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Select Committee on Assassinations

U.S. House of Representatives

3331 HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING, ANNEX 2  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

(202) 225-4624

May 3, 1978

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:

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 preparing for delivery the following BUFILE serials:

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MR. DREW J. CLARK  
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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20520

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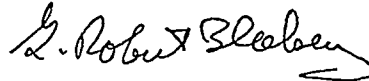
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5939,5947,5951,5962,5963,5964

We anticipate putting these serials to almost immediate use, and ask that they be prepared no later than Thursday, May 11th, 1978. Your attention to this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,



G. Robert Blakey  
Chief Counsel and Director

GRB:pbf

cc: J. Aldhizer  
Danny Coulson

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Select Committee on Assassinations

U.S. House of Representatives

3331 HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING, ANNEX 2

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

May 2, 1978

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

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:

House The Select Committee on Assassinations, which is 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 John B. Smith (DOB 1/13/43, SS# JFK Act 6 (3)).

Enclosed is a copy of the release executed by Mr. Smith. It is requested that the Federal Bureau of Investigation make any and all files concerning Mr. Smith available for access on a priority basis.

Very truly yours,

*G. Robert Blakey*

G. Robert Blakey  
Chief Counsel and Director

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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: John B. Smith

Date: 4/19/78

DOB 1/13/43

SS#

JFK Act 6 (3)

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62-117290-705

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

April 21, 1978

1 - Legal Counsel Division  
Attn: Mr. Coulson  
1 - Mr. Bailey  
1 - Mr. Foster

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

Reference is made to the letter to the Attorney General from G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director, HSCA, dated March 23, 1978, and the response to that letter from Director, FBI, to Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch, dated April 13, 1978, which dealt with the HSCA's investigation into the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Enclosed are the original and one copy of a memorandum with one attachment which completes the response to the above request, and it is requested that you furnish a copy of the memorandum with attachment to the HSCA.

Enclosures (3)

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NOTE: With the exception of the material being furnished herein, all material requested in referenced letter was turned over to the HSCA previously. By Atlanta airtel to Bureau, April 14, 1978, all latent fingerprints in the Atlanta MURKIN file (44-2386) were furnished to the Bureau. Copies of these prints are being furnished the HSCA as the attachment.

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1 - Legal Counsel Division  
Attn: Mr. Coulson  
1 - Mr. Bailey  
1 - Mr. Foster

April 21, 1978

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This is to advise that included as an attachment to this memorandum is an envelope containing photographs of latent fingerprints furnished by the Atlanta Field Office from the files of the Rome, Georgia, Police Department. All other references to latent fingerprints in the Atlanta file had been either retained at FBIHQ or returned to the submitting local police departments.

This memorandum completes the response to the request letter of March 23, 1978, referenced above.

*Enc. to letter to  
AAG Criminal Division  
Dated 4-21-78*  
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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 April 21, 1978, captioned as above.

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Life Insurance Comapny of Georgia,

October 4th 1967 at Approximately 8:00 A.M.

Glass & Paper Brought to Headquarters by  
Barnett & Hankins

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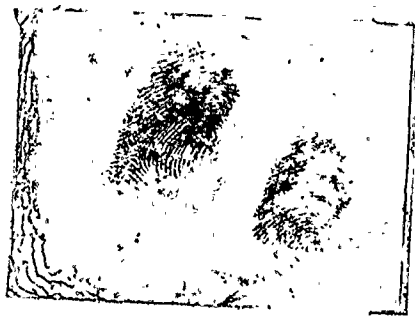
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Triangle Cafe Burglary: .12-9-67

Prints taken from the Nakpin Holder on  
West end of the Building:

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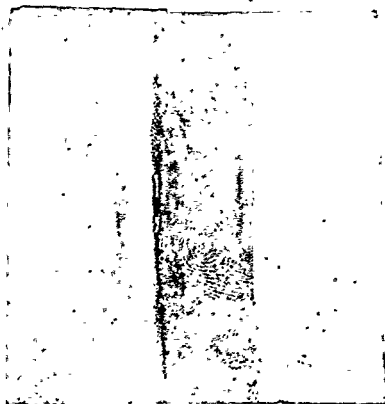
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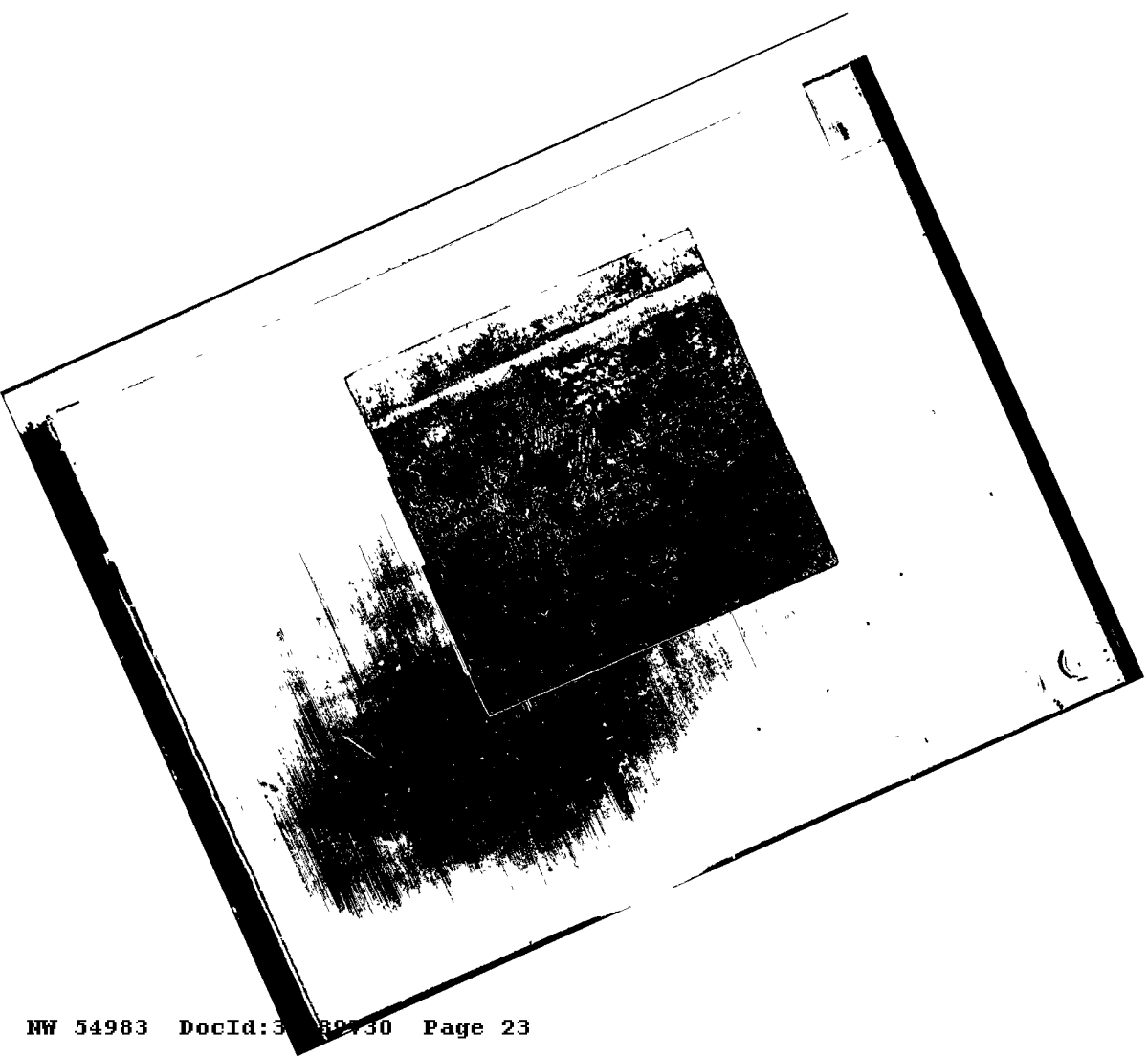
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Triangle Burglary: 12-9-67

Prints Taken from the Money Holder  
which was broken open on the Counter  
which plays the Juke Box.

Barnett & Cleveland

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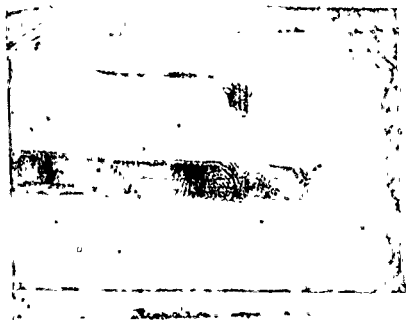


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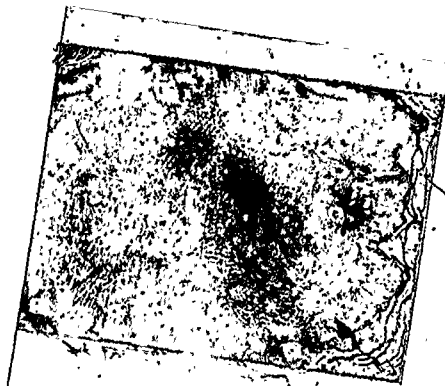




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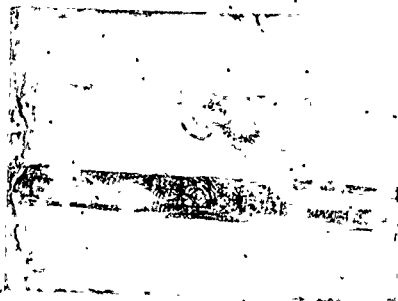








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Prints that were taken from the Culp Home by Detective Joe  
Cleveland

August 1967

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LATENT FINGERPRINTS

ATLANTA 44-2386

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FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

May 16, 1978

5/ ( ) 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:

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 preparing for delivery the following BUFILE serials:

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These serials will be put to immediate use upon receipt; we therefore ask that they be prepared as expeditiously as possible, and in any event no later than May 26, 1978. 62-117290

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Sincerely,

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G. Robert Blakey  
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Chief Counsel and Director

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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:

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

- 1) Make available for interview, the following Special Agents:
  - a) Clarence Hood
  - b) Robert Perry
  - c) Joseph Sullivan
  - d) John McBrean
  - e) The SAC for Birmingham during the peak period of the MURKIN investigation.
- 2) Prepare for delivery Identification Division records on:
  - a) Donald Lee Mitchell, FBI 432 652 D  
Date of Birth: 3/27/42
  - b) Ralph Walter Lewandowski, Sr. *EX-101*  
Date of Birth: 6/11/45 *REC-26*  
Address: 1865 Bessemer Road, Birmingham, Ala. *62-117290 7/2*
  - c) David Arthur Stanley, FBI 618 482 E  
Date of Birth: 9/11/44
- 3) Prepare for delivery the following serials:

- a) Atlanta UKA serials: 157-370-2-462 157-370-2-485  
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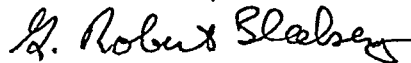
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- b) Additional Klan serials: 157-370-4-5137  
157-370-66-482
- 4) Prepare for access BUFILE material for the period  
June 1968 - January 1969, on the following individuals:
  - a) Vernon Doyle Ellington - Date of  
birth: 1/9/38. Former Grand Dragon  
U.K.A., Realm of Tennessee.
  - b) Dean Williams - Grand Dragon, State of  
South Carolina.
- 5) Prepare for access the MURKIN files for the Jackson  
Field Office.

Finally, by letter dated 4/14/78 we requested that the F.B.I. prepare for access all files under its control on Calvin Taylor and Ronald Ivy, in accordance with signed releases from these two individuals. In furtherance of our request, and again, in accordance with the releases, we ask that the Memphis Field Office also prepare files on these individuals.

As times is of the utmost importance, your compliance with the items as they become available would be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,



G. Robert Blakey  
Chief Counsel and Director

GRB:ghb

cc: Mr. Danny O. Coulson

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May 3, 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:

The Subcommittee which is investigating the circumstances surrounding the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., has obtained authorization to be furnished any and all information under the FBI's control concerning Buford Wallace Posey (Date of birth 8/28/25).

Submitted herewith is a copy of Mr. Posey's release, and in accordance with same, it is requested that the FBI make access available to any and all BUFILE material and the Field Office files of Jackson, Knoxville, Nashville and Memphis pertaining to Mr. Posey.

Your continued cooperation is, as always, greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

*G. Robert Blakey*

G. Robert Blakey  
Chief Counsel and Director

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✓cc: Danny Coulson

Enclosure

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*G. Robert Blakey*

G. Robert Blakey  
Chief Counsel and Director

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17 MAY 22 1978

I, Buford Wallace Posey, hereby authorize the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) to provide to the Select Committee on Assassinations, U.S. House of Representatives, any and all materials resulting from information I provided directly or indirectly to the FBI.

