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August 10, 1978

The Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division
Attention: Mr. Robert Keuch

Director, FBI

HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS

In accordance with Attorney General Order 116-56, this memorandum advises that Special Agent Thomas H. Weaver of the Jefferson City, Missouri, Resident Agency, Kansas City Division was interviewed on July 28, 1978. A memorandum setting forth Mr. Weaver's account of this interview is enclosed for your information.

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Assistant Attorney General
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Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch
Director, FBI

September 5, 1978

- 1 - Mr. Mintz
Attn: Mr. Heller
- 1 - Mr. Bailey
- 1 - Mr. Foster

HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS
U. S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (HSCA)

Reference is made to the letter to the Attorney General from G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director, HSCA, dated July 26, 1978, which, in connection with the HSCA's investigation into the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., requested certain information from files of FBI Headquarters.

Enclosed are an original and one copy of a memorandum in response to referenced letter. It is requested that you furnish a copy of the enclosed memorandum to the HSCA.

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NOTE: HSCA request of 7/26/78 concerned a racial matters conference held at FBI Headquarters 2/29/68-3/1/68 and 3/4/68-3/5/68 involving Agents from approximately 45 field divisions. Counterintelligence activity against King was one topic discussed.

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September 5, 1978

HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS
U. S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (HSCA)

Reference is made to letter to the Attorney General from G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director, HSCA, dated July 26, 1978, which, in connection with the HSCA's investigation into the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., requested information concerning a racial matters conference held at FBI Headquarters (FBIHQ) in early 1968.

This letter is to confirm that material in response to referenced HSCA letter has been processed and is available for HSCA access at FBIHQ. Where information is not provided, it is either not retrievable or is not being furnished pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding.

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ORIGINAL AND ONE SENT TO THE ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL, CRIMINAL DIVISION, ATTENTION: MR. ROBERT L. KEUCH.

NOTE: See Director, FBI, letter to the Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch, dated September 5, 1978, captioned as above.

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July 26, 1978

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The Honorable Griffin B. Bell
Attorney General of the United States
U.S. Department of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20530

Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch
Deputy Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division, Room 2113

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

In connection with the investigation by this Committee into the circumstances surrounding the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., it is requested that the Federal Bureau of Investigation assist this Committee by providing us with certain material.

The attached memorandum refers to a racial conference which was held at FBI Headquarters in early 1968. Counter-intelligence proposals directed at Martin Luther King were apparently discussed at that conference.

The House Select Committee on Assassinations requests that we be provided with all documents in existence pertaining to such conference and any action taken as a result thereof. Your response should also include any documents relating to the scheduling of the conference.

Your earliest attention to this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

G. Robert Blakey

G. Robert Blakey
Chief Counsel and Director

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3/11/68

SECTION CHIEF GEORGE C. MOORE
RACIAL INTELLIGENCE, SOG

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At 5 PM, 3/11/68, GEORGE C. MOORE, Section Chief, Racial Intelligence, Division 5, SOG, advised ASAC ELMER F. LINBERG and Supervisor JAMES O. INGRAM AS follows:

He advised that the following proposal was sent to the Director:

The racial conference at the SOG discussed the Washington Spring Project headed by MARTIN LUTHER KING and recommended that the facts about the Project be brought to the attention of possible participants through a rumor campaign. We would use our informants, without their knowledge, to spread the story about lack of funds and organization. Fears of economic reprisal and personal safety should dissuade potential participants. We would point out also that the Project is strictly for MARTIN LUTHER KING's benefit which is actually the case. He thinks he can regain lost prestige by this demonstration. Some suggested rumors would consist of:

The participants would be told that their names would be taken in Washington and welfare checks from the Government discontinued.

Possible threats of violence and bodily harm to the participants would be spread. Also information showing that the Washington Negro Community is incensed and furious with respect to this march on Washington by outside Negroes.

The above are a few of the type of rumors that can be used and you should tie in any rumor of this nature to your local problem. Also think of other counterintelligence methods and secure telephonic approval from the Bureau prior to utilization.

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Date 9/5/78

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-117290)
 ATTENTION: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT,
 RECORDS MANAGEMENT DIVISION

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (66-2197) (P)

SUBJECT: HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)

Re Bureau teletype to Memphis dated 8/30/78.

Enclosed under separate cover to the Bureau are 3 items containing Xerox copies of serials from Memphis files 157-109 and 157-1022 regarding the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC).

The enclosed items represent retrievable information maintained by the Memphis Office regarding SNCC for the period 1/1/68 - 5/31/68.

