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- 1 - Mr. Adams
- 1 - Mr. McDermott
- 1 - Mr. Bassett
- DATE: 1/5/79
- 1 - Mr. Mintz
- Attn: Mr. Coulson
- 1 - Mr. Ryan
- 1 - Mr. Foster

TO : Mr. Bassett

FROM : D. Ryan *R/DP*

SUBJECT: HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)

PURPOSE: To furnish status of the issue involving release by the HSCA of an FBI document to an outside party, as addressed in correspondence to HSCA Chairman, Louis V. Stokes, on 12/6/78 and responded to by HSCA Chief Counsel and Director, G. Robert Blakey, on 12/13/78, and to recommend attached letter be sent to Mr. Blakey requesting he identify any other FBI documents furnished by this Bureau to the HSCA which may have been similarly released.

DETAILS: By letter dated 12/6/78 (copy attached with enclosures), HSCA Chairman Louis V. Stokes was furnished a copy of an FBI document dated 5/26/71, an informant report from the St. Louis Field Office file of former informant Oliver Patterson. This informant report, along with three related items of correspondence, was furnished to the FBI via the Department of Justice (DOJ) by Harold Weisberg, a private citizen, author and self-styled assassination prober. Mr. Weisberg received the document from Patterson.

The informant report in question was furnished the HSCA in response to the Committee's request dated 1/26/78 for all retrievable information concerning Patterson. Our letter to Mr. Stokes expressed concern that a document of this nature entered the public domain in such a manner and requested that the HSCA, in compliance with the Memorandum of Understanding, afford proper and necessary security to our documents during the course of future public hearings and the HSCA final report.

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ENCLOSURE

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LEGAL COUNSEL



Memorandum from D. Ryan to Mr. Bassett
Re: House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA)
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In his letter of 12/13/78, Mr. Blakey, writing on behalf of Chairman Stokes, explained that since the informant report in question stemmed from Patterson, it was his (Blakey's) understanding that our release of materials would include no objection to Patterson having what he had originally given to the FBI. Mr. Blakey expressed regret that this instance caused any concern and assured the Director that the HSCA would continue to afford FBI material all measures of confidentiality in compliance with the Memorandum of Understanding.

Upon receipt of Mr. Blakey's letter, the Director attached a routing slip, noting "Are you satisfied with this response? Anything further required?"

Mr. Blakey is correct that the informant report in question was prepared by Patterson and given the Bureau in 1971. However, the FD-306 cover sheet was attached by the FBI upon filing and, therefore, did not originate with Patterson. Further, at the time of our release of material concerning Patterson, the HSCA was not given authorization to release any document from FBI files to Patterson. Mr. Blakey should be advised to this effect to correct his understanding that we have no objection to Patterson (or any other outside party) having what he originally furnished to the FBI. If Patterson desires FBI information concerning himself, he should request same under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and not from the HSCA. In this instance, according to SA John Howard, FOIPA Branch, Records Management Division, the FD-306 and attached report would have been provided Patterson under the FOIA.

Although Mr. Blakey's letter assures that our documents will be afforded full security in the future, it is believed a letter should be directed to him correcting his

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understanding as authorized above and requesting that any other FBI documents which may have been similarly provided to outside parties be identified, along with the identities of the recipients.

RECOMMENDATION: That the attached letter be approved for forwarding to Mr. Blakey.

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FROM
OFFICE OF DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
TO
OFFICIAL INDICATED BELOW

- Mr. Adams _____ ()
- Mr. McDermott _____ ()
- Mr. Bassett _____ ()
- Mr. Cochran _____ ()
- Mr. Colwell _____ ()
- Mr. Cregar _____ ()
- Mr. Joseph _____ ()
- Mr. Kelleher _____ ()
- Mr. Kent _____ ()
- Mr. Long _____ ()
- Mr. Mintz _____ ()
- Mr. Moore _____ ()
- Mr. Boynton _____ ()
- Mr. Bruemmer _____ ()
- Mr. Hotis _____ ()
- Mr. Howes _____ ()
- Mr. Steel _____ ()
- Tele. Room _____ ()
- Miss Devine _____ ()

- See Me _____ ()
- Note and return _____ ()
- Prepare reply and return for my signature _____ ()
- Prepare reply over my signature and send _____ ()
- Respond over your signature _____ ()
- Prepare memo for the Department _____ ()
- For your recommendation _____ ()
- What are the facts? _____ ()
- Hold _____ ()

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Memo to Director 1/18/19.

