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

FROM: SAC, LOUISVILLE (66-2612)

SUBJECT: HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE  
 ON ASSASSINATIONS

Re Bureau telephone call to Louisville, 5/12/77.

Pursuant to request of Supervisor JOHN C. LAWN, file captioned "UNSUB; ATTEMPTED BOMBING OF PERSONALLY OWNED AUTOMOBILE OF SERGEANT BRENT HARDIN, Louisville, Kentucky, Police Department, 12/10/64; BOMBING MATTERS" (Bufile 157-2371) (LS 157-251), has been thoroughly reviewed and copies of all communications contained therein which have not previously been furnished the Bureau are enclosed herewith and described as follows:

Louisville teletype to Indianapolis dated 4/23/69;  
 Indianapolis airtel to Louisville dated 4/25/69;  
 Louisville letter to Indianapolis dated 4/29/69;  
 Louisville letter to Indianapolis dated 6/26/69.

Bureau note that only other information contained in Louisville file consists of sundry local newspaper clippings and letters transmitting letterhead memoranda to Secret Service, Louisville, Kentucky.

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 2 - Louisville  
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TO: INDIANAPOLIS  
 FROM: LOUISVILLE (157-251) (P)

UNSUB; ATTEMPTED BOMBING OF PERSONALLY OWNED AUTOMOBILE  
 OF SERGEANT BRENT HARDIN, LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY POLICE DEPT.,  
 DEC. TEN, SIXTY FOUR; BOMBING MATTERS.

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INDIANAPOLIS REQUESTED TO IMMEDIATELY FURNISH  
 RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION REQUESTED IN REFERENCED AIRTEL.  
 LOUISVILLE PD WISHES TO HAVE INFORMATION PRIOR TO THE RACING  
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To SAC, Louisville (157-251)

From SAC, Indianapolis (174-44) (RUC)

UNSUB; ATTEMPTED BOMBING OF  
PERSONALLY OWNED AUTOMOBILE  
OF SGT. BRENT HARDIN, LOUISVILLE, KY.  
POLICE DEPARTMENT, 12/10/64  
BOMBING MATTERS

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Re Louisville airtel to Bureau dated 3/4/69.

On 4/24/69 RICHARD MURZYN was interviewed by Bureau Agents and advised no hard feelings exist between him and Sgt. HARDIN and added that he knows of no deal which caused him to leave the Louisville, Ky. area. MURZYN advised he was last in Louisville, Ky. six or seven months back checking on rumors that his son was being mistreated by his ex-wife. MURZYN advised he was in Louisville immediately before Christmas, December, 1964 with two white males, one TONY ANDREWS (Dalton, Illinois, (killed in gunfight in Dalton, Ill. area) and ROSS HERMAN (now in California). MURZYN advised this trip was to deliver Christmas presents to his son and that he only stayed overnight and knows of no information of anyone attempting to dynamite HARDIN's vehicle.

During conversation MURZYN indicated dynamiting was not his specialty, but if he was after someone he would do it with a high powered rifle. MURZYN indicated that he felt he and HARDIN were still on friendly terms. MURZYN added he plans to go to the Kentucky Derby this year with a JAMES WHITAKER, a lawyer from Hammond, Indiana. RICHARD RANKIE, car salesman from Chicago, and JAMES WARGO, insurance salesman from Whiting, Indiana. He added he intends to take several shotguns with him to engage in a trap shooting contest with some friends from the Louisville area.

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It was determined that MURZYN has ten shotguns ranging from a 410 gauge to 12 gauge. He stated he is not in possession of any other firearms such as a rifle or pistol.

MURZYN stated that he is currently self employed selling suits and anything else he could get his hands on. MURZYN voluntarily showed Agents his home at which time both Agents observed several thousand rounds of shotgun shells which MURZYN advised he reloaded himself.

During this interview and contact MURZYN continually stated he has no hard feelings against Sgt. HARDIN.

In view of this information, Indianapolis Division is RUCing this case.

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SAC, INDIANAPOLIS (174-44)

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SAC, LOUISVILLE (157-251) (P) *fyf*

UNSUB; Attempted Bombing of  
Personally Owned Automobile  
of Sgt. BRENT HARDIN,  
Louisville, Kentucky Police Department  
12/10/64;  
BOMBING MATTERS

Re Louisville airtel, 3/4/69, and Indianapolis  
airtel, 4/25/69.

For the information of Indianapolis, the  
information contained in the letterhead memorandum enclosed  
with referenced Louisville airtel was disseminated at the  
Bureau level, as well as locally to Secret Service,  
Louisville.

In order that the information contained in refer-  
enced Indianapolis airtel can be properly disseminated,  
it is requested that Indianapolis furnish the information  
in letterhead memorandum form.

2 - Indianapolis

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SAC, LOUISVILLE (157-251) (P) *4/1*

UNSUB; Attempted Bombing of  
Personally Owned Automobile  
of Sgt. BRENT HARDIN,  
Louisville, Kentucky PD  
12/10/64  
BOMBING MATTERS

Remylet, 4/29/69, and Indianapolis airtel, 4/25/69.

The information in referenced Indianapolis airtel  
has been furnished to the Louisville PD.

In order that this case may be concluded in the  
Louisville Division, Indianapolis is requested to furnish  
the LHM as requested in referenced Louisville letter.

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

May 18, 1977

Director, FBI

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1 - Mr. Feh1  
1 - Mr. Peelman  
1 - Mr. Lawn  
2 - Mr. Mintz (Attn:  
Mr. Daly)

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

Reference is made to the letter from U. S. Congressman Louis Stokes, Chairman, HSCA, dated May 2, 1977. We are hereby responding to the letter from U. S. Congressman Stokes which requests information in possession of the FBI pertaining to the investigation of a dynamite ring in Bowling Green, Kentucky, from 1960-1969.

Enclosed are two copies of a memorandum which responds to this HSCA request. You may desire to furnish a copy of this enclosed memorandum to the HSCA in making your response concerning this request. It is noted that further identifying data regarding subject, victim, dates of incidents, etc., is necessary in order that a complete search of our indices may be conducted.

Enclosures - 2

1 - Assistant Attorney General  
Office of Legislative Affairs (Enclosure)

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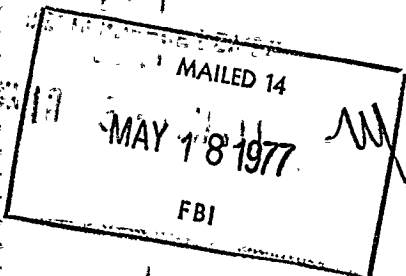
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2 - Mr. Mintz (Attn:  
Mr. Daly)  
May 18, 1977

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

RE: MAY 2, 1977, REQUEST OF HSCA FOR INFORMATION  
IN POSSESSION OF THE FBI RELATING TO THE  
INVESTIGATION OF A DYNAMITE RING IN  
BOWLING GREEN, KENTUCKY, 1960-1969

This will respond to a May 2, 1977, letter to the  
Attorney General from U. S. Congressman Louis Stokes, Chairman,  
HSCA, requesting information in possession of the FBI relating  
to the investigation of a dynamite ring in Bowling Green,  
Kentucky, 1960-1969.

Based upon the limited information provided by HSCA,  
only one bombing matter has been identified as having occurred  
in Bowling Green, Kentucky, during the pertinent period. This  
material has been processed and is now available for HSCA access  
at FBIHQ.

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

1 - Assistant Attorney General  
Office of Legislative Affairs

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NOTE: This responds to a request of HSCA regarding information in possession of the FBI relating to the investigation of a dynamite ring in Bowling Green, Kentucky, during the period 1960-1969. Based upon the limited information provided by HSCA, only one reference to bombing matter during the pertinent period has been located in Bureau indices. Additional identifying data regarding subject, victim, specific incident dates, etc., is necessary in order to conduct a more thorough search.

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Select Committee on Assassinations

U.S. House of Representatives

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FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Danny O. Coulson, Special Agent  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

FROM: Stephen J. Fallis, Deputy Chief Counsel  
Select Committee on Assassinations

DATE: May 13, 1977

RE: March 9, 1977 Letter of Requests Addressed to  
Attorney General Griffin B. Bell

With respect to request 3-e of the March 9, 1977 letter, I am forwarding to you additional information relative to a number of the names listed, which will be of assistance to the Bureau in identifying those individuals.

MORRIS DAVIS -- Interviewed by FBI agents of the Birmingham office in December of 1976.

FRANK LIBERTO == Owner and operator of a wholesale produce market in Memphis, Tennessee. Interviewed by FBI agents on April 22, 1968.

