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TO SAC MEMPHIS (44-1987)
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UNSUB.; AKA. JOHN WILLARD; MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.,
VICTIM; CR.

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SERIAL NUMBER ON RIFLE BOX WHICH ORIGINALLY
CONTAINED BROWNING RIFLE DETERMINED TO BE FOUR SEVEN FOUR
FOUR Z FIVE.

BULLET FROM VICTIM IS POINT THIRTY CALIBER METAL-
JACKETED SOFT POINT SPORTING TYPE BULLET OF REMINGTON -
PETERS MANUFACTURE. BULLET IS IDENTIFIABLE IN ALL
REMAINING PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS TO ONE FIVE ZERO GRAIN
BULLETS IN FIVE LOADED CALIBER POINT THIRTY - ZERO SIX
SPRINGFIELD REMINGTON - PETERS CARTRIDGES IN SUBMITTED
PETERS CARTRIDGE BOX WHICH ALSO CONTAINED FOUR U. S.
MILITARY CARTRIDGES OF REMINGTON MANUFACTURE CONTAINING
FULL-METAL JACKETED BULLETS.

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BASED ON GENERAL RIFLING IMPRESSIONS, BULLET FROM
VICTIM COULD HAVE BEEN FIRED FROM POINT THIRTY - ZERO SIX
SPRINGFIELD CALIBER REMINGTON GAMEMASTER RIFLE, MODEL
SEVEN SIX ZERO, SERIAL NUMBER FOUR SIX ONE FOUR SEVEN SIX.
DUE TO MUTILATION OF BULLET, INSUFFICIENT MARKS OF VALUE FOR
IDENTIFICATION REMAINING AND NOT POSSIBLE TO DETERMINE
WHETHER OR NOT BULLET FIRED FROM SUBMITTED REMINGTON
RIFLE.

NO RECORD NSPI OR NCIC OF REMINGTON RIFLE; OF A
BROWNING POINT TWO FOUR THREE WINCHESTER CALIBER RIFLE,
SERIAL NUMBER FOUR SEVEN FOUR FOUR Z FIVE; OF A REDFIELD
TELESCOPIC SIGHT, SERIAL NUMBER A ONE SEVEN THREE FIVE ZERO;
OR BUSHNELL BINOCULAR, SERIAL NUMBER D Q FOUR ZERO EIGHT
SIX SIX FOUR.

FINE SMEARS AND DEPOSITS OF SILTY SOIL FOUND ON
LARGE GREEN AND BROWN CLOTH SUITABLE FOR COMPARISON
PURPOSES. SPECIFIC ORIGIN OF SOIL CANNOT BE DETERMINED BY
LABORATORY EXAMINATION.

BROWN AND GREEN CLOTH FOUND WITH RIFLE IS BEDSPREAD

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MEASURING ONE ZERO SIX AND ONE-FOURTH INCHES BY EIGHT FIVE
AND ONE FOURTH INCHES. BEDSPREAD COMPOSED OF SEVENTYFIVE
PERCENT COTTON AND TWENTYFIVE PERCENT RAYON AND SIMILAR
TO THOSE USED IN HOTELS AND MOTELS. NO MARKINGS FOUND TO
INDICATE ITS SOURCE OR MANUFACTURER.

BROWN COTTON FIBERS, GREEN COTTON FIBERS AND
GREEN RAYON FIBERS LIKE THOSE COMPOSING BEDSPREAD FOUND ON
RIFLE AND IN DEBRIS FROM RIFLE BOX.

SUITCASE, BLUE IN COLOR, CONTAINED NUMEROUS
TOILET ITEMS, MAPS, PAPER BAGS AND OTHER ITEMS. TOILET ITEMS
ARE ALL COMMON BRANDS. OF INTEREST ARE TWO CANS OF SCHLITZ
BEER, EACH BEARING TAX STAMPS INDICATING THEY WERE PURCHASED
IN MISSISSIPPI. NEW PAIR OF BINOCULARS, CASE AND CARTON FOR
BINOCULARS FOUND IN SUITCASE. CARTON INDICATED BINOCULARS
SOLD FOR THIRTYNINE NINETYFIVE AND COMPUTED ON CARTON WAS
THIRTYNINE NINETYFIVE PLUS ONE SIXTY, TOTALING FORTYONE
FIFTYFIVE. A GRAY BAG OF YORK ARMS COMPANY, MEMPHIS, WITH
COST REGISTRY RECEIPT IN AMOUNT OF FORTYONE FIFTYFIVE INSIDE
INDICATES BINOCULARS PURCHASED AT YORK ARMS COMPANY HAVING
FOLLOWING THREE LOCATIONS IN MEMPHIS: DOWNTOWN - ONE SIX

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TWO SOUTH MAIN; EAST - POPULAR PLAZA AND SOUTH - WHITEHAVEN
PLAZA.

NUMEROUS BROWN HEAD HAIRS OF CAUCASIAN ORIGIN
FOUND ON BEDSPREAD, TOWEL AND HAIRBRUSH FOUND IN SUITCASE
AND LOOSE IN SUITCASE. HAIRS SUITABLE FOR COMPARISONS.
NUMEROUS BROWN TO BLACK BEARD FRAGMENTS OF CAUCASIAN
FOUND ON TWO SAFETY RAZORS FROM SUITCASE WHICH ARE SUITABLE
FOR COMPARISONS.

NO NEGROID HAIRS FOUND.

TRADENAME "HOMESTEAD" ON LARGE PAPER BAG WHICH
CONTAINED BEER REGISTERED TO GRAHAM PAPER COMPANY,
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI.

SMALL RADIO SUBMITTED BEARS SCRATCHES INTERPRETED
TO READ "T ZERO FOUR ONE FIVE" OR "T ZERO FOUR FOUR FIVE."
ANY SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS UNKNOWN. RADIO WILL BE RE-EXAMINED
AFTER LATENT EXAMINATION.

NO WRITING OR SIGNIFICANT INDENTED IMPRESSIONS ON
OTHER BAGS, MAPS, NEWSPAPER AND BINOCULAR BOX.

LATENT RESULTS AND COMPLETE LABORATORY REPORT
BEING FURNISHED SEPARATELY.