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U.S. House of Representatives

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

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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., it is requested that the Federal Bureau of Investigation make the following individuals available for staff interviews:

- 1) R. E. Long
- 2) E. J. McDonough
- W. L. Martindale

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4) C. L. McGowan

5) James R. Malley \$7-128

- 6) C. D. DeLoach
- 7) Courtney Evans
- 8) Robert E. Wick
- 9) Fred J. Baumgardner
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14) Paul L. Cox

The Committee expects to commence these interviews on or about May 15, 1978. Therefore, it would be greatly appreciated if the Bureau would begin its clearance procedures on a priority basis.

Your continued cooperation is as always appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Id. Robert Blochung

G. Robert Blakey Chief Counsel and Director

GRB:ghd

vcc: Danny Coulson

1 - Mr. Long - Enc.

1 - Mr. Foster - Enc.

1 - Mr. Mintz - Enc. 2 - Mr. Coulson - Enc.

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

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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS

In accordance with Attorney General Order 116-56, this perorandum advises that Special Agent David N. Jellison of the Miami Field Office was interviewed on March 29, 1978. A memorandum setting forth Mr. Jellison's account of this interview is enclosed for your information.

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Miami, Florida April 12, 1978

HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS

INTERVIEW OF SPECIAL AGENT DAVID N. JELLISON

On March 29, 1978, I, David N. Jellison, Special Agent with the Miami Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, was interviewed by Richard C. Wrose, Mark Speiser, and Wendy Collins, investigators, and Peter G. Beeson, Staff Counsel, for the United States House of Representatives Select Committee on Assassinations. This interview took place at the House of Representatives Select Committee Office Building, Washington, D.C.

At the outset, I identified myself as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and obtained names and titles of the interviewing officials. I also furnished my date of birth, Social Security Number, and general background information relating to my FBI career to date. I specifically furnished the date I commenced my assignment in the Miami Division as June 1966. Upon arriving in Miami, I was assigned to the investigation of civil rights and extremist matters as they existed in the Miami Division at that time. In this regard, I was assigned to handling the Martin Luther King murder investigation as leads developed in the Miami Division in 1968.

I was asked to comment on any contact I had with William Sommersett, an extremist source in the Miami Division at the time I was assigned to investigate extremist matters. To my recollection, regular contact with Somersett had been discontinued prior to my arrival in Miami due to his unstable behavior and to avoid possible embarrassment to the Bureau. I am of the opinion that for some years prior to 1966, Sommersett had furnished reliable information to the Bureau relating to both extremist and criminal matters. Any direct

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INTERVIEW OF SPECIAL AGENT DAVID N. JELLISON

contact I had with Sommersett was initiated by Sommersett, and any information developed as a result was accepted at face value and either verified or discredited, as the case may have been. To my knowledge, Sommersett was not paid for any information he furnished to the FBI during my tenure handling extremist matters.

Whatever contact the Miami Police Department had with Sommersett is unknown to me with the exception of a bombing matter which fell under the jurisdiction of the Miami Police Department and of which Sommersett apparently had direct knowledge. I was shown a memorandum by the House of Representatives interviewing officials which was allegedly written by an Officer Sap of the Miami Police Department on April 25, 1968, to Chief of Police Headley, wherein Officer Sap stated he had developed information from Sommersett on April 3, 1968 indicating that Martin Luther King would be killed in Memphis, Tennessee. I never met Officer Sap and never saw this memorandum. I do not recall Sommersett or any Miami Police Department official relating any of the information contained in this memorandum to me.

Prior to the conclusion of this interview, I was asked about several names which were unknown to me and was interrogated about any knowledge I might have regarding an FBI "Cointell" (phonetic) Program as it pertained to the Miami Division. I have no knowledge of this program in the Miami Division or anywhere else in the Bureau.

At the conclusion of the interview, I was advised that I would be notified of any further inquiries in this matter wherein my presence or testimony would be necessary.

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TO

: Assistant Director

Administrative Services Division

FROM

: Legal CounseL

SUBJECT: HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)

PURPOSE:

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The purpose of this memorandum is to advise that former SA James P. McMahon has been released from his employment agreement in order that he may be interviewed by captioned Committee.

DETAILS:

On 4/21/78, the Director advised that henceforth the Assistant Director, Legal Counsel Division, will have the authority to release present and former employees from . their employment agreements so they may be interviewed in connection with Congressional inquiries.

