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TO DIRECTOR

FROM NEWARK (66-3963)

ATTN INTD, MR. W. CREGAR

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ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRY; 1964 DEMOCRATIC
PARTY NOMINATION CONVENTION, ATLANTIC CITY,
NEW JERSEY - JUNE.

RE TELEPHONE CALL ASAC CLOUGH TO INSPECTOR HELGESEN,
FBI HQ, MAY 2, 1975.

FORMER SA DANIEL BRENNAN, NOW RESIDING SEA GIRT, NJ,
TELEPHONICALLY INFORMED ASAC CLOUGH HE WAS CONTACTED BY
MICHAEL P. EPSTEIN OF US SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON
INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES, AND APPOINTMENT MADE FOR INTERVIEW
OF HIM MAY 2, 1975. ASAC CLOUGH SUGGESTED MR. BRENNAN
MAY DESIRE TO HAVE PRIVATE COUNSEL PRESENT DURING INTERVIEW
AND SUGGESTED SA GEORGE EDWIN JONES ALSO BE PRESENT TO
PROTECT BUREAU'S INTEREST AND CONFINE EPSTEIN'S QUESTIONS
TO SCOPE OF INQUIRY PREVIOUSLY DECIDED FOR THAT COMMITTEE'S MAY 14 1975

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INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 5/5/75

Attached teletype reports interview of former SA Daniel J. Brennan, Jr., by Michael Epstein, Staff Member, Senate Select Committee on Intelligence Activities (SSC) concerning communications Brennan may have seen in 1964 to Legats, London and Rome, in the Martin Luther King investigation. (Brennan was Chief of our Liaison Section in 1964). Brennan had no recollection of same but furnished on request names of Legats he believed were then in London and Rome (Charles Bates and Armand A. Cammarota respectively; both still in Bureau). Teletype also reports contact between Epstein and Newark SA George Edwin Jones who was present at Brennan's home at Brennan's request, when Epstein arrived.

ACTION:

As we did with the information concerning Epstein's interview of former SA Lish Whitson, we will furnish AG a letterhead memorandum with details, including a copy for the White House in event AG desires to inform White House. We will also submit an abstract on the Brennan interview to the Central Community Index relating to Senstudy 75. We are searching our files for any Bureau communication to London and Rome in the King case to have available if needed.

1 - Mr. J. A. Mintz

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SA JONES WAS PRESENT AT RESIDENCE OF MR. BRENNAN, 501 BROOKLYN BLVD., SEA GIRT, NJ, UPON ARRIVAL OF EPSTEIN. WHEN SA JONES WAS INTRODUCED TO EPSTEIN AS AN AGENT OF THE FBI, EPSTEIN IMMEDIATELY REQUESTED THAT HE BE GIVEN USE OF A TELEPHONE. UPON RETURNING FROM THE TELEPHONE, EPSTEIN ASKED WHY SA JONES WAS PRESENT. EPSTEIN WAS ADVISED THAT THE AGENT WAS SENT ON THE INSTRUCTIONS OF HIS SUPERIORS WHEN IT WAS LEARNED THAT MR. EPSTEIN HAD REQUESTED AN INTERVIEW WITH MR. BRENNAN. SA JONES STATED THAT HIS PURPOSE IN BEING THERE WAS TO PROTECT THE INTERESTS OF THE FBI IN ANY POSSIBLE DISCUSSION IN THE AREA OF SENSITIVE INVESTIGATIONS AND PROCEDURES AS FAR AS SOURCES AND METHODS WERE CONCERNED. EPSTEIN STATED THAT THE INTERVIEW POSITIVELY WOULD NOT GET INTO THIS AREA OF DISCUSSION, AND THAT HE WOULD PREFER TO INTERVIEW MR. BRENNAN ALONE. AT THIS POINT, MR. BRENNAN STATED THAT IF THAT WERE THE CASE, HE WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION TO SPEAKING WITH MR. EPSTEIN ALONE, BUT SUGGESTED THAT SA JONES STAND BY IN THE HOUSE IN THE EVENT THAT THE INTERVIEW APPROACHED A CRITICAL AREA.

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SA JONES STATED HE WOULD BE GLAD TO DO THIS BUT WANTED THE POINT MADE CLEAR THAT IN NO WAY SHOULD HIS PRESENCE BE CONSIDERED AN IMPEDIMENT TO THE DESIRED INTERVIEW, AND THAT SA JONES IN NO WAY WANTED TO PREVENT ACCESS TO INFORMATION TO WHICH MR. EPSTEIN WAS ENTITLED.

