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August 25, 1977

BY LIAISON

Honorable Louis Stokes
Chairman
Select Committee on Assassinations
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Chairman:

In accordance with a request received from you on July 26, 1977, an investigation has been conducted concerning Mr. Jeremy Ray Akers. Transmitted herewith are two copies of a summary memorandum containing the results of this investigation.

Sincerely yours,

Clarence M. Kelley
Director

Enclosures (2)

NOTE: Akers employed as staff counsel, Select Committee on Assassinations, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., since October, 1976. Three arrests located for Akers on charges including possession of automobile while intoxicated, reckless driving, failure to stop for police officer, and driving while intoxicated. He paid fines twice, and most recent charge, which involved an accident, still pending. One traffic citation located for brother, William. Investigation otherwise favorable and complete.

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Jeremy Ray Akers

Information has been received from appropriate law enforcement agencies indicating their files contain no record concerning Mr. Akers or his close relatives, except the following:

Records of the Police Department, Vestavia Hills, Alabama, indicate Mr. Akers was arrested on August 1, 1970, on charges of possession of an automobile while intoxicated and disorderly conduct (intoxication), for which he paid a fine of \$132.

Records of the Police Department, Charlottesville, Virginia, indicate Mr. Akers was arrested on October 20, 1969, on charges of reckless driving and failure to stop for a police officer. He paid two fines of \$25 plus court costs of \$11.25.

Records of the Police Department, Memphis, Tennessee, indicate Mr. Akers was arrested on July 30, 1977, on charges of driving while intoxicated, failure to maintain control, and drunk. The records indicate further that Mr. Akers was involved in an accident when he drove into the rear of a vehicle being towed. Mr. Akers was accompanied by a Suzanne Norris, 855 North Yates, Memphis, Tennessee, who suffered bodily injuries, extent unknown. Mr. Akers suffered minor injuries. The records indicate Mr. Akers refused a drunkometer examination. On August 1, 1977, Mr. Akers' case was continued and is still pending.

Records of the Police Department, Florence, Alabama, indicate Mr. Akers' brother, William Thomas Akers, Jr., was cited on June 26, 1975, for a stop sign violation, for which he paid a fine of \$14.

Honorable Louis Stokes

The Federal Grand Jury, Southern District of [redacted] is currently hearing testimony concerning this criminal investigation. On October 20, 1977, Mr. S. Cass Weiland, trial attorney, Public Integrity Section, Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., advised he intends to invite Mr. Baetz, probably in the latter part of [redacted] to appear before the Federal Grand Jury and [redacted] of Mr. Baetz in the aforementioned matter.

JFK Law 10(a)2

The foregoing information is being furnished to you by letter since, at this time, [redacted] Mr. Baetz and [redacted] if any, in the aforementioned investigation, is presently undetermined.

When additional information concerning any possible [redacted] of Mr. Baetz in the foregoing matter is received, you will be advised.

Sincerely yours,

Clarence M. Kelley
Director

Enclosures (2)

NOTE: Request received from Robert L. Keuch, Special Counsel to the Attorney General on October 6, 1977, for additional information.

1 - Mr. Monahan
1 - Mr. Hurst
1 - Mr. Peelman
1 - Mr. Daly
1 - Mr. Dente

September 16, 1977

BY LIAISON

Honorable Louis Stokes
Chairman
Select Committee on Assassinations
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Chairman:

In accordance with a request received from you on August 18, 1977, an investigation has been conducted concerning Mr. Conrad Emmett Baetz. Transmitted herewith are two copies of a summary memorandum containing the results of this investigation.

Sincerely yours,

Clarence M. Kelley
Director

Enclosures (2)

NOTE: Mr. Baetz has been employed by the Madison County, Illinois, Sheriff's Office since July, 1970, initially as a deputy and eventually as a sergeant. Since August, 1977, he has served as an investigator for the Select Committee on Assassinations in the states of Illinois and Missouri. One associate would not recommend Mr. Baetz has a \$620 Wisconsin income tax lien outstanding. Investigation otherwise favorable and complete.

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Conrad Emmett Baetz

Military Service

Mr. Baetz enlisted in the United States Army and served on active duty from September 26, 1966, to June 25, 1970, when he was honorably released with the rank of specialist sixth grade. On June 26, 1970, he was transferred to the United States Army Reserve and served in an active reserve status until September 25, 1972, when he was honorably discharged as a specialist sixth grade. His service record is clear.

Employment

April, 1964, to
June, 1965

Manitowoc Engineering Company,
Manitowoc, Wisconsin, as a
printing press operator on a
full-time and part-time basis

April, 1966, to
August, 1966

Ace Foods, Incorporated,
Whitewater, Wisconsin, as a
food helper on a full-time and
part-time basis

July, 1970, to
August, 1977

Madison County Sheriff's Depart-
ment, Edwardsville, Illinois,
initially as a deputy and eventually
as a sergeant

August, 1977, to
the present

Select Committee on Assassinations,
United States House of Representa-
tives, Washington, D. C., as an
investigator in the States of
Illinois and Missouri

Marital Status

Mr. Baetz is married to the former Madilyn Stassi and they reside at 1280 Cedar Drive, Wood River, Illinois. Mr. Baetz has indicated his wife is a United States citizen.

Interviews

John Light, Assistant Chief, Alton, Illinois, Police Department, advised he has known Mr. Baetz for approximately six years on a professional basis. He stated

Conrad Emmett Baetz

Mr. Baetz is cooperative, congenial, and personable. He stated Mr. Baetz is an administrator and spokesman for the Madison County, Illinois, Sheriff's Department, and he is mainly involved in public relations. He stated, in his opinion, Mr. Baetz lacks investigative and law enforcement experience. He stated he had read in the local newspapers about Mr. Baetz's appointment as an investigator with the Select Committee on Assassinations, United States House of Representatives. He stated, however, that he would not recommend Mr. Baetz for a position as an investigator with the United States Government for the aforementioned reason.

William Magurany, Mayor, Wood River, Illinois, advised he has known Mr. Baetz for approximately five years. He described Mr. Baetz as dedicated, trustworthy, energetic, and capable. He stated he had appointed Mr. Baetz to the Board of Police and Fire Commissioners in June, 1976, due to his law enforcement experience and ability, and Mr. Baetz has performed well in this position. He stated Mr. Baetz's character, reputation, and loyalty are unquestioned, and he highly recommended him for a position of trust and responsibility with the United States Government.

Twenty-three additional persons, consisting of current and former supervisors and co-workers, present and former neighbors, references, associates, and social acquaintances of Mr. Baetz's, were interviewed and they advised he is a loyal American whose character, reputation, and associates are above reproach. He was described as intelligent, efficient, reliable, conscientious, discreet, and trustworthy. It was stated Mr. Baetz is an able administrator who is knowledgeable of investigative procedures. They highly recommended him for a position of trust and responsibility.

Close Relatives

Mr. Baetz's parents, Emerson and Catherine Baetz, are deceased. In addition to his wife, mentioned previously, Mr. Baetz has the following living close relatives:

Brother

**Andrew F. Baetz
Burnsville, Minnesota**

