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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA) 6/16/78 Reg. sec 259

RE: BUCAL TO ALLENTOWN RESIDENT AGENT, JULY 7, 1978.

REFERENCED CALL CONCERNED HSCA REQUEST THAT SA DAVID A. REIGHLEY BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR STAFF INTERVIEW ON TUESDAY, JULY 11, 1978, AT 11:00 A.M. AT THEIR OFFICE LOCATED AT 2331 HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING, ANNEX TWO ("2ND" AND "D" STREETS S.W.), WASHINGTON, D. C.

AGENT REIGHLEY SHOULD TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON, D. C., AND REPORT TO CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT, ROOM 8988, FBI HEADQUARTERS PRIOR TO ABOVE APPOINTMENT.

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1 - MR. MINTZ
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-117290)
(ATTN: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT
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FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS (62-5097) RUC

SUBJECT: HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)
BUDED: 7/6/78

Re Bureau teletype, 6/28/78.

Enclosed for Congressional Inquiry Unit are two copies of serials 46-73 of SL 157-582 which is entitled "White Citizen Council, RM."

It is noted that serial 71 does not appear in the file and, therefore, has not been provided. A search of St. Louis files has failed to reveal fate of this document.

It is also noted that not all of enclosed serials fit criteria set forth in referenced teletype, but are being furnished to provide continuity.

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FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

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

June 22, 1978

1 - Mr. Mintz
Attn: Mr. Coulson
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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 May 24, 1978, which requested, in connection with the HSCA's investigation into the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., that access be given to all files regarding John Burrell Smith from the Memphis Field Office.

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

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NOTE: HSCA, by letter dated May 2, 1978, had requested all material on Smith. FBI Headquarters file material was located and processed, and the Committee was notified by memorandum dated May 15, 1978.

Staff member William Webb advised that the Committee was interested in the Memphis Field Office files regarding Smith, particularly whether there was an informant file on him. HSCA amended their original request on Smith by above-referenced letter to include the Memphis files. Memphis, by airtel dated June 9, 1978, furnished all data regarding Smith and advised that there was no informant file regarding Smith.

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This memorandum is to advise that all retrievable information regarding John Burrell Smith in the files of the Memphis Field Office has been processed and is available for review at FBI Headquarters.

Where information is not furnished, 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 the Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch, dated June 22, 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

May 24, 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:

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

Sincerely,

G. Robert Blakey

G. Robert Blakey
Chief Counsel and Director

GRB:wwj
cc: Mr. Danny O. Coulson

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June 23, 1978

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

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

Director, FBI

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

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

Reference is made to the letter to the Attorney General from G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director, HSCA, dated May 2, 1978, which requested, in connection with the HSCA's investigation into the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., that the fingerprints of five Special Agents be provided; that five Special Agents be made available for interview; and that certain material related to Memphis Field Office radio logs and the file destruction policy for those logs be provided.

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

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NOTE: With respect to item 1 of above-referenced letter, Susan Grimes, Staff member, HSCA, advised on 6/8/78, that the Committee was withdrawing the request for the fingerprints.

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In item 2, HSCA furnished the incorrect name for SA John J. Foarde (stated in letter as John J. Ford). It was determined through file review that SA Foarde is current Legat, Mexico City. SA Ron Heller, Legal Counsel Division, advised on 6/19/78, that he would attempt to have Foarde cleared from employment agreement expeditiously as HSCA has indicated that they want to interview him in the near future. SA Joe Leo, Liaison, Division 5, was advised of the Committee's interest in interviewing Foarde.

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Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch

CONT'D NOTE

By memorandum dated 6/6/78, it was requested that the other Agents listed in item 2 be cleared from their employment agreements and to contact them regarding interview by HSCA.

Arrangements for these interviews are handled informally by representatives of the Legal Liaison and Congressional Affairs Unit and the Congressional Inquiry Unit of FBIHQ.

On 5/31/78, Butel to Memphis was sent requesting Memphis furnish all pertinent data regarding radio logs from 1968. Memphis advised on 6/7/78, that nothing was located regarding those radio logs.

The HSCA is being provided with appropriate pages from the Manual of Instructions (1968) and the current Manual of Administrative Operations and Procedures regarding the destruction policy for radio logs.

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1 - Legal Counsel Division
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1 - Mr. Bailey
1 - Mr. Foster

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This memorandum is to confirm that on June 8, 1978, Susan Grimes, Staff member, HSCA, advised that the Committee was withdrawing the request for the fingerprints of five Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

This is also to advise that the Agents and former Agents of the FBI, as listed in the above-mentioned letter, have been cleared from their employment agreements 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 FBI Headquarters (FBIHQ). It should be noted, for your records, that the correct spelling of the Agent listed in item 2(d) is John J. Foarde, not John J. Ford.

With respect to item 3 in above-referenced letter, this is to advise that the Memphis Field Office was unable to locate any of the information requested in 3(a) - 3(c). Enclosed as the attachment hereto is a copy of page 35, Manual of Instructions, Volume 1, Section 8, reflecting the file destruction policy regarding radio logs in 1968. Included also is page 311, Manual of Administrative Operations and Procedures, Part II, Section 2 (Field Office Operations), which sets forth the current destruction policy for radio logs.

This memorandum completes the response to the HSCA letter dated May 2, 1978.

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Letterhead Memorandum
Re: House Select Committee on Assassinations
U.S. House of Representatives (HSCA)
62-117290

NOTE: See Director, FBI, letter to the Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch, dated June 23, 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

May 2, 1978

The Honorable Griffin B. Bell
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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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

G. Robert Blakey
Chief Counsel and Director

GRB:ghj
cc: Mr. Danny O. Coulson

1 - Mr. Bailey
1 - Legal Counsel Division
Attn: Mr. Coulson
June 23, 1978

1 - Mr. Foster
1 - Mr. Busching

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

Director, FBI

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

Reference is made to letter to the Attorney General from G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director, HSCA, dated May 25, 1978, which, in connection with the HSCA's investigation into the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., requested delivery of certain Counterintelligence Program information relating to Black Nationalist-Hate Groups from various FBI field offices.

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

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NOTE: To fulfill the above request, a teletype was sent to the 41 field offices involved. Responses were then reviewed to eliminate serials that did not meet the criteria requested. The first delivery involved approximately 20 serials and the second and final delivery involved three serials. There were 13 serials sent in by the field that had already been delivered under a similar request for a different time period.

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June 23, 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 May 25, 1978, which, in connection with the HSCA's investigation into the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., requested delivery of all reports, letterhead memoranda, airtels, letters, and teletypes in 41 field office files concerning Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., or the Southern Christian Leadership Conference submitted pursuant to FBI letter to Albany, dated August 25, 1967, captioned "Counterintelligence Program, Black Nationalist-Hate Groups, Internal Security," and FBI airtel to Albany dated March 4, 1968, captioned "Counterintelligence Program, Black Nationalist-Hate Groups, Racial Intelligence."

On June 2, 1978, HSCA representative, William Webb, advised that aforesaid request would be modified to include communications submitted up to and including December 31, 1968.

This letter confirms that on June 8, 1978, partial delivery of the requested Counterintelligence Program information was made to HSCA representative, Wendy Collins.

The remainder of the requested Counterintelligence Program information was delivered to HSCA representative, Lisa Berlow, on June 20, 1978.

To avoid unnecessary duplication, no additional copies of counterintelligence material previously furnished under a similar request for a different time period were made (see FBI memorandum dated March 17, 1978, pages 2 and 3).

This letter will complete our response to HSCA letter dated May 25, 1978.

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 June 23, 1978, captioned "House Select Committee on Assassinations, U. S. House of Representatives (HSCA)."

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May 25, 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:

Reference is made to a letter dated 8/25/67 from the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to 23 field offices advising them of the beginning of a counterintelligence program against "militant Black Nationalist - Hate Groups" and an airtel from the Director to the SAC Albany and 40 other Federal Bureau of Investigation field offices dated 3/4/68 concerning the same subject. Both pieces of mail ask the affected field offices to make periodic reports to the Bureau.

It is requested that the Federal Bureau of Investigation search the appropriate Field Office files and prepare for delivery, all reports, letterhead memoranda, airtels, letters and teletypes submitted pursuant to these two referenced documents which were concerned with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., or the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

The response to this request should be handled on a priority basis and take precedence over all prior requests in connection with the King investigation.

Your prompt attention and cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

G. Robert Blakey

G. Robert Blakey
Chief Counsel and Director

GRB:wwh

xc: Danny O. Coulson, SA

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FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

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

July 24, 1978

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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 June 19, 1978, which, in connection with the HSCA's investigation into the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., requested certain materials from the files of the FBI.

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

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NOTE: 1968 Summary of Inspection of Domestic Intelligence Division located in file 67-14900-1-229, and 1967 Summary located in personnel file of former Assistant Director, William Sullivan, file 67-205182.

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July 24, 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 June 19, 1978, which, in connection with the HSCA's investigation into the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., requested certain materials from the files of the FBI.

With respect to Item 1, a review of files of New Orleans Field Office was conducted and no retrievable information relating to the White Citizens Council for the period 1966-1968 was located.

Available for review at FBI Headquarters (FBIHQ) are materials concerning the White Citizens Council of FBIHQ's file and the St. Louis Field Office. St. Louis furnished serials 46-73 of file number 157-582. It is noted that serial 71 is missing and a search failed to reveal the fate of this serial as to whether it ever existed or was inadvertently skipped over. It is also noted that not all enclosed St. Louis serials fit the criteria requested but are being furnished to provide continuity.

With respect to Item 2, Inspection Division Summaries for the years 1967-1968 regarding the Intelligence Division were reviewed with negative results regarding any counterintelligence program concerning Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. It is noted that the Inspection Reports themselves for 1967-1968 were destroyed in accordance with the FBI's routine destruction program.

With respect to Item 3, Memphis Field Office conducted the following Investigation with respect to obtaining any information regarding the location of the original X-rays taken of Dr. King at St. Joseph Hospital, Memphis, Tennessee:

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

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All the individuals named below were contacted July 3, 1978.

Larry Hutchinson, Investigator, Criminal Investigative Division State Attorney General's Office, Memphis, Tennessee, advised files of his office regarding the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., case contain no original X-rays of Dr. King. He suggested the Shelby County, Tennessee, Criminal Clerk be contacted.

James A. Blackwell, Clerk, Shelby County Criminal Court, advised a review of documents regarding the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., case revealed no information concerning X-rays of Dr. King.

Dr. J. T. Francisco, State of Tennessee Medical Examiner's Office, Memphis, advised he utilized copies of original X-rays of Dr. King in connection with the examination conducted by him following the death of Dr. King. Dr. Francisco was of opinion the original X-rays no longer exist becuase X-rays are ordinarily not maintained longer than five years.

Dr. Boyer M. Brady, Radiology Department, St. Joseph Hospital, 220 Overton Avenue, Memphis, advised the original X-rays of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., are not maintained in Radiology Department, but were transferred to the Administrator's Office. He furnished no information regarding current location of the original X-rays of Dr. King.

Dr. Michael Silverman was contacted at his office, St. Joseph Hospital (SJH), East. He recalled that X-rays of Dr. King were made when he entered the emergency room at St. Joseph Hospital, 220 Overton Avenue, in 1968. Dr. Silverman does not know number of X-rays made but recalled a report was prepared on the examination and the report and X-rays were transferred to the administrator's Office the day following the death of Dr. King. This arrangement was made due to the widespread publicity concerning the death of Dr. King and the anticipated demand that would be made regarding examination and X-rays of him. Two or three months ago Dr. Silverman was contacted by Sister Rita, O.S.F., Executive Director, SJH, who requested he assist her in locating the X rays of Dr. King. At the time he reviewed the X-rays located at SJH and believes there were one or two original X-rays and some copies, specific number not recalled. He did

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not observe any written documents showing the location of original X-rays but has in the past heard someone, identity not recalled, mention the original X-rays were furnished to the FBI. He is of the opinion the original X-rays are in possession of a governmental agency or committee in Washington, D. C., and felt the FBI was the logical agency since the FBI was involved in the investigation of the case.

Sister M. Rita, Executive Director, SJH, advised the HSCA has been furnished the only original X-ray of Dr. King located at the SJH. There are no written documents at SJH setting forth the location of original X-rays not found there. She was informed by Dr. Michael Silverman the FBI had the originals but has no written or additional oral confirmation of this information. She pointed out she was not at SJH in 1968 and has no personal knowledge regarding the handling of the X-rays at the time. She expressed regret she could furnish no positive information regarding the location of the additional X-rays.

Also, a search of pertinent Memphis files ascertained no information regarding location of original X-rays of Dr. King.

Aforesaid information concerning the X-rays of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., was telephonically furnished to HSCA representative Ralph Locke, on July 11, 1978.

This letter completes response to HSCA letter of June 19, 1978.

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June 19, 1978

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

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

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

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

1) Prepare for access all BUFILE material, New Orleans, and St. Louis, Field Office files pertaining to the White Citizen's Council for the period 1966-1968.

2) Prepare for access all files, records, memoranda, and miscellaneous items of the Inspection Division, pertaining to COINTELPRO for the period 1967-1968, re: Dr. King.

3) Make available any information regarding the x-rays of Dr. King as referenced in the enclosed copy of Sister M. Rita's letter.

Your continued cooperation in 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
Enclosure

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May 8, 1978

Mr. Louis Stokes
Chairman
Select Committee on Assassinations
U. S. House of Representatives
3331 House Office Building, Annex 2
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Stokes:

In response to your letter of May 1, 1978, regarding information on Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., on April 4, 1968, the physicians can be reached as follows:

Dr. J. T. Galyon
6005 Park Avenue
Memphis, TN, 38138 901-682-5642;

Dr. Fred Gioia
6005 Park Avenue
Memphis, TN, 38138 901-761-2300

Dr. Jerome Barrasso
6005 Park Avenue
Memphis, TN, 38138 901-761-2340

Dr. Rufus Brown (Last known address):
Booneville, Mississippi We do not have his telephone number.

Regarding the original X-rays, I have been told they were given to FBI officials by persons who were here at St. Joseph Hospital at that time. There are no receipts, nor acknowledgements of any kind, and there are no original x-rays in our file. Dr. Michael N. Silverman, still at St. Joseph Hospital (901-529-2815), also states that these were given to the FBI officials.

Please let us know if we can help you further. May God bless you always.

Sincerely yours,

Sister M. Rita OSF

Sister M. Rita, O.S.F.
Executive Director

ENCLOSURE 62-117290-1216

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

July 6, 1978

1 - Mr. Mintz
Attn: Mr. Coulson
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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 May 2, 1978, in which the HSCA furnished, in connection with the HSCA's investigation into the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., a tape recording of an HSCA staff interview with Special Agent Howell Lowe.

Enclosed are an original and one copy of a memorandum with an attachment containing three (3) microcassettes in response to the above-referenced letter. It is requested that you furnish a copy of the memorandum with the attachment to the HSCA.

Enclosures (5)

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NOTE: HSCA, by letter 3/27/78, requested that 20 current and former SA's be made available for interview, including SA Howell Lowe of the Memphis Office. Lowe was subsequently cleared from his employment agreement and travelled to Washington, D. C., where he was interviewed by staff members of the HSCA on 4/19/78.

By Memphis airtel to Bureau, 4/21/78, Lowe advised of the nature of above interview including implied threat by staff members of Contempt of Congress for refusal by Lowe to answer questions concerning informant matters. SA Lowe also advised that the Committee had asked him questions concerning current organized crime matters which he felt exceeded the scope of their inquiry.

Based upon the statements made by SA Lowe, SA Danny O. Coulson, Legal Liaison and Congressional Affairs Unit, Legal Counsel Division, contacted Mr. Blakey and requested that the tapes of the interview of SA Lowe be made available for review.

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3 ENCLOSURE

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By above referenced-letter of 5/2/78, Mr. Blakey furnished the three microcassettes of the interview of Lowe which was conducted by staff members William Webb, Kenn McHarph, and Jeremy Akers.

The three microcassettes were copied by the Audio Analysis Unit, Division Eight, onto four (4) standard Maxell cassettes which are being retained in the Congressional Inquiry Unit (CIU), Division Four. A partial transcript of pertinent portion of the interview is also being made and will be retained in the CIU. The original cassettes are being returned as requested by the HSCA.

The cassettes were reviewed by SA Brekke, CIU, Division Four. It was determined, on the first cassette, that at a point in the interview during which the staff members were questioning SA Lowe concerning informant matters, that the tape recorder being used by the Committee was stopped for an unknown period and recording begun at an unspecified later time in the interview. At no other time during the interview was Bureau policy regarding the limits that Agents could respond to questions about sources and informants discussed by the HSCA staff members and SA Lowe. Therefore, it could not be ascertained whether the matters mentioned by SA Lowe had, in fact, occurred. Review of the entire tape of the interview failed to disclose any line of questioning concerning current organized crime matters which could be considered exceeding the scope of the HSCA's inquiry. As the tape of the interview was obviously interrupted, this fact is being pointed out to the HSCA in attached memorandum.

Response to above-referenced letter was coordinated with SA Coulson, Legal Counsel Division.

A copy of the HSCA's letter of 5/2/78, and the letterhead memorandum reflecting the interview of SA Lowe are attached to FBI Headquarters copies for information purposes.

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A review was made of above-mentioned tape recording of the interview of SA Howell Lowe. As stated in above-referenced letter, it does not appear that the line of questioning by the HSCA staff members during that interview concerning informant and organized crime matters was inconsistent with the Memorandum of Understanding. It must be pointed out, however, that a complete and objective review of this tape could not be made as the recording of this interview was temporarily suspended. This suspension, of an unspecified length of time, occurred during a discussion between the staff members present and SA Lowe concerning the scope of informant-related questions that SA Lowe was required to answer.

Due to this apparent "gap" in the interview, no determination can be made from the portion of the interview that was not recorded. In view of the above, it is not possible to ascertain whether the questions posed to SA Lowe concerning informants, sources and organized crime were improper.

Enclosed in an attachment hereto are the three (3) microcassettes that were furnished in above-referenced letter of May 2, 1978.

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Enclosures (3)
62-117290 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 July 6, 1978, captioned as above.

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

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

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

It has come to my attention that SA Howell Lowe, after his interview with members of my staff, indicated that he felt certain questions posed to him concerning FBI sources and informants and organized crime were improper.

While it is not generally our policy to do so, the interview with SA Lowe was tape recorded. You or your designated representative may listen to that recording.

After reviewing the pertinent portions of the tape, I found the questions regarding informants to be general in nature and those regarding organized crime to be general and not involving current cases. Therefore, I have concluded that the questions were consistent with the memorandum of understanding between your office and the Committee.

If your records reflect a different line of questioning, please bring that to my attention so that we might discuss your interpretation.

Very truly yours,

G. Robert Blakey

G. Robert Blakey
Chief Counsel and Director

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ENCLOSURE 62-117290

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June 30, 1978

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

On April 19, 1978, Special Agent (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 the HSCA.

Interview included requests for complete background information of SA Lowe, information concerning activities and membership of the United Klans of America (UKA), American Nazi Party, and other white hate groups in existence at Memphis, Tennessee, 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 King, Jr.

