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Letter to SAC, Jacksonville
 Re: Absco Independence Movement

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As indicated in referenced Bureau letter 2/7/75, recipient offices promptly furnish any information which may be received concerning the activities of the captioned group as well as the individuals involved. Of particular interest would be any indication that Hayward is giving military training to Absco Independence enthusiasts near Atlanta. No investigation is desired. u

NOTE:

The captioned movement is involved in efforts to separate Absco (in the Bahamas) from the Bahamas and we have been aware of these efforts for some time. MI-5 has recently furnished us report which was transmitted to field by Bureau letter 2/7/75. Jacksonville on 1/29/75, transmitted magazine article which essentially deals with the same matter. We are aware of the participation of many of the individuals in this activity. In August, 1974, we called the activities of Werbell and some of his associates in this matter to the Department's attention and we have pointed out that since Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (BATF) is interested in Werbell's activities we were conducting no investigation in the absence of specific request. (S) S

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