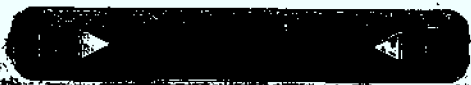


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King, Coretta Scott

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Self-Styled Former Klansman Draws State, U.S. Sentences

A self-styled former exalted cyclops in the Ku Klux Klan has been sentenced in state courts to two prison terms to be served concurrently with the 90-day sentence he received in federal court.

William M. Aitcheson, 22, told Judge Solomon Liss he was "very sorry to have caused this trouble," adding, "I'm confident it won't happen again." Judge Liss sentenced him to 30 days in jail and four years of probation.

Aitcheson pleaded guilty to two firearms charges in Howard County Circuit Court yesterday and to a cross burning charge in Prince Georges County Circuit Court earlier.

The former University of Maryland

student was sentenced in federal court to 90 days in a jail or psychiatric treatment center for mailing a letter threatening to kill Mrs. Martin Luther King, Jr., widow of the slain civil rights leader, if she spoke at the university campus.

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— BALTIMORE, MD.

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Editor: b6

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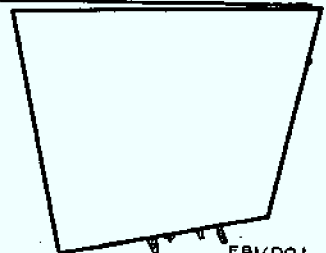
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Threatening Letter to
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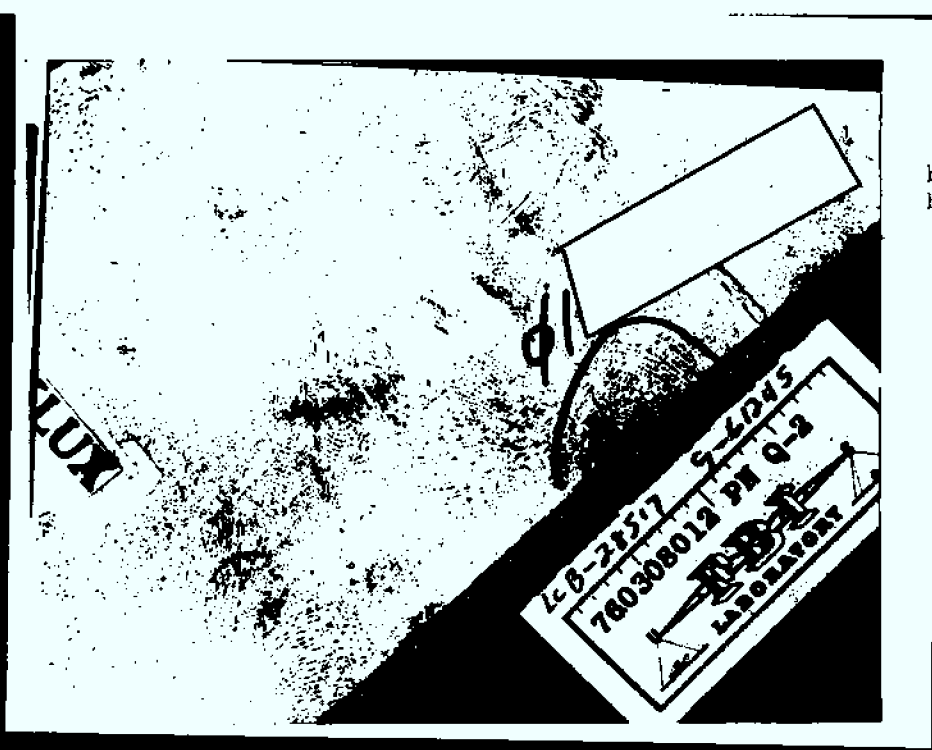
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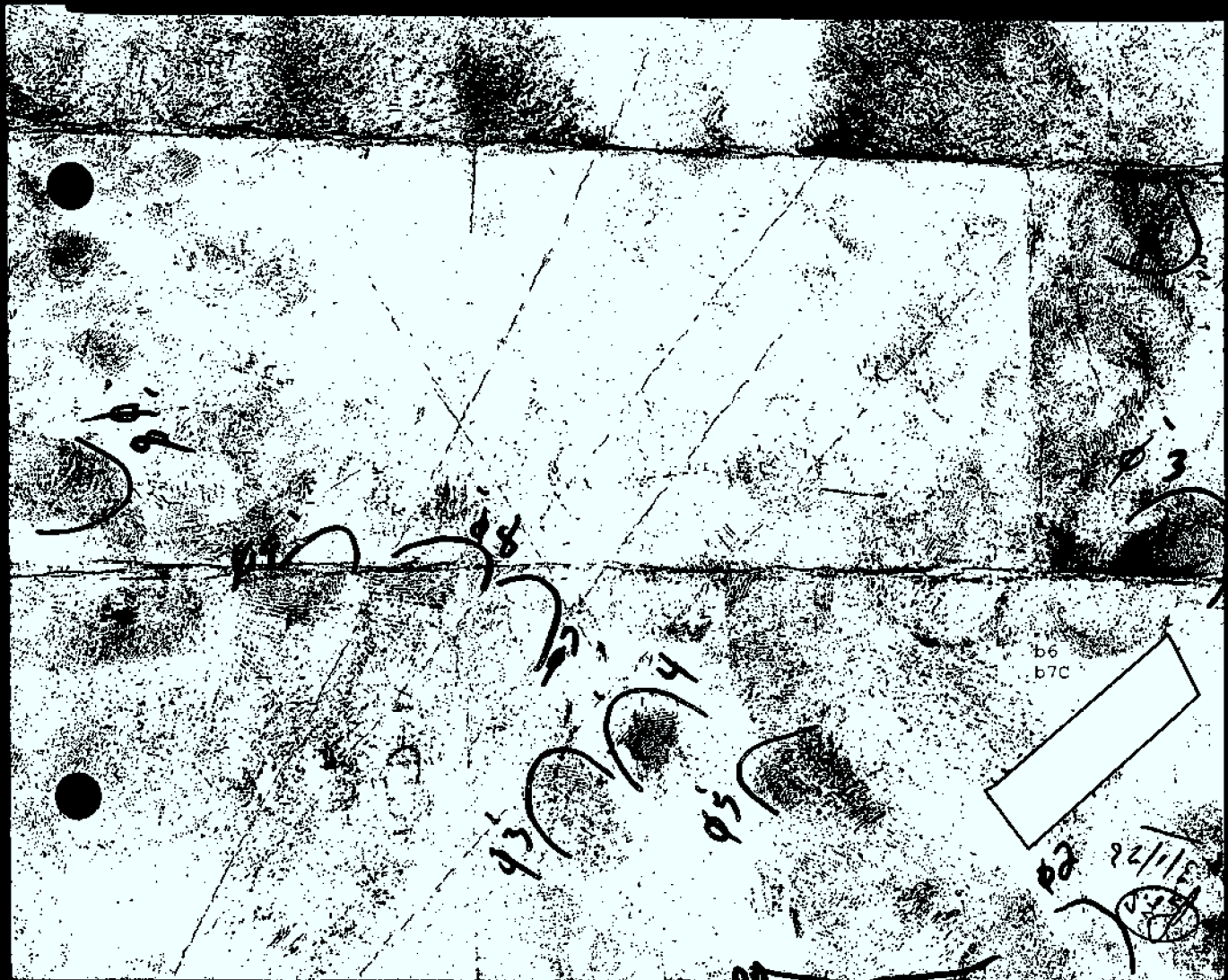
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CUT OUT LETTERS

STAY OFF
OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND
CAMPUSES
OR
YOU

THE RIGHTS OF WILL
THEIR KLUX KLAN DIE!



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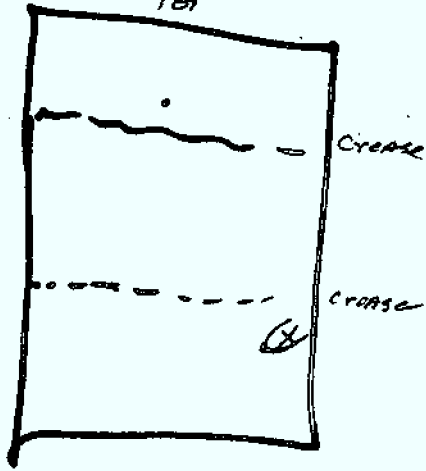


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Letter beginning "Dear"
I saw you recently - - - "

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Work Sheet

3/5/76

To: SAC, Atlanta (9-2573)

UNSUB;
THE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
THREATENING LETTER TO
CORETTA SCOTT KING - VICTIM;
Re: EXTORTION

FBI FILE NO.

9-61245⁰

LAB. NO.

D-760308012 PN

YOUR NO.

D760312003 PN

OO: Baltimore

Examination by:

Examination requested by: Atlanta

Reference: Airtels dated 3/2/76 + 3/9/76

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Specimens received: 3/5/76

Q1 Envelope bearing address Mrs. CORETTA SCOTT KING,
234 Sunset Av. N.W., Atlanta, Georgia

Q2 Accompanying one-page letter made up of cut-out newsprint
~~postmarked 2/29/76, Maryland~~ beginning "Stay off...."

2 - BALTIMORE

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Q1 + 3 stamps from coil or coils
as ind curs etc.
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TF / kit w/ lifts.

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NOW 94 or indicated U.S.

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4/2/76

FBI

Date: 3/2/76

Transmit the following in (Type in plaintext or code)

AIRTEL

REGISTERED MAIL

Via (Precedence)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
 (Attn: FBI Laboratory)

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (9-2573) (P)

SUBJECT: UNSUB,
 THE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
 THREATENING LETTER TO
 CORETTA SCOTT KING - VICTIM
 EXTORTION - Racial Matter
 (OO: BALTIMORE)

Q-1+2

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Enclosed for the Bureau is the original and 3 Xerox copies of a threatening letter (made up of cut-out newsprint) and accompanying envelope addressed to Mrs. CORETTA SCOTT KING, 234 Sunset Avenue, N.W., Atlanta, Ga. The letter is postmarked 2/29/76, Maryland.

Two (2) copies of this letter and accompanying envelope are being enclosed for Baltimore as office of origin.