*Buford Wallace Posey*

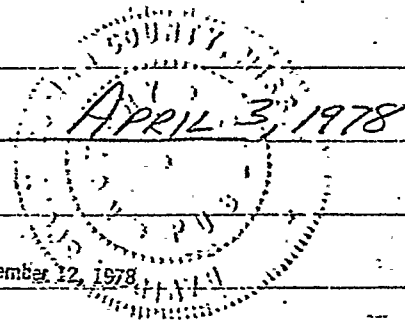
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BUFORD WALLACE POSEY

Witnessed:

*David A. Scott*  
DAVID A. SCOTT



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FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

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

April 13, 1978

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

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

Reference is made to the letter to the Attorney General from G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director, HSCA, dated March 23, 1978, which, in connection with the HSCA's investigation into the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., requested copies of certain material in the files of FBI Headquarters and certain field offices.

Enclosed are the original and one copy of a memorandum with three attachments in partial response to the above request, and it is requested that you give a copy of the enclosed memorandum with attachments to the HSCA.

Enclosures (5) *ENCLOSURE*

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NOTE: Bulky exhibits of Bufile 44-38861, Martin Luther King, Jr. assassination (MURKIN), were reviewed for photographs of latent fingerprints and laboratory worksheets relating to the latent fingerprint examinations. Fifty-four (54) envelopes containing latent fingerprint photographs and two volumes containing laboratory worksheets were located during this review.

On April 5, 1978, George Bonebrake, Identification Division, advised that he did the majority of the latent fingerprint work in the MURKIN case. After review of above material that was located, he stated that to the best of his recollection, this was all the lab worksheets and latent photographs that are available.

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On April 5, 1978, Susan Grimes, HSCA, advised that they do not want originals of lifts as set out in request letter. They do; however, want photographs of all lifts in the Atlanta and Memphis MURKIN files.

ASAC Dick Blay, Memphis, advised MURKIN file sent to Freedom of Information Branch.

A review of Memphis file failed to reveal any latent fingerprints contained in the bulky exhibits. Atlanta was requested by teletype to review their MURKIN file for latents and submit photographs, if feasible, or originals to FBI Headquarters.

Copies of the latent fingerprint photographs in envelopes corresponding to the originals, a copy of the two volumes of lab worksheets, and sets of fingerprints for the nineteen (19) individuals named in referenced letter are being provided in the attachments.

1 - Legal Counsel Division  
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Reference is made to the letter to the Attorney General from G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director, HSCA, dated March 23, 1978, which requested, in connection with the HSCA's investigation into the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., (MURKIN) copies of certain material in the files of FBI Headquarters (FBIHQ) and certain field offices. Specifically, the HSCA requested photographs of all latent fingerprints in the possession of FBIHQ and the Atlanta and Memphis Field Offices; copies of all laboratory worksheets relating to the latent fingerprints; and a complete set of fingerprints for nineteen (19) named individuals.

This memorandum is to advise that included as Attachment one to this memorandum are fifty-four envelopes containing all latent fingerprint photographs in the Headquarters MURKIN file. These envelopes correspond to the envelopes found in the bulky exhibits of the MURKIN file. Attachment two consists of two volumes of laboratory worksheets also found in the bulky exhibits of the Headquarters MURKIN file. Attachment three consists of a complete set of fingerprints for each of the nineteen (19) individuals named in the above-referenced request letter. A review of the Memphis Field Office MURKIN file failed to reflect any latent fingerprints, photographs or original lifts, contained therein. The Atlanta Field Office is currently reviewing their MURKIN file and you will be notified at a later date as to the results of this review.

TWB:pfm (6)

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ORIGINAL AND ONE SENT TO ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL,  
CRIMINAL DIVISION, ATTENTION: MR. ROBERT L. KEUCH.

NOTE: See Director, FBI, letter to Assistant Attorney General,  
Criminal Division, Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch, dated  
April 13, 1978, captioned as above.

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## Select Committee on Assassinations

U.S. House of Representatives

3331 HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING, ANNEX 2

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

March 23, 1978

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., it is requested that the Federal Bureau of Investigation provide this Committee with the following documents relating to latent fingerprint examination:

1. Copies of all photographs and/or negatives of latent fingerprints examined during the course of the MURKIN investigation.
2. All original transparent latent lifts, of value and of no value, in the possession of FBI Headquarters or Field Offices, which were collected during the course of the MURKIN investigation.
3. Copies of all laboratory work sheets relating to the above latent fingerprints.
4. A complete set of fingerprints and palm prints, if available, for the following individuals:
  - 1) James Wilbourne Ashmore  
DOB 3/28/28, Temple, Texas  
FBI #4869 529
  - 2) Anthony Charles DeCarvalho
  - 3) Richard Dodd  
DOB 3/1/46  
FBI #89 942E

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- 4) Raul Esquivel  
DOB 11/17/26, Belize, British Honduras
- 5) John P. Joyce  
w/m deceased  
Last known address: 730 North Parkway  
Los Angeles, California
- 6) Joel M. Levy  
w/m  
Year of Birth: 1936
- 7) Frank J. Liberto  
w/m  
Memphis, Tennessee
- 8) Howard Limrick  
DOB 10/10/24
- 9) Marie Martin  
DOB 10/7/32, Louisiana  
FBI #110 913C
- 10) Gus Joseph Prosch, Jr.  
DOB 11/17/30
- 11) James Earl Ray  
DOB 3/10/28
- 12) Jerry William Ray  
DOB 6/16/35
- 13) John Larry Ray  
DOB 2/14/31
- 14) Randolph Erwin Rosenson  
DOB 3/20/34, Louisiana
- 15) William A. Somerset  
Year of Birth: 1903
- 16) Charles Joseph Stein  
DOB 5/11/29, Louisiana  
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- 17) Rita Stein  
DOB 3/4/38, Louisiana  
FBI #881 534 B
- 18) Jesse Benjamin Stoner  
DOB 4/18/24
- 19) Jerome Wallis Vernon  
DOB 12/13/45 Texas

Your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,

*G. Robert Blakey*

G. Robert Blakey  
Chief Counsel and Director

GRB:sgd

cc: Danny Coulson

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

April 24, 1978

- 1 - Legal Counsel Division  
Attn: Mr. Coulson
- 1 - Mr. Bailey
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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS  
U. S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (HSCA)

Reference is made to the letter to the Attorney General from G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director, HSCA, dated March 17, 1978, and a response letter from Director, FBI, to Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch, dated March 30, 1978, which related to the HSCA's investigation into the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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

Enclosures (2) ENCLOSURE *PC*

*WJB* (FBI)  
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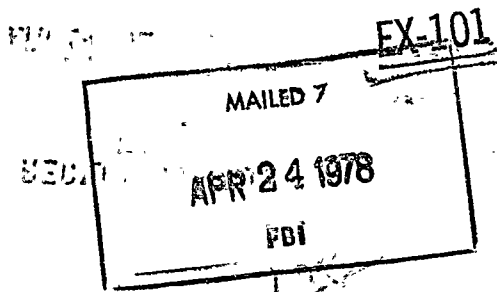
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NOTE: As set forth in above referenced response letter dated March 30, 1978, all material requested by HSCA was furnished with the exception of the Atlanta Field Office informant file of JFK Act 6 (4)

By Atlanta airtel to Bureau, April 6, 1978, Atlanta furnished a xerox copy of JFK Act 6 (4) informant file (170-290A), consisting of nineteen (19) volumes. This material has been processed and a copy of the 19 volumes was picked up by HSCA Staff Member Floyd Reeves on April 21, 1978.

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This memorandum is to advise that nineteen (19) volumes of material relating to JFK Act 6 (4) was picked up at FBI Headquarters by HSCA Staff Member Floyd Reeves, on April 21, 1978. The delivery of this material completes our response to the HSCA letter dated March 17, 1978. Where material is not being furnished, it is because it is either not retrievable or is subject to the Memorandum of Understanding.

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ORIGINAL AND ONE SENT TO ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL,  
CRIMINAL DIVISION, ATTENTION: MR. ROBERT L. KEUCH.

NOTE: See Director, FBI, letter to Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch, dated April 24, 1978, captioned as above.

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## Select Committee on Assassinations

U.S. House of Representatives

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

MAR 17 1978

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 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 assist the Select Committee on Assassinations with respect to the matters outlined below:

- 1) Make available for interviews, the following FBI agents:

- a) Aurthur Murtaugh
- b) Edward Crim
- c) Alden F. Miller

All of the above were formerly assigned to the Atlanta Field Office.

- 2) Provide Identification Division records (i.e. Criminal Arrest records) on the following individuals:

- a) James D. York FBI #283-6207
- b) William K. Livingston FBI #787-311C
- c) Henry Alexander FBI #429-902C
- d) Wilson Bragg FBI #752-173B
- e) Raymond C. Britt, Jr. FBI# 404-533C
- f) Gilbert Leroy Cameron - Date of birth: 2/5/33.  
aka Leroy Bledsoe  
aka Eugene Straub (e)

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- g) Eugene Hall - w/m/approx. 50.
- h) Chester Sheffield - w/m/approx. 50.

The above individuals, designated (g) and (h), are alleged to have had involvement in bombing activities in Birmingham, Alabama in the 1960's.

3) Prepare for access any material on:

- a) Marcelle Mathier - 3280 Belair Street  
Apartment 210  
Montreal, Canada

(1968 age 27)

- b) Lise Robillard - 155 St. Alexis Street  
Charlemagne District  
Montreal, Canada

(1968 age 19)

4) Prepare for delivery all file material on:

JFK Act 6 (4)

The above individual was affiliated with the SCLC of Atlanta, Georgia in 1968.

- 5) Prepare for delivery LA MURKIN 44-1574 D-512, interview with Charles Joseph Stein conducted February 17, 1969.

Your prompt attention to these matters is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

*G. Robert Blakey*

G. Robert Blakey  
Chief Counsel and Director

GRB:ghj

cc: Mr. Danny O. Coulson

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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:

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

- 1) Access to all BUFILE and Subfiles on an individual named DEVILISH NIK aka DEVOURS NIX. (12)

The above individual is referenced in BUFILE 157-4416.

- 2) Access to all BUFILE and Subfiles on the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi for the period 1967 through 1968.

- 3) Access to all BUFILE and Subfiles on the following individuals for the enumerated periods:

a. Robert Shelton, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, Imperial Wizard, United Klans of America (period 1967-1969).

b. Melvin A. Sexton, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, Imperial Klaliff, United Klans of America (period 1967-1969).

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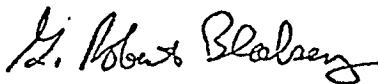
c. James Venable, Stone Mountain, Georgia, Imperial Wizard, National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (period: 1961 - 1968).

4) Delivery of the following BUFILE serials:

44-38861 - 5120  
44-38861 - 5121  
44-38861 - 5137  
44-38861 - 2588

As time is of the essence, we would appreciate your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



G. Robert Blakey  
Chief Counsel and Director

GRB:ghd

✓cc: J. Aldhizer  
Danny Coulson

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

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April 21, 1978

1 - Legal Counsel Division  
Attn: Mr. Coulson  
1 - Mr. Bailey  
1 - Mr. 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 April 12, 1978, which, in connection with the HSCA's investigation into the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., requested the FBI provide the last known address of Marjorie Feters.

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

Enclosures (2) ENCLOSURE

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NOTE: Feters corresponded with Jerry Ray, brother of James Earl Ray, in 1968. She was briefly a potential criminal informant of the Newark Office, but her identity is known to the HSCA since her name appears on numerous occasions in the MURKIN file. Information concerning Feters' last known address was made available telephonically by SA Hoyt Peavy of the Newark Office on April 20, 1978.

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In response to the above request, files of the Newark Office of the FBI disclosed the last known address of Feters in New Jersey was 2420 Arnold Street, Camden. Files disclosed Feters departed Newark in August, 1968, with Robert Hardway, who was known to reside at 2444 Van Buren Street, Hollywood, Florida. Hardway's employment was listed as Millman Construction Company, Hollywood, Florida. Files contained no information regarding Feters subsequent to 1968.

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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:

In connection with the investigation by this Committee into the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., it is requested that the FBI provide the Committee with the last known address of Marjorie Fetters, who is referenced in the Memphis Field Office file (44-1987) of the MURKIN investigation in Sub-File B at serials 1112, 1191, 1357, 1371 and 1430.

It appears that SA John Otto from the Newark Office of the FBI served as the contact agent for Marjorie Fetters.