Remarks: Are you satisfied with this response?
 anything further required?

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J. P. Macneil

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Date prepared

5/26/71

Date received

5/26/71

Received from (name or serial number)

[REDACTED]

Received by

SA STANLEY F. JAC [REDACTED]

Method of delivery (check appropriate block)

in person by telephone by mail orally recording device written by Informant

If orally furnished and reduced to writing by Agent:

Date

Dictated _____ to _____

Transcribed _____

Authenticated by Informant _____

Date of Report

5/16/71

Date(s) of activity

5/8-16/71

Brief description of activity or material

O. Patterson trip to
NSA HQ, Savannah, Ga.

File where original is located if not attached

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* INDIVIDUALS DESIGNATED BY AN ASTERISK (*) ONLY ATTENDED A MEETING AND DID NOT ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE. VIOLENCE OR REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITIES WERE NOT DISCUSSED.

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On Saturday, May 8, 1971, OLIVER PATTERSON & wife LESLIE PATTERSON arrived in Savannah, Georgia to visit with J.B. STONER, DR. EDWARD FIELDS, JERRY RAY of the NSRP Headquarters and later expected RICHARD GEPPELT AND TERRANCE ROSE of the Granite City, Illinois Chapter of the NSRP. The PATTERSON'S checked into the Downtowner Motel Saturday night.

On Sunday, May 9, 1971, OLIVER PATTERSON called the NSRP headquarters at Montgomery Crossroads in Savannah and talked to JERRY RAY who answered the phone. JERRY RAY asked where PATTERSON was and OLIVER PATTERSON told JERRY RAY that the PATTERSON/S were in Savannah. RAY asked PATTERSON if PATTERSON had gotten in touch with J.B. STONER yet since arriving. PATTERSON said no. JERRY RAY proceeded to tell OLIVER PATTERSON about JERRY RAY'S brother, JAMES EARL RAY, escape attempt from prison in Tennessee. JERRY RAY said to OLIVER PATTERSON that JERRY RAY had happened to be in the vicinity of the prison at the time the attempt occurred. JERRY RAY said that JERRY had just been going to visit JAMES EARL RAY and that when JERRY heard about the escape attempt JERRY went to the prison and was questioned by both the warden and F.B.I. men as to why JERRY RAY just happened to be in Tennessee at the time of the attempt. JERRY RAY was interviewed by local newspapers and local television stations while near the prison. In the interviews, JERRY RAY told OLIVER PATTERSON that JERRY had criticized the FBI in the interviews.

JERRY RAY tells PATTERSON how to get to the party headquarters and the conversation ended. OLIVER & LESLIE PATTERSON arrived at the NSRP headquarters at about 2:00 p.m. May 9, 1971.

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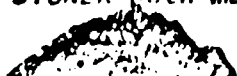
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At the headquarters, when the PATTERSON'S arrived, were JERRY RAY, J.B. STONER, & PETER XAVIER. JERRY RAY, J.B. STONER & the PATTERSONS talked about JAMES EARL RAY'S escape attempt & STONER was in the process of writing a letter to someone about the attempt disclaiming the whole thing because as J.B. STONER reasoned, who would plan an escape attempt through a 400° oven. JERRY RAY showed the PATTERSONS articles of the escape attempt and finally the conversation turned to JOHN RAY and the bank robbery in St. Charles, Missouri. J.B. STONER told the PATTERSONS that one of the jurors felt sorry for JOHN RAY after he had been convicted of the robbery. JERRY RAY, at that point, added "I wonder if anybody is gonna feel sorry for BOMAR" & then RAY and STONER looked at one another and laughed. JERRY RAY & PETE XAVIER left for Savannah Beach & J.B. STONER and the PATTERSONS went to a Red Lobster Restaurant across the street from the headquarters for lunch. STONER asked PATTERSON when PATTERSONS expected RICHARD GEPPERT & TERRY ROSE to arrive in Savannah. PATTERSON, OLIVER, told STONER that GEPPERT & ROSE were to arrive Monday, May 10, 1971, in the late afternoon after a gun show of RICHARD GEPPERT'S in Cincinnati, Ohio. GEPPERT had told O. PATTERSON to find out from J.B. STONER if STONER was going to attend the Jacksonville, Florida meeting scheduled for that evening and if J.B. STONER was to attend, be sure to wait for GEPPERT and ROSE so that they could go also. STONER said that he was not going to attend & that DR. EDWARD FIELDS was going to make the speech. After lunch, the PATTERSON'S went to Savannah Beach, Georgia & J.B. STONER went somewhere undisclosed. The PATTERSON'S checked in at Savannah Beach Day's Inn Motel which is located a couple blocks from J.B. STONER'S rented home.