The contents of the letter instructed Mrs. KING to stay off the University of Maryland Campus or she would die. The letter was signed the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

EX-115 REC-16 MCT-29 9-61245

The letter and envelope was received 3/1/76 from Mrs. KING's Secretary, Miss DORA McDONALD, Room 327, Old Post Office Building, Atlanta, Ga., telephone #688-8207. Miss McDONALD stated that she handled the envelope and letter. Miss McDONALD is a Negro female, born 7/16/25, at Greeleyville, South Carolina. She has been previously fingerprinted, according to her admission, under the Summer Intern Program.

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- 3-Bureau (Enc. 4)
- 2-Baltimore (Enc. 2)
- 2-Atlanta
- RFS:wbf
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ENCLOSURE

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Handle as Extortion Racial Matter. Submit 10 day closing report with 3/11/76

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COPIES RETAINED IN LAB REPORT
 Index Lab Files

Approved: *[Signature]* Sent: _____ M Per: _____
 Special Agent in Charge

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Miss McDONALD stated that she is withholding the contents of this threatening letter from Mrs. KING so as not to bother her. She advised that Mrs. KING has been invited to speak by the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity at the University of Maryland, College Park, Md., during the Spring of 1976. According to Miss McDONALD, Mrs. KING has not said whether or not she will speak as requested at the University of Maryland.

Miss McDONALD stated that she opens all of Mrs. KING's mail as her Secretary.

REQUEST OF THE BUREAU, FBI LABORATORY:

The FBI Laboratory is requested to search this material through the Anonymous Letter File and conduct other appropriate examination. Results of the Laboratory examination should be furnished to the office of origin.

The FBI Identification Division is requested to process the enclosed threatening letter and envelope for latent fingerprints. Results of the Identification Division examination should be furnished expeditiously to the office of origin.

The original threatening letter and envelope can be retained by the Bureau or sent to the office of origin, inasmuch as Miss McDONALD has stated that she does not desire the letter returned to her or Mrs. KING.

LEADS

BALTIMORE DIVISION

AT COLLEGE PARK, MARYLAND

1. Will, upon receipt of the FBI Laboratory and Identification Division examinations, present this matter to appropriate USA for a prosecutive opinion.
2. Will consider inquiry at the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, University of Maryland Campus, to determine the writer of the threatening letter.

AT 9-2573

3. Advise Atlanta of the results of presentation to the USA so that original complainant may be advised.

ATLANTA DIVISION

AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Will notify original complainant of the prosecutive opinion rendered by the USA, College Park, Md., in connection with captioned matter upon receipt from the office of origin.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

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3/11/76

To: SAC, Atlanta

Re: UNSUB;
THE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
THREATENING LETTER TO
CORETTA SCOTT KING - VICTIM;
EXTORTION

FBI FILE NO.

9-61245/

LAB. NO.

D-760312003 PN

YOUR NO.

OO: Baltimore

Examination by:

Examination requested by: Atlanta
Reference: Airtel dated 3/9/76
Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint
Specimens received: 3/11/76

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2 - ~~EE~~ BALTIMORE

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No WM on identified writings

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[Signature]
Blm
4/12/76

Q3 Envelope postmarked "~~3/5/76, Maryland~~" bearing hand printed address "Mrs. MARTIN L. KING, JR., 234 Sunset Avenue, N. W., Atlanta, Ga."

Q4 Accompanying letter made up of cut-out newsprint *beginning* stating "~~Africa or Death by Lynching Take Your Pick!~~
~~The Ku Klux Klan~~"

ALSO SUBMITTED:

Piece of ~~tin foil~~ aluminum foil

EXX

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

NO LAB FILE
LATENTS
[]
3/11/76

To: SAC, Atlanta

FBI FILE NO.

9-61245

Re: UNSUB;
THE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN LAB. NO.
THREATENING LETTER TO
CORETTA SCOTT KING - VICTIM; YOUR NO.
EXTORTION

D-760312003 PN

OO: Baltimore

Examination by:

Examination requested by:

Atlanta
Airtel dated 3/9/76

Reference:

Examination requested:

Document - Fingerprint

Specimens received:

3/11/76

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Return to

By 3/30/76

Spec LPS & forwarded to BA 4-12762

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[] PS
3/31/76
WJ

Q3 Envelope postmarked "3/5/76, Maryland," bearing address "Mrs. MARTIN L. KING, JR., 234 Sunset Avenue, N. W., Atlanta, Ga."

Q4 Accompanying letter made up of cut-out newsprint stating "Africa or Death by Lynching Take Your Pick! The Ku Klux Klan"

ALSO SUBMITTED:

Piece of tinfoil

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3/11/76

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

NO LAB FILE
LATENTS

3/5/76

To: SAC, Atlanta (9-2573)

UNSUB;
THE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
THREATENING LETTER TO
CORETTA SCOTT KING - VICTIM;
EXTORTION

FBI FILE NO.

9-61245-

LAB. NO.

D-760308012 PN

Re:

YOUR NO.

OO: Baltimore

Examination by:

Examination requested by:

Atlanta

Reference:

Airtel dated 3/2/76

Examination requested:

Document - Fingerprint

Specimens received:

3/5/76

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Q1 Envelope bearing address Mrs. CORETTA SCOTT KING,
234 Sunset Avenue, N.W., Atlanta, Ga.

Q2 Accompanying one-page letter made up of cut-out newsprint
postmarked 2/29/76, Maryland

2 - BALTIMORE

Return to

B/m 3/30/76

Spam LFPS + forwarded to BA 4-12-76

Received by LFPS
3/11/76



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535



To: SAC, Atlanta (9-2573)

From: Director, FBI

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REC-91

April 2, 1976

LAB. NO.

9-61245

Re: UNSUB;
THE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
THREATENING LETTER TO
CORETTA SCOTT KING - VICTIM;
EXTORTION

D-760308012 PN
D-760312003 PN

OO: Baltimore

Examination requested by:

Atlanta

Reference:

Airtels dated 3/2/76 and 3/9/76

Examination requested:

Document - Fingerprint

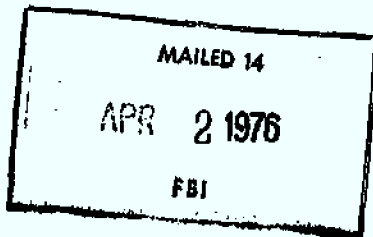
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Q1 through Q4 will be returned with the results
of the latent fingerprint examination.

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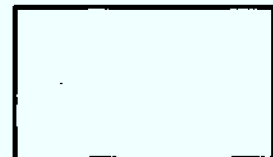
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**REPORT
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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: SAC, Atlanta (9-2573)

April 2, 1976

Re: UNSUB;
THE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
THREATENING LETTER TO
CORETTA SCOTT KING - VICTIM;
EXTORTION

FBI FILE NO. 9-61245
LAB. NO. D-760308012 PN
D-760312003 PN

Specimens received

3/5/76 from SAC, Atlanta:

- Q1 Envelope bearing address Mrs. CORETTA SCOTT KING,
234 Sunset Av. N.W. Atlanta, Georgia
- Q2 Accompanying one-page letter made up of cut-out newsprint
beginning "Stay off ..."

Specimens received 3/11/76 from SAC, Atlanta:

- Q3 Envelope bearing hand printed address "Mrs. MARTIN L. KING,
JR., 234 Sunset Avenue, N. W., Atlanta, Ga."
- Q4 Accompanying letter made up of cut-out newsprint
beginning "Africa or ..."

ALSO SUBMITTED:

Piece of aluminum foil

Result of examination:

Q1 through Q4 were searched in the appropriate sections of the Anonymous Letter File with negative results. Representative copies will be added thereto.

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The typewriting on specimens submitted in this matter most closely resembles Laboratory standards matching a pica style of type used on Smith Corona brand machines.

The stamps affixed to Q1 and Q3 originated from a coil or coils of stamps.

No indented writings, watermarks or other characteristics of significance were noted during the examination of the questioned items which would aide in determining their immediate source.

The submitted specimens are temporarily retained. Photographs are retained.

FBI

9-61245-1

MADE IN U.S.A.

Stay off

of THE

University of Maryland

Campus

or

you

will

die !

THE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX

KLAN

9-61245-1



First Class

Personal

Mrs. Coretta Scott King
234 Sunset Av. N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Stay Off

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University of Maryland

Campus

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THE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX

KLAN

9-61245-1



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234 Sunset Av. N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

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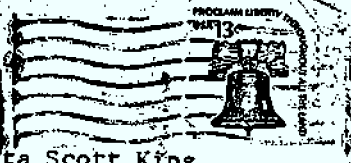
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THE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX

KLAN

9-61245-1



First Class

Mrs. Coretta Scott King
224 Sunset Av. N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Personal!!!

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WASHINGTON, D. C.**

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WASHINGTON, D. C.**

AFRICA

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Death

by

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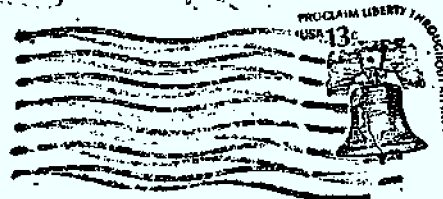
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**YOUR
Pick!**



**The
Klu Klux Klan**

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MRS. MARTIN L. KING JR.
234 SUNSET AVE. N.W.
ATLANTA, GA.

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AFRICA

OR

Death

by

Lynching

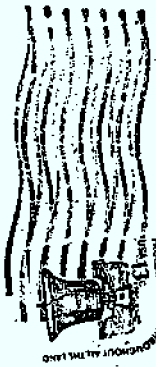
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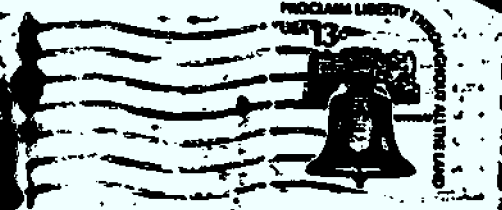
YOUR Pick!



The Ku Klux Klan

Mrs. MARTIN L. KING JR.
224 SUNSET AVE. NW
ATLANTA, GA.