A second interview began at 3:00 p.m., lasting until 6:30 p.m. and was conducted by Kenn Mc Hargh, 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 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.

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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 the Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch, dated June 30, 1978, captioned as above.

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It was pointed out that SA Lowe was agreeable to be interviewed at Memphis, Tennessee, but such an interview would have to receive the approval of FBI Headquarters 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 penalities 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 , Black Organizations Project (BOP), Ku Klux Klans, UKA, 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 1967-1968.

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, Tennessee.

Information was requested concerning supervisory makeup of the Memphis Office, squads, squad assignments, case assignments, identity and location of Agents working security and racial matters at Memphis, Tennessee, in 1967 and 1968.

Questions concerning bomb threats, method of handling, Bureau instructions regarding bomb threats, receipt of bomb threats directed against Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and dissemination of information concerning bomb threats by the Memphis Office.

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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, Tennessee, 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 Dr. King and Bureau instructions concerning various other investigation at Memphis, Tennessee.

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

A series of questions was asked concerning current organized crime at Memphis, Tennessee. 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, Tennessee, 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.

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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS {HSCA}

REPRESENTATIVES OF CAPTIONED COMMITTEE PLAN TO BE IN LONDON DURING WEEK OF JULY 17, 1978, AND WHILE THERE DESIRE TO INTERVIEW LEGAT RICHARD S. CLARK IN CONNECTION WITH HSCA INVESTIGATION INTO ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. REQUEST TO INTERVIEW CLARK WAS MADE IN HSCA LETTER TO ATTORNEY GENERAL DATED JANUARY 20, 1978, AND CLARK HAS BEEN CLEARED FROM HIS EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT FOR INTERVIEW. LEGAL COUNSEL DIVISION REPSENTATIVE WILL TELEPHONICALLY CONTACT CLARK AND FURNISH LEGAL BRIEFING CONCERNING INTERVIEW. FOLLOWING INTERVIEW, CLARK SHOULD SUBMIT LETTERHEAD MEMORANDUM CONTAINING SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW.

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1 - LEGAL COUNSEL DIVISION
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1 - MR. G. J. FOSTER

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TELETYPE TO LEGAT, LONDON
RE: HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)
62-117290

NOTE: BY LEGAL COUNSEL DIVISION MEMORANDUM TO THE ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR 2/1/78, CLARK WAS CLEARED FROM HIS EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT. THROUGH CONTACT WITH HSCA ON 7/14/78, IT WAS LEARNED THAT COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE IN LONDON AND DESIRED TO CONDUCT INTERVIEW.

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TO : ~~File~~ Mr. Bassett (62-117290) Mr. Ryan

DATE: July 12, 1978

FROM : ~~SA Tron W. Brekke~~

1 - Mr. Foster
1 - Mr. Brekke

SUBJECT: HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)

Re HSCA request dated March 27, 1978.

The following is a partial transcript of the HSCA interview of SA Howell S. Lowe, Memphis Office, on April 19, 1978, which was taped by the Committee. The portion of the interview below occurs approximately between the twenty-first and twenty-fourth minutes of the interview, and includes an obvious interruption in the recording of that interview.

HSCA "During the period 1967 through the assassination do you recall having any sources within..."

SA Lowe "I don't discuss sources."

HSCA "Oh, well, I understand that the instructions you receive from the Legal Unit of the FBI..."

SA Lowe "I haven't talked to them."

HSCA "says not to discuss specific names but the fact that you had or did not have, I understand, if I understand the ground rules, a fair game."

SA Lowe "Well I ah, I unfortunately with the late airplane this morning have not talked to the Legal People, but I ah, and I'm not interested particularly in talking to them, they were supposed to call me two days ago, that is their problem not mine. Ah, but I would not discuss my sources, or our sources, or anything concerning sources."

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HSCA "Hm, like I said, this is different than we understand the ground rules to be, and if you don't mind I would either like to put you in touch with Danny Coulson from your Legal Unit or you can call them, I'll give you the number, because we understand the ground rules to be we can't ask you who they were. We can ask you to confirm or deny that you had them, what period of time, characterizing them as either people who made decisions in the organization or not, and we can ask those kind of questions as long as we don't ask you their identities or, you know, whether or not the guy with one arm and one leg was in fact a source."

SA Lowe "Well, ah, regardless, yeah, I'll be glad to talk to the Legal People, ah but, I am not prone to talk very much about sources."

HSCA "I can appreciate that."

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SA Lowe "Ah, anything leading to them or any direction of the Bureau towards handling them, that is something you are going to have to get from somebody else."

HSCA "Well, there may not be other people we can get it from. We have reached an agreement with the Bureau whereby, we will obtain the sanitized informant files."

SA Lowe "That's fine."

HSCA "Ok."

SA Lowe "The information they furnish, you are welcome to."

HSCA "Ok, but it is also my understanding of the agreement that we are allowed to ask you certain questions relative to sources and informants as long as we don't ask you their identities, and I think that before we can proceed much further..."

SA Lowe "Ah, that is fine and maybe you, ah maybe you ought to talk to them, but even regardless of what they say ah, ah, well you may be allowed to ask the question. I'm not denying that now..."

HSCA "Right, and I understand that your instructions are to cooperate with us..."

SA Lowe "Oh, I'll be glad to do that."

HSCA "fully to the extent of our mandate, and if the FBI and the Attorney General have decided that we may properly ask and you must respond to questions about sources without revealing source's identity, ah we are at an impasse if you are saying, regardless of what they say you are not going to do what, you are going to do whatever you want to do."

SA Lowe "Well, no, I'm not saying that at all. I am saying that ah, ah, I would..."

(PAUSE)

HSCA "Bureau have other than the Project or the Invaders."

SA Lowe "Oh yes, oh yes."

HSCA "and were they there during the period of 1967, late, when we were talking about December, November, 1967, through the period of the assassination."

SA Lowe "Well, when you say they were there, yeah, some of them, that was a constant changing thing you are aware, yeah, yeah we had sources ah, ah, in that group, ah why didn't you say sources?"

HSCA "Well I mean, I mean get more specific about..."

SA Lowe "Yeah, well lets..."

HSCA "Give us the broadest category that you..."

SA Lowe "All right, we had a number of sources, ah that were reporting on and about that group, some members, some nonmembers, some outsiders, ah yes."

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HSCA "Did you ever have informants within the group?"
SA Lowe "Yes we did."
HSCA "and were they assigned symbol numbers?"
SA Lowe "Hm, yes, now wait a minute, you are talking about what period?"
HSCA "My questions were all 1967 through the assassination."
SA Lowe "Through the assassination?"
HSCA "Right."
SA Lowe "Yes, we had some symbol number informants, ah, yes we did."
HSCA "That was within which group...the Invaders or Black Organizing Project, or what is known as BOP dash..."
SA Lowe "Dash Invaders...that group per se, yes."

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FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

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

July 28, 1978

1 - Mr. Mintz
Attn: Mr. Coulson
1 - Mr. Bailey
1 - Mr. Foster
1 - Mr. Busching

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 July 5, 1978, which, in connection with the HSCA's investigation into the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., requested certain materials from FBI files.

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

Enclosures (2)

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With respect to Item 1, material regarding one Rhonda Gibson from Bureau and St. Louis Field Office files is available for review at FBI Headquarters (FBIHQ).

With respect to Item 2, San Antonio Field Office files pertaining to MURKIN are available for review at FBIHQ. It is noted that in communications sent to Director, FBI, FBIHQ, only page one is included. The full communication is available for review at FBIHQ under the Bureau MURKIN file.

With respect to Item 3, SA William John Nolan's interview is being handled in accordance with HSCA request of March 23, 1978, and SA Thomas H. Weaver's interview is being handled in accordance with HSCA request of June 20, 1978.

With respect to Item 4, serials requested were delivered to HSCA representative Gerald Hamilton on July 27, 1978.

This letter completes our response to HSCA request of July 5, 1978.

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

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ATTN: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT, RECORDS MANAGEMENT DIVISION.

HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA).

RE BUREAU TELETYPE DATED JULY 14, 1978, AND MEMPHIS TELETYPE DATED JULY 17, 1978.

ON JULY 17, 1978, ROOSEVELT T. GREEN, FORMER ME 352-R WAS CONTACTED AND ADVISED OF THE NATURE OF THE INQUIRY AS OUTLINED IN REFERENCED TELETYPE. HE STATED HE DOES NOT WANT HIS IDENTITY DISCLOSED TO HSCA. HE EMPHATICALLY STATED HE WANTS HIS FORMER RELATIONSHIP WITH THE FBI TO REMAIN STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL.

IN RE MEMPHIS TELETYPE DATED JULY 17, 1978, FORMER ME 352-R IS LISTED AS CATO JOHNSON, JR. JOHNSON SHOULD BE REFERRED TO AS FORMER ME 353-R.

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JUN 28 1978

Professor G. Robert Blakey
Chief Counsel and Director
Select Committee on Assassinations
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Professor Blakey:

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This is in response to the request set forth as item 4 in your letter of February 15, 1978. Enclosed is a copy of the 1974 Petersen report on COINTELPRO.

In accordance with discussions previously had with members of your staff, the classified appendices to this report have not been forwarded. Additionally, appendices A through E are being processed separately by the FBI and they are only processing those appendices relating to white hate groups and black hate groups.

Very truly yours,

Robert L. Keuch
Special Counsel to
the Attorney General

cc: Records
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Select Committee on Assassinations
U.S. House of Representatives
3331 HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING, ANNEX 2
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

February 15, 1978

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

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

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 deliver to the Committee the following files and materials:

1. Washington Spring Project file for the period September 1, 1967 through May 31, 1968.

2. FBI Manuals of Instruction (MOI) in use during 1962 - 1968.

3. Personal file of William Sullivan.

Depts. [4. 1974 Petersen Report on COINTELPRO

Your prompt attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,

G. Robert Blakey

G. Robert Blakey
Chief Counsel and Director

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cc: Danny Coulson

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FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

July 5, 1978

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

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

In connection with the Committee's investigation into the circumstances surrounding the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., I write to request that you make certain field office informant files available to the Committee so that serious allegations involving the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the death of Dr. King may be resolved. The Committee has already had access to the relevant Bureau personnel, and it has conducted extensive interviews among those who may also be subjects of this aspect of the Committee's investigation. The focus of the Committee's effort now is to determine if the written record supports or refutes the oral testimony on the relevant questions. These files have been denied to the Committee by the Director of the Bureau by letter dated June 11, 1978, with the concurrence of the Criminal Division. I write this letter to ask that you give your personal attention to resolving this serious matter.

On October 7, 1977, you and I signed the Memorandum of Understanding between the Department and the Select Committee. As you will recall, it was intended that the Memorandum should cover what materials the Department of Justice would release to the Committee, (I.A.C.).

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In a letter dated April 12, 1978, Professor G. Robert Blakey, the Chief Counsel and Staff Director of the Committee, confirmed an oral request in which he asked for "the informant files on all informants in the Invaders (a Black militant group in Memphis, Tennessee) during 1968 and provide the Committee with access to these files." (See II. B.) Apparently, this group was involved in the violence that occurred in Memphis when Dr. King was there

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in 1968. The files were to be examined in a form in which only the identity of the informants had been exercised from them. The letter also expressly noted the "Committee ... reserves the right to request...the identity of all Invader informants during 1968 should the sanitized files and agent interviews be inconclusive on the issues to be resolved by the Committee." (See I.B.(1))

During the week of May 14, 1978, the Bureau, in partial response to the April 12th request, permitted only Professor Blakey to review the duly excised FBI Headquarters informant files. The staff of the Committee was denied access to the files. Professor Blakey agreed to this form of limited access, reserving the right to insist that the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding be complied with.

In a letter dated May 23, 1978, the Committee then requested "that the Memphis Field Office files for these same informants be prepared for access by the staff." The Headquarters files contained basically administrative data; it was felt that the Field Office file might be more enlightening. The letter also observed, "While the Committee feels that the procedure by which...(Professor Blakey) was permitted access to the first set of files was unacceptable and contrary to the Memorandum of Understanding, pending further discussions to arrange to broaden access, this procedure may again be utilized."

It should be clearly understood that the Committee's request for these files, as well as the other informant files, is predicated on the precise language of the Memorandum of Understanding.

Section I.B.(2) of the Memorandum sets out the "Specific Rules" by which access to materials may be obtained. Section I.B.(2), in pertinent part, provides:

> Where...requested materials reveal the identity of FBI sources who are or were informants...The D(epartment) of J(ustice) <u>will appropriately sanitize, including excising, if necessary, information identifying such operations, sources or informants.</u> (Emphasis added.)

Under I.B.(2), the only matter at issue is the terms of access. Denial of access is not contemplated. B(2) clearly allows access to the files at issue, subject only to proper sanitization. Nothing else is asked for here.

The Committee is fully cognizant of the issues raised by the Bureau in its letter of June 13, 1978, in response to our request. It is, of course, recognized that a measure of confidence in the Bureau's informant program would, in fact, be eroded should it become general knowledge that the FBI identified its informants in anything but extraordinary circumstances, where, under the prevailing view, they must be identified. See Roviaro v. United States, 353 U.S. 53 (1957). Nevertheless, all this is premature; the Committee has not requested, as yet, that the identity of these informants be revealed. All that is requested is access to the files, in order that serious allegations involving the informants and the Bureau be resolved.

The Director's letter of June 13, 1978, offers instead of access to the relevant files, sworn affadavits denying the Bureau's informants acted as "agents provacateurs". The Committee feels that this procedure for resolving this issue would be unacceptable. As you know, with respect to the King investigation the Committee is, in effect, performing for death of Dr. King the same function that the Warren Commission performed for the death of President Kennedy. One of the most frequent criticisms of the Warren Commission is that in attempting to resolve the issue of whether or not Lee Harvey Oswald was an FBI informant, the Commission accepted sworn affadavits from the Bureau. The Committee feels, therefore, that it is unacceptable in this instance merely to rely on sworn denials without an opportunity to examine and cross examine the relevant witnesses and to examine primary source documents. Our investigation must command the confidence of the American people if it is to achieve its goals. Consequently, it will not be possible for the Committee to accept, as the Director suggests, that this issue be resolved by the taking of affadavits from the Bureau.

After noting that the allegation that the Bureau or persons employed by it instigated violence is not new, the Director's letter of June 13, 1978, denied the Committee access to the files, referring to "overwhelming evidence disproving the...allegation." In support of that assertion, the Committee is told that "The Memphis Office advised that these informants did not advocate nor take part in the planning of any riot." Next, our attention is drawn to the Department of Justice Task Force's conclusion, stated in two sentences of their report.

> "There is no evidence that the activities of these informants related directly to Dr. King. Moreover, there is no evidence that would suggest that these informants were connected in any way to the assassination of Dr. King. (HQ 134-11867; 170-1841; 170-1922; 170-2530, and 157-4885)."

From the Committee's perspective, this "evidence" is hardly overwhelming. But that is largely beside the point. Without access to this evidence, it cannot be evaluated. Mere denials and conclusions cannot be accepted in lieu of records and sworn testimony. The Committee has completed the compilation of an oral record of the events that transpired in Memphis during March and April, 1968. This record consists of interview notes, testimony under oath before the Committee, and witness depositions. It is now imperative that these witnesses' current recollections be compared with the contemporaneous written record, particularly that contained in the relevant informant files.

Throughout the effort to resolve this issue, the Committee has attempted to move with restraint. It was not until our field interviews with former members of the Invaders and people present in Memphis at the time of the March 28, 1968 march revealed: 1) that the Invaders were in fact a proximate cause of the violence, and 2) that it is universally believed that the Invader followers who caused the violence were paid FBI operatives that we requested access to any informant files.

By that time, the Committee had reviewed the Sanitation Strike, Invaders, King and Southern Charter Leadership Conference files. It had also reviewed the Memphis Police Department files, and it had interviewed their undercover operative within the Invader organization.

The Committee had initially hoped that the answers it sought would be contained in the Headquarters files. They are, as noted above, largely administrative, containing only general information on informant reliability, payment of fees, and justification for continuing the informant's status. They do not contain agent instructions; they do not reflect in detail the working relationship between agents and informants. From the Committee's perspective, therefore, the information contained in the Headquarter files proved inadequate. Subsequent interviews with current and former agents have also revealed that: 1) the Memphis Field Office had prior knowledge of impending violence (a fact memorialized in FBI documents) and 2) members of the Invaders were observed by

agents of the FBI exhorting the crowd and readying weapons from signposts (a fact later testified to under oath by these agents.) Professor Blakey's review of the files revealed that at least one informant subsequently joined a more violence-prone organization. You can see, therefore, the reasons why access to the files, duly excised, is essential.

I feel that this is a matter that can best be resolved by our discussing the issues involved. Since the Select Committee's investigation is in its last stage -- our public hearings will begin in August -- I suggest that you give me a call this week and we can meet as soon as possible to discuss this matter.

Sincerely,

LOUIS STOKES
Chairman

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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)

REFERENCE IS MADE TO BUTEL TO LOS ANGELES AND MEMPHIS DATED JULY 14, 1978, AND BUCAL TO MEMPHIS DATED JULY 18, 1978.

THIS IS TO CONFIRM REFERENCED BUCAL WHEREIN YOU WERE ADVISED THAT THE MEMPHIS FIELD OFFICE FILES OF THE FIVE INFORMANTS IDENTIFIED IN REFERENCED BUTEL WHO FURNISHED INFORMATION CONCERNING THE INVADERS BE FLOWN TO FBI HEADQUARTERS WHERE COPIES OF THESE FILES WILL BE MADE. XEROX THE FRONT COVER OF EACH SECTION OF THESE FILES AND MAINTAIN A LOG CONTAINING THE NUMBER OF SERIALS IN EACH SECTION. FILES SHOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY A SPECIAL AGENT OF YOUR OFFICE.

ADVISE CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT, RECORDS MANAGEMENT DIVISION, OF THE IDENTITY OF AGENT WHO WILL ACCOMPANY FILES AND

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NOTE: Above coordinated with William L. Bailey, Inspector-Deputy Assistant Director, Records Management Division.

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

July 19, 1978

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Attn: Mr. Coulson
1 - Mr. Bailey
1 - Mr. Foster

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

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 July 10, 1978, which requested, in connection with the HSCA's investigation into the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., access to all FBI Headquarters files on the United Businessmen's Brotherhood.

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

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July 19, 1978

HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS
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Based upon the information furnished, a search conducted on the subject of the United Businessmen's Brotherhood failed to locate any material in the files of FBIHQ.

This completes the response to the HSCA letter of July 10, 1978.

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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 the Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch, dated July 19, 1978, captioned as above.

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

July 26, 1978

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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 July 13, 1978, which requested, in connection with the HSCA's investigation into the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., that six volumes of the FBI Headquarters (FBIHQ) informant file on Karl Prussion be processed for access.

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

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NOTE: In above-referenced letter, HSCA advised that Prussion had been publicly identified as an FBI informant. A review of Bufile 61-9152, the informant file on Prussion, indicates that he publicly identified himself as an FBI "counterspy" in 1959, and subsequently, testified before the HUAC and lectured extensively on his role as informant for the FBI against CPUSA. For this reason, the six volumes are being processed for access.

