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Interview of Mr. Walter Bailey  
406 Mulberry St. Memphis, Tenn.

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Dr. King has stayed off and on at Mr. Bailey's Motel for the past 15 years. There was no advanced registration made by Dr. King. Mr. Bailey believes that Dr. King came to the motel on Apr. 3, 1968 in the afternoon. Rev. Hosea Williams and Rev. Samson registered for Dr. King and his staff.

Dr. King did not go to any other hotel Apr. 3 or 4, 1968, to Mr. Bailey's knowledge.

~~Mr. Bailey had not~~

Delores Lee was a cook at the motel and a waitress, she did serve the noon meal to Dr. King, but she was in the kitchen in the old part of the motel when Dr. King was shot, she could not have seen Dr. King at the time he was shot. Mr. Bailey states that Delores Lee is no longer employed by the motel and Mr. Bailey does not know her present whereabouts.

The maid at the motel one Ceolar Shivers (or her name maybe Miller) was off duty at 4:30 PM on Apr. 4, 1968 and was not carrying bed sheets or walking toward Dr. King when he was shot. Mr. Bailey does not believe she knows anything about how Dr. King was shot.

Mr. Bailey states that before the shot he and his wife were standing on the ground just before Dr. King was shot and that he and his wife had walked off and went to the kitchen of the motel about 1 min. went by when Mr. & Mrs. Bailey heard a loud noise, Mr. Bailey said someone must have hit your truck (this truck was parked on the street at the motel). They opened the door and heard

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Someone say Dr. King's been shot. Mr. Bailey ran past Mr. Bailey and had to be restrained from going up the motel steps to Dr. King's side.

Around the motel just prior to the death of Dr. King were: Ben Branch, who is now in Chicago, and Mr. Bailey believes that Solomon Jones was there but does not remember who if anyone else was on the ground.

After the shot there was much confusion and Mr. Bailey just doesn't remember who did what or where.

Mr. Bailey