

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 15, 1968

Mr. JIMMIE RICHARD SANDERS, 1687 Childers Street (Frayser), Memphis, Tennessee, advised he is employed at Wood Parts, Inc., 1590 Texas Street, Memphis, Tennessee. Mr. SANDERS stated that on the evening of April 4, 1968, he left his place of business at Wood Parts, Inc. at approximately 4:00 p.m., and took a bus to the Arcade Restaurant, located at the corner of Calhoun Street and South Main Street, Memphis, Tennessee, which is approximately one long block from Jim's Grill, located at 418 South Main Street, Memphis, Tennessee. Mr. SANDERS stated he walked from the intersection of South Main Street and Calhoun Street to Jim's Grill, and arrived at Jim's Grill at approximately 5:00 p.m. He stated he was alone, and entered Jim's Grill for his evening meal. He stated his reason for eating at Jim's Grill was because he had rented a room at 390 1/2 South Main Street for three or four days, which is in the immediate area of Jim's Grill.

Mr. SANDERS stated he sat in a booth for a while and at the counter for a while, ordered his evening meal, and had several beers.

Mr. SANDERS advised that while he was eating his meal, he recalls that at approximately 6:00 p.m. a Deputy Sheriff came to the door of Jim's Grill and advised everyone in the Grill to remain there until advised they could leave. He said that at the time he had no idea as to why everyone was told to stay. He said sometime later everyone in Jim's Grill learned that MARTIN LUTHER KING had been shot that evening from somewhere in the immediate area of Jim's Grill. Mr. SANDERS stated he did not hear the shot that was fired that killed MARTIN LUTHER KING, and added he was not aware that KING was staying in the immediate area of Jim's Grill. Mr. SANDERS commented he did not go to the window to look out after the Deputy Sheriff instructed everyone to stay in the Grill.

Mr. SANDERS advised he was not aware of any cars or people on the street when he walked from the intersection of Calhoun Street and South Main to Jim's Grill. He stated he is

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certain there were many cars both parked and being driven on South Main Street, and that there were likely many people walking in this area, but added he was not aware of any particular individual or any particular car in this area. Mr. SANDERS stated he cannot furnish any information whatsoever concerning the shooting of MARTIN LUTHER KING.