VINCENT LIBERTO, ALBERTO LIBERTO, SALVATORE LIBERTO -- Interviewed April 23, 1968 by FBI agents.

JOHN MC FERREN -- A Sommerville, Tennessee businessman. Interviewed by FBI agents in Memphis, Tennessee on April 11, 1968.

OTIS HUMPHREY MOORE -- Ex-Army serviceman. Interviewed by FBI agents in Puerto Rico.

LOUIS LOMAX -- Journalist for North American Newspaper Alliance.

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

May 18, 1977

Director, FBI

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1 - Mr. Fehl  
1 - Mr. Peelman  
1 - Mr. Lawn  
1 - Mr. Hatfield  
2 - Mr. Mintz (Attn:  
Mr. Daly)

Reference is made to the letter from U. S. Congressman Louis Stokes, Chairman, HSCA, dated April 27, 1977. We are hereby responding to the letter from U. S. Congressman Stokes which requests information in possession of the FBI pertaining to investigation of an attempted bombing of Louisville, Kentucky, Police Officer Brent Harden's car in 1964, and for information concerning unnamed white-hate, black-hate, communist, socialist and new left groups in Louisville, Kentucky, from 1960-1969.

Enclosed are two copies of a memorandum which responds to this HSCA request. You may desire to furnish a copy of this memorandum to the HSCA in making your response concerning this request.

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1 - Assistant Attorney General  
Office of Legislative Affairs (Enclosure)

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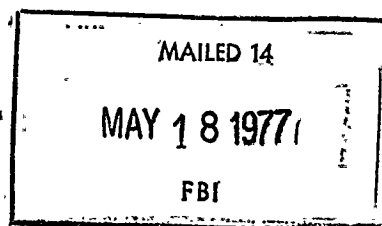
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2 - Mr. Mintz (Attn:  
Mr. Daly)  
May 18, 1977

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

RE: APRIL 27, 1977, REQUEST OF HSCA FOR INFORMATION  
IN POSSESSION OF THE FBI RELATING TO THE ATTEMPTED  
BOMBING OF LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY, POLICE OFFICER  
BRENT HARDEN'S CAR IN 1964, AND FOR INFORMATION  
CONCERNING UNNAMED WHITE-HATE, BLACK-HATE,  
COMMUNIST, SOCIALIST AND NEW LEFT GROUPS IN  
LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY, FROM 1960-1969.

This will respond to the April 27, 1977, letter to  
the Attorney General from U. S. Congressman Louis Stokes, Chair-  
man, HSCA.

In response to item one concerning Officer Harden's  
car, references concerning the attempted bombing have been  
located, processed and are available for review by the HSCA at  
FBI Headquarters.

It should be noted, however, that this bombing did not  
fall within the purview of the investigative jurisdiction of this  
Bureau. The FBI Laboratory conducted examinations requested by  
the Louisville, Kentucky, Police Department, and the FBI also  
conducted some out-of-state investigation at the request of the  
Louisville, Kentucky, Police Department.

In response to item two requesting reports, memoranda,  
etc., concerning unnamed white-hate, black-hate, communist,  
socialist and new left groups in Louisville, Kentucky, from 1960-  
1969, the HSCA has been advised previously that no topical indices  
are maintained in the Bureau's Central Records System and general  
information such as is requested is not retrievable. Therefore,  
information concerning this request cannot be furnished based on  
the limited information provided by the HSCA.

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## HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS

NOTE: This responds to a request of HSCA for information in possession of the FBI regarding the attempted bombing of Louisville, Kentucky, Police Officer Brent Harden's car in 1964. Also requested is information concerning unnamed white-hate, black-hate, communist, socialist and new left groups in Louisville, Kentucky, from 1960-1969. Three references concerning the attempted bombing of Officer Harden's car have been processed and are available for review by the HSCA. Communications in possession of Louisville, not previously furnished Bureau, have been received and are available for review. Based on limited information provided by the HSCA concerning the unnamed groups, no information is being made available to HSCA concerning these groups.

Negative response to item two has been discussed with Mr. Robert L. Keuch, Special Counsel to the Attorney General.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Fehl *mf*

DATE: 4/29/77

FROM : J. S. Peelman *JS*

SUBJECT: HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE  
ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)

1 - Mr. Adams  
1 - Mr. Fehl  
1 - Mr. Peelman  
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**PURPOSE:** To request that the 12 volumes of the Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR), Department of Justice, work papers be referred to the Projects Unit, Document Classification Officer, for classification review before a decision is reached on making these papers available to the HSCA. *Peelman*

**SYNOPSIS:** HSCA has requested that the Department make available the OPR Task Force work papers used in preparing the report of the Department's review of the FBI security and assassination investigations of Martin Luther King. Included in these work papers are 12 volumes containing information obtained from FBI criminal and security files which need be reviewed for classification prior to any decision being made in making this material available to HSCA as they have requested. *E*

**RECOMMENDATION:** That Projects Unit, Records Management Division, review these OPR work papers for classification.

*JS*  
REVIEW COMPLETED & OPR  
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REQUEST FBI TEMPORARILY  
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CAP. MARTIN LUTHER  
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**DETAILS:** Mr. Robert L. Keuch, Special Counsel to the Attorney General, advised on 4/27/77, that HSCA has requested that the Department make accessible to the Committee all of the OPR work papers used in preparing the Report Of The

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Peelman to Mr. Feh1 Memorandum  
Re: HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)

Department Of Justice Task Force To Review The FBI - Martin Luther King, Jr., Security And Assassination Investigations. Included in these work papers are 12 volumes of material relating to Appendix C of the OPR report. Appendix C contains voluminous notes taken by OPR from FBI criminal and security files.

Mr. Keuch requested that the FBI review this material for classification purposes.

On 4/28/77, Mr. Michael E. Shaheen, Jr., Counsel, OPR, Department of Justice, delivered these OPR work papers to the custody of SA John C. Lawn, for classification review (receipt attached).

Review of this material for classification has been coordinated with the Document Classification Officer, Records Management Division, who had coordinated the original classification review of the OPR report prior to release.



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April 28, 1977

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Received from Michael E. Shaheen, Jr., Counsel, Office of Professional Responsibility, Volume Numbers I through XI and No. XXI of Appendix C, Martin Luther King Task Force Report, for the FBI's review to determine appropriate classification.

Received by:

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## TRANSMIT VIA:

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## PRECEDENCE:

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Date 4/1/77

TO : Director, FBI (44-38861)  
 FROM: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)  
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Re telephone call from Supervisor HAL HELTERHOFF,  
 FBIHQ, to Memphis, 3/30/77.

On 3/31/77, Acting Chief JOHN HOLT, Memphis Police Department, advised SA BURL F. JOHNSON that any information or reports furnished to the FBI by the Memphis Police Department in conjunction with captioned case may be released to the House Select Committee on Assassinations without the expressed consent of the Memphis Police Department.

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This refers to the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., in Memphis, Tennessee, in April, 1968.

Congressman M. G. Snyder, Kentucky, recently revealed he had received letter from an unnamed police officer who made allegation he had received offer from FBI Agents and police officers to kill King. The unnamed police officer reportedly made tapes of offer, one of which was lost or stolen, and the other turned over to the House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA). Subsequent newspaper accounts identified unnamed officer as Clifton E. Baird. On 3/25/77, the Attorney General authorized the FBI to interview Baird in the presence of an Assistant U.S. Attorney.

Attached Louisville teletype advises attempt to interview Baird, supra, evening 3/29/77, was unsuccessful. Bureau Agents contacted Baird at his residence but Baird refused interview stating "I have no statement to make. Just leave." Baird appeared visibly upset. As Agents were leaving, Baird made comment "I have received numerous threats from FBI over last ten years," and "I have nothing to say." Baird terminated contact by stating "I'll say it all to the House Committee." This was in obvious reference to the HSCA. Agents characterized Baird as hostile, contemptuous, and apparently distraught.

Department being advised.