Your prompt attention to this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

*G. Robert Blakey*

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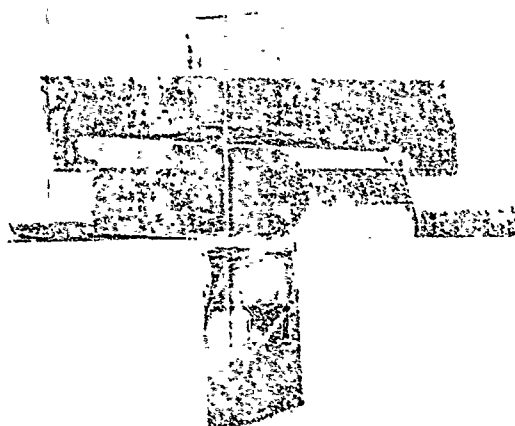
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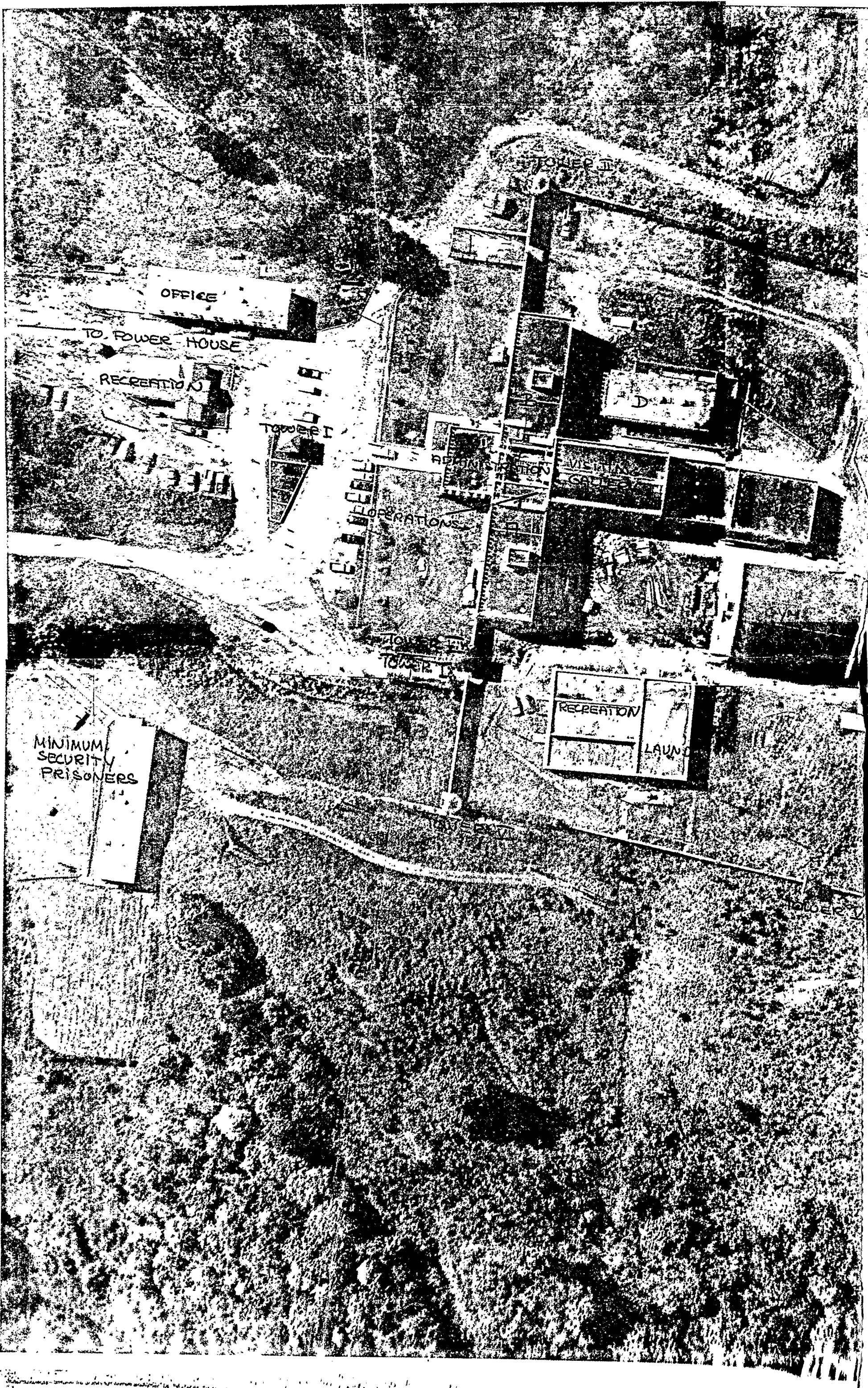
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## UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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TO : Assistant Director  
 Criminal Investigative Division

DATE: 4/27/78

FROM : Legal Counsel *JM*

SUBJECT: HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS:  
 JAMES EARL RAY - INFORMATION CONCERNING

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this memorandum is to advise of the receipt of information from captioned Committee regarding an alleged conspiracy to facilitate the escape of James Earl Ray from the Brushy Mountain State Prison, Petros, Tennessee.

DETAILS:

At 4:30 p.m. on 4/25/78, G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel of captioned Committee, telephonically requested SA Danny O. Coulson, Legal Liaison and Congressional Affairs Unit, Legal Counsel Division, to come to his office at House Annex #2 to discuss an escape attempt by James Earl Ray. SA Coulson and SA Parks H. Stearns met with Mr. Blakey at 5:00 p.m. on 4/25/78.

Mr. Blakey advised that the Committee has developed an informant who is closely associated with Jerry Ray, brother of James Earl Ray. This individual was formerly an informant of the FBI. This informant has recently provided Committee investigators with a Xerox copy of a map and instructions regarding an escape attempt. This map depicts the Brushy Mountain State Prison and contains written instructions allegedly in the handwriting of James Earl Ray. Mr. Blakey advised that the informant obtained a Xerox copy of the map from Jerry Ray without his authorization or knowledge. He further

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- 1 - Mr. Ingram
- 1 - Mr. Foster
- 1 - Mr. Mintz
- 2 - Mr. Coulson

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Re: HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS  
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advised that the Committee did not instruct or direct the informant to obtain this information. Mr. Blakey allowed SAs Coulson and Stearns to look at the map and to compare it with an aerial photograph of the prison. The map corresponds fairly accurately to the aerial photograph; however, it should be noted that the map depicts an additional guard tower on the north wall of the prison that was not in place at the time of James Earl Ray's previous escape attempt. There are notations on the map with instructions to toss or throw an unidentified item into an area within the prison wall at an area near the east bluff that borders the prison property. There is another notation indicating that another unidentified item or items should be buried near a large tree adjacent to the northeast corner of the wall. There are further notations indicating that it is possible to walk along the bluff that adjoins the east wall of the prison.

Mr. Blakey advised that the informant had gone to considerable trouble to have his name placed on James Earl Ray's visiting list. It had been contemplated that the informant and Jerry Ray would be visiting with James Earl Ray prior to doing some "legwork" for Mark Lane, attorney for Ray, and for captioned Committee. The informant has been advised by Jerry Ray that this "legwork" will possibly not be necessary. This causes the Committee to opine that it may not be necessary because James Earl Ray plans to escape and additional work will not be necessary. On one visit to the prison, James Earl Ray and the informant walked along the bluff that overlooks the area where the item is to be thrown into the prison compound. Mr. Blakey further advised that the informant has not been apprised of any escape attempt, but bases his belief in the validity of the escape attempt on the fact that the map and accompanying instructions appear to be legitimate, Jerry Ray's examination of the area overlooking the compound and the fact that the informant has been told that they may not be doing "legwork" for Ray's attorney.

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Mr. Blakey further stated that their investigation has determined that prior to escape attempts by James Earl Ray, he has been visited by a member of his family shortly before the escape attempt took place. Jerry Ray is scheduled to visit James Earl Ray on 5/15/78. He is scheduled to testify before captioned Committee on 5/10/78. The Committee staff feels that the escape attempt, if it takes place, will occur sometime after 5/15/78.

Mr. Blakey advised that the Committee is very reluctant to bring this matter to the attention of prison officials inasmuch as they fear the officials will place James Earl Ray in solitary confinement and change existing procedures to prevent escape, thus compromising their informant. The Committee is obviously concerned not only with preventing Ray's escape, but with the possibility of apprehending Jerry Ray for his part in the conspiracy to assist in the escape attempt. Mr. Blakey stated that he did not know what, if any, involvement prison personnel may have in the escape attempt and was therefore reluctant to take the matter up with prison officials.

Mr. Blakey stated that he does not know anyone in the Tennessee State Police to refer this matter to and does not know their capabilities for handling this type of investigation. He feels that based on the FBI's involvement in the prior escape of James Earl Ray, there is a potential violation of the Unlawful Flight Statute and a conspiracy to violate the Unlawful Flight Statute.

Mr. Blakey feels that this is a very sensitive situation. If the Committee were known to furnish this information to prison authorities, and James Earl Ray is placed in solitary confinement, it could be looked upon as an attempt by the Committee to harrass Ray in order to have him cooperate with the Committee.

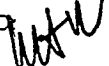
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It should be noted that James Earl Ray and five other individuals escaped from this prison on 6/10/77 and were apprehended within a few days. The Attorney General authorized the issuance of an Unlawful Flight Statute warrant based on a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 371, Conspiracy to Commit Offenses Against the United States, and Title 18, United States Code, Section 1073, Unlawful Flight to Avoid Confinement.

On 5/26/78 Mr. Blakey advised that the informant could be contacted by the FBI, working through the Committee staff.


RECOMMENDATION:

In view of the sensitive nature of this information and the notoriety attached to this case, it is recommended that it be discussed with the Director and the Attorney General.

APPROVED:   
Director \_\_\_\_\_  
Assoc. Dir. \_\_\_\_\_  
Dep. AD Adm. \_\_\_\_\_  
Dep. AD Inv. \_\_\_\_\_

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NOTE: Mr. Blakey advised that the information cited above was received by the Committee on 4-25-78. He further stated that the informant file of the source mentioned above had been obtained pursuant to waiver given by the informant authorizing the FBI to release his informant file to the Committee. This file reflects that the FBI considered the informant to be reliable. Mr. Blakey considers his reliability factor to be extremely high currently. The name of this informant has not been furnished to the FBI by the Committee. This information was furnished to Mr. Paul Mack on the evening of 4-25-78 at 6:30 p.m. Legal Counsel requested this information be made known to Associate Director Adams.

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While James Earl Ray has achieved notoriety as the convicted killer of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., he remains incarcerated at a Tennessee prison based on his conviction in state court. In 1977 when Ray and others escaped from Brushy Mountain State Prison, we did get involved in the effort to apprehend him based on his alleged conspiracy to violate Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 1973 (Unlawful Flight).

In the present circumstances, no escape has occurred and no real jurisdictional basis appears to exist to support any investigative activity by the FBI. Inasmuch as Mr. Blakely has seen fit to bring this matter to our attention, we believe that we have a distinct obligation to see that prison and state officials are made aware of the alleged plan. If a criminal act is underway, it is entirely a matter for prison and state officials to address at this point.

CID recommends that a representative of Legal Counsel Division advise Mr. Blakely that the FBI will not initiate investigation and that he should disclose information in his possession to appropriate Tennessee authorities. If he is reluctant to make such disclosure, he should be advised that the FBI will do so on his behalf and will make every effort to act in such a manner as not to jeopardize the source of the information.

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Assoc. Dir. *[Signature]*  
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Professor Blakey advised 5/2/78 Michael Eberhart of his staff put in touch with SRA Toy Fusion, Nashville, Tenn., who will introduce him to Joel Plummer, Commissioner of Public Safety. DOC 5/9/78

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

April 28, 1978

**FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

*g*  
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., it is requested that the Federal Bureau of Investigation make the following individuals available for staff interviews:

- 1) R. E. Long
- 2) E. J. McDonough
- 3) W. L. Martindale
- 4) C. L. McGowan
- 5) James R. Malley
- 6) C. D. DeLoach
- 7) Courtney Evans
- 8) Robert E. Wick
- 9) Fred J. Baumgardner
- 10) Joseph A. Sizoo
- 11) Charles D. Brennan

12) James Bland

13) Richard William Corman

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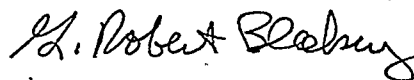
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14) Paul L. Cox

The Committee expects to commence these interviews on or about May 15, 1978. Therefore, it would be greatly appreciated if the Bureau would begin its clearance procedures on a priority basis.

Your continued cooperation is as always appreciated.

Very truly yours,



G. Robert Blakey  
Chief Counsel and Director

GRB:ghd

cc: Danny Coulson

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

May 8, 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 Jules Ron (Ricco, Rocco) Kimbel.

Submitted herewith is a copy of Mr. Kimbel's release, and in accordance with same, we hereby request that the FBI make immediate access available to any additional BUFILE material, Subfiles and Field Office files, not covered by our letter of 3/15/78, pertaining to Jules Ron (Ricco, Rocco) Kimbel.

Your prompt attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

G. Robert Blakey

G. Robert Blakey  
Chief Counsel and Director

GRB:ghd

cc: Danny Coulson

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I JULES R KIMBEL do hereby voluntarily  
and of my own free volition authorize the  
Federal Bureau of Investigation to release  
to the Select Committee on Assassinations any  
and all reports memoranda and files prepared  
and based upon information provided by me  
directly and ~~also~~ indirectly to agents and  
representatives of that agency.

Jules Ron Kimbel

WITNESS:

Richard Wrase

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May 2, 1978

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Attorney General of the United States  
U.S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D.C.