THE DISCUSSION BETWEEN MR. BRENNAN AND MR. EPSTEIN LASTED FROM 2:10 PM TO 3:10 PM AT WHICH TIME SA JONES ACCOMPANIED MR. BRENNAN IN WALKING MR. EPSTEIN TO HIS RENTAL CAR.

UPON THE DEPARTURE OF MR. EPSTEIN, MR. BRENNAN ADVISED THAT THE MAIN THRUST OF THE INTERVIEW WAS CONCERNED WITH THAT PERIOD OF TIME WHEN MR. BRENNAN WAS IN CHARGE OF THE LIAISON DESK AT FBI HQ, AND SPECIFICALLY, MR. BRENNAN'S KNOWLEDGE OF COMMUNICATION IN THE YEAR 1964, WHICH BUREAU HQ SENT TO LEGAL ATTACHES IN LONDON, ENGLAND AND ROME, ITALY, CONCERNING THE MARTIN LUTHER KING INVESTIGATION. ACCORDING TO MR. BRENNAN, HE STATED HE HAD NO CURRENT RECOLLECTION OF ANY SPECIFIC COMMUNICATIONS CONCERNING THIS MATTER. HE EXPLAINED TO MR. EPSTEIN THAT SUBSTANTIVE MATTERS WENT OUT

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FROM SUBSTANTIVE DESKS AT THE BUREAU, AND THESE COMMUNICATIONS DID NOT HAVE TO HAVE HIS APPROVAL. ALTHOUGH HE MAY HAVE READ COMMUNICATIONS REGARDING SOME SUBSTANTIVE MATTERS, HE HAD NO PRESENT RECOLLECTIONS CONCERNING THE MATTER WHICH WAS THE SUBJECT OF MR. EPSTEIN'S INQUIRY.

MR. BRENNAN ALSO ADVISED THAT MANY TELEPHONIC COMMUNICATIONS WERE MADE TO LEGATS AT ROME AND LONDON, AND HE WOULD NOT HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF THESE COMMUNICATIONS. MR. EPSTEIN DESIRED TO KNOW THE NAMES OF THE LEGATS IN LONDON AND ROME IN 1964. MR. BRENNAN ADVISED THAT TO THE BEST OF HIS RECOLLECTION, CHARLES BATES WAS LEGAT AT LONDON, AND ART CAMERATA WAS LEGAT AT ROME DURING THIS PERIOD OF TIME.

BEFORE THE INTERVIEW WAS TERMINATED, EPSTEIN ASKED MR. BRENNAN IF HE ASKED THE FBI TO BE PRESENT AT THE INTERVIEW. MR. BRENNAN REPORTEDLY TOLD MR. EPSTEIN THAT HE HAD CALLED THE NEWARK FBI OFFICE AND TOLD THEM OF THE REQUESTED INTERVIEW. WHEN THE FBI OFFERED THEIR ASSISTANCE, HE WAS PLEASED BECAUSE HE DID NOT KNOW THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THE INTERVIEW AND WHETHER OR NOT MATTERS WHICH HE WOULD HAVE TO DISCUSS WERE

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MATTERS SUBJECT OF CURRENT FBI INVESTIGATION, IN WHICH CASE
HE WOULD POSSIBLY BE VIOLATING DEPARTMENTAL REGULATIONS.

MR. BRENNAN STATED HE WOULD PROMPTLY ADVISE IF HE WAS
CONTACTED BY MR. EPSTEIN ON A SUBSEQUENT DATE.

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TO : Mr. J. B. Adams

DATE: 3/27/75

FROM : Legal Counsel *JAM*

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SUBJECT: SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE
ON INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES;
RODERICK HILLS, ASSOCIATE
COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

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On March 27, 1975, Mr. Roderick Hills, Associate Counsel to the President, came to my office and advised that he is preparing to discuss with Bill Miller, Staff Director of the Senate Committee, several questions concerning the procedures that will be followed by the Senate Select Committee in asking for testimony and documents from the Executive Branch. He said the Committee plans to publish rules concerning their procedures today or tomorrow and therefore his discussions must be conducted with them promptly.

