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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-117290)  
 ATTN: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT, RECORDS  
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FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (66-2197) (P)

SUBJECT: HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)

BUDED 5/26/78

Re Bureau teletype to Jackson, Knoxville, and Memphis dated 5/17/78. *752*

Enclosed for the Bureau are the following items containing xerox copies of serials from files of the Memphis Office:

- ITEM 1 - serials 1A1 through 61 of Memphis file 100-4553
- ITEM 2 - serials 639 and 689 of Memphis file 100-92
- ITEM 3 - serials 43, 47, and 48 of Memphis file 157-1094
- ITEM 4 - serials 2 and 69 of Memphis file 100-4309
- ITEM 5 - serial 2185 of Memphis file 100-4046
- ITEM 6 - serial 99 of Memphis file 100-4135
- ITEM 7 - serial 62 of Memphis file 100-1604

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It is noted that serial 1 of Memphis file 100-4553 regarding BUFORD WALLACE POSEY is an indices search slip (FD-160). This search slip listed the following file and serial numbers in addition to those enclosed: 100-2201-1, 2, 3, 4; 100-120-13; 100-2236-57; 100-0-4183-1A; 100-0-4183; 100-0-4335; 140-1.

The serial designated 100-0-4183-1A was forwarded to the New Orleans Office 12/12/50 and all the additional serials and files have been destroyed.

No additional information has been located in the Memphis Office regarding POSEY.

The Memphis Office is processing additional material regarding other individuals and will promptly submit it to the Bureau when the processing has been completed.

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May 23, 1978

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Letter #2

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:

By a letter dated April 12, 1978, the Committee requested that staff be provided access to the "informant files of all informants within the Invaders during 1968 . . .".

It is now requested that the Memphis Field Office files for these same informants be prepared for access by the staff.

While the Committee feels that the procedure by which I was permitted access to the first set of files was unacceptable and contrary to the Memorandum of Understanding, pending future discussions to arrange to broaden access, this procedure may again be utilized.

It is my understanding that these files will be sanitized only to the extent necessary to protect the identity of the informants.

Again, the Committee reserves the right to request the production of the identity of the informants involved if such is deemed necessary to complete our investigation.

As time is extremely crucial in this matter, your prompt attention in seeing that these files are prepared on a priority basis is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

*G. Robert Blakey*

G. Robert Blakey  
Chief Counsel and Director

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cc: Danny Coulson

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May 24, 1978

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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 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 Coby V. Smith - date of birth 7/17/46.

Submitted herewith is a copy of Mr. Smith's release, and in accordance with same, it is requested that the FBI make access available to all BUFILES and Memphis Field Office files of any nature, pertaining to Mr. Smith.

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

Sincerely,

G. Robert Blakey

G. Robert Blakey  
Chief Counsel and Director

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cc: Danny Coulson

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

*Coby V. Smith*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*May 5, 1978*

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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)

RECENT REQUESTS OF CAPTIONED COMMITTEE INVOLVE FIELD OFFICE FILES AND REFERENCES REGARDING THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS:

1. RONALD LEWIS IVY, MEMPHIS FILE 157-1069, AND CALVIN LEROY TAYLOR, AN ASSOCIATE OF IVY, BOTH OF WHOM WERE INVOLVED IN RACIAL ACTIVITIES IN MEMPHIS DURING THE APPROXIMATE PERIOD OF KING'S ASSASSINATION.

2. ARTHUR HANES, SR., OF BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, AND SAMUEL B. KYLES OF MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE. BOTH THESE INDIVIDUALS ARE WELL KNOWN TO THE BIRMINGHAM AND MEMPHIS OFFICES, RESPECTIVELY.

MEMPHIS PROMPTLY REPRODUCE ONE COPY OF ALL RETRIEVABLE FILES AND REFERENCES CONCERNING IVY, TAYLOR AND KYLES. BIRMING-

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HAM SIMILARLY HANDLE HANES. INCLUDE ANY INFORMANT FILES, IF SUCH EXIST ON THESE INDIVIDUALS, SINCE THEY HAVE FURNISHED SIGNED STATEMENTS AUTHORIZING THE HSCA TO REVIEW ALL INFORMATION CONCERNING THEMSELVES IN POSSESSION OF THE FBI. SUBMIT MATERIAL BY COVER AIRTEL, ATTENTION: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT, RECORDS MANAGEMENT DIVISION.

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Teletype to Birmingham, Memphis  
Re: House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA)  
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NOTE: Teletype confirms telephonic instructions to these offices  
to prepare material desired by the HSCA. HSCA request  
dated 5/4/78 involves Taylor and Ivy. Request of 5/17/78 asked  
for information concerning Hanes and Kyles.

D. *DLS, OCR*  
A. *YR*  
P. *[Signature]*

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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS {HSCA}

REFERENCE JACKSON TELETYPE TO BUREAU APRIL 24, 1968, CAPTIONED "MURKIN."

