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Mr. Harold Weisberg
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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

In accordance with the December 1, 1981, order of District Court Judge June L. Green, enclosed herewith are copies of Memphis Field Office file 149-121 captioned "Threat to American Airlines and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Memphis, Tennessee, April 1, 1968; DAMV", and three internal memoranda from the Savannah Field Office dated August 6, 1968, August 28, 1968 and June 5, 1969.

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Processing of Memphis Field Office file 100-4105 captioned "Martin Luther King, Jr., Security Matters" has been initiated and will be furnished to you upon its completion.

Sincerely yours,

James K. Hall 1/24/68

James K. Hall, Chief
Freedom of Information-
Privacy Acts Section
Records Management Division

Enclosures (2)

Inventory Worksheet
FD-503 (2-18-77)

File No: ME 149-121

Re: THREAT TO AMERICAN AIRLINES
DR. KING, MEMPHIS 4/1/68

Date: 12/87
(month/year)

Serial	Date	Description (Type of communication, to, from)	No. of Pages		Exemptions used or, to whom referred (Identify statute if (b) (3) cited)
			Actual	Released	
1	4/1/68	ME RADIOGRAM	1	1	(b)(7)(c)
2	4/9/68	FD-302 - INTERVIEW	1	1	(b)(7)(c)
3	5/28/68	AGENT MEMO	1	1	(b)(7)(c)

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Date: 4/1/68

Transmit the following in CODE (Type in plaintext or code)

Via RADIO URGENT (Priority)

1AFO
TO: DIRECTOR AND SAC ATLANTA
FROM: SAC MEMPHIS

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UNSUB; THREAT TO AMERICAN AIRLINES AND DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., MEMPHIS, TENN., APRIL ONE SIXTYEIGHT; DAMV.

AT APPROXIMATELY TWELVE FIFTYFIVE PM APRIL ONE INSTANT [REDACTED] RESERVATIONIST, AMERICAN AIRLINES, MEMPHIS,

TENN., RECEIVED A CALL FROM A MALE INDIVIDUAL WHO SPOKE IN A CLEAR, PRECISE, EMPHATIC VOICE. [REDACTED] JUDGED HIM TO BE (b)(7)(c)

MIDDLE AGED AND A WHITE MAN AND HEARD NO BACKGROUND NOISES.

THE MAN ASKED "IS THIS THE AMERICAN AIRLINES OFFICE?" [REDACTED]

REPLIED YES. THE MAN SAID "YOUR AIRLINES BROUGHT MARTIN LUTHER KING INTO MEMPHIS AND WHEN HE COMES IN AGAIN A BOMB WILL GO OFF

AND HE WILL BE ASSASSINATED."

[REDACTED] SAID THE INDIVIDUAL HUNG UP IMMEDIATELY AND SHE WAS UNDER THE IMPRESSION THE CALL

WAS A LOCAL CALL.

MEMPHIS PD, SHELBY COUNTY SO, HUNDRED ELEVENTH MI, SECRET

Airtel SERVICE, AND FAA ADVISED.

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A.M.S.D. [Signature]

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Reg. Approved: *R. Jensen*
Special Agent in Charge

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[REDACTED]

(b)(7)(c)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/9/68

[REDACTED] Reservations, American Airlines, First National Bank Building, Whitehaven, Tennessee, advised that at approximately 12:55 P.M., April 1, 1968, [REDACTED] Reservations Clerk, American Airlines, received a call regarding MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. According to [REDACTED] this call was from a male individual who talked in a clear, precise, emphatic voice. [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] thought it was a middle age white man talking. This individual asked [REDACTED] if this was the American Airlines office. [REDACTED] replied that it was. The male individual then said, "Your airlines brought MARTIN LUTHER KING into Memphis and when he comes in again, a bomb will go off and he will be assassinated." [REDACTED] said the individual hung up immediately and further stated that [REDACTED] was of the opinion that this was a local call. (b)(7)(c)

[REDACTED] could furnish no further information regarding this call or provide any additional information which might be of value to identify the individual responsible for making the call. (b)(7)(c)

On 4/1/68 at Memphis, Tennessee File # Memphis 149-121-2

by SA [REDACTED] (b)(7)(c) Date dictated 4/3/68

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (149-121)

DATE: 5/28/68

FROM : SA [REDACTED] (b)(7)(C)

SUBJECT: UNSUB; Threat to American Airlines and Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, Memphis, Tennessee, 4/1/68
DAMV

Re Memphis tel to Bureau and Atlanta 4/1/68.

Investigation in this case was predicated upon information received from the reservations office, American Airlines, to the effect that a male individual, identity unknown, had called that office on 4/1/68 and threatened to bomb the plane which was to bring Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING back to Memphis.

The above information was immediately furnished to the Bureau and to the Atlanta Office by referenced tel.

Inasmuch as all the information furnished by the unknown person making the above mentioned call was untrue, it is recommended that this case be closed.

V.H.C.
[Handwritten scribble]

(1) [REDACTED] (b)(7)(C)

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