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 FBI is requested in regard to the following matters:

- 1) For elimination purposes, provide fingerprints for the following Special Agents:
  - a) Franklin L. Johnson
  - b) John W. Bauer
  - c) Neil P. Shanahan
  - d) William J. Nolan
  - e) The Chicago Agent (believed to be SA Downey) whose fingerprint was identified on the item of evidence marked Q-130.
- 2) Make available for interview, the following agents:
  - a) C. F. Busch
  - b) Stephen M. Darlington
  - c) John Bauer
  - d) John J. Ford
  - e) Joseph P. Finnegan

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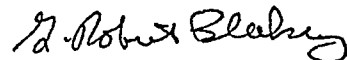
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Finally, it has been learned that the Memphis Field Office may have destroyed certain radio logs for several years, in accordance with the Bureau's file destruction policy. This Committee, however, would appreciate it if the Memphis Field Office would search its files, and provide the following:

- a) Any transcripts or copies of the radio logs for the period January through May, 1968.
- b) Any notations or references to the radio logs for the period January through May, 1968.
- c) All references, memoranda and miscellaneous items pertaining to the destruction of the radio logs for 1968.
- d) Copies of the 1968 and current Manual of Destruction cites, referencing the Headquarter's and the Field Office's policy and procedure pertaining to the destruction of radio logs.

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

Sincerely,



G. Robert Blakey  
Chief Counsel and Director

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✓cc: Mr. Danny O. Coulson

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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:

In connection with the investigation by this Committee into the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., it is requested that the Federal Bureau of Investigation make available for review by the Committee all documents pertaining to Dr. King and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in the personal and confidential files of the following current or former FBI employees during the period January 1, 1962 to January 1, 1969:

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| 1. J. Edgar Hoover     | 12. C. L. McGowan    |
| 2. Alex Rosen          | 13. E. J. McDonough  |
| 3. Fred J. Baumgardner | 14. James Bland      |
| 4. George C. Moore     | 15. Paul Cox         |
| 5. R. E. Long          | 16. Joseph A. Sizoo  |
| 6. Clyde Tolson        | 17. W. L. Martindale |
| 7. Alan Belmont        | 18. Dick Corman      |
| 8. Courtney Evans      | 19. Charles Brennan  |
| 9. Cartha D. DeLoach   | 20. William Forsythe |
| 10. R. E. Wick         | 21. Seymour Phillips |
| 11. James R. Malley    | 22. Thomas Bishop    |
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The files of the first nine individuals listed above should be prepared on a priority basis.

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It is also requested that the FBI make available the files referred to in the Task Force Report of the Department of Justice on Dr. King at page 11, where reference is made to

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"Some sensitive files in the office of the Section Chief in the FBI Security Division".

Your prompt attention to this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



G. Robert Blakey  
Chief Counsel and Director

GRB:med

✓cc: Danny Coulson

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May 9, 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:

On December 13, 1977, as part of its continuing investigation into the assassination of Martin Luther King, the House Select Committee on Assassinations submitted a request to the Department of Justice for the following information:

- a) A list of all Department of Justice attorneys who participated in any way in the direction or management of the MURKIN investigation and the Division and Section with the Department of Justice where these attorneys were then assigned.
- b) Copies of all memoranda, records, documents, and news releases generated by the Department of Justice in connection with the MURKIN investigation, exclusive of what is contained in the MURKIN file already provided to the Committee.

On March 21, 1978, a "partial" response to our request was sent to the staff of the Select Committee. This included the names of seven attorneys assigned to the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice who participated in the MURKIN investigation.

On April 19, 1978, a final response to our request was transmitted to the Select Committee. The documents contained in this response did not include either communications between the FBI and the Department of Justice or material from the

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Department's extradition file on Ray (95-100-473). The DOJ/FBI communications were omitted due to a prior agreement not to process documents contained in the Bureau's MURKIN file; the extradition file was not processed because it was felt to lie outside the scope of our 12/13/77 request.

In light of the limited amount of material produced in response to the initial HSCA request, it is hereby requested that the Department of Justice provide, on an expedited basis, the following additional material:

- 1) Copies of all memoranda, records and documents generated by the Department of Justice in connection with the MURKIN investigation, including all correspondence or communications from the Department of Justice to the FBI, and all correspondence or communications from the FBI to the Department of Justice. It is assumed that the vast majority of documents produced in response to this request will be located in DOJ file #144-72-662.
- 2) Copies of all memoranda, records and documents, located in DOJ file #95-100-473 or elsewhere, generated during the course of proceedings relating to Ray's extradition from England in the summer of 1968.
- 3) Copies of all documents contained in the folder entitled "Martin Luther King Daily Reports", referred to in a February, 1976 memorandum from Stephen Horn, Attorney, Criminal Section, Civil Rights Division, to Walter W. Barnett, Deputy Chief, Appellate Section, Civil Rights Division. Mr. Horn's memorandum, which was included in those documents recently provided to the HSCA, indicates that the reports contained in this folder cover a period between 2/4/65 and 3/14/68.
- 4) Copies of all memos from Hoover to the AAG concerning the progress of the investigation. These memos, included as item "7" of Mr. Horn's above-referenced memorandum, were apparently located in a filing cabinet in the Civil Rights Division at the time of Mr. Horn's memorandum.

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- 5) Copies of all documents contained in the two loose folders of correspondence and memoranda concerning the assassination referred to as item "13" of Mr. Horn's February, 1976 memorandum.
- 6) A list of the United States Attorneys in the Federal districts which encompassed Memphis, TN; Atlanta, GA; New Orleans, LA; Los Angeles, CA; Birmingham, AL; and St. Louis, MO; at the time of Dr. King's assassination in April of 1968.
- 7) Copies of all chronological files currently available for former Attorney General Ramsey Clark, former Deputy Attorney General Christopher, former Assistant Attorney General Pollak and former Assistant Attorney General Vinson.

The above listed requests have been discussed previously in recent telephone conversations between Mr. Robert Keuch, Special Counsel to the Attorney General, and Mr. Peter Beeson, staff attorney for the Select Committee.

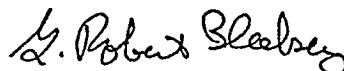
In addition, it is hereby requested that copies of the two additional files listed below, (and referenced in Mr. Horn's February, 1976 memorandum), be provided to the Select Committee.

- 8) A folder concerning memoranda and FBI reports on the Memphis marches (sanitation strike) of March-April, 1968, (item 4 in Mr. Horn's memorandum).
- 9) Memoranda concerning Memphis v. King, the attempt to enjoin the march of the Sanitation Workers to be led by King, (item 12 in Mr. Horn's memorandum).

Because of the amount of time which passed pending compliance with the December 13, 1977 HSCA request, we ask that these additional files be prepared as expeditiously as possible, and in any case no later than May 31, 1978.

We sincerely appreciate your cooperation in this request.

Respectfully,



G. Robert Blakey  
Chief Counsel and Director

GRB:pbd  
✓cc: Danny Coulson

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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:

The Subcommittee investigating 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 pertaining to Arthur Hanes, Sr., of Birmingham, Alabama and Samuel B. Kyles of Memphis, Tennessee.

Submitted herewith are copies of Messrs. Hanes' and Kyles' releases, and in accordance with same, it is requested that the Federal Bureau of Investigation make available on a priority basis all Headquarters and Field Office files and subfiles of any nature pertaining to these individuals.

As time is extremely crucial in these matters, your prompt attention is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

*G. Robert Blakey*

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Chief Counsel and Director

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I, ARTHUR HANES, Sr., voluntarily and of my own free volition, do hereby authorize and consent, and thereby direct the Federal Bureau of Investigation, ("the FBI") to provide the U. S. House of Representatives' Select Committee On Assassinations with copies of any and all reports and memorandums prepared by the FBI based upon information transmitted by me to the FBI or any of its representatives which pertain directly or indirectly to the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Arthur Hanes, Sr.

ARTHUR HANES, Sr.

DATE: 5/9/78

WITNESS: Mark A. Speiser

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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:

Conrad B. Tyler

Date:

5/11/78

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

May 18, 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:

As part of its continuing investigation into the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the House Select Committee on Assassinations hereby requests the Bureau to contact the two informants referenced in the serial listed below to determine if an interview with this Committee can be arranged:

44-38861-1927

The informants are referenced on pages 2, 3 and 4 of the above-referenced serial.

Because of recent schedule changes within the Committee's investigation, we ask that these informants be contacted as rapidly as possible, so that an interview can be arranged, with the informants' consent, prior to June 2, 1978.

We appreciate your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

*G. Robert Blakey*

G. Robert Blakey  
Chief Counsel and Director

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✓ cc: Danny Coulson

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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 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 Identification Division Records on:
  - a. Robert Gourley - Last known address: 613 East Alton Street, Independence, MO (1967).
  - b. Joan (Nee) Gourley - (Robert Gourley's daughter) Gave a statement to FBI in 1972 re: Robert De Pugh's hideout in Truth or Consequences, New Mexico.
  - c. Jerry Milton Brooks - Presently living in Kansas City, MO area and associate of Robert De Pugh.
  - d. Robert Bagwell - (Wisconsin) Arrested October 30, 1966, by NYPD; at that time living in Roosevelt, L.I., N.Y. Charged with conspiracy and violation of weapons law.

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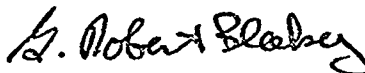
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- e. Roy Frank Louser - Presently living at 133 South Forest Street, Reading, PA.
  - f. Mary Tollerton - Los Angeles area 1968.
  - g. Walter Patrick Peyson - Date of Birth: 4/26/42. FBI #478-437F.
  - h. Edward Lee Bumgardner - Date of Birth: 2/6/39. Last known address: 713 8th Street, Farmington, MN.
  - i. Robert Bolivar De Pugh - Presently living in Norborne, MO. Date of Birth: 4/15/23.
  - j. Melvin A. Sexton - Imperial Klaliff, UKA in 1968, Tuscaloosa, Alabama.
  - k. Sam Bowers - Imperial Wizard of White Knights of the KKK of Mississippi in 1968.
  - l. L. E. Matthews - Referenced in BUFILE #157-5804. Associate of Sam Bowers.
  - m. Truman Webber Rogers - Former member of White Knights of KKK of Mississippi. Jones County, Mississippi, 1968.
  - n. Devilish Nik - aka Denours Nix. Referenced in BUFILE 44-38861-1927.
  - o. Dean Williams - Grand Dragon of South Carolina, KKK, 1969.
- 2) Prepare for delivery the following serials from the Atlanta Field Office Files:

Section 11, Serial 1690  
Section 11, Serial 1674

As time is extremely crucial in regard to these matters, your immediate attention is urged.

Sincerely,



G. Robert Blakey  
Chief Counsel and Director

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CC: Danny Coulson

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Date 5/8/78

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-117290)  
 ATTN: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT  
 RECORDS MANAGEMENT DIVISION

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (66-2878) - P -

HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE  
ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)

Re Bureau teletype 4/28/78. *62*

Attempts to locate BH 418-R (Former NO 1289-R) have as yet been unsuccessful. Investigation conducted indicates that source may be presently employed by an unknown oil company as a pilot. Investigation continuing to locate and upon locating the results of contact with source will be furnished to the Bureau.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-117290)  
 ATTN: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (66-2197) (P)

SUBJECT: HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON  
ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)

Re Bureau teletype to Memphis 4/18/78.

On 4/19/78, SA HOWELL S. LOWE, Memphis Division, was interviewed by representatives of the HSCA at Room 3387, Old Identification Building, Second and D Streets, S.W., Washington, D. C. From 2:05 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., SA LOWE was interviewed by PETER G. BEESON, Staff Counsel, and LISA BERLOW, Investigator, both of HSCA.

Interview included requests for complete background information of SA LOWE, information concerning activities and membership of UKA, American Nazi Party, and other white hate groups in existence at Memphis, Tenn., in 1967 and 1968. Information concerning case Agents assigned to this organization, the extent of our investigative coverage, any directions from the Bureau as to the use of informants, our investigation of Klan activities, both before and after the assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

A second interview began at 3:00 p.m., lasting until 6:30 p.m. and was conducted by KENN MC HOUGH, BILL WEBB, and G. AKERS, all staff counsels of HSCA. This portion of the interview was taped at the request of BILL WEBB.

At the conclusion of this interview, which was ended as a result of SA LOWE's travel commitments, this

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group desired to continue this interview at Memphis in the near future and at this contemplated interview they desire to bring certain files for SA LOWE to review in order to refresh his memory.

It was pointed out that SA LOWE was agreeable to be interviewed at Memphis, Tenn., but such an interview would have to receive the approval of FBIHQ and the Memphis Office advised by the Bureau that such a second interview would be permitted. It was pointed out that SA LOWE would not participate in any "unofficial" interview.

The second interview commenced with questions concerning informants of the Memphis Office and at the onset SA LOWE declined to discuss informants, number of informants, identities of informants, or the administrative handling of informants. At this time SA LOWE was asked if he was aware of the possible contempt of Congress penalties for failure to answer questions before this Congressional Committee.

A number of times during this interview it was necessary to remind the interviewers that questions leading towards the possible identification of informants would not be answered by SA LOWE.