* Just before lunch, JERRY RAY & J.B. STONER both made other comments about getting BOMAR.



On Monday, May 10, 1971, the PATTERSONS arrived at party headquarters talked with J.B. STONER & JERRY RAY. Three girls in the office were very busy. JERRY RAY & the PATTERSONS left to take LESLIE PATTERSON shopping. OLIVER PATTERSON & JERRY RAY talked about JAMES EARL RAY & JERRY RAY said to OLIVER PATTERSON that JERRY didn't want to say too much but JERRY RAY knew, and the FBI knew, that there was another party involved in the killing of MARTIN LUTHER KING. JERRY RAY did say that JAMES EARL RAY was the one who pulled the trigger! OLIVER PATTERSON & JERRY RAY, while L. PATTERSON shopped, went to Ernie's A-Go-Go at the intersection of Hwy. 80 & Skidaway Road. JERRY RAY told O. PATTERSON that JERRY RAY only knew of a few places in town to drink & Ernie's A-Go-Go- was one of them. JERRY RAY & O. PATTERSON continued the talk about JAMES EARL RAY. JERRY RAY told O. PATTERSON that it probably wouldn't be the last time that JAMES EARL RAY tried to escape. JERRY RAY told O. PATTERSON that both JERRY RAY & JOHN RAY were both kind of upset over the fact that JAMES EARL WAS the oldest of the three but was the only one of the three boys to have all his hair and teeth. JERRY RAY & O. PATTERSON returned and picked up L. PATTERSON and went to one of the printers that the NSRP uses and picked up 300 mailers which were to be sent to the entire state of Michigan announcing a meeting in Flint, Michigan, the 15th of May, where NSRP leader, MIKE LANDIS, was coming from Chicago to speak. After picking up the mailers, & a shoe sized box of NSRP membership cards. JERRY RAY & the PATTERSONS returned to NSRP headquarters.



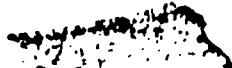
At the headquarters, the PATTERSON's helped JERRY RAY mail out the 300 notices of the Flint Michigan meeting by stuffing, stamping and sealing the envelopes. J. B. STONER made mention that the HSRP postage bill, per month, is usually right around \$800.00. The activity around the headquarters was at a rapid pace. the PATTERSONS left the headquarters for Savannah Beach and checked into the Veranda Motel, room 46, where they stayed through Saturday morning, May 15, 1971. Just as the PATTERSONS arrived at the room the phone rang & it was JERRY RAY telling the PATTERSONS that RICHARD GEPPERT & TERRY ROSE had arrived in Savannah and were heading for the Veranda Motel in Savannah Beach immediately. GEPPERT & ROSE arrived at the Veranda motel at approximately 5:00 p.m. and obtained room no. 47. The PATTERSONS, GEPPERT & ROSE went to the beach. J.B. STONER arrived at the motel at about 8:00 p.m. & JERRY RAY arrived shortly thereafter. The evening consisted of talk of hating niggers & Jews & the FBI and of a card game. J.B. STONER left at 2:00 a.m. May 11, 1971 and JERRY RAY stayed to talk. O. PATTERSON, GEPPERT & ROSE listened to JERRY RAY talk about the "CAT MAN" witness against JOHN RAY and JERRY RAY told O. PATTERSON, GEPPERT & ROSE that someone had bloodied up the CAT MAN and tied him to the back of a car and drove with the CAT MAN tied like that. JERRY said to O. PATTERSON, GEPPERT & ROSE that the day after this happened to the CAT MAN that the CAT MAN came to JERRY RAY'S sisters house in St. Louis & told JERRY RAY, JERRY RAY'S dad & his sister that he was going to file 3 charges against JERRY RAY for doing this to the CAT MAN unless JERRY RAY gave the CAT MAN money to keep quiet.