Mr. Hills said that it is proposed that the Executive Branch agencies provide counsel to represent them before the Senate Committee when Government employees or former employees are called to testify. He said that CIA has agreed to start that procedure and he inquired if the FBI would agree to have counsel present during interviews or testimony of witnesses from the FBI. He said the White House is concerned that if the suggestion is made by a representative of the White House it could appear that the White House is attempting to interfere with the Committee proceedings by intimidating witnesses and having a repeat experience similar to that which occurred when former Counsel to the President John Dean insisted upon sitting in with employees during interviews with the FBI.

I told Mr. Hills that I saw an important difference between the efforts made by the former Counsel to the President and the effort that would be made by counsel appearing before the Senate Committee. The distinction is that in the former case the effort was intended to intimidate witnesses in order to conceal criminal activity and in the present

- 1 - Mr. Wannall
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case the effort would be made to protect legitimate, but sensitive operations which are currently in being. I suggested to Mr. Hills that the Executive has the right to negotiate with the Senate Committee an arrangement whereby a representative of the executive agency would be present not to stifle testimony, but to suggest that testimony be given in Executive Session or be limited only to the Senators themselves in order to protect information of such sensitive nature as to require special treatment. I told Mr. Hills that it may well be that the representative of the agency appearing with a witness should be an individual with specific expertise in the subject matter involved in the testimony rather than a legal counsel. Mr. Hills agreed that such expertise would be essential. Therefore, I advised him that we would support efforts to have counsel present during the interview or testimony of FBI employees or former employees.

Mr. Hills' second point was executive privilege. He said that he has researched the available references to executive privilege at the White House and found that all relate to material prepared as defensive measures and there is little in the way of positive statements of principles of law concerning executive privilege. It is the feeling of the President's Counsel, Mr. Buchen, that the White House must develop a statement of principles to be applied by the President when it becomes necessary to claim executive privilege in the face of a demand for testimony or documents by the Senate Committee which the President decides should not be complied with. Mr. Hills said that the President's counsel believes that it would be an improper course for the President to wait until a crisis arises before this matter is reviewed. I told Mr. Hills that I thought it would be more destructive to the presidency if the President were to claim executive privilege over a matter which could not be justified under law. Mr. Hills said that was the exact concern of Mr. Buchen and that they wanted to avoid at all cost having the President claim executive privilege over matters that would merely embarrass an agency and did not go to the heart of the agency's responsibilities or to the independence of the presidency itself.

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Mr. Hills said that he has been discussing with the publisher of the "Washington Post," the publisher of the "New York Times," Daniel Schorr, and others in the news media the question of why the press has been so critical of the claims of executive privilege within the recent past, and it became clear as a result of his discussion that their concern is that the claim has been misused. He said his efforts were to convince the members of the press that a responsible claim of executive privilege should be recognized by the press and given reasonable support.

Mr. Hills said that in an effort to develop some general principles by which the President could clearly indicate that any claim of executive privilege that might become necessary is reasonable, they will ^{be} arranging for conferences with the Attorney General, responsible law professors who are experts in the area of executive privilege, and others who might be able to help Mr. Buchen prepare a paper for the President stating the general guidelines under which the President will claim executive privilege. In order to understand the areas of concern to the various agencies that might result in a request for the President to claim executive privilege, Mr. Hills said that the President's counsel has requested that the agencies furnish them a summary of such critical areas. He said that he had been advised by Larry Silberman that he should approach the Bureau carefully because it would be most difficult to obtain such information from the FBI. Mr. Hills said that he did not fully understand the relationship of the Director with the Attorney General and the Deputy Attorney General but that he wanted to request that the Bureau consider briefing the President's Counsel.

I told Mr. Hills that the Bureau had no difficulty with the Attorney General or the Deputy Attorney General when it was necessary to brief them concerning sensitive matters but that we operated as much as possible on the "need-to-know" principle and that should we receive requests from any source outside the FBI we would be reluctant to furnish sensitive information unless there were in fact reasons for the inquirer to have a need to know. I told him that in regard to the request from the President's Counsel, I was confident that the Bureau would be willing to provide representatives and a briefing on sensitive matters that could become subject to a claim of executive privilege

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because there would be an important need to know on the part of the President's Counsel in developing his guidelines for the President to use in considering requests for executive privilege.