THE HSCA IS CURRENTLY CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION INTO THE ASSASSINATIONS OF JOHN F. KENNEDY AND MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. AND HAS REVIEWED VOLUMINOUS EXCISED DOCUMENTS REGARDING THE ASSASSINATION CASES AND RELATED INVESTIGATIONS. UPON REVIEW OF REFERENCED COMMUNICATION, THE HSCA DESIRES TO INTERVIEW INFORMANTS WHO SUPPLIED INFORMATION CONTAINED THEREIN. BY REQUEST DATED MAY 18, 1978, THE COMMITTEE REQUESTED THE FBI CONTACT THESE INFORMANTS TO DETERMINE IF THEY WOULD BE AGREEABLE TO INTERVIEW BY THE HSCA. THE HSCA HOPES INTERVIEW CAN BE CONDUCTED PRIOR TO JUNE 2, 1978.

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- 1 - LEGAL COUNSEL DIVISION {ATTN: M. V. HALE}
- 1 - MR. G. J. FOSTER

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INFORMATION IN REFERENCED COMMUNICATION WAS PROVIDED BY THE FOLLOWING FORMER INFORMANTS:

1. JN 340-R, BUREAU FILE 170-1565, JACKSON FILE 170-459, OPERATED BETWEEN AUGUST, 1967 - APRIL, 1973.

2. JACKSON 337-R, BUREAU FILE 170-1518, JACKSON FILE 170-457, OPERATED BETWEEN JULY, 1967 - NOVEMBER, 1973.

JACKSON ATTEMPT TO CONTACT INFORMANTS AND ADVISE EACH THAT THE HSCA DESIRES TO INTERVIEW THEM CONCERNING INFORMATION THEY PROVIDED IN REFERENCED COMMUNICATION. THEY SHOULD BE TOLD THAT TO THE FBI'S KNOWLEDGE, THE HSCA IS NOT AWARE OF THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE FBI OR THEIR IDENTITIES. DETERMINE IF THE INFORMANTS HAVE ANY OBJECTION TO BEING INTERVIEWED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE HSCA. IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS TO INTERVIEW, INFORMANTS SHOULD BE FURNISHED THE IDENTITIES AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF THE FOLLOWING HSCA PERSONNEL IN ORDER THAT INFORMANTS CAN TELEPHONICALLY CONTACT THE HSCA AND MAKE THEIR OWN ARRANGEMENTS FOR INTERVIEW. INFORMANTS CAN THEREFORE PERSONALLY NEGOTIATE THE SCOPE OF INTERVIEW AND THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF INFORMATION THEY MAY PROVIDE THE COMMITTEE.

INFORMANTS SHOULD BE GIVEN THE NAMES OF MARK SPEISER AND

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PETER BEESON, BOTH HSCA STAFF ATTORNEYS, WHO CAN BE CONTACTED COLLECT AT 202-225-8353. UPON CALLING, INFORMANTS SHOULD FURNISH THEIR IDENTITIES AND ADVISE THEY WERE THE INDIVIDUALS WHO PROVIDED THE JACKSON OFFICE OF THE FBI INFORMATION CONCERNING ACTIVITIES AT JOHN'S CAFE, LAUREL, MISSISSIPPI, IN APRIL, 1968.

SUTEL RESULTS OF CONTACT WITH INFORMANTS TO FBIHQ, ATTENTION: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT, RECORDS MANAGEMENT DIVISION. EXPEDITE IN VIEW OF COMMITTEE'S DESIRE TO INTERVIEW INFORMANTS, IF AGREEABLE, PRIOR TO JUNE 2, 1978.

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Teletype to Jackson

Re: House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA)

62-117290

NOTE: This teletype confirms telephonic contact with Jackson Office on 5/24/78.

Referenced teletype concerns information provided by these informants regarding the whereabouts of White Hate subjects Deavours Nix and Samuel Bowers at the approximate time of King's assassination.

If informants are located and refuse HSCA interview, the Committee will be advised. If informants agree to interview, having them initiate contact with the HSCA is the best method of handling this situation because we can avoid furnishing the HSCA informants' identities.

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May 23, 1978

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

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

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

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

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

1) Prepare for delivery, the following serials:

- 157-166-142
- 157-166-263
- 157-166-341
- 157-166-353
- 157-166-431
- 157-9146-x39
- 157-8460-2x
- 100-4105-1
- 100-4105-10
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All of the serials referenced above have been previously prepared for access. However, it would be greatly appreciated

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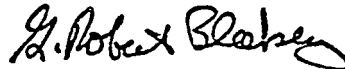
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if they could be supplied on a priority basis by the close of  
business of May 23, 1978.

Your earnest effort and cooperation is sincerely  
appreciated.

Sincerely,



G. Robert Blakey  
Chief Counsel and Director

GRB:ghd

✓ cc: Danny Coulson

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Washington, D. C.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

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

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

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

- 1) Provide for Committee use, (delivery) photographic copies of all artist's composites of suspects, produced by the FBI in the course of the MURKIN investigation, along with the names of the sources (witnesses) whose descriptions were actually used in the construction of the various FBI composite drawings.