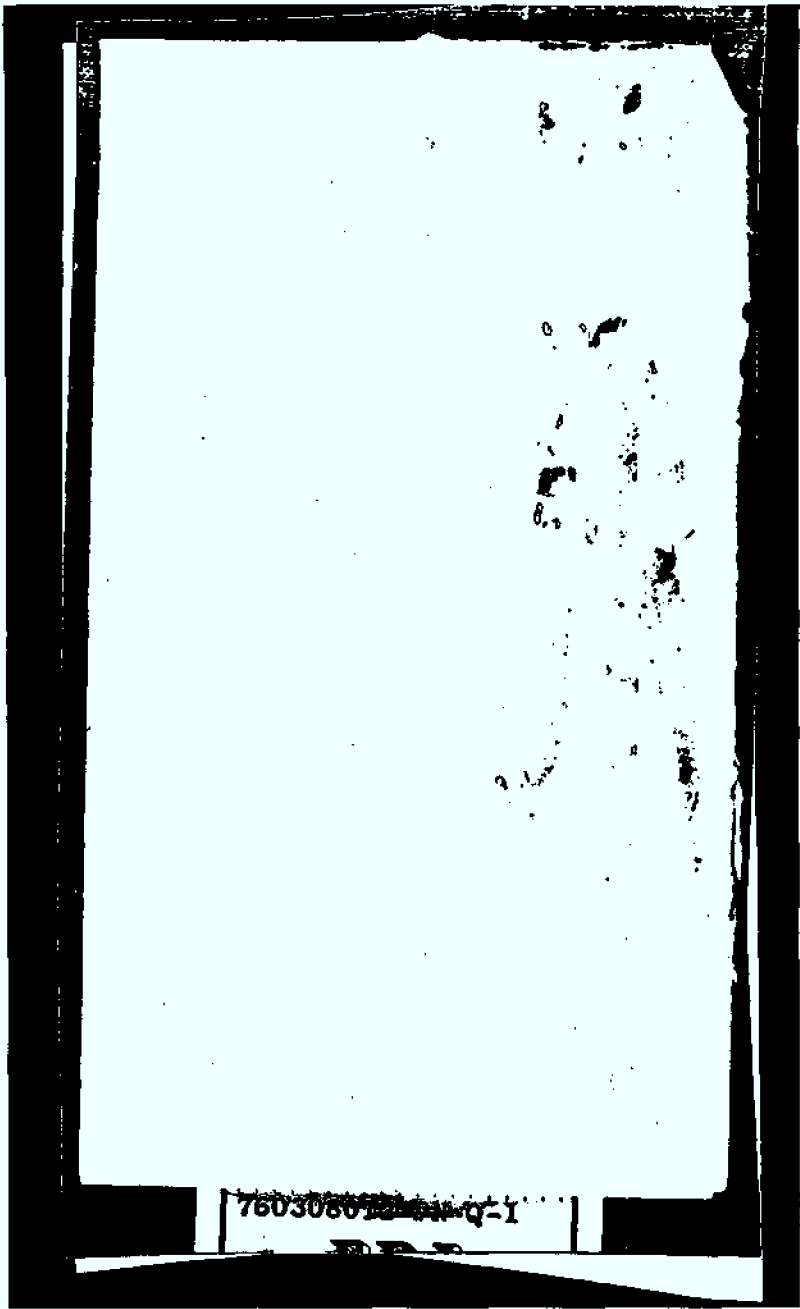


Mrs. Coretta Scott King
234 Sunset Av. N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

First Class

Personal!!!

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MRS. MARTIN L. KING JR.
234 SUNSET AVE. NW.
ATLANTA, GA.

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760312003 PN Q-3

AFRICA

OR

Death

by

Lynching



Take

**your
Pick!**

**The
Ku Klux Klan**

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THE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX

KLAN

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3/1/76

760308012 PM Q-2

FBI

Date: 3/9/76

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

Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Precedence)

TO DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTN.: FBI LABORATORY

FROM SAC, ATLANTA (P)

SUBJECT UNSUB
THE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
THREATENING LETTER TO
CORETTA SCOTT KING - VICTIM
EXTORTION
(OO: BALTIMORE)

Re Atlanta airtel to the Bureau 3/2/76.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and three copies of a threatening letter (made up of cut-out newsprint) and accompanying envelope addressed to Mrs. MARTIN L. KING, JR., 234 Sunset Avenue, N. W., Atlanta, Ga. The letter is postmarked 3/5/76, Maryland. Also enclosed is a piece of tinfoil in which the letter was wrapped.

Two copies of this letter and accompanying envelope are being enclosed for Baltimore as Origin.

A second letter was furnished 3/8/76, by Miss DORA McDONALD, Secretary to Mrs. CORETTA SCOTT KING, Room 327, Old Post Office Building, Atlanta. Miss McDONALD opens all of Mrs. KING's mail. She has not made the contents of this letter known to Mrs. KING, once again preferring not to bother her. The letter was

- 3 - Bureau (Encs. 5)
- 2 - Baltimore (Encs. 2)
- 2 - Atlanta (9-2573)

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ENCLOSURE
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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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AT 9-2573

handled by Miss McDONALD. She has been previously fingerprinted under the Summer Intern Program.

Miss McDONALD stated Mrs. KING has not made any commitments to date to speak at the University of Maryland as previously requested by a fraternity at that institution.

Instant letter is made up of cut-out newsprint, states "Africa or Death by Lynching Take Your Pick! The Ku Klux Klan". With the letter there is a picture in a rural setting, of a hanged black man with his hands tied in front.

The letter is wrapped in tinfoil, came in an envelope postmarked 3/5/76, Maryland. It was addressed to Mrs. MARTIN L. KING, JR., 234 Sunset Avenue, N. W., Atlanta, Ga. There was no return address on the envelope.

REQUEST OF THE FBI LABORATORY

The FBI Laboratory is requested to search this material through the Anonymous Letter File and conduct any other appropriate examination necessary. Results of the Laboratory examination should be furnished to the Office of Origin.

The FBI Identification Division is requested to process the enclosed threatening letter and envelope and tinfoil for any latent fingerprints of value. Results of the Identification Division examination should be furnished expeditiously to the Office of Origin.

The original threatening letter, envelope and tinfoil wrapping can be retained by the Bureau or sent to the Office of Origin, inasmuch as Miss McDONALD has stated she does not desire this material returned to her or Mrs. KING.

LEADS

BALTIMORE DIVISION

AT COLLEGE PARK, MD.

(1) Will, upon receipt of the FBI Laboratory and FBI Identification Division examinations, present this matter

AT 9-2573

to appropriate USA for prosecutive opinion.

(2) Will advise Atlanta of the results of presentation to the USA so that Miss McDONALD, Secretary to CORETTA SCOTT KING, can be advised.

ATLANTA DIVISION

AT ATLANTA, GA.

Will notify the original complainant of the prosecutive opinion rendered by the USA, College Park, Md, upon receipt from the Office of Origin.

AFRICA

OR

Death

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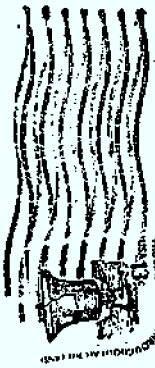
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YOUR Pick!



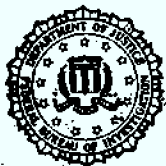
The
Klu Klux Klan

Mrs. MARTIN L. KING, JR.
234 SUNSET AVE. NW
ATLANTA, GA.



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D. C. 20537



REPORT

of the

IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

YOUR FILE NO. 9-2573
FBI FILE NO. REC-47 9-61245-3
LATENT CASE NO. B-28517

April 12, 1976

EX-104
TO: SAC, Atlanta

UNSUB.
RE: THE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
THREATENING LETTER TO
CORETTA SCOTT KING - VICTIM
EXTORTION

copy

REFERENCE: Atlanta airtels 3-2-76, 3-9-76 and Baltimore airtel 4-5-76
EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: Atlanta and Baltimore
SPECIMENS: Two envelopes, Q1 and Q3
Two letters, Q2 and Q4
Piece of foil

MAILED 12
APR 12 1976
FBI

Listed Q specimens described in separate Laboratory report.

Twenty-six latent fingerprints and one latent palm print of value developed on Q2. No latent prints of value developed on remaining specimens.

Latent fingerprints not identical fingerprints of Dora B. McDonald, born 7-16-25. No palm prints here for this individual.

The specimens are being forwarded to Baltimore Division.

2 - Baltimore - Enc. (5) (9-2403)

EEC:wms
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Clarence M. Kelley
Clarence M. Kelley, Director

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- Dep. AD Adm. _____
- Dep. AD Inv. _____
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- Director's Sec'y _____

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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LATENTS

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Recorded 4/1/76

8:50 a.m.

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3/5/76
Received 4/1/76

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To: SAC, Atlanta (9-2573)

Re: UNSUB;
THE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
THREATENING LETTER TO
CORETTA SCOTT KING - VICTIM;
EXTORTION

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YOUR NO. LC#B-28517

OO: Baltimore

Examination by:

[Redacted]

Noted By:

[Redacted]

Examination requested by: Atlanta

Reference: Airtel dated 3/2/76 + BA airtel 4-5-76

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Specimens received: 3/5/76

Q1 Envelope bearing address Mrs. CORETTA SCOTT KING,
234 Sunset Avenue, N.W., Atlanta, Ga.

Q2 Accompanying one-page letter made up of cut-out newspaper
postmarked 2/29/76, Maryland

2 - BALTIMORE (9-2403)

4-1 sprayed rim etc

4-5 re-sprayed rim Q2 to photo etc

4-6 26 lat FPS and 1 lat P. of value dev rim on Q2 etc

no lat parts of 00 hidden on Q1

Lat FPS not of FPS DORA E. McDONALD born 7-16-25
no PPS here for her. (Mrs. King's Sec)

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as PTT

2cc to Baltimore with specimens

Examination Completed 11:05
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Dictated 4-7-76
date

4-12-76
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Work Sheet

Recorded 4/1/76

8:55a.m.

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3/11/76

Received 4/1/76

To: SAC, Atlanta 9-2513

FBI FILE NO.

9-61245-3

UNSUB;
THE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
THREATENING LETTER TO
CORETTA SCOTT KING - VICTIM;
EXTORTION

LAB. NO.

D-760312003 PN

Re:

YOUR NO.

LC#B-28517

OO: Baltimore

Examination by:



Noted By:

Examination requested by:

Atlanta

Reference:

Airtel dated 3/9/76

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Examination requested:

Document - Fingerprint

Specimens received:

3/11/76

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4-5 unsprayed in no lat prints of value dev.
no lat prints dev. SD.

no lat prints of value dev. on foil. ea.

