

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC 44-

DATE: 4/6/68

FROM : SUPERVISOR JOHN S. TEMPLE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Supervisor DICK LONG, Div 6 SOG, at 1 PM telephonically advised that color photos are currently being made at the Bureau of the needle nose pliers and will be furnished Los Angeles as soon as possible. The pliers were allegedly purchased from the ROMPAGE HARDWARE COMPANY, 5542 Hollywood Blvd, Los Angeles. SA George Moorehead dispatched to the hardware store to conduct preliminary inquiries concerning their purchase.

Supervisor Long also advised that Assistant Director DeLOACH told Assistant Director ROSEN that Los Angeles should keep in mind that KING may have been killed by an hired assassin. In this connection, [REDACTED] should be kept in mind.

Supervisor Long stated that on March 29, 1968 or March 30, 1968, one HARVEY LOWMEYER purchased the rifle that killed Dr. King. Addresses for LOWMEYER have led to dead ends. However, a check of airline manifests disclosed that one W. J. LEHMEYER, Birmingham, purchased a ticket flying to Birmingham to Memphis, Chicago and Minneapolis. It is not known whether or not LEHMEYER got off the plane at Memphis, and this is currently being checked out. The name of LEHMEYER or LOWMEYER is not being disclosed by the Bureau.

Indices of the Los Angeles Division have no information identifiable with LOWMEYER or LEHMEYER.

Sup. LONG described the subject as 5'11, 150-160, W/M. AM, ruddy complexion, with dark hair.

Foregoing for the information of the file.

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