JERRY RAY, his sister, and his day, told the CAT MAN to beat it. JERRY RAY left St. Louis the day before JOHN RAYS sentencing because JERRY RAY thought that this might be brought up in court and hurt JOHN RAYS chances. JERRY RAY left at about 2:45 a.m. (Before JERRY RAY left talk revolved around BOMAR, JOHN RAY & doing things "in the dead of night" to different people including BOMAR, BUT doing these things individually to lessen the chance of being caught.)


Tuesday, May 11, 1971, after a full day at the beach with GEPPERT & ROSE, O. & L. PATTERSON, RICHARD GEPPERT & TERRY ROSE drove into NSRP headquarters picked up J.B. STONER and drove to the nearby Oglethorp Mall for dinner. Hatred of niggers and jews was the main topic of conversation - although J.B. STONER did (surprisingly) tip his nigger waiter. After dinner all returned to NSRP headquarters. JERRY RAY showed GEPPERT, ROSE & THE PATTERSONS how JERRY RAY shot the burglar, BLACK, when BLACK was trying to steal the NSRP records. GEPPERT, ROSE & PATTERSONS returned to the Veranda motel and retired for the evening.

On Wednesday morning, May 12, 1971, O. PATTERSON, GEPPERT & ROSE went to the NSRP headquarters and picked up JB STONER & JERRY RAY and drove to Armstrong College where J.B. STONER was scheduled to speak at 12:30 in front of a political information group on the campus. While at the headquarters though, a couple by the name of Lippert (sp?) driving a maroon Corvair, came to attend the speaking engagement also. J.B. STONER acted very cold toward the LIPPERTS. On the trip to Armstrong College the LIPPERTS followed O. PATTERSONS car and JB STONER told GEPPERT, ROSE, JERRY RAY & O. PATTERSON that STONER thought that LIPPERTS were fbi infiltrators so steer clear of the LIPPERTS.



At Armstrong College, J.B. STONER spoke to an overflow crowd of better than 300 students and flanking STONER on the stage were JERRY RAY & RICHARD GEPPERT. ROSE & O. PATTERSON stayed at the edge of the stage behind the curtains to ward off any possible attacks from the rear. O. PATTERSON had parked his car directly behind the auditorium so that if a hasty exit was necessary they would be prepared. STONERS speech consisted of hating niggers & Jews, the federal reserve system & the screwed up nigger postal system, etc. Upon completion of the speech questions were asked by the audience and J.B. STONER answered the questions and then STONER was hustled back out the rear door without any trouble. STONER, GEPPERT, ROSE, JERRY RAY & O. PATTERSON on the trip back to headquarters reflected that all the hecklers were niggers or sheenies, but that there was a group of loyal whites scattered throughout who listened but were afraid of the Jews & niggers to come to JB STONERS defense.

DR. EDWARD FIELDS & his wife & J.B. STONER arrived at the Veranda Motel at about 8:30 p.m. Wednesday evening, May 12th. Topics of conversation were niggers, sheenies, & RICHARD GEPPERTS Nazi war medals. STONER, DR. FIELDS & his wife left the motel around 10:30 p.m. & GEPPERT, ROSE & THE PATTERSONS watched the 11:00 news to see the film clips of J.B. STONERS speech at Armstrong College. GEPPERT was very anxious to see GEPPERT on television and talked of the day when he would become head of the NSRP. Conversation ended and all parties retired.



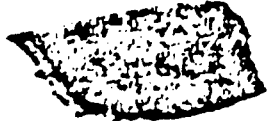
On Thursday, May 13, 1971, GEPPERT, ROSE & O. PATTERSON went to the NSRP headquarters at about 11:00 a.m. The secretaries at the headquarters ran off a list of subscribers to the NSRP "THUNDERBOLT" for the entire state of Missouri and three zip codes in Illinois - (620 to 623) These were given to GEPPERT, ROSE & O. PATTERSON. PATTERSON, GEPPERT & ROSE did menial work around the filthy headquarters and then returned to the Veranda Motel at around 3:30 p.m. At the motel GEPPERT, ROSE & O. PATTERSON clipped and pasted the addresses on individual index cards. GEPPERT made mention of the fact to ROSE & O. PATTERSON that A.O. KERH could not see these records. J.B. STONER arrived at the motel at about 9:00 p.m. and once again GEPPERT, ROSE, STONER & O. PATTERSON talked of their hatred for niggers and jews. STONER left by midnight.