I asked Mr. Hills how urgent his request was and he replied that on Tuesday, April 1, 1975, he is scheduled to have a formal conference with Bill Miller and Frederick Schwartz, Counsel for the Senate Select Committee, and he expects that meeting to concern the problem of Executive privilege. Therefore, they would like to have the briefing as soon as possible in order for the study concerning executive privilege to be under way on the weekend of March 29-30, 1975. I told Mr. Hills that we would recontact him as soon as possible to advise as to the arrangements that could be made for such a briefing.

I advised Mr. Adams of the request from the White House Counsel and he agreed that the Bureau should arrange to provide a briefing to the White House Counsel. I called Mr. Wannall and advised him of the request and of Mr. Adams' suggestion that he and Mr. Wannall represent the Bureau in the briefing and that the briefing could be held on Friday, March 28, 1975. Mr. Wannall was requested to prepare a summary memorandum for use by himself and Mr. Adams describing the areas of concern which the Bureau might anticipate would require a request of the President to exercise a claim of executive privilege. Mr. Wannall agreed to do so at once.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That depending upon the circumstances and on a case-by-case basis the Bureau designate a representative to appear with any FBI employee or former employee called for interview or testimony by the Senate Select Committee.

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RECOMMENDATIONS (CONT'D)

2. That Deputy Associate Director Adams and Assistant Director Wannall brief the White House Counsel on March 28, 1975.

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ADDENDUM: J. B. ADAMS

3/31/75

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On 3/28/75 Mr. Wannall and I met with Mr. Buchen and Mr. Hills at the White House. The purpose of the meeting was to review the role of The White House in coordinating the responses of the various intelligence agencies to the Senate Committee to insure that there was uniformity in complying with Committee requests in that any restrictions on the furnishing of information were uniform.

It was determined that there is a unanimity of opinion that access to raw files would not be granted Committee members or staff as a matter of practice, although it is not inconceivable that some particular horrendous event might arise which is of such significance that access to the files on that matter might be granted to the Committee Chairman or a select number of Senators.

We discussed items which we felt were particularly sensitive such as identities of informants, sources and cooperative citizens as well as information received from foreign sources. The sensitivity of specific details on confidential expenditures was pointed out although we had no objection to discussing or making available the gross figures.

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We briefly discussed activities which had previously taken place yet which might be subject of current interest because of newspaper publicity and allegations. We were reminded on more than one occasion that it was absolutely imperative that the White House not be surprised without being forewarned of any earthshaking incidents which might come to light. In this context, we mentioned the (Anagram program) the various mail and pouch intercepts, the Karot and related cases, surreptitious entries in connection with CP, Klan and such investigations. (S)

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Mr. Hills again asked if there were any other items which we felt should be brought up which might be sensitive because of the embarrassing nature of them and we pointed out that we felt we had covered the more significant items although there were of course various allegations from time to time which have been addressed, such as the Anna Chanault surveillance and other allegations raised by former Assistant to the Director Sullivan. He suggested that if after reflection we think of any other matters which should be mentioned to have no hesitancy in bringing it to their attention.

Finally, we discussed the first request from Senator Church dated March 19, 1975, for information on legal authority, jurisdictional agreements, organization, policies and procedures, and studies and reports. We were pretty much in agreement on how to handle that request and Mr. Wannall will submit a separate memorandum in that regard.

ACTION:

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The Attorney General

1 - Mr. J. B. Adams
1 - Mr. J. A. Mintz
May 8, 1975

Director, FBI

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1 - Mr. H. N. Bassett
1 - Mr. W. R. Wannall
1 - Mr. J. G. Deegan 1-Liaison
1 - Mr. W. O. Cregar
1 - Mr. Mr. S. F. Phillips

U. S. SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE TO
STUDY GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS WITH
RESPECT TO INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES (SSC)

Enclosed for your information are the originals of two memoranda concerning interviews by a Staff Member of captioned Committee of retired FBI Special Agents John P. Devlin and Daniel J. Brennan, Jr. Copies of these memoranda are also enclosed for your use in the event you desire to furnish them to Mr. James A. Wilderotter, Associate Counsel to the President.

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- 1 - Mr. J. A. Mintz
- 1 - Mr. H. N. Bassett
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- 1 - Mr. J.G. Deegan
- 1 - Mr. W.O. Cregar

**RE: INTERVIEW OF RETIRED FBI
SPECIAL AGENT (SA) BY SSC
STAFF MEMBER**

- 1 - Mr. S.F. Phillips

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Set out below is the verbatim text of a memorandum dated April 30, 1975, which was prepared by retired FBI SA John P. Devlin and which Devlin voluntarily furnished to the FBI. Devlin served as an SA from August 17, 1942, until his retirement September 27, 1974.