This interview covered the activities and investigation of the Memphis Office concerning the Sanitation Workers Strike, the organization known as The Invaders, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), the Committee on the Move for Equality (COME), Black Organization Project (BOP), Ku Klux Klans, United Klans of America, and other white and black extremist or hate groups. Information was requested concerning membership in these organizations at Memphis and informant coverage in these organizations during the period 1967 and 1968.

This interview concerned itself with Cointelpro activities of the Memphis Office directed against former Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SCLC, The Invaders, and other organizations at Memphis, Tenn.

Information was requested concerning supervisory makeup of the Memphis Office, squads, squad assignments, case



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assignments, identity and location of Agents working security and racial matters at Memphis, Tenn., in 1967 and 1968.

Questions concerning bomb threats, method of handling, Bureau instructions re bomb threats, receipt of bomb threats directed against Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., and dissemination of information concerning bomb threats by the Memphis Office.

Questions were asked concerning the dissemination of information, what agencies received copies of reports, and the extent of dissemination of reports, bomb threats and other general information.

Questions were asked concerning Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING's relationship with the BOP, The Invaders, and other organizations at Memphis, monies asked for or paid to the Invader organization by KING or SCLC, number of, direction of, and whether or not there were any surveillances of Dr. KING at Memphis, any technical surveillances or technical coverage of KING or SCLC activities at Memphis, press releases of the Memphis Office and/or the Bureau, particularly press releases after the first KING led march in 1968 which ended in a riot.

Questions were asked concerning various persons interviewed at Memphis, Tenn., both before and after Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING's assassination, by SA's LOWE and former SA WILLIAM LAWRENCE.

Information was requested concerning Poor Peoples Campaign, Bureau instructions as to how to handle the investigation when these cases along with numerous other cases were opened for investigation in the Memphis Office, any Bureau instructions concerning investigation or surveillance of KING and Bureau instructions concerning various other investigation at Memphis, Tenn.

Questions were asked concerning the relationship between the Memphis Office and both the Memphis Police Department and Shelby County Sheriff's Office.

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A series of questions was asked concerning current organized crime at Memphis, Tenn. These questions were believed by SA LOWE to be beyond the scope of inquiry and SA LOWE declined to furnish any information concerning current organized crime at Memphis and denied any knowledge of any current organized crime.

Questions were asked concerning Intelligence Unit, Memphis Police Department, Memphis Police Department undercover officers and informants.

The above represents highlights of this interview which included questions concerning SA LOWE's remembrance of racial conditions at Memphis, Tenn., during 1967 and 1968, his remembrance of the assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., and his remembrance of Bureau investigation by the Memphis FBI of the assassination of Dr. KING.

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

April 19, 1978  
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- 1 - Legal Counsel Division  
Attn: Mr. Coulson
- 1 - Mr. Bailey
- 1 - Mr. 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 March 15, 1978, which, in connection with the HSCA's investigation into the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., requested certain information from files of the FBI.

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

Enclosures (2)

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NOTE: Springfield's Alton, Illinois bank robbery file was destroyed per Bureau letter to all offices dated October, 28, 1977, concerning destruction of files and records..

Volume of material requested in response to Item 3 is as follows: King security file in Atlanta, 80 sections, approximately 8,321 serials; King and SCLC files in Memphis, 18 sections, 516 serials; figures for Los Angeles are not available since only a portion of the file is requested.

Information delivered in response to Item 4 involves primarily serials in the Miami Field Office ~~MURKIN file and~~ FBI Headquarters file concerning United Klans of America (UKA) activity in Birmingham and New Orleans.

By airtel dated April 13, 1978, Memphis advised that information on the UKA was being furnished by separate cover. This material, consisting of approximately 4,000 serials, will be processed for HSCA access upon arrival.

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MAR 15 1978

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., it is requested that the Federal Bureau of Investigation assist this Committee with respect to the following matter:

- 1) Prepare for delivery, Identification Division records on WERNER MARION KRUSH (DOB 6/13/42).
- 2) Provide a copy of the photograph taken of KRUSH on August 17, 1967.

The above individual is referenced on page 25 in FBI report, BUFILE 91-274 94; Alton, Illinois file SI 91-3699, captioned Bank of Alton Robbery.

- 3) Make access available to the Atlanta, Los Angeles, Memphis, and New York Field Office files re: a) The Southern Christian Leadership Conference; b) Martin Luther King, Jr. Security File, as follows:

100 - 149194	SCLC - New York
100 - 136585	King - New York
100 - 5718	SCLC - Atlanta
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Honorable Griffin B. Bell  
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- Due to the volume of material requested and the anticipated length of time complete compliance would necessitate, it is requested that the materials be provided as they become available.

G. Robert Blalock

GRB:ghj  
cc: Danny O. Coulson

1 - Legal Counsel Division  
Attn: Mr. Coulson  
1 - Mr. Bailey  
1 - Mr. Foster

April 19, 1978

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 March 15, 1978, which, in connection with the HSCA's investigation into the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., requested certain information from files of the FBI.

In response to Items 1 and 2 of referenced letter, record and photograph in files of the Identification Division, FBI Headquarters, concerning Werner Marion Krush, were delivered to HSCA Staff Member Ralph Salerno on March 30, 1978. By letter dated April 12, 1978, the Springfield Office of the FBI advised that, in accordance with routine file destruction procedures, the file concerning the Alton, Illinois, bank robbery investigation (91-3699) was destroyed on December 19, 1977. Therefore, no photograph of Krush is available in files of the Springfield Office of the FBI.

Regarding Item 3 of referenced letter, HSCA Staff Member Michael Eberhardt made the following modification on March 29, 1978. In view of the volume of material in the King and Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) security investigations, the HSCA only desires access to the Atlanta Field Office file concerning King; the Memphis Field Office file concerning King and the SCLC; and the Los Angeles files concerning King and the SCLC, but only for the period January 1, 1967, through June 30, 1968. Mr. Eberhardt advised that no information from the New York Field Office concerning King or SCLC is needed at this time. The above material is being processed and the HSCA will be advised upon its completion.

Material in response to Item 4 of referenced letter was delivered to HSCA Staff Member Peter Beeson on April 13, 1978.

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ORIGINAL AND ONE SENT TO ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL,  
CRIMINAL DIVISION, ATTENTION: MR. ROBERT L. KEUCH.

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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS  
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On March 27, 1978, Mr. Boeson modified Item 5 of referenced letter. He stated that it was not necessary to provide any material from the files of the Atlanta, New Orleans and Los Angeles Offices of the FBI concerning the United Klans of America (UKA). However, material regarding the UKA from the Memphis Field Office was needed, but only for the period September, 1967, through June, 1968. This material is being processed and the HSCA will be advised upon its completion.

Material in response to Item 6 of referenced letter has been processed and is available for HSCA access at FBI Headquarters. On March 27, 1978, HSCA Staff Member Richard Wrase was advised that material in response to this Item was available for access. Where information is not provided, it is either not retrievable or is not being furnished pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding.

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NOTE: See Director, FBI, letter to Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch, dated April 19, 1978, captioned as above.



1 - Legal Counsel Division  
(Attn: Mr. Coulson)  
1 - Mr. Bailey  
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Assistant Attorney General  
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Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch  
Director, FBI

May 4, 1978

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 April 17, 1978, which, in connection with the HSCA's investigation into the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., requested delivery of a Miami teletype to the Bureau dated March 28, 1978, which concerned William A. Sommersett and that Special Agent James P. McMahon, formerly of the Buffalo Field Office, be made available for interview by the HSCA.

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

Enclosures (2)

NOTE: The teletype desired by the Committee concerned a previous HSCA request for the Miami Field Office file concerning Sommersett. Sommersett was a former informant who has been publicly identified as an informant and whose file at FBI Headquarters has been made available to the Committee. The teletype advised that Sommersett's file in Miami was destroyed under our routine destruction of records program. However, the last section of this file was inadvertently not destroyed and was therefore being sent to FBI Headquarters to be made available to the HSCA. This file covered the period 1962-1969.

By Legal Counsel memorandum to the Associate Director dated 4/27/78, former Special Agent McMahon, who resides in Rochester, New York, was cleared from his employment agreement in anticipation of interview by the HSCA.

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1 - Legal Counsel Division  
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This letter is to confirm that a copy of the Miami teletype to the Bureau dated March 28, 1978, was delivered to HSCA representative John Hornbeck on April 21, 1978, at FBI Headquarters. Former Special Agent James P. McMahon has been cleared from his employment agreement and is available for interview as needed by the HSCA. Arrangements for interview can be made through contact with representatives of the Legal Liaison and Congressional Affairs Unit and the Congressional Inquiry Unit of FBI Headquarters.

This letter completes response to HSCA request of April 17, 1978.

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ORIGINAL AND TWO SENT TO ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL, CRIMINAL DIVISION, ATTENTION: MR. ROBERT L. KEUCH.

NOTE: See Director, FBI, letter to Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch, dated 5/4/78, captioned "House Select Committee on Assassinations, U. S. House of Representatives (HSCA)."

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

(202) 225-4624

April 17, 1978

MR. ALDHIZEL

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:

In connection with the investigation by this Committee into the circumstances surrounding the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., it has been learned that the Miami Field Office sent recent communication by teletype pertaining to William A. Somerset. The Committee, therefore, would like the assistance of the Bureau in locating this recent teletype, and further, to be provided with all relevant copies.

Specifically, the Miami teletype is dated March 28, 1978 and refers to special Bureau instructions to the Albany Field Office dated August 15, 1977 and October 28, 1977, re William A. Somerset. The Committee would greatly appreciate expeditious retrieval of this document and any other references related to this matter.

Finally, the Committee would like the FBI to make S. A. James P. McMahon, formerly of the Buffalo Field Office, available for Staff interview.

Your continued cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

G. Robert Blakey

G. Robert Blakey  
Chief Counsel and Director

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-117290)  
 (ATTN: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT -  
 RECORDS MANAGEMENT DIVISION)

FROM: *T/LB*  
*12* SAC, LOS ANGELES (62-7841) (1) (PUC)

RE: HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE  
ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)

Re Bureau teletype to Los Angeles, dated 4/28/78. *672*

Enclosed for the Bureau is one copy of LA serial 170-45A-33A which is the only serial contained in Los Angeles files which mentions Friends of Rhodesia during the time period 1967 - 1968. Also enclosed for the Bureau is one partial copy of LA serial 105-5724-884.

For the information of the Bureau, this is the only reference in Los Angeles files which pertains to RONALD G. HEWITSON. For the additional information of the Bureau, the mailing list attached to the enclosed serial consisted of 40 pages, but HEWITSON was only mentioned on page 31 and consequently only page 31 is being submitted along with the cover communication. *9/2*

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ATTN: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT, RECORDS MANAGEMENT DIVISION.

HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATION (HSCA).

RE MEMPHIS TELETYPE TO BUREAU MAY 3, 1978, AND BUREAU  
TELEPHONE CALL TO MEMPHIS MAY. 19, 1978.

ON MAY 19, 1978, FORMER ME 313-E CONTACTED ON MEMPHIS  
TELEPHONE NUMBER 525-1232. NAMES OF HSCA STAFF MEMBERS, MARK  
SPEISER AND PETER BEESON, TELEPHONE NUMBER 202-225-8353,  
FURNISHED TO HIM. FORMER ME 313-E INFORMED HIS IDENTITY  
HAS NOT BEEN FURNISHED TO HSCA. SOURCE REMAINS AGREEABLE  
TO INTERVIEW AND WILL PROMPTLY CONTACT ONE OF THE STAFF MEMBERS  
TO NEGOTIATE THE DETAILS OF MEETING.

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Select Committee on Assassinations

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*C* 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:

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) Access to BUFILE and all Subfiles pertaining to the United Klans of America operating in Chicago for the period 1967 - 1968.
- 2) Written response to the question of whether the Field Offices of St. Louis and/or Chicago made any attempts at surreptitious entry, or in fact succeeded at surreptitiously entering the residences or the premises owned or leased by Carol Pepper, John Ray, and/or Jerry Ray?
- 3) Access to all BUFILE and Subfiles on the following:
  - a. JOHN ACORD, 1968 President of the American-Southern African Council at 800 4th Street, S. W., Washington, D. C.

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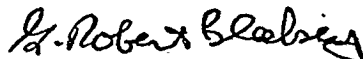
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- b. JAMES R. SNEED, aka J. R. Sneed, aka Robert Sneed, 1968 Chairman, Orange County Chapter of the Friends of Rhodesia, P. O. Box 613, Garden Grove, California. 1968 home address: near Haworth and Fountain, Hollywood, California. 1967 address: Friends of Rhodesia, Room 603, Hayworth Tower, 1314 North Hayworth, Los Angeles, California.
- c. ROBERT WYCKOFF, founded the Orange County (California) Chapter of the Friends of Rhodesia.
- d. MARK BOUTWELL, 1968: Central California Committee of Friends of Rhodesia.
- e. MRS. (FNU) RENEAU, 1968 Chairman of the El Monte Chapter of the Friends of Rhodesia, 11913 Roseglen Street, El Monte, California.