Specimens being forwarded to Baltimore.
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Q3 Envelope postmarked "3/5/76, Maryland," bearing address "Mrs. MARTIN L. KING, JR., 234 Sunset Avenue, N. W., Atlanta, Ga."

Q4 Accompanying letter made up of cut-out newsprint stating "Africa or Death by Lynching Take Your Pick! The Ku Klux Klan"

ALSO SUBMITTED:

Piece of ~~air~~ foil

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Examination Completed

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FBI

Date: 4/5/76

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Via AIRTEL _____
(Precedence)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE (9-2403) P

SUBJECT: UNSUB; THE KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN, THREATENING
LETTER TO CORETTA SCOTT KING - VICTIM
EXTORTION
OO: BALTIMORE

RE: Baltimore telephone call to the Bureau, 4/2/76, Bureau routing slip, 3/11/76, and Atlanta airtels to Baltimore, 3/2/76, and 3/9/76.

By way of background, Mrs. MARTIN LUTHER KING, Atlanta, Georgia, received two anonymous letters mailed from Maryland threatening her with death if she accepted a speaking engagement at the University of Maryland. Mrs. KING anticipates accepting the speaking engagement at this time, scheduled for 4/23/76.

The Baltimore Division has alerted the Maryland State Police, University Park Police, and the Campus Police at the University of Maryland concerning these threats.

The threatening letters sent to Mrs. KING have been previously sent to the Bureau by Atlanta for appropriate Laboratory and Latent Fingerprint examination.

Due to the prominence of the individual involved the FBI Laboratory is requested to expeditiously furnish Baltimore the results of the requested examinations.

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- 1 - Atlanta (info)
- 2 - Baltimore

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Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M P

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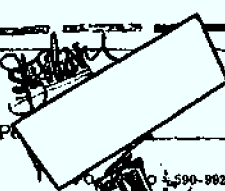
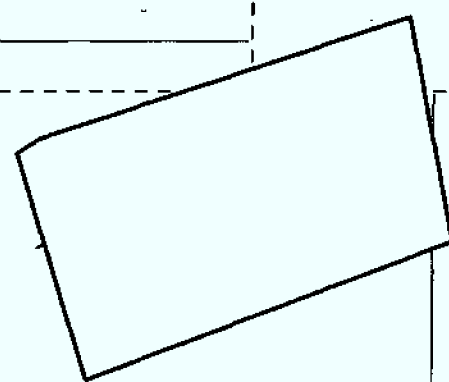
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JJD:geb

Upon receipt of the above examination, the appropriate United States Attorney will be contacted, and a report submitted, UACB.

3/9/76

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

FROM SAC, ATLANTA (P)

SUBJECT UNSUB;
THE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
THREATENING LETTER TO
CORETTA SCOTT KING - VICTIM
EXTORTION
(OO: BALTIMORE)

Re Atlanta airtel to the Bureau 3/2/76.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and three copies of a threatening letter (made up of cut-out newsprint), and accompanying envelope addressed to Mrs. MARTIN L. KING, SR., 234 Sunset Avenue, N. W., Atlanta, Ga. The letter is postmarked 3/5/76, Maryland. Also enclosed is a piece of tinfoil in which the letter was wrapped.

Two copies of this letter and accompanying envelope are being enclosed for Baltimore as Origin.

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A second letter was furnished 3/8/76, by Miss DORA McDONALD, Secretary to Mrs. CORETTA SCOTT KING, Room 327, Old Post Office Building, Atlanta. Miss McDONALD opens all of Mrs. KING's mail. She has not made the contents of this letter known to Mrs. KING, once again preferring not to bother her. The letter was

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- 2 - Baltimore (Encs. 2)
- 2 - Atlanta (9-2573)

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handled by Miss McDONALD. She has been previously fingerprinted under the Summer Intern Program.

Miss McDONALD stated Mrs. KING has not made any commitments to date to speak at the University of Maryland as previously requested by a fraternity at that institution.

Instant letter is made up of cut-out newsprint, states "Africa or Death by Lynching Take Your Pick! The Ku Klux Klan". With the letter there is a picture in a rural setting, of a hanged black man with his hands tied in front.

The letter is wrapped in tinfoil, came in an envelope postmarked 3/5/76, Maryland. It was addressed to Mrs. MARTIN L. KING, JR., 234 Sunset Avenue, N. W., Atlanta, Ga. There was no return address on the envelope.

REQUEST OF THE FBI LABORATORY

The FBI Laboratory is requested to search this material through the Anonymous Letter File and conduct any other appropriate examination necessary. Results of the Laboratory examination should be furnished to the Office of Origin.

The FBI Identification Division is requested to process the enclosed threatening letter and envelope and tinfoil for any latent fingerprints of value. Results of the Identification Division examination should be furnished expeditiously to the Office of Origin.

The original threatening letter, envelope and tinfoil wrapping can be retained by the Bureau or sent to the Office of Origin, inasmuch as Miss McDONALD has stated she does not desire this material returned to her or Mrs. KING.

LEADS

BALTIMORE DIVISION

AT COLLEGE PARK, MD.

(1) Will, upon receipt of the FBI Laboratory and FBI Identification Division examinations, present this matter

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to appropriate USA for prosecutive opinion.

(2) Will advise Atlanta of the results of presentation to the USA so that Miss McDONALD, Secretary to CORETTA SCOTT KING, can be advised.

ATLANTA DIVISION

AT ATLANTA, GA.

Will notify the original complainant of the prosecutive opinion rendered by the USA, College Park, Md. upon receipt from the Office of Origin.

3/2/76

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REGISTERED MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
(Attn: FBI Laboratory)

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (9-2573) (P)

SUBJECT: UNSUB;
THE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
THREATENING LETTER TO
CORETTA SCOTT KING - VICTIM
EXTORTION
(OO: BALTIMORE)

Enclosed for the Bureau is the original and Xerox copies of a threatening letter (made up of cut-out newspaper) and accompanying envelope addressed to Mrs. CORETTA SCOTT KING, 234 Sunset Avenue, N.W., Atlanta, Ga. The letter is postmarked 2/29/76, Maryland.

Two (2) copies of this letter and accompanying envelope are being enclosed for Baltimore as office of origin.

The contents of the letter instructed Mrs. KING to stay off the University of Maryland Campus or she would die. The letter was signed the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

The letter and envelope was received 3/1/76 from Mrs. KING's Secretary, Miss DORA McDONALD, Room 27, Old Post Office Building, Atlanta, Ga., telephone #688-8207. Miss McDONALD stated that she handled the envelope and letter. Miss McDONALD is a Negro female, born 7/16/25, at Greeleyville, South Carolina. She has been previously fingerprinted, according to her admission, under the Summer Intern Program.

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Miss McDONALD stated that she is withholding the contents of this threatening letter from Mrs. KING so as not to bother her. She advised that Mrs. KING has been invited to speak by the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity at the University of Maryland, College Park, Md., during the Spring of 1976. According to Miss McDONALD, Mrs. KING has not said whether or not she will speak as requested at the University of Maryland.

Miss McDONALD stated that she opens all of Mrs. KING's mail as her Secretary.

REQUEST OF THE BUREAU, FBI LABORATORY:

The FBI Laboratory is requested to search this material through the Anonymous Letter File and conduct other appropriate examination. Results of the Laboratory examination should be furnished to the office of origin.

The FBI Identification Division is requested to process the enclosed threatening letter and envelope for latent fingerprints. Results of the Identification Division examination should be furnished expeditiously to the office of origin.

The original threatening letter and envelope can be retained by the Bureau or sent to the office of origin, inasmuch as Miss McDONALD has stated that she does not desire the letter returned to her or Mrs. KING.

LEADS

BALTIMORE DIVISION

AT COLLEGE PARK, MARYLAND

1. Will, upon receipt of the FBI Laboratory and Identification Division examinations, present this matter to appropriate USA for a prosecutive opinion.
2. Will consider inquiry at the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, University of Maryland Campus, to determine the writer of the threatening letter.

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3. Advise Atlanta of the results of presentation to the USA so that original complainant may be advised.

ATLANTA DIVISION

AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Will notify original complainant of the prosecutive opinion rendered by the USA, College Park, Md., in connection with captioned matter upon receipt from the office of origin.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE BALTIMORE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN BALTIMORE	DATE 4/19/76	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 3/6/76 - 4/12/76
TITLE OF CASE UNSUB; THE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN; THREATENING LETTERS TO CORETTA SCOTT KING-VICTIM		REPORT MADE BY SA 	TYPED BY cal
		CHARACTER OF CASE <p style="text-align: center;">EXTORTION-RACIAL MATTER</p>	

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REFERENCES:

gn Atlanta airtel to Bureau, 3/2/76.
Atlanta nitel to Baltimore, 3/24/76.

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NONE	ACQUIT-TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
CONVIC.	PRETRIAL DIVERSION	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES		
							PENDING OVER ONE YEAR <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO

APPROVED *[Signature]* SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

COPIES MADE:

- 2-Bureau (9-61245)
- 1-Atlanta (9-2573)
- 2-Baltimore (9-2403)
- (1-USA, Baltimore)

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Dissemination Record of Attached Report			
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Request Recd.	4/28/76		
Date Fwd.	28/76		
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By	<i>[Signature]</i>		

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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

Copy to: 1-UNITED STATES ATTORNEY, BALTIMORE, MARYLAND
(ATTN: AUSA GERARD P. MARTIN)

Report of: SA [REDACTED] Office: BALTIMORE

Date: APRIL 19, 1976

Field Office File #: BA 9-2403 Bureau File #: 9-61245

Title: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
THE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN;
THREATENING LETTERS TO
CORETTA SCOTT KING-VICTIM

Character: EXTORTION-RACIAL MATTER

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Synopsis: Threatening letters mailed from Maryland to Mrs. CORETTA SCOTT KING, Atlanta, Georgia referred to Mrs. KING's possible appearance at the University of Maryland. Letters signed by the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. AUSA, Baltimore, Maryland, advised he would decline prosecution in instant matter.

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DETAILS:

This case was predicated upon receipt of a communication from the Atlanta Division enclosing copies of a letter addressed to Mrs. CORETTA SCOTT KING, wife of the late Doctor MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., 234 Sunset Avenue, NW, Atlanta, Georgia. Another letter was also received by Mrs. KING at the aforementioned address.

Stay

Off

of

THE

University

of

Maryland

Campus

or

you

will

die !

THE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX

KLAN



Mrs. Coretta Scott King
224 Sunset Av. N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

First Class

Personal!!!