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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 July 13, 1978, which requested, in connection with the HSCA's investigation into the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., that six volumes of the FBI Headquarters (FBIHQ) informant file on Karl Prussion be processed for access.

This memorandum is to advise that the requested material on Karl Prussion has been processed and is available for review at FBIHQ.

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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 the Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch, dated July 26, 1978, captioned as above.

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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA).

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BY AIRTEL TO BUREAU DATED MARCH 13, 1978, ST. LOUIS ADVISED THAT INFORMATION RE POSSIBLE CONSPIRACY IN MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., ASSASSINATION HAD BEEN LOCATED IN ST. LOUIS FILE 137-16185. INFORMANT (SL 3167-C) HAD BEEN CONTACTED IN MARCH, 1974, AND INFORMATION RE CRIMINAL MATTERS, INCLUDING THE ABOVE, PLACED IN CONTACT MEMORANDUM MARCH 19, 1974, AND APPARENTLY NEVER DISSEMINATED OR ACTED ON.

ST. LOUIS IS DIRECTED TO IMMEDIATELY CONTACT AGENT AND AGENT SUPERVISOR WHO HANDLED SL 3167-C (IDENTIFIED BY ST. LOUIS OFFICE AS FORMER SPECIAL AGENTS HOWARD C. KENNEDY AND ROBERT L. BENDER) AND THOROUGHLY INTERVIEW THEM RE THE ABOVE. ORIGINAL

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1 - MR. H.N.BASSETT
1 - MR. J.A.MINTZ
(ATTN. MR. HELLER)
1 - MR. W.L.BAILEY
1 - MR. G.J.FOSTER

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CONTACT MEMORANDUM MARCH 19, 1974, FROM ST. LOUIS 137-16185 SHOULD BE SHOWN TO FORMER SPECIAL AGENTS KENNEDY AND BENDER TO FACILITATE COMPLETE RE CALL OF ALL CIRCUMSTANCES RE THIS MATTER.

POINTS TO BE COVERED DURING INTERVIEWS INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO, THE FOLLOWING:

SPECIAL AGENT KENNEDY:

1. RECOLLECTION OF INFORMATION OBTAINED IN MEMORANDUM.
2. CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING RECEIPT OF THAT INFORMATION.
3. EVALUATION OF THAT INFORMATION.
4. ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FURNISHED BY ST. LOUIS 3617-C RE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., ALLEGATION.
5. EVALUATION OF INFORMATION, I.E., CREDIBILITY.
6. EVALUATION OF RUSSEL GEORGE BYERS.
7. REASON FOR FAILURE TO DISSEMINATE INFORMATION.
8. ANY ORAL DISSEMINATION TO OTHER SPECIAL AGENTS IN ST. LOUIS, BUREAU OR OTHER FIELD OFFICES.

SPECIAL AGENT BENDER:

1. RECOLLECTION OF INFORMATION IN MEMORANDUM.
2. REASON FOR FAILURE TO DISSEMINATE INFORMATION.

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RESULTS OF INTERVIEWS SHOULD BE TELEPHONICALLY PROVIDED TO CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT (CIU), FBI HEADQUARTERS (FBIHQ), EXTENSION 3685, AND CONFIRMED IN FD-302 FORM BY AIRTEL TO FBIHQ, ATTENTION CIU, RECORDS MANAGEMENT DIVISION.

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RE: HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)

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NOTE: TELETYPE CONFIRMS TELEPHONE CALL TO ST. LOUIS JULY 27, 1978.

ABOVE ACTION RESULTED FROM CONFERENCE BETWEEN ASSISTANT DIRECTOR HAROLD N. BASSETT AND MEMBERS OF CIU, RECORDS MANAGEMENT DIVISION ON JULY 27, 1978.

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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA); BUDED AUGUST 4, 1978.

REBUTEL TO JACKSON, MAY 24, 1978, JACKSON TELETYPE TO BUREAU, MAY 26, 1978.

HSCA IN ITS CONTINUING INVESTIGATION INTO THE ASSASSINATIONS OF JOHN F. KENNEDY AND MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., REQUESTED THAT THE THREE INFORMANTS REFERRED TO IN THE FOLLOWING SERIALS BE CONTACTED AND REQUESTED TO SUBMIT TO INTERVIEW BY THE COMMITTEE:

SERIAL 1: BUFILE 157-1654-23, PAGE 18, PARAGRAPH 2.

SERIAL 2: BUFILE 157-1654-23, PAGE 21, PARAGRAPH 3.

SERIAL 3: BUFILE 157-1654-23, PAGE 25, PARAGRAPH 4.

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1 - MR. J.A. MINTZ
ATTN: MR. R. HELLER
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THE HSCA ALSO REQUESTED THAT THE BUREAU SOLICIT THESE INFORMANTS TO EXECUTE A WAIVER OF RELEASE OF ALL THEIR HEADQUARTERS AND FIELD OFFICE FILES.

THE ABOVE SERIALS ARE LOCATED IN JACKSON REPORT OF SA THOMAS E. BURG, DATED AUGUST 9, 1968, AND CAPTIONED "SAM HOLLOWAY BOWERS, JR., AKA, RM-KLAN." THE JACKSON FILE NUMBER IS JN 157-18.

INFORMATION IN SERIAL REQUEST 1 WAS FURNISHED BY JN 184-R, BUFILE 17-733, JACKSON FILE 170-279, OPERATED BETWEEN NOVEMBER, 1965, AND MARCH, 1973.

INFORMATION IN SERIAL REQUESTS 2 AND 3 WAS FURNISHED BY JN 340-R (PROB), BUFILE 170-1565, JACKSON FILE 170-459, OPERATED BETWEEN AUGUST, 1967 AND APRIL, 1973.

JN 340-R PER REFERENCED JACKSON COMMUNICATION HAS ALREADY DECLINED TO BE INTERVIEWED BY HSCA.

FBIHQ FILES CONTAIN NO INFORMATION REGARDING CURRENT WHEREABOUTS OF FORMER JN 184-R.

JACKSON LOCATE AND INTERVIEW FORMER JN 184-R TO DETERMINE IF HE HAS ANY OBJECTION TO HIS IDENTITY BEING DISCLOSED TO THE HSCA AND IF HE WOULD BE WILLING TO BE INTERVIEWED BY A REPRE-

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SENTATIVE OF THE HSCA. INFORMANT SHOULD BE TOLD THAT IF HE AGREES TO DISCLOSURE, HE HAS NO GUARANTEES FROM THE FBI OR THE HSCA OF IMMUNITY OR CONFIDENTIALITY, THAT THE FBI IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT RESULTING ACTION THE HSCA MAY TAKE; AND THAT TO DATE THE FBI HAS NOT ADVISED THE HSCA OF HIS FORMER INFORMANT STATUS, AND THAT THE HSCA MAY HAVE INFORMANT'S IDENTITY BASED ON A REVIEW OF THE FBI'S ASSASSINATION INVESTIGATION FILE.

IF INFORMANT IS AGREEABLE TO DISCLOSURE, A WITNESSED, SIGNED WAIVER SHOULD BE OBTAINED, WORDED SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE FBI TO RELEASE ANY AND ALL FILES (FBI AND FIELD OFFICE) CONCERNING HIMSELF TO THE HSCA, INCLUDING THOSE RECORDS PERTAINING TO ANY CONFIDENTIAL RELATIONSHIP THEY MAY HAVE HAD WITH THE FBI.

IF INFORMANT DESIRES HIS IDENTITY NOT BE DISCLOSED, HE SHOULD BE TOLD THAT THE FBI WILL DO ALL IN ITS POWER TO PROTECT HIS IDENTITY; HOWEVER, HIS FILE COULD BE SUBJECT TO CONGRESSIONAL SUBPOENA.

JACKSON SUTEL TO FBIHQ, CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT, RECORDS MANAGEMENT DIVISION, RESULTS OF CONTACT WITH INFORMANT AND FORWARD WAIVER, IF OBTAINED, BY SEPARATE COMMUNICATION. IF INFORMANT HAS RELOCATED, SET FORTH APPROPRIATE LEADS TO EFFECT

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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS {HSCA} 896 903

BY LETTER TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL DATED JUNE 20, 1978, THE HSCA ADVISED IT MUST DETERMINE IF ANY ORGANIZATIONS AS WELL AS INDIVIDUALS WERE INVOLVED IN THE ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. THE FBI IS ONE OF THESE ORGANIZATIONS. THE COMMITTEE IS PROCEEDING ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT IF THE FBI WAS INVOLVED, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN EFFECTED BY DIRECT AGENT OR INFORMANT CONTACT WITH JAMES EARL RAY. THE HSCA ATTACHED TO THIS LETTER A 34-PAGE LIST OF KNOWN, PROBABLE AND POSSIBLE CONTACTS OF RAY AND REQUESTED THESE NAMES BE SEARCHED TO DETERMINE IF ANY OF THESE PERSONS IS A PRESENT OR FORMER INFORMANT, SOURCE OR OPERATIVE OF

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HHB/DR JJTA:LFJ {4} 7/18/78 8988/4 3685/4901

1 - MR. J. A. MINTZ
ATTN: R. HELLER
1 - CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION
ATTN: J. J. JAMAR
1 - MR. G. J. FOSTER

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THE FBI. IF SO, THE HSCA REQUESTED THAT THE FBI DETERMINE IF THAT INDIVIDUAL WOULD BE WILLING TO BE INTERVIEWED BY THE COMMITTEE AND THAT HIS INFORMANT FILE BE PREPARED FOR REVIEW BY THE HSCA'S DIRECTOR AND CHIEF COUNSEL.

A SEARCH OF FBI HEADQUARTERS (FBIHQ) FILES DISCLOSED THAT ONLY THREE INDIVIDUALS ON THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED LIST COULD BE IDENTIFIED AS PRESENT OR FORMER FBI INFORMANTS. THESE THREE INDIVIDUALS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1. ALEXANDER GEORGE BEN EDMONDSON, FORMER KC 644-C, WHITE MALE, LAST KNOWN TO BE AN INMATE OF THE MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY, JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI. INFORMANT WAS OPERATED DURING 1958-1959 AND REOPENED FOR A BRIEF PERIOD IN 1968. INFORMANT IS SUBJECT OF BUREAU FILE 137-7738, KC FILE 137-4907. DURING INVESTIGATION OF KING'S ASSASSINATION, INFORMANT FURNISHED INFORMATION REGARDING THE MEANS ONE COULD UTILIZE IN GAINING ENTRY INTO CANADA, PROCURING PASSPORTS, CONTACTS FOR PASSPORTS, AND METHODS OF TRAVEL BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA WHILE IN A FUGITIVE STATUS.

2. JOHN MARSHAL BEFFEL, JR., ALSO KNOWN AS JOHN R. BONELLI, JOHN R. BONNELLI, FORMER LA 7932-PC, WHITE MALE, BORN

DECEMBER 5, 1932. INFORMANT WAS OPERATED FROM 1972-73, BUREAU FILE 137-30709, LA FILE 137-10611. FILE INDICATES INFORMANT LAST RESIDED AT 2700 NEILSON WAY, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. IN 1967-68, ACCORDING TO HSCA, INFORMANT WAS EMPLOYED AT THE SULTAN ROOM, RABBIT'S FOOT LOUNGE, LOS ANGELES.

3. HOMER B. TOWNSLEY, FORMER SL 1215-C, WHITE MALE, BORN MAY 6, 1923. INFORMANT WAS OPERATED FROM 1960-66, BUREAU FILE 137-6583, SL FILE 137-7328. WHEN LAST CONTACTED, INFORMANT OPERATED THE NEIGHBORHOOD BAR, 1929 HICKORY STREET, ST. LOUIS. FBIHQ FILES REVEAL NO KNOWN CONNECTION OF INFORMANT IN THE KING ASSASSINATION INVESTIGATION.

FBIHQ FILES CONTAIN NO INFORMATION REGARDING CURRENT WHERE-ABOUTS OF THE ABOVE THREE INFORMANTS.

RECIPIENTS LOCATE AND INTERVIEW ABOVE-LISTED INFORMANTS, RESPECTIVELY, TO DETERMINE IF THEY HAVE ANY OBJECTION TO THEIR IDENTITIES BEING DISCLOSED TO THE HSCA AND IF THEY WOULD BE WILLING TO BE INTERVIEWED BY A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE HSCA. INFORMANTS SHOULD BE OBJECTIVELY TOLD OF THE HSCA INTEREST AS OUTLINED IN PARAGRAPH 1. INFORMANTS SHOULD BE TOLD THAT IF THEY AGREE TO DISCLOSURE, THEY HAVE NO GUARANTEES FROM THE FBI OR

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IN ADDITION, RECIPIENTS FURNISH FBIHQ ONE LEGIBLE XEROX COPY OF THESE FILES. ALL SERIALS SHOULD BE REPRODUCED IN THEIR ENTIRETY. ANY SERIALS OR ENCLOSURES WHICH CANNOT BE REPRODUCED SHOULD BE DESCRIBED IN DETAIL IN THE COVER PAGES TRANSMITTING THIS MATERIAL TO FBIHQ. THIS MATERIAL SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY COVER AIRTEL TO FBIHQ, ATTENTION: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT, RECORDS MANAGEMENT DIVISION. IF ANY FILES HAVE BEEN DESTROYED, SET FORTH DATE AND BASIS OF DESTRUCTION.

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Teletype to Kansas City, et al.
Re: House Select Committee on
Assassinations (HSCA)
62-117290

NOTE: This matter has been coordinated with SA Ronald Heller, Legal Liaison and Congressional Affairs Unit, Legal Counsel Division, and J. J. Jamar, Top Echelon and Criminal Informant Unit, Criminal Investigative Division. It is necessary to provide informants' full identities in this teletype so that informant can be contacted in the event his file has been destroyed.

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REFERENCE PITTSBURGH LETTER TO THE BUREAU AUGUST 19, 1970, CAPTIONED "MURKIN."

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1 - MR. J. A. MINTZ
ATTN: R. HELLER
1 - CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION
ATTN: J. J. JAMAR
1 - MR. G. J. FOSTER

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BY TELETYPE DATED JULY 19, 1978, THE KANSAS CITY OFFICE ADVISED THAT ITS INFORMANT FILE CONCERNING EDMONDSON WAS

DESTROYED DURING ROUTINE FILE DESTRUCTION JANUARY 7, 1978, AND INDICES PURGED. KANSAS CITY ADVISED THAT A REVIEW OF JEFFERSON CITY PENITENTIARY RECORDS REVEALED EDMONDSON WAS PAROLED JUNE 1, 1972, AND RECEIVED FINAL DISCHARGE SEPTEMBER 5, 1972. KANSAS CITY WAS UNABLE TO PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING EDMONDSON'S CURRENT WHEREABOUTS.

A REVIEW OF FBIHQ FILES CONCERNING EDMONDSON DISCLOSED, CONTRARY TO THE ABOVE PAROLE DATE FURNISHED BY KANSAS CITY, THAT EDMONDSON APPEARED AT THE PITTSBURGH OFFICE ON JULY 31, 1970. THIS CONTACT WAS REPORTED IN REFERENCED LETTER, WHICH DISCLOSED THAT AT THAT TIME EDMONDSON RESIDED IN APARTMENT 403, 721 BRIGHTON ROAD, PITTSBURGH, AND WAS EMPLOYED AS A PROJECT ENGINEER WITH RUST ENGINEERING, PITTSBURGH. AT THAT TIME, HE WAS USING THE ASSUMED NAME OF ALEX BORMANN.

PITTSBURGH LOCATE AND INTERVIEW EDMONDSON TO DETERMINE IF HE HAS ANY OBJECTION TO HIS IDENTITY BEING DISCLOSED TO THE HSCA AND IF HE WOULD BE WILLING TO BE INTERVIEWED BY A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE HSCA. EDMONDSON SHOULD BE OBJECTIVELY TOLD OF THE HSCA INTEREST AS OUTLINED IN PARAGRAPH 1 OF THIS TELETYPE. HE SHOULD BE TOLD THAT IF HE AGREES TO DISCLOSURE, HE HAS NO GUARANTEE

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Teletype to Pittsburgh
Re: House Select Committee on
Assassinations (HSCA)
62-117290

NOTE: This matter has been coordinated with SA Ronald Heller, Legal Liaison and Congressional Affairs Unit, Legal Counsel Division, and J. J. Jamar, Top Echelon and Criminal Informant Unit, Criminal Investigative Division. It is necessary to provide informant's full identity in this teletype so that informant can be contacted in the event his file has been destroyed.

Edmondson contacted the Pittsburgh Office to express concern that his identity might be disclosed because, in a book about the King assassination case, his name and some of his aliases were mentioned in several chapters.

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Select Committee on Assassinations
U.S. House of Representatives
3331 HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING, ANNEX 2
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

July 27, 1978

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

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 furnish the Select Committee photographic copies of the following:

1) Q-19 - Commercial Appeal
2) Q-25 - York Arms receipt

It would be appreciated if these copies could be furnished by August 7, 1978.

As always your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

EX-110 REC 67 62-117290-1040

Yours very truly,

G. Robert Blakey

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G. Robert Blakey
Chief Counsel and Director

GRB:ghh
xc: Mr. Danny O. Coulson

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Select Committee on Assassinations
U.S. House of Representatives
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

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August 2, 1978

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

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

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

By letter dated March 9, 1977 to the Attorney General it was requested that the Federal Bureau of Investigation provide arrest records on certain individuals.

It is now requested that the Federal Bureau of Investigation deliver to the House Select Committee on Assassinations the criminal arrest records of the following individuals, as per the March 9, 1977 request:

a. John Larry Ray
d.o.b. February 14, 1931

b. Jerry W. Ray
d.o.b. July 16, 1935

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Your prompt attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

2 AUG 7 1978

G. Robert Blakey
Chief Counsel and Director

cc: Danny O. Coulson

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TO FBI CHICAGO IMMEDIATE

FBI ST. LOUIS IMMEDIATE

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FOR INFORMATION OF CHICAGO, ST. LOUIS ADVISED ON MARCH 13, 1978, THAT DURING A FILE REVIEW OF SL 137-16185, FOR AN UNRELATED MATTER, IT WAS DETERMINED THAT SL 3167-C FURNISHED INFORMATION REGARDING RUSSELL GEORGE BEYERS. BEYERS, IN THE FALL OF 1973, MET WITH SL 3167-C AND TOLD HIM OF A MEETING WITH AN ATTORNEY IN ST. LOUIS COUNTY, NOW DECEASED, AND ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL, AND OF THEIR POSSIBLE INVOLVEMENT IN THE ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. APPARENTLY, THIS INFORMATION WAS NEVER DISSEMINATED OR ACTED ON.

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THE ABOVE INFORMATION WAS DISSEMINATED TO THE HSCA. HSCA REQUESTED, ON JULY 14, 1978, THAT THE INFORMANT REFERRED TO

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1 - MR. MINTZ
ATTN: MR. HELLER
1 - MR. FOSTER

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(SL-3167-C) BE CONTACTED AND REQUEST BE MADE OF HIM TO (1) SUBMIT TO INTERVIEW BY HSCA, AND, (2) THAT HE AGREE TO EXECUTE WAIVER RELEASING ALL FBI HEADQUARTERS (FBIHQ) AND FIELD OFFICE (SL) FILES FOR REVIEW BY HSCA.

