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MEMORANDUM TO INVESTIGATORS:

The following witnesses should be interviewed; and, if possible, a written signed statement, preferably sworn to, taken. I have undertaken to outline what I believe are some of the material facts within the knowledge of each such witness. Some of them have heretofore made statements to Mr. Renfro Hayes, but these statements are not available.

At the beginning of each statement, please take the permanent residence address of the witness, as well as the address and telephone number of any known relative or friend who would be able to locate the witness, should a considerable time elapse.

JAMES McCRAW

A cab driver, formerly driving for Veterans Cab Company, now believed to be driving for Southland Cab Company, and address 746-6446
2181 So. Bellevue; Home Telephone 278-7837.

James McCraw customarily picked up Charles Stephens at 422 1/2 So. Main Street. He was engaged to pick up Stephens at approximately 5:45 on April 4th, and went to 422 1/2 So. Main Street for that purpose, however, Stephens was too intoxicated and James McCraw refused to pick him up because of his drunken condition.

The time is important here, also any other knowledge of the drinking habits of Charles Stephens. Specifically, did James McCraw

drive him to liquor stores, what type liquor did he drink, did he drink more after receiving his disability checks on the 1st and 15th than at other times, etc.

SOLOMON JONES, JR.
347 Vance Avenue
Memphis, Tennessee

This man was chauffeur for Dr. Martin Luther King on the day of his death and prior thereto. Later he was chauffeur for Dr. Ralph Abernathy. For awhile he was at headquarters of S.C.L.C. in Atlanta. Later he had a job, after Resurrection City in Washington. We are advised he is bak in Memphis. He formerly drove an ambulance for the funeral home that handled the body of Dr. Martin Luther King on the night of his assassination. They will probably know where he can be located.

Questions to be asked Solomon Jones, Jr.:

1. Exactly where were you standing at the time of the shooting?
2. Were you on the balcony with Dr. King?
3. Were you on the ground?
4. Where, in your opinion, did the sound of the shot originate?
5. Was it near ground level?
6. Did you see anyone run from the bushes, if so, describe such persons.
7. In your own words give the best recollection of whatever occurred from a few moments before the shooting until a few moments thereafter.

8. Please give us your plans for work and where you will live for the next three weeks.

Also, the one person who can always tell us where you are. Give us that person's name and telephone number.

WALTER L. BAILEY
406 Mulberry Street
Memphis, Tennessee

Mr. Bailey is either the owner or manager of Lorraine Motel as of April 4, 1968. Is he still?

Get all of the information available from Mr. Bailey:

- 1 Any advanced registration for Dr. Martin Luther King?
- 2 When did he first arrive at the Lorraine?
- 3 Who made arrangements for his room?
- 4 Had he gone to any other hotel on the April 3rd and 4th trip?
- 5 If so, what were the circumstances of his changing from any other hotel to yours?

→ Can you give us the present residence and working address of Delores Lee, who was switchboard operator at the Lorraine?

(This lady is supposed to have served a meal to Dr. Martin Luther King in his room) Also, she was the switchboard operator at the Lorraine. Also, she is supposed to have seen Dr. Martin Luther King walk out on the balcony at the time he was shot. If she did, we would like a description of any movements of his body, that is, did he stand erect, did he lean over, and if she does not know, that is a valid answer.

→ Can you, Walter L. Bailey, give us the present residence and working address of Ceolar Shivers. She was a maid at the Lorraine on April 4th, and is reported to have been walking toward Dr. King with an armful of bedsheets at the time he was shot. Anything she saw, in detail, is important. Also, had there been any other conversation or contact between her and Dr. King at any time on the 3rd or 4th of April?

In addition to whatever items suggested, ascertain from them the names of any other witness present at the time, immediately before and immediately after the shooting, and the location at the scene of any such witness.