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FROM DIRECTOR (62-116395)

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~~SENSTUDY 75~~

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(Date)

To: SAC, Atlanta  
From: Director, FBI (62-116395)

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For your information, Sentinella has indicated a desire to review this statement and make any necessary corrections, after which he will furnish you a copy for forwarding to the Bureau which should be by cover airtel immediately after Sentinella makes it available. Direct airtel to Attention, INTD - W. O. Cregar.

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May 27, 1975

Mr. Wilburn K. DeBruler  
Special Agent in Charge  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Will,

Please forward attached brown envelope to Bureau, Attention:  
Seymor F. Phillips.

Thanks for your help.

Yours truly,



Alan G. Sentinella

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REGISTERED MAIL

TO: Director, FBI (62-116395)  
(Attention: INTD - W. O. Cregar)

FROM: SAC, Atlanta (62-2854)

SENSTUDY 75

Re Bureau airtel to Atlanta 5/23/75.

Material enclosed with referenced airtel was hand-delivered to former SA, ALAN G. SENTINELLA, 5/27/75, and same was returned by SENTINELLA to Atlanta Division same day.

Enclosed is the material furnished by SENTINELLA.

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FROM DIRECTOR (62-116395)

PERSONAL ATTENTION

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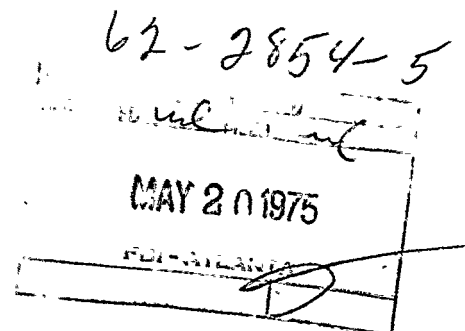
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TAMPA

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WASHINGTON FIELD

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Date: 5/29/75

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-116395) *JAC*  
FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (62-2854)

SENSTUDY 75

REBUTEL TO ALEXANDRIA AND OTHER OFFICES, MAY 28, 1975.

SA ALDEN F. MILLER, ATLANTA DIVISION, ALERTED TO POSSIBILITY OF CONTACT BY SSC. SA MILLER HAS NOT BEEN CONTACTED TO DATE. IN THE EVENT CONTACT, LEGAL COUNSEL DIVISION WILL BE IMMEDIATELY ADVISED THROUGH THE SAC.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-116395) *FLC*  
(ATTN: INTD - W. O. CREGAR)

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (62-2854)

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EXPAND ON THE COMMENTS MADE BY HIM.

MURPHY INDICATED ALSO THAT THE PERSON OR PERSONS INTERVIEWING HIM FELT HE, MURPHY, SHOULD HAVE SPECIFIC KNOWLEDGE AND HE IS NOT SURE HE WAS ABLE TO CONVINCED THEM THAT HE DID NOT. FROM THE COMMENTS MADE BY MURPHY, IT WAS THE IMPRESSION OF THE SAC THAT MURPHY WAS PRESSED FOR DETAILS, WHICH HE WAS UNABLE TO PROVIDE.

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Special Agent in Charge

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8:58 PM NITEL MAY 30, 1975 WCG

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

May 28, 1975

MEMORANDUM TO ALL EMPLOYEES

RE: INTERVIEWS OF FBI EMPLOYEES

All employees are advised that Congress is conducting an inquiry into activities of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Congressional staff members are conducting interviews of former and current FBI employees. This Bureau has pledged its cooperation with the Congress.

You are reminded of the FBI Employment Agreement (copy attached) with which you agreed to comply during your employment in the FBI and following termination of such employment.

Also, you are reminded of Title 28, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 16.22 (copy attached), which reads as follows:

"No employee or former employee of the Department of Justice shall, in response to a demand of a court or other authority, produce any material contained in the files of the Department or disclose any information relating to material contained in the files of the Department, or disclose any information or produce any material acquired as part of the performance of his official duties or because of his official status without prior approval of the appropriate Department official or the Attorney General in accordance with Section 16.24."

Also, you are reminded of Department of Justice Order Number 116-56, dated May 15, 1956, (copy attached) which, among other things, requires an employee upon the completion of his testimony to prepare a memorandum outlining his testimony.

Our cooperative efforts, of course, must be consistent with the above cited authority. Therefore, if you are contacted for purpose of interview or testimony you are to request approval as required by the Employment Agreement and await authorization before furnishing information, testimony, or record material.

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## EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

As consideration for employment in the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), United States Department of Justice, and as a condition for continued employment, I hereby declare that I intend to be governed by and I will comply with the following provisions:

(1) That I am hereby advised and I understand that Federal law such as Title 18, United States Code, Sections 793, 794, and 798; Order of the President of the United States (Executive Order 11652); and regulations issued by the Attorney General of the United States (28 Code of Federal Regulations, Sections 16.21 through 16.26) prohibit loss, misuse, or unauthorized disclosure or production of national security information, other classified information and other nonclassified information in the files of the FBI;

(2) I understand that unauthorized disclosure of information in the files of the FBI or information I may acquire as an employee of the FBI could result in impairment of national security, place human life in jeopardy, or result in the denial of due process to a person or persons who are subjects of an FBI investigation, or prevent the FBI from effectively discharging its responsibilities. I understand the need for this secrecy agreement; therefore, as consideration for employment I agree that I will never divulge, publish, or reveal either by word or conduct, or by other means disclose to any unauthorized recipient without official written authorization by the Director of the FBI or his delegate, any information from the investigatory files of the FBI or any information relating to material contained in the files, or disclose any information or produce any material acquired as a part of the performance of my official duties or because of my official status. The burden is on me to determine, prior to disclosure, whether information may be disclosed and in this regard I agree to request approval of the Director of the FBI in each such instance by presenting the full text of my proposed disclosure in writing to the Director of the FBI at least thirty (30) days prior to disclosure. I understand that this agreement is not intended to apply to information which has been placed in the public domain or to prevent me from writing or speaking about the FBI but it is intended to prevent disclosure of information where disclosure would be contrary to law, regulation or public policy. I agree the Director of the FBI is in a better position than I to make that determination;

(3) I agree that all information acquired by me in connection with my official duties with the FBI and all official material to which I have access remains the property of the United States of America, and I will surrender upon demand by the Director of the FBI or his delegate, or upon separation from the FBI, any material relating to such information or property in my possession;

(4) That I understand unauthorized disclosure may be a violation of Federal law and prosecuted as a criminal offense and in addition to this agreement may be enforced by means of an injunction or other civil remedy.

I accept the above provisions as conditions for my employment and continued employment in the FBI. I agree to comply with these provisions both during my employment in the FBI and following termination of such employment.

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Office of the Attorney General  
Washington, D. C. 20530

January 18, 1973

ORDER NO. 501-73

RULES AND REGULATIONS

**Title 28—JUDICIAL  
ADMINISTRATION**

**Chapter I—Department of Justice**

[Order 501-73]

**PART 16—PRODUCTION OR DISCLOSURE OF MATERIAL OR INFORMATION**

**Subpart B—Production or Disclosure in Response to Subpenas or Demands of Courts or Other Authorities**

This order delegates to certain Department of Justice officials the authority to approve the production or disclosure of material or information contained in Department files, or information or material acquired by a person while employed by the Department. It applies where a subpoena, order or other demand of a court or other authority, such as an administrative agency, is issued for the production or disclosure of such information.

By virtue of the authority vested in me by 28 U.S.C. 509, 510, and 5 U.S.C. 301, Subpart B of Part 16 of Chapter I of Title 28, Code of Federal Regulations, is revised, and its provisions renumbered, to read as follows:

**Subpart B—Production or Disclosure in Response to Subpenas or Demands of Courts or Other Authorities**

- Sec.
- 16.21 Purpose and scope.
  - 16.22 Production or disclosure prohibited unless approved by appropriate Department official.
  - 16.23 Procedure in the event of a demand for production or disclosure.
  - 16.24 Final action by the appropriate Department official or the Attorney General.
  - 16.25 Procedure where a Department decision concerning a demand is not made prior to the time a response to the demand is required.
  - 16.26 Procedure in the event of an adverse ruling.

**AUTHORITY:** 28 U.S.C. 509, 510 and 5 U.S.C. 301.

**Subpart B—Production or Disclosure in Response to Subpenas or Demands of Courts or Other Authorities**

**§ 16.21 Purpose and scope.**

(a) This subpart sets forth the procedures to be followed when a subpoena, order, or other demand (hereinafter referred to as a "demand") of a court or

other authority is issued for the production or disclosure of (1) any material contained in the files of the Department, (2) any information relating to material contained in the files of the Department, or (3) any information or material acquired by any person while such person was an employee of the Department as a part of the performance of his official duties or because of his official status.