AFRICA

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Death

by

Lynching

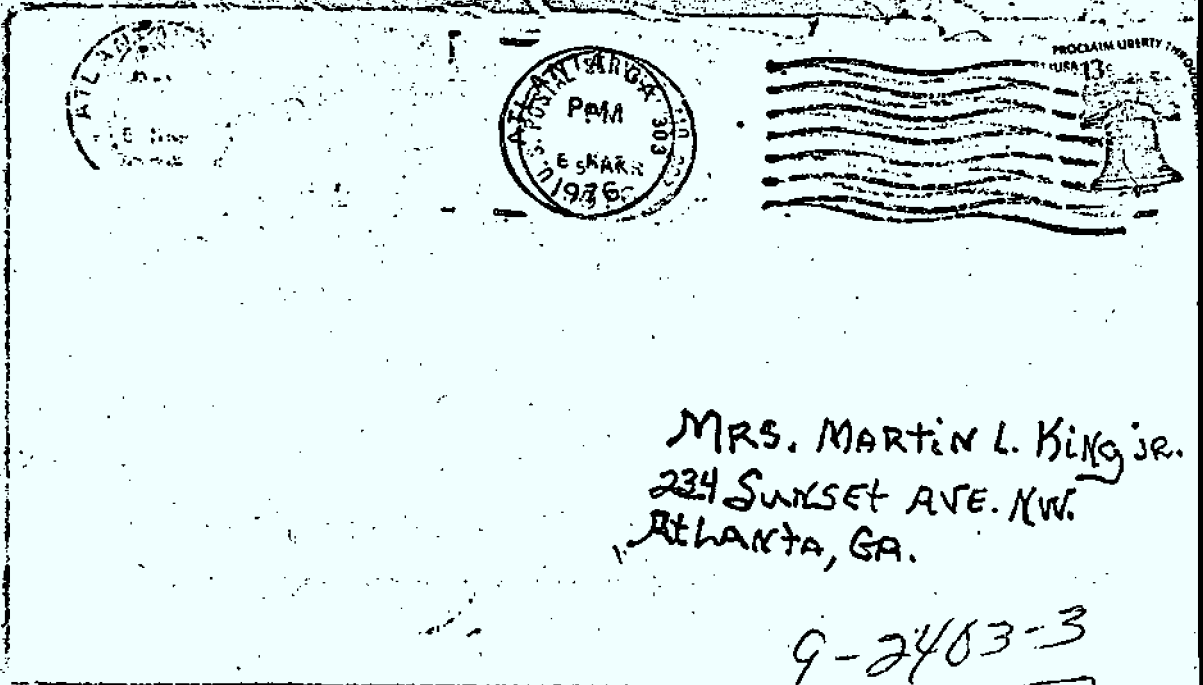
Take

**YOUR
Pick!**



The

MARTIN LUTHER KING



MRS. MARTIN L. KING JR.
234 SUNSET AVE. N.W.
ATLANTA, GA.

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A check was made with [redacted] University of Maryland Security Police, and it was determined that Mrs. KING was scheduled to appear on the University of Maryland on April 23, 1976 in conjunction with the presentation of the Martin Luther King Awards being sponsored by the Black Student Union, University of Maryland. Campus security was alerted to the threatening letters received by Mrs. KING and in addition, [redacted] Intelligence Section, Maryland State Police, was also notified regarding the threatening letters.

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On April 9, 1976, AUSA GERARD P. MARTIN, Baltimore, Maryland, was contacted regarding instant case and was advised of the contents of the letters addressed to Mrs. KING. AUSA MARTIN advised he would decline prosecution in this matter in view of the fact that he felt the case was not suitable for handling in federal court.

**REPORT
of the**



**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: SAC, Atlanta (9-2573)

April 2, 1976

Re: UNSUB;
THE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
THREATENING LETTER TO
CORETTA SCOTT KING - VICTIM;
EXTORTION

FBI FILE NO. 9-61245

LAB. NO. D-760308012 PN
D-760312003 PN

Specimens received 3/5/76 from SAC, Atlanta:

- Q1 Envelope bearing address Mrs. CORETTA SCOTT KING,
234 Sunset Av. N.W. Atlanta, Georgia
- Q2 Accompanying one-page letter made up of cut-out newsprint
beginning "Stay off ..."

Specimens received 3/11/76 from SAC, Atlanta:

- Q3 Envelope bearing hand printed address "Mrs. MARTIN L. KING,
JR., 234 Sunset Avenue, N. W., Atlanta, Ga."
- Q4 Accompanying letter made up of cut-out newsprint
beginning "Africa or ..."

ALSO SUBMITTED:

Piece of aluminum foil

Result of examination:

Q1 through Q4 were searched in the appropriate sections of the Anonymous Letter File with negative results. Representative copies will be added thereto.

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The typewriting on specimens submitted in this matter most closely resembles Laboratory standards matching a pica style of type used on Smith Corona brand machines.

The stamps affixed to Q1 and Q3 originated from a coil or coils of stamps.

No indented writings, watermarks or other characteristics of significance were noted during the examination of the questioned items which would aide in determining their immediate source.

The submitted specimens are temporarily retained. Photographs are retained.



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D. C. 20537

REPORT

of the

IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

YOUR FILE NO.

FBI FILE NO.

LATENT CASE NO.

9-2573
9-61245
B-28517

April 12, 1976

TO: SAC, Atlanta

RE: UNSUB.;
THE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
THREATENING LETTER TO
CORETTA SCOTT KING - VICTIM
EXTORTION

REFERENCE: Atlanta airtels 3-2-76, 3-9-76 and Baltimore
airtel 4-5-76
EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: Atlanta and Baltimore
SPECIMENS: Two envelopes, Q1 and Q3
Two letters, Q2 and Q4
Piece of foil

Listed Q specimens described in separate
Laboratory report.

Twenty-six latent fingerprints and one latent
palm print of value developed on Q2. No latent prints
of value developed on remaining specimens.

Latent fingerprints not identical finger-
prints of Dora E. McDonald, born 7-16-25. No palm
prints here for this individual.

The specimens are being forwarded to Baltimore
Division.

② - Baltimore - Enc. (5) (9-2403) ^{Enclosures} ^{NOT} verified DFM

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Clarence M. Kelley
Clarence M. Kelley, Director

THIS REPORT IS FURNISHED FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY.

FBI

Date: 3/14/77

Transmitted in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

AIRTEL

(Precedence)

TO: Director, FBI (9-61245)
Attention: Laboratory Division

FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE (9-2403) (P)

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"CHANGED"

THREATENING LETTERS TO CORETTA SCOTT KING - VICTIM
EXTORTION - RACIAL MATTER
OO: Baltimore

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Copy and Specimens retained in Lab
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Action and Report

Title is marked "CHANGED" to reflect UNSUB as being _____ Title previously carried as, "UNSUB; THE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, THREATENING LETTERS TO CORETTA SCOTT KING-VICTIM; EXTORTION-RACIAL MATTER, OO: BA."

Re Atlanta airtel to the Bureau 3/9/76, and Baltimore airtel to the Bureau dated 3/10/77.

Enclosed for the Laboratory Division are two photographic copies each of 2 known samples of the handwriting of _____

For the information of the Laboratory Division, on 3/2/77, the Maryland State Police (MSP) charged

- 2 - Bureau (Enc. 4) (9-61245) (1-157-34328)
- (2-Laboratory Division)
- 1 - Atlanta (Info.)
- 3 - Baltimore (2-9-2403) (1-157-9775)

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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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[redacted] date of birth [redacted] residing [redacted] with manufacturing explosive devices, possession of black powder in excess of lawfully permitted amounts, and unlawful cross burning. [redacted] is currently being held at the Carroll County, Maryland, jail in lieu of \$15,000 bond. Additionally, Howard County, Maryland, has placed a detainer on [redacted] in regards to indictments lodged against [redacted] in that county. [redacted] bond for the Howard County charges was set at \$100,000.

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On 3/3/77, [redacted] Intelligence Unit, MSP, advised SA [redacted] that [redacted] had admitted to a MSP undercover agent that he, [redacted] had authored threatening letters to CORETTA SCOTT KING, wife of the late Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr. These letters were signed Ku Klux Klan and were directed to her concerning her scheduled appearance at the University of Maryland, College Park campus, during April of 1976.

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Referenced Atlanta airtel transmitted to the Bureau the original and 3 copies of a threatening letter (made up of cut-out newsprint), and an envelope addressed to Mrs. MARTIN L. KING, Jr., 234 Sunset Avenue, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia. The letter was postmarked 3/5/76, Maryland.

In a report of the FBI Laboratory dated 4/2/76, Laboratory Case Numbers-D-726308012PN and D-760312003PN, the Laboratory identified the above envelope bearing a hand printed address as specimen Q3 and the above described letter made up of cut-out newsprint as being specimen Q4.

On 3/8/77, this matter was discussed with Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) GERALD P. MARTIN, who advised that the sending of these letters was a definite violation of Federal law and if physical evidence could be obtained indicating that [redacted] was the writer of these letters, he would consider prosecuting [redacted] under the extortion statute.

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On 3/10/77, [redacted] Carroll County, Maryland, was interviewed at the [redacted]

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Baltimore Office of the FBI. [redacted] advised on 1/3/77, he was at the home of [redacted] and observed [redacted] writing the enclosed document, which begins [redacted] "Grand Dragon . . . ". [redacted] noted that on the reverse side of this document, his, [redacted], handwriting also appears.

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Additionally, [redacted] stated that on 8/21/76, [redacted] had given him handwritten instructions on how to build a pipe bomb, which [redacted] stated was written by [redacted]

[redacted] made available these two documents which were photographed at the Baltimore Office. Baltimore is enclosing photographs of these documents due to the fact that the originals are being used in local court.

REQUEST OF THE LABORATORY DIVISION

The Laboratory Division is requested to compare the enclosed photographs of known handwriting of [redacted] with the handwriting which appears on specimen Q3 of Laboratory Case No. D-760312003PN and forward results of this comparison to Baltimore.

3/3/77

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE [redacted]
SUBJECT: CHANGED

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DIH
OO: BALTIMORE

Knights of the Ku Klux Klan

Title changed to reflect subject's name, [redacted]

Title previously carried as "INSUR: [redacted]

[redacted]
COLLEGE PARK, MARYLAND; [redacted]
[redacted]

Letter to Mrs. Coretta Scott King

Re Baltimore airtel and LHM, dated 2/23/77.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are five copies of an LHM regarding captioned matter.

