



### **The right little fingerprint of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**

The right little fingerprint of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. is arbitrarily given the classification of a tented arch:



### **In 1993 the FBI conducted a study on the frequency of fingerprint patterns.**

In that study 17,951,192 individuals were included from the male population. The tented arch pattern appeared on the right little finger of 114,881 individuals. Therefore, it can be noted that Dr. King's display of the tented arch pattern on the right little finger is 0.6399630732042752369870479910192 %.

**This is an unusual phenomenon in the study of dermatoglyphics!**

$$\frac{114,881}{17,951,192} = \frac{0.6399630732042752369870479910192}{100}$$

Amazingly, the loop formation on the left approaches **vertical** and is **radial** in appearance while the formation on the right is diagonal and ulnar! The fact that a radial loop formation is on the right little finger is a clear departure from the expected frequency of the dermal ridge arrangements.

# Sheriff

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25 January 1995

Andres' J Washington, FGA  
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Dear Mr Washington:

This is in response to your letter dated 17 January 1995, in which you request the fingerprint record of the late, Dr Martin Luther King, Jr. Unfortunately, the only item in the late Dr King's file is a copy of the finger print card. There are no photos or related items.

I have enclosed a copy of what is in the file. I hope this will be of some help to you.

FOR THE SHERIFF:

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "L E Stern".

L E STERN, LIEUTENANT  
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT  
TO THE SHERIFF

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TYPE OR PRINT

LAST NAME FIRST NAME MIDDLE NAME  
King JR. MARTIN LUTHER

SEX *m* RACE *c*  
HT. (Inches) WT.  
67 173  
HAIR *DLK* EYES *DLK*  
DATE OF BIRTH  
1-15-29  
PLACE OF BIRTH  
GALATASA

*Martin Luther King Jr.*  
SIGNATURE OF PERSON FINGERPRINTED

CONTRIBUTOR AND ADDRESS  
St. Augustine, FLA.  
SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
~~PALATKA, FLA.~~

ALIASES

YOUR NUMBER  
10756  
PLACE FBI NUMBER HERE

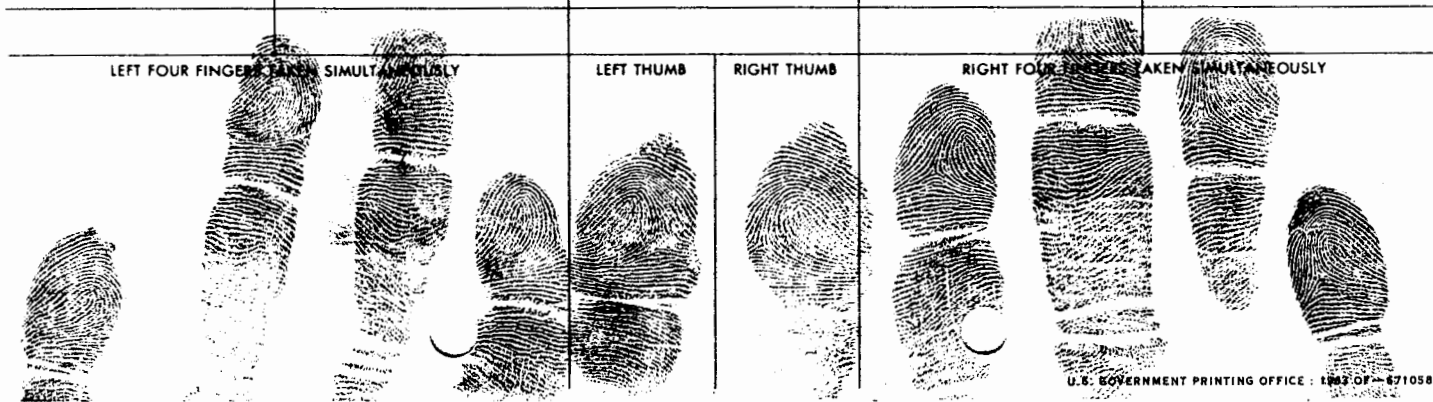
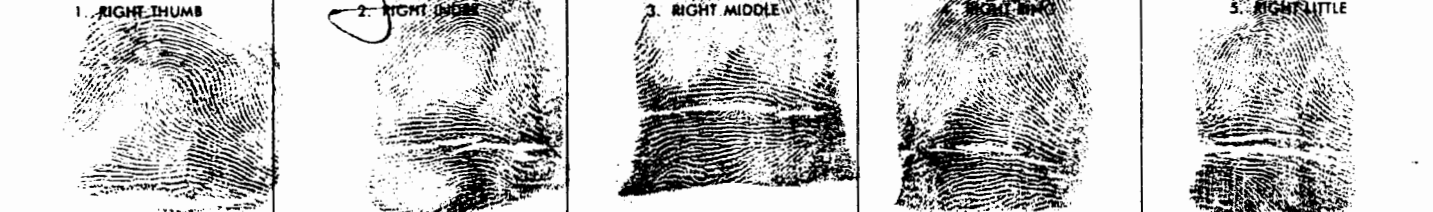
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CLASS.  
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SCARS AND MARKS  
7" Scar  
RT. Chest

AMPUTATION  
none

SIGNATURE OF OFFICIAL TAKING FINGERPRINTS  
*W. E. Harvey*  
DATE  
6-11-64

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**Characteristically, the ulnar loop is the dominant pattern for the little finger.**

This is the frequency of the ulnar loop on the right little finger:

14768305 82.269216439777369658794803152905

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17951192

100

The frequency of the radial loop on the right little finger is 0.532%.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s right little fingerprint having a frequency of 0.639% is a frequency that is less than 1%. One percent is the first whole unit in the populous direction. Anything less than one percent is on the other side of the spectrum. A person as such may be able to see things in a different light.

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