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JUN 22 1968  
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Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

12:12PM URGENT 6-21-68 DND  
DIRECTOR AND LOS ANGELES  
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*[Signature]*

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PRESS-SCIMITAR

[REDACTED] MEMPHIS [REDACTED] NEWSPAPER AND  
CONTACT, MEMPHIS, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED MEMPHIS OFFICE FOLLOWING  
FORMATION THIS DATE:

[REDACTED] SAID AT APPROXIMATELY ONE PM THIS DATE HE RECEIVED  
G DISTANCE TELEPHONE CALL FROM TARZANA, CALIFORNIA. CALLER IDENTIFIED  
SELF AS [REDACTED], PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR, TELEPHONE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BEGAN  
CONVERSATION WITH [REDACTED] MAKING INQUIRY RE REWARDS OFFERED IN  
MURDER OF KING MURDER. [REDACTED] TOLD HIM THAT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HE HAD INFORMATION ONLY RE TWENTYFIVE THOUSAND DOLLAR OFFER  
E BY [REDACTED] PAPER. [REDACTED] ALSO SAID HE INFORMED [REDACTED]  
T THE REWARD WOULD BE PAID ONLY FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO ARREST

CONVICTION OF THE MURDERER IN INSTANT CASE. [REDACTED] REPORTEDLY THEN  
D [REDACTED] THAT HE HAD INFORMATION REGARDING THE PERSON WHO PAID  
SUBJECT RAY IN CONNECTION WITH THE KILLING. [REDACTED] REPORTEDLY

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*[Handwritten mark]*

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DESCRIBED THIS MAN AS ALMOST A BILLIONAIRE WHO OWNS BALBOA ISLAND.

ALSO SAID THE MONEY HAD BEEN DEPOSITED IN A SWISS BANK SO THAT SUBJECT RAY COULD PROCURE SAME AND THIS WAS WHERE RAY WAS EN ROUTE WHEN HE WAS APPREHENDED IN LONDON. FURTHER DESCRIBED THIS WEALTHY MAN AS AN ARDENT JOHN BIRCHER WHO HAD KING KILLED NOT BECAUSE HE WAS A NEGRO BUT BECAUSE KING WAS A COMMUNIST.

SAID THAT HE PRESSED FOR MORE IDENTIFYING DATA AND TOLD HIM THE MAN WHO PAID OFF RAY WAS SAID HE PRESSED FOR MORE DATA AND TOLD HIM THAT IF HE WANTED TO CONFIRM THIS INFORMATION HE SHOULD CALL AREA CODE IN CALIFORNIA AND ASK FOR WAS NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED BY BUT TOLD THAT KNEW AND SUPPOSEDLY KNEW OF INVOLVEMENT IN MURDER. SAID HE HAD RECEIVED THIS INFORMATION ON JUNE SIXTEEN AT APPROXIMATELY FIVE FIFTEEN A.M.

SAID HE WAS, OF COURSE, IN NO POSITION TO EVALUATE THIS DATA BUT DID WANT TO PASS IT ON TO THE FBI FOR POSSIBLE USE.

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LOS ANGELES REQUESTED IDENTIFY [REDACTED] REVIEW ITS FILES,  
AND IF NO INFORMATION CONTAINED THEREIN INTERVIEW [REDACTED] (MARKS) FOR ALL DATA HE  
MAY HAVE CONCERNING ALLEGATION.

LOS ANGELES ALSO SECURE IDENTIFYING DATA FROM [REDACTED] RE [REDACTED] AND  
HEREAFTER CONDUCT NECESSARY INTERVIEWS WITH HER TO CLARIFY INFORMATION.

[REDACTED] UNKNOWN TO MEMPHIS DIVISION. LOS ANGELES SHOULD  
REVIEW ITS FILES TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER OR NOT [REDACTED] FITS GENERAL DESCRIPTION  
URNISHED BY [REDACTED] AND WHETHER OR NOT HE MIGHT BE CONSIDERED POSSIBLE  
CONSPIRATOR INSTANT CASE.

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