On Friday, May 14, 1971, GEPPERT, ROSE & PATTERSONS went to the NSRP headquarters and RICHARD GEPPERT picked out \$125.00 worth of NSRP literature, medals and patches, etc. to bring back to St. Louis to sell to local NSRP members. It was also decided that O. PATTERSON would be official photographer since ~~xxxx~~ O. PATTERSON has a Polaroid camera. While GEPPERT picked out his material, ROSE & PATTERSONS copied names of right wingers in Illinois (zip code 620 to 623 that were on an IBM list of people who have at one time or another subscribed to right-wing literature). TERRY ROSE asked DR. FIELDS how the NSRP attained this national huge list of names & DR. FIELDS refused to answer. DR. FIELDS' wife asked the PATTERSONS if the PATTERSONS would like to go dancing and hear a great Chicago band. Friday night the PATTERSON met the FIELDS at ~~their~~ the FIELDS home and proceeded to the Esquire Bar in PATTERSONS car. DR. FIELDS made

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DR. FIELDS and his wife go there every available Friday night. While walking in the front door of the Esquire bar the FIELDS & PATTERSONS ran into the FIELDS good friends RANDY & JANE GOULD. JANE GOULD used to be a secretary at NSRP Headquarters and RANDY GOULD is a sheetmetal apprentice. THE PATTERSONS, FIELDS & GOULDS all sat together and ordered a drink. The music started and the band, the CHICAGO FENDERS, were just as wild and loud as can be imagined! When one could hear over the music, DR. FIELDS mentioned that he would like to see the PATTERSONS come to Los Angeles and that DR. FIELDS and family were going to spend three weeks on their way to Los Angeles to a national meeting of the NSRP stopping and speaking in all major cities on his way. (DR. FIELDS is a chiropractor). DR. FIELDS said that there should be over 1,000 people in Los Angeles. J.B. STONER had mentioned that he was not and would not attend but STONER did not make mention as to why. DR. FIELDS told the PATTERSONS that they (the PATTERSONS) would not be treated as the common people attending but that the PATTERSONS would be invited to all the gala doings and meet all the right people at the meeting. DR. FIELDS also mentioned that once a month DR. FIELDS drives to Atlanta, Georgia to get the Thunderbolt printed as otherwise the editor fills in the vacant spaces with recipes and jokes.

(Earlier in the week J.B. STONER had inferred to the PATTERSONS that the headquarters would eventually be built from the building fund in Savannah because the police in Savannah were more sympathetic than elsewhere. Particularly where the headquarters had once been. DR. FIELDS said that they were 90% sure that the headquarters (new) would be in Atlanta or right outside of Atlanta. While the PATTERSONS were with



GEPPERT, ROSE, JERRY RAY, & J.B. STONER were in GEPPERT & ROSE's room at the Veranda Motel waiting for O. PATTERSON to return for a poker game. PATTERSONS dropped off Dr. & Mrs. FIELDS at their home and returned to the Veranda Motel at 2:15 a.m. Saturday, May 15, 1971. J.B. STONER & JERRY RAY had gone home, GEPPERT & ROSE were sleeping.

Saturday morning GEPPERT & ROSE checked out of the motel and went to headquarters. Shortly thereafter the PATTERSONS checked out and went to headquarters. When PATTERSONS arrived at headquarters TERRY ROSE was in the process of cleaning 7 guns that belonged at the headquarters. ROSE removed the safety from J.B. STONER'S pistol so that even with only one bullet J.B. STONER could fire the gun. But, ROSE pointed out to STONER that all the guns were in disrepair from not cleaning them and particularly J.B. STONER'S automatic pistol which even needed a new barrel because of nonuse and cleaning. Talk was mentioned between STONER, RAY, PATTERSONS, GEPPERT & ROSE of an International Right Wing Convention to be held in August or September in Spain. After much talk it was decided that RICHARD GEPPERT should find out more information about the trip and J.B. STONER said that he definitely would go as did GEPPERT AND ROSE. PATTERSONS said that they would like to but would have to see. STONER suggested that maybe enough members would want to go to charter an entire plane to Spain for the meeting. When GEPPERT received more information on the conference more plans will be made.