As time is of the utmost importance, your prompt attention to these matters is appreciated.

Sincerely,



G. Robert Blakey  
Chief Counsel and Director

GRB:ghd

cc: Danny Coulson

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HSCA, BY LETTER DATED MAY 3, 1978, REQUESTED ALL INFORMATION IN THE FILES OF THE JACKSON, KNOXVILLE AND MEMPHIS FIELD OFFICES CONCERNING BUFORD WALLACE POSEY, DATE OF BIRTH AUGUST 28, 1925. HSCA OBTAINED WAIVER FROM POSEY ALLOWING FOR RELEASE OF ALL INFORMATION HELD BY THE FBI TO THE COMMITTEE.

EACH RECEIVING OFFICE SHOULD SEARCH INDICES FOR ABOVE NAMED INDIVIDUAL AND DUPLICATE ANY FILES AND REFERENCES FOUND IDENTICAL WITH POSEY. THIS MATERIAL SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO FBI HEADQUARTERS, ATTENTION: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT, BY CLOSE OF BUSINESS MAY 26, 1978.

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REFERENCE BUREAU TELETYPE TO LEGAL ATTACHES AUGUST 17,  
1976; MEXICO CITY TELETYPE TO BUREAU AUGUST 30, 1976; MEXICO  
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HSCA, BY LETTER DATED MAY 11, 1978, REQUESTED THAT ALL  
MATERIAL REVIEWED BY OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY  
{OPR}, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, FROM FOUR LEGATS, INCLUDING MEXICO  
CITY, FOR ITS REPORT CONCERNING THE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.,  
INVESTIGATION, BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW.

REFERENCED BUREAU TELETYPE, CAPTIONED "MARTIN LUTHER KING,"  
DEALT WITH FBIHQ'S REQUEST OF ALL LEGATS TO SEARCH THEIR INDICES  
FOR FILES REGARDING KING AND FURNISH A COPY OF THOSE FILES TO  
FBIHQ. MEXICO CITY ADVISED THAT MURKIN FILE {173-1} LOCATED,

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WAS BEING XEROXED, AND WOULD BE FORWARDED. THIS MATERIAL WAS RECEIVED AT FBIHQ; HOWEVER, AFTER REVIEW BY OPR, IT WAS SUBSEQUENTLY DESTROYED AS CURRENT NEED NOT FORESEEN.

IT IS REQUESTED THAT MEXICO CITY FURNISH FBIHQ A COPY OF THE FILE PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED {173-1}. REFERENCED AIRTEL ADVISED THAT THIS FILE CONSISTED OF SERIALS 1 - 357 AND 1AS 1 - 1A29. IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO XEROX ONLY THE FIRST PAGE OF ANY DOCUMENT CONTAINED IN THAT FILE THAT HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED TO FBIHQ DURING THE COURSE OF MURKIN INVESTIGATION. ALL OTHER DOCUMENTS SHOULD BE COPIED IN THEIR ENTIRETY. THIS MATERIAL SHOULD BE SENT TO FBIHQ, ATTENTION: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT, BY CLOSE OF BUSINESS JUNE 2, 1978.

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Teletype to Legat, Mexico City  
Re: House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA)  
62-117290

NOTE: Bureau teletype to all Legal Attaches, 8/30/76, requested that Legats determine if they maintained any files relating to Martin Luther King, Jr., including MURKIN (44-38861); Martin Luther King, Jr. (100-106670); COMINFIL of SCLC (100-438794); Communist Influence in Racial Matters (100-442529); CPUSA - Negro Question (100-3-116); and Stanley David Levison (100-392452). If so, these files were to be sent to FBIHQ for review by OPR. Legat, Mexico City, advised that they had located their MURKIN file (173-1) which consisted of serials 1 - 357 and 1As 1 - 29. This material was forwarded to FBIHQ on 8/31/76; however, after review by OPR, this file was destroyed.

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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 to the following matters:

- 1) Prepare for access the BUFILE and all pertinent Field Office files, pertaining to the caption:  
"James Earl Ray - Fugitive  
U.F.A.C. - Robbery First"  
S.I. file 83-5631  
BUFILE 88-51730.
- 2) Prepare for access, BUFILE, referencing Santo Domingo airtels dated 4/8/68: 97-3689-47  
97-3689-48
- b) 65-37422-112  
re: Madrid letter 4/8/60
- c) 65-37422-115  
re: N.Y. letter 6/3/60
- 3) Prepare for access all BUFILE materials, and Memphis Field Office materials on:
  - a) Charles (Charlie) Stephens
  - b) Grace (Gracie) Stephens
- 4) Prepare for access all files of the following Legat offices pertaining to the MURKIN investigation.

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- a) Mexico City
- b) Ottawa
- c) Paris
- d) London

With respect to the above, 4(a-d), we understand that the Justice Department's Office of Professional Responsibility may have reviewed certain files of the aforementioned Legat offices for their report of January, 1977. We therefore request, that any files reviewed by OPR, or any files presently under the Department of Justice's control pertaining to item 4(a-d) also be encompassed in this request.

- 5) Prepare for access Minutemen files for the following field offices for the enumerated periods:

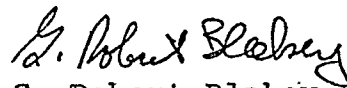
- a) Kansas City 1967-1968
- b) San Diego 1967-1968
- c) Denver 7/1967-8/1967

With respect to item 5c, it is believed that the Denver Field Office has coverage for the city of Golden, Colorado. However, if this is not correct, the same time period is requested for the appropriate Field Office having Golden within its jurisdiction.

As time is of the utmost importance, we ask that the items be provided as they become available.

Your continued cooperation is as always, appreciated.

Very truly yours,



G. Robert Blakey  
Chief Counsel and Director

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✓cc: Mr. Danny O. Coulson

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TO DIRECTOR (62-117290) PRIORITY

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UNCLAS E F T O

ATTENTION CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT, RECORDS MANAGEMENT  
DIVISION.

HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATION (HSCA).

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO MEMPHIS AND OTHER OFFICES DATED  
APRIL 28, 1978. <sup>62-20</sup>

ON MAY 1, 1978, FORMER ME 313-E WAS CONTACTED AND  
FURNISHED INFORMATION SET FORTH IN RETEL. THIS SOURCE HAS NO  
OBJECTION TO AN INTERVIEW BY REPRESENTATIVES OF HSCA.

FOLLOWING INFORMATION CONCERNS MEMPHIS INFORMANTS  
REFERRED TO IN RETEL:

FORMER ME 338-R, ME FILE 170-70, BUFILE 137-4885, WAS  
OPENED ON JANUARY 6, 1958, AS POTENTIAL CRIMINAL INFORMANT  
AND WAS ASSIGNED TO SA JOHN S. STANTON. THE CASE WAS REASSIGNED

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TO SA BRUCE C. HODGE ON MARCH 10, 1959, AND WAS SO ASSIGNED WHEN CLOSED ON JULY 30, 1960. ON DECEMBER 28, 1960, THE CASE WAS REOPENED AND ASSIGNED TO SA WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE. ME 338-R WAS THEN DESIGNATED A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE - RACIAL. THE CASE WAS HANDLED BY SA WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE UNTIL REASSIGNED TO SA HOWELL S. LOWE ON JANUARY 13, 1970. SA LOWE HANDLED THE CASE UNTIL IT WAS CLOSED ON SEPTEMBER 29, 1976.

FORMER ME 352-R, ME FILE 170-1040, BUFILE 170-2530, WAS OPENED ON DECEMBER 27, 1967, AND ASSIGNED TO SA WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE. IT WAS REASSIGNED TO SA BURL F. JOHNSON ON JANUARY 14, 1970, AND WAS REASSIGNED TO SA CLAUDE A. CURTIS, JR., ON AUGUST 22, 1970. IT REMAINED SO ASSIGNED UNTIL IT WAS CLOSED ON FEBRUARY 8, 1972.

FORMER ME 353-R, MEMPHIS FILE 170-1022, BUFILE 170-1841, WAS OPENED ON NOVEMBER 30, 1967, AND ASSIGNED TO SA WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE. IT WAS REASSIGNED TO SA BURL F. JOHNSON ON JANUARY 27, 1970, AND REMAINED SO ASSIGNED UNTIL CLOSED ON FEBRUARY 7, 1972.

FORMER ME 339-R, MEMPHIS FILE 170-117, BUFILE 170-1922, WAS OPENED ON MAY 5, 1965, AND ASSIGNED TO SA EUGENE G. DOUGLASS.



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IT WAS REASSIGNED TO SA WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE IN AUGUST, 1965, AND REMAINED SO ASSIGNED UNTIL IT WAS CLOSED ON JUNE 2, 1969. THE CASE WAS REOPENED ON NOVEMBER 4, 1969, AND ASSIGNED TO SA RALPH J. LIEWER AND REMAINED SO ASSIGNED UNTIL IT WAS CLOSED ON MAY 28, 1970.

FORMER ME 282-R, MEMPHIS FILE 170-1019, BUFILE 134-11867, WAS OPENED ON JANUARY 30, 1962, AND ASSIGNED TO SA WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE. IT REMAINED SO ASSIGNED UNTIL IT WAS CLOSED ON MARCH 10, 1969.

SA WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE IS RETIRED AND RESIDES AT 314 SWISS PINE LAKE DRIVE, SPRUCE, NORTH CAROLINA; SA JOHN S. STANTON, RETIRED, RESIDES AT COLUMBIA, TENNESSEE; SA BRUCE C. HODGE, RETIRED, RESIDES AT COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA; SA CLAUDE A. CURTIS, JR., RETIRED, RESIDES AT 1640 DOLAN DRIVE, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE; SA RALPH J. LIEWER, RETIRED, RESIDES AT ROUTE 3, BOX 291-Y, DEQUIM, WASHINGTON; SA EUGENE G. DOUGLASS, RETIRED, 4054 ST. ANNE CIRCLE, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE; SA'S BURL F. JOHNSON AND HOWELL S. LOWE ARE CURRENTLY ASSIGNED TO THE MEMPHIS DIVISION.

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TO DIRECTOR (62-117290) ROUTINE

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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)

RE BUREAU TELETYPE DATED APRIL 28, 1978.

CO 44-R, BUREAU FILE 170-553 AND COLUMBIA FILE 170-11

WHO WAS OPERATED AS A SOURCE

OF THE COLUMBIA DIVISION FROM 1965 TO 1972 WAS CONTACTED

BY SA GEORGE G. ROSS ON MAY 3, 1978, AT HIS HOME IN FAIRFAX,

S. C. HE CAN BE CONTACTED THROUGH TELEPHONE NUMBER

(803) 632-3634. THE COLUMBIA LETTERHEAD MEMORANDUM TO

THE BUREAU DATED AUGUST 4, 1969, CAPTIONED "IMPERIAL BOARD

MEETING, UKA INC., KKKK TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA, JULY 27,

1969" WAS REVIEWED WITH THE SOURCE TO REFRESH HIS MEMORY

AS TO THE INFORMATION HE FURNISHED REGARDING THE HANES -

SHELTON CONTACT. THE SOURCE SAID THAT HE HAS NO OBJECTIONS

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PAGE TWO, CO 175-73, UNCLAS E F T O

TO BEING INTERVIEWED BY A STAFF MEMBER FROM THE HSCA,  
BUT HE WANTS THE INTERVIEW AT HIS HOME IN FAIRFAX, S. C.,  
IN VIEW OF HIS BUSINESS COMMITMENTS AND ILLNESS OF HIS  
MOTHER. THE SOURCE OWNS AND OPERATES THE ARROWHEAD NURSERY  
IN FAIRFAX, S. C., WITH A CONSIDERABLE INVESTMENT IN THIS  
NURSEY, AS WELL AS IN LAND, ESTIMATED TO BE IN EXCESS OF  
11 MILLION DOLLARS. HE REQUESTED THAT HIS NAME BE HELD  
IN CONFIDENCE BY THE HSCA AND DOES NOT WANT IT DIVULGED  
OUTSIDE THIS COMMITTEE'S ORGANIZATION. HE SAID THAT HE  
DOES NOT FEEL THAT HE CAN FURNISH ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION  
OTHER THAN WHAT WAS FURNISHED IN THE PREVIOUS COLUMBIA  
MEMORANDUM DATED AUGUST 4, 1969.

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## UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION1 - Criminal Investigative  
Division (Attn:

Mr. M. V. Hale)

DATE: 4/27/78

1 - Legal Counsel Division

Attn: Mr. D. O. Goulson

1 - Mr. Bassett

1 - Mr. Foster

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TO : Mr. Bassett *HNB/R*FROM : D. Ryan *R*SUBJECT: HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS  
U. S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (HSCA)

PURPOSE: To advise that the HSCA has requested access to five (5) informant files and to recommend that access to these files by the HSCA be restricted only to Mr. G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director, HSCA.

