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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673) (RUC)
MURKIN

Re Birmingham airtel to the Bureau, 12/12/75.

For information of Memphis, referenced airtel and LHM furnished information from a Birmingham source, with whom insufficient information has been received to establish reliability, that indicated that MARTIN LUTHER KING's assassination was "lined up" by [redacted] (phonetic), an underworld figure in New Orleans.

[redacted] connection in this matter was previously explored. Memphis airtel to New Orleans, 4/20/68, enclosed information received on 4/8/68, from JOHN MC FERREN, a Negro male, residing at [redacted] Somerville, Tennessee. On 4/4/68, MC FERREN picked up supplies for his grocery store at [redacted], Memphis, Tennessee. While there, MC FERREN overheard a white male on the telephone say, "Kill the SOB on the balcony and get the job done. You will get your \$5,000." That person later said on the phone, "Don't come here; Go to New Orleans and get your money. You know my brother."

[redacted] was found to be operated by [redacted] and [redacted] had a brother, [redacted] in New Orleans

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THE CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE IS MORRIS DAVIS WHO ADVISED ON 5/31/77 THAT HE CAN BE IDENTIFIED TO THE HSCA AS THE SOURCE OF THE INFORMATION HE FURNISHED. Sent SEE BU TELTYPE 5/31/77 10H Per AIRTEL 6/1/77

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Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

NO 157-10673

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Both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were interviewed by Memphis on 4/19/68, wherein both emphatically denied any knowledge of the identify of the individual responsible for KING's death. They both failed to identify photograph of JAMES EARL RAY. Both denied receiving any telephone call on 4/4/68.

There is no [REDACTED] in New Orleans. New Orleans telephone and city directories, New Orleans PD arrest records, and computerized drivers' licenses for the State of Louisiana operated by the Louisiana State Police, all failed to reflect the name [REDACTED]

New Orleans is not undertaking any further investigation in this matter, UACB.