Dr. FIELDS told GEPPERT, ROSE & PATTERSONS that if DR. FIELDS had a speaking engagement in July in Chicago, Illinois and would try to set up a speaking engagement in St. Louis of greater magnitude and advance notice than the Edwardsville meeting held a few months back with J.B. STONER.

At noon everyone said goodby and J.B. STONER led the PATTERSONS, in their car and RICHARD GEPPERT & TERRY ROSE in ROSE'S car, to the proper highway exit for return to St. Louis. The PATTERSONS & GEPPERT AND ROSE returned to their homes in the St. Louis area Sunday, May 16th.

NOTES

LIPPERT works at some kind of helicopter manufacturer in Savannah and started working there in the last year.



1 - Mr. Adams
1 - Mr. McDermott
1 - Mr. Bassett
1 - Mr. Mintz
Attn: Mr. Coulson
1 - Mr. Ryan
December 6, 1978

1 - Mr. Foster
1 - Mr. Aldhizer

Honorable Louis Stokes
Chairman
Select Committee on Assassinations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Enclosed please find a copy of an FBI document dated May 16, 1971, regarding an individual named Oliver Patterson, as well as one copy each of three related items of correspondence. The documents were furnished to this Bureau via the United States Department of Justice by Harold Weisberg, a private citizen, author and self-styled assassinations prober. Mr. Weisberg indicated that he received the document from Oliver Patterson, the subject of the item itself.

The document, further identified as coming from St. Louis FBI file 179-176A, serial 105, was furnished to your Committee in response to a Committee request dated January 26, 1978. This document, which by its very nature is extremely sensitive, was provided to the Committee in order that the Committee might have available to it all retrievable material regarding Mr. Patterson.

In view of the provisions of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Attorney General and the House Select Committee on Assassinations, specifically Item VII regarding Disclosure of Information, and assuming the above is an accurate portrayal of the sequence of events, it is particularly disturbing to this Bureau that a document of this nature entered the public domain in such a manner.

✓ Return to Room 8988

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ENCLOSURE

3/18/78 J. J. [unclear]

Honorable Louis Stokes

The FBI has provided the Committee voluminous pages of sensitive and classified material and has maintained a policy of continued cooperation and full disclosure. Therefore, the Committee is requested to insure that such documents are afforded the proper and necessary security. Additionally, if the Committee intends to disclose or utilize material from sensitive or classified FBI documents during the course of public hearings or in its final public report, the spirit as well as the tenets of our Memorandum of Understanding should be adhered to.

Sincerely yours,

William H. Webster
Director

Enclosures (4)

1 - Mr. Robert Yeuch (Enclosures)
Deputy Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

Honorable Louis Stokes

Note: By request dated 1/26/78, the HSCA was provided all retrievable information regarding Oliver Patterson, a former source of our St. Louis Division. Patterson provided a signed waiver authorizing release of his files. The release included the enclosed document in its relatively unsanitized version. This document is not known to have been released to the public domain through FOIA or any other litigation proceedings. The document and related correspondence were subsequently provided to Mr. Quinlan Shea, Jr., Director, Office of Privacy and Appeals, Department of Justice, by one Harold Weisberg, who was characterized within. It is noted that the three items of related correspondence provided by Weisberg represent correspondence between Weisberg and G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel, HSCA, relating to Weisberg's contacts with Patterson. Mr. Shea provided the documents to the Congressional Inquiry Unit, Records Management Division, for appropriate action. This letter to the Honorable Louis Stokes, Chairman of HSCA, satisfies same. The Xeroxing of all items are the best available copies.

Item VII of the Memorandum of Understanding requires that the HSCA notify the Attorney General of its intention to disclose information which may tend to identify FBI informants, potential informants or confidential sources. The document in question is sensitive because it is a report from a former FBI informant, contains FBI insight and method of investigating a white hate organization and involves the privacy rights of numerous individuals named therein.

Mr. G. Robert Blakoy
House Select Committee on Assassinations
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Dear Mr. Blakoy,

In writing you two days ago I pointed out that you are really very amateurish when you try to be self-serving. In today's mail and by a phone call I did not expect I learned more about this today.

