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Memorandum

PARTMENT OF JUSTICE

The Director

Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE:

April 11, 1968

Fred M. Vinson, Jr. Assistant Attorney General

Criminal Division

FMV:NEK:al 144-72-662

SUBJECT: Assassination of Martin Luther King

Forwarded herewith is an anonymous letter dated April 9, 1968, to the Attorney General concerning one Edward Gerst, alleged to be a suspect.

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Att. General Ramsey Clark Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The man you are seeking who killed Martin L. King is named Edward Gerst. He is an East German Communist, and is now in Cuba trying to return to England where he will find friends who will get him back to E. Germany.

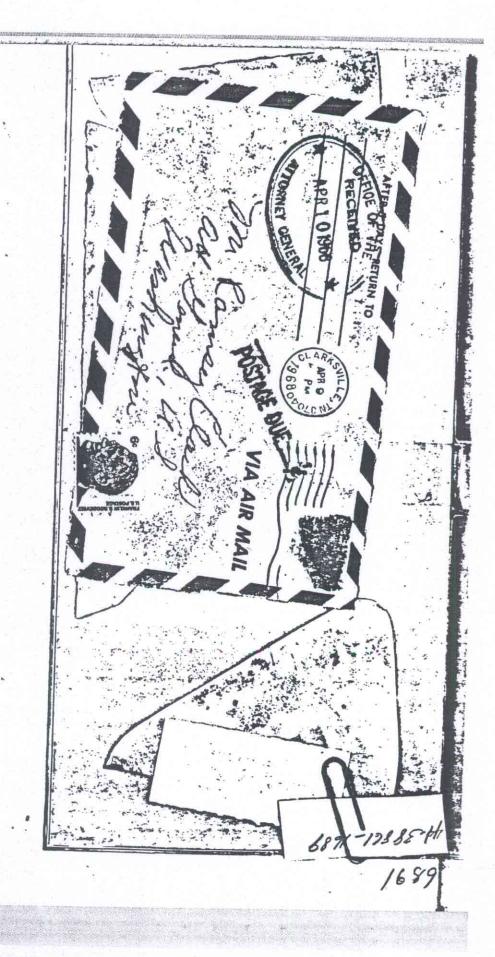
He must be found for he will strike again. He is tall, fair haired, blue eyed, scar like a dagger on left hand. Hair now dyed black to disguise himself. He walks very rapidly.

This is not a crank letter. It is urgent that this man be found before he strikes again as he seeks revolution in our country.

(Anonymous)

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