

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1987)

DATE: 4/4/68

FROM : SA HOWARD D. TETEN

SUBJECT: UNSUB, aka
John Willard;
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. -
VICTIM
CR

(OO Memphis)

Immediately upon receipt of information that MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., had been shot at the Lorraine Motel, this Agent set up liaison contact with Homicide Bureau. Contact was maintained at the Homicide Bureau until relieved by another Agent at which time this Agent accompanied police photographer to scene of shooting. Upon arrival it was determined that Identification Division, MPD, had already taken photographs both at the point where Dr. KING had fallen and at the point where it was believed the perpetrator had fired the shot which struck KING. This Agent noted at the time Identification Division of the MPD had dusted the second floor rear bathroom at 422½ South Main St., the location from which the fatal shot is believed to have been fired and also apartment 5B, the apartment which the perpetrator is believed to have rented earlier in the afternoon. Agent accompanied Inspector MC ADEN to an area between buildings at the rear of 422½ South Main where plaster casts were taken of 2 footprints which may or may not be significant in this case. After making plaster casts of the footprints, this Agent accompanied police photographer to St. Joseph Hospital and then to the morgue at John Gaston Hospital where photographs were taken of Dr. KING to show the area and extent of the wound.

On leaving it was noted that Dr. FRANCISCO was taking color photographs of the body. At the time this Agent was at the morgue, no post-mortem examination had been authorized and it is not known if authorization will be given by Dr. KING's family at this time. Any such authorization will probably be sought from Dr. KING's brother who is in town in Memphis and was apparently in town at the time of the shooting.

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*F. Johnson in
checking blue Portia.*

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This Agent was also advised that it was 205 feet and 3 inches from the second floor rear bathroom window to the point where Dr. KING was struck by the bullet. This information was received from Inspector MC ADEN of the Identification Division.

While monitoring the radio immediately after arriving at the Homicide Bureau, this Agent overheard conversation concerning a white Mustang which was being followed by a blue Pontiac, the blue Pontiac maintaining contact with an unknown individual by a citizen's band radio. The white Mustang in question was traveling at a high rate of speed on Danny Thomas, north on Danny Thomas where it was lost. A similar car, possibly identical, was again picked up traveling east on Summer to Graham, Graham to Jackson, north on Jackson and at approximately Jackson and Austin Peay the occupant or occupants of the white Mustang allegedly fired a shotgun at the blue Pontiac that was following. At this point the Mustang was lost. The individual driving the Pontiac lost contact with the Mustang at Jackson and Austin Peay.