By letter to the Attorney General dated 4/17/78, the HSCA requested an interview of former SA James P. McMahon in connection with the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., investigation. McMahon is retired and resides in Rochester, New York, home telephone number (716) 223-2479 and office number (716) 546-8610)

Former SA McMahon will be telephonically advised by the Congressional Inquiry Unit, Records Management Division, of the interest of the Committee, and prior to the interview, a Legal Counsel representative will provide Mr. McMahon with a briefing as to the scope and limitation of the interview.

RECOMMENDATION:

For Information None.

- Mr. Bassett

1 - Mr. Foster

- Personnel file - SA James P. McMahon

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WEDERAL GOVERNMENT

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

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

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

The Subcommittee, which is investigating the circumstances surrounding the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., has obtained authorization to be furnished any and all information under the Federal Bureau of Investigation's control concerning Ronald Ivy and Calvin Taylor.

Submitted herewith are copies of Messrs. Tvy's and Taylor's releases, and in accordance with same, we request that the FBI make access available on a priority basis to any and all files pertaining to these two gentlemen.

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

Sincerely,

S. Obbut Block G. Robert Blakey

Chief Counsel and Director

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I, the undersigned, hereby authorize the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) to release any and all information which it has or maintained concerning me, and/or which it has received or obtained from me, to the Select Committee on Assassinations of the United States House of Representatives (Committee) and its staff. By this authorization, I knowingly and voluntarily waive whatever rights I may have to withhold disclosure of information in the possession of the FBI to the Committee and its staff.

Signed: Calvin Taylor

Date: April 6, 1978

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MINERAL GARAGE

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

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

The Report of the Department of Justice Task Force to Review the F.B.I. Martin Luther King, Jr., Security and Assassination Investigations discusses a series of surreptitious entries designed, among other purposes, to obtain information about Dr. King and the S.C.L.C.

In connection with the investigation by this Committee into the circumstances surrounding the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., staff members have determined that access to certain additional information is necessary at this time. The Committee, therefore, requests that the F.B.I. review the appropriate files and provide the following information:

- 1. The total number of entries made for purposes not related to technical surveillance.
- 2. The city in which each entry occurred.
- 3. A statement of the approvals and authority under which each entry was undertaken.
- 4. The material or type of material soughe in each entry.
- 5. A detailed description of the material or 3 1978 information acquired, copied or photographed, during each entry.
 - 6. The use to which it was contemplated that the material would be put:

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The Honorable Griffin B. Bell Attorney General of the United States Page 2

As time is of the essence, and it is not anticipated that this request will pose any compliance difficulties, it is requested that this matter receive priority attention.

Sincerely,

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G. Robert Blakey Chief Counsel and Director

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ec: Mr. Danny Coulson

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SUBJECT:

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

1 - Mr. Ryan

1 - Mr. Steinbeck 1 - Mr. Foster

1 - Mr. Aldhizer

To report results of a special briefing held for Mr. G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director, HSCA, on 4-12-78, in the Director's Office.

DETAILS: On 3-23-78, Mr. Robert Keuch, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Special Counsel to the Attorney General for matters relating to captioned Committee, advised that the staff of the ' HSCA had asked, because of numerous excisions in material received from the FBI concerning the Martin Luther King, Jr., investigation, that a briefing on our "Solo" operation be afforded Mr. Blakey; Congressmen Louis Stokes, Chairman of the HSCA; and Samuel L. Devine, Ranking Minority, HSCA. It was subsequently decided to brief only Mr. Blakey, who indicated that such might preclude necessity of briefing the two Congressmen. ()

On 4-12-78, at 11:30 a.m., this briefing was held in the Director's Office. Attending were: the Director; Mr. Adams; Mr. Blakey; W. O. Cregar and M. J. Steinbeck of the Intelligence Division; D. O. Coulson, Legal Counsel Division; and J. T. Aldhizer, Records Management Division. (U)

SA Aldhizer showed exargines of Department and FBI documents which had been provided the HSCA ind had contained excised information from our sensitive in rmant operation (Solo) in the King and Stanley David Levison investigations Purpose was to show information concerning the King-Levison association, which served as the basis of the FBI's security investigation of King. 🗞 Steinbeck followed with a discussion of the "Solo" operation with special emphasis on the King-Levison association 🕊

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Memorandum to Mr. Bassett
Re: House Select Committee on Assassinations
U. S. House of Representatives (HSCA)

Following the briefing, Mr. Blakey proposed several questions concerning the operation and King. These questions were appropriately answered. (U)

Mr. Blakey expressed satisfaction with the briefing and with the Bureau's reasons for excising documents furnished the HSCA. He stated the early association of King and Levison is crucial to the HSCA's investigation. He acknowledged that the FBI had a basis to investigate King and to install telephone surveillance of him. However, he believed the investigation of King continued for too long a period and information developed by the FBI concerning King was disseminated too widely. (U)

Mr. Blakey desired that Congressmen Stokes and Devine be furnished the same briefing at a future date. (U)

RECOMMENDATION: For information.

