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GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Attached relates to information received by a former symbol informant, who was discontinued for furnishing information that could not be verified and reliable and unreliable information to effect thatindividuals involved in various acts of violence in Mississippi could possible be involved in the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr

The person furnishing information to informant believed to be mentally disturbed and is the mother of [redacted] who was involved in the bombing of [redacted]

Memphis being instructed to thoroughly investigate this matter for any possible conspiracy.

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TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, MEMPHIS 44-1987, JACKSON, AND MOBILE

FROM MIAMI 44-1854 4P

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Reference

~~RE~~ MIAMI AIRTEL TO BUREAU, JULY FIFTEEN, LAST, AND MIAMI AIRTEL TO BUREAU, JULY TWENTYFOUR AND TWENTYFIVE, LAST, CAPTIONED [redacted] AKA; ET AL, ATTEMPTED BOMBING RESIDENCE OF [redacted]

[redacted] FORMER SYMBOL INFORMANT WHO IS NO LONGER CONTACTED BY THE MIAMI OFFICE, AND CHARACTERIZED AS HAVING FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, AND IN ADDITION HAS FURNISHED INFORMATION WHICH COULD NOT BE VERIFIED OR CORROBORATED, ADVISED AS FOLLOWS TODAY:

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ON JULY THIRTYONE, LAST, [redacted] MOTHER OF DECEASED, [redacted] CONTACTED HIM AND RELATED THE FOLLOWING.

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SHE IS UPSET AND DISTURBED WITH [redacted] OF

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SA Joe Hester of Memphis adv to completely run out conspiracy 8/4/68

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MOBILE, ~~ALA.~~ ALABAMA, WHOSE WIFE, [redacted] IS PRESENTLY AT THE HOME OF HER DECEASED DAUGHTER IN JACKSON, ~~MISS.~~ MISSISSIPPI. STATED SHE TOLD [redacted] THE GUNS, PREVIOUSLY GIVEN TO [redacted] WERE THROWN IN THE OCEAN. STATED THERE IS A LOT OF DANGER IN THIS CASE, NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED, AND SHE WANTS NOTHING TO DO WITH [redacted] AND THE PEOPLE INVOLVED IN HER DAUGHTER'S DEATH. STATED [redacted] HER DAUGHTER AND FOUR OTHER MEN, IDENTIFIED AS [redacted] AND [redacted] ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEATH OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. STATED AUTOMOBILE IN WHICH HER DAUGHTER WAS KILLED WAS USED WITH ONE OTHER CAR BY THOSE INVOLVED. STATED THEY USED RADIO EQUIPMENT AND [redacted] HELPED IN JAMMING POLICE CALLS. STATED THEY HAD UNKNOWN COLORED MALE HELP TO "SET UP KING." SAID SHOOTING WAS FROM TREES AND BUSHES IN VICINITY OF HOTEL AND THAT JAMES EARL RAY MAY HAVE HELPED TO PURCHASE THE GUN, BUT RAY DID NOT DO THE SHOOTING. AFTER THE SHOOTING, THEY REMAINED IN MEMPHIS, ~~TENN.~~ TENNESSEE, UNTIL THE FOLLOWING DAY, WHEN THEY DEPARTED FOR ATLANTA, ~~GA.~~ GEORGIA. [redacted] AND [redacted] THEN PROCEEDED TO SOUTH CAROLINA, WHERE THEY REMAINED ABOUT ONE WEEK PRIOR TO GOING TO MOBILE, ALA., AND THEN TO JACKSON, MISS.

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IN FURTHER IDENTIFYING THE MEN INVOLVED, SHE SAID THEY ARE GOING TO TRIAL OR ARE CURRENTLY ON TRIAL THIS WEEK IN CONNECTION WITH THE BOMBING OF [redacted]

[redacted] ADVISED HE WAS UNABLE TO CLEARLY UNDERSTAND THE INFORMATION FURNISHED BY [redacted] WHO HE FEELS IS MENTALLY DISTURBED, AND HE HAS NO WAY OF EVALUATING THE INFORMATION, BUT IN VIEW OF THE TYPE OF INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED, IT IS REMOTELY POSSIBLE [redacted] AND HIS ASSOCIATES IN SOME WAY MAY HAVE BEEN INVOLVED WITH THE ASSASSINATION OF KING.

[redacted] ADVISED THAT HE WAS IN CONTACT WITH [redacted] ON THE EVENING OF JULY THIRTYONE, LAST. [redacted] ADVISED HE WAS LEAVING JACKSON, MISS., ON AUG. TWO, 1968 ~~LAST~~., AND REQUESTED [redacted] TO JOIN HIM. [redacted] DECLINED THE INVITATION AND RELATED THAT [redacted] LIKES TO PUSH PEOPLE INTO THINGS WITHOUT BECOMING INVOLVED HIMSELF.

MIAMI IS NOT IN A POSITION TO EVALUATE THE ABOVE INFORMATION, HOWEVER, IT IS NOTED THAT [redacted]

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AND HIS WIFE, [redacted] WHO HAVE BEEN INTERVIEWED IN MIAMI, INDICATE THAT [redacted] HAS A MENTAL PROBLEM.

UNLESS ADVISED TO CONTRARY BY BUREAU

~~UACS~~, JACKSON, THROUGH EMPLOYMENT RECORDS AND INTERVIEW WITH [redacted] HUSBAND OF [redacted] ESTABLISH THE WHEREABOUTS OF [redacted] DURING THE PERTINENT PERIOD DURING AND FOLLOWING THE ASSASSINATION OF KING, IN AN EFFORT TO ESTABLISH ANY VALIDITY IN THE ABOVE INFORMATION.

JACKSON AND MOBILE SHOULD BE ALERT TO THE ACTIVITIES OF [redacted] WHO REPORTEDLY IS LEAVING FOR JACKSON TODAY.

AIRMAIL COPIES FURNISHED ATLANTA AND BIRMINGHAM.

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