"On Friday, April 25, 1975, I met with a Michael T. Epstein of the U. S. Senate Select Committee on Intelligence Activities, who was seeking information regarding my part in a technical surveillance in Atlantic City, NJ, in the Summer of 1964, during the Democratic Party Nominating Convention on the rooms occupied by the late Martin Luther King at the Claridge Hotel. He stated his Committee has a broad mandate to look into the intelligence investigation activities of the FBI.

"In his questions, he covered the following points:

"Who told me to go to Atlantic City?

"Where did they get their instructions?

"What was I told to do when I got to Atlantic City?

"Was I told why I was going there, i.e., the purpose or aim of this particular investigation?"

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RE: INTERVIEW OF RETIRED FBI SA

"Who gave further instructions in Atlantic City?

"Who did I report to in Atlantic City?

"What did I do there?

"What did I do with any information obtained from my efforts?

"Who did I remember as being in contact with King?

"Who did I remember being in King's hotel suite?

"What did I hear about any plans for a Vice-Presidential nominee?

"Did I ever meet or talk to Cartha DeLoach?

"Did I ever dictate any memoranda regarding this surveillance to a stenographer in Atlantic City?

"Did I know of any other technical surveillances in Atlantic City at that time?

"My recollection of details of this assignment, without benefit of any memoranda or files to review, is necessarily sketchy, and I told this to Mr. Epstein. As I recalled the broad overall situation, I told him that I worked with John J. Connolly, Jr., on our particular assignment, and we probably received our instructions from SAC Bachman through our Supervisor William Gagnon. I had to assume that Mr. Bachman received these instructions from somebody at Bureau Headquarters.

"Our purpose in going to Atlantic City was to obtain whatever information we could about planned disruptive tactics or demonstrations that would threaten the safety of President Johnson or the security of the Convention.

SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES

RE: INTERVIEW OF RETIRED FBI SA

"Since I was the sound man for the Newark Office, my efforts in this regard were concentrated on a technical surveillance as opposed to any physical surveillance or other investigative activity conducted by other Agents from the Newark Office in Atlantic City at that time.

"Martin Luther King was selected as the target of our surveillance. By whom, I do not recall. He was the leader of the group opposing President Johnson, so I suppose he was a likely target.

"Mr. Epstein was interested in my opinion as to the legitimacy of our investigation as a security measure. I was unable to impugn any other motives to this investigation other than as set out above.

"I do not recall details of our handling of the information received over the technical surveillance. SA Billie D. Williams was liaison with Cartha DeLoach and arranged or handled any contacts regarding the information or instructions we received. Again, I was unable to identify any contacts or associates of King without reference to whatever notes we may have kept on the surveillance. In response to specific questions as to whether or not Hubert H. Humphrey and Robert Kennedy were in touch with or visited King in his suite, I had to tell Mr. Epstein that they may have been, but I could not state positively one way or the other as there were may politicians of the day in contact with him.

"I recalled, in answer to his question, that King's wife, Coretta, was in touch with him regarding her plans to travel to the Convention and also that he was in contact with a noted entertainer, Mahalia Jackson, who was appearing at some club in Atlantic City at that time, and who was apparently an old friend of King's.

SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES

RE: INTERVIEW OF RETIRED FBI SA

"As to the question of what information was transmitted to DeLoach, I suppose we sent everything that would indicate any action on the floor of the Convention. I am vague on the details of how we handled the transcription and reporting of information we received. We may have written longhand summaries or dictated via telephone to a stenographer.

"I was aware of another installation, either attempted or operated at a store front operation of some organization that threatened disruption of the Convention, but I had no details concerning it.

"Mr. Epstein was unable to advise me as to whether or not I would be contacted again regarding this matter."

NOTE: Original and one copy to the Attorney General (AG) (AG may forward the copy to James A. Wilderotter, Associate Counsel to the President). Information herein taken from Newark teletype 4/30/75 "Administrative Inquiry; 1964 Democratic Party Nominating Convention, Atlantic City, NJ." The furnishing of this LHM to the AG with a copy for possible forwarding to Wilderotter is the same procedure we followed on an interview by Epstein of former SA Lish Whitson. The AG has since furnished the Whitson LHM to Wilderotter.