

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

DATE: 4/7/68

FROM : SA ORVILLE V. JOHNSON

SUBJECT: MURKIN;
CIVIL RIGHTS

On 4/6/68, Mr. ANGUS MC CARREN, Metro Editor, Commercial Appeal, Memphis, advised he has received information from PAUL NORMAN, 1067 S. Perkins Road, and who is a salesman of Chip Barwick Automobile Agency, which might be of value in instant case. According to MC CARREN, NORMAN told him that at approximately 2:00 PM on 4/4/68, an individual going by the name KEN SINGFIELD contacted NORMAN in an effort to obtain employment as an automobile salesman at Chip Barwick Company. NORMAN stated that SINGFIELD said he used operate either a Holiday Inn or some type of a motel in Clarksdale and also used to be an encyclopedia salesman. SINGFIELD was acquainted with BILL TIDWELL, whom NORMAN was also acquainted with, and who either operates a Howard Johnson Motel or some other motel in Clarksdale or somewhere in the Delta area.

NORMAN stated that he was reporting this information inasmuch as SINGFIELD acted rather strange and appeared to be either under the influence of narcotics or possibly drinking. NORMAN said that SINGFIELD's description fits the description of the person that shot Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING. According to NORMAN, SINGFIELD appeared to be nervous and expressed opposition to the policies of President JOHNSON.

NORMAN said he did not see any automobile in which SINGFIELD was traveling, but was merely reporting the information inasmuch as the description of SINGFIELD appears similar to that of the Unsub which appeared in the Commercial Appeal, and also because of his strange activities.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

DATE: 4/7/68

FROM : SA ORVILLE V. JOHNSON

SUBJECT: UNSUB, AKA;
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING -
VICTIM;
CIVIL RIGHTS

On 4/6/68, the writer received a telephone call from Mr. ANGUS MC CARREN, Metro Editor, Commercial Appeal, Memphis, who advised that he has 2 young men in his office who wish to furnish some information about instant case and requested the writer to contact him.

Mr. MC CARREN was subsequently contacted by Special Agents ANDREW SLOAN and the writer, at which time he had in his office BILLY NORTHERN, 1025 Lehr, West Memphis, Arkansas, telephone number RE 5-2372, and SIDNEY JOYNER, 808 S. Roselawn, West Memphis, Arkansas, telephone number RE 5-1628. BILLY NORTHERN advised that he was at the bus station at West Memphis, Arkansas, sometime between 6:00 and 9:00 PM, 4/5/68, and he saw a copy of the National Enquirer, which is dated April 7, 1968. He said he found a copy of the Enquirer in a seat at the bus station. NORTHERN said he took the paper because he thought it would be interesting reading. He advised this paper had an article reflecting a story written by JAMES TAGUE regarding the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY. TAGUE was wounded at the time President KENNEDY was assassinated. NORTHERN advised that he read the Enquirer on the morning of 4/6/68, and the story written by TAGUE. He said this story contains several photographs of TAGUE.

BILLY NORTHERN also advised that he subsequently read the newspaper article containing the sketch of the person who assassinated MARTIN LUTHER KING, and he noted that the photograph of JAMES TAGUE appearing on page 13 of the Enquirer looks very much similar to the artist's sketch of Unsub. which appeared in the Commercial Appeal on 4/6/68. He advised that he was calling this to the attention of the Commercial Appeal and to the FBI in view of this similarity in appearance of TAGUE and Unsub's sketch. 44-1987-Sub-447

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TO : SAC MEMPHIS (44-1987)

DATE: 7-19-68

FROM : SPC DANNY N. DOWNUM

SUBJECT: MURKIN,
MISCELLANEOUS INFO CONCERNING

Chief Gagliano, Memphis PD, called the office at 8:55 p.m. to advise one BILLY N. NORTHERN, 1025 Lier, West Memphis, Ark. (no description available), during conversation with the Security Officer at Metro Airport claimed he had approached the FBI with info that would help RAY and the FBI was not interested. Northern told the Security Officer that, thereafter, he had contacted Arthur Hanes, Jr., in Birmingham, Ala. Hanes, Jr. supposedly advised Northern to wait at the airport until Arthur Hanes, Sr. arrived from New York.

SAC Jensen was advised of the above along with other information received during the evening. This memo submitted for possible indexing and filing.

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