- 1 - Mr. Held
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To: Director, FBI (44-38861) **Mar 31 10 16 AM 1977**  
 From: SAC, Louisville (44-947) **3/31/77**  
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Subject: **MURKIN**  
**House Select Committee**  
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☐ Fingerprint Photo ☐ Fingerprint Record ☐ Map ☐ Newspaper clipping ☐ Photograph

☐ Artists Conception☒ Other **MD 302 re Clifton R. Baird**

## Special handling instructions:

It is noted, Louisville indices contain only one reference to a Clifton Eugene Baird, Officer, Louisville Police Dept., in LS 44-474, which file, however, was destroyed on 2/28/77. There are no other references to Baird and Louisville has no information concerning threats by the FBI to Baird.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

3/30/77

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On March 29, 1977, at approximately 7:28 PM, Special Agents EDMUND V. ARMENTO and CHRIS R. HOEHLE arrived at the residence of CLIFTON E. BAIRD, 7813 Edsel Lane, Louisville, Kentucky, for the specific purpose of contacting BAIRD in an effort to arrange a suitable interview of BAIRD with Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) in the presence of Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) ALEXANDER T. TAFT, JR. in connection with an allegation of an offer reportedly made to BAIRD by unnamed FBI Agents during 1968 to assassinate MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. Contact was made inasmuch as BAIRD had failed to initiate contact with the FBI or the United States Attorney's Office on March 29, 1977, as had been requested of his wife, MARY BAIRD, during previous contact on March 26, 1977.

Upon arrival at the BAIRD residence, MARY BAIRD answered the doorbell, at which time Special Agents immediately identified themselves and displayed their credentials. MARY BAIRD acknowledged that she recognized both Special Agents from previous contact with same on March 26, 1977, however, requested that Special Agents speak with her outside her residence. Interviewing Agents requested entrance into her residence for privacy reasons inasmuch as neighbors were sitting on front porches in close proximity to BAIRD residence and would be able to overhear all conversation. Entrance into residence was granted by MARY BAIRD following the above request. Upon entering the residence, MARY BAIRD was asked if she had been in contact with her husband, CLIFTON E. BAIRD, to which she replied that her husband was in fact present at the residence.

CLIFTON E. BAIRD entered the living room of the BAIRD residence, at which time Special Agents attempted to identify themselves with credentials in the presence of BAIRD's wife and explain the purpose of the contact. CLIFTON E. BAIRD exclaimed that he knew who the Special Agents were, refused to shake hands or look at the credentials. BAIRD stated, "I know who you are.", not giving the interviewing Agents opportunity to explain the reason for instant contact. BAIRD was immediately advised that the Attorney General of the United States had specifically requested he be interviewed

Interviewed on 3/29/77 at Louisville, Kentucky File # LS 44-947

SA CHRIS R. HOEHLE

SA EDMUND V. ARMENTO/EVA/scs

by

Date dictated

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concerning allegations recently revealed by BAIRD to United States Representative M. G. (GENE) SNYDER. BAIRD blurted, "I have no statement to make. Just leave," not allowing interviewing Agents to complete statement.

BAIRD became visibly upset and his eyes appeared glassy and moist, speaking abruptly and not allowing interviewing Agents to express themselves fully. While leaving residence at the specific direction of BAIRD, Special Agents again advised BAIRD that the sole purpose of the contact was to arrange an interview of BAIRD with Special Agents of the FBI in the presence of a representative of the United States Attorney. BAIRD immediately inquired as to the identity of the United States Attorney and when informed that the local United States Attorney was GEORGE J. LONG, JR., BAIRD exclaimed, "Don't bring that man out here, I have no use for him." BAIRD further exclaimed, "I have received numerous threats from the FBI over the last ten years," and "I have nothing to say." BAIRD terminated the contact by stating, "I'll say it all to the House Committee." Immediately prior to termination of contact, BAIRD was advised that if he possessed any evidence of misconduct on the part of any FBI Agent, he should immediately bring same to the attention of the Attorney General of the United States. Contact was terminated at 7:32 PM and Special Agents immediately departed the area of the residence.

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AT 7:28 P.M. ON MARCH 29, 1977, SECOND ATTEMPT TO CONTACT  
CLIFTON E. BAIRD, 7813 EDELL LANE, LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY, WAS  
MADE BY BUREAU AGENTS IN EFFORT TO ARRANGE INTERVIEW IN PRESENCE  
OF ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY (AUSA) ALEXANDER T. TAFT,  
JR., IN CONNECTION WITH ALLEGATION OF OFFER MADE BAIRD BY  
UNNAMED FBI AGENTS DURING 1966 TO ASSASSINATE MARTIN LUTHER KING,  
JR.

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PREVIOUS ATTEMPT TO INTERVIEW BAIRD MADE MARCH 26, 1977,  
AT WHICH TIME ARRANGEMENTS MADE WITH MARY BAIRD, WIFE OF CLIFTON  
E. BAIRD, FOR LATTER TO NOTIFY AUSA TAFT OR BUREAU AGENTS UPON APR 4 1977  
RETURN TO LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY, FROM UNDISCLOSED LOCATION WITHIN  
COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY ON MARCH 29, 1977. BAIRD DID NOT

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INITIATE CONTACT AS REQUESTED, HENCE SECOND ATTEMPT TO CONTACT BAIRD MADE BY BUREAU AGENTS EVENING OF MARCH 29, 1977, TO ARRANGE INTERVIEW.

UPON ARRIVAL AT RESIDENCE, MARY BAIRD ANSWERED DOORBELL AT WHICH TIME BUREAU AGENTS IMMEDIATELY IDENTIFIED THEMSELVES. MARY BAIRD ACKNOWLEDGED THAT SHE RECOGNIZED BUREAU AGENTS FROM PREVIOUS CONTACT ON MARCH 26, 1977, HOWEVER, REQUESTED THAT BUREAU AGENTS SPEAK WITH HER OUTSIDE RESIDENCE. BUREAU AGENTS REQUESTED ENTRANCE FOR PRIVACY REASONS AND WERE GRANTED SAME. UPON ENTERING RESIDENCE, MARY BAIRD WAS ASKED IF SHE HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH HUSBAND, TO WHICH SHE REPLIED THAT HUSBAND WAS PRESENT AT RESIDENCE.

CLIFTON E. BAIRD ENTERED LIVING ROOM AT WHICH TIME BUREAU AGENTS ATTEMPTED TO IDENTIFY THEMSELVES WITH CREDENTIALS, IN PRESENCE OF WIFE MARY BAIRD, AND EXPLAIN PURPOSE OF CONTACT. CLIFTON E. BAIRD EXCLAIMED THAT HE KNEW WHO BUREAU AGENTS WERE AND REFUSED TO LOOK AT CREDENTIALS. BAIRD WAS ADVISED BY BUREAU AGENT THAT ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES HAD SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED BAIRD BE INTERVIEWED CONCERNING ALLEGATIONS RECENTLY REVEALED BY BAIRD TO U. S. REPRESENTATIVE M. G. (GENE) SNYDER,

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4TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT, KENTUCKY. BAIRD STATED, "I HAVE NO STATEMENT TO MAKE. JUST LEAVE."

BAIRD BECAME VISIBLY UPSET AND EYES APPEARED GLASSY AND MOIST, SPEAKING ABRUPTLY AND NOT ALLOWING BUREAU AGENTS TO EXPRESS THEMSELVES. WHILE LEAVING RESIDENCE AT SPECIFIC DIRECTION OF BAIRD, BUREAU AGENTS AGAIN ADVISED BAIRD THAT SOLE PURPOSE OF CONTACT WAS TO ARRANGE INTERVIEW OF BAIRD WITH BUREAU AGENTS IN PRESENCE OF UNITED STATES ATTORNEY (USA) REPRESENTATIVE. BAIRD INQUIRED AS TO ~~IDENTITY~~ IDENTITY OF USA AND WHEN INFORMED LOCAL USA WAS GEROGE J. ~~LONG~~ LONG, JR., BAIRD EXCLAIMED, "DON'T BRING THAT MAN OUT HERE, I HAVE NO USE ~~FOR HIM~~ FOR HIM." BAIRD FURTHER EXCLAIMED, "I HAVE RECEIVED NUMEROUS THREATS FROM FBI OVER LAST TEN YEARS." <sup>X</sup>/AND "I HAVE NOTHING TO SAY". BAIRD TERMINATED CONTACT BY STATING, "I'LL SAY IT ALL TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE." IN OBVIOUS REFERENCE TO THE <sup>2</sup>HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA). IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO TERMINATION OF INTERVIEW, BAIRD WAS ADVISED THAT IF HE POSSESSED ANY EVIDENCE OF MISCONDUCT ON THE PART OF ANY FBI AGENT, HE SHOULD IMMEDIATELY BRING SAME TO THE ATTENTION OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES. CONTACT WAS TERMINATED AT 7:32 P.M.