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Assistant Attorney General Criminal Division

April 7, 1978

Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch

1 - Mr. Bailey

Director, FBI

1 - Mr. Foster 1 - Legal Counsel Division

Attn: Mr. Coulson

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Reference is/made to letter to Attorney General from G. Robert Blakey/ Chief Counsel and Director, HSCA, dated February 28, 1978, which, in connection with HSCA's investigation into the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., requested certain information from files of FBI Headquarters. and that five named Agents be made available for interview by

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

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MOTE: Ey memorandum dated March 9, 1978, Agents mentioned in referenced request were cleared from employment agreements and authorized to be interviewed by the HSCA. Arrangements for interviews are being handled informally by representatives of the Legal Liaison and Congressional Affairs Unit and the Congressional Inquiry Unit of FBI Headquarters.

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1 - Mr. Bailey

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April 7, 1978

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

Reference is made to letter to Attorney General from G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director, HSCA, dated February 28, 1978, which, in connection with HSCA's investigation into the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. requested certain information from files of FBI Headquarters (FBIHQ) and that five named Agents be made available for interview by the HSCA.

Referenced letter listed 13 organizations of interest to the HSCA. Material from FBIHQ files regarding the first 12 organizations listed (Items 1-12) was requested from the following areas: Birmingham, Alabama, January-June, 1963; St. Augustine, Florida, January-June, 1964; the State of Mississippi, March-September, 1964; the State of Alabama, January-June, 1965; and Chicago, Illinois, January-March, 1966.

Regarding Item 13, the "Constitution Party," material from FBIHQ was requested for the years 1967-1968 involving Birmingham, Alabama; Los Angeles, California; Chicago, Illinois; St. Louis, Missouri; New Orleans, Louisiana; Atlanta, Georgia; Memphis, Tennessee; and Miami, Florida. On March 1, 1978, HSCA staff member Lisa Berlow advised that information needed concerning the "Constitution Party" should be corrected to encompass the years 1963-1968.

It should be noted that, regarding the above localities, St. Augustine, Florida, is covered by the Jacksonville Office of the FBI. The State of Mississippi has been covered by the Jackson Field Office since July, 1964. Prior to that date, coverage of the state was divided between the Memphis and New Orleans Field Offices. The State of Alabama is covered by the Birmingham and Mobile Field Offices.

> In response to the above request, where information was retrievable, material from files of FBIHQ concerning the following organizations has been processed and is available for HSCA access at FBIHQ:

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Offices) for March-September, 1964; the State of Alabama (Birmingham and Mobile Field Offices) for January-June 1965; and for the Chicago Field Office, January-March, 1966. No information was contained in the subfile for the Jacksonville Field Office for the pertinent period of HSCA interest.

(2) White Citizens' Council (WCC)

A search of FBIHQ files disclosed no nationwide organization of the WCC. Therefore, since no Field Office subfiles exist, FBIHQ indices were searched for all retrievable information concerning the WCC for the period January, 1963, through March, 1966. The resulting information, some of which was previously provided the HSCA in response to its request of November 3, 1977, concerns WCC groups in Ohio during 1965; Montgomery, Alabama, during 1965-1966; in Chicago during 1963-1965; and three additional general file references.

(3) Minutemen

Field Office subfiles exist in the FBI's investigation of the Minutemen organization; however, the subfiles for offices of interest to the HSCA contain no information for the period January, 1963, through March, 1966. Therefore, the main investigative file of the Minutemen (105-107261) for the period January, 1963, through March, 1966, (Sections 5-46) has been processed and is available for HSCA access.

(4) Liberty Lobby (LL)

The FBI conducted no active investigation of the LL. The majority of information received at FBIHQ concerning this group was filed in Bureau file 62-106941. A portion of this file and pertinent references for the period of HSCA interest have been made available for HSCA access.

(5) Black Panther Party (BPP)

Since the BPP was not founded until 1966, no information concerning it exists in files of FBIHQ for the periods and localities specified in referenced HSCA letter.