You may remember that when you called John Ray to an executive session, Jim Lesar asked me to be present for any help I might provide. You had me put out of the room. When Mr. Lesar went to examine the transcripts of prior executive sessions involving his clients, he made notes. You had his notes physically taken away from him. These procedures are hardly calculated to enable correction of any error in the transcripts. Except for those many ones your members made, those I think may not be exactly accidental "errors."

What Members know and believe is largely controlled by the staff because the Members are too busy to be active investigators. With the kind of dictatorial control you exercise, this means that you see to it that they do and do not know and can believe. You know the committee might not survive the loss of another chief counsel. I understand you have reminded the committee of this.

Not having an authentic subject expert present in the hearing room with John Ray and Carol Pepper limited the correction of committee errors Mr. Lesar could make. If you don't suppress that transcript, it will reflect enough. Not letting Mr. Lesar have even his notes served the same purpose.

This is to say that your real purpose had no relationship to any legitimate need to protect the privacy of either Mr. Pepper or John Ray, both of whom wanted me to be present, as their counsel had asked. Nor could it keep secret anything that came up. All three discussed those matters with me.

In today's mail I have the second (at least) committee executive session transcript, each copy given officially to the person who provided the copy by the committee. I have nothing stolen from you in no means of obtaining anything like that.

Also in today's mail I have 10 or 12 pages of FBI records your committee, officially, gave to the person who provided these records to me. Now it also happens that the FBI did not want these records out because it withheld them from me in one of my FOIA cases in which they are relevant.

Secrecy is your selective practise. You keep things from me to cover yourself and the misdirection of the committee you have succeeded in pulling off. Likewise with your refusal to let me have copies of what you have already put into the public domain. With that you have another possible purpose, service to those to whom you owe much - those I sue under FOIA. Not what one would expect of a genuine and sincere professor of the law, which would be to let the discovery process work.

The phone call was from Oliver Patterson. I had written him to ask about his having a copy of a letter I wrote Jerry Ray. Your informant, if you were not aware of it, came here just before his executive session testimony. He had gone to Georgia to transport Jerry Ray to Washington. The public record holds nothing that leads me to believe that you will regard the coming of a committee informant to my home as improper, although I am the cited source of several stories of factual criticism of the committee.

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Mr. Patterson informs me that all of what belonged to him in to Jerry Ray was in the trunk of his car, that he was met in Washington by your hel Waxman and Conrad Baetz, that these two had the keys to the trunk, opened it and removed what interested them and that it included my letter. They framed my letter to Mr. Patterson to read to them, all the time pretending disinterest and never once stopping his reading of this letter in which I also express opinions about your committee.

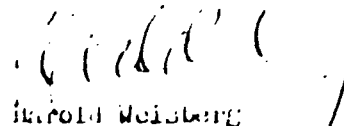
I believe Mr. Patterson. Thus I believe him when he tells me that he did not give the committee prints of pictures he took when he was here. But my, my, how it does look - for a professor of law to believe that Congress serves proper legislative purposes by using informants and then these informants intercept private communications involving an outspoken critic of you and your committee - and even takes photographs of him and Jerry Ray together.

Mr. Patterson is unclear on the details of the backgrounding on me he was given by your staff. I'd appreciate hearing from you if you can ascribe a proper legislative purpose to any official backgrounding of an informant with me the subject of that backgrounding.

Mr. Patterson is quite clear that Mr. Baetz told him I am a "paranoid, senile old man." From what I have heard about Mr. Baetz, going back to his reported assignment to the cuspidor detail in the Harrison County Sheriff's office, what would disturb me is any favorable opinion he might express. But I do wonder about the propriety of any backgrounding relating to any member of the prior James Earl Ray defense team. If you do not want to offer credit as a professor of law, then I would welcome it from the Chief Counsel and director of the committee. Unless, of course, you would prefer to present all of this to the chairman who might respond as chairman.

In any event, it now is quite clear that your refusal of copies of public records you have published and will publish is pretextual and thus is inappropriate for either a professor of law or a committee counsel and director. It also is apparent that in this you cover yourself and those to whom you owe much, those who withheld under Freedom of Information and court process. It likewise is without any doubt that you have given confidential FBI records away, and I shall inform the Department, to which I will also provide copies.