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AUSA ALEXANDER T. TAFT, JR., ADVISED ON ABOVE ON MARCH 29, 1977, AND COPY OF INSTANT COMMUNICATION BEING DISSEMINATED LOCALLY TO USA, LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

RE LOUISVILLE TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU DATED MARCH 26, 1977. <sup>209X1</sup>

BUREAU AGENTS ATTEMPTING TO ARRANGE INTERVIEW OF BAIRD ON MARCH 29, 1977, IDENTIFIED AS SUPERVISOR EDMUND V. ARMENTO AND SA CHRIS R. HOEHLE, WHO HANDLED THEMSELVES IN BUSINESSLIKE, CORDIAL MANNER, EXHIBITING GREAT RESTRAINT WHILE DEALING WITH OBVIOUSLY HOSTILE, CONTEMPTUOUS, AND APPARENTLY DISTRAUGHT INDIVIDUAL.

INASMUCH AS COMPLETE RESULTS OF INTERVIEW ARE SET FORTH HEREIN, LHM NOT BEING SUBMITTED UACB.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

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TO : Assistant Attorney General  
**CRIMINAL DIVISION**

DATE: **3/30/77**  
**ATTN: MR. ROBERT L. KEUCH**

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: **ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN L. KING, JR.**  
**CIVIL RIGHTS**

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Reference is made to \_\_\_\_\_ memorandum dated \_\_\_\_\_  
(your file \_\_\_\_\_).

There is enclosed one copy of the **a Louisville teletype to Director**  
dated **3/30/77** at \_\_\_\_\_.

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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**1 - Office of Professional Responsibility, U.S.D.J. (encl. 1)**

**NOTE: Enclosed orally furnished to office of MR. KEUCH, 3/30/77**

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RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO LOUISVILLE, MARCH 25, 1977.

ON MARCH 26, 1977, ATTEMPT WAS MADE TO INTERVIEW CLIFTON E. BAIRD, 7813 EDSSEL LANE, LOUISVILLE, KY., CONCERNING ALL DETAILS OF RECENT REPORTED ALLEGATION THAT BAIRD HAD RECEIVED OFFER FROM FBI AGENTS AND POLICE OFFICERS TO KILL MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

INQUIRY AT BAIRD RESIDENCE BY BUAGENTS, ACCOMPANIED BY AUSA ALEXANDER T. TAFT, JR., ON MARCH 26, 1977, REVEALED CLIFTON E. BAIRD CURRENTLY OUT OF TOWN AT UNDISCLOSED LOCATION IN KENTUCKY WHERE BAIRD IS ON SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT IN CONNECTION WITH EMPLOYMENT PINKERTON, INC. DETECTIVE AGENCY, 510 WEST BROADWAY, LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY.

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MARY BAIRD, WIFE OF CLIFTON E. BAIRD, DECLINED TO FURNISH

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SA P. Daly advised. 3/28/77.  
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INFORMATION CONCERNING BAIRD'S SPECIFIC LOCATION SINCE BAIRD IS WORKING SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT INVOLVING TWELVE HOUR SHIFT AND INTERVIEW OF BAIRD WHILE SO EMPLOYED COULD JEOPARDIZE JOB AND CAUSE EMBARRASSMENT INASMUCH AS CO-WORKER ON CURRENT ASSIGNMENT HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF BAIRD'S RECENT ALLEGATION.

MARY BAIRD, WHO APPEARED COOPERATIVE AND TRUSTWORTHY, INDICATED HUSBAND WOULD NOT RETURN TO LOUISVILLE, KY., UNTIL MORNING OF MARCH 29, 1977, AT WHICH TIME BAIRD WILL CONTACT FBI, LOUISVILLE OFFICE OR USA'S OFFICE, LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY.

MARY BAIRD ADVISED SHE HAS NO PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OF REPORTED OFFER, WHICH APPARENTLY OCCURRED SOMETIME DURING 1966, AND HUSBAND HAS NOT REVEALED PERTINENT FACTS OF ALLEGATION TO HER. IDENTITIES OF FBI AGENTS AND LOUISVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS REPORTEDLY NAMED IN HUSBAND'S LETTER TO REPRESENTATIVE M. G. "GENE" SNYDER, UNKNOWN TO MARY BAIRD.

ACCORDING TO MARY BAIRD, HUSBAND WAS INTERVIEWED BY <sup>①</sup>HOUSE  
SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA) IN WASHINGTON, D.C., SEVERAL WEEKS AGO AT WHICH TIME TAPE RECORDING OF ALLEGED OFFER TO KILL MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. AND ALL PERTINENT DATA PROVIDED COMMITTEE MEMBERS. MARY BAIRD DID NOT BELIEVE COPY

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OF TAPE RECORDING EXISTED AND HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF ANY COPY OF LETTER TO SNYDER WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN RETAINED BY BAIRD.

MARY BAIRD WAS OF OPINION THAT SNYDER PUBLICIZED RECEIPT OF ALLEGATION IN ORDER TO ENSURE CONTINUED FUNDING OF HSCA SCHEDULED TO EXPIRE MARCH 31, 1977. MARY BAIRD HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF HOW HER HUSBAND'S IDENTITY WAS "LEAKED" TO NEWS MEDIA. MARY BAIRD NOTED THAT SHE HAS BEEN HARASSED BY NEWS MEDIA, BOTH AT HOME AND AT HER EMPLOYMENT, STOCKYARDS BANK, LOUISVILLE, KY., IN APPARENT EFFORTS TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL DATA REGARDING ALLEGATION AND INTERVIEW HUSBAND. TO DATE, NO KNOWN INTERVIEW OF BAIRD HAS BEEN CONDUCTED BY NEWS MEDIA.

MARY BAIRD ASSURED BUAGENTS AND AUSA THAT SHE WOULD HAVE HUSBAND, CLIFTON E. BAIRD, CONTACT FBI OR USA IMMEDIATELY UPON HIS RETURN TO LOUISVILLE, KY. NECESSITY FOR IMMEDIATE INTERVIEW REITERATED TO MARY BAIRD AND SUITABLE ARRANGEMENTS FOR SAME ON OR ABOUT MARCH 29, 1977 MADE.

ABOVE INFORMATION PERSONALLY FURNISHED BY BUAGENTS TO USA GEORGE J. LONG, JR., WESTERN DISTRICT OF KENTUCKY, LOUISVILLE, ON MARCH 26, 1977.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

LOUISVILLE WILL FOLLOW MATTER CLOSELY AND SUBMIT SUMMARY  
TELETYPE SUBSEQUENT TO INTERVIEW, FOLLOWED BY LHM.

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TO LOUISVILLE

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RE YOUR FACSIMILE DATED MARCH 23, 1977, AND BUTELCAL  
MARCH 25, 1977.

ON MARCH 25, 1977, ROBERT L. KEUCH, DEPUTY ASSISTANT  
ATTORNEY GENERAL, CRIMINAL DIVISION, U. S. DEPARTMENT OF  
JUSTICE, WHO HAS BEEN APPOINTED SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR THE  
DEPARTMENT IN MATTERS CONCERNING THE HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE  
ON ASSASSINATIONS, ADVISED THE ATTORNEY GENERAL HAS  
AUTHORIZED THE INTERVIEW OF CLIFTON E. BAIRD BY THE FBI,  
IN THE PRESENCE OF AN ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY (AUSA)  
LOUISVILLE, CONCERNING ALL DETAILS OF HIS RECENT REPORTED  
ALLEGATION THAT HE HAD RECEIVED AN OFFER FROM FBI AGENTS AND  
POLICE OFFICERS TO KILL MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. FOR FIVE  
HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS.

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LOUISVILLE ARRANGE TO HAVE AN AUSA PRESENT AND PROMPTLY INTERVIEW BAIRD FOR ALL DETAILS. ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN COPIES OF ANY EVIDENCE HE HAS TO SUPPORT HIS ALLEGATION INCLUDING COPIES OF THE ALLEGED TAPES. IF THE OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY HAS ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS MATTER HAVE IT CONTACT MR. KEUCH OF THE DEPARTMENT DIRECT.

SUTEL RESULTS FOLLOWED BY LHM.

NOTE: Congressman M. G. Snyder Kentucky, recently revealed he had received letter from an unnamed police officer who made allegation he had received offer from FBI Agents and police officers to kill King. The unnamed police officer reportedly made tapes of offer, one of which was stolen, and the other turned over to the House Select Committee on Assassinations. Subsequent newspaper accounts identified unnamed officer as Clifton E. Baird.

Legal Counsel Division requested authority from Department to interview Baird.

On 3/25/77, at about 4:30 p.m. Mr. Keuch of the Department, mentioned above, telephonically advised SA Paul Daly of the Legal Counsel Division that the Attorney General authorized the FBI to interview Baird in the presence of an AUSA. SAC, Louisville telephonically advised 3/25/77.

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FM DIRECTOR (62-117290)

TO: ATLANTA (IMMEDIATE)

PERSONAL ATTENTION

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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)

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NOVEMBER 24, 1976.