ON JULY 21, 1978, ASAC JOHN SHANLEY, ST. LOUIS, ADVISED THAT FORMER SL-3167-C HAD MOVED FROM THE ST. LOUIS AREA TO CHICAGO. HE IS CURRENTLY SUSPECT IN CASE ENTITLED "UNSUB, THEFT OF $250,000 WORTH OF ART OBJECTS, AMERICAN ART GALLERIES, LTD., 4820 NORTH SHERIDAN ROAD, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, NOVEMBER 6, 1976; ITSP-MAJOR THEFT; OO: CG (CG 87-45634)". HE IS ALLEGEDLY OWNER OF CONNOISSEUR GALLERIES, 720 NORTH WELLS, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, AND MAY RESIDE ABOVE HIS BUSINESS. FORMER INFORMANT DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

NAME: RICHARD FRANCIS O'HARA

DATE OF BIRTH: DECEMBER 14, 1941

HEIGHT: 6'

WEIGHT: 190

HAIR: BROWN

CHICAGO SHOULD CONTACT O'HARA AND OBJECTIVELY INQUIRE AS TO HIS WILLINGNESS TO BE INTERVIEWED BY THE HSCA CONCERNING

THE ABOVE INFORMATION RELATING TO DR. KING. O'HARA SHOULD BE TOLD THAT HE HAS NO GUARANTEE FROM THE FBI OR HSCA OF IMMUNITY OR CONFIDENTIALITY; THAT THE FBI IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT RESULTING ACTION THE HSCA MAY TAKE FOLLOWING INTERVIEW; THAT SINCE THE COMMITTEE MAY ALREADY KNOW HIS IDENTITY, HE COULD BE SUBPOENAED TO TESTIFY; AND, THAT IF HE DOES NOT WANT TO BE INTERVIEWED, THE FBI WILL DO EVERYTHING WITHIN ITS POWER TO PROTECT HIS IDENTITY.

IF O'HARA AGREES TO HSCA INTERVIEW, HE SHOULD BE FURNISHED NAME OF HSCA STAFF MEMBER MIKE EBERHARDT, (202) 225-8791, AND TOLD TO CALL HIM COLLECT REGARDING MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THAT INTERVIEW.

CONTACTING AGENT SHOULD ALSO INQUIRE WHETHER O'HARA WILL EXECUTE A WAIVER ALLOWING FOR REVIEW OF ALL FBIHQ AND FIELD OFFICE INFORMANT FILES BY HSCA. IF HE AGREES, WAIVER SHOULD BE OBTAINED WORDED SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE FBI TO RELEASE ANY AND ALL FILES (FBIHQ AND FIELD OFFICE) CONCERNING THIS INFORMANT TO THE HSCA, INCLUDING THOSE RECORDS PERTAINING TO ANY CONFIDENTIAL RELATIONSHIP THE INFORMANT MAY HAVE HAD WITH THE FBI. THE WAIVER SHOULD ALSO STATE THAT THE INFORMANT UNDERSTANDS THAT

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THESE FILES WILL DISCLOSE TO THE HSCA ANY CONFIDENTIAL RELATIONSHIP INFORMANT MAY HAVE HAD WITH THE FBI.

CHICAGO TELEPHONICALLY FURNISH RESULTS OF CONTACT WITH O'HARA TO SA TRON W. BREKKE, CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT, RECORDS MANAGEMENT DIVISION, FBIHQ, EXTENTION 3685, AND FOLLOW WITH AIRTEL INCLUDING ORIGINAL OF WAIVER IF HE AGREES TO DISCLOSURE.

ST. LOUIS SHOULD PROMPTLY FURNISH ONE XEROX COPY OF ST. LOUIS 137-16185. ALL SERIALS SHOULD BE REPRODUCED IN THEIR ENTIRETY. THIS MATERIAL SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY COVER AIRTEL TO FBIHQ, ATTENTION: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT, RECORDS MANAGEMENT DIVISION.

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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)

NOTE: Instructions in this matter, based on policy set forth in Ryan to Bassett memorandum 6/5/78, reflecting handling of informant matters related to the John F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King assassination cases.

Teletype confirms telephonic contact with Chicago and St. Louis Offices.

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Select Committee on Assassinations
U.S. House of Representatives
3331 HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING, ANNEX 2
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

July 14, 1978

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

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 contact the informant referenced in the attached communication from the Federal Bureau of Information and 1) request that he submit to an interview by this Committee and 2) execute a waiver releasing all Headquarters and Field Office informant files as to him so as to allow review by this Committee.

This request should be considered a priority matter.

Yours very truly,

G. Robert Blakey

G. Robert Blakey
Chief Counsel and Director

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xc: Mr. Danny O. Coulson

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

March 13, 1978

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

In the course of a file review conducted at the St. Louis FBI Office in an unrelated matter, a St. Louis informant file was reviewed. This file contained a contact memorandum dated March 19, 1974, which set forth information relating to several criminal matters and also contained the following paragraph:

> "During the Fall of 1973, five or six months ago, date not recalled, Beyers came to the shop inquiring as to whether they could get together to talk, and they later did so at Pizza and Cream, Clayton, Missouri, in the area of a Broad-Dugan Paint Store, where informant had traveled on business. Beyers talked freely about himself and his business, and they later went to informant's house where Beyers told a story about visiting a lawyer in St. Louis County, now deceased, not further identified, who had offered to give him a contract to kill Martin Luther King. He said that also present was a short, stocky man, who walked with a limp. (Later, with regard to the latter individual, Beyers commented that this man was actually the individual who made the payoff of James Earl Ray after the killing.) Beyers said he had declined to accept this contract. He did remark that this lawyer had confederate flags and other items about the house that might indicate that he was 'a real rebel'. Beyers also commented that he had been offered either $10,000 or $20,000 to kill King.

Extensive further research in the St. Louis indices and files failed to reveal this information was in any way disseminated and the information simply reposes in the informant file.

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

HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS

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:

1) Prepare for access the Headquarters and Field Office informant subfiles on Gary Thomas Rowe, Jr., who was publicly identified as an investigative informant for the Bureau in Birmingham, Alabama. These requested files, however, should be limited to the period 1/1967 through 12/1968.

2) Prepare for access the Headquarters Bank Robbery file for the following: 62-117290-1044

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a. Godfrey State Bank

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b. 1st National Bank of Bunker Hill

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c. Lebanon Trust and Savings

Additionally, it is requested that the volume of the Springfield Field Office Bank Robbery File pertaining to the Lebanon Trust and Savings robbery (10/31/69) be prepared in conjunction with the Headquarters file.

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As always, your continued cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

G. Robert Blakey

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Chief Counsel and Director

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ATTENTION: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT, RECORDS MANAGEMENT DIVISION.

HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA); BUDED: JULY 6, 1978.

REBUTEL TO NEW ORLEANS AND ST. LOUIS, JUNE 27, 1978.

A REVIEW OF INDICES OF NEW ORLEANS OFFICE HAS BEEN CONDUCTED AND THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT THE FILES OF THIS OFFICE CONTAIN ANY INFORMATION RELATING TO THE WHITE CITIZENS COUNCIL FOR THE PERIOD 1966 - 1968.

FOR INFORMATION OF BUREAU, NEW ORLEANS FILES REVEAL THAT THIS OFFICE NEVER CONDUCTED AN INVESTIGATION OF THE WHITE CITIZENS COUNCIL IN THE STATE OF LA.

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Attn: Mr. Coulson
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This letter is to confirm that all retrievable information concerning Samuel B. Kyles in the files of FBI Headquarters (FBIHQ) and the Memphis Office of the FBI has been processed and is available for HSCA's access at FBIHQ. All retrievable information in the files of the Birmingham Office of the FBI concerning Arthur Hanes, Sr., has also been processed and is available for HSCA's review. The HSCA should note that information regarding Hanes from the files of FBIHQ was prepared in response to HSCA's letter dated April 5, 1977. Response to this request was set forth in the FBI's memorandum dated May 2, 1977.

Regarding the above, where information is not provided, it is either not retrievable or is not being furnished pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding.

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 6-30-78, captioned "House Select Committee on Assassinations, U. S. House of Representatives (HSCA)."

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

Enclosures (2)

NOTE: By teletype dated 5-24-78, Birmingham and Memphis, respectively, were requested to furnish all retrievable information regarding Hanes and Kyles. HSCA request of 5-17-78, attached signed waivers of Hanes and Kyles. Kyles was a confidential source of the Memphis Office of the FBI and, based on his waiver, authorized release of information he provided to the FBI. This information has been processed for HSCA access.

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

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

DATE: August 24, 1978

ATTENTION: MR. ROBERT L. KEUCH

FROM : Director, FBI (62-117290)

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

Reference is made to _____ memorandum dated _____
(your file _____).

There is enclosed one copy of ~~the report of Special Agent~~ a letterhead memorandum
dated 6-30-78 at Washington, D. C.

A. ☐ This covers the preliminary investigation and no further action concerning a full investigation will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

B. ☐ The investigation is continuing and you will be furnished copies of reports as they are received.

C. ☐ The investigation requested by you has now been completed. Unless advised to the contrary no further inquiries will be made by this Bureau.

D. ☐ Pursuant to instructions issued by the Department, no investigation will be conducted in this matter unless specifically directed by the Department.

E. ☐ Please advise whether you desire any further investigation.

F. ☐ This is submitted for your information and you will be advised of further developments.

G. ☒ This is submitted for your information and no further investigation will be conducted unless specifically requested by the Department.

H. ☐ This covers the receipt of a complaint and no further action will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

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June 30, 1978

HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS
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They began the interview by asking the break down of supervision into Sections in the Domestic Intelligence Division (DID) and what type work the Subversive Control Section (SCS) handled during the period I was Section Chief in the 1960's until I was transferred to the Crime Records Division in late August or early September, 1967. They were advised the Section handled security investigations of individuals and racial intelligence (riot) matters. They asked if the Security Index (SI) and Reserve Index (RI) were handled in the Section and were told they were. They asked if Dr. King was on the SI and then said, possibly on the RI. I advised them I did not remember. I didn't believe he was on the SI, possibly the RI. They were advised that 62-117290-1046X4

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although the Section handled the supervision of the bulk of security investigations of individuals other Sections did supervise the investigations of a number of top leaders of domestic organizations and individuals in the Espionage and/or Foreign Intelligence field. They asked about the routing of memoranda and handling of tickler copies within the DID.

In this connection they then asked concerning the investigation of Dr. Martin Luther King and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). In this connection they had a number of copies of memoranda from F. J. Baumgardner to W. C. Sullivan with tickler copies designated to a number of people including J. F. Bland (JFB). They wanted to know if the SCS supervised the above investigations and what was the significance of the tickler copy designated to JFB. They were advised to the best of my memory the 2 investigations were never supervised by the SCS while I was Section Chief. That organizations were supervised by the Internal Security Section and usually the top function areas of the organizations were supervised with the organizations. They were advised that the tickler designation of the JFB memos' was for information purposes. That assignments of cases in the SCS were by office covering a person's residence and that the tickler would normally be routed to the Agent handling the office covering Dr. King's residence. They desired to know if the memos would be routed through for approval by those shown as getting ticklers such as JFB and they were advised that would not normally be the practice - That it could happen but there would need to be more of a reason for the routing than just for information.

Mr. McHarph then asked regarding my transfer to Crime Records Division (CRD). He asked concerning who was Ass't Director then - if Tom Bishop was - when was Mr. Wick - Mr. De Loach in the Division - The organization of the Division -
What was handled particularly was Congressional Liaison and contact with the press handled by the CRD. He asked if I had passed any infor-mation to the press to discredit Dr. King. I advised him that I had no recollection of passing any information to discredit Dr. King to the press. He asked if I had knowledge of a 35 page document prepared under the counter-intelligence program attacking Dr. King and prepared in such a fashion as to be given out to the press. I told him I had no recollection of seeing such a document or giving such a document to the press. He asked if I know whether

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Tom Bishop gave such a document to the press. I told him I could not answer for Bishop but that I had no such knowledge. Mr. McHargh made the statement that it was well documented that the FBI and Mr. Hoover had an active roll in trying to discredit Dr. King.

Mr. McHargh had a copy of a memo from Bishop to De Loach with my initials (JFB). The memo was written prior to Dr. Kings' death in April, 1968, and referred to a memo from W. C. Sullivan to Mr. De Loach recommending DID prepare material showing the communist connections of Dr. King for dissemination to the press. The memo then set forth the receipt of a clipping from a Birmingham paper of an article by a James Free and stated that it set forth very well the communist connections of Dr. King. Action of the memo was for information. The memo did not say - but apparently the clipping was sent in by the Birmingham Office. He asked if I recalled this memo. I advised him I had no recollection of the memo - however, since my initials were on the memo it was obviously written by me. The memo said nothing about the DID material having been disseminated to the press but it did show an interest in exposing Dr. King's communist connections and that James Free had written such an article.

They asked about the Special Correspondence List maintained by the FBI. Was it for people only friendly with the FBI and who were given information not available to others - was it a list used by Mr. Hoover to reward friends. He was advised that to my recollection it was not a secret list for outsiders to receive unauthorized information. - That people were on the list who had indicated an interest in receiving FBI releases and publications of all types, on a continuing basis, including annual reports, press releases, law enforcement bulletins, crime statistics, etc.

He asked if people such as Mr. Tolson, Mr. Belmont, and Mr. De Loach kept separate files. He was advised that to my knowledge they might receive tickler copies of memoranda addressed to them in the regular course of business, but that I have no recollection of their keeping separate files.

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He asked if I knew of the Society of Former Special Agents. I said I did that I was a member. Also asked if I knew if Mr. Hoover asked former Agents to work on cases for the FBI. I told him that I didn't quite understand what he meant but that I had no personal knowledge of such. That the Society is a social group but does fully support the FBI and if called upon would do its best to assist the FBI. - that the Society is now collecting funds to support the legal defense of former Agents.

Mr. McHargh said he had a copy of a memo showing there was an effort by the FBI and Mr. Hoover to prevent Dr. King's birthday from becoming a national holiday - That the memo showed Mr. Hoover's approval to contact Congressmen in this regard. He asked if I had knowledge of this. I told him I probably had such knowledge but didn't know when I acquired it.

Mr. McHargh asked me if while I was in the Crime Records Division did I disseminate to the press confidential information on Subversive matters normally not disseminated outside the Bureau. He was advised that I had no such recollection of engaging in such activity.

He said they were interviewing a number of people and he did not think it would be necessary to call me again for clarification but he took my address and phone number.

(s) James F. Bland

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although the Section handled the supervision of the bulk of security investigations of individuals other Sections did supervise the investigations of a number of top leaders of domestic organizations and individuals in the Espionage and/or Foreign Intelligence field. They asked about the routing of memoranda and handling of tickler copies within the DID.

In this connection they then asked concerning the investigation of Dr. Martin Luther King and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). In this connection they had a number of copies of memoranda from F. J. Baumgardner to W. C. Sullivan with tickler copies designated to a number of people including J. F. Bland (JFB). They wanted to know if the SCS supervised the above investigations and what was the significance of the tickler copy designated to JFB. They were advised to the best of my memory the 2 investigations were never supervised by the SCS while I was Section Chief. That organizations were supervised by the Internal Security Section and usually the top function areas of the organizations were supervised with the organizations. They were advised that the tickler designation of the FJB memos' was for information purposes. That assignments of cases in the SCS were by office covering a person's residence and that the tickler would normally be routed to the Agent handling the office covering Dr. King's residence. They desired to know if the memos would be routed through for approval by those shown as getting ticklers such as JFB and they were advised that would not normally be the practice - That it could happen but there would need to be more of a reason for the routing than just for information.

Mr. McHargh then asked regarding my transfer to Crime Records Division (CRD). He asked concerning who was Ass't Director then - if Tom Bishop was - when was Mr. Wick - Mr. De Loach in the Division - The organization of the Division -
What was handled particularly was Congressional Liaison and contact with the press handled by the CRD. He asked if I had passed any infor-mation to the press to discredit Dr. King. I advised him that I had no recollection of passing any information to discredit Dr. King to the press. He asked if I had knowledge of a 35 page document prepared under the counter-intelligence program attacking Dr. King and prepared in such a fashion as to be given out to the press. I told him I had no recollection of seeing such a document or giving such a document to the press. He asked if I know whether

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Tom Bishop gave such a document to the press. I told him I could not answer for Bishop but that I had no such knowledge. Mr. McHargh made the statement that it was well documented that the FBI and Mr. Hoover had an active roll in trying to discredit Dr. King.

Mr. McHargh had a copy of a memo from Bishop to De Loach with my initials (JFB). The memo was written prior to Dr. Kings' death in April, 1968, and referred to a memo from W. C. Sullivan to Mr. De Loach recommending DID prepare material showing the communist connections of Dr. King for dissemination to the press. The memo then set forth the receipt of a clipping from a Birmingham paper of an article by a James Free and stated that it set forth very well the communist connections of Dr. King. Action of the memo was for information. The memo did not say - but apparently the clipping was sent in by the Birmingham Office. He asked if I recalled this memo. I advised him I had no recollection of the memo - however, since my initials were on the memo it was obviously written by me. The memo said nothing about the DID material having been disseminated to the press but it did show an interest in exposing Dr. King's communist connections and that James Free had written such an article.

They asked about the Special Correspondence List maintained by the FBI. Was it for people only friendly with the FBI and who were given information not available to others - was it a list used by Mr. Hoover to reward friends. He was advised that to my recollection it was not a secret list for outsiders to receive unauthorized information. - That people were on the list who had indicated an interest in receiving FBI releases and publications of all types, on a continuing basis, including annual reports, press releases, law enforcement bulletins, crime statistics, etc.

He asked if people such as Mr. Tolson, Mr. Belmont, and Mr. De Loach kept separate files. He was advised that to my knowledge they might receive tickler copies of memoranda addressed to them in the regular course of business, but that I have no recollection of their keeping separate files.

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He asked if I knew of the Society of Former Special Agents. I said I did that I was a member. Also asked if I knew if Mr. Hoover asked former Agents to work on cases for the FBI. I told him that I didn't quite understand what he meant but that I had no personal knowledge of such. That the Society is a social group but does fully support the FBI and if called upon would do its best to assist the FBI. - that the Society is now collecting funds to support the legal defense of former Agents.

Mr. McHargh said he had a copy of a memo showing there was an effort by the FBI and Mr. Hoover to prevent Dr. King's birthday from becoming a national holiday - That the memo showed Mr. Hoover's approval to contact Congressmen in this regard. He asked if I had knowledge of this. I told him I probably had such knowledge but didn't know when I acquired it.

Mr. McHargh asked me if while I was in the Crime Records Division did I disseminate to the press confidential information on Subversive matters normally not disseminated outside the Bureau. He was advised that I had no such recollection of engaging in such activity.

He said they were interviewing a number of people and he did not think it would be necessary to call me again for clarification but he took my address and phone number.

(s) James F. Bland"

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

DATE: August 24, 1978

ATTENTION: MR. ROBERT L. KEUCH

FROM : Director, FBI (62-117290)

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

Reference is made to _____ memorandum dated _____
(your file _____).