(b) For purposes of this subpart, the term "employee of the Department" includes all officers and employees of the United States appointed by, or subject to the supervision, jurisdiction, or control of, the Attorney General of the United States, including U.S. attorneys, U.S. marshals, and members of the staffs of those officials.

**§ 16.22 Production or disclosure prohibited unless approved by appropriate Department official.**

No employee or former employee of the Department of Justice shall, in response to a demand of a court or other authority, produce any material contained in the files of the Department or disclose any information relating to material contained in the files of the Department, or disclose any information or produce any material acquired as part of the performance of his official duties or because of his official status without prior approval of the appropriate Department official or the Attorney General in accordance with § 16.24.

**§ 16.23 Procedure in the event of a demand for production or disclosure.**

(a) Whenever a demand is made upon an employee or former employee of the Department for the production of material or the disclosure of information described in § 16.21(a), he shall immediately notify the U.S. attorney for the district where the issuing authority is located. The U.S. attorney shall immediately request instructions from the appropriate Department official, as designated in paragraph (b) of this section.

(b) The Department officials authorized to approve production or disclosure under this subpart are:

(1) In the event that the case or other matter which gave rise to the demanded material or information is or, if closed, was within the cognizance of a division of the Department, the Assistant Attorney General in charge of that division. This authority may be redelegated to Deputy Assistant Attorneys General.

(2) In instances of demands that are not covered by paragraph (b) (1) of this section:

(1) The Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, if the demand is one made on an employee or former employee of that Bureau for information or if the demand calls for the production of material from the files of that Bureau, and

(ii) The Director of the Bureau of Prisons, if the demand is one made on an employee or former employee of that Bureau for information or if the demand calls for the production of material from the files of that Bureau.

(3) In instances of demands that are not covered by paragraph (b) (1) or (2) of this section, the Deputy Attorney General.

(c) If oral testimony is sought by the demand, an affidavit, or, if that is not feasible, a statement by the party seeking the testimony or his attorney, setting forth a summary of the testimony desired, must be furnished for submission by the U.S. attorney to the appropriate Department official.

**§ 16.24 Final action by the appropriate Department official or the Attorney General.**

(a) If the appropriate Department official, as designated in § 16.23(b), approves a demand for the production of material or disclosure of information, he shall so notify the U.S. attorney and such other persons as circumstances may warrant.

(b) If the appropriate Department official, as designated in § 16.23(b), decides not to approve a demand for the production of material or disclosure of information, he shall immediately refer the demand to the Attorney General for decision. Upon such referral, the Attorney General shall make the final decision and give notice thereof to the U.S. attorney and such other persons as circumstances may warrant.

**§ 16.25 Procedure where a Department decision concerning a demand is not made prior to the time a response to the demand is required.**

If response to the demand is required before the instructions from the appropriate Department official or the Attorney General are received, the U.S. attorney or other Department attorney designated for the purpose shall appear with the employee or former employee of the Department upon whom the demand has been made, and shall furnish the court or other authority with a copy of the regulations contained in this subpart and inform the court or other authority that the demand has been, or is being, as the case may be, referred for the prompt consideration of the appropriate Department official and shall respectfully request the court or authority to stay the demand pending receipt of the requested instructions.

**§ 16.26 Procedure in the event of an adverse ruling.**

If the court or other authority declines to stay the effect of the demand in response to a request made in accordance with § 16.25 pending receipt of instructions, or if the court or other authority rules that the demand must be complied with irrespective of instructions not to produce the material or disclose the information sought, in accordance with § 16.24, the employee or former employee upon whom the demand has been made shall respectfully decline to comply with the demand. "United States ex rel Touhy v. Ragen," 340 U.S. 462.

Dated: January 11, 1973.

**RICHARD G. KLEINDIENST,**  
*Attorney General.*

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OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

WASHINGTON, D. C.

May 15, 1956

ORDER NO. 116-56

It is the policy of the Department of Justice to extend the fullest possible cooperation to congressional committees requesting information from departmental files, interviews with department employees, testimony of department personnel, or testimony of Federal prisoners. The following procedures are prescribed in order to effectuate this policy on a basis which will be mutually satisfactory to the congressional committees and to the Department. [This order supersedes the Deputy Attorney General's Memorandum No. 5, dated March 23, 1953, and his Memorandum No. 97, dated August 5, 1954. It formalizes the Attorney General's press release of November 5, 1953, establishing procedures to permit committees of the Congress and their authorized representatives to interview and to take sworn testimony from Federal prisoners. It supplements Order No. 3229 (Revised) dated January 13, 1953, and Order No. 3464, Supplement No. 4 (Revised) dated January 13, 1953 (with Memorandum of "Authorization Under Order No. 3464 Supplement No. 4 (Revised)" dated January 13, 1953), insofar as said orders have reference to procedures to be followed in the Department's relations with congressional committees. In support of this order, reference should be had to the President's letter dated May 17, 1954, addressed to the Secretary of Defense, and to the Attorney General's Memorandum which accompanied it.]

A. REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION FROM DEPARTMENT FILES

1. Congressional committee requests for the examination of files or other confidential information should be reduced to writing, signed by the chairman of the committee, and addressed to the Deputy Attorney General, who is responsible for the coordination of our liaison with Congress and congressional committees. The request shall state the specific information sought as well as the specific objective for which it is sought. The Deputy Attorney General will forward the request to the appropriate division where a reply will be prepared and returned for the Deputy Attorney General's signature and dispatch to the chairman of the committee.

2. If the request concerns a closed case, i. e., one in which there is no litigation or administrative action pending or contemplated, the file may be made available for review in the Department, in the presence of the official or employee having custody thereof. The following procedure shall be followed in such cases:

a. The reply letter will advise the committee that the file is available for examination and set forth the name, telephone extension number, and room number of the person who will have custody of the file to be reviewed;

b. Before making the file available to the committee representative all reports and memoranda from the FBI as well as investigative reports from any other agency, will be removed from the file and not be made available for examination; provided however that if the committee representative states that it is essential that information from the FBI reports and memoranda be made available, he will be advised that the request will be considered by the Department. Thereafter a summary of the contents of the FBI reports and memoranda involved will be prepared which will not disclose investigative techniques, the identity of confidential informants, or other matters which might jeopardize the investigative operations of the FBI. This summary will be forwarded by the division to the FBI with a request for advice as to whether the FBI has any objection to examination of such summary by the committee representative. The file will not be physically relinquished from the custody of the Department. If the committee representative desires to examine investigative reports from other government agencies, contained in the files of the Department, he will be advised to direct his request to the agency whose reports are concerned.

3. If the request concerns an open case, i. e., one which litigation or administrative action is pending or contemplated, the file may not be made available for examination by the committee's representative. The following procedure shall be followed:

a. The reply letter should advise the committee that its request concerns a case in which litigation or administrative action is pending or contemplated, and state that the file cannot be made available until the case is completed; and

b. Should briefly set forth the status of the case in as much detail as is practicable and prudent without jeopardizing the pending contemplated litigation or administrative action.

#### B. REQUESTS FOR INTERVIEWS WITH DEPARTMENTAL PERSONNEL

1. Requests for interviews with departmental personnel regarding any official matters within the Department should be reduced to writing, signed by the chairman of the committee, and addressed to the Deputy Attorney General. When the approval of the Deputy Attorney General is given, the employee is expected to discuss such matters freely and cooperatively with the representative, subject to the limitations prescribed in A respecting open cases and data in investigative reports;

2. Upon the completion of the interview with the committee representative the employee will prepare a summary of it for the file, with a copy routed to his division head and a copy routed to the Deputy Attorney General.

C. EMPLOYEES TESTIFYING BEFORE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES

1. When an employee is requested to testify before a congressional committee regarding official matters within the Department the Deputy Attorney General shall be promptly informed. When the Deputy Attorney General's approval is given the employee is expected to testify freely subject to limitations prescribed in A respecting open cases and data in investigative reports;

2. An employee subpoenaed to testify before a congressional committee on official matters within the Department shall promptly notify the Deputy Attorney General. In general he shall be guided in testifying by Order 3229 (Revised) and the President's letter of May 17, 1954, cited at the beginning of this Order.

3. Upon the completion of his testimony the employee will prepare a memorandum outlining his testimony with a copy routed to his division head and a copy routed to the Deputy Attorney General.