RECENTLY THE HSCA, RELATIVE TO THEIR INVESTIGATION INTO  
THE ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, REQUESTED THAT FBIHQ  
FURNISH THE PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OF THREE FBI PERSONNEL WHO WERE  
ASSIGNED TO THE LOUISVILLE DIVISION IN 1965. THESE INDIVIDUALS  
ARE BERNARD C. BROWN, FORMER SAC RETIRED; SA WILLIAM ROBERT

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DUNCAN, CURRENTLY ASSIGNED IN THE ST. LOUIS DIVISION;

ROBERT EDWARD PETERS, FORMER SA RETIRED.

THE COMMITTEE HAS INDICATED THAT THIS REQUEST IS RELATED TO THEIR RECENT RECEIPT OF INFORMATION FROM A FORMER LOUISVILLE POLICE OFFICER WHO ALLEGED THAT HE HAD RECEIVED AN OFFER FROM UNNAMED FBI AND POLICE PERSONNEL TO KILL MARTIN LUTHER KING.

FBIHQ HAS REQUESTED THAT THE DEPARTMENT OBTAIN FROM HSCA ALL INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THIS ALLEGATION, BUT TO DATE THE COMMITTEE HAS NOT ACCEDED TO THIS REQUEST.

ADDITIONALLY, HSCA HAS REQUESTED THE IDENTITIES OF ALL SACS WHO SERVED IN THE BIRMINGHAM DIVISION BETWEEN DECEMBER, 1962, AND DECEMBER, 1969. THESE INDIVIDUALS ARE: RAYMOND L. FAISST, FORMER SAC RETIRED; EVERETT J. INGRAM, FORMER SAC DECEASED; JAMES L. MCGOVERN, FORMER SAC RETIRED; GEORGE W. HALL, FORMER SAC RETIRED; JOSEPH H. GAMBLE, FORMER SAC RETIRED; RALPH J. MILES, FORMER SAC RETIRED. EACH OF THESE SURVIVING FORMER EMPLOYEES IS TO BE CONTACTED IMMEDIATELY BY SAC OR ASAC WHERE FEASIBLE, AND ALERTED THAT HE MAY BE APPROACHED BY HSCA

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REPRESENTATIVE FOR INTERVIEW. EACH SHOULD BE ADVISED THAT IN THE EVENT HE IS CONTACTED HE MAY DESIRE TO CONTACT THE BUREAU'S LEGAL COUNSEL DIVISION BY COLLECT CALL FOR FULL INFORMATION PERTAINING TO HIS OBLIGATIONS AS TO CONFIDENTIALITY OF INFORMATION ACQUIRED AS AN FBI EMPLOYEE.

SA DUNCAN, ST. LOUIS DIVISION, SHOULD BE INSTRUCTED TO IMMEDIATELY ADVISE SAC, ST. LOUIS, AND FBIHQ, ATTENTION CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT, SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION, IN THE EVENT HE IS CONTACTED BY THE COMMITTEE.

THE INFORMATION REQUESTED BY HSCA IS BEING MADE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT.

IN THE EVENT A FORMER EMPLOYEE NO LONGER RESIDES IN YOUR TERRITORY, SET OUT LEADS TO OTHER OFFICES WITH A COPY TO FBIHQ.

ATLANTA: JAMES L. MCGOVERN, 2689 CANNA RIDGE CIRCLE, ATLANTA, GEORGIA.

BIRMINGHAM: RALPH J. MILES, 1126 MOUNTAIN OAKS DRIVE, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA.

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LITTLE ROCK: RAYMOND L. FAISST, 113 CAMBRIDGE PLACE,  
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS.

LOUISVILLE: BERNARD C. BROWN, 6904 WYTHE HILL CIRCLE,  
PROSPECT, KENTUCKY; ROBERT EDWARD PETERS, 412 TRINITY HILLS LANE,  
LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY.

NEW YORK: JOSEPH H. GAMBLE, 24 GREYSTONE ROAD, ROCKVILLE  
CENTER, NEW YORK.

ST. LOUIS: SA WILLIAM ROBERT DUNCAN.

TAMPA: GEORGE W. HALL, 5598 TRELIS LANE, FORT MYERS,  
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Assistant Attorney General  
Criminal Division  
Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch

Director, FBI

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1 - Mr. Lawn  
2 - Mr. Mintz (Attn:  
Mr. Daly)

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U. S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (HSCA)

Reference is made to the letter from the Office of  
Legislative Affairs dated April 11, 1977, which enclosed a letter  
from U. S. Congressman Louis Stokes, Chairman, HSCA, dated  
April 5, 1977. We are hereby responding to the portion of the  
letter from U. S. Congressman Stokes which requests information  
in possession of the FBI pertaining to Arthur J. Hanes, Sr., of  
Birmingham, Alabama.

Enclosed are two copies of a memorandum which responds  
to this HSCA request. You may desire to furnish a copy of this  
enclosed memorandum to the HSCA in making your response concerning  
this request.

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1 - Assistant Attorney General  
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May 2, 1977

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

RE: APRIL 5, 1977, REQUEST OF HSCA FOR INFORMATION  
IN POSSESSION OF THE FBI PERTAINING TO ARTHUR J.  
HANES, SR., OF BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA.

This will respond to an April 5, 1977, letter to the  
Attorney General from U. S. Congressman Louis Stokes, Chairman,  
HSCA, requesting information in possession of the FBI pertaining  
to Arthur J. Hanes, Sr., of Birmingham, Alabama.

All references to Arthur J. Hanes, Sr., contained in the  
FBI's Martin Luther King, Jr., civil rights assassination file  
(44-38861, abbreviated as the "MURKIN" file) have already been  
available for HSCA access. As you are aware, the FBI's "MURKIN"  
file has been available for HSCA access at FBI Headquarters, and  
a thorough review of this file by HSCA personnel will permit the  
HSCA to retrieve all of the desired information contained therein  
pertaining to Mr. Hanes.

In addition, based upon a review of FBI Headquarters'  
indices, all other pertinent material pertaining to Mr. Hanes in  
the files of FBI Headquarters has been processed and is now  
available for HSCA access at FBI Headquarters.

1 - Assistant Attorney General  
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Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch

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NOTE: This responds to a request of HSCA regarding information in possession of the FBI pertaining to Arthur J. Hanes, Sr., of Birmingham, Alabama. Hanes is a former Special Agent of the FBI who entered on duty on 10/25/48, and resigned on 8/4/51, (Bufile 67-175292). Hanes was Mayor of Birmingham from 1961 to 1963. Hanes initially acted as counsel for James Earl Ray after he was apprehended in 1968 after the murder of King.

Based upon an agreement between the Department and the HSCA, the MURKIN file has been appropriately excised to protect informants, etc., and has already been available for HSCA access. In addition, all other pertinent references to Hanes have now been processed including making appropriate excisions, etc., and are now available for HSCA access. The nature of the information HSCA desired from the FBI files, as determined through liaison coordinated with the Office of Congressional Affairs, Legal Counsel Division, concerned the date Hanes entered on duty as a Special Agent of the FBI, any information relating to radical, racial associations, etc., and any information indicating why he desired to defend Ray.

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April 11, 1977

Honorable Louis Stokes  
Chairman  
Select Committee on Assassinations  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

On behalf of the Attorney General, I would like to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated April 5, 1977 concerning information pertaining to Arthur J. Hanes.

We will be sending you a more detailed response dealing with the issues raised in your letter in the near future.

Sincerely,

/s/

Patricia M. Wald  
Assistant Attorney General

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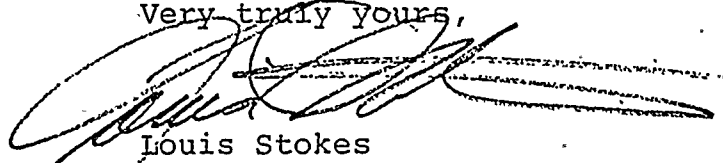
The Honorable Griffin Bell  
Attorney General  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C. 20530

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

In furtherance of the Select Committee's investigation into the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., I hereby request that you make available to the Committee all information in the possession of the Justice Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation which pertains to Arthur J. Hanes, Sr. of Birmingham, Alabama. Mr. Hanes was retained by James Earl Ray in June of 1968 and served as his attorney until November of that year. Mr. Ray has recently given the Committee a letter waiving his attorney-client privilege with respect to Mr. Hanes, and a copy of that letter is enclosed.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation.

Very truly yours,



Louis Stokes  
Chairman

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REBUTEL TO LITTLE ROCK, AND LITTLE ROCK TEL TO PHOENIX,  
 APRIL 25, 1977.<sup>209</sup>

FORMER SAC RAYMOND L. FAISST CONTACTED BY PHOENIX SAC AT  
 PHOENIX APRIL 25, 1977, AND FURNISHED INFORMATION IN REBUTEL.