Subject admitted to Maryland State Police (MSPD) that he authored letter to Ms. CORETTA KING, which threatened that she would die if she did not stay out of the University of Maryland. The letter was signed Ku Klux Klan (KKK) and was directed to her concerning a scheduled appearance at the University of Maryland in 4/76 (see Bureau file 9-61245).

UACB, no additional investigation being conducted regarding this matter.

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- 4 - Baltimore
- (2 - [redacted])
- (1 - 9-2403)
- (1 - 157- [redacted])

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Baltimore, Maryland

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. BA [redacted]

March 3, 1977

RE: [redacted]

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DISCRIMINATION IN HOUSING

On March 2, 1977, [redacted] Maryland
State Police (MSP) Baltimore, Maryland, advised that

[redacted]
[redacted] was arrested by his department on March 2, 1977.
He described [redacted] as a white male, five feet eleven
inches, 170 pounds, born [redacted] with Social
Security Account Number (SSAN) [redacted]

[redacted] advised that in addition to the
arrest, a search warrant was executed at [redacted] residence
and the following items were obtained, which are being
retained by the MSP as evidence to support future charges:

- Nine pounds of black powder;
- Safety cord (fuse cord);
- One nine millimeter pistol;
- Two twelve gauge shotguns;
- One Armalite 180 rifle;
- One .22 caliber rifle

[redacted] advised further that his office
developed evidence that [redacted] was the head of the Ku
Klux Klan (KKK) for the Prince George's, Montgomery and
Howard County area. He said evidence has also been developed

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YOUR AGENCY."



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ENCLOSURE

BA [REDACTED]

RE: [REDACTED]

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DISCRIMINATION IN HOUSING

that [REDACTED] was responsible for the burning of a cross at the residence of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] during the evening of January 29 - 30, 1977. [REDACTED] said evidence pertaining to this cross burning will be presented to a grand jury in Price George's County in the immediate future in the interest of obtaining an indictment against [REDACTED]. He stated that charges are also being sought against [REDACTED] in connection with the explosive materials found in his home and also in connection with a pipe bomb which was found in possession of [REDACTED].

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE BALTIMORE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN BALTIMORE	DATE 3/17/77	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 3/3-17/77
TITLE OF CASE THREATENING LETTERS TO CORETTA SCOTT KING-VICTIM		REPORT MADE BY SA [REDACTED]	TYPED BY SMW
		CHARACTER OF CASE EXTORTION-RACIAL MATTERS	

REFERENCES:

Report of [REDACTED] dated 4/19/76, Baltimore airtel to the Bureau dated 3/3/77, Baltimore airtel to the Bureau dated 3/10/77, Baltimore airtel to the Bureau dated 3/14/77, and report of Identification Division, Latent Fingerprint Section dated 3/15/77.

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LEADS:

BALTIMORE DIVISION

AT BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

- Will attempt to determine through Maryland State Police,

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NONE	ACQUIT-TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
CONVIC.	PRETRIAL DIVERSION	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES		
							PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO

APPROVED [Signature]	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW	
COPIES MADE: ② Bureau (9-61245) 1-Atlanta (9-2573) (For Info) 1-USA, Baltimore, Maryland 2-Baltimore (9-2403)		9-61245-6	REC-54
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Intelligence Unit, if [redacted] is in possession of a Smith Corona typewriter, and if so, attempt to obtain a search warrant for same.

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2. Will follow and report results of proceedings before Federal Grand Jury, Baltimore, Maryland, of [redacted] to the Bureau.

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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

Copy to: 1- USA, Baltimore, Maryland
(ATTN: AUSA GERALD P. MARTIN)

Report of: SA [REDACTED] Office: BALTIMORE
Date: 3/17/77

Field Office File #: 9-2403 Bureau File #: 9-61245

Title: [REDACTED]
THREATENING LETTERS TO
CORETTA SCOTT KING - VICTIM

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Character: EXTORTION-RACIAL MATTERS

Synopsis: Maryland State Police. (MSP). Intelligence Unit, advised that [REDACTED] had admitted to a MSP undercover operative that he [REDACTED] had authored threatening letters to Mrs. CORETTA SCOTT KING. [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] had told him that he, [REDACTED] had authored threatening letters to Mrs. KING. Fingerprints of [REDACTED] were obtained from Maryland State Police. Latent Fingerprint Section identified 25 latent fingerprints previously developed on the letter O2 as the fingerprints of [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] provided known handwriting of [REDACTED] which was photographed. FBI Laboratory advised it could not determine if [REDACTED] handwriting appeared on the envelope addressed to Mrs. MARTIN L. KING, JR. U.S. Postal Inspector advised letters were sent from Prince Georges postal facility, Hyattsville, Maryland. Local charges set forth. [REDACTED] currently being held Carroll County Maryland Jail in lieu of \$15,000 bond. Facts in this case to be brought before the Federal Grand Jury on 3/22/77.

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DETAILS:

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[redacted] Intelligence Unit, Maryland State Police, Baltimore, Maryland provided the following information:

He stated that for the past several months the Maryland State Police had been conducting an investigation in conjunction with [redacted] into numerous illegal acts which they suspected were being committed by members of the ROBERT E. LEE KLAVERN OF THE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN. This Klavern was located in Howard County, Maryland, and was headed by [redacted] who [redacted] described as the Exalted Cyclops of this group.

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During February of 1977, [redacted] admitted to [redacted] who had infiltrated the ROBERT E. LEE KLAVERN, that he, [redacted] had authored several threatening letters to CORETTA SCOTT KING, wife of the late Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. These letters were signed KU KLUX KLAN, (KKK), and were directed to her concerning her scheduled appearance at the University of Maryland Campus, College Park, Maryland, during April of 1976. [redacted] provided the following description and background information concerning [redacted]

Sex:	Male
Race:	White
DOB:	[redacted]
Height:	5'11"
Weight:	170 lbs.
Address:	[redacted]

Telephone:	[redacted]
MD Driver's license soundex number:	[redacted]
Employment:	None
Occupation:	Student, University of MD College Park, Maryland

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by SA [redacted] SA [redacted] : smw Date dictated 3/7/77

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[redacted]
[redacted] Carroll County, Maryland, telephone number [redacted] was interviewed at the Carroll County States Attorney's Office, 133 East Main Street, Westminster, Maryland. It is noted that [redacted] Intelligence Unit, Maryland State Police, and [redacted] Carroll County States Attorney were present during the interview of [redacted]. [redacted] provided the following information:

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[redacted] stated that he first met [redacted] during April of 1976. At that time, [redacted] was a member of the MARYLAND KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, (MKKKK).

[redacted] stated that he, [redacted] had joined the MARYLAND KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN during 1975. He stated that he joined the MKKKK with the full knowledge and consent of the Maryland State Police.

In May of 1976, while both [redacted] and [redacted] were members of the MKKKK [redacted] had stated during a training session of the Klan berets, that several threatening letters had been sent to CORETTA KING. At that time, [redacted] did not identify the author of these letters but stated that he knew that they had been sent to Mrs. KING.

During November of 1976, [redacted] and other members had been expelled or resigned from that particular KKK faction. [redacted] then formed the ROBERT E. LEE KLAVERN OF THE INVISIBLE EMPIRE OF THE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN.

[redacted] stated that because he felt [redacted] had a propensity for violence, he left the MKKKK and joined [redacted] group. [redacted] held the position of Exalted Cyclops (leader) of the ROBERT E. LEE KLAVERN according to [redacted]. In his capacity as Exalted Cyclops, [redacted] had

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attempted on several occasions to recruit members of his Klavern to commit criminal acts.

On February 16, 1977, [redacted] met with [redacted] at [redacted] home,

[redacted] During this meeting [redacted] attempted to discreetly determine if [redacted] had been involved in sending threatening letters to Mrs. CORETTA KING during February and March of 1976 concerning her scheduled appearance at the University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland during April of 1976. [redacted] had stated to [redacted] that Mr. ALEX HALEY, the author of the book "Roots", was scheduled to make an appearance at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County Campus, Catonsville, Maryland, in the near future. [redacted] wanted to know if [redacted] would send a threatening letter to HALEY. [redacted] asked [redacted] if he had HALEY's home address. [redacted] stated that he did not have HALEY's home address but that he would attempt to obtain it for [redacted] stated that if [redacted] could get HALEY's address, he, [redacted] would be willing to write a threatening letter to HALEY.

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During this conversation, [redacted] advised [redacted] that he, [redacted] had sent several threatening letters to Mrs. CORETTA KING regarding her appearance at the University of Maryland, College Park Campus, College Park, Maryland. [redacted] stated to [redacted] that he prepared the letters by clipping words out of newspapers and magazines and pasted these words onto pieces of paper. [redacted] advised that he remembers [redacted] saying that he had used the word "Africa" in one of his threatening letters to KING.

[redacted] stated that he was always very careful in preparing these letters. He stated that he would wear gloves during the entire time that he was preparing these letters. [redacted] stated he was still very concerned that he might eventually be identified as being the author of these letters.

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At this point in the conversation, [redacted] stated he told [redacted] not to worry about the KING letters and the subject of the threatening letters was not further discussed.

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[redacted] stated that on February 26, 1976, [redacted] had been advised by [redacted] that [redacted] had talked to a representative of the FBI concerning [redacted] told [redacted] that should he be arrested by the FBI and have the chance to escape he would not hesitate to do so.

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On March 10, 1977, one fingerprint card bearing the inked fingerprint impressions of [redacted] [redacted] date of birth [redacted] was obtained from [redacted] Assistant Director of Central Repository for Criminal Records, Maryland State Police, Pikesville, Maryland. [redacted] fingerprint card was placed in the 1A section of FBI case file number 9-2403.

On March 11, 1977, [redacted] fingerprint card was hand carried to FBI Headquarters, Identification Division, Latent Fingerprint Section, Washington, D.C., where they were given to latent fingerprint examiner [redacted]

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by SA [redacted] & SA [redacted] : SMW Date dictated 3/11/77

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Washington, D. C. 20537

REPORT

of the

IDENTIFICATION DIVISION**LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION**

YOUR FILE NO. 9-2403
 FBI FILE NO. 9-61245
 LATENT CASE NO. B-28517

March 15, 1977

TO: SAC, Baltimore

UNSUB.;

RE: THE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
 THREATENING LETTERS TO CORETTA SCOTT KING - VICTIM
 EXTORTION - RACIAL MATTER

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REFERENCE: Airtel 3-10-77, and specimen delivered on 3-11-77
 EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: Baltimore
 SPECIMENS: Fingerprints of [REDACTED]

This report supplements and confirms Bucal of
 March 11, 1977.

