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TO DIRECTOR (62-117290) IMMEDIATE

ATTENTION CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT, RECORDS MANAGEMENT

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HOUSE SELEC COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA).

RE JACKSON TELEPHONE CALL TO FBI HQ, AUGUST 18, 1978.

ON AUGUST 18, 1978, 1:15 A.M., [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

TELEPHONE NUMBER [REDACTED] TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED

THE JACKSON FBI OFFICE AND FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING

INFORMATION:

ON AUGUST 17, 1978, 11:45 P.M., [REDACTED] WAS TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED BY [REDACTED] WHITE MALE, [REDACTED] YEARS OF AGE,

[REDACTED] WHO REQUESTED TO MEET WITH [REDACTED] 62-117290-116

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[REDACTED] MET [REDACTED] AT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] IN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ADVISED [REDACTED] ABOUT HOW HE
KILLED MARTIN LUTHER KING. FOR AN HOUR [REDACTED] PROVIDED
DETAILS CONCERNING THE PLAN TO KILL KING.

[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] TOLD [REDACTED] HE WAS SORRY [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

BUT HE HAD TO GET THIS OFF OF HIS CHEST. HE STATED
THAT THE SHERIFF FROM MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, WAS THE ONLY
PERSON HE WOULD SURRENDER TO AND THAT MEMPHIS,
TENNESSEE, SHERIFF WAS TO MEET HIM AT THE HOLIDAY INN,
BILOXI, MISSISSIPPI, MORNING OF AUGUST 18, 1978.

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[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT [REDACTED] IS A VERY INTELLIGENT
MAN AND ALTHOUGH HE WAS DRINKING AT THE TIME THE MEETING
TOOK PLACE, HE THINKS [REDACTED] IS SERIOUS ABOUT THE MURDER
OF KING.

LHM FOLLOWS.

BASED ON DESCRIPTIVE DATA AVAILABLE, THE NAME [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] NOT IDENTIFIABLE THROUGH JACKSON OFFICE INDICES.

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Attached teletype from SAC, Jackson advised of information received telephonically from a [redacted] Mississippi, who reported that an acquaintance, [redacted] informed him on 8/17/78 that he had killed Martin Luther King. [redacted] advised that [redacted] was drinking at the time he furnished this information, however, he believes [redacted] is a very intelligent person and thinks he is serious about the murder of King. W.M. [redacted]

SAC, Memphis, at approximately 10 am, today, advised that he had been telephonically contacted by Shelby County Sheriff Barksdale, who advised that he had received two telephone calls from a [redacted] who claimed that he had been "the trigger man" in the assassination of Dr. King, that his daughter had driven the white mustang and that he would only surrender to Sheriff Barksdale on Sunday, 8/20/78, at 9:30 am, at the Holiday Inn in Biloxi, Mississippi. A subsequent call from SAC, Memphis at 11:35 am this date advised that Sheriff Barksdale had received additional instructions to the effect that [redacted] was expecting his arrival in Gulfport, Mississippi, on this date and would meet him at the Holiday Inn at Gulfport.

Contact has been maintained with AAG Robert Keuch who requested that this information be provided to the House Select Committee on Assassinations immediately. This was done. Mr. Keuch further requested that any media inquiries received by any offices of the FBI be referred to the Department of Justice. Since it was anticipated that Sheriff Barksdale might inquire as to FBI and USDJ desires in this matter, AAG Keuch conferred with Deputy AAG Turner, Civil Rights Division, USDJ. Subsequent to the first advisement given Mr. Keuch in this matter, his office received a telephone call from Sheriff Barksdale. Mr. Keuch advised that it was the determination of the Justice Department that Sheriff Barksdale should be contacted by the FBI and requested, if he so desires, to meet with [redacted] and request [redacted] to provide a statement to the FBI or if [redacted] was not willing to do this, to request [redacted] to provide a statement to Sheriff Barksdale. Mr. Keuch also requested that the FBI, in the meantime, seek to identify the daughter and a father-in-law of [redacted] who resides in [redacted] in the event that these persons needed to be contacted in the future. Mr. Keuch advised that he would personally contact the SAC, Memphis Division, and ask him to relay these requests to Sheriff Barksdale since Sheriff Barksdale had tried to contact Mr. Keuch personally. Subsequently, SAC Trimbach telephonically advised FBIHQ of the request of Mr. Keuch's call and confirmed Mr. Keuch's request. b7C b7D

Based upon information furnished, a search of Bureau indices discloses no information identifiable with [redacted] however, SAC, Memphis advised that information received from Sheriff Barksdale indicates that [redacted] is known under FBI # [redacted] having last been arrested [redacted]. The ident record is being located [redacted] and Memphis will sutel. [redacted]

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5/23/80 [redacted]

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Subsequent to the above, Memphis advised that due to the potential civil unrest (police strike) Sheriff Barksdale was unable to proceed to Gulfport, Mississippi, and further did not feel he should leave the city of Memphis at this time.

Contact was made with AAG Keuch who advised that the FBI should endeavor to locate and interview [redacted] Instructions have gone forth to this effect to Memphis who will coordinate with Jackson.

You will be advised of developments.

See San Antonio airtel dated 7/12/72, attached, re interview of [redacted] in 1972 regarding threat to Congressman Gonzalez from Texas.

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[redacted] not yet located

Sheriff Barksdale told [redacted] he would meet him in Gulfport at 6:30 PM. He will be with the group on the island at the Holiday Inn.

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