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RE BUREAU TELETYPE, APRIL 25, 1977.<sup>208</sup>

FORMER SAC GEORGE W. HALL, 5598 TRELIS LANE, FT. MYERS, FLA., TELEPHONE (813) 481-5006, WAS ADVISED BY SAC OF CONTENTS OF RETEL. HE STATED HE HAD NOT AS YET BEEN CONTACTED BY HSCA AND PRIOR TO TALKING TO THEM HE DEFINITELY WOULD CONTACT LEGAL COUNSEL DIVISION FOR ADVICE.

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REFERENCE FBIHQ TEL TO ALL SACS AND LEGATS, NOVEMBER 24, 1976,  
AND FBIHQ TEL TO LITTLE ROCK, APRIL 25, 1977. <sup>206</sup>

BUREAU ADVISED IN RETEL TO LITTLE ROCK THIS DATE THAT THE  
HSCA, RELATIVE TO THEIR INVESTIGATION INTO THE ASSASSINATION OF  
MARTIN LUTHER KING, REQUESTED THAT FBIHQ FURNISH PRESENT WHEREABOUTS  
OF ALL SACS WHO SERVED IN THE BIRMINGHAM DIVISION BETWEEN DECEMBER,  
1962, AND DECEMBER, 1969. LITTLE ROCK WAS REQUESTED TO CONTACT  
FORMER SAC RETIRED, RAYMOND L. FAISST, 113 CAMBRIDGE PLACE, LITTLE  
ROCK, ARKANSAS.

FORMER SAC RETIRED, RAYMOND L. FAISST'S PRESENT ADDRESS IS  
7542 PLEASANT RUN, SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA, 85258  
PHOENIX CONTACT FORMER SAC RETIRED RAYMOND L. FAISST AND  
ADVISE HIM THAT HE MAY BE CONTACTED BY HCSA FOR INTERVIEW. <sup>17</sup> APR 27 1977

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April 25, 1977

- 1 - Mr. Fehl
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- 2 - Mr. Mintz (Attn:  
Mr. Daly)
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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS  
U. S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (HSCA)

Reference is made to your letter dated April 11, 1977, which enclosed a letter from U. S. Congressman Louis Stokes, Chairman, HSCA, U. S. House of Representatives, dated April 7, 1977. We are hereby responding to the portion of the letter from U. S. Congressman Stokes which pertains to (1) the present whereabouts and employment records of three FBI Agents assigned to the Louisville Office of the FBI in 1965, and (2) a list of all Special Agents-in-Charge of the Birmingham Office of the FBI from December, 1962, to December, 1969.

Enclosed are two copies of a memorandum which responds to this HSCA request regarding the above two items. You may desire to furnish a copy of this enclosed memorandum to the HSCA in making your response concerning this request.

Also, for your information, we are notifying all of these employees or former employees of the FBI concerning the HSCA interest and of the employee secrecy agreement regarding disclosure of information.

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- 1 - Assistant Attorney General  
Criminal Division  
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April 25, 1977

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

RE: APRIL 7, 1977, REQUEST OF HSCA FOR (1) THE  
PRESENT WHEREABOUTS AND EMPLOYMENT RECORDS OF  
THREE FBI AGENTS ASSIGNED TO LOUISVILLE IN 1965,  
AND (2) A LIST OF ALL SPECIAL AGENTS IN CHARGE OF  
THE BIRMINGHAM OFFICE FROM DECEMBER, 1962, TO  
DECEMBER, 1969.

This will respond to an April 7, 1977, letter to the  
Attorney General from U. S. Congressman Louis Stokes, Chairman,  
HSCA, requesting (1) the present whereabouts and employment  
records of three FBI Agents assigned to the Louisville FBI Office  
in 1965: Robert Peters, William Duncan and Mr. (First Name  
Unknown) Brown, and (2) a list of all Special Agents-in-Charge  
of the Birmingham FBI Office from December, 1962, to December,  
1969. The following are responses to the above two items:

(1) "Robert Peters," is identified as Special Agent  
Robert E. Peters who entered on duty as a Special Agent of the  
FBI on February 12, 1951, separated from FBI service in June of  
1951, and was reinstated as a Special Agent of the FBI in July of  
1951. He was assigned to the Louisville Office of the FBI from  
July of 1951 until June of 1975 when he voluntarily retired from  
FBI service. His nature of assignment at Louisville in 1965 in-  
cluded investigating criminal cases, service as a Relief  
Supervisor, service as a general police instructor, and  
participation in FBI applicant recruitment. The last address we  
have for Mr. Peters is 412 Trinity Hills Lane, Louisville,  
Kentucky 40207.

*Enclosure to be sent to AAG - Office of Legislative  
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"William Duncan," is identified as Special Agent William R. Duncan who entered on duty as a Special Agent of the FBI on April 2, 1951. He was assigned to the Louisville Office of the FBI from February of 1952 to May of 1967. His nature of assignment at Louisville in 1965 included investigating criminal cases, service as a Relief Supervisor, service as a police instructor, and participation in FBI applicant recruitment. Mr. Duncan is presently assigned to the Mexico, Missouri, Resident Agency of the St. Louis Office of the FBI.

"Mr. Brown . . . the agent-in-charge of that field office (Louisville) in 1965," is identified as former Special Agent in Charge Bernard C. Brown who entered on duty as a Special Agent of the FBI on September 3, 1940. He was assigned to the Louisville Office of the FBI from February of 1965 until December of 1965 when he voluntarily retired from FBI service. His nature of assignment at Louisville, while he was assigned during 1965, was as Special Agent in Charge of all operations of the Louisville Office. The last address we have for Mr. Brown is 6940 Wythe Hill Circle, Prospect, Kentucky 40059.

(2) The following is a list of all Special Agents in Charge of the Birmingham Office of the FBI from December of 1962 to December of 1969: Raymond Faisst from October, 1962 to June, 1964; Everett J. Ingram from June, 1964, to December, 1965; James L. McGovern from December, 1965, to January, 1967; George W. Hall from January, 1967, to February, 1968; Joseph H. Gamble from February, 1968, to August, 1968; and Ralph J. Miles from August, 1968, to January, 1975.

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NOTE: This responds to a request of HSCA regarding whereabouts and employment records of three FBI Agents assigned to Louisville in 1965 and a list of all Special Agents-in-Charge in Birmingham from 1962 to 1969. By separate communication the employees or former employees are being notified of HSCA interest. This coordinated with Legal Counsel Division.

Information concerning those Agents assigned to Louisville Office in 1965 obtained from personnel files 67-459530 (Peters), 67-464299 (Duncan), and 67-150960 (Brown). Information re SACs in Birmingham obtained from Finance and Personnel Division.

The nature of the information HSCA desired from the personnel files was determined through liaison coordinated with Office of Congressional Affairs, Legal Counsel Division.

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Department of Justice  
Washington, D.C. 20530

April 11, 1977

Honorable Louis Stokes  
Chairman  
Select Committee on Assassinations  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

On behalf of the Attorney General, I would like to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated April 7, 1977 requesting a briefing of your staff and copies of various FBI files.

We will be sending you a more detailed response dealing with the issues raised in your letter in the near future.

Sincerely,

/s/

Patricia M. Wald  
Assistant Attorney General

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U.S. House of Representatives

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

O.L.A.

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

In furtherance of the Select Committee's investigation into the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., I hereby request that Department of Justice attorney Stanley Pottinger meet with members of the staff of our Committee to discuss the Justice Department's review of the investigation into the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

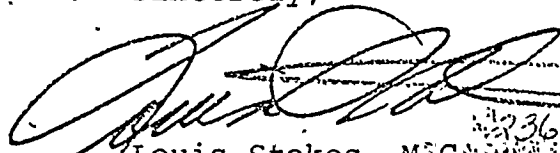
Additionally, I hereby request the present whereabouts and employment records of three FBI agents who in 1965 were assigned to the Louisville, Kentucky FBI field office. These three are: Robert Peters, William Duncan and Mr. Brown. I do not know the first name of Mr. Brown, but I am informed that he was the agent-in-charge of that field office in 1965.

Additionally, I hereby request that you furnish the staff of the Select Committee with a list of all special agents-in-charge of the Birmingham, Alabama field office of the FBI from December, 1962 to December, 1969.