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CONFIDENTIAL AND SECRET INFORMATION ATTACHED

Enclosures detached and retained in C.M., Div. 4, Rm. 3938. JWB

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RE LONDON AIRTEL TO DIRECTOR DATED 6/28/78, AND COMMUNICATIONS IN BUREAU FILE 62-117290, RE HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA).

AS FBIHQ IS AWARE HSCA STAFF MEMBERS EDWARD M. EVANS, PROF. CHARLES ROGOVIN AND ROBIN LINDLEY WERE RECENTLY IN LONDON FOR TWO WEEK PERIOD CONDUCTING INTERVIEWS IN MURKIN CASE.

RELONAIRTEL FURNISHED RESULTS OF INTERVIEW WITH ALEXANDER EIST, CAMBRIDGE SHIRE, ENGLAND. WHEN STAFF MEMBERS IN ENGLAND THEY ALSO INTERVIEWED EIST.

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ON 8/21/78, EIST APPEARED AT AMERICAN EMBASSY, LONDON, SEEKING ADVICE AS TO METHOD OF BRINGING SLANDER SUIT AGAINST MARK LANE, COUNSEL FOR RAY. EUROPEAN AND BRITISH NEWSPAPERS HAVE GIVEN FRONT PAGE COVERAGE TO INFORMATION FURNISHED BY EIST TO HSCA AND ALSO SEP 6 ALLEGATIONS OF LANE THAT EIST HAD BEEN IMPLICATED IN CORRUPTION AND JEWEL ROBBERIES WHEN HE WAS OFFICER WITH NEW SCOTLAND YARD (NSY).

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EIST ADVISED HE HAS BEEN BESELEDGED BY CBS, BBC AND BRITISH NEWSPAPERS SINCE THE ALLEGATIONS APPEARED.

EIST ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT WHETHER HE WILL BE CALLED BEFORE COMMITTEE DURING HEARINGS AND IF HE WOULD HAVE COUNSEL AVAILABLE TO COUNTER ANY CHARACTER ALLEGATIONS MADE AGAINST HIM. EIST SUGGESTS HAVING HIGHT RANKING NEW SCOTLAND YARD OFFICER PRESENT TO COUNTER ALLEGATIONS. ADDITIONALLY EIST ADVISED HE HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH A FORMER LONDON " DAILY MAIL" CRIME REPORTER, OWEN SUMMERS, WHO RECALLS PRIOR CONVERSATIONS WITH EIST DURING TIME EIST WAS INVOLVED IN RAY INVESTIGATION. EIST REQUESTED HIS CONCERN BE RELAYED TO MR. EDWARD M. EVANS, HSCA.

IN ADDITION, AMERICAN EMBASSY, LONDON, IN RECEIPT OF BILL FOR \$200.00 U. S. DATED 8/16/78, FROM HARRY COUNSELL AND CO., COURT REPORTERS, 61 CAREY STREET, LONDON, FOR STENOGRAPHIC FEE INCURRED BY STAFF MEMBERS, HSCA.

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CONGRESSIONAL AFFAIRS UNIT, LEGAL AFFAIRS DIVISION, REQUESTED TO CONTACT EVANS AND ADVISE OF EIST'S CONCERNS AND INFORM EVANS OF OUTSTANDING CHARGES.

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Select Committee on Assassinations

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

September 8, 1978

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The Honorable Griffin B. Bell
Attorney General of the United States
Department of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20530

Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch
Deputy Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division, Room 2113

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

In connection with the investigation by this Committee into the circumstances surrounding the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. the assistance of the Federal Bureau of Investigation is requested in regard to the following matters:

- 1) Prepare for delivery Identification Division Records and all BUFILE material on:
 - a) Charles Parris, dob 3/07/31
FBI Number 46-45-6A
 - b) Charles Parris, dob 5/07/48
Jefferson County Louisiana Police Department #26333
- 2) Prepare for access all available references and files, BUFILE and Field Office, on a St. Louis Organization named the Veiled Prophet.
- 3) Make delivery (on a loan basis) the original Piedmont Laundry Slip which is believed to be in the possession of the Atlanta Field Office. *62-117290-1161*
- 4) Make access available to any rosters of agents for the St. Louis Field Office for the years 1967, 1968 and 1974.

As time is of the utmost importance your prompt attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Yours very truly, *62-117290*
G. Robert Blakey
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Chief Counsel and Director

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 FROM LEGAT, LONDON (62-604) (RUC)

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Enclosed herewith are four copies of an LHM dated 8/11/78, prepared by RICHARD S. CLARK, Legal Attache, London, England.