D. REQUESTS OF CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES FOR THE TESTIMONY OF FEDERAL PRISONERS

Because of the custodial hazards involved and the extent to which their public testimony may affect the discipline and well-being of the institution, it is the policy of the Department not to deliver Federal prisoners outside the penal institution in which they are incarcerated for the purpose of being interviewed or examined under oath by congressional committees. However, when it appears that no pending investigation or legal proceeding will be adversely affected thereby and that the public interest will not be otherwise adversely affected, Federal prisoners may be interviewed or examined under oath by congressional committees in the institution in which they are incarcerated under the following procedures, and with the specific advance approval of the Deputy Attorney General.

1. Arrangements for interviewing and taking of sworn testimony from a Federal prisoner by a committee of the Congress or the authorized representatives of such a committee shall be made in the form of a written request by the chairman of the committee to the Deputy Attorney General.

2. Such written request shall be made at least ten (10) days prior to the requested date for the interview and the taking of testimony and shall be accompanied by written evidence that authorization for the interview or the taking of sworn testimony was approved by vote of the committee. Such request shall contain a statement of the purpose and the subjects upon which the prisoner will be interrogated as well as the names of all persons other than the representatives of the Department of Justice who will be present.

3. A member of the interested committee of the Congress shall be present during the entire time of the interrogation.

4. The warden of the penal institution in which the Federal prisoner is incarcerated shall, at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the time at which the interview takes place, advise the Federal prisoner concerned of the proposed interview or taking of sworn testimony; and shall further advise that he is under the same, but no greater obligation to answer than any other witness who is not a prisoner.

5. The warden of the penal institution shall have complete authority in conformity with the requirements of security and the maintenance of discipline to limit the number of persons who will be present at the interview and taking of testimony.

6. The warden or his authorized representative shall be present at the interview and at the taking of testimony and the Department of Justice shall have the right to have one of its representatives present throughout the interview and taking of testimony.

7. The committee shall arrange to have a stenographic transcript made of the entire proceedings at committee expense and shall furnish a copy of the transcript to the Department of Justice.

E. OBSERVERS IN ATTENDANCE AT COMMITTEE HEARINGS

In order that the Department may be kept currently advised in matters within its responsibility, and in order that the Deputy Attorney General may properly coordinate the Department's liaison with Congress and its committees, each division that has an observer in attendance at a congressional hearing, will have the observer prepare a written summary of the proceeding which should be sent to the division head and a copy routed to the Deputy Attorney General.

/s/ Herbert Brownell, Jr.

Attorney General

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-116395)

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SENSTUDY 75

RE BUTEL TO ATLANTA AND OTHER OFFICES, JUNE 28, 1975.

ALL CURRENT AND FORMER AGENTS WITHIN ATLANTA DIVISION CONTACTED BY SAC, ATLANTA, JUNE 28, 1975, WITH EXCEPTION OF FORMER SA MARION CHEEK AND ADVISED IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS, RE TEL.

FORMER SA CHEEK CURRENTLY BOATING ON SUWANEE RIVER IN REMOTE AREA, FLORIDA, AND NO POTENTIAL FOR LOCATING UNTIL EVENING OF JUNE 29, 1975, NEXT. CHEEK WILL BE CONTACTED BY SAC AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, JUNE 29, 1975, AND BUREAU IMMEDIATELY ADVISED OF CONTACT.

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SENSTUDY 75

ON JULY 15, 1975, MISS JESSIE ABERCROMBIE, MANAGER, PEACHTREE TOWERS APARTMENTS, 300 WEST PEACHTREE STREET, N. W., ATLANTA, GEORGIA, CONTACT THE ATLANTA OFFICE AND VOLUNTEERED INFORMATION SHE WAS CONTACTED THE PRECEDING DAY (JULY 14, 1975) BY A MR. EPSTEIN, WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS AN INVESTIGATOR FROM WASHINGTON, D. C. EPSTEIN SAID HE WANTED TO SEE HER RECORDS OF TENANTS FOR THE YEARS 1961, 1962, AND 1963. SHE TOLD HIM SHE DID NOT MAINTAIN RECORDS BY YEARS, BUT BY NAME OF TENANT OR FIRM WHO RENTED APARTMENTS. EPSTEIN THEN ASKED IF THE FBI RENTED AN APARTMENT ON A PERMANENT BASIS OR IF THE FBI HAD RENTED AN APARTMENT PAST OR PRESENT. MISS ABERCROMBIE TOLD HIM SHE HAD NEVER RENTED AN APARTMENT TO THE FBI, BUT HAD RENTED APARTMENTS TO INDIVIDUAL AGENTS OF THE FBI OVER THE YEARS WHO WERE ON TRANSFER, TEMPORARY OR PERMANENT ASSIGNMENTS, AND THAT RECORDS

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IT IS NOTED MICHAEL EPSTEIN OF SSC INTERVIEWED FORMER SA'S RICHARD H. DAVIS AND JERRY D. ROSEBERRY IN ATLANTA ON JULY 14, 1975.

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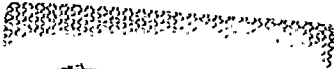
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WITH RESPECT TO INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES (SSC)

INTERVIEW OF FBI SPECIAL AGENT (SA)  
EDWARD A. SHEA BY SSC STAFF MEMBERS

The following information has been furnished by SA Edward A. Shea concerning an interview of him by SSC Staff Members Michael Epstein and Mary DeOreo, which took place on July 23, 1975, in the office of Senator Herman E. Talmadge in Atlanta, Georgia.

The interview of SA Edward A. Shea by the two SSC Staff Members commenced at 9:35 A. M. and ended at 10:37 A. M.

At the beginning of the interview no mention was made of SA Edward A. Shea's rights by SSC Staff Members Michael Epstein and Mary DeOreo.

The following information was furnished to these two SSC Staff Members and it is not necessarily in chronological order:

At the outset of the interview, SA Shea was questioned about his service in the Bureau, type work he did, etc., and SA Shea indicated that he had been in the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) as a Special Agent for almost 25 years, having entered the Bureau in March, 1951; after an initial assignment at Richmond, Virginia, SA Shea was transferred to Cleveland, Ohio, where he was assigned to the security squad. SA Shea remained in Cleveland for 20 years doing security work for practically the entire time. In May, 1972, SA Shea was transferred to the Atlanta Division and once again was assigned to security work, which assignment has continued to the present time.

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SA Shea was then asked by Mr. Epstein about a review project he had handled earlier in the year pertaining to the Counterintelligence Program (COINTELPRO) in the Atlanta Division and what it involved.

SA Shea mentioned that in approximately the latter part of December, 1974, or early January, 1975, he had been assigned to handle a project dealing with COINTELPRO in the Atlanta Office.

FBI Headquarters (FBIHQ) had sent out communications to various field offices around the latter part of December, 1974, or early January, 1975, relative to the COINTELPRO-Hate Groups, Black Nationalist Hate Groups, New Left, and Communist Party, U. S. of America (CP,USA). In these communications FBIHQ had indicated it was in receipt of a request under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) for documents relating to the COINTELPRO. As a result, FBIHQ had reviewed its files on COINTELPRO and classified various documents. FBIHQ listed these documents in work papers which were sent out to the various field offices, including Atlanta, as enclosures to the FBIHQ communications. These work papers listed documents that were to be classified in each office and recipients were instructed to review the work papers to make sure all copies of these documents classified by FBIHQ were so classified in the field office files on COINTELPRO. These work papers showed the classification assigned to the particular document, the identifying number of the classifying officer, the exemption category and the date it was classified by FBIHQ.

In addition, these FBIHQ communications instructed the recipient field offices to review its various COINTELPRO files, such as the ones on the Hate Groups, Black Nationalist Hate Groups, etc. to insure that all other documents in these files which were classifiable were so classified. These were to include memoranda and letters to other offices, etc. The office that originated the communication had the responsibility of notifying other recipients of these communications so their copies could also be classified.

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Based on these FBIHQ communications, SA Shea, who handled this project by himself, located all the documents listed in the FBIHQ work papers and classified them according to the information set out in the work papers.

In addition, SA Shea also reviewed each of the Atlanta COINTELPRO files on the categories previously mentioned, for any further documents that should be classified.

SA Shea recalled that in this part of the review he did locate various documents in these files which he felt required classification.

SA Shea could not recall any specific documents that he so classified but did remember classifying a number of documents in the COINTELPRO-Hate Group file and COINTELPRO-CP,USA file. These documents selected by SA Shea were then classified, and copies designated for any other Atlanta files were then located and classified; in addition, FBIHQ and other field offices that had been furnished copies of these documents were then notified by Atlanta to locate their copies of these documents and classify them according to information furnished by Atlanta.

SA Shea pointed out to the SSC Staff Members that he recalled that subsequently FBIHQ had sent back communications to Atlanta relative to documents SA Shea had classified in both the COINTELPRO-Hate Group and COINTELPRO-CP,USA files. FBIHQ instructed that all those classified by SA Shea in the COINTELPRO-Hate Group file be declassified as they did not warrant classification and also a number in the COINTELPRO-CP,USA file also were to be declassified, which was done by SA Shea.

