

King case, alleged irrelevance of 100-4105 at Memphis: Memphis "search" HW 8/10/84

In going over some of my subject-file copies for Theoharis today I noticed copies of these two MURKIN records from Sub 2 or Sub 1 and 2. Quite literally one is the first record in the Memphis MURKIN record, the notification of the crime to the FBI. The second is one of the earliest, FBIHQ's orders to enter the case.

Both were originally "To:FILE (100-4405)" when typed. Is this not the file on the advance warning of the threat that the FBI originally withheld and then resisted disclosing on the ground that it wasn't relevant?

In addition to all else that is obvious if I am correct in this, does it not reflect the fact that no search was ever made in Memphis because, if there had been a search, obviously 100-4105 would have been included on the search slips (never provided).

Memorandum

TO : FILE (100-4195)

DATE: 4/4/68

FROM : SAC ROBERT G. JENSEN

SUBJECT: REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING

Lt. ARKIN, Intelligence Division, Memphis PD, telephonically advised SA LOWE at approximately 6:05 p.m. this date that information had been received that Rev. MARTIN LUTHER KING had been shot. ARKIN had no details other than the fact that KING had reportedly been shot at the Lorraine Motel by a well dressed white male who ran south on Main Street.

On receipt of this news, I telephonically contacted Night Duty Supervisor McGUIRE, Division #5, at Seat of Government. I furnished him with the above information and told him I had no details as to the seriousness of the shooting and had only the Memphis PD information on which to inform him.

On receipt of this information, I dispatched SA TETEN to the Homicide Bureau to maintain liaison with Homicide. On receipt of subsequent information from Lt. ARKIN that Dr. KING had been transported to St. Joseph Hospital, I dispatched SA BOYLE and SA HESTER to determine the seriousness of the shooting of Dr. KING.

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TO : FILE ~~(100-4105)~~

DATE: 4/4/68

FROM : SAC ROBERT G. JENSEN

SUBJECT: Rev. MARTIN LUTHER KING

At approximately 6:35 p.m., Assistant to the Director DeLOACH called and advised as follows:

He said he had already notified the Director and the Attorney General of the reported shooting of Dr. KING. Mr. DeLOACH said we are to enter the investigation immediately and in the event any request for information is received from newspapers or other sources we are to advise that we are investigating at the specific request of the Attorney General.

In addition, Mr. DeLOACH said that the Memphis Office should have a teletype in no later than 6 a.m. tomorrow advising results of our investigation. In the event additional personnel are needed I should make my request specifically to him, regardless of whether it is Agent or clerical personnel.

I told him I felt I would need additional personnel but I would further evaluate the situation and inform him later.

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