There is enclosed one copy of ~~the report of Special Agent~~ a letterhead memorandum
dated 6-30-78 at Washington, D. C.

A. ☐ This covers the preliminary investigation and no further action concerning a full investigation will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

B. ☐ The investigation is continuing and you will be furnished copies of reports as they are received.

C. ☐ The investigation requested by you has now been completed. Unless advised to the contrary no further inquiries will be made by this Bureau.

D. ☐ Pursuant to instructions issued by the Department, no investigation will be conducted in this matter unless specifically directed by the Department.

E. ☐ Please advise whether you desire any further investigation.

F. ☐ This is submitted for your information and you will be advised of further developments.

G. ☒ This is submitted for your information and no further investigation will be conducted unless specifically requested by the Department.

H. ☐ This covers the receipt of a complaint and no further action will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

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FM MEMPHIS (66-2197) (RUC)

TO DIRECTOR (62-117290) (ROUTINE)

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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA). BUDED 7/6/78.

RE BUREAU TEL TO MEMPHIS 6/28/78.

SEARCH OF PERTINENT MEMPHIS FILES AND CONTACT WITH FOLLOWING PERSONS FAILED TO DEVELOP POSITIVE INFO RE LOCATION OF SIX ORIGINAL X-RAYS TAKEN OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., APRIL 4, 1968:

ALL THE INDIVIDUALS NAMED BELOW WERE CONTACTED JULY 3, 1978.

LARRY HUTCHINSON, INVESTIGATOR, CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE DIV., STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE, MEMPHIS, TENN., ADVISED FILES OF HIS OFFICE RE THE DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., CASE CONTAIN NO ORIGINAL X-RAYS OF DR. KING. HE SUGGESTED THE SHELBY COUNTY, TENN., CRIMINAL COURT CLERK BE CONTACTED.

JAMES A. BLACKWELL, CLERK, SHELBY COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT, ADVISED A REVIEW OF DOCUMENTS RE THE DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., CASE REVEALED NO INFO CONCERNING X-RAYS OF DR. KING.

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DR. J. T. FRANCISCO, STATE OF TENNESSEE MEDICAL EXAMINER'S OFFICE, MEMPHIS, ADVISED HE UTILIZED COPIES OF ORIGINAL X-RAYS OF DR. KING IN CONNECTION WITH THE EXAMINATION CONDUCTED BY HIM FOLLOWING THE DEATH OF DR. KING. DR. FRANCISCO WAS OF OPINION THE ORIGINAL X-RAYS NO LONGER EXIST BECAUSE X-RAYS ARE ORDINARILY NOT MAINTAINED LONGER THAN FIVE YEARS.

DR. BOYER M. BRADY, RADIOLOGY DEPT., ST. JOSEPH HOSPITAL, 220 OVERTON AVE., MEMPHIS, ADVISED THE ORIGINAL X-RAYS OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., ARE NOT MAINTAINED IN RADIOLOGY DEPT. BUT WERE TRANSFERRED TO THE ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE. HE FURNISHED NO INFO RE CURRENT LOCATION OF THE ORIGINAL X-RAYS OF DR. KING.

DR. MICHAEL SILVERMAN WAS CONTACTED AT HIS OFFICE, ST. JOSEPH HOSPITAL (SJH), EAST. HE RECALLED THAT X-RAYS OF DR. KING WERE MADE WHEN HE ENTERED THE EMERGENCY ROOM AT ST. JOSEPH HOSPITAL, 220 OVERTON AVE. IN 1968. DR. SILVERMAN DOES NOT KNOW NUMBER OF X-RAYS MADE BUT RECALLED A REPORT WAS PREPARED ON THE EXAMINATION AND THE REPORT AND X-RAYS WERE TRANSFERRED TO THE ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE THE DAY FOLLOWING THE DEATH OF DR. KING. THIS ARRANGEMENT WAS MADE DUE TO THE WIDESPREAD PUBLICITY CONCERNING THE DEATH OF DR. KING AND THE ANTICIPATED DEMAND THAT WOULD BE MADE REGARDING

EXAMINATION AND X-RAYS OF HIM. TWO OR THREE MONTHS AGO DR. SILVERMAN WAS CONTACTED BY SISTER RITA, O.S.F., EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SJH, WHO REQUESTED HE ASSIST HER IN LOCATING THE X-RAYS OF DR. KING. AT THE TIME HE REVIEWED THE X-RAYS LOCATED AT SJH AND BELIEVES THERE WERE ONE OR TWO ORIGINAL X-RAYS AND SOME COPIES, SPECIFIC NUMBER NOT RECALLED. HE DID NOT OBSERVE ANY WRITTEN DOCUMENTS SHOWING THE LOCATION OF ORIGINAL X-RAYS BUT HAS IN THE PAST HEARD SOMEONE, IDENTITY NOT RECALLED, MENTION THE ORIGINAL X-RAYS WERE FURNISHED TO THE FBI. HE IS OF THE OPINION THE ORIGINAL X-RAYS ARE IN POSSESSION OF A GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY OR COMMITTEE IN WASHINGTON, D. C., AND FELT THE FBI WAS THE LOGICAL AGENCY SINCE THE FBI WAS INVOLVED IN THE INVESTIGATION OF THE CASE.

SISTER M. RITA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SJH, ADVISED THE HSCA HAS BEEN FURNISHED THE ONLY ORIGINAL X-RAY OF DR. KING LOCATED AT THE SJH. THERE ARE NO WRITTEN DOCUMENTS AT SJH SETTING FORTH THE LOCATION OF ORIGINAL X-RAYS NOT FOUND THERE. SHE WAS INFORMED BY DR. MICHAEL SILVERMAN THE FBI HAD THE ORIGINALS BUT HAS NO WRITTEN OR ADDITIONAL ORAL CONFIRMATION OF THIS INFO. SHE POINTED OUT SHE WAS NOT AT SJH IN 1968 AND HAS NO PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE RE HANDLING OF THE X-RAYS AT THE TIME. SHE EXPRESSED REGRET SHE COULD

FURNISH NO POSITIVE INFO RE THE LOCATION OF THE ADDITIONAL ORIGINAL X-RAYS.

THE MEMPHIS OFFICE PLANS NO ADDITIONAL INQUIRIRES RE THIS MATTER UACB.

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TO DIRECTOR (62-117290) ROUTINE

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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO CHICAGO, ET AL, JULY 12, 1978.

A CHECK OF CHICAGO INDICES RE RHONDA GIBSON, AKA VERONICA STROTHERS, DOB JULY 19, 1947, WAS NEGATIVE. A CHECK OF CASE ENTITLED, "UNSUBS (2); LADDONIA STATE BANK, LADDONIA, MISSOURI, JUNE 11, 1970, OO: ST. LOUIS", REVEALED CHICAGO FILE 91-7631. A FURTHER CHECK REVEALED THAT THIS FILE WAS DESTROYED IN JUNE, 1978. CHICAGO HAS NO FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING ABOVE.

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-117290)

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (62-7841)(3)(RUC)

SUBJECT: HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)

ReButel 7/18/78 and LAtel 7/21/78.

Enclosed for the Bureau is one copy of LA file 137-10611 regarding JOHN MARSHALL BEFFEL, JR., aka, former LA 7932-PC, as requested in referenced Bureau teletype.

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Date 7/19/78

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

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

SUBJECT: HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE
ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)

Re Bureau teletype to Memphis dated 7/18/78.

Enclosed for the Bureau under separate cover are three boxes containing all volumes, sub sections, 1-A exhibits and bulky enclosures of Memphis files 170-70, 170-117, 170-1019, 170-1022, and 170-1040 currently available to the Memphis Office.

Memphis file 170-70 has a total of 20 volumes categorized as follows:

170-70-1A	1 volume
170-70	5 volumes
170-70-Sub	14 volumes

Memphis file 170-117 has a total of 3 volumes, categorized as follows:

170-117	2 volumes
170-117-Sub	1 volume

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Memphis file 170-1019 has a total of 13 volumes, categorized as follows:

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170-1019	3 volumes
170-1019-Sub	9 volumes

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Memphis file 170-1022 has a total of 5 volumes, categorized as follows:

170-1022	2 volumes
170-1022-Sub	3 volumes

Memphis file 170-1040 has a total of 6 volumes, categorized as follows:

170-1040	2 volumes
170-1040-Sub	4 volumes

The distribution of the files in the three boxes are as follows:

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170-70-1A (exhibits)	volume 1
170-70	volumes 4,5
170-70-Sub	volumes 1-14

Box #2

170-70	volumes 1-3
170-117	volumes 1-2
170-1040	volumes 1-2
170-1040-Sub	volumes 1-4
170-117 - Sub	volume 1

Box #3

170-1022	volumes 1-2
170-1022-Sub	volumes 1-3
170-1019-1A (exhibits)	volume 1
170-1019	volumes 1-3
170-1019-Sub	volumes 1-9

The files are to be transported to the Bureau via American Airlines flight 90, departing Memphis International Airport on 7/20/78 at 9:40 a.m., arriving Washington National Airport, 7/20/77, at 12:28 p.m. The files will be returned to Memphis on 9/21/78 departing Washington National Airport via American Airlines flight 552 at 7:00 p.m. and arriving Memphis 7:58 p.m.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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

DATE: August 4, 1978

FROM : Director, FBI (62-117290)

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

Reference is made to Bucal to Mr. Keuch ~~memorandum~~ dated August 3, 1978 (your file _____).

There is enclosed one copy ~~of the report of Special Agent~~ each of FD-302's reflecting interviews of ~~SA's Howard C.~~ Kennedy dated July 28, 1978, at St. Louis, Missouri and Robert S. Bender.

A. ☐ This covers the preliminary investigation and no further action concerning a full investigation will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

B. ☐ The investigation is continuing and you will be furnished copies of reports as they are received.

C. ☐ The investigation requested by you has now been completed. Unless advised to the contrary no further inquiries will be made by this Bureau.

D. ☐ Pursuant to instructions issued by the Department, no investigation will be conducted in this matter unless specifically directed by the Department.

E. ☐ Please advise whether you desire any further investigation.

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F. ☐ This is submitted for your information and you will be advised of further developments.

G. ☒ This is submitted for your information and no further investigation will be conducted unless specifically requested by the Department.

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H. ☐ This covers the receipt of a complaint and no further action will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

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FD-302 (REV. 11-27-70)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 7/31/78

Mr. HOWARD C. KENNEDY resides at 55 Harneywold Drive, Ferguson, Missouri 63136, residence telephone number (314) 521-8221.

Mr. KENNEDY is presently self-employed as a private investigator and polygraph examiner. He retired from FBI service on 2/28/77. Prior to his retirement he was assigned to the St. Louis Division of the FBI from 1954 to the date of his retirement. During 1974 he was assigned to general criminal matters and worked as a Special Agent under the supervision of Field Supervisor ROBERT L. BENDER.

Mr. KENNEDY was interviewed at the St. Louis FBI Office, at which place he voluntarily appeared.

Mr. KENNEDY was exhibited sufficient portions of a closed St. Louis file 137-16185 to enable him to identify it as a matter which was at one time assigned to him while he was an FBI Agent.

The file in this instance pertains to one RICHARD F. O'HARA, a former informant of the St. Louis Division of the FBI. The attention of Mr. KENNEDY was directed to a memorandum in this file dated 3/19/74 from him to the SAC, St. Louis. This memorandum is identified as serial 5 of the file. He was permitted to read this memorandum in order to refresh his memory concerning its contents. KENNEDY related that from his review of this memorandum it reflects the results of a contact by him with O'HARA at which time O'HARA furnished him several pieces of information. KENNEDY's attention was further directed to paragraph 2, page 3 of the memorandum, which paragraph begins "During the fall of 1973 ...," and ending with "... $20,000 to kill KING."

Mr. KENNEDY stated that upon having his memory refreshed by reading the above memorandum, he vaguely recalls receiving the information. He has no recollection, however, of having disseminated the information contained in the above-cited paragraph or that the information was otherwise acted upon. He can cite no reason for such failure other than inadvertence. To the best of his recollection, no action was, in fact, taken concerning the information about MARTIN LUTHER KING, as contained

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Interviewed on 7/28/78 at St. Louis, Missouri File # SL 62-5097

by SAC ROY B. KLAGER, JR./nln Date dictated 7/31/78

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in the memorandum, and he shared this information with no other personnel in the office.

Mr. KENNEDY was unable to provide an evaluation of the information and he is sure that no other information concerning KING was furnished to him by O'HARA. He can make no comment with regard to the credibility of the information at this late date. He does not believe, however, that credibility of either O'HARA or BYERS entered into any decision or lack of decision with regard to dissemination of the information concerning KING.

KENNEDY recalls, however, from his many years of service in the FBI at St. Louis that RUSSELL BYERS was a well-known fence.

KENNEDY reiterated that he has no idea or reason for the failure to disseminate the information contained in paragraph 2 of page 3 of the cited memorandum as it relates to MARTIN LUTHER KING. He noted that there is nothing written on the memorandum to indicate such dissemination was made or action taken otherwise.

Mr. KENNEDY's attention was further directed to a handwritten notation on the first page of the memorandum which states, "Notify locals of info re killing." He identifies this notation as being in the handwriting of his former Supervisor, ROBERT L. BENDER. Upon reading the memorandum in detail, it was KENNEDY's conclusion that this handwritten notation did not apply to the above-cited paragraph but, instead, applied to an unrelated matter of interest to local authorities appearing on page 2 of the memorandum.

At the conclusion of interview, Mr. KENNEDY stated that in retrospect, the information concerning MARTIN LUTHER KING in the memorandum of 3/19/74 should have been acted upon.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 7/31/78

Mr. ROBERT L. BENDER resides at Route 1, Box 388, Chesterfield, Missouri 63017, residence telephone number (314) 391-6518.

Mr. BENDER is presently unemployed, having retired from FBI service on 2/28/77. Prior to his retirement he was assigned to the St. Louis Field Division of the FBI from 1953 to the date of his retirement. Additionally, he served in the capacity of Field Supervisor in the St. Louis Division of the FBI for approximately nine years prior to and until the date of his retirement. He supervised general criminal matters.

Mr. BENDER was interviewed at the St. Louis FBI Office, at which place he voluntarily appeared.

Mr. BENDER was exhibited sufficient portions of a closed St. Louis file 137-16185 to enable him to identify it as a matter which was at one time under his supervision and assigned to an Agent under his supervision by the name of HOWARD C. KENNEDY.

The file in this instance pertains to one RICHARD F. O'HARA, a former informant of the St. Louis Division of the FBI.

The attention of Mr. BENDER was directed to a memorandum in this file dated 3/19/74 to the SAC, St. Louis, from Special Agent HOWARD C. KENNEDY. This memorandum is identified as serial 5 of the file. Mr. BENDER was permitted to read this memorandum in order to refresh his memory concerning its contents. Although he had no independent recollection of the memorandum or its contents, after reading it he concluded that the memorandum had crossed his desk on or about 3/19/74, as attested to by the appearance of his handwriting on the memorandum. BENDER's attention was further directed to paragraph 2, page 3 of the memorandum, which paragraph begins, "During the fall of 1973...," and ending with "... $20,000 to kill KING."

Mr. BENDER related that he had no independent recollection of the paragraph in question; however, upon reviewing the entire memorandum dated 3/19/74, he found no evidence that the information contained in the above-cited paragraph was either acted upon or

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7/28/78 at St. Louis, Missouri File # SL 62-5097

by SAC ROY B. KLAGER, JR./nln Date dictated 7/31/78

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disseminated beyond the file in which the memorandum is located. He did note that there is a handwritten notation in his handwriting on page 1 of the memorandum which states, "Notify locals of info re killing." Upon reading the memorandum in detail, it was BENDER's conclusion that this handwritten notation did not apply to the above-cited paragraph but, instead, applied to an unrelated matter of interest to local authorities appearing on page 2 of the memorandum.

Mr. BENDER stated that he has absolutely no recollection as to why the information contained in the above-cited paragraph on page 3 of the memorandum in question was not disseminated or acted upon. He can only assume that such failure was through inadvertence. He can make no judgment whatsoever concerning the credibility of the information as a possible reason for not acting on it. BENDER related, however, that because of his long association with the FBI in St. Louis, he does recall an individual by the name of RUSSELL BYERS as a well-known thief and fence.

At the conclusion of interview, Mr. BENDER stated that in retrospect and in light of today's climate, the information concerning MARTIN LUTHER KING in the memorandum of 3/19/74 should have been acted upon.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, ST. LOUIS (157-NEW)(DEAD) DATE: 7-30-69

FROM : SA JACK A. FRENCH

SUBJECT: ST. LOUIS METROPOLITAN AREA CITIZENS COUNCIL
RACIAL MATTERS

On 7-29-69 Lt. EARKE HALVELAND, Intelligence Unit, SLPD, made available the attached sheets which were being distributed by captioned organization in south St. Louis.

HALVELAND stated the group made an appearance at St. Pius V Catholic Church, corner of S. Grand and Utah, SLMO, on 7-27-69 and urged support of their "white Manifesto" a copy of which is attached. The groups consisted mostly of white females, dressed in white blouses, red skirts, and a blue sash. SHIRELY KIEL, 4510 S. Grand, and VIOLA ANDERSON, 2105 Arsenal, appeared to be the spokemen of the group at the church. Another iddividual, DONALD LOUIS LYONS, white, male about 30, was also a member of the group.

He stated that most of the group appear to be the former supporters of GEORGE WALLACE for President, which in St. Louis, called itslef the American Party.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, ST. LOUIS (157-582) DATE: 1/26/68

FROM : SA RICHARD T. HRADSKY

SUBJECT: SL METROPOLITAN AREA
CITIZENS COUNCIL
RM - (ORG)

Source	SL 1355-R (PROB)
Activity	10/67 and 11/67
Furnished	1/23/68
Furnished To	SA RICHARD T. HRADSKY
Location	170-406A-24 170-406A-1A31

THIS SOURCE HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST AND IDENTITY SHOULD BE FURTHER PROTECTED BY PARAPHRASING THIS INFORMATION IF IT IS TO BE DISSEMINATED OUTSIDE THE BUREAU.

SL 1355-R (PROB) furnished the following items, obtained from the above captioned organization. The names mentioned therein are being indexed:

REV. W. C. BARLOW, SR. - Council Chairman
FLOYD G. KITCHEN - Vice Chairman
DAVID A. BAUR - Committee Chairman
HAROLD E. COONS - Chairman, "Membership and Finance Committee"

Items furnished:

1. Pamphlet "The Missouri Citizen", Oct.-Nov. 1967 issue.

2. Membership card

3. Letter of invitation to meeting, 1/11/68

4. Letter enclosing American Independent Party membership application blanks and application for membership in St. Louis Metropolitan Area Citizens Council.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, ST. LOUIS (157-582) DATE: 6/17/66

FROM : SA RICHARD T. HRADSKY

SUBJECT: ST. LOUIS METROPOLITAN AREA
CITIZENS COUNCIL (SLMACC)
RM (ORG)

On 5/11/66, SL 1355-R (PROB) furnished the following:

1 copy April, 1966, issue of the "St. Louis Metropolitan Citizen".

1 copy of an announcement of a SLMACC meeting on 4/24/66.

1 copy each of the January and February, 1966, issues of "The Citizen".