The SSC Staff Members then inquired if during this review of the COINTELPRO files, whether SA Shea had noted any COINTELPRO actions, any recommended actions, or any COINTELPRO suggestions which were directed against Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., Coretta King or the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). SA Shea indicated that in carrying out this project, his purpose was first to locate the COINTELPRO documents listed by FBIHQ in their work papers and classify them; next he was also to review the Atlanta COINTELPRO files to see if any other COINTELPRO documents prepared by Atlanta required classification.

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In handling this project, SA Shea was primarily interested in classifying the documents in these COINTELPRO files and little notice was made of any specific COINTELPRO actions actually being recommended in these documents. SA Shea pointed out that in his review he did not recall any COINTELPRO action that had been directed or recommended against Reverend King, his wife, Coretta, or SCLC.

SA Shea was then questioned as to whether he could recall in his review, having to classify any Atlanta COINTELPRO document in which a copy may have been designated for the case file on SCLC, and SA Shea indicated that he could not recall or remember anything specific on this.

Mr. Epstein then inquired if the Atlanta Office had any COINTELPRO files which only pertained to organizations, in which all information relative to a particular organization like the Young Socialist Alliance (YSA), or the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) would be located. SA Shea indicated there was no such specific breakdown in the Atlanta COINTELPRO files as they were set up under broad group categories, such as Hate Groups, Black Hate Groups, New Left, etc.

Mr. Epstein then asked if SA Shea had ever been involved in handling any COINTELPRO matters when he was assigned to the Cleveland Office or whether the Cleveland Office ever had any COINTELPRO actions against Reverend King or SCLC. SA Shea indicated that he understood that the questioning of him would be limited to his review of the Atlanta COINTELPRO files earlier in the year, for the classification purposes; SA Shea suggested that this should be discussed with the FBIHQ representative, who was in the Atlanta Office at the time, to resolve this; however, Mr. Epstein did not pursue this.

Mr. Epstein then inquired, that prior to the FBI instituting the COINTELPRO, and prior to the various field offices setting up COINTELPRO files, if some Agent made a suggestion about a counterintelligence action, would such a

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suggestion, say in the form of a memorandum or letter, be placed in the case file of the organization or the individual against whom the action was being directed. SA Shea indicated he had no knowledge of any such suggestions ever being made in the form of memoranda, letters, etc., suggesting a counter-intelligence action being directed against anyone or any organization prior to the institution of the actual COINTELPRO by FBIHQ.

Mr. Epstein then asked, if when FBIHQ instituted the COINTELPRO and the various field offices set up COINTELPRO files, was there any retrieval of any documents made from any files dating back prior to the commencement of COINTELPRO, that were then placed in any of Atlanta's COINTELPRO files. SA Shea indicated that in his review of the various COINTELPRO files earlier in the year, he had not noted any such indication of this.

Mr. Epstein then asked if SA Shea was aware of any review program dealing with COINTELPRO in which any documents were removed from COINTELPRO files. SA Shea stated emphatically that there was no program to ever remove any documents dealing with COINTELPRO from Atlanta's COINTELPRO files or from any Atlanta files.

On several occasions during the interview of SA Shea, Mr. Epstein would come back to his line of questioning about SA Shea's review of the COINTELPRO files earlier in the year and whether SA Shea could recall any COINTELPRO action or COINTELPRO suggested action against Reverend King, Mrs. King or SCLC. SA Shea on each occasion pointed out that he could not recall seeing any documents in any of the COINTELPRO files which related to any such action directed against the Kings or SCLC.

Mr. Epstein on one occasion asked SA Shea if, during the time he had been assigned to the Atlanta Office, he had ever hear of any COINTELPRO action, or any suggested action, directed against Reverend King, his wife, or SCLC, and SA Shea replied that he had not.

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Mr. Epstein also asked if SA Shea was aware of any COINTELPRO action or recommended action being made after FBIHQ has discontinued the COINTELPRO, and SA Shea indicated he knew of no actions or recommendations being made.

During the interview, Mr. Epstein did most of the questioning and Mrs. DeOreo took extensive notes; both SSC Staff Members were pleasant and cordial during the entire interview, which ended at approximately 10:37 A. M.



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The following information has been furnished by SA Charles T. Haynes concerning an interview of him by SSC Staff Members Michael Epstein and Mary DeOreo, which took place on July 22, 1975, in the office of Senator Herman E. Talmadge in Atlanta, Georgia.

The interview of SA Haynes started at 11:57 A. M., was discontinued for lunch from 1:32 P. M. until 2:34 P. M., and was terminated at 3:10 P. M. Epstein asked all of the questions during the interview. Haynes was not advised of his rights or of the purpose of the interview. Early in the interview, Haynes informed Epstein he was under the impression the purpose of the interview was to obtain information regarding Martin Luther King, Jr., and Epstein confirmed this explaining King, the SCLC and the marches were so closely related it was necessary to go into some of these things.

Epstein asked Haynes his title and was informed Haynes is a Special Agent Supervisor in the Atlanta Office of the FBI, supervising the Number 3 Squad which is generally known as the security squad. He asked when Haynes became a supervisor and was informed he was appointed in August, 1968. Epstein asked who served as supervisor of the squad prior to Haynes and was advised SA Charles S. Harding, now retired,

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preceded Haynes as supervisor. He asked why Harding was replaced and Haynes stated it was a decision made by the Bureau which was an administrative matter and not pertinent to the inquiry regarding Martin Luther King, Jr. Epstein did not pursue this question any further.

Epstein asked when the investigation regarding King started and if there was a file open prior to the time the investigation was authorized. Haynes replied he did not know when the file was opened or when the investigation was authorized. Haynes was asked when the technical coverage regarding King was instituted and when it was discontinued, and he replied to the best of his knowledge it was instituted during about November, 1963, and Haynes monitored it until about January 4, 1964, when Haynes became ill from a kidney stone attack, thereafter entering the hospital in Atlanta on January 8, 1964. Epstein asked Haynes if he returned to monitoring the surveillance later and Haynes replied that he did not return to the assignment on a full-time basis, but probably relieved other individuals monitoring several times during a period which may have continued as long as a year.

Epstein asked when the King case was closed and Haynes replied he did not know, but felt sure it was sometime prior to April, 1968. Haynes was asked who made the decision to close the file, and he stated he did not know. Epstein asked when the SCLC case was closed and Haynes stated he did not recall, but did remember that SCLC activity "wound down" considerably prior to King's death, and even more so after King's death to the point that the information did not warrant maintaining the file in a pending status. When asked who gave instructions to close the file, Haynes stated that he did not recall but that it was possible that the Atlanta Office took the action closing the file, and it was even possible that Haynes may have approved such action administratively; however, he does not recall.

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Epstein asked if it would be customary for New York to send Atlanta any information they received regarding Stanley Levison and if so what file it would be put in. It was explained to Epstein it would be necessary to know the nature of such information before answering such a question, however, since Atlanta did not have any pending investigation regarding Levison or SCLC there would be no reason for New York to send any information regarding Levison to Atlanta unless they had some reason to request information concerning some pending investigation. Epstein pressed the question of whether New York would continue to send Atlanta information concerning Levison and he was informed, based on information available at Atlanta, there was no reason for New York to send the information to Atlanta regarding Levison, without requesting investigation; however, it was possible that they may have some reason for having sent information to Atlanta for informational purposes.

Epstein asked where the monitoring of the King technical surveillance was conducted and he was advised by Haynes it was conducted in the Peachtree Towers Building. He asked the room number and Haynes replied he did not recall the room number but did recall it was on one of the upper floors of the building. He asked who made the installation and handled the contact with the telephone company, and Haynes replied he did not know, that the equipment was in the apartment when Haynes was instructed to report there for the monitoring assignment. Epstein asked who else was present in the apartment at the time and was advised that SA Alden F. Miller was present, connected the equipment and instructed Haynes in the operation of the equipment. In response to the question of other Agents monitoring the technical surveillance at the time, Haynes stated to the best of his knowledge he was probably the first Agent to monitor the surveillance, with the technical assistance of SA Miller.