- 2) Provide for Committee use, (delivery) photographic copies of the following items of evidence referenced in the MURKIN investigation, as enumerated by their respective "Q" numbers

Q-64; Q-72; Q-74; Q-75; Q-118; Q-121; Q-122; Q-123;  
Q-141; Q-163; Q-176; Q-226; Q-260; Q-292; Q-315;  
Q-316; Q-334; Q-335; Q-336; Q-337; Q-342; Q-361;  
Q-367; Q-368; Q-369; Q-370; Q-386; Q-387; Q-389;  
Q-390; Q-391; Q-392; Q-393; Q-394; Q-395; Q-396;  
Q-407; Q-408; Q-409; Q-410; Q-411; Q-412.

With respect to item 2, we are submitting for the Bureau's reference and future use, a sequential listing of the items

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of evidence in identifying the photographs of those items requested.

As time is of the utmost importance, your prompt attention is sincerely appreciated.

Sincerely,



G. Robert Blakey  
Chief Counsel and Director

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cc: Danny Coulson  
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In addition to the above : K-S Birmingham  
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May 25, 1978

TO BE HAND DELIVERED

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

~~FEDERAL GOVERNMENT~~

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 following serial be prepared by the Federal Bureau of Investigation for delivery:

- 1) Headquarters File 62-108052 - Unrecorded  
Dated March 28, 1969, from Atlanta to Director.

Your prompt attention to this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

*G. Robert Blakey*

G. Robert Blakey  
Chief Counsel and Director

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✓ xc: Danny O. Coulson, SA

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The Honorable Griffin B. Bell  
Attorney General of the United States  
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Washington, D.C. 20430

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

~~FEDERAL GOVERNMENT~~

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 prepare the following serial for delivery:

- 1) 100-4105 - Serial 53

Sincerely,

*G. Robert Blakey*

G. Robert Blakey  
Chief Counsel and Director

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

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

June 1, 1978

- 1 - Legal Counsel Division  
Attn: Mr. Coulson
- 1 - Mr. W. L. Bailey
- 1 - Mr. G. J. Foster

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

Reference is made to letter to the Attorney General from G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director, HSCA, dated May 3, 1978, which requested, in connection with the HSCA's investigation into the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., that access be given to files from FBI Headquarters and certain Field Offices regarding Duford Wallace Posey.

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

Enclosures (2)

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NOTE: HSCA, in above-referenced letter, furnished a copy of a waiver from Posey. The Committee had previously requested all Bufile material on Posey in their letter dated February 23, 1978; however, a search revealed no information identifiable with him. This included any reference to an informant file.

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Reference is made to the letter to the Attorney General from G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director, HSCA, dated May 3, 1978, which requested, in connection with the HSCA's investigation into the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., certain information in the files of FBI Headquarters (FBIHQ). Specifically, this letter requested access to all information in the FBIHQ file and Jackson, Knoxville, Nashville and Memphis Field Office files regarding Buford Wallace Posey.

This memorandum is to advise that information regarding Buford Wallace Posey has been located in the files of the Memphis and Jackson Field Offices. This material has been processed and is available for review at FBIHQ.

A search of indices at FBIHQ and Knoxville Field Office revealed no record regarding Mr. Posey based on the information furnished. For your information, the Knoxville Field Office is responsible for the coverage of the Nashville, Tennessee, area, and the results of our investigation conducted there would be contained in that field office file.

This memorandum completes the response to this request. Where information is not provided, it is because it is not retrievable or is not being furnished pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding.

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CRIMINAL DIVISION, ATTENTION: MR. ROBERT L. KEUCH.

NOTE: See Director, FBI, letter to Assistant Attorney General,  
Criminal Division, Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch dated  
June 1, 1978, captioned as above.

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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:

By letter dated May 2, 1978, we requested that the FBI prepare for access all files under its control on John B. Smith. In furtherance of our request, and in accordance with the release executed by Mr. Smith, a copy of which accompanied our original request, we ask that the Memphis Field Office prepare for access, all files of any nature pertaining to Mr. Smith.

Sincerely,

G. Robert Blakey

G. Robert Blakey  
Chief Counsel and Director

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cc: Mr. Danny O. Coulson

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Again, thank you for your continued cooperation.

Very truly yours,

*G. Robert Blakey*

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Chief Counsel and Director

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

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

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

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

- 1) Provide the names of all agents working out of the Field Office or Resident Agency with Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri in its jurisdiction, January 1960 - May 1967.
- 2) Prepare for access, as per request dated May 11, 1978, the U.F.A.C. case files on James Earl Ray, for the Field Offices of St. Louis and Chicago.
- 3) Prepare for access, any BUFILE material on: Tony Benevitas aka J. Christ Bonnevecche.

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With respect to Item 3, the Committee has not been able to develop any additional identifying data that would aid in a file search, therefore your earnest efforts would be greatly appreciated.

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