

February 26, 1969

4:00 PM

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Interview with Mr. William H. Austin  
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*No regular hours*

Mr. Austin stated to the undersigned investigators that on April 4, 1968 while going home from work, he heard several transmissions relating to the matter under investigation.

Mr. Austin has an automobile equipped with a Citizen Band Radio and while proceeding east on Jackson Ave. near the intersection of University St. he heard a transmission requesting a land line to the police. (A land line is radio jargon for a telephone call to police for help.) Mr. Austin stated that this transmission was picked up by a Citizen Band operator somewhere in South Memphis, who said he would give the transmitting party a land line to the police, this transmission was somewhat distorted. Mr. Austin believes that the party requesting a land line was reasonably close to his position. Mr. Austin continued to proceed East on Jackson Ave. and he continued to hear transmissions about an automobile chasing a white Mustang out Summer Ave. left on Highland St. to Macon Rd. then going on a couple of other streets to Jackson Ave., by this time Mr. Austin had reached the intersection of Jackson Ave. and Hollywood St. where he saw a Police Car. He advised the Police about what he heard and the Police had him pull into Loeb's Bar-B-Q parking lot at Jackson and Hollywood. Lt. R. W. Bradshaw and another Officer were in the Squad Car that Mr. Austin stopped. Following instructions of Lt. Bradshaw, Mr. Austin asked certain questions of the car doing the transmitting.

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Mr. Austin asked if the car could get the license number of the white Mustang, "he said he could not as the white Mustang was shooting at him"

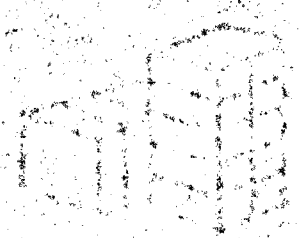
*(the man on radio)*

Mr. Austin asked what kind of automobile he was in and Mr. Austin was told "a 1966 Blue Pontiac." Both Pontiac and Mustang were alleged to be traveling east on Jackson Ave. at that time.

Mr. Austin stated that these transmissions began taking place in the vicinity of 6:30 PM on April 4, 1968. He has talked to Police Authorities and the Attorney Generals Office about this case and has listened to tapes that the Memphis Police Department made of these transmissions after Mr. Austin stopped Lt. Bradshaw.

Mr. Austin also stated he believed, from the sound of the voice that the person transmitting from the Blue Pontiac, was a male, probably white whose age was probably early or middle 20's. Mr. Austin knows nothing else of the case under investigation.

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