Epstein asked the name of the person who rented the apartment at the Peachtree Towers and Haynes replied he did not know. He asked if such information was available in the files of the Atlanta Office and Haynes replied he

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did not know, explaining that such information may have been made a matter of record, and yet may not have been made a matter of record. Epstein stated that at this point he would stop the questioning in order for Haynes to go upstairs to the FBI Office and review the files to determine whether or not such information was in the files. Haynes explained that such a project would probably entail extensive file review in order to state whether such information was, or was not, in the file. Epstein asked if Haynes could have someone else conduct the necessary file review regarding this matter, at which time Haynes replied he would request a break at this point to consult with an FBIHQ representative in the FBI Office. After consulting with the FBIHQ representative for approximately five minutes, Haynes returned to Senator Talmadge's office and informed Epstein that the clearance for the interview was based on what Haynes could remember regarding King and not on information from the files. Epstein was advised that any request by him for information from the files should be submitted in writing in the usual manner. Epstein did not pursue this matter any further.

Epstein asked if Haynes knew Bill Sullivan and if he recalled him coming to Atlanta. Haynes replied that he did know Sullivan and recalled him coming to Atlanta in the 1960's at least on one occasion and possibly twice. Haynes explained he recalled Sullivan coming to Atlanta in the early or middle 1960's in connection with a regional type FBI conference regarding developing and handling of informants in Klan organizations, and possibly a second visit at a later time, but no other details were recalled.

Epstein asked Haynes if he knew of any instance where an Agent in Atlanta furnished any information regarding King or the SCLC to the news media and Haynes replied he did not.

Epstein asked if Atlanta had a COINTELPRO file regarding King or the SCLC and Haynes advised it did not. Haynes was asked if he knew of any COINTELPRO information regarding King or the SCLC and Haynes stated he did not. When asked where such material would be filed, Haynes stated that since he knew of none he did not know where it would be filed. When asked if such information could be in the case file, Haynes advised it was possible.

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Epstein asked if the Atlanta Office participated in the COINTELPRO retrieval project and was advised by Haynes he thought so; however, Haynes was not familiar enough with the particular project he had in mind to be sure. Haynes explained he had in mind a project around the first of 1975, which had to do with declassifying certain previously identified COINTELPRO correspondence and subsequently classifying some material also connected with COINTELPRO. Epstein wanted to know if any COINTELPRO information regarding King or SCLC was included in this information and he was informed Haynes had no knowledge of such, but the details of the project were handled by another Agent under Haynes' supervision. Haynes was requested to identify the Agent and replied he would have to have a few minutes to consult with an FBIHQ representative in the FBI Office prior to answering this question. Epstein contacted the FBIHQ representative in the Atlanta Office telephonically, requesting him to come down to Senator Talmadge's office and conferred with him for approximately five minutes, during which time Haynes was not present. At the conclusion of this conference, upon advice of the FBIHQ representative Haynes informed Epstein the Agent who handled the above-mentioned project was SA Edward A. Shea.

Epstein terminated the interview at 3:10 P. M.



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The following information has been furnished by SA Alden F. Miller concerning an interview of him by SSC Staff Members Michael Epstein and Mary DeOreo, which took place on July 22, 1975, in the office of Senator Herman E. Talmadge in Atlanta, Georgia.

The interview of SA Alden F. Miller commenced at 4:50 P. M. and was terminated at 5:29 P. M., July 22, 1975, with the statement that consideration would be given overnight as to whether additional questions would be directed on the following morning to SA Miller. At the outset Staff Member Michael Epstein advised SA Miller of his rights, stating he did not have to answer any questions, that he had the right to legal counsel, and further, that anything he said might be used in a criminal proceeding against him.

The following questions and the responses of SA Miller to these questions are set forth hereinafter in narrative form to the best of his recollection, utilizing verbiage nearly as possible synonymous with statements made. The context of this question and answer interrogation is not necessarily in chronological order. All questions were directed to SA Miller by Staff Member Michael Epstein.

SA Miller was asked concerning his employment and assignment to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Atlanta Office. SA Miller replied that he first was assigned to the Atlanta Office in 1947, was transferred to New York

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in 1948, and returned to the Atlanta Office in 1951. SA Miller was further asked when he was assigned to the Security Squad in the Atlanta FBI Office, to which he replied June of 1951. Inquiry was further made as to whether still assigned to the Security Squad and SA Miller replied that as of March, 1975, he was no longer assigned security matters and that he was presently assigned to work in conjunction with the General Accounting Office review of matters in the Atlanta Office.

SA Miller was asked when a technical installation or telephone tap was placed on the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) and Martin Luther King. SA Miller replied that it was impossible for him at this date to recall specifically when such an installation was made, but by citing civil rights activities with particular emphasis in Albany, Georgia, in 1962, was reasonably sure that the technical installation was made sometime subsequent to that date. When asked how long the technical installation remained in effect, SA Miller replied that he could not recall the exact duration of the telephone tap, however, was of the opinion it was in effect for several years, possibly three. When asked what telephone facilities were covered, SA Miller replied that telephone service to the offices of SCLC and to the residence of Martin Luther King were covered in this telephone tap.

SA Miller was asked what was the justification or purpose of this technical installation, to which he replied that it was to determine the degree of subversive influence, if any, over the activities of the SCLC sponsored civil rights demonstrations and programs.

Inquiry was made as to who instructed the installation of such technical coverage and SA Miller replied that he undoubtedly received these instructions from his immediate supervisor and/or the Special Agent in Charge of the Atlanta Office at that time. When asked whether these instructions were written or verbal, SA Miller replied that he could not specifically recall, but was reasonably sure that if written they would have also been discussed verbally, both with his supervisor and the Special Agent in Charge.

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SA Miller was asked whether a feasibility study was made prior to the actual installation or a survey conducted. SA Miller replied that he did not recall at this late date whether such a feasibility study was made prior to the installation. SA Miller was asked whether if such a study or survey was made whether it was reviewed by high officials prior to ordering such an installation. SA Miller replied that he did not specifically recall whether such a review as that was made on a feasibility or survey, as if this were done, it would have been done in Washington, and SA Miller would not have been in a position to know of such a review.

SA Miller was asked in making the telephone tap did the Atlanta Office have sufficient equipment here and if not, where did we get such equipment to make this installation. SA Miller replied that the Atlanta Office did not have equipment available for such an installation and at this date it is unknown where the equipment came from, however, a request for such equipment would have been made of FBI Headquarters in Washington, D. C. SA Miller was asked whether he dealt with the phone company in conjunction with this installation and he replied that he undoubtedly had requested line information which relates to pair and cable data for phones to be covered in this technical installation. Inquiry was made of SA Miller as to the identity of the person at the Southern Bell Telephone Company who provided such information and it was stated that at this late date it was impossible to say definitely who furnished this data as the phone company during this era was in the process of setting up a security office who would normally provide such information under the proper circumstances and that if such an office were then in existence Mr. Theodore King would have provided the line information desired.

SA Miller was asked whether leased lines were obtained from the phone company in conjunction with this installation, to which he replied he did not specifically recall whether leased lines were utilized or whether other telephone service was ordered with subsequent adaptation enabling the use of this service for the technical installation.

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SA Miller was asked whether charges were incurred for such service, to which he replied payments were made for all services rendered by the Southern Bell Telephone Company, whether it be leased lines or other telephone-type service. SA Miller was asked whether he had issued the orders for leased lines or other service and if so, what name was utilized in issuing such orders, to which SA Miller replied that if leased lines or other service was ordered through the Security Office of Southern Bell Telephone Company, that he had ordered same, however, he could not recall at this time the name utilized for such service.

SA Miller was asked further did he issue the order for having a private working number installed in the monitoring plant, to which he replied he could not recall whether such an order was issued or given by him and if it was, whether it was done through the Security Office or done in a routine fashion like any person requesting normal telephone service.

SA Miller was asked if he recalled where the technical installations were made, to which he replied he did recall and could point out the locations, however, could not recall the addresses of these locations. SA Miller was asked the location of the monitoring point, to which he replied an apartment in an apartment building located diagonally across the street from the Federal Building housing the offices of the FBI.

SA Miller was asked whether he was responsible for renting the apartment which was used for monitoring this technical installation, to which he replied he did not think that he was, but was of the opinion that the case Agent rented the apartment. SA Miller was asked where in the apartment building was the apartment located, to which he replied he could only recall it was in the upper portion of the building, probably above the tenth or twelfth floor and that it was located immediately adjacent to a wire closet. SA Miller was asked the cover name used in renting this apartment, to which he replied at this late date he could not recall the exact name utilized, but was of the opinion

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it was some sort of engineering company, but at any rate, it would have been the same name utilized in requesting telephone service. SA Miller was asked further whether the owners of this building and top management were cognizant of the real identity of the renters of this apartment, to which he replied he had no way of knowing but was of the opinion for security reasons no one knew or was aware that this apartment was being utilized by the FBI.

SA Miller was asked further whether he had anything to do with the installation of utilities and furnishing of this apartment used in the monitoring operation, to which he replied he had nothing to do with this other than the installation of certain wooden shelves utilized for equipment necessary to such monitoring and neither did he have anything to do as it related to the utilities.

