO, RESIDENT [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] EMPLOYED AS WAREHOUSEMAN AND WHO
HAD BEEN DOING VOLUNTEER WORK WITH SCLC AND RELATED SANITATION
STRIKE SUPPORT GROUPS IN MEMPHIS, ADVISED IN INTERVIEW NIGHT
OF APRIL ELEVEN, LAST, THAT HE WAS STANDING ON PARKING LOT OF
LORRAINE MOTEL ON EVENING OF APRIL FOUR, LAST. HE SAW
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING STANDING ON BALCONY OF SECOND FLOOR OF
MOTEL LOOKING IN WESTERLY DIRECTION. MC COLLOUGH HEARD AN
EXPLOSIVE SOUND OR GUNSHOT, AND SAW KING FALLING BACKWARDS.
IMMEDIATELY MC COLLOUGH LOOKED WEST TOWARD REAR OF BUILDINGS IN
FOUR HUNDRED BLOCK OF SOUTH MAIN ST. SAW NO ONE WITH A GUN IN
ANY OF THE BUILDINGS, SAW NO ONE IN STREET OR GROUND AREA NEAR
MOTEL WITH A GUN, AND SAW NO ONE RUNNING FROM AREA.

MC COLLOUGH RAN UP STEPS TO BALCONY, AND WAS FIRST TO REACH
KING. KING WAS FLAT ON BACK WITH HEAD POINTED IN SOUTHEASTERLY
DIRECTION AND FEET POINTED IN NORTHWESTERLY DIRECTION. HE WAS
OBVIOUSLY DEAD. MC COLLOUGH APPLIED PRESSURE TO RIGHT CHEEK
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BONE AND NECK AREA OF KING. HE WAS LATER RELIEVED IN THIS EFFORT BY REV. RALPH D. ABERNATHY. BASED ON POSITION OF BODY AND DIRECTION OF WOUNDS, MC COLLOUGH FEELS THE SHOT HAD TO HIT KING COMING FROM A NORTHWESTERLY ELEVATED DIRECTION FROM VICINITY OF REAR, AT OR NEAR, FOUR TWENTYTWO ONE-HALF SOUTH MAIN AND NOT FROM GROUND LEVEL.

MC COLLOUGH HAS MILITARY POLICE EXPERIENCE, MANNER AND APPEARANCE EXCELLENT. CREDIBILITY AS WITNESS SHOULD BE BASICALLY SOUND AS TO FIXING DIRECTION OF GUNSHOT.

UNSUB PURCHASE

INVESTIGATION IN THE AREA OF OLIVER REXALL DRUGS WHERE SUBJECT MADE PURCHASE CONDUCTED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. PHOTOGRAPH OF [REDACTED], AKA. [REDACTED] EXHIBITED TO MR. RALPH CARPENTER, YORK ARMS, MEMPHIS. CARPENTER ADVISED PHOTOGRAPH OF [REDACTED] BEARS STRONG RESEMBLANCE TO INDIVIDUAL WHO PURCHASED BINOCULARS AT HIS STORE. NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION IN AREA OF YORK ARMS CONDUCTED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. ADDITIONAL HOTELS AND MOTELS CHECKED, AND NO

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INFORMATION OF PARTICULAR SIGNIFICANCE OBTAINED.

LAUNDRY MARKS

INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED AT MEMPHIS DETERMINED THAT LAMAR LAUNDRY, ONE ONE SEVEN TWO LAMAR, AND WHITE ROSE LAUNDRY AND CLEANERS, TWO NINE NINE SOUTH DUNLAP, CURRENTLY USING THERMO SEAL LAUNDRY MARKING MACHINES, HOWEVER, DO NOT USE CODE REFLECTED ON GARMENTS THIS CASE. SAMPLES OBTAINED, AND ARE BEING FORWARDED TO LAB UNDER SEPARATE COVER. LAUNDRIES LOCATED IN RESIDENT AGENCY TERRITORY BEING CONTACTED.

POLICE LIAISON

NO SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS REPORTED BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES, MEMPHIS DIVISION.

COORDINATION WITH OTHER OFFICES

INVESTIGATION OTHER DIVISIONS IS SUCCESSFULLY FILLING IN BACKGROUND DATA CONCERNING GALT, INDICATING THE PRESENCE OF THIS IDENTITY AS EARLY AS NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE. WE ARE CLOSELY COORDINATING WITH OFFICES IN AREAS WHERE GALT'S PRESENCE HAS

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BEEN ESTABLISHED WITH A VIEW TO COMPLETING HIS BACKGROUND AND
SECURING PHOTOS SUITABLE FOR USE IN INTERVIEWS WITH WITNESSES
IN MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, AND ATLANTA. AM CC TO BIRMINGHAM.

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