Sincerely,



Harold Weisberg

P.S. Mr. Patterson's memory is incomplete. Mr. Baetz remembered less of the direct quotation of Mark Lane on me as a "paranoid, senile old man" that Lane generally uses. There was a time, as you must know, when he and you-all were in bed together. So to speak. Particularly with your subcommittee chairman whose TV appearances Lane helped him prepare. Of the other descriptions my favorite is cantankerous.

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October 29, 1978

G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director
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Dear Mr. Blakey:

If you taught law students the way you wrote your letter of October 24, I can understand the Chief Justice's comment on the incompetence of lawyers better than I could before receiving your letter.

If a nonlawyer can presume to give advice to one who insists on being referred to as Professor, then I think the beginning of your convoluted first sentence is an unwise description of pursuing a Congressional investigation under the pretext of a legitimate legislative purpose.

The final words in this long sentence are more suitable for use before a jury, you want to prejudice. While I am required to work when I am too tired and at a pace I would prefer to be not as rapid, I doubt that I ever said, in my letter of October 7 or anywhere else, that I found anything you or the committee have done to be "of use to the public." If by any remote chance I so misspoke myself, then this is my correction of it.

There can be values in some of what you saw no value in. This perhaps explains your refusal to provide copies of the public record when I was specific in telling you I want it for use in court.

Some of what you refuse to provide me you gave to the press. As I told you, I heard some of it broadcast, which is a pretty public use.

Those of your staff who run the xerox machines are hardly those who are "currently working long hours" on "the final report" and "to prepare for the upcoming public hearings on the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr." (You have separate subcommittees, separate staffs, and I asked for JFK public records, not those on the King case. Your JFK hearings are not until December.)

If either the House or the Committee rules prevent your providing me with xerox copies of the public record, you fail to say this while contorting yourself to imply it. Without the most radical change in the policy of the Congress since I had the responsibility for making the public record available, you do not reflect it faithfully and invoke the Committee and House rules in what amounts to false pretense.

What you are really afraid of is any use that could expose what you are doing prior to your dumping of an indigestible mass of preconceptions on what will amount to a captive press because of time pressures. I had no such thing in mind but maybe I will think about it and find some means of doing something about it prior to your coming news-management stunt of withholding copies of everything until you can present a report that nobody can check against its alleged sources. Which are carefully enough selected in advance in any event.

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If what you put into the public record does not immediately then go into the public domain, please correct me promptly because if there is a convenient opportunity I may convey this to a reporter and I do not want to err.

If I am not incorrect, then all your who-struck-John is no better than a law professor's Rube Goldberg contraption for refusing to provide me with xerox copies of the public record for which I offered to pay in advance. All I asked for requires no more than giving a clerk public records to xerox and mail. You know that it is not possible because of my condition for me to go to your offices and merely read records there, as it also is not possible for me to file with any court what I can do no more than read.

If you really must write self-serving letters, why don't you turn the task that clearly is too much for you over to one of the bright kids you have hired with the largest investigative appropriation in Congressional history? A kid on your staff might have had more concern for your reputation than your own letter reflects.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

In connection with the Committee's investigation of the circumstances surrounding the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, this is to respond to your letter of October 7, 1978. I am gratified that you found our hearings of interest and of use to the public.

Pursuant to the Committee and House Rules, all the testimony which was presented in public session is available at the current time for your inspection at the Committee offices. This information would include the testimony and reports of Doctors Baden and Guinn, as well as exhibits used during their testimony.

The Committee staff is currently working long hours not only to write the final report on our hearings in the Kennedy assassination, but also to prepare for the upcoming public hearings on the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. This expenditure of effort means we simply do not have the available time to respond to individual inquiries for copies of testimony or exhibits. All public hearings and the reports of our consultants will be printed in the Committee's final report to the Congress and, consequently, available to the entire public. As I have indicated, should you need particular aspects of it before that time, you are welcome to inspect it at the Committee offices. We cannot, however, provide you with copies of any particular documents, testimony or reports at the current time.

Concerning the narration I gave prior to Dr. Baden's testimony, the Committee would, of course, appreciate any substantive comments you may have on this, or any other subject, at any time. Please address all such comments in writing to myself at the Committee offices.

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Thank you for your continuing interest in the Committee's work.

Sincerely,

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