

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1987)

DATE: 4/4/68

FROM : SA ROBERT F. BOYLE

SUBJECT: UNSUB, aka
 John Willard;
 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. -
 VICTIM
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(OO Memphis)

At approximately 6:15 P.M. SA's JOE C. HESTER and ROBERT F. BOYLE were directed to the Emergency Room of St. Joseph Hospital by SAC ROBERT G. JENSEN for the purpose of determining the extent of injuries received by Rev. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., as a result of the shooting occurring at the Lorraine Motel.

At approximately 6:45 P.M. it was determined from 2 physicians, names of whom will be supplied later, that Dr. KING was dead. One of the physicians indicated that the bullet entered KING's body through the right side of the neck and severed the spinal cord in addition to other vast damage in the same area.

Upon furnishing this information to the SAC, I then proceeded to 422 1/2 South Main St. where it was determined from Mrs. BESSIE RUTH BREWER, resident manager of the apartments located at that address, that the individual believed to be responsible for the shooting of Rev. KING registered at the rooming house in Room 5B between 3:00 and 3:30 P.M. on 4/4/68. This individual furnished the name of JOHN WILLARD and was not observed to have any luggage with him at the time he rented the room. Mrs. BREWER gave a vague description of this individual and does not believe she would be able to recognize him if she saw him in the future.

Mrs. BREWER stated that WILLARD paid for a week-s room rent with a \$20 bill and 2 quarters and that she gave him change in the denominations of one \$10 bill and two \$1 bills.

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Mrs. BREWER had in her possession three \$20 bills and she was unable to identify the specific bill that WILLARD gave her for payment. Mrs. BREWER turned these three \$20 bills over to SA BOYLE and in turn Mrs. BREWER was furnished cash in the amount of one \$20 bill and four \$10 bills that SA MERRILL E. MC CLOUGHAN had furnished from Memphis FBI Office.

The three \$20 bills furnished by Mrs. BREWER have been maintained as evidence.