We greatly appreciate your assistance in this matter.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am,

Sincerely,



Louis Stokes, M.C.  
Chairman

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Re Birmingham airtel dated 3/3/77. <sup>182X</sup>

The following is for information:

The former Birmingham PCI of referenced communication was in telephonic contact with Birmingham on 3/21/77 and furnished the following information:

He continues to conduct his own inquiries regarding captioned matter and the FRANK LIBERTO previously mentioned by him, currently resides in Memphis, Tennessee, at an unknown address. At the time of the King murder, FRANK LIBERTO had an office in Memphis and is believed to still have the office at 327 South Main Street, Memphis, in the back of a whiskey store which he owns. He has additional businesses in Memphis, identity unknown to source.

Mr. EDDIE EVANS of the House of Representatives Committee (referenced airtel) first met personally with source on March 10 or 11, 1977, in Birmingham and is in touch with source on a daily basis. EVANS went to the Birmingham Police Department after he talked to source and obtained some records at that institution where he was

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apparently in touch with Captain LEGRAND. EVANS told source that he had been riding around with the Birmingham Police and source complained to EVANS in this regard and expressed concern to EVANS that source's identity would be compromised. In the week of March 14, 1977, source saw and heard Captain LEGRAND on a local television station making a press release regarding this matter.

Source was contacted in the week of March 14, 1977, by Birmingham newspaper reporters, believed to be FNU BRAY and FNU KILPATRICK, and he told them to "go to hell" and he denied any knowledge of this matter or being a source of information.

Source advised further that Dr. GUS JOSEPH PROSCH, JR. (BH airtel 12/15/76) and FRANK LIBERTO were very big in the drug traffic in the Southeast and he has been and continues to furnish such information to DEA, Birmingham.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-117290)  
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FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (175-64) P

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Re ME airtel and LHM, 3/2/77.

Info referenced LHM furnished RCMP.

For info HQ and Memphis, RCMP, Ottawa, advise that a request has been received from the House Select Committee on Assassinations for production of all pertinent RCMP records.

On 3/15/77, Legat, Ottawa, was advised that due to existing Canadian Government policy, the RCMP was unable to comply with the request of the Committee.

RCMP have been requested to be advised when the House Select Committee terminates, as a decision to dispose of evidence will be made at that time.

Ottawa setting an administrative tickler for a six-month period.

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# Memorandum

RICHARD G. HEID

TO : The Associate Director

DATE: 4/7/77

FROM : Legal Counsel

SUBJECT: HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS

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The purpose of this memorandum is to advise of an attempt to interview Congressman Gene Snyder (Kentucky) regarding information in his possession concerning allegations made by Clifton E. Baird that Agents of the FBI attempted to recruit Baird to assassinate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

## DETAILS:

Congressman Gene Snyder (Kentucky) recently issued a press release stating that Clifton E. Baird had made allegations to him that Special Agents of the FBI had attempted to recruit Baird to assassinate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Baird claims to have tape recordings of conversations that would support his allegations.

On March 29, 1977, Robert L. Keuch, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, was contacted by Supervisor Paul V. Daly, Office of Congressional Affairs, Legal Counsel Division, regarding the propriety of contacting Congressman Snyder to obtain any information in his possession regarding these allegations. Mr. Keuch advised that he thought that due to the seriousness of these allegations, the FBI would be remiss in not making an effort to interview Congressman Snyder regarding this matter.

On March 29, 1977, SA Danny O. Coulson, Office of Congressional Affairs, Legal Counsel Division, contacted William E. Tanner, Administrative Assistant to Congressman Snyder, and advised him that a representative of the Legal Counsel Division would like to talk to the Congressman regarding

- 1 - Mr. Moore
- 1 - Mr. Boynton
- 1 - Mr. Peelman
- 1 - Mr. Lawn
- 1 - Mr. Mintz
- 2 - Mr. Daly
- 1 - Mr. Coulson

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Legal Counsel to The Associate Director  
Re: HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS

these allegations, and to arrange for an Agent assigned to the Washington Field Office to interview the Congressman to determine what allegations had been made by Baird pertaining to the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Mr. Tanner advised that the Congressman was leaving that afternoon for Kentucky but that he would discuss the matter with him and recontact SA Coulson at a later time.

On April 5, 1977, Tanner telephonically contacted SA Coulson and advised him that the Congressman had furnished all information in his possession regarding this matter to the House Select Committee on Assassinations and that the Congressman did not have time nor did he see the necessity to discuss it with the FBI.

It should be noted that there are indications that Congressman Snyder has allowed access to this information by members of the press.

On April 6, 1977, Robert L. Keuch was advised by SA Coulson of the above.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

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## Memorandum

File Copy

TO : Assistant Attorney General  
Civil Rights Division

DATE: March 21, 1977

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS  
(MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.)

Reference is made to \_\_\_\_\_ memorandum dated \_\_\_\_\_  
(your file \_\_\_\_\_).

There is enclosed one copy of the report of Special Agent \_\_\_\_\_  
dated \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_.

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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This refers to the assassination of Martin Luther King in Memphis in April, 1968.

Attached Louisville teletype indicates that Congressman M. G. Snyder, Kentucky, revealed on a recently taped TV news conference that he had received letter from an unnamed, retired police officer who alleged that he, former police officer, had been approached by three FBI Officers and three or four prominent citizens with a \$500,000 offer to kill Martin Luther King on two occasions. Unnamed police officer made tapes of these two meetings, one of which was stolen, the other, unnamed officer turned over to the House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA).

Congressman Snyder said he has heard the tape recording but could not attest to its authenticity but indicated that Congressman Samuel L. Devine, Ohio, had checked background of former police officer and found him to be "solid citizen."

Snyder stated that the HSCA has this matter currently under investigation.

A review of FBIHQ files pertaining to the assassination of Martin Luther King has failed to reveal any prior allegations of an alleged conspiracy involving FBI personnel in a plot to kill Martin Luther King.

Civil Rights Division and Criminal Division being advised.

- 1 - Mr. Held
- 1 - Mr. Adams
- 1 - External Affairs Division

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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.)

ON MARCH 20, 1977, M. G. (GENE) SNYDER, UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE, FOURTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT, KENTUCKY, APPEARING ON WHAS - TV "NEWS CONFERENCE" TAPED MARCH 18, 1977, AT LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY, REVEALED THAT HE BELIEVED INVESTIGATION BY HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA) WOULD BE PRODUCTIVE, EVEN THOUGH HE DID NOT INITIALLY VOTE JNWR FUNDING OF SAME. SNYDER INDICATED THAT HE HAD CHANGED HIS MIND IN LIGHT OF SOME RECENT INFORMATION WHICH HE WOULD CAREFULLY EXPLAIN SO AS TO NOT "DROP SOMEBODY IN" OR "SAY ANYTHING WRONG ABOUT SOMEBODY. THAT SHOULDN'T BE SAID".

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SNYDER INDICATED THAT HE HAD RECEIVED LETTER A FEW WEEKS AGO FROM "CITIZEN" WHO IS RETIRED AFTER MANY YEARS, FROM RESPONSIBLE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THAT THIS "CITIZEN", NOT FURTHER DESCRIBED, HAD BEEN APPROACHED BY THREE (3) "FBI OFFICERS" AND THREE (3) OR FOUR (4) "PROMINENT PEOPLE AT THAT TIME IN THAT POLICE DEPARTMENT". SNYDER NOTED THAT THIS UNNAMED "CITIZEN" RECEIVED THIS "OFFER" ON TWO (2) SEPARATE OCCASIONS IN HIS AUTOMOBILE WHERE HE HAD TAPE RECORDER SECRETED. TAPES WERE MADE OF THE "OFFER" ON BOTH OCCASIONS, HOWEVER, ONE TAPE WAS SUBSEQUENTLY STOLEN. OTHER TAPE "CITIZEN" RETAINED AND FURNISHED SAME TO HSCA AFTER REPORTEDLY TRAVELING TO WASHINGTON, D.C., AT HIS OWN EXPENSE.

SNYDER HAS SPOKEN WITH "CITIZEN" PERSONALLY AND IN SNYDER'S OPINION, "CITIZEN" APPEARS TO BE RESPONSIBLE. SNYDER BELIEVES INSTANT "LEAD" AND OTHER LEADS SHOULD BE "CHECKED OUT". BECAUSE OF INSTANT "LEAD", UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE SAMUEL L. DEVINE (OHIO), RANKING MINORITY MEMBER OF HSCA, NOW INTENDS TO VOTE FOR CONTINUATION OF HSCA FUNDING.