The above are being placed in the 1-A serial of 170-406A-1A-10 and 170-406A-1A-11.

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Memorandum

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FROM : SA RICHARD T. HRADSKY

SUBJECT: ST. LOUIS METROPOLITAN AREA
CITIZENS COUNCIL
RM (ORG)

On 5/11/66, SL 1355-R (PROB) furnished a cancelled check representing his payment of dues to captioned organization which was cleared through the 1st National Bank, Jackson, Miss.

Informant also furnished a letter dated 2/10/66 which enclosed his membership card and a pamphlet entitled "What is the Citizens Council Doing?".

The above are being placed in the 1-A serial of 170-406A-1A-9.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, ST. LOUIS (157-582) DATE: 5/13/66

FROM : SA RICHARD T. HRADSKY

SUBJECT: ST. LOUIS METROPOLITAN AREA CITIZENS COUNCIL
RM (ORG)

On 5/4/66, SL 1357-R (PROB) furnished a copy of a flyer obtained at the May 1, 1966, meeting of the NSRP held at 2135 Edmund Ave., Hillsdale, Mo. The flyer is being circulated by the above captioned organization regards the bill in the U. S. Congress concerning alleged discrimination in the sale and rental of housing.

The flyer contains the following text:

"_____

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Dear _____:

"In the name of the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, I wish to protest the impending invasion of the right of private property as proposed by our President in his State of the Union Message to Congress on Wednesday, January 12, 1966. To wit:

> 'To take additional steps to ensure equal justice to all our people***and by outlawing discrimination in the sale and rental of housing.'

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"There is little question but what the administration will ask Congress for legislation to enforce the outlawing of 'discrimination' so-called. But, even such an attempt to clothe this proposed flagrant invasion of the rights of private property does not detract from its obvious unconstitutional aspect.

"I must point out that I see a senseless contradiction in fighting to preserve liberty in Viet Nam while we are in danger of having that very liberty undermined by such proposals at home.

"Do the American people sanction such attempts to jeopardize our right of private property as is proposed in this instance? The voters of California, of Detroit and Akron answered overwhelmingly in the negative when they had an opportunity to express themselves recently...I do so now!

"As my elected representative in Congress I urge you to fight the introduction of such a proposal when it appears, to oppose it in committee, to speak against it on the floor and finally to vote against it when the roll is called. In so doing your name shall be blessed by untold generations of liberty loving American citizens.

"Very cordially,

"_____

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"(Additonal copies of this letter
available from sponsor:
ST. LOUIS METROPOLITAN AREA
CITIZENS COUNCIL - P.O. Box 9683 -
Kirkwood, Missouri 63122 -
Rev. W.C. Barlow, Chairman)"

A copy of this flyer is being placed in the 1A serial of 170-405A-1A10.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, ST. LOUIS (157-582) DATE: 5-2-66

FROM : SA RICHARD T. HRADSKY

SUBJECT: ST. LOUIS METROPOLITAN AREA CITIZENS COUNCIL
RM (ORG.)

SOURCE: SL 1355-R (Prob)
RECEIVED: 4-20-66
ACTIVITY: 4-24-66
AGENT: SA HRADSKY
LOCATION: 170-406A-10

"April 18, 1966

"The undersigned joined the Citizen's Council of America at the late Jan. meeting of the St. Louis Metropolitan Area Citizen's Council held at the Salem House Restaurant, 9993 Manchester Road. A copy of HOW CLASSROOM DESEGREGATION WORKS was obtained at that meeting.

"On February 12 membership card No. 10185 was received from 315-25 Bankers Trust Plaza Bldg., Jackson, Miss., along with literature. In March a 3-month's membership bill was received from the same address, was paid by my check No. 17, and was deposited in the Jackson Miss. Special Account of the Citizen's Council, Inc., on March 11. Three copies of THE CITIZEN, the Council's magazine, were received on 2/25, 4/7, and 4/16, all apparently mailed in St. Louis - - the first in an envelope, and the latter two by addressograph-type coverless mailing.

"A copy of the April issue, No. 10 of the ST. LOUIS METROPOLITAN CITIZEN, a four-page multilithed paper, was received 4/14. It contained news of the April St. Louis membership drive meeting to be held on April 24 at the Newport Heights VFW Hall, 4265 Delor, St. Louis. On 4/15 a typed invitation on small ladies'-style notepaper was received, with details of the 4/24 meeting. The undersigned expects to attend this meeting."

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RM (ORG)

Source: SL 1357-S (PROB), who has furnished reliable information in the past, which information should be paraphrased if it is disseminated outside the Bureau.
Received: 4/8/66.
Activity: 4/8/66.
Agent: RICHARD T. HEARNEY.
Location: 170-405A-29 19

"On Sunday, April 3rd, 1966, a meeting was held at 2135 Edmund Ave., which is where Kern lives. The first chapter to be formed in the state of Missouri under the new N.S.R.P. constitution held a meeting. There were twelve people present. Among them were William Flori, Kern, a man by the name of Harper, who was elected chapter leader, L. S. Johnson, John H. Sullivan, who was elected treasurer. David McKinney and Mike Gatson were supposed to be there, but something came up and neither was able to show. There were about twelve other people who are in this chapter who weren't for some reason or another. I shall try to get a complete list of all those who attended this meeting.

"As to the N.S.R.P. youth movement here in the state of Mo. I have found out that it is 99½% imagination on the part of McKinney, Gatson, etc, etc; though there is a handful of young people in the party, they carry the same membership cards as the adults. McKinney

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1 - 100-4703 (JOHN H. SULLIVAN)
1 - 100-4236 (WM. FLORI)
1 - 100-9589 (ALLEN G. KERN)
1 - 105-4316 (LEONARD S. JOHNSON)
1 - 157-582 (METROPOLITAN AREA CITIZENS COUNCIL)
1 - 105-4520 (DAVID MC KINNEY)
1 - 157-235 (MIKE GATSON)
1 - 157-New (HARPER)
1 - 100-New (COUNCIL OF INDEPENDENT YOUTHS)

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"is working with some youths, but I do not know at this time if they are party members or not.

"The N.S.R.P. and three other radical right organizations have formed the Council of Independent Veterans. This group takes its orders from the N.D.A.P. I shall find out what the exact names of these other organizations and report them to you. I do know that the Missouri Citizens Council is going to join this group."

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, ST. LOUIS (157-582) DATE: 4/10/66

FROM : SA RICHARD T. HRADSKY

SUBJECT: ST. LOUIS METROPOLITAN AREA CITIZEN COUNCIL
RM (ORGANIZATION)

Source	SL 1097-S
Received	2/24/66
Activity	2/21/66
Agent	RICHARD T. HRADSKY
Location	134-167A-572

"St. Louis, Mo.
Written Feb 21-66

"My friend Jamieson tells me that Walker's speech has been cancelled. He didn't know why. He has been sick.

"A big write-up in connection with Beeny appeared in both papers but I didn't see anything about the cancellation=in the papers."

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, ST. LOUIS (157-582) DATE: 2/15/66

FROM : SA RICHARD T. HRADSKY

SUBJECT: SL METROPOLITAN AREA
CITIZENS COUNCIL
RM (ORGANIZATION)

SOURCE: SL 1355-R (This source has furnished reliable information in the past and identity should be further protected by paraphrasing this information if is to be disseminated outside the Bureau.)

RECEIVED: 2/2/66
ACTIVITY: 1/29/66
AGENT: SA RICHARD T. HRADSKY
LOCATION: 170-406A-5
170-406A-1A-4

On 2/2/66, SL 1355-R furnished a pamphlet captioned, "What is the Citizens Council?", published by the SL Metropolitan Area Citizens Council which is being placed in the 1A serial of 170-40-A.

SL 1355-R also furnished a cancelled check dated 10/23/65, drawn on the Webster Groves Trust Co., payable to the SL Metropolitan Area Citizens Council for $1.00 and signed J. RICHARDSON USHER which is endorsed SL Metropolitan Area Citizens Council and was cleared through the Boatmen's National Bank, SLMO. This check is also being placed in the 1A serial.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, ST. LOUIS (157-582) DATE: 2/15/66

FROM : SA RICHARD T. HRADKSY

SUBJECT: SL METROPOLITAN CITIZENS COUNCIL
RM (ORGANIZATION)

SOURCE: SL 1355-R (This source has furnished reliable information in the past and identity should be further protected by paraphrasing this information if it is to be disseminated outside the Bureau.)

RECEIVED: 2/9/66
ACTIVITY: 1/30/66
AGENT: SA RICHARD T. HRADSKY
LOCATION: 170-406A-7

"January 30, 1966

"The undersigned attended a three-hour luncheon Executive Committee meeting of the Metropolitan St. Louis Citizen's Council at the Salem House Restaurant. Fourteen persons attended, and only Mr. Schmedel of the St. Louis Taxpayer's Committee was known to the Undersigned. He gave no sign of recognising the undersigned.

"Those identified were: Mr. Rogers (vice president, filling in for Rev. Barlowe, whose car would not start), Floyd Kitchen (Executive Director), Nadine_____ (Secretary-Treasurer (?)) and Gordon Baume (Membership Committee Chmn) all of whom are officers; Joe Morallo, brother-in-law, Josephine_____ (a former City parole officer), and a Mr. Badgett.

1 - 157-582
1 - 170-406A-7
1 - 157-2206 (NADINE MALTZMAN)
1 - 157-2207 (CHARLES O. ROGERS)
1 - 157-1901 (REV. W. C.BARLOW)
1 - 157-1902 (FLOYD KITCHEN)
1 - 157-NEW (GORDON BAUME)
1 - 100-18639 (J.RICHARDSON USHER)
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"Mr. Rogers ran the meeting. Mr. Baume reported on membership, which had fallen off after the November meetingwwhen Sheriff Clarke spoke. Many were scared off by the publicity, although they feel that many will again give money but will not participate in person. Plans for increasing membership were discussed, and a monthly social meeting was approved to begin after the first push for new members in February. Mr. Kitchen reported at length. Gen Walker will speak here on March 12 or 13, sponsored by Rev. Bill Beeny who is raising $500 for the General's fee. The Citizen's Council will ride free as a sponsor, and will take all the credit they can claim. A search is underway for a big hall in an area of town which their opposition will be afraid to come into, so as to reduce picketing. Kitchen presented a form letter for approval, which is to be sent in quantity to our Congressmen. The letter has a place for an individual's additions, and will be marked as originating with the Council. The latter move is on the theory that the Congressmen will listen to the letter when hundreds of them come in.

"Attention was twice focussed on the undersigned, once at the beginning of lunch and once at the close of the meeting. Mr. Rogers asked the undersigned's name, which was given, with the information that a Mr. McCullough had told me about the meeting. Nadine_____, the Secretary immediately asked for his first name. The undersigned readily said he did not know the first name because they had met casually at a party. The Secretary did not seem pleased with this reply, although the other seemed satisfied. At the end of the meeting Mr. Rogers asked for the Undersigned's comments about what had just taken place. The undersigned indicated that the group seemed to be trying to get organized in a coordinated way, and all were searching their memories for contacts and friends that might be of use. Further, they seemed to be about to take root, unlike many groups seen in the last few years. The undersigned indicated he had been looking for just such a group. The undersigned seemed to be well accepted by the end of the meeting.

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"Mr. Rogers is in the real estate business, at first on the North Side for about 30 or so years, and then on the South Side where he organized the Real Estate Agents group there. Most of the members were anti-negro, he averred, and will support the Council's letter drive.

"Mr. Kitchen is a highly articulate, seemingly well-organized man, and is a good Executive Director. On Friday he and Barlow were in Columbia, Mo helping a Tom Lacks (sp) start a local council. Kitchen had written a local newssheet for him, and they expect the new group to be under way shortly. Kitchen obtained authority for a $17 draft to reimburse Barlowe for his expenses on the Columbia trip and $6.90 for a long distance phone call. He also was authorized to buy a memeograph machine. This was Baume's idea, and by purchasing it on time, credit will beestablished for the Council.

"The undersigned joined the White Citizen's Council of America at quarterly dues of $8.00, and gave the impression of being pleased to find a group that will actually do something.

"Respectfully submitted

"/s/ J. Richardson Usher."

The name of Rev. BILL BEENY is being indexed.

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SAC, ST. LOUIS (157-582) (RUC)

ST. LOUIS METROPOLITAN AREA
CITIZENS COUNCIL
RM - ORGANIZATION

Re Kansas City letter to St. Louis, 3/31/66.

For the information of Kansas City the Bureau by letter, 2/21/66, in the above captioned matter referred to Bureau letter to Atlanta, 6/13/58, captioned "Citizens' Councils; Internal Security - X." That letter instructed offices receiving copies to discontinue all efforts to develop informant coverage in citizens' councils; that the discontinuance of the program in no way altered the Bureau's responsibility of keeping interested Government agencies and offices advised of actual or contemplated acts of violence in connection with the segregation issue; plans for acts violative in connection of laws within the Bureau's jurisdiction particularly those relating to civil rights and the activities of individuals responsible for such acts.

The letter pointed out that all offices have a continuing responsibility to insure that the Bureau is apprised of all such information and offices are to secure the information only to establish sources, office contacts and close scrutiny of the public press.

Bureau advised that to date information developed concerning subject organization does not indicate that it qualifies for investigation under the criteria of Section 122 of the Manual of Instructions, and in the absence of such information, no investigation should be conducted of this group.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, ST. LOUIS (157-582) DATE: 3/31/66

FROM : SAC, KANSAS CITY (157-521) P

SUBJECT: ST. LOUIS METROPOLITAN AREA
CITIZENS' COUNCIL
RM - ORGANIZATION

OO: Jackson

Re St. Louis report of SA RICHARD T. HRADSKY, dated 1/25/66, and St. Louis letter to Kansas City, 1/25/66.

Enclosed for Jackson are six copies of insert reflecting investigation at Columbia, Missouri.

Enclosed for St. Louis are two copies of above described insert.

LEADS:

ST. LOUIS DIVISION:

At St. Louis, Missouri:

Will check indices for the name GERYL DEAN and ascertain if she is known to any SI.

KANSAS CITY DIVISION:

At Columbia, Missouri:

Will attempt to identify GERYL DEAN through sources and contacts.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA ROWEN B. AYERS:

At Columbia, Missouri:

On January 7, 1966, Mr. ERIC ENGBERG, News Director, Radio Station KFRU, Columbia, Missouri, associated with the Columbia Tribune, a daily newspaper, advised he was the source of an article appearing in the Tribune on November 12, 1965, referring to the White Citizens Council. He said he picked up some information in the St. Louis Press about November 11, 1965, indicating an attempt to establish a White Citizens Council in various Missouri cities. He said he telephonically contacted Rev. W. C. BARLOW, St. Louis, Missouri. Mr. BARLOW told him his organization had only one contact in Columbia, Missouri, and that was a student by the name of TOM LACHS.

Mr. ENGBERG said he directed JAMES PIRNER, of his staff, to interview LACHS, and he did. He said the interview resulted in the article appearing in the Tribune on November 12, 1965. He said he has been in continuous contact with LACHS since then, and LACHS has contacted him on frequent occasions. He said so far LACHS has one other person who might be interested in establishing a chapter at Columbia, Missouri, but nothing has been done since November 11, 1965.

Mr. ENGBERG said he plans on contacting LACHS further to determine what progress is being made in connection with this organization. Mr. ENGBERG said, judging from his conversations with LACHS, he would say that LACHS is seeking publicity. He said he can discover no progress being made to form a White Citizens Council in Columbia, Missouri. He said he is sure LACHS will keep him informed of any establishment of a chapter or activity on the part of the group if such can be formed. He said he would, in turn, keep the FBI posted.

On February 8, 1966, Mr. ENGBERG further advised that LACHS has dropped out of school, and on a recent contact with ENGBERG, claimed he had about 20 members interested in the formulation of a White Citizens Council at Columbia, Missouri. However, Mr. ENGBERG said he did not believe this

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is true and he has attempted to determine the identities of some of these persons without success.

On February 28, 1966, Mr. ENGBERG said he has been unable to develop any further information regarding the formation of a White Citizens Council in Columbia, Missouri. He noted that on February 13, 1966, there was a meeting of various political factions, including extremists of both the "right" and "left", sponsored by St. Luke's Methodist Church, and the White Citizens Council was represented. He believed the representative was from St. Louis.

An article in the Columbia Missourian, a daily Columbia, Missouri newspaper, on February 14, 1966, reflected a Miss GERYL DEAN, no other identification, attended the meeting mentioned above as representative of the White Citizens Council. She was reported to have commented at the meeting that the Council was "not anti-Negro, but anti-integration." She said integration produces intermarriage and a "consequent weakening of both races."

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, ST. LOUIS (157-582) DATE: 2/21/66

FROM : SA RICHARD T. HRADSKY

SUBJECT: ST. LOUIS METROPOLITAN AREA CITIZENS COUNCIL
RM (ORGANIZATION)

Source: SL 1097-S

Received: 2/11/66

Activity: 2/8/66

Agent: RICHARD T. HRADSKY

Location: 134-167A-565
134-167A-1A447

IF THIS INFORMATION IS DISSEMINATED TO AN OUTSIDE AGENCY, IT SHOULD BE PARAPHRASED TO FURTHER PROTECT INFORMANT'S IDENTITY.

"St. Louis, Mo.
"Written - February 8, 1965

"Received through the mail in February 1966, the enclosed letter from St. Louis Metropolitan area Citizens Council."

The letter acknowledging receipt of informant's contribution is being placed in 134-167A-1A-447.

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Memorandum

TO: SAC, St. Louis (157-582)

DATE: 2/21/66

FROM: Director, FBI (105-34237)

SUBJECT: ST. LOUIS METROPOLITAN AREA
CITIZENS COUNCIL
RACIAL MATTER - (ORGANIZATION)

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Rerep of SA Richard T. Hradsky dated 1/25/66 at St. Louis.

You are reminded of the instructions set forth in Bureau letter to SAC, Atlanta, and various other offices (copies to St. Louis) dated June 13, 1958, captioned "Citizens' Councils; Internal Security - X." That letter instructed offices receiving copies of the letter to discontinue all efforts to develop informant coverage in citizens' councils. You were instructed that the discontinuance of the program in no way altered the Bureau's responsibility of keeping interested Government agencies and officials advised of actual or contemplated acts of violence in connection with the segregation issue; plans for acts violative of laws within the Bureau's jurisdiction, particularly those relating to civil rights; and the activities of individuals responsible for such acts.

The Bureau letter pointed out that you have a continuing responsibility to insure that the Bureau is apprised of all such information, and you are instructed to secure the information only through established sources, office contacts and close scrutiny of the public press.

To date, the information developed concerning subject organization does not indicate this organization qualifies for investigation under the criteria of Section 122 of the Manual of Instructions, and in the absence of such information, no investigation should be conducted of this group.