SA Miller was asked whether he ever actually monitored this installation, to which he replied that on several occasions when regular monitors were ill and there were other technical needs at the facility, he would serve as a monitor. SA Miller was asked whether he had ever furnished supplies to this facility, to which he replied the only kind of supplies he would have taken to the facility were those necessary to insure a trouble free technical monitoring. SA Miller was specifically asked whether he ever replenished the supplies or tapes for recording purposes, to which he replied he did not recall such, other than at the initial inception when a sufficient supply of tapes were made available and these tapes were used over and over.

SA Miller was asked specifically whether he ever made any technical installation on phone service at the Ebenezer Baptist Church, the church where Martin Luther King was on the staff, to which he replied that no such installation to his knowledge was ever made. SA Miller further informed that he did not know whether city police authorities or state authorities had made such an installation and further, he was not in a position to be aware of any such activities on the part of these law enforcement agencies.

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- SA Miller was asked whether he had ever discussed Martin Luther King with Eugene Patterson, Editor of the Atlanta Constitution, to which he replied that to the best of his knowledge he had never discussed this matter with Mr. Patterson. SA Miller did point out that he was acquainted with Mr. Patterson professionally and socially as previous investigations had brought him in contact with Mr. Patterson and that they were both members of the same church and served jointly on various committees and boards for several years. SA Miller replied further that during this era Mr. Patterson may have directed questions to him regarding Martin Luther King, as it was a timely subject and one receiving considerable newspaper publicity; however, all such inquiries were parried or handled in a non-committal and non-revealing manner. SA Miller further replied that numerous civil rights cases were being conducted by the Atlanta Office of the FBI, which was public knowledge and subject of news coverage by the newspaper of which Mr. Patterson served as Editor, however, to the best of SA Miller's knowledge no revelation was made indicating the FBI had an unusual interest in the activities of Martin Luther King. SA Miller further advised that even though socially acquainted with Mr. Patterson, he did not agree with Mr. Patterson's publicly espoused political position on many and varied interests of the times.

SA Miller was specifically asked that while the Staff Member did not desire to place SA Miller in a bind, did a superior of his at any time ever instruct him to contact Eugene Patterson regarding Martin Luther King, to which SA Miller replied that at no time had any superior of his, or for that matter, any other FBI employee, ever ask that Eugene Patterson be contacted in regard to Martin Luther King.

The interview was terminated at 5:29 P. M. with Mr. Epstein stating that he would like to think overnight regarding the questions and answers as set forth above and would on the following morning advise as to whether he desired to ask additional questions.

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On the morning of July 23, 1975, Mr. Epstein  
communicated to SA Miller that no further questioning of  
SA Miller was necessary.



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The following information has been furnished by SA Donald P. Burgess concerning an interview of him by SSC Staff Members Michael Epstein and Mary DeOreo, which took place on July 22, 1975, in the office of Senator Herman E. Talmadge in Atlanta, Georgia.

The interview of SA Donald P. Burgess commenced at approximately 3:45 P.M. and terminated at approximately 4:45 P.M. At no time during the interview was any mention made to SA Burgess regarding his rights by SSC Staff Members Michael Epstein and Mary DeOreo.

The results of this interview will not necessarily be in chronological order, but will be to the best recollection of SA Burgess.

At the outset of the interview, SA Burgess was asked when he was assigned to the Atlanta Office of the FBI and SA Burgess replied to the best of his recollection it was at the end of July or the first part of August, 1964. SA Burgess was also asked how long he had been in the FBI, to which he replied since January, 1951.

SA Burgess was asked what his duties were and to what squad he was assigned when he first arrived in the Atlanta Division of the FBI. SA Burgess advised he had been

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immediately assigned to the Security Squad. In reply to a question as to what type of investigations he handled, SA Burgess replied that he was mainly involved in civil rights type investigations.

Mr. Epstein asked SA Burgess when he was assigned to monitoring the telephone tap of Doctor Martin Luther King, Jr. SA Burgess replied to the best of his recollection he was assigned to these duties from the end of November, 1965, until sometime in June, 1966. SA Burgess was asked if he could pin down exactly the date of his assignment to this monitoring duty and SA Burgess replied that he recalled the general time period quite well as he had recently undergone surgery before this assignment and after extensive sick leave, went almost immediately on the monitoring duty.

Mr. Epstein asked SA Burgess what his understanding was as to why this telephone tap on Doctor Martin Luther King, Jr. was being used. SA Burgess replied that it was his understanding and recollection that three or four individuals who had heavy and extensive Communist Party or Marxist affiliations and connections had an inordinate influence and control over Doctor Martin Luther King, Jr. insofar as policies, objectives and activities of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). SA Burgess replied it was his understanding that these three or four aforementioned individuals' influence over King extended so far as preparing his speeches and public statements and that it was also his understanding that the Attorney General at the time the telephone tap was instituted, Robert Kennedy, had approved of and insisted upon this investigative technique.

SA Burgess was then asked if he thought the telephone tap on Doctor King was justified and SA Burgess replied that he thought it was fully justified in light of the time and circumstances and the position of Doctor King.

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SA Burgess was then asked about the personal type information regarding personal misconduct, whether or not he felt the collecting of this type of information was justified. SA Burgess replied that information regarding personal misconduct or immoral activities on the part of King was not the prime purpose or interest of the telephone monitoring, but that he did feel that evidence of gross personal misconduct and completely amoral activities was significant in this particular case, bearing in mind the original justification for the telephone monitor and the fact that Doctor Martin Luther King, Jr. was a moral leader of world stature and a religious personality. SA Burgess said that he therefore felt a complete double standard of personal conduct as opposed to public image was significant inasmuch as such behavior would make Doctor King subject to pressure or blackmail by the worst criminal or subversive elements in our society.

SA Burgess was asked if the type of information regarding Doctor King's personal misconduct was disseminated to other agencies or the press and SA Burgess replied that he did not know. SA Burgess was asked if he ever disseminated any information regarding the personal misconduct on the part of Doctor King to the press or others, and SA Burgess replied he had not.

Mr. Epstein said that he assumed that SA Burgess was aware of some of the allegations that had appeared in the press regarding FBI dissemination of this type of information, and SA Burgess replied that he was aware of some of these allegations but he had no specific knowledge regarding these matters.

SA Burgess was asked if he ever reviewed the communications regarding Doctor King based upon information monitored, and SA Burgess replied that he merely recorded the results of the interception of telephone conversations.

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SA Burgess was then asked for the physical location from which the telephones were monitored and if this physical location was an apartment in the Peachtree Towers. SA Burgess replied in the affirmative, but said he could not recall the exact apartment number or the floor on which it was located.

SA Burgess was asked if the apartment from which the telephones were monitored was a one or two bedroom apartment and if he knew any of the neighbors or if he recalled maid service to the apartment. SA Burgess replied that he believed it was a one bedroom apartment, did not recall any of the neighbors and insofar as he recalled, there was no maid or janitorial service.

In response to a question as to where the monitoring equipment was located, SA Burgess replied to his recollection it was in the bedroom of the apartment.

SA Burgess was asked if inspectors were at the apartment and if odd-hour shifts were maintained. SA Burgess advised that he recalled that odd-hour shifts were maintained, but he did not recall any inspection of the apartment.

Mr. Epstein asked SA Burgess if he recalled what his duties were prior to the time that he was assigned to the aforementioned monitoring and SA Burgess replied, general security work and particularly civil rights cases which included the observation of civil rights demonstrations in various locations.

Mr. Epstein then asked about general policy regarding observation of demonstrations, whether it came from Washington or originated in the field, and whether the instructions to observe demonstrations came by SAC letter to the field. SA Burgess replied that insofar as he knew it was the general policy of the Bureau for a number of years to observe at any type of demonstration involving civil rights type matters

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where the possibility of violence existed so that firsthand observation of any possible violation of Federal statutes could be had by impartial observers, and that any subsequent investigation would not be dependent upon the sometimes impassioned observations of persons on either side of a controversial issue.

At this point in the conversation, Mr. Epstein was reminded by SA Burgess that the purpose of the interview was the investigation of Doctor Martin Luther King, Jr., and Mr. Epstein replied that he was interested in observations of civil rights matters insofar as Doctor King was involved.

SA Burgess replied that the only specific demonstration or civil rights activity he recalled in which he acted as an observer where Doctor Martin Luther King, Jr. or SCLC was involved was in Americus, Georgia, in 1965, and he could recall very little regarding this matter.

SA Burgess was asked at one point during the interview if, during the time he served as a monitor on the telephone tap of Doctor King, there was a tap on SNCC. SA Burgess replied that he had no recollection of a telephone tap on SNCC, (Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee).