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SNYDER REVEALS THAT LETTER WAS RECEIVED IN "REGULAR UNITED STATES MAIL" AND THAT BASIC ALLEGATION IS THAT UNNAMED "CITIZEN", WHO IS RETIRED POLICEMAN, WAS APPROACHED BY "MEMBERS OF FBI AND UNNAMED POLICE DEPARTMENT" AND ENCOURAGED TO ASSASSINATE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. WHEN ASKED WHY SNYDER RECEIVED LETTER, SNYDER REPLIED "TIME WILL HAVE TO TELL" AND THAT HE "DIDN'T WANT TO GO INTO THAT".

SNYDER FURTHER REVEALED THAT UNNAMED "CITIZEN" HAS BEEN TO WASHINGTON AND THAT HSCA NOW HAS POSSESSION OF TAPE RECORDING WHICH IS BEING "WASHED DOWN" TO ELIMINATE BACKGROUND NOISES SUCH AS RUNNING AUTOMOBILE ENGINE. SNYDER HAS HEARD TAPE HIMSELF AND DESCRIBED SAME AS HAVING "SOME PRETTY INAUDIBLE SECTIONS" WHICH ARE BEING WORKED ON AT PRESENT. SNYDER NOTED THAT TAPE PURPORTS TO DEAL WITH INSTANT SUBJECT MATTER. SNYDER INDICATED THAT HE COULD NOT ATTEST TO AUTHENTICITY OF TAPE RECORDING SINCE HE WAS NOT ELECTRONICS EXPERT, BUT NOTED SAME MUST BE DETERMINED.

SNYDER DECLINED TO ANSWER INTERROGATORIES AS TO WHETHER LETTER CAME FROM HIS CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OR LOUISVILLE,



KENTUCKY, NOTING HE DID NOT THINK HE OUGHT TO PLACE UNNAMED "CITIZEN" IN JEOPARDY IF ALLEGATION IS TRUE, OR PEOPLE MENTIONED THEREIN IN JEOPARDY IF ALLEGATION FALSE. SNYDER BELIEVES HSCA WILL HAVE TO DECIDE WHEN NAMES OF INDIVIDUALS ALLEGEDLY INVOLVED ARE TO BE RELEASED AND MADE PUBLIC.

SNYDER DECLINED ANY FURTHER COMMENT ON MATTER, NOTING THAT IF ALLEGATIONS WERE TRUE, UNNAMED "CITIZEN" FURNISHING BASIS FOR SAME WOULD BE IN JEOPARDY FROM "FBI AND OTHERS NAMED" IN LETTER, AND IF ALLEGATION NOT TRUE, "RESPONSIBLE PERSONS" WOULD LIKEWISE BE IN JEOPARDY. SNYDER ASSUMED THAT HSCA WOULD GIVE INDIVIDUALS NAMED IN LETTER, OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS THEMSELVES AT APPROPRIATE TIME.

ON MARCH 19, 1977, "COURIER-JOURNAL", DAILY NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION, LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY, CARRIED ARTICLE CAPTIONED "SNYDER GIVES PANEL ALLEGATION OF PLOT TO ASSASSINATE KING", WHEREIN SNYDER IS REPORTED TO HAVE REVEALED, DURING TAPING OF ABOVE TELEVISION NEWS CONFERENCE, THAT HE HAD TURNED OVER TO HSCA AN ALLEGATION THAT FBI AGENTS AND POLICE PLOTTED TO KILL MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

SNYDER IS REPORTED TO HAVE RECEIVED THE ABOVE-MENTIONED LETTER IN "LATE FEBRUARY" FROM FORMER POLICEMAN WHO CLAIMS HE WAS TWICE OFFERED \$500,000 TO KILL KING. SNYDER REPORTEDLY WOULD NOT REVEAL NAME OF FORMER POLICEMAN OR NAMES OF THREE (3) FBI AGENTND POLICEMEN ALLEGEDLY INVOLVED IN PLOT.

SNYDER MADE NO CONNECTION BETWEEN ALLEGED OFFER MADE TO UNNAMED RETIRED POLICEMAN WITH MORE THAN TWENTY (20) YEARS SERVICE, AND ACTUAL KILLING OF KING.

RICHARD A. SPRAGUE, CHIEF COUNSEL FOR HSCA, IS QUOTED AS HAVING SAID MARCH 18, 1977, THAT SNYDER HAD TURNED OVER MATERIAL CONTAINING THE ALLEGATION TO HSCA AND THAT MATTER IS CURRENTLY "UNDER INVESTIGATION".

SNYDER REPORTEDLY INDICATED THAT FORMER POLICEMAN HAD ATTEMPTED TO TURN TAPE REVEALING \$500,000 OFFER, OVER TO ATTORNEYS FOR JAMES EARL RAY, CONVICTED KILLER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., BUT WAS FINALLY ASKED BY INVESTIGATOR FOR ATTORNEYS, "WHERE HE PLANNED TO HIDE IF HE TRIED TO DO ANYTHING WITH TAPE".

SAMUEL L. DEVINE, UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE (OHIO),

HERETOFORE MENTIONED, WHO IS FORMER FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (FBI) AGENT, REPORTEDLY HAS CHECKED INTO BACKGROUND OF RETIRED POLICEMAN AND FOUND HIM TO BE "SOLID CITIZEN".

ACCOUNT APPEARING IN "COURIER-JOURNAL" AS HIGHLIGHTED ABOVE IS REPORTEDLY BASED ON COMMENTS MADE BY SNYDER DURING TAPING OF WHAS-TV "NEWS CONFERENCE" PROGRAM BROADCAST MARCH 20, 1977. HOWEVER, NO MENTION WAS MADE BY SNYDER OF \$500,000 AMOUNT ALLEGEDLY OFFERED RETIRED POLICEMAN, DURING WHAS-TV "NEWS CONFERENCE" AS BROADCAST ON MARCH 20, 1977.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

RE LOUISVILLE TELCALLS TO BUREAU, MARCH 19, 1977, AND MARCH 20, 1977.

PURSUANT TO BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS, LOUISVILLE TRANSMITTING COPY OF MARCH 19, 1977, "COURIER-JOURNAL" ARTICLE TO FBIHQ VIA TELECOPIER FASCIMILE. TAPE RECORDING OF WHAS-TV "NEWS CONFERENCE" AND NEWSPAPER ARTICLE COPIES BEING FORWARDED FBIHQ BY AIRTEL MARCH 21, 1977. LOUISVILLE WILL FOLLOW AND REPORT

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A Memorandum of Law in support of the complaint.

A Motion for Leave to proceed in forma pauperis.

An affidavit in support of the above Motion.

Also enclosed are three copies each of a Memorandum from the U. S. District Court, Western District of Kentucky, at Paducah, Kentucky, dated 12/27/76 and judgment from that court, also dated 12/27/76.

SA L. V. MC GINTY, JR. was personally served with the above documents on 1/11/77. SA MC GINTY has advised that it is his understanding that U. S. District Judge CHARLES M. ALLEN had dismissed one suit initiated by plaintiffs and allowed another suit to be filed. The last two enclosed documents refer to the first suit filed by plaintiffs, which was dismissed by Judge ALLEN.

SA MC GINTY desires Departmental representation and will submit to the Bureau an individual letter, addressed to the Attorney General of the United States, requesting such representation.

Louisville will submit, within ten days, an LHM containing a succinct summary of the factual background on which the suit was predicated.

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Date: 3/3/77

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Re Birmingham airtel to Director, 12/15/76;  
 Memphis airtel, 12/20/76.

The following is for information:

The former Birmingham PCI who furnished the information in referenced Birmingham communication of 12/15/76, contacts the Birmingham Office telephonically from time to time regarding captioned matter.

On 3/3/77, he telephonically contacted Birmingham wondering if, "LIBERTO" had been investigated in New Orleans in the past. He was told that investigation regarding a family of LIBERTOS had been conducted back in 1968. Source mentioned that the LIBERTO in New Orleans has a brother in the produce business in Memphis, Tennessee, and also expressed the thought that "No one can convince me that it (the KING assassination) was not a conspiracy."

Source advised he received two recent telephone calls, the last on 2/28/77, from a Mr. EVANS, a deputy chief of the House of Representatives Committee on Assassinations. EVANS told him that if they get their appropriation, EVANS will want to talk to the source about this matter, and the source told EVANS that he would, but would not discuss it on the telephone.

2 - Bureau  
 1 - Memphis (44-1987) (Info.)  
 1 - New Orleans (157-10673) (Info.)  
 1 - Birmingham The CS is Morris Davis who  
 PJM:bsg advised on 5/31/77 that he can be

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Source advised that he had Birmingham Secret Service check on ~~Evans~~ after the first telephone call and established that EVANS was, in fact, with the committee.

Source expressed his belief that the FBI in Washington must have furnished his information to the House Committee.