It is noted that the visitors, Professor CHARLES H. ROGOVIN, Special Counsel, EDWARD M. EVANS, Chief Investigator and ROBIN D. LINDLEY, Staff Counsel, on several occasions expressed sincere appreciation for the cooperation afforded them by the American Embassy and British authorities. Basically, they accomplished their interviews through New Scotland Yard or independently. It is noted that they interviewed ALEC HIRST and previously had requested background information on this interview from Legat personnel.

EVANS returned the weekend of 8/5/78 to the United States and ROGOVIN and LINDLEY had reservations to return on 8/12/78.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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In Reply, Please Refer to
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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON
ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)

On the morning of July 31, 1978, representatives of the HSCA questioned Legal Attache RICHARD S. CLARK, London, England, concerning his knowledge of the investigation concerning JAMES EARL RAY in Mexico. c

Questions were in general terms as to the nature of our work in this matter in Mexico. Legat CLARK explained that he was an Assistant Legal Attache in Mexico at that time, and that while he undoubtedly did some work in the investigation, he could not recall any specific assignments or trips without reviewing the resulting reports. c

Legat CLARK explained the police structure in Mexico (and the United Kingdom) in general terms, and identified some of the personalities who might have been involved in the investigation. c

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FM JACKSON (62-544)

TO DIRECTOR (62-117290) IMMEDIATE

ATTENTION CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT, RECORDS MANAGEMENT

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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA).

RE JACKSON TELEPHONE CALL TO FBI HQ, AUGUST 13, 1973.

ON AUGUST 13, 1973, 1:15 A.M., MR. WILLIAM V. GLADEN,
ROUTE 1, POST OFFICE BOX 205H3, OCEAN SPRINGS, MISSISSIPPI,
TELEPHONE NUMBER 375-3513, TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED
THE JACKSON FBI OFFICE AND FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING
INFORMATION:

ON AUGUST 17, 1973, 11:45 P.M., GLADEN WAS TELEPHONICALLY
CONTACTED BY BILL WILSON, WHITE MALE, 46 YEARS OF AGE,
EMPLOYEE OF GLADEN, WHO REQUESTED TO MEET WITH GLADEN

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AND WIFE. GLADEN AND WIFE MET WILSON AT A CARD AND GIFT SHOP OWNED BY GLADEN IN OCEAN SPRINGS, MISSISSIPPI.

WILSON ADVISED MR. AND MRS. GLADEN ABOUT HOW HE KILLED MARTIN LUTHER KING. FOR AN HOUR WILSON PROVIDED DETAILS CONCERNING THE PLAN TO KILL KING.

GLADEN ADVISED THAT HE RENTED PART OF HIS SHOP TO WILSON IN JULY, 1978, TO OPERATE A WATCH REPAIR SERVICE. WILSON TOLD THE GLADENS HE WAS SORRY FOR THE EXPENSES HE CAUSED THEM IN SETTING UP HIS WATCH REPAIR BUSINESS BUT HE HAD TO GET THIS OFF OF HIS CHEST. HE STATED THAT THE SHERIFF FROM MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, WAS THE ONLY PERSON HE WOULD SURRENDER TO AND THAT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, SHERIFF WAS TO MEET HIM AT THE HOLIDAY INN, BILOXI, MISSISSIPPI, MORNING OF AUGUST 18, 1978.

GLADEN ADVISED THAT WILSON IS A VERY INTELLIGENT MAN AND ALTHOUGH HE WAS DRINKING AT THE TIME THE MEETING TOOK PLACE, HE THINKS WILSON IS SERIOUS ABOUT THE MURDER OF KING.

LHM FOLLOWS.

BASED ON DESCRIPTIVE DATA AVAILABLE, THE NAME BILL

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WILSON NOT IDENTIFIABLE THROUGH JACKSON OFFICE INDICES.

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8/28/78

Attached teletype from SAC, Jackson advised of information received telephonically from a Mr. William V. Gladen, Ocean Springs, Mississippi, who reported that an acquaintance, Bill Wilson, had informed him on 8/17/78 that he had killed Martin Luther King. Gladen advised that Wilson was drinking at the time he furnished this information, however, he believes Wilson is a very intelligent person and thinks he is serious about the murder of King. *WM, page 46*

SAC, Memphis, at approximately 10 am, today, advised that he had been telephonically contacted by Shelby County Sheriff Barksdale, who advised that he had received two telephone calls from a Burgess Audie Wilson who claimed that he had been "the trigger man" in the assassination of Dr. King, that his daughter had driven the white mustang and that he would only surrender to Sheriff Barksdale on Sunday, 8/20/78, at 9:30 am, at the Holiday Inn in Biloxi, Mississippi. A subsequent call from SAC, Memphis at 11:35 am this date advised that Sheriff Barksdale had received additional instructions to the effect that Wilson was expecting his arrival in Gulfport, Mississippi, on this date and would meet him at the Holiday Inn at Gulfport.