DETAILS: In connection with its investigation into the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., the HSCA, by letter to the Attorney General dated April 12, 1978, requested access to FBI Headquarters (FBIHQ) files of 5 informants, who reported on activities of the Invaders, a Memphis youth group involved in violence during the Sanitation Workers Strike in Memphis during March-April, 1968.

Through review of the Invaders' file at FBIHQ, the HSCA learned that the Memphis Office had 5 informants who were providing coverage of the Invaders. Mr. G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director, HSCA, has advised Legal Counsel Division that the HSCA is trying to resolve the issue as to whether or not the Invaders fomented racial violence to get King to return from Atlanta to Memphis where he was killed. The HSCA desires to review these informant files to determine if any of them acted as "agent provocateurs" in starting this violence.

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To date the only informant files made available to the HSCA have been in instances where the informant has been publicly identified or where an informant, during interview by the HSCA, has admitted his relationship with the Bureau and signed a waiver authorizing release to the HSCA all FBI information concerning him. The latter has occurred on three occasions.

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Discussions concerning release of these informant files have been conducted by representatives of the Legal Liaison and Congressional Affairs Unit, Legal Counsel Division, Top Echelon and Criminal Informant Unit, Criminal Investigative

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Division and Congressional Inquiry Unit, Records Management Division. Conclusions are as follows: (1) Protection of our informants and sources throughout the course of the HSCA investigation is of paramount importance. (2) If release of these 5 files, with all informant identifying data excised, could satisfy the HSCA that these informants were not responsible for violence which occurred in Memphis at the time King was killed, then the best interests of the FBI are served; (3) To avoid precedent of the HSCA's staff reviewing informant files, only Mr. Blakey should be given access to these 5 informant files. at FBIHQ.

On April 26, 1978, Mr. Blakey advised that it would be acceptable that only he be given access to the Invader informant files.

If approved, files will be processed by the Congressional Inquiry Unit and prior to being made available to Mr. Blakey, excisions will be reviewed by the Top Echelon and Criminal Informant Unit.

RECOMMENDATION: That approval be granted to process these 5 individual informant files for access of Mr. Blakey in order to comply with HSCA request of April 12, 1978.

*[Handwritten signature]*

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

April 28, 1978

1 - Legal Counsel Division  
Attn: Mr. Coulson  
1 - Mr. Bailey  
1 - Mr. Foster

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

Reference is made to the letter to the Attorney General from G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director, HSCA, dated March 17, 1978, which requested, in connection with the HSCA's investigation into the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., access to certain material located in a Bulky Exhibit folder of the FBI Headquarters file of aforementioned case.

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

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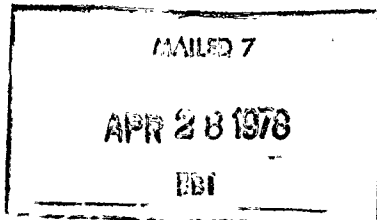
NOTE: Susan Grimes, HSCA, advised that she had reviewed material in Bulky Exhibit folder number 5586, Bufile 44-38861, but desired to select specific material from that folder. She stated that she would review that material at FBI Headquarters whenever she had the time.

This memorandum is to formally acknowledge that the requested material is available for review.

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1 - Legal Counsel Division  
Attn: Mr. Coulson  
1 - Mr. Bailey  
1 - Mr. Foster

April 28, 1978

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

Reference is made to the letter to the Attorney General from G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director HSCA, dated March 17, 1978, which requested, in connection with the HSCA's investigation into the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., copies of blueprints and sketches which are located in Bulky Exhibit folder number 5586 of the FBI Headquarters MURKIN file.

As requested in above letter, HSCA Staff Member Susan Grimes has previously been orally advised of the availability of this material for review and selection. This memorandum is a confirmation of that conversation acknowledging the availability of that material.

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ORIGINAL AND ONE SENT TO ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL,  
CRIMINAL DIVISION, ATTENTION: MR. ROBERT L. KEUCH.

NOTE: See Director, FBI, letter to Assistant Attorney General,  
Criminal Division, Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch, dated  
April 28, 1978, captioned as above.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

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MAR 17 1978

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., it is requested that the Federal Bureau of Investigation make available for reproduction all blueprints and rough sketches used in the construction of the mock-up of the crime scene. These documents are housed in Bulky Folder 5586 of the Headquarter's MURKIN file and have been reviewed by the Committee. The Committee foresees using only a few of the documents, therefore, we request that, rather than reproducing these materials in their entirety, you allow a Committee representative to identify these documents as needed.

Sincerely,

*G. Robert Blakey*

G. Robert Blakey  
Chief Counsel and Director

GRB:sgj

cc: Mr. Danny O. Coulson

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May 1, 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:

HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS  
In connection with the investigation by this Committee into the circumstances surrounding the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the assistance of the FBI is requested in regard to the following matters:

- 1) Access to BUFILE, Subfiles for the period January 1, 1967 through January 1, 1971 on:
  - a. Jerry Lee Miller - Date of birth: 4/11/39.  
aka James R. Payne.
  - b. James Russell Rogers - Date of birth: 1/18/21.  
FBI #195-765B.
  - c. Ernest Turley - Date of birth: 3/24/27. FBI #4 066 905.
  - d. James Allen Benny - Referenced in the St. Peter Bank Robbery files pertaining to John Larry Ray.
- 2) Prepare for delivery Identification Division records to include photos on:
  - a. Clarence Edgar Haynes - Date of birth: 6/13/15.  
S.S.#: 498-05-3274.
  - b. Jerry Lee Miller (photo only)
  - c. James Allen Benny

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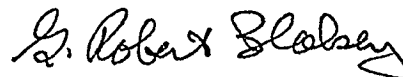
- d. James Russell Rogers (photo only)
- e. Ernest Turley (photo only)
- f. Ronald Seibelt Goldenstein (photo only)

By letter dated 4/5/78, we requested delivery of Identification Division records for the above, designated 2 (b, d, d, & e). At this time, we request that photos be delivered for the remaining individuals referenced in the 4/5/78 letter, designated items 2 (b, d, e, g and h).

We would like to have all the photos prepared and delivered on a priority-expedite basis by May 5, 1978, if possible.

Your continued cooperation is, as always, greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



G. Robert Blakey  
Chief Counsel and Director

GRB:ghd

✓cc: Danny Coulson  
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1 - Internal Counsel Division  
Attn: Mr. Coulson  
1 - Mr. Bailey  
1 - Mr. Foster

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

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

May 1, 1978

Director, FBI

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

Reference is made to the letter to the Attorney General from G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director, HSCA, dated March 27, 1978, which requested, in connection with the HSCA's investigation into the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., delivery of specified FBI documents; material relating to three named individuals; and that twenty-five (25) current or former Special Agents be made available for interview.

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

Enclosures (5)

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NOTE: On March 29, 1978, Robin Lindley, HSCA, picked up Items 1(a)-(e) in above request. Item 1(c) was modified to furnish serials 5540 and 5565 of Bufile 44-38861 which are identical with those Los Angeles serials. Los Angeles failed to initially provide page 2 of serial 1898 (Item 1(d)). This was later provided to Lindley on April 3, 1978.

By teletype April 28, 1978, Los Angeles was requested to furnish any material regarding Friends of Rhodesia and Ronald G. Hewitson (Items 1(f) and (g)).

HSCA requested FBI Headquarters (FBIHQ) and St. Louis documents relating to financial records of Jerry Raynes. St. Louis advised by airtel April 5, 1978, that all information was in FBIHQ file. Gerald Hamilton, HSCA, advised St. Louis need not provide this identical information.

Request that twenty-five (25) Special Agents be made available for interview (Item 3) was forwarded to Legal Liaison and Congressional Affairs Unit, Legal Counsel Division, for deliverance from their employment agreements and to contact them regarding interview by HSCA.

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Criminal Division

NOTE CONTINUED: Arrangements for these interviews are handled informally by representatives of the Legal Liaison and Congressional Affairs Unit and the Congressional Inquiry Unit of FBI Headquarters.

1 - Legal Counsel Division  
Attn: Mr. Coulson  
1 - Mr. Bailey  
1 - Mr. Foster

May 1, 1978

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

Reference is made to the letter to the Attorney General from G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director, HSCA, dated March 27, 1978, which requested, in connection with the HSCA's investigation into the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., delivery of a number of specified serials; information on three individuals and one organization; and that twenty-five (25) current or former Special Agents of the FBI be made available for interview.

On March 29, 1978, HSCA Staff Member Robin Lindley picked up specified serials (Items 1(a)-(c)) as requested by Gerald Hamilton, HSCA.

Enclosed as attachment one is the requested FBI Headquarters material on Friends of Rhodesia and J. C. Hardin (Items 1(f) and (i)). Based on the information provided by the HSCA, no information relating to Ronald G. Hewitson or Alan O. Thompson was located. The Los Angeles Office is currently searching for material on Hewitson and Friends of Rhodesia, and you will be advised at a later date as to the results of that search.

Enclosed as attachment two is a copy of selected serials (Items 2(a)-(j)) as requested.

Enclosed as attachment three is a copy of the retrievable financial records of Jerry Raynes, father of James Earl Ray. As was stated to Gerald Hamilton, HSCA, on April 5, 1978, the St. Louis Office advised that the requested material had been forwarded to FBIHQ for inclusion in the MURKIN file. To avoid duplicity, the St. Louis Office was not transmitting the identical information to FBIHQ.

This memorandum is also to confirm that the Agents and former Agents of the FBI, as listed in the above mentioned HSCA letter, have been cleared from their employment agreements

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and are available for interview as needed by the HSCA. Arrangements for interview can be made through contact with representatives of the Legal Liaison and Congressional Affairs Unit and the Congressional Inquiry Unit of FBIHQ.

Where information is not provided, it is because it is not retrievable or is not being furnished pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding.

Enclosures (3)

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

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## Select Committee on Assassinations

U.S. House of Representatives

3331 HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING, ANNEX 2

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

March 27, 1978

Letter #3

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:

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 assist the Select Committee on Assassinations with respect to the following matters:

- 1) Prepare for delivery: (PRIORITY)
  - a) Los Angeles MURKIN 44-1574-592 (Report of George Stoner, Chief Investigator, Office of the District Attorney, Los Angeles County 4-22-1968)
  - b) Los Angeles MURKIN 44-1574D-159 (FD 302, Interview with Raymond M. "Fido" Murphy, 4-24-1968)
  - c) Los Angeles MURKIN 44-1574-1850, 1857 (Memoranda written in February 1969, re: Los Angeles Times reporters, Dave Larsen and Jerry Cohen)
  - d) Los Angeles MURKIN 44-1574-1898 (Re: Marie Martin and Joel M. Levy)
  - e) Headquarters' MURKIN 44-3886-5437 including enclosures. (Re: Marie Martin and Ronald Gerald Deninno)

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f) All file material (BUFILE and Field Office)  
re: the Friends of Rhodesia (Los Angeles  
1967 - 1968)

g) All file material (BUFILE and Field Office),  
re: Ronald G. Hewitson

The above, designated g), was the 1968 President of the Orange County Chapter, Friends of Rhodesia, P. O. Box 613, Garden Grove, California, and at that time resided at 9692 Imperial Street, Garden Grove, California.

h) All file material, including Identification Division records, on Alan O. Thompson, dob 12/25/1913.

i) All file material including Identification Division records on J. C. Hardin, FBI 190-190C

2) Prepare for delivery the following serials:

a) 66-16458-297; 319; 328; Not Recorded (Director to SAC, B'ham, MM, Mobile 1/23/64, re: Willie Somerset)

b) 66-16458 Not Recorded (2/20/64 Airtel SAC, MM to Director)

c) 66-16458 Not Recorded (3/12/64 Airtel Miami - Director, re: BAPBOMB and Sidney C. Barnes)

d) 66-16458-333; 336

e) 15-1657-3; 1; 8; 5; 24; 28; 34; 35

f) 157-1263 Not Recorded (2/6/64 Teletype SAC, MM to Director requesting permission to tape conversation of Somerset and Barnes)

g) 157-1025-809; 509

h) 157-4-63-26

i) 105-65374-227

j) 62-112591-621



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3) Make available for interviews the following Agents:

Charles Harding  
Jerry D. Roseberry  
Robert W. Thompson  
Theodore A. King  
Wilber G. Stevens  
Marvin M. Eubanks  
Charles Harding  
Henry Rouse  
John Benton  
Donald Burgus  
Richard Millen  
Joseph Ponder  
William Perry  
William Lawrence  
Richard H. Davis  
Richard Hamilton  
John W. Matter  
Dave Ryan  
Lawrence Gettings  
C. B. Stanbury  
Howell S. Lowe  
Joseph H. Kearney, Jr.  
Merrell F. McCloughan

In addition to the above Agents, it is requested that the Agents listed below be made available on a priority basis:

Matthew D. Crawford  
Richard W. Kaiser  
John Page, Jr.