The information contained in referenced report appears to be from established sources and public source material. Insure that no investigation is conducted which is contrary to the instructions set forth above concerning citizens' councils.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, ST. LOUIS (157-582) DATE: 2/16/66

FROM : SA RICHARD T. HRADSKY

SUBJECT: SL METROPOLITAN AREA
CITIZENS COUNCIL
RM (ORGANIZATION)

On 2/11/66, Det. ROBERT MC CULLOUGH, Intelligence Unit, St. Louis Police Department, furnished a mimeographed form letter regarding a members delinquency in his dues payments requesting that the member reinstate his dues payments and the #1 issue of the SL Metropolitan Citizen, dated April, 1965.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, ST. LOUIS (157-582) DATE: 2/9/66

FROM : SA RICHARD T. HRADSKY

SUBJECT: SL METROPOLITAN AREA
CITIZEN COUNCIL
RM - ORGANIZATION

SOURCE: SL 1097-S (This source has furnished reliable information in the past and identity should be further protected by paraphrasing this information if it is to be disseminated outside the Bureau.)

RECEIVED: 1/14/66
ACTIVITY: 1/11/66
AGENT: SA RICHARD T. HRADSKY
LOCATION: 134-167A-564
134-167A-1A-446

"St. Louis, Mo.
"Written January 11, 1966

"Today through the mail I received the enclosed St. Louis Citizen's Council - Box 9683 - Kirkwood 22, Mo. The bulletin is entitled 'Citizen.'

"This gives Rev W. C. Barlow as Council Chairman. It also mentioned Tom Lachs of Columbia, Mo. which tells of a recent flyer that his group is circulating.

"Rev. Beeny's address is Box 162, St. Louis, Mo.

"Jamieson is getting more information for me. He resigned as Treasurer but is still very interested.

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A copy of the "SL Metropolitan Citizen" issue of Dec. 1965, published by the SL Metropolitan Area Citizens Council, is being placed in the 1A serial of 134-167A, the name of CLIFTON JAMIESON and Rev. "BILL" BEENY, P.O.Box 162 is being indexed.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, ST. LOUIS (157-582) DATE: 1/25/66

FROM : SA RICHARD T. HRADSKY

SUBJECT: ST. LOUIS METROPOLITAN AREA
CITIZENS COUNCIL
RM (ORGANIZATION)

Source:	J. RICHARDSON USHER
Received:	1/4/66
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Agent:	RICHARD T. HRADSKY
Location:	170-406A-1
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On 1/4/66, J RICHARDSON USHER, Panel Source, advised that he had received in the mail a copy of the St. Louis Metropolitan Citizen, official publication of above captioned organization, which comments that it cost a good deal to bring Sheriff JAMES G. CLARK to St. Louis and left the council treasury very low to continue to fight for states rights and racial integrity, and requested contributions to the SLMACC.

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Memorandum

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TO : SAC, ST. LOUIS (157-582)

DATE: 1/4/66

FROM : [SA SPURGEON J. PETERSON] c

SUBJECT: ST. LOUIS METROPOLITAN AREA
CITIZENS COUNCIL
RACIAL MATTERS

[SOURCE: SL 1271-S (who has furnished reliable information in the past, and which information should be paraphrased if it is disseminated outside the Bureau.) (c)
ACTIVITY: 11/24/65
FURNISHED: 12/20/65
FURNISHED TO: SA SPURGEON J. PETERSON
LOCATION: 134-3431A-200

"St. Louis, Mo.
"12/6/65]

"On the 11/20/65 Robert Scales, Bob Scales, Michele and Arzella went to a pickit line on the south side of St. Louis. (c)

"The pickiter was there protesting Sheriff Clark speaking. There was about 300 people the the one known to be connected with the C.P. were, (c)

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1 - 134-3431A-200
1 - 100-7017 (E. BURCHAM)
1 - 100-19532 (PERCY GREEN)
1 - 100-19975 (RON LANDBERG)
1 - 100-19202 (ROBT. SCALES)
1 - 100-6970 (H. WALKER)
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"1. Hershel Walker (Negro)
"2. Robert Scales (Negro)
"3. Rod Lambert (White)
"4. Ella Burcham (White)
"5. Peacy Green (Negro)
"6. Jim Moore (White) c

"The pickit begun at 6:30 p.m. and ended about 8:30 p.m. When the pickiter was finished marching around everyone was invited to one of two partys, which was given by Peacy Green and a group of people who was trying to raise money for the trip to Washington on the 11/27/65. Robert Scales, Bob Scales, Michele and Arzella went to a party in the county. They rode out with Jim Moore. They stayed at the party for about two hours and then they left." (c)

The following names should be indexed:

BOB SCALES

MICHELE (LNU)

ARZELLA (LNU). c

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TO : SAC, ST. LOUIS (100-19975) DATE: 12-30-65

FROM : SA R. B. SMITH

SUBJECT: RON LANDBERG
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ACTIVITY: 12-22-65
RECEIVED: 12-27-65
BY: SA R. B. SMITH
LOCATION: 134-224A-1061.

"12-22-65

"Ron Landberg of 2120 Rosebud Avenue in Hillsdale called and contacted Merlow Hines for the purpose of getting some exclusive stories concerning the recent peace march in Washington as well as the Convention in Philadelphia concerning the DuBois Clubs. Ron stated that the material would be sent to him at 4371 Finney so that it could be published in an issue of the Crusader newspaper. Landberg stated that he would also include an account of what took place at the Bill Beeney Church the night he was arrested while the Selma Sheriff was speaking there."

1 - 100-19975
1 - 134-224A-1061
1 - 100-17212 (M. Hines)
1 - 157-582 (SL Met. Cit. Council)
1 - 100-19453 (W.E.B. DuBois C. of A.)
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TO : SAC, ST. LOUIS (~~100~~-157-582) DATE: 11/27/65

FROM : [SA SPURGEON J. PETERSON] (c)

SUBJECT: METRO AREA CITIZENS COUNCIL
RACIAL MATTERS

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"St. Louis, Mo.
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"On the 11/10/65 Robert Scales telephoned Orvil Leach. Robert asked Orvil if he heard about the Klu Klux Klan meeting they were having. Orvil said he had not heard anything about it. Orvil then asked his wife if she had heard anything about the meeting. She said she had not heard about it. Robert said he heard the last part of it on the news. Robert also said that the K.K.K. said it would be closed to negros but Mayor Cervantes said they could not have a meeting that was not open to the public. Orvil said if he heard anything he would let him know." (c)

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1 - 100-7042 (E. LEACH)
1 - 100-19202 (ROBT. SCALES)
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RM (ORGANIZATION)

The December, 1965, issue of the St. Louis Metropolitan Citizen, official publication of the above captioned organization, contains a note that the Columbia, Missouri, Council was heard from; that Chairman TOM E. LACHS sent a copy of a flyer that his group was circulating which is quoted as follows:

"OUR TAX DOLLARS ARE BEING USED TO FINANCE 'HATE WHITES' PROJECT!

"Permit me to quote from an Associated Press Dispatch dated November 30, 1965. 'Each night in a makeshift Harlem theater a group of young Negroes give vent to their hatred of white people. They act out dreams of a day when the Negro will stand apart from the white world, and Harlem will be an independent nation. Their leader is the bitterly anti-white poet-playwright, LeRoi Jones. He founded the seven-month-old Black Arts Repertory Theater-School, PARTLY SUPPORTED BY FEDERAL FUNDS. (Capitals added.) 'The force we want', he once wrote, 'is of 20 million spooks (Negroes) storming America with furious cries and unstoppable weapons. We want actual explosions and actual brutality.'...'All of his productions, which '...seethe with rage against 'Whitey'' were recently stepped up after $40,000 in federal anti-poverty funds were made available. Fellow patriots, is THIS how you want your hard-earned tax dollars spent? If not, then immediately write or wire your congressmen and senators. Have your friends do the same. Then, when election time comes, make sure that you AND your friends get out and vote and vote RIGHT!"

Kansas City should identify TOM LACHS and determine if a Citizens Council is being instituted in Columbia, Mo.

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Motel Cancels Space for Clark

A reservation made by Sheriff James G. Clark of Selma, Ala., at Holiday Inn South, 3660 South Lindbergh bl., Sunset Hills, for the week-end was canceled after law enforcement authorities warned the motel might be picketed, it was reported Monday.

Sheriff Clark, due here to speak at a meeting of the St. Louis chapter of the White Citizens Council, was notified by telegram of the cancellation two days before his arrival, a spokesman for the management said.

Reports that the motel manager said his business might be adversely affected by Sheriff Clark's presence because he had Negro employes were unfounded, the spokesman said.

The Rev. W. C. Barlow, council president, had asserted the manager made that statement to him.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

1A St. Louis Globe-Democrat, St. Louis, Missouri

— St. Louis Post-Dispatch, St. Louis, Missouri

— The St. Louis Argus, St. Louis, Missouri

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Pickets Sing As Alabama Sheriff Talks

Two Arrested Here For Disturbance Before Meeting

While civil rights pickets outside were singing, "We shall Overcome," Sheriff James G. Clark, of Selma, Ala., told an audience at the St. Louis Baptist Temple, 4249 Gibson ave., Saturday night "As long as we continue to stick together, they shall never overcome."

The meeting, which was attended by about 140 persons, about the same number as the pickets, was sponsored by the St. Louis Area Metropolitan Citizens Council. It originally had been scheduled for Kiel Auditorium, but the Municipal Auditorium Commission denied the council use of the auditorium after the council president, the Rev. W. C. Barlow, said no Negroes would be admitted.

TWO ARRESTED

Several demonstrators went inside the church before the meeting started and two were arrested on peace disturbance charges.

They are Ronald Landberg, area co-ordinator for the W. E. B. DuBois Club, who gave an address in the 2100 block of Rose Bud avenue, Hillsdale, and Ivory Perry, who has been arrested numerous times in connection with civil rights demonstrators. He gave an address in the 5100 block of Raymond avenue.

They will appear in City Court No. 1 Monday on the charges. They laid down when arrested and were carried to a police cruiser.

Permission to use the church for the meeting was given by the Rev. Bill Beeny, Baptist evangelist, who is pastor of the church there.

The protest marchers were generally peaceful. They carried signs, including one saying, "Clark has the right to speak, not to murder."

Most were young men and women, but some members of a militant group called ACTION, led by its chairman, Percy Green, were present at the demonstrations.

One demonstrator handed a reporter a sheet of paper which said the demonstrators had no common affiliation "other than a belief that the policy expressed by Mr. Clark is contrary to the ideals of America and we are opposed to the development of similar problems in St. Louis."

The paper said the demonstrators acknowledged the right of the council to exist and to assemble but "we believe the ideals espoused by this organization are a threat to the American way of life."

Detectives from the St. Louis Police Department lined the street outside the demonstration lines and barred the doors to the building after the arrests, preventing some persons from attending the mueeting.

The meeting began with a prayer by Mr. Beeny, who asked a blessing on those "who do not agree with us tonight."

NO DISRUPTION

Then, an announcement that no disruption would be tolerated was followed by a pledge of allegiance to the Flag and the singing of the National Anthem by the audience.

Lewis Hollis, director of the White Citizens Councils of America, introduced Sheriff Clark.

Sheriff Clark charged that the civil rights movement was inspired by an international Communist conspiracy, and defended his handling of the Selma, Ala., civil rights incidents.

Most of the Selma marchers and demonstrators were "beatniks, misfits and garbage" trying to "produce a coffee-colored nation," he declared.

Sheriff Clark said he has "given consideration" to running for governor of Alabama when Governor George Wallace's term expires.

There was no admission charge to the meeting, but a collection hat was passed. Several persons, obviously in disagreement with Sheriff Clark, filed out during his speech.

About 100, who stayed until he finished, applauded heartily at the close.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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St. Louis Post-Dispatch, St. Louis, Missouri
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TO : SAC, ST. LOUIS (157-582) DATE: 1/17/66

FROM : SA RICHARD T. HRADSKY

SUBJECT: ST. LOUIS METROPOLITAN AREA
CITIZENS COUNCIL
RM (ORGANIZATION)

On 1/10/66, CLIFTON JAMIESON advised that he is a stockbroker in the investment firm of Fusz-Schmelzle & Co., Inc., 522 Olive St., SLMO; that he was formerly treasurer of captioned organization; that he resigned in about June-July, 1965, as the group was inactive and only a few people showed up when a meeting was scheduled. He said it had no meeting headquarters; that scheduled meetings were held in rented space in various locations in selected areas of the city.

JAMIESON stated that an organizational meeting was held in the fall of 1964 when the Civil Rights Act of 1964 had become effective; that the purpose of the organization was to band white people together to defend the civil rights of white people; that a membership drive was to be conducted, but the organizing momentum was soon lost. He said a patent lawyer named JOHN SUTHERLAND was the first chairman, but that he resigned in the fall of 1965 and a Rev. WILLIAM BARLOW assumed the chairmanship and is trying to build up the organization; that he plans to try to organize units in other localities in Missouri; that he brought Sheriff JAMES G. CLARK of Selma, Alabama, to St. Louis in Nov., 1965, to stimulate interest in a membership drive. JAMIESON said that a one FLOYD G. KITCHEN is an associate of Rev. BARLOW and that KITCHEN is editor of the organization's paper called the St. Louis Metropolitan Citizen; that BARLOW and KITCHEN are both employed at the Mark Andy Co., in Kirkwood, Mo.

JAMIESON said he was invited to attend a reorganization meeting scheduled to be held in about Sept., 1965; that when he got to the scheduled meeting, he and only one other member attended the meeting; that it was therefore postponed

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and a meeting to reconstitute the SLMACC was held in Nov., 1965, to get the group functioning again. JAMIESON said he is no longer a member of SLMACC and does not know who was appointed to the office of treasurer that he vacated. He said the collected funds were deposited in a checking account at Boatmen's Bank while he acted as treasurer.

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REFERENCE: St. Louis airtel to the Bureau, dated 11/17/65.

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SL T-3 is Det. RALPH MC CULLOUGH St. Louis PD, Intelligence Unit	157-582-11
SL T-4 is CLIFTON JAMIESON 7301 Colgate, SLMO (former treasurer of SLMACC)	157-582-47

ADMINISTRATIVE:

A copy of this report is being directed to the Kansas City Division for information concerning the organization and activity in St. Louis of the St. Louis Metropolitan Area Citizens' Council.

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Report of: SA RICHARD T. HRADSKY
Office: ST. LOUIS
Date: January 25, 1966
Bureau File No.:
Field Office File No.: SL 157-582

Title: ST. LOUIS METROPOLITAN AREA CITIZENS' COUNCIL

Character: RACIAL MATTERS (ORGANIZATION)

Synopsis: The St. Louis Metropolitan Area Citizens' Council (SLMACC) sponsored organizational meetings in 1964-65. Rev. WILLIAM C. BARLOW, Pastor of Calvary Baptist Tabernacle, Ellisville, Mo., is Chairman. SLMACC is autonomous but affiliated with Citizens' Councils of America, Plaza Building, Jackson, Miss. SLMACC headquarters mail received at Post Office Box 9683, Kirkwood, Mo., 63122. Organizational action program calls for maintenance of racial integrity, defense of States' Rights, and repeal of the Civil Rights Act. SLMACC circulated petition opposing repeal of Missouri law prohibiting intermarriage of Negroes and whites, and its speaker, Chairman BARLOW, appeared before legislature hearings at State Capitol, Jefferson City, Mo., in opposition. Official publication is the "St. Louis Metropolitan Citizen" with address of Post Office Box 9683, Kirkwood, Mo.

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I. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

Headquarters

On January 14, 1966, SL T-1 advised that the headquarters of the St. Louis Metropolitan Area Citizens' Council (SLMACC), is Post Office Box 9683, Kirkwood, Missouri; that the SLMACC does not have a residence headquarters as meetings when called are held in rented locations.

II. ORIGIN AND FORMATION INFORMATION

On September 29, 1964, SL T-2 furnished a copy of a form letter addressed, "Dear Patriot" and signed, "Organization Committee... St. Louis Metropolitan Area Citizens' Council, John H. Sutherland Temporary Chairman; Mary G. Burns Temporary Secretary", which were mailed to residents of the St. Louis metropolitan area. They bore the letterhead "St. Louis Metropolitan Area Citizens' Council Organization Committee, St. Louis, Missouri." The letter announced that a group of local citizens had been quietly meeting together to explore what had happened to the personal liberties previously taken for granted and all agreed that "we are deep in the throes of minority rule"; that forgotten men got that way by failing to heed the admonition of the Great Seal of Missouri, "United we stand, divided we fall." The letter stated that the best way to regain majority rule was to have one strong locally autonomous organization built along non-partisan lines and geared to make the local and national politicians listen; that this was the plan of the Citizens' Councils of America, and that it was proving its effectiveness in communities across the country. The letter announced that an organizational meeting would be held on October 10, 1964, in the Hall of the Electrical Workers, Local #1, 5850 Elizabeth Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri, at 8:00 PM, at which time guest speakers would be JOSEPH WC DOWELL MITCHELL, Field Director for the Citizens' Councils of Maryland, Washington, D. C., and Virginia; and LOUIS W. HOLLIS, Executive Director, Citizens' Councils of America. The letter had attached to it a tear-off portion which was to be mailed to JOHN H. SUTHERLAND, Gravois Station, Post Office Box C, St. Louis, Missouri, on which the recipient was to indicate whether or not he

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would be present and the names of any friends that would accompany the recipient.

On October 13, 1964, SL T-3 advised that the SLMACC held a meeting on October 10, 1964, at the hall of the Electrical Workers, Local #1, St. Louis, Missouri, to endeavor to organize a Citizens' Council in St. Louis, Missouri, which was attended by approximately 125 persons and was presided over by JOHN H. SUTHERLAND, a St. Louis Patent Attorney who talked briefly about the Negro problem in the United States, and on several occasions stated that there was a possibility in the near future of having Governor GEORGE C. WALLACE of Alabama appear in St. Louis; that he then introduced JOSEPH MC DONELL MITCHELL who spoke upon desegregation of schools, failings of the U. S. Supreme Court, farm subsidies, and attacked the Peace Corps. The other speaker was Dr. MEDFORD EVANS, Consultant, Citizens' Councils of America, and author of the book, "The Secret War for the A Bomb," whose purpose for attending the meeting was to direct organizing efforts of the SLMACC. Informant stated that membership applications were distributed, and persons present were urged to return them with $2 monthly dues.

On December 9, 1964, SL T-1 advised that an organizational meeting of the SLMACC was held at 8:00 PM on December 4, 1964, at the American Legion Hall, 7800 Olive Street Road, St. Louis, Missouri, at which time the speaker was THURMAN SENSING, Executive Vice President, Southern States' Industrial Council, Nashville, Tennessee, who read a speech on racism that he wrote in 1957.

The May 1, 1965, issue of the "St. Louis Post-Dispatch" newspaper reported that the SLMACC had sponsored an organizing meeting held on April 30, 1965, at the American Legion Hall, Post 400, Highway 141 and Gravois Road, Fenton, Missouri, at which LESTER MADDOX, Atlanta, Georgia, segregationist who owned the Pickrick Restaurant in Atlanta, Georgia, was the principal speaker.

On May 4, 1965, SL T-1 advised that the SLMACC contemplated circulating a petition to collect signatures urging the Missouri Legislature not to repeal the law prohibiting intermarriage between whites and Negroes. Informant stated that the members of this organization were fighting among themselves and that the organization was not growing.

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SL T-4 advised that a re-organizational meeting of the SLMACC was scheduled to be held in September, 1965, but that only two members attended the meeting; that it was therefore postponed and a meeting to reconstitute the SLMACC was held in November, 1965, to get the group functioning again.

