UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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10 Mr. DeLoach

DATE: April 5, 1968

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SUBJECT MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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1 - Mr. Rosen 1 - Me. Malley

1 - Mr. McGowan 1 - Mr. Martindale

1 - Mr. DeLoach

1 - Mr. McDonough

1 - Mr. Long

1 - Mr. Bishop 1 - Mr. Conrad

1 - Mr. Sullivan

At the request of the Department a full investigation has been instituted into the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr., at Memphis, Tennessee, on the evening of 4/4/63.

Attached is a letterhead memorandum for the President, the Attorney General, the Deputy Attorney General and the Civil Rights Division setting out the basic facts of the shooting and summarizing information presently available.

The following details do not appear in the letterhead ... , memorandum:

The individual using the mange John Willard, who is a suspect in this case, may be identical with John Hubeart Willard, also known as John Hubbard Willard,

made to immediately locate John Hubeart Willard.

Although Manuel Marcus/Levin and Alex J. / Hurder, suspects arrested by the police, were released when they were vouched for by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, we are thoroughly checking them out.

ACTION:

1. Attached is N. letterhead memorandum for the White

House, the Attorney General, the Deputy Attorney General and the Civil Rights Division. 12 APR 11 1968 14-50 11 11

2. All-out investigation is continuing on a top

priority basis.

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