Mr. Epstein asked why SA Burgess was removed from monitoring telephones mentioned above. SA Burgess said that it was at his request as he had completely recovered from a debilitating illness and was very frankly quite bored with an inactive assignment.

Mr. Epstein asked if SA Burgess remained on the Security Squad in the Atlanta Office and what type of cases he handled after that period. SA Burgess replied that he did remain on the Security Squad until December, 1966 or January, 1967, and that he had handled general security matters, but not the investigation of Doctor Martin Luther King, Jr.

Mr. Epstein asked why SA Burgess was reassigned and was advised it was a routine administrative reassignment.

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Mr. Epstein then asked SA Burgess if he was quite certain of his period of assignment to monitoring the telephones of Doctor King and SA Burgess replied that he was virtually certain that assignment to these duties was from within ten days before or after Thanksgiving, 1965, until sometime during June, 1966, because of the aforementioned surgery approximately six weeks prior to his assignment on these duties.

Mr. Epstein asked if SA Burgess could ascertain the date of his surgery from his doctor or hospital records. SA Burgess replied that surgery had taken place at St. Joseph's Infirmary immediately adjacent to the FBI office and he would attempt to ascertain the date. Mr. Epstein asked if SA Burgess would be willing to telephone the hospital at that time in an attempt to verify this date. SA Burgess replied that old hospital records are sometimes difficult to locate and from experience, it would probably take two or three days.

In response to a question as to whether anyone else immediately available could recall the date of this surgery, SA Burgess replied that his wife might recall. Mr. Epstein then asked SA Burgess if he would be willing to telephone his wife in an attempt to determine the date of his surgery. At that point in the interview, SA Burgess did telephone his wife who informed SA Burgess that she thought SA Burgess had undergone surgery during mid-September, 1965. This was communicated to Mr. Epstein.

Mr. Epstein also asked SA Burgess whether or not any record in the Atlanta Office would pin down the exact dates of his assignment to monitor the King telephones. SA Burgess replied that he knew of no such record.

Mr. Epstein asked if an annual fitness or performance report would show his assignment at that time, and SA Burgess

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replied that he believed these performance reports merely stated general assignments, such as general security, etc., and the location of these reports were unknown to him. Mr. Epstein asked if SA Burgess had seen his annual performance reports and SA Burgess replied that he had.

At the conclusion of the interview, Mr. Epstein asked if he might have SA Burgess' home telephone number and if he might call him at a later date to obtain from SA Burgess the date of the aforementioned surgery, if SA Burgess was able to ascertain this date. SA Burgess did furnish Mr. Epstein his home telephone number and advised he would attempt to determine the date of this surgery.



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The following information has been furnished by SA Robert W. Thomson concerning an interview of him by SSC Staff Members Michael Epstein and Mary DeOreo, which took place on July 22, 1975, in the office of Senator Herman E. Talmadge in Atlanta, Georgia.

No mention was made at the outset of this interview by either Michael Epstein or Mary DeOreo as to any Constitutional rights of SA Thomson.

The interview commenced at approximately 3:15 P. M. and was terminated at approximately 3:32 P. M. Set forth as follows are the results of this interview which are not necessarily in chronological order:

SA Thomson was requested to furnish the approximate date of his assignment to Atlanta as well as his assignment to other divisions. SA Thomson advised that he entered on duty with the FBI in July, 1947, and was assigned to FBI Headquarters, New York City and Albany, New York as both a clerical employee and as a special employee. SA Thomson was appointed an Agent in 1962 and was assigned to the Little Rock Office until approximately the middle of May, 1964, when he was assigned to the Atlanta Office.

SA Thomson was asked if he worked security matters in Little Rock, which was answered no and he was then asked if his assignment upon reporting to Atlanta was in the security

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field. SA Thomson advised that he was assigned to the security squad and upon questioning stated that the nature of this security assignment was to monitor the telephones of Martin Luther King, Jr., both at his residence and his office. SA Thomson advised that he continued in this assignment until approximately August, 1964, when he was transferred to the Columbus, Georgia, Resident Agency.

SA Thomson was asked the reason for his transfer from Little Rock to Atlanta and thereafter to the Columbus, Georgia, Resident Agency, at which time SA Thomson replied that both transfers were routine transfers, the transfer to Columbus due to the fact an opening had been created in the Resident Agency.

SA Thomson further advised that in 1969 he was transferred from the Columbus, Georgia, Resident Agency back to Atlanta, Georgia and that for a short period of time in 1971 was assigned to security work in the Atlanta Office.

SA Thomson was asked that upon his return to Atlanta and engaged in security work in 1971, if he was aware of any pending investigation concerning SCLC and SA Thomson advised he could not recall any investigation of SCLC but could state that he was not involved in any if there was such an investigation.

SA Thomson was asked if he had any knowledge as to when this telephone monitoring of Martin Luther King was instituted or when it was discontinued. SA Thomson replied that he had no such knowledge.

SA Thomson was further questioned as to what pertinent instructions were furnished him in regard to his monitoring of Martin Luther King's telephones and who gave these instructions. SA Thomson advised that the supervisor at that time was Special Agent Charles S. Harding and that SA Thomson was advised that the monitoring of these telephones was being done because of national security and information was to be obtained concerning King's contacts and associates, and the reason for such contacts.

SA Thomson was questioned if he ever questioned himself at any time as to the morality or justification for this monitoring. SA Thomson replied that after having only worked on such monitoring for two months he had no question in his mind as to the reason for this telephone monitoring.

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SA Thomson was asked how many telephone lines were monitored or if he knew the exact location of the telephones being monitored at which time SA Thomson stated he could not recall exactly how many telephones were being monitored but that they were at the residence of Martin Luther King and SCLC, and that he could not furnish the addresses of either of these locations. In addition, SA Thomson was asked if he typed logs or handwrote them. SA Thomson replied that he utilized both methods.

SA Thomson was asked if he was furnished any list of names of certain individuals to be on the lookout for in contacts by Martin Luther King. SA Thomson stated he could not recall any such list. In addition, when asked where the physical location of this telephone monitoring was accomplished, SA Thomson advised that it was at the Peachtree Towers Apartments but that he could not furnish the exact room or floor utilized.

SA Thomson was asked if he ever highlighted or placed additional emphasis on any of the telephone calls that he monitored. SA Thomson replied that no such emphasis was placed on any such call, and when asked if SA Thomson prepared any other forms or memoranda or communications regarding any of the telephone calls, he monitored, SA Thomson replied in the negative.

SA Thomson was asked if he could recall Martin Luther King or any of the other persons monitored being in any telephone contact with any public officials. SA Thomson replied that he could not specifically recall any such telephone conversations, however, during the time SA Thomson was assigned these monitoring duties Martin Luther King was traveling to other cities and it is entirely possible that Martin Luther King could have been in contact with some officials.

SA Thomson was asked for the identities of other persons also assigned monitoring duties during the time he was so engaged. SA Thomson stated that he recalled that SAs John Benton, O. Richard Hamilton, Don Burgess and Brian O'Shea also were engaged in monitoring of the telephones.

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SA Thomson was asked if any stenographic personnel were utilized at the monitoring site. SA Thomson replied in the negative.

SA Thomson was asked for the procedure utilized in handling the logs and tapes used to record the telephone conversations. SA Thomson stated that to the best of his recollection the logs were delivered by the Agent on duty each morning to the office and that the tapes were utilized over and over again for recording telephone calls.

At this point both Michael Epstein and Mary DeOreo stated that they had no further questions of SA Thomson and the interview was concluded.



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The following information has been furnished by SA O. Richard Hamilton concerning an interview of him by SSC Staff Members Michael Epstein and Mary DeOreo, which took place on July 22, 1975, in the office of Senator Herman E. Talmadge in Atlanta, Georgia.

The above-mentioned interview commenced at 10:38 a.m. and concluded at 11:54 a.m. SA Hamilton was not advised of his rights by the SSC Staff Members. The following information is not necessarily in chronological order.

Regarding the period of time of SA Hamilton's FBI employment and period of assignment in Atlanta, Georgia, SA Hamilton advised he became a Special Agent in September, 1951, and has been assigned to the Atlanta Office since February, 1961. SA Hamilton was questioned regarding the period of time he was assigned to the Security Squad in Atlanta. SA Hamilton advised that according to his best recollection, he was assigned to the Security Squad shortly after his arrival in Atlanta in 1961, and continued that assignment until approximately sometime in 1962. At that time he was assigned to a road

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trip involving investigations of any FBI matter occurring within that road trip and such assignments were not necessarily connected with the Security Squad. SA Hamilton advised he was reassigned to the Security Squad in Atlanta during the Spring or early Summer of 1964 or 1965, and he believed that, according to his best recollection, this was in 1964.