Twenty-five latent fingerprints, which were previously reported on the letter, Q2, made up of cut-out newsprint, beginning "Stay Off of The University of Maryland Campus...." have been identified as fingerprints of [REDACTED]

One latent fingerprint is not identical with the fingerprints of [REDACTED]

The fingerprints of [REDACTED] were searched through our main files and no previous arrest record was located.

The fingerprints of [REDACTED] have been retained.

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Assistant Director, Identification Division

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[redacted]
[redacted] Carroll County, Maryland, telephone number [redacted] was interviewed at the Baltimore Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, (FBI), 7142 Ambassador Road, Baltimore, Maryland, and provided the following information:

[redacted] advised that on August 21, 1976, [redacted] while at a Ku Klux Klan rally in Gamber, Maryland, gave [redacted] a piece of paper which contained instructions on how to assemble a nine bomb. [redacted] had told [redacted] that he, [redacted] had prepared these instructions.

On January 3, 1977, [redacted] met with [redacted] at [redacted] home, [redacted]. During this meeting, [redacted] prepared a document for [redacted] which consisted of information regarding the Ku Klux Klan. This document begins with the words [redacted] - Grand Dragon ...".

At the conclusion of this interview, [redacted] made available for photographing these two documents. It is noted that [redacted] retained these documents in his custody.

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On March 10, 1977, two documents which were provided by [redacted] Carroll County, Maryland, telephone number [redacted] were photographed at the Baltimore Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, (FBI), 7142 Ambassador Road, Baltimore, Maryland. These two documents are identified as follows:

1. One piece of loose-leaf with writing on front and reverse beginning with the words [redacted] - Grand Dragon...".
2. One piece of loose-leaf with writing on front and reverse beginning with the words "Instructions for building a pipe bomb - Anti-personel".

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During the photographing of these documents, [redacted] was present and maintained custody of the original documents.

The photographs of these documents were placed in the 1A section of Baltimore case file number 9-2403.

On March 15, 1977, the photographs of these documents were hand carried to FBI Headquarters Laboratory Division, Washington, D.C.

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On March 15, 1977, SA [redacted] of the Laboratory Division, FBI Headquarters, Washington D.C., telephonically advised the Baltimore Office of the FBI that the handwriting on the envelope postmarked March 5, 1976 addressed to Mrs. MARTIN L. KING, JR., 234 Sunset Ave. N.W., Atlanta, GA., was disguised handwriting and that after comparing the handwriting on the envelope with the known handwriting of [redacted] no conclusion could be reached concerning the authorship of the envelope.

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[redacted]
[redacted] Baltimore, Maryland, telephone number
provided the following information:

[redacted] advised that the number 207 which appears within the postal cancellation on the two letters directed to Mrs. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., indicates that these letters were processed at the Prince Georges postal facility, Route 1, Hyattsville, Maryland.

[redacted] further advised that letters mailed from within the University of Maryland, College Park Campus would be processed at the Prince Georges County postal facility.

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As of March 17, 1977, [REDACTED]
has been charged with the following offenses by local
authorities:

Prince Georges County, Maryland

1. Unlawful cross burnings.
2. Possession of black powder in excess of
the lawfully permitted amount.

[REDACTED] Prince Georges County officials released
[REDACTED] on his own recognizance.

Carroll County, Maryland

Manufacturing explosives.

[REDACTED] is currently being held in the
Carroll County, Maryland jail in lieu of a \$15,000 bond.

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Howard County, Maryland

1. Unlawful cross burnings.
2. Manufacturing explosives without a license.
3. Manufacturing explosives without a permit.
4. Possession of explosives without a license.
5. Possession of explosives without a permit.

Howard County authorities have placed a
detainer on [REDACTED] and have set his bail in the
Howard County case at \$100,000.

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On March 8, 1977, Assistant United States Attorney, GERALD P. MARTIN, Baltimore, Maryland, was contacted regarding instant case. AUSA MARTIN advised that the sending of these letters was a definite violation of the Federal law and if evidence could be obtained indicating that [redacted] b6 b7C [redacted] was the writer of these letters, he would consider prosecution of [redacted] under the extortion statute.

On March 14, 1977 AUSA MARTIN, upon being contacted, advised this matter would be presented before the Federal Grand Jury, Baltimore, Maryland, on March 22, 1977.

The following article appeared on page B 18 in the March 5, 1977 issue of the Sun Newspaper, Baltimore, Maryland:

Judge refuses to cut \$500,000 bail in Klan case

By PATRICIA A. ROUZER
Westminster Bureau of The Sun

Westminster—A Carroll County District Court judge refused yesterday to reduce the \$500,000 bail set for William M. Aitcheson, 22, the reported Ku Klux Klan member who was charged here Wednesday with illegally possessing explosive materials.

Judge Donald M. Smith refused to reduce the bond set by a county District Court commissioner, saying he felt if Mr. Aitcheson were released, there was a "substantial risk" that he would not return for trial on the two misdemeanor counts against him in Carroll county. The defendant was being held last night at the Carroll County Jail in lieu of the bail.

At the time of his arrest at his parents' home near Clarksville in Howard county, Mr. Aitcheson also was charged by Prince Georges county authorities in connection with six cross-burnings in that county and sending threatening letters to Coretta S. King, widow of the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., the state civil rights leader. Prince Georges county authorities released Mr. Aitcheson on his own recognizance.

To avoid news photographers waiting in the hall outside the courtroom here yesterday, Mr. Aitcheson, a junior at the University of Maryland in College Park, was ushered into the hot and crowded courtroom through a side door.

The defendant, a curly-headed young man wearing a blue shirt, jeans and horn-rimmed glasses taped at the temple, showed no emotion as J. Robert Johnson, the public defender representing him, described him as "a boy who talks a lot and who doesn't do a great deal; a boy who talks to look big among his fellows."

Mr. Johnson's statement sharply contrasted with testimony by Frank M. Rauschenberg, a state fire marshal who infiltrated the Klan. Mr. Rauschenberg characterized the young man as "unstable and extremely dangerous."

While on the witness stand, Mr. Rauschenberg identified assembly instructions for a pipe bomb and a molotov cocktail, which he said Mr. Aitcheson had drawn up to train the Klan Beret, a Klan committee of about seven persons intended to engage in guerrilla warfare. The fire marshal added the group planned to mount a revolution against "blacks and the Communist and Socialist conspiracy."

Mr. Rauschenberg said he had known the young man for more than seven months from attending monthly Klan rallies held at a Gamber (Md.) farm. He said that February 26 Mr. Aitcheson had told him he thought the FBI was looking for him.

Mr. Rauschenberg contradicted preceding testimony by the young man's father, who said his son had not been out of state in the past month.

The fire marshal testified, "On February 26 he (the defendant) told me he had gone to Pennsylvania to visit with friends. He said that if the FBI made any attempt to apprehend him he would flee the state, he would go off and live in the woods. . . . He told me he had a military backpack and gear, and he also had a year's supply of Minute Men food tablets—a highly nutritious tablet he could live off of."

Thomas E. Hickman, the county state's attorney, questioned Mr. Rauschenberg, a qualified explosives technician, about the defendant's expertise in constructing explosive devices.

The young man's mother, seated in the first row of the tiny courtroom, bowed her head as Mr. Rauschenberg described her son as "a knowledgeable person" in the field of explosives who had constructed a bomb in the fire marshal's presence.

The following article appeared on page A 3 in the March 5, 1977 issue of the News American, Baltimore, Maryland:

Klan Leader Making Bombs, Hearing Told

By MICHAEL POWELL
Staff Reporter

WESTMINSTER — A state fire marshal has testified that the purported leader of a Ku Klux Klan klavern operating out of Howard County was constructing pipe bombs to get ready for a revolution.

He said the leader, a 22-year-old University of Maryland junior, was "dangerous" and "unstable."

The fire marshal, Frank M. Rauschenberg, spent two years as an undercover agent in the Ku Klux Klan.

He testified at a bond hearing for William M. Aitcheson, the "exalted cyclops" of a Howard County klavern. Aitcheson has been charged in three counties with crimes relating to his Klan activities.

Rauschenberg said he has known Aitcheson for the past seven months, during which time Aitcheson showed him how to make pipe bombs and discussed with him various Klan-related activities.

Rauschenberg's testimony exposed many details of Aitcheson's alleged Klan work, including his involvement in an elite "Klan Beret" corps, his sending threatening letters to Coretta Scott King, widow of the slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr., and his involvement in cross burnings.

Carroll County State's Atty. Thomas E. Hickman said Aitcheson was planning a terrorist campaign against blacks, communists and socialists, that he (Aitcheson) was an expert in bombmaking and that he wanted to put toxic chemicals in Washington's water supply.

Prince Georges County authorities have charged Aitcheson in connection with the King letters.

During the hearing on a possession of explosives charge, evidence showed two letters were sent to Mrs. King. One

said, "Africa or death by lynching; Take your choice," and was signed "Ku Klux Klan." The other said, "Stay off the University of Maryland campus or you will die," and was also signed "Ku Klux Klan."

Aitcheson, showing anger at times during the proceedings, whispered to his attorney, "These letters were a plant."

Hickman called the release of such information at a bond hearing "rare." But he said he wanted to show Aitcheson "is a danger to other people." Aitcheson's public defender, J. Robert Johnson, however, described Aitcheson as a "boy who talks a lot and doesn't do a great deal. He wants to look big among his fellows."

But District Court Judge Donald M. Smith said Aitcheson is a risk, and continued the \$500,000 bond.

Rauschenberg testified that Aitcheson, thinking Rauschenberg was a Klan member, confided to him that he would run "to the woods" if he thought he would be arrested.

A Wednesday morning raid on Aitcheson's parents' Howard County home turned up explosive materials, weapons, camping gear and a year's supply of Minuteman food tablets.

Rauschenberg also said Aitcheson had a "good knowledge" of manufacturing bombs.

He testified Aitcheson told him the "bombs were for training for an anticipated revolution."