By letter dated 2/6/78, it was requested that the FBI provide this Committee copies of all bank records secured in the investigation of certain members of the Ray family. In FBI memorandum dated March 1, 1978, reference was made to the Bureau having included John Raynes (father) in the bank records search. It has come to our attention, subsequently, that specific records of John Raynes were secured by the St. Louis Field Office in connection with their investigation; oddly those bank records do not appear in the materials furnished 3/1/78. In view of these facts, it is hereby requested that

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the FBI check again the appropriate BUFILES and Field Office files for John Raynes, in continuance of the Committee's 2/6/78 request.

Due to the voluminous and time consuming nature of this request, we ask that as individual items become available, they be provided immediately.

Thank you for your continued assistance.

Sincerely,

*G. Robert Blakey*

G. Robert Blakey  
Chief Counsel and Director

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cc: Danny Coulson

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Moore *Dum/SEM*

FROM : E. J. Sharp *EJS/SEM*

SUBJECT: HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS  
U. S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DATE: 5/16/78

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## PURPOSE:

To state the position of the Organized Crime Section, Criminal Investigative Division (CID), regarding the confidentiality of informant files in cooperating with captioned Committee. See D. Ryan to Mr. Bassett memorandum dated April 27, 1978. -*BS*

## DETAILS:

CID is aware of the issue which the House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA) is attempting to resolve by review of the five informant files in question. Moreover, CID agrees that limiting the review of excised versions of the five files solely to G. Robert Blakey is a reasonable response to the Committee's request. However, the Organized Crime Section, CID, wishes to go on record with the following concerns in this matter:

1. Any request which exceeds the agreed manner of review, such as a request to review the complete informant file should be strenuously challenged and refused.

2. Requests for copies of any portions of the excised informant files should also be declined as it is obvious that access to both the contents of the substantive case files and even excised versions of the informant files would permit identification of the applicable informants.

CID is sensitive to the continued and real need to take every effort to maintain the confidentiality of the identity of an informant and Bureau records maintained on his behalf. As in the past, any subsequent requests from the Committee concerning informant records should be referred to CID.

- 1 - Mr. Bassett  
(Attn: Mr. Foster)
- 1 - Legal Counsel  
(Attn: Mr. Coulson)
- 1 - Mr. Moore
- 1 - Mr. Sharp
- 1 - Mr. Hale

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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS {HSCA}

HSCA, BY LETTER DATED MAY 11, 1978, REQUESTED THAT IN CONNECTION WITH THEIR INVESTIGATION INTO THE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., ASSASSINATION, THE DENVER AND SAN DIEGO FIELD OFFICE FILES ON THE MINUTEMEN ORGANIZATION FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY, 1967, THROUGH DECEMBER, 1968, BE PROVIDED. PC

IT IS REQUESTED THAT DENVER AND SAN DIEGO LOCATE THE MINUTEMEN FILE(S) IN THEIR RESPECTIVE OFFICES FOR THE TIME PERIOD IN QUESTION AND PROVIDE A COPY TO FBIHQ, ATTENTION: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT, BY CLOSE OF BUSINESS JUNE 2, 1978.

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REFERENCE COLUMBIA AND MEMPHIS TELETYPES TO THE BUREAU,  
BOTH DATED MAY 4, 1978. <sup>158</sup><sub>157</sub>

REFERENCED TELETYPES ADVISED, RESPECTIVELY, THAT CO 44-R  
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VIEWED BY STAFF MEMBERS OF THE HSCA. BASED ON DISCUSSIONS  
BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF FBI HEADQUARTERS {FBIHQ}, DEPARTMENT  
OF JUSTICE AND HSCA, IT HAS BEEN AGREED TO PROCEED BY FURNISHING  
TO THE INFORMANTS THE IDENTITIES AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF HSCA  
PERSONNEL IN ORDER THAT INFORMANTS CAN TELEPHONICALLY CONTACT  
THE HSCA AND MAKE THEIR OWN ARRANGEMENTS FOR INTERVIEW. INFOR-  
MANTS CAN PERSONALLY NEGOTIATE THE SCOPE OF INTERVIEW AND THE

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1 - CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

ATTN: MR. M. V. HALE

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1 - LEGAL COUNSEL DIVISION

ATTN: MR. D. O. COULSON

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1 - MR. G. J. FOSTER

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INFORMANTS SHOULD BE GIVEN THE NAMES OF MARK SPEISER AND 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 FBI INFORMATION CONCERNING THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ROBERT SHELTON, IMPERIAL WIZARD OF THE UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA (UKA), AND ARTHUR HANES, FORMER COUNSEL OF JAMES EARL RAY. IDENTITIES OF INFORMANTS HAVE NOT BEEN FURNISHED TO THE HSCA BY FBIHQ.

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NOTE: HSCA request of 4/12/78 listed five serials reviewed by the HSCA which contained information regarding the Hanes-Shelton relationship. The HSCA desired to interview informants providing that information, if informants would be agreeable. This information is furnished by the above two informants and former BH 418-R (NO 1289-R). By teletype dated 4/28/78, these offices were instructed to contact informants and determine if they had any objection to being interviewed by the HSCA. BH 418-R (NO 1289-R) has not been contacted to date. SA George Ross, Columbia Office, and ASAC Richard Blay, Memphis Office, were telephonically contacted on 5/17/78 concerning this matter. They agreed that having informants initiate contact with the HSCA was the best method of handling this situation. This matter was coordinated at FBIHQ with SA D. O. Coulson, Legal Counsel Division, and J. J. Jamar, Criminal Investigative Division.

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FM DIRECTOR FBI (62-117290)

TO FBI ST. LOUIS IMMEDIATE

FBI CHICAGO IMMEDIATE

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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)

HSCA, BY LETTER DATED MAY 17, 1978, REQUESTED THAT A DETERMINATION BE MADE AS TO WHETHER THE ST. LOUIS OR CHICAGO FIELD OFFICE "MADE ANY ATTEMPTS AT SURREPTITIOUS ENTRY, OR IN FACT SUCCEEDED AT SURREPTITIOUSLY ENTERING THE RESIDENCES OR THE PREMISES OWNED OR LEASED BY CAROL PEPPER, JOHN RAY, AND/OR JERRY RAY".

ON MAY 24, 1978, MIKE EBERHARDT, STAFF MEMBER, HSCA, ADVISED THAT THE COMMITTEE IS INTERESTED IN RESOLVING AN ALLEGATION THAT ENTRY WAS MADE TO OBTAIN FINANCIAL RECORDS OF JAMES EARL RAY'S FAMILY OR TO INSTALL ELSUR OR MISUR. PREMISES MENTIONED REFERS TO GRAPEVINE TAVERN, ST. LOUIS.

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RECEIVING OFFICES ARE REQUESTED TO REVIEW RESPECTIVE  
MURKIN OR APPROPRIATE FILES FOR ANY INFORMATION REGARDING ENTRY  
BY FBI OF RESIDENCES OF ABOVE THREE INDIVIDUALS OR THE GRAPEVINE  
TAVERN. ANY PERTINENT INFORMATION SHOULD BE DUPLICATED AND ONE  
COPY SHOULD BE FURNISHED TO FBI HEADQUARTERS, ATTENTION:  
CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT, RECORDS MANAGEMENT DIVISION, BY  
CLOSE OF BUSINESS JUNE 9, 1978.

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

May 5, 1978

- 1 - Legal Counsel  
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- 1 - Mr. W.C. Bailey
- 1 - Mr. G.J. Foster

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U. S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (HSCA)

Reference is made to the letter to the Attorney General from G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director, HSCA, dated April 13, 1978, which requested, in connection with the HSCA's investigation into the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., certain material in FBI Headquarters and Los Angeles Field Office files.

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

Enclosures (4)

NOTE: Per HSCA request, certain material re Jules Rocco Kimble to which the HSCA had been given access (HSCA request 3/15/78) was delivered to HSCA staff member Wendy Collins on 4/25/78.

By Butel to Los Angeles, 4/24/78, Los Angeles was requested to furnish all retrievable information re COBRA or "Free Right" by close of business 5/3/78. Upon receipt, this material will be processed for access and HSCA notified.

HSCA requested Manual of Instructions on destruction of files and records under "Administration Of Offices," (MOI, Part II, Section 3, Pages 13-15c). The relevant information was located and is being provided to the HSCA. In addition, Bureau letters to Albany, 8/15, 9/27, and 10/28, captioned "Destruction of Field Files and Records," are being furnished to provide background for current Bureau policy regarding this matter. This response was coordinated with SA James W. Awe, Records Systems Section, Records Management Division.

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Reference is made to the letter to the Attorney General from G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director, HSCA, dated April 13, 1978, which requested, in connection with the HSCA's investigation into the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., delivery of certain Identification Division records; previously processed material regarding "Jules Rocco Kimble"; certain pre-processed serials; and the pertinent section of the Manual of Instructions dealing with destruction of files and records. Additionally, the HSCA requested that the Los Angeles Field Office files regarding COBRA or "Free Right" be made available.

This memorandum is to confirm that, as requested, the material on Jules Rocco Kimble was delivered to HSCA staff member Wendy Collins on April 25, 1978.

Enclosed hereto as Attachment 1 are the Identification Division records for Roderic Burns Duff, FBI Number 266 084 B (note correct number) and Edgar Eugene Bradley. Based on the limited background data furnished, no Identification Division records on the other individuals were located. Included in this attachment are copies of the six specified serials set forth in Item 4 of above-referenced letter.

Enclosed as Attachment 2 is a copy of the applicable section of the Manual of Instructions regarding destruction of files and records. For the HSCA's edification, included are copies of Bureau letters to Albany, dated August 15, 1977; September 27, 1977; and October 28, 1977, relating to current instructions on the file destruction program.

The Los Angeles Office has been instructed to forward the pertinent material on COBRA or "Free Right." You will be notified when this material has been processed and is available for review.

Enclosures (2) ORIGINAL AND ONE SENT TO ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL, CRIMINAL DIVISION, ATTN: MR. ROBERT L. KEUCH.

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Reference is made to the letter to the Attorney General from G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director, HSCA, dated April 13, 1978, and Director, FBI, letter to Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch, dated May 5, 1978, in response thereto. 76422, 7648

Enclosed are an original and one copy of a memorandum which completes the FBI's response to above-referenced request. It is requested that you furnish a copy of the enclosed memorandum to the HSCA.

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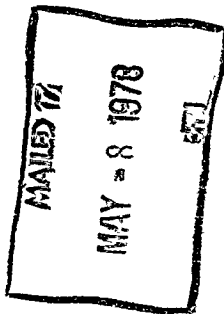
NOTE: By airtel May 1, 1978, Los Angeles furnished one copy of all possible pertinent serials regarding COBRA and/or "Free Right". These serials have been processed and are available for review at FBI Headquarters as stated in enclosed memorandum, thereby completing this request.

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Reference is made to the letter to the Attorney General from G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director, HSCA, dated April 13, 1978, and the memorandum dated May 5, 1978, captioned as above, in partial response thereto. That letter pertained to the HSCA's investigation into the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., specifically, requesting certain material in the files of FBI Headquarters (FBIHQ) and the Los Angeles Field Office. Above-referenced memorandum of May 5, 1978, stated, in part, that the HSCA would be advised when the Los Angeles file references for COBRA and "Free Right" were available for review at FBIHQ.

This memorandum is to advise that those references pertaining to COBRA and "Free Right" have been processed and are available for review at FBIHQ. This memorandum completes the response to the HSCA request of April 13, 1978.

Where information is not provided, it is because it is either not retrievable or is subject to the Memorandum of Understanding.

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ORIGINAL AND ONE SENT TO ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL,  
CRIMINAL DIVISION, ATTENTION: MR. ROBERT L. KEUCH.

NOTE: See Director, FBI, letter to Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch, dated May 8, 1978, captioned as above.

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## Select Committee on Assassinations

U.S. House of Representatives

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

April 13, 1978

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:

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 with regard to the following matters:

- 1) Prepare for delivery Identification Division Records on:
  - a. White, Walter, D.O.B. 1/24/18
  - b. Thorton, James Paul, D.O.B. 9/17/41
  - c. Parka, Glenn Curtis, D.O.B. 10/27/30
  - d. Duff, Roderic Burns, D.O.B. 7/5/34  
FBI #226-084-B
  - e. Bradley, Edgar Eugene
- 2) Prepare for delivery on a priority basis the following serials:
  - a. Miscellaneous references on Jules Rocco Kimble (request of 3/15/78)
  - b. Jules Rocco Kimble, Main Identification File 157-4403 (request of 3/15/78)
  - c. Jules Rocco Kimble, Main Identification File 88-53174 (request of 3/15/78)
- 3) Prepare for access Los Angeles Subfiles on an organization known as COBRA or "FREE RIGHT" 100-74748-1

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The Honorable Griffin B. Bell.  
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4) Prepare for delivery the following serials:

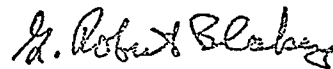
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Finally, the Committee is interested in obtaining a copy of the FBI current Manual of Instruction, pertaining to destruction of files and records.

We would appreciate it if a copy of this manual could be provided as soon as it becomes available.

As always, your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



G. Robert Blakey  
Chief Counsel and Director

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cc: Danny Coulson