The SSC Staff Members questioned SA Hamilton as to what, if any, assignment he had regarding the investigation of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., or with the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). SA Hamilton advised that upon his reassignment to the Security Squad, he was assigned to monitor a wiretap on SCLC and on the residence of King. The Staff Members inquired as to the number of lines monitored and as to the location of the technical installation. SA Hamilton recalled that lines on the SCLC switchboard and SCLC Wide Area Telephone Service (WATS) as well as the residence telephone of King were monitored. The Staff Members inquired whether tapes of conversations were made from the technical installation and SA Hamilton replied that occasionally when it was necessary to record more than one telephone conversation occurring at the same time, that he occasionally would tape one conversation while preparing a handwritten log of another, that thereafter the conversation recorded on tape was reduced to a handwritten log when time permitted. The Staff Members asked what was done with the recorded tapes following the completion of the recording and Hamilton advised that when the conversation had been reduced to writing on a log and the tape was used up, that as best as he could recall, the tape was erased and then reused. The Staff Members asked whether such tapes were reviewed by other FBI personnel and SA Hamilton stated he could not recall any situation where this occurred. The Staff Members inquired as to whether such tapes were further maintained or placed

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somewhere else and SA Hamilton replied he was not aware of any instance where this was done. The Staff Members asked to whom the case on King was assigned and who was the supervisor of the squad at the time that SA Hamilton was assigned to the monitoring of the installation. They were advised the agent assigned to the case was former SA Robert Nichols and the supervisor was Charles Harding. At that point the Staff Members inquired as to who was the supervisor of the Security Squad when SA Hamilton was first assigned to Atlanta and who were the succeeding supervisors on that squad. They were advised that Mr. Henry Rowse was the supervisor when Hamilton was first assigned to Atlanta and that upon Rowse's transfer to FBI Headquarters, Harding became the supervisor. Thereafter, in approximately 1968, Charles Haynes replaced Harding as supervisor of the Security Squad in Atlanta. The Staff Members inquired as to the reason for the replacement of Harding by Haynes. Hamilton advised that was an administrative decision made by FBI Headquarters and since that did not relate to the investigation pertaining to Doctor Martin Luther King, Jr., he would respectfully decline to discuss that matter. The Staff Members subsequently asked if SA Nichols was subsequently assigned to the Valdosta, Georgia, Resident Agency of the Atlanta Office and, then transferred to another field office. SA Hamilton advised that was correct. The Staff Members inquired as to the reason for SA Nichols' transfer to another field office, to which SA Hamilton replied he felt that question did not relate to the investigation of King and involved an administrative decision by FBI Headquarters; and, therefore, declined to answer.

The Staff Members, after being advised by SA Hamilton that he was assigned to monitoring the technical installation for a period of approximately four months, inquired as to whether he was ever subsequently assigned to any investigation relating to King or SCLC. Hamilton advised the case concerning SCLC was assigned to him

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upon the retirement of former SA Alan Sentinella in approximately 1970. The Staff Members inquired as to the period of time thereafter that SCLC remained under investigation and what basis if any there was for closing the case. SA Hamilton pointed out that since the re-assignment of the case to him occurred after the death of King, he felt that question did not directly relate to the investigation of King and that prior to furnishing an answer to that question, he felt he should confer with a FBI Headquarters representative who was then present in the Atlanta Office of the FBI. The Staff Members advised they did desire an answer to that question and approved of a consultation between SA Hamilton and the FBI Headquarters representative. SA Hamilton conferred with the FBI Headquarters representative then in the Atlanta Office of the FBI and it was agreed the question regarding the closing of SCLC and the assignment of that case to SA Hamilton was outside the parameter of the authority given to SA Hamilton by FBI Headquarters regarding discussion of Doctor Martin Luther King, Jr. However, in the spirit of cooperation, it was agreed that SA Hamilton would answer the question of the Staff Members in this regard. Thereafter, SA Hamilton advised the FBI investigation regarding SCLC was closed about 1972 or 1973 since a review of the case file failed to reflect any influence by individuals or organizations having affiliations with communist background. In view of that, it was felt the SCLC case should be closed.

The Staff Members inquired as to who made the decision regarding closing of SCLC and whether the matter was first discussed with FBI Headquarters or other individuals within the Atlanta Office of the FBI or if it was a decision made by SA Hamilton alone. Hamilton advised that as he recalled, he reviewed the SCLC case file from that time to a substantial period in the past and that he recommended to the supervisor of the Security

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Squad that the case be closed since there had been no known communist influence upon the activities of the SCLC organization for a long period of time. In response to the mechanics of closing the case they were advised that SA Hamilton dictated a letter to FBI Headquarters from the Special Agent in Charge of the Atlanta Office, advising that a review of the file reflected no communist influence upon the activities of SCLC and that unless advised to the contrary by FBI Headquarters, the case was being closed. The Staff Members asked if a form letter was used whereby blanks were filled in and they were advised this was not the case. The Staff Members inquired if FBI Headquarters agreed with the closing and SA Hamilton advised that to his knowledge, no communication was thereafter received from Headquarters which would disagree with the closing of that case. The Staff Members inquired as to whether SA Hamilton or anyone in Atlanta conferred with any persons in the New York Office of the FBI prior to closing the case and SA Hamilton advised that to his knowledge this did not occur. The Staff Members then inquired as to the basis for closing the case on SCLC as compared with the basis for opening the case originally. Hamilton advised he did not specifically recall the wording of any communications upon which the case was originally opened, however, a review of the case at the time it was closed did not indicate that SCLC might be involved in any activities which could constitute a violation of the Internal Security Statutes. The Staff Members inquired as to whether the investigation was based upon the Smith Act and SA Hamilton stated he did not recall specifically seeing the words "Smith Act", however, FBI investigations regarding communist influence was based upon the communist goal of forceable overthrow of the U.S. Government.

The Staff Members asked if, after the death of King, whether Stanley Levison was in contact with Reverend

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Ralph Abernathy, President of SCLC. They were advised by Hamilton that that question was not related to the FBI's investigation of Doctor Martin Luther King, Jr., and he would decline to discuss that matter without further consultation with FBI Headquarters representative in the Atlanta Office. The Staff Members did not ask that Hamilton then discuss that point with the Headquarters representative.

The Staff Members inquired as to the identities of other FBI personnel assigned to the monitoring of the technical installation and SA Hamilton advised he recalled that at that time SA Robert Thomson and SA John Benton were assigned to monitoring, however, SA Hamilton could not recall the identities of other agents assigned during the period of time he was assigned to the monitoring of the installation. Staff Members inquired as to the reason for SA Hamilton being removed from the assignment of monitoring the installation and Hamilton replied that he requested he be removed for the purpose of being reassigned to security investigative matters. Hamilton stated that shortly after discussing this desire with Supervisor Harding, he was taken off the assignment and was given other investigative assignments. They inquired as to whether Hamilton questioned the propriety of the technical installation regarding King and SCLC and Hamilton replied that he did not question such propriety. The Staff Members inquired as to the names Hamilton was instructed to listen for on the installation and Hamilton replied he recalls being instructed to listen for conversations of individuals by the names of Stanley Levison and Harry Wachtel. They asked if he was instructed to listen for conversations of individuals by the names of Helstein and O'Dell. Hamilton advised the name Helstein was familiar although he could not recall specific instructions regarding him but recalled that he was instructed and did listen for conversations of Hunter Pitts O'Dell.

Staff Members asked whether the Atlanta FBI Office maintained subfiles regarding Doctor Martin Luther

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King, Jr., or SCLC or whether the Atlanta Office or FBI Headquarters maintained a JUNE file regarding King. SA Hamilton advised he could not recall the maintaining of subfiles and could not recall a JUNE file relating to King. They asked if the FBI maintained a case regarding Mrs. Martin Luther King, Jr., and SA Hamilton advised he could not recall at this time whether such a file was maintained on Mrs. King.

During the interview the Staff Members asked who handled the arrangements for renting the apartment where the technical installation was located and where it was located. Hamilton advised the installation was located in an apartment at 300 West Peachtree Street, but he could not recall in which apartment it was located. They inquired as to the identities of the individuals who handled the rental and who made the rent payments and SA Hamilton advised he did not know that information. They asked whether or not FBI inspectors ever inspected the installation or if during the course of an inspection of the FBI Office in Atlanta whether they visited the installation. Hamilton advised he was not aware of any inspection of the installation or visit of it by inspectors.

The Staff Members asked if Hamilton could recall any contact with King by any political personalities, public officials, or officeholders, to which Hamilton replied he could not at that time recall any such contacts.