Rauschenberg said he met with Aitcheson once a week and sometimes more often during the past seven months. He said most of the meetings were on a farm near Gamber in Carroll County, during weekly Saturday night Klan rallies.

He said he learned from Aitcheson the Klan was directing itself to "attacks" on military reservation communication centers, abortion clinics and offices of the NAACP.

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[REDACTED] THREATENING LETTERS TO CORETTA SCOTT
 KING - VICTIM; EXTORTION - RACIAL MATTERS.

REBAREP OF SA [REDACTED] DATED MARCH 17, 1977.

ON MARCH 18, 1977, [REDACTED] MADE BAIL ON BOTH CARROLL
 COUNTY AND HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND, CHARGES. ON MARCH 22, 1977,
 FEDERAL GRAND JURY, BALTIMORE, MARYLAND, INDICTED [REDACTED]
 CHARGING HIM WITH VIOLATION OF TITLE 18, USC, SECTION 876,
 MAILING THREATENING COMMUNICATIONS; TITLE 18, USC, SECTION 2
 AIDING AND ABETTING. NO BENCH WARRANT ISSUED. USA'S OFFICE,
 BALTIMORE, MARYLAND, HAS MADE ARRANGEMENTS WITH [REDACTED]
 ATTORNEY FOR [REDACTED] APPEARANCE AT ARRAIGNMENT. BALTIMORE
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TO: Director, FBI (9-61245)
(Attention: Identification Division,
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FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE (9-2403) (P)

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THREATENING LETTERS TO CORETTA SCOTT KING - VICTIM
EXTORTION - RACIAL MATTER
OO: Baltimore

Re Baltimore Report of SA [redacted]
dated 4/19/76.

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Enclosed for the Latent Fingerprint Section
is a fingerprint card of [redacted]

On 3/2/77, the Maryland State Police charged
[redacted] date of birth [redacted] residing
[redacted] with
manufacturing explosive devices, possession of black powder
in excess of lawfully permitted amounts, and unlawful
cross burning. [redacted] was fingerprinted at the
Waterloo, Maryland Barracks of the Maryland State Police
following his arrest.

On 3/3/77, [redacted] Intelligence
Unit, Maryland State Police, advised SA [redacted]

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Telephone answer personally by SA [redacted] on 3/11/77

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Special Agent in Charge

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On 3/8/77, ^{Mrs.} this matter was discussed with Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) GERALD P. MARTIN, who advised that the sending of these letters was a definite violation of Federal law and if physical evidence could be obtained indicating that [redacted] was the writer of these letters, he would consider prosecuting [redacted] under the extortion statute.

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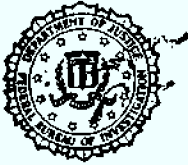
A report of the Identification Division, Latent Fingerprint Section dated 4/12/76, Latent Case No. B28517, advised that 26 latent fingerprints and one latent palm print of value were developed on specimen Q2, which was described as a letter made up of cut-out newsprint beginning with the words, "Stay off . . .".

REQUEST OF THE IDENTIFICATION DIVISION,
LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

The Latent Fingerprint Section is requested to compare the enclosed inked fingerprint impressions of [redacted] with the latent fingerprints developed on specimen Q2 of Latent Case No. B28517 and forward results of this comparison to Baltimore.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D. C. 20537



REPORT

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IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

YOUR FILE NO. 9-2403
FBI FILE NO. 9-61245
LATENT CASE NO. B-28517

March 15, 1977

TO: SAC, Baltimore

RE: UNSUB.
THE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
THREATENING LETTERS TO CORETTA SCOTT KING - VICTIM
EXTORTION - RACIAL MATTER

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EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: Baltimore
SPECIMENS: Fingerprints of [redacted]

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The fingerprints of [redacted] have been retained.

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Answer to: SAC, Baltimore

Examination requested by: Addressee

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RE: UNSUB;

THE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN,
THREATENING LETTERS TO CORETTA SCOTT KING - VICTIM
EXTORTION - RACIAL MATTER

Date of reference communication: Airtel 3/10/77

+ specimen
DELIVERED BKSA

Specimens:

Fingerprint card submitted of suspect:

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

Result of examination:

Examination by: [Redacted]
Evidence noted by: [Redacted]

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Called BA + advised several of SA [Redacted]

25 prev reported lat FPS this case (Q2)

of FPS of [Redacted] as follows:

- 1 of #1 3 of #7
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- 2 of #4 1 of #10
- 2 of #5

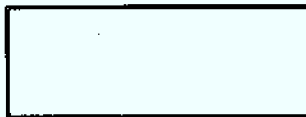
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Examination completed 3:00 3-14
Time Date

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Date

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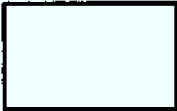
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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

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To: SAC, Baltimore (9-2403)

April 8, 1977

From: Director, FBI

FBI FILE NO. 9-61245

LAB. NO. D-770316081 PN

Re: **THREATENING LETTERS TO CORETTA
SCOTT KING - VICTIM
EXTORTION - RACIAL MATTER**

OO: Baltimore

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Examination requested by: **Baltimore**

Reference: **Airtel 3-14-77**

Examination requested: **Document**

Remarks:

This laboratory report confirms telephone results previously furnished to SA of the Baltimore division.

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report, Kcl)

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Specimens received 3-18-77

Kel [Redacted] Two known samples of handwriting of [Redacted]

Result of examination:

No conclusion could be reached as a result of the comparison of the Kel specimens with the questioned hand printing previously submitted in this matter due to the disguise nature of the questioned items.

Specimen Kel is returned herewith. Appropriate photographs are retained.

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THREATENING LETTERS TO CORETTA
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Re: OO: Baltimore

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Examination requested by: Baltimore

Reference: Airtel 3-14-77

Examination requested: Document

Specimens received: 3-15-77

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Kc1 Two known samples of handwriting of
[Redacted]

*N/C Per HP w/Kc1 due
to diag nature of quest HP.*

*Ret herew. /
Photos Ret.*

*TE confirms laboratory results
furnished SA [Redacted]*

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Examination by:

[Redacted]

Examination requested by: **Baltimore**

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Reference: **Airtel 3-14-77**

Examination requested: **Document**

Specimens received: **3-15-77**

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Two known samples of handwriting of

[Redacted]

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ATTENTION IDENTIFICATION DIVISION, LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

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RE REPORT OF IDENTIFICATION DIVISION, LATENT FINGERPRINT

SECTION, MARCH 15, 1977, LATENT CASE FILE NUMBER B28517;

TELEPHONE CALL TO BUREAU, APRIL 29, 1977.

ON APRIL 29, 1977, AUSA MARTIN ADVISED CAPTIONED

SUBJECT'S DEFENSE ATTORNEY DESIRED [REDACTED]

TO MAKE

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COMPARISON OF FINGERPRINTS IN CAPTIONED CASE.

EX-101

TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED SA [REDACTED]

ON SAME

MAY 4 1977

DATE AND ADVISED THAT HE WOULD APPEAR AT FBIHQ, LATENT

FINGERPRINT SECTION, AT 10 A.M., MAY 2, 1977, TO CONDUCT

[REDACTED] made comparisons on 5-2-77
 + agreed with ident. [REDACTED]

Handwritten signatures and initials

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ABOVE DESCRIBED EXAMINATION.

[REDACTED]

LFPS, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED OF

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APPOINTMENT.

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REPORTING OFFICE BALTIMORE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN BALTIMORE	DATE 6/3/77	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 3/17/77 - 5/23/77
TITLE OF CASE THREATENING LETTERS TO CORETTA SCOTT KING - VICTIM		REPORT MADE BY SA 	TYPED BY mjm
		CHARACTER OF CASE EXTORTION - RACIAL MATTERS	

REFERENCES:

Report of SA dated 3/17/77 and Baltimore teletype to the Bureau, 4/29/77.

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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA:

One conviction being claimed for the Baltimore Division.

LEADS:

BALTIMORE DIVISION
AT BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

Will report results of sentencing.

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Copy to:

Report of:

SA [REDACTED]

Office:

BALTIMORE

Date:

June 3, 1977

Field Office File #:

BA 9-2403

Bureau File #:

BU 9-61245

Title:

[REDACTED]
THREATENING LETTERS TO
CORETTA SCOTT KING - VICTIM

Character:

EXTORTION - RACIAL MATTERS

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Synopsis:

Subject pleaded guilty on 5/23/77 and remains free on \$50,000 bond pending pre-sentence investigation.

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DETAILS:

On May 23, 1977, Assistant United States Attorney, GERARD P. MARTIN, Baltimore, Maryland, advised that [REDACTED] had pled guilty on that date to charges of mailing threatening communications via the U.S. mail. United States District Judge, JAMES R. MILLER, JR., allowed [REDACTED] to remain free on \$50,000 bond pending a pre-sentence investigation.

AUSA MARTIN advised that he would notify the Baltimore Office regarding [REDACTED] sentence in the near future.

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REPORTING OFFICE BALTIMORE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN BALTIMORE	DATE 7/25/77	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 7/21/77
TITLE OF CASE THREATENING LETTERS TO CORETTA SCOTT KING - VICTIM		REPORT MADE BY SA [REDACTED]	TYPED BY alf
		CHARACTER OF CASE EXTORTION - RACIAL MATTERS	

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REFERENCE:

Baltimore report of SA [REDACTED] dated 6/3/77.

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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA:

Form R-84 (Final Disposition Report) submitted
to FBI Identification Division 7/25/77.

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Copy to: 1 - United States Attorney, Baltimore, Maryland
(Attn: AUSA GERARD P. MARTIN)

Report of: SA [redacted] Office: Baltimore
Date: July 25, 1977

Field Office File #: BA 9-2403 Bureau File #: 9-61245

Title: [redacted]
THREATENING LETTERS TO
CORETTA SCOTT KING - VICTIM

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Character: EXTORTION - RACIAL MATTER

Synopsis: Subject sentenced to four (4) years probation commencing 7/21/77 and ninety (90) days confinement at the Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, Springfield, Missouri.

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DETAILS:

On July 21, 1977, U. S. District Court Judge JAMES R. MILLER, JR., sentenced [redacted] to four (4) years probation commencing July 21, 1977. Additionally, Judge MILLER remanded [redacted] to the custody of the United States Attorney General commencing September 7, 1977, for a period of ninety (90) days and designated that [redacted] undergo psychiatric treatment at the Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, Springfield, Missouri, during this ninety (90) day period.

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