The September 19, 1965, issued of the "St. Louis Post-Dispatch" newspaper reported an interview with Reverend WILLIAM C. BARLOW conducted on September 18, 1965, which identified BARLOW as the new president of the SLMACC, replacing JOHN H. SUTHERLAND who had resigned because of his business commitments. BARLOW stated that as the new president he planned to endeavor to form chapters in the larger cities in Missouri; that the SLMACC was concerned over the trend toward anarchy in the United States under the leadership of MARTIN LUTHER KING, head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference organization who BARLOW stated was under the guise of a Christian minister largely responsible for the law breaking, looting and ravishing now prevalent in the United States; that KING and President LYNDON B. JOHNSON were equally responsible for the Los Angeles, California, riots. BARLOW said the Civil Rights agitation was largely Communist inspired and praised the police in all areas for the restraint they have shown in the face of unbelievable provocation by Negro mobs who cursed, spit upon and otherwise taunted officers of the law. He stated that KING had proclaimed that his subjects would not obey any laws they considered unjust; that they would decide for themselves what was good and what was bad; that President JOHNSON is equally responsible for not telling KING differently and then telling the American people that the laws of the country will be obeyed. BARLOW stated that the two principal objectives of the SLMACC are States' Rights and Racial Integrity; that the Bible teaches racial separation but the United States courts now made up of politically appointed left wingers have ignored the fact that they have violated the religious freedom of millions of Americans by forcing them into integrated situations.

On November 20, 1965, SL T-3 advised that the SLMACC sponsored a meeting held at the St. Louis Baptist Temple, 4249 Gibson, St. Louis, Missouri, on November 20, 1965; that Sheriff JAMES G. CLARK of Selma, Alabama, was the principal speaker and

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that the meeting was attended by approximately 150 persons; that LOUIS HOLLIS, Director of the Citizens' Councils of America, was also present; that approximately 175 demonstrators picketed the meeting. Informant stated that CLARK charged that the Civil Rights movement was inspired by Communists and defended his handling of the Civil Rights movements in Selma, Alabama.

III. FIVE-POINT ACTION PROGRAM OF SLMACC

On December 16, 1964, SL T-4 advised that the SLMACC distributed a leaflet setting out the following five-point action program:

"1. Prevent Race-Mixing. Racial integrity is essential to civilization and liberty. The fate of the white man (and woman) in the Congo and other new African nations is a stern warning!

"2. Avoid Violence. Experience has proved that where integration occurs, violence becomes inevitable. Peaceful operation of segregated schools in the South proves that social separation of the races is best for all concerned.

"3. Maintain and Restore Legal Segregation. As growing disorder in Northern cities shows, if segregation breaks down, the social structure breaks down. The Communists hope to achieve disintegration through integration in America!

"4. Defend States' Rights. The states are the source of all governmental power, local and Federal. Under the Tenth Amendment, the states have the reserved power to decide questions of segregation. Federal usurpation of any such power is a violation of the Constitution.

"5. Correct the Court and the Congress. Both the Supreme Court's 'Black Monday' decision and the Congressional 'Civil Rights' Act are obviously un-Constitutional,

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"based on false 'science' in mockery of the law. If they stand, social segregation and laws against intermarriage aredoomed. Such a prospect is intolerable! The 'Black Monday' decision must be reversed, the 'Civil Rights' Act repealed!"

The above leaflet also bore a caption, "What is the Citizens' Council doing?", and listed the following:

"IT IS...

"Preserving Racial Segregation, and maintaining the the rights of states, local communities and individual citizens to govern themselves, free from Federal tyranny and coercion.

"Leading the Resistance Movement against the race-mixers, and keeping advocates of racial strife out of many communities.

"Protecting Our Sacred Heritage of Freedom from those who would submit free Americans to thought control, and who constantly utilize the national communications media as propaganda outlets in their frenzied attempts to force Americans into a totalitarian pattern of regimentation and conformity.

"Bringing Together groups of patriotic men and women dedicated to the principles of individual freedom of choice and racial purity.

"Organizing Local Citizens' Councils on a grassroots basis, with recognized community leadership for each autonomous group.

"Providing Speakers for Council meetings, civic and patriotic groups, legislative and executive bodies, schools, colleges and conventions.

"Preserving Our Social and Economic Order by acting quietly and without fanfare, effectively and responsibly, to prevent racial strife.

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"Molding Public Opinion through the movement's official publication, 'The Citizen,' a monthly magazine with nation-wide circulation which is the authoritative source of information on the Council movement's plans and policies.

"Taking the Truth to the Nation on TV and radio through weekly Citizens' Council Forum programs scheduled on hundreds of stations from coast to coast, which feature interviews with Senators, Congressmen and other national leaders.

"Forming Strong Organizational Ties, by banding together local Citizens' Councils into county, state and national organizations for mutual consultation, advice and coordination.

"Distributing Literature on all aspects of the race question, sending millions of copies to all parts of the nation.

"Conducting an Educational Program in high schools and colleges, including an annual essay contest and the formation of youth groups.

"Corresponding with thousands of supporters in every state and many foreign countries.

"Accomplishing much on a limited budget, and demonstrating conclusively that the movement's continued growth and success is limited only by the financial support received.

"Making a Record of Achievement of which all can be justly proud, getting the most out of every dollar, and mobilizing solid community resistance to forced integration.

"Proving again and again, day by day, that with adequate financing, we can and will win this fight!

"Urging YOU to Join the Fight -- to join with others who are dedicated to the preservation of the white race -- and to give your moral and financial support to help conduct the kind of thorough, aggressive and sustained campaign needed to WIN!

"For additional information contact your local Council office or:

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"CITIZENS' COUNCIL, Plaza Building, Jackson, Mississippi, or

"Gravois Station, P. O. Box C, St. Louis, Missouri 63116."

IV. STATED REASONS FOR ORGANIZATION OF SLMACC

On December 16, 1964, SL T-1 advised that the SLMACC distributed a leaflet at organizational meetings captioned, "Why Must St. Louis Metropolitan Area Organize?", prepared by the Organization Committee, SLMACC, St. Louis, Missouri, which set out the following questions and answers which it indicated was for white residents of St. Louis who sincerely believe that States' Rights and racial segregation must be preserved for the best and good order of our country and for our children's futures.

"Q - What is the present racial situation in St. Louis?

"A - For the past several years, local white 'moderates' have attempted to appease the organized colored agitation groups -- and with tragic results! Their well-intentioned efforts have served only to whet the agitators' insatiable appetites for power. Like Hitler and Khrushchev, the collectivists have announced their program. They will settle for nothing less than total integration of every residential area, every social gathering, and every privately-owned business enterprise! The white majority must act before state coercion prevents us from doing so!

"Q - What can beaccomplished by organizing a St. Louis Metropolitan Area Citizens' Council? Will it make my efforts more effective in preserving individual freedom and the constitutional right to segregation?

"A - A strong Citizens' Council in St. Louis, with thousands of members and capable leadership, can restore harmony and stability to race relations in our community! We must build a full-time organization in St. Louis, capable of maintaining an office and being always alert to efforts to integrate our community.

"Q - Why organize a Citizens' Council? Aren't there already too many organizations in St. Louis.

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"A - Effectiveness of the Citizens' Council movement is shown by results throughout the nation. Communities with strong Citizens' Councils have maintained freedom of choice in racial matters, while unorganized cities have surrendered supinely. During the past 10 years, the Citizens' Councils have demonstrated that organization is the key to victory! Our St. Louis Metropolitan Area Citizens' Council will enable every dedicated white resident of this area to unite effectively in a program for victory!

"Q - Who will run the St. Louis Metropolitan Area Citizens' Council and set its policies?

"A - YOU will! Each local Council -- including ours in St. Louis -- is completely autonomous. You and other members select the officers and directors who plan our program and determine our policies. This provides us with sound, responsible local leadership. In addition, through our affiliation with the Citizens' Councils of America, we have the valuable opportunity to consult with leaders throughout the country, and with other local Citizens' Councils whose problems are similar to ours.

"Q - Can the Citizens' Council work with businessmen to prevent forced integration and the deprivation of constitutional guarantees?

"A - Yes! Statistics show that integration is bad for business! By working to uphold property rights and freedom of choice, your Citizens' Council can make an important contribution to the continued prosperity of this area. We can help local businessmen resist assaults by Negro agitators. We can demand -- and obtain -- vigorous enforcement of existing laws, and safeguard the right of each business to operate as its owners see fit, in keeping with our American traditions.

"Q - Wasn't our battle lost with passage of the so-called Civil Rights Bill?

"A - No, indeed! The 'civil wrongs' bill will be just as unenforceable as prohibition. However, we must now become better organized. On July 3, 1964, -- the day it was signed

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"into law -- the Citizens' Councils of America began a nationwide campaign aimed at repealing the so-called 'Civil Rights' act. They pledged to continue and intensify this effort, and to enlist the support of white Americans in every section of our nation who oppose this vicious and tyrannical legislation. Every citizen is perfectly within his legal rights in working to repeal the 'Civil Rights' act.

"Q - Is membership in the Citizens' Council open only to men?

"A - No! Women are the guardians of our homes. They train our children. It is important for them to be members! We need the support of the ladies -- particularly the mothers.

"Q - As a member, what will I be asked to do?

"A - You will have an opportunity to work with a committee of the Council, according to your own profession or field of interest. Special projects such as membership drives, addressing mail or telephoning members will require volunteer workers. The few hours you devote to the Council will be repaid in full by the inner satisfaction of knowing that you are doing something positive for your children and for your community's future!

"Q How much will it cost me?

"A - A local Citizens' Council has minimum monthly dues of $2 per member. This includes a subscription to the official monthly magazine, THE CITIZEN, support of the Citizens' Council Forum, and the state and national associations.

"Q - How may I join the Citizens' Council?

"A - You may join at the organization meeting of the St. Louis Metropolitan Area Citizens' Council to be held at 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 10, in the Hall of Electrical Workers, Local #1, 5850 Elizabeth Avenue in St. Louis. Plan to attend -- and bring your friends who feel as you do! If

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"you can't come, we'll be happy to send you a membership application. But be at the meeting if you possibly can! Please complete the reply form on the back of this page and mail it today!"

V. QUESTIONNAIRE FOR NEW MEMBERS

On December 16, 1964, SL T-1 furnished the following questionnaire used by the SLMACC for prospective new members: Appropriate "Yes" or "No" boxes were to be checked.

"1. Are you positively dedicated, as a matter of personal choice, to the principle of the social separation of the races?

"2. Do you believe that forced integration and racial interbreeding threaten the integrity of both races, and endanger the very foundation of our Western civilization?

"3. Do you believe that either Communist influences or economic pressure groups are behind the campaign to force the white people of this country to amalgamate with the negro race?

"4. Do you believe that left-wing agitation groups are inciting racial tension and racial violence in the nation because they want Federal intervention by armed troops, thus establishing a police state under martial law?

"5. Do you believe in the rights of the Sovereign States to handle their own internal affairs?

"6. Do you believe in the principle of local self-government, and in the strengthening of local and state governments to protect citizens from Federal meddling?

"7. Do you realize that indifference, apathy, and the inclination of some to accept collectivism as 'inevitable' ... are our greatest enemies?

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"8. Are you ready and willing to DO SOMETHING positive about this very serious and present problem?

"Will you join the Citizens' Council?"

VI. MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

On January 19, 1965, T-3 advised that upon filing a membership application with SLMACC and payment of $2, acknowledgment of the receipt of the application and $2 is made from Rooms 315-325, Plaza Building, Jackson, Mississippi, by form letter of the Citizens' Councils of America, LOUIS W. HOLLIS, Executive Director which is addressed, "Dear Council Member:

"According to our records, you are in good standing with your local Council. Your new membership card for the coming year is enclosed herewith."

SL T-3 advised that the SLMACC uses the following mimeographed form letter in recontacting individuals who discontinue paying monthly dues:

"Dear Friend of the Citizens' Council,

"For some time now you have been enjoying the privileges of Citizens' Council membership, but our records indicate your monthly dues to be in arrears. Up to now we have been willing to go along on this basis because it is so important that you keep receiving Citizens' Council publications and information.

"Now, our national headquarters in Jackson is putting pressure on us to pay our bills to them for servicing our memberships. This involves quite a bit of money, and frankly is the reason for the emergency nature of this letter.

"We know you are interested in seeing the work of the Citizens' Council go forward. Our part in the defeat of the intermarriage bill was only a start. But, to carry on every member must shoulder a part of this responsibility. In this struggle the funds will come from neither the big tax free foundations nor from government handouts...if they are to be available at

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"all they must come from the people who have formed the backbone of America since the night they threw tea into Boston Harbor.

"You are still carried on the rolls as a member...you are needed there in a place of service; however, this is a two way street. We realize the heavy obligations on everyone today and in order for to to continue as a member, receive the magazine and newsletter and have voting privileges, we have permission to permit those behind in their dues to start repaying with the current month. This is a limited offer, so please let us know right away...for sad to say those who do not respond will have to be dropped.

"By responding you will remain a vital part of this great movement...don't sever this link with fellow believers... the need was never greater.

"Great campaigns are being planned for the next few months... be a part of them. States' rights and racial integrity are not just slogans...they are the watchwords for the salvation of western civilization.

"Cordially,

"YOUR CITIZENS' COUNCIL"

VII. OFFICERS

On December 19, 1965, SL T-3 advised that the following were the officers of the SLMACC:

Reverend WILLIAM C. BARLOW - Chairman
CHARLES O. ROGERS - Vice Chairman
FLOYD G. KITCHEN - Secretary
Mrs. JOSEPH (NADINE) ALTZMAN - Treasurer.

VIII. OFFICIAL PUBLICATION OF THE SLMACC

The official publication of the SLMACC is the "St. Louis Metropolitan Citizen," Post Office Box 9683, Kirkwood, Missouri.

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The masthead of this publications states that it is, "A monthly journal of fact and opinion published by the St. Louis Metropolitan Area Citizens' Council." The editor is identified as FLOYD G. KITCHEN. The publication carries a tear-off portion for subscribers which contains two boxes to be checked reading as follows:

"1. I enclose $1 for a one year subscription to the 'St. Louis Metropolitan Citizen.'

"2. I enclose $..... to advance the cause."

Issue #1, dated April, 1965, of the "St. Louis Metropolitan Citizen," reported the following:

"THE CITIZENS' COUNCIL
"A HISTORY

"The first Citizens' Council was formed by fourteen civic leaders at Indianola, Mississippi, July 11, 1954. They counseled together in the wake of the U.S. Supreme Court's 'Black Monday' decision. For the first time in American history racial segregation had been outlawed by judicial decree. The way of life regulating the daily activities of tens of millions of Americans, white and black, lay at the mercy of power hungry Negro racists.

"These early organizers realized that the fundamental issue was a struggle for power. It could be met only by bringing together a winning combination of responsible and able leaders, a mass membership, and the resources with which to operate.

"Word of the Citizens' Council spread. Neighboring towns and counties began to organize. Three months later twenty counties formed the Association of Citizens' Councils of Mississippi.

"The movement expanded rapidly outside its home state. Then two years later, on April 7, 1956, the Citizens' Councils of America was formed in New Orleans.

"Today the Citizens' Councils, under responsible civic leadership at local, state and national levels have developed into

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"a movement working for social separation of the races as the only proven solution to our most serious domestic problem."

On May 3, 1965, SL T-3 advised that on April 21, 1965, the SLMACC distributed a petition addressed to "Members of the Missouri Legislature" which stated that the undersigned wished to go on record as being opposed to the repeal of the "Missouri Anti-Miscegenation Law", that "we feel that the intermarriage between the races will create many more problems than it would ever solve" and urged defeat of House Bill #129 and H.B. #132.

The "St. Louis Metropolitan Citizen," official publication of the SLMACC, in its Issue #4, dated July, 1965, reported that the above mentioned H.B. 129 and 132 had gone down to defeat and thanked Rev. BARLOW for his "brilliant appearance" before the committee, the news media on behalf of "our cause."

IX. IDENTIFICATION OF POST OFFICE BOX

Post Office Box C, Gravois Station, was transferred to Post Office Box 9683, on May 11, 1965. The holder of this box is Reverend W. C. BARLOW, 1523 Clayton Road, Ellisville, Missouri.

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"Report on the Peace March.

November 22nd, 1965
St. Louis, Mo.

"On Saturday night of November 205h, 1965, I attended a peace march at the St. Louis Baptist Temple on 4249 Gibson and Boyle. At this peace march I met:

"Percy Green,	colored.
Ronald Landberg,	white.
Marie Ballard,	colored.
Owen Lutz,	white.
Hershel Walker,	colored.
Ella Burcham,	white.
Elsie Leach,	white.

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1 - 100-7017 (E. BURCHAM)
1 - 100-599 (O. LEACH)
1 - 100-7042 (E. LEACH)
1 - 100-189 (O. LUTZ)
1 - 100-19202 (ROBERT SCALES)
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1 - 100-8888 (J. HECHT)
1 - 100-19847 (S. NIEDORF)
1 - 100-6970 (H. WALKER)
1 - 100-18148 (MARILYN WAXMAN)
1 - 100-8295 (CORE)
1 - 100-2107 (NAACP)
1 - 105-4084 (ACTION)
1 - 100-19532 (P. GREEN)
1 - 100-19975 (R. LANDBERG)

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"Orville Leach,	white.
A.B.C. Dexter,	white.
Robert Scales,	colored.
Saul Nederinghouse?	white.
his wife,	white.
Julius Hecht ?	white.

"Someone said they had counted 200 (two hundred) marchers in the line I was in. Later more joined the line, but I did not hear the count of these. There were more marchers on the other side of the church, walking down Gibson, but I did not hear how many of these there were. From the one who gave out the count of the 200, said there were about eighty young people from the Washington University and the ACTION group had their members there. Someone said members from the CORE group were there and the NAACP had members there. At first we had been told when we joined the march, it would go on till 8 p.m. I had called Walker to ask if he was going down, and did he have a place for me in the car. He said he did and would be after me. He got to my home at 6 p.m. and picked me up and picked up Lutz and Ballard. He had two young girls with him and took these out to the march and later to the party. I do not know who these young girls were. Both looked to be no older than fifteen years old and colored. They were not sisters, but knew each other well.

"When we arrived, the march was going on by the university students. Several had bands around their arms, and acted as lieutenants and lookout or spotters for trouble, and kept the line moving. They made room for us in the line and we began to march. When the time came to stop, word came down through the line that they wanted us to continue till eight thirty, they said. Someone asked why. They said they had reason for this and said they had heard some people wanted to go into the meeting, but they were preventing this. Word also came down that two of the marchers were arrested, but no one knew who these were till later on in the evening. I do not know who this Perry is. I have never met him, that I know of. Scales, when he arrived, came up to

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"where I had stepped out of the line to take a breather, and asked if Landberg was there, and I told him I had seen him not long ago, standing talking to one of the spotters. He asked if I had seen Perry. I told Scales I did not know who Perry was and asked him if this fellow was to have been here. He said yes. I told him to talk to Percy Green; that he may know. After the march broke up, the ones I was with went out and picked up the Waxman girl and went to the party."

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