Contact has been maintained with ^{DET}AAG Robert Keuch who requested that this information be provided to the House Select Committee on Assassinations immediately. This was done. Mr. Keuch further requested that any media inquiries received by any offices of the FBI be referred to the Department of Justice. Since it was anticipated that Sheriff Barksdale might inquire as to FBI and USDJ desires in this matter, AAG Keuch conferred with Deputy AAG Turner, Civil Rights Division, USDJ. Subsequent to the first advisement given Mr. Keuch in this matter, his office received a telephone call from Sheriff Barksdale. Mr. Keuch advised that it was the determination of the Justice Department that Sheriff Barksdale should be contacted by the FBI and requested, if he so desires, to meet with Wilson and request Wilson to provide a statement to the FBI or if Wilson was not willing to do this, to request Wilson to provide a statement to Sheriff Barksdale. Mr. Keuch also requested that the FBI, in the meantime, seek to identify the daughter and a father-in-law of Wilson who resides in Memphis, Tennessee, in the event that these persons needed to be contacted in the future. Mr. Keuch advised that he would personally contact the SAC, Memphis Division, and ask him to relay these requests to Sheriff Barksdale since Sheriff Barksdale had tried to contact Mr. Keuch personally. Subsequently, SAC Trimbach telephonically advised FBIHQ of the request of Mr. Keuch's call and confirmed Mr. Keuch's request.

Based upon information furnished, a search of Bureau indices discloses no information identifiable with Burgess Audie Wilson, however, SAC, Memphis advised that information received from Sheriff Barksdale indicates that Wilson is known under FBI #879 421 E, having last been arrested 3/1/76, on a theft charge. The ident record is being located and Memphis will sutel. *See [initials]*

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Memorandum

TO : Mr. Bassett

DATE: 8-17-78

FROM : D. Ryan *[Signature]*

- 1 - Mr. Bassett
- 1 - Mr. Bailey
- 1 - Mr. Ryan
- 1 - Mr. Foster
- 1 - Mr. Buschi

SUBJECT: HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATION
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FBI/DOJ

PURPOSE: To provide copy of opening statement by James Ray at the public hearings of the HSCA on 8-16-78.

DETAILS: On 8-16-78, after the recess of the Committee hearings that date, G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director, HSCA, made available the attached copy of an opening statement which was prepared by James Earl Ray and read by him during the public hearing of 8-16-78. It is noted that when Mr. Ray made the statement, he made some revisions to it. Mr. Blakey advised that the Number 5 imprinted on the various pages is not significant and only an internal control number used by the Committee.

RECOMMENDATION: None. For information.

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Subsequent to the above, Memphis advised that due to the potential civil unrest (police strike) Sheriff Barksdale was unable to proceed to Gulfport, Mississippi, and further did not feel he should leave the city of Memphis at this time.

Contact was made with AAG Keuch who advised that the FBI should endeavor to locate and interview Wilson. Instructions have gone forth to this effect to Memphis who will coordinate with Jackson.

You will be advised of developments.

See San Antonio airtel dated 7/12/72, attached, re interview of Wilson in 1972 regarding threat to Congressman Gonzalez from Texas.

*Peel
7/22/78*

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Wilson not yet located

*Shirley Barksdale told Wilson he would
be in Gulfport at 6:30 PM
He will be with the group in the afternoon
of the Holiday then*

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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS
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Mr. Gladen advised that in July 1978, he had rented Mr. Wilson part of his shop to establish a watch repair service.

Mr. Gladen described Wilson as a white male, 46 years of age. He stated that Wilson is a very intelligent man and although he was drinking at the time of above meeting he thinks Wilson is serious about the murder of King.

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- TOP SECRET
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Date 8/21/78

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-117290)
 ATTN: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT
 RECORDS MANAGEMENT DIVISION

FROM: SAC, JACKSON (62-544)

SUBJECT: HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE
ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)

Re Jackson teletype to Bureau, 8/18/78, captioned as above, concerning BILL WILSON.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau and Memphis are four and two copies, respectively, of an LHM dated 8/21/78, captioned "House Select Committee on Assassinations, United States House of Representatives.

For the Bureau's information, page one, paragraph one, line one of referenced teletype should read WILLIAM D. GLADEN.

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- 2 - Bureau (Enc. 4)
 - 1 - Memphis (Enc. 2) (Info)
 - 1 - Jackson
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