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Date 11/9/78

TO DIRECTOR, FBI (62-117290)
 (ATTN: UNIT CHIEF DANNY O. COULSON, ROOM 3658)
 FROM SAC, ST. LOUIS (62-5097)
 SUBJECT: ~~HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON~~
 ASSASSINATIONS, U. S. HOUSE
 OF REPRESENTATIVES,
 SPECIAL AGENT WILLIAM R. DUNCAN
 ST. LOUIS DIVISION

Re SL teletype to Bureau, 10/18/78, captioned "BANK ROBBERY MATTERS".

For the information of the Bureau, referenced teletype advised the Laddonia State Bank, Laddonia, Missouri, received a telephone call on or about 10/18/78 concerning the bank robbery it suffered 6/11/70. The caller identified himself as being with the FBI, Washington, D. C., and advised a survey was being conducted and asked what time the bank had been robbed in June, 1970. FBIHQ telephonically responded to that teletype advising that no such inquiry had been made from FBIHQ.

Additional inquiry after referenced St. Louis teletype indicated that it was a phone call from a member of the House Select Committee on Assassinations Staff to the employee of Laddonia State Bank asking what time the bank had been robbed.

The Laddonia State Bank was robbed at approximately 1:15 p.m., on 6/11/70, by two white males wearing nylon stockings and what appeared to be bandaids under their eyes.

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Upon arriving at the bank, the MO and description of the gun used fit information previously received concerning JOHN

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LARRY RAY and his brother, JERRY WILLIAM RAY, who were suspects in robberies of the Farmers Bank of Liberty, Liberty, Ill., on 10/17/69 and Farmers and Traders Bank of Meredosia, Meredosia, Ill., on 1/28/70. Photos of the group of RAY associates were brought to the bank by Agents from St. Louis and witnesses from outside the bank the day before the robbery and witnesses involved in the robbery identified photographs of TURLEY and HAYNES. Federal process was obtained. HAYNES was arrested in St. Louis a day or so after the robbery and marked money from the robbery was recovered on his person. TURLEY was arrested in St. Louis a week or so later and no money was recovered. A showup was held at St. Louis PD for witnesses from all three robberies. There witnesses picked HAYNES as being the person who ran the bank robbery but were not as positive on TURLEY. One witness from the Meredosia bank robbery picked the photograph of TURLEY as being the tall bank robber and HAYNES as being the short bank robber.

Both subjects TURLEY and HAYNES were being tried in USDC, St. Louis, during November, 1970. During the trial HAYNES changed his plea from not guilty to guilty and testified for the government. He testified TURLEY was with him but he would not name the other participants until the judge directed him to. He named his associates as JOHN LARRY RAY, JAMES RUSSELL TURLEY, JAMES RUSSELL ROGERS, and ERNEST TURLEY. At the end of the trial TURLEY was acquitted.

Audrain County Sheriff HAROLD SULGROVE, now deceased, had state robbery warrants for both subjects with him. The warrants had been issued shortly after the bank robbery. After the acquittal of TURLEY he called Prosecuting Attorney THOMAS I. OSBORN at Mexico and asked him if he could bring TURLEY back for trial. OSBORN told him to bring him back but he would discuss the prosecution later.

TURLEY's lawyer called OSBORN and he also talked to AUSA KENNETH R. HEINEMAN who tried TURLEY in USDC and OSBORN decided that he would tell the defense attorney that if TURLEY would take a polygraph examination and pass he would not try TURLEY, however, if TURLEY would refuse to take the examination he would have to try him. OSBORN advised the defense attorney that with TURLEY's record and the eye witnesses he thought that he owed it to the state to

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try TURLEY.

TURLEY appealed the fact that he was being tried after being acquitted in Federal court to the Missouri Court of Appeals, U. S. Court of Appeals, and the U. S. Supreme Court. The Court of Appeals denied his appeal and the Supreme Court would not hear the case. He was later ordered for trial on a change of venue in Warren County Circuit Court in Warrenton, Mo.

While out on bond and awaiting the court decisions Audrain County Sheriff SULGROVE was in one of the St. Louis City police precincts when TURLEY and his wife were brought in for some violation. His wife said "I lied for you one time but I'm not going to lie for you again." During the subsequent trial in Warren County Circuit Court SULGROVE remembered this and got the detective to testify who had this information.

TURLEY was tried, convicted and sentenced to 30 years in the state penitentiary. While awaiting transportation to the state penitentiary he escaped from the Warren County Jail and was later apprehended on a UFAP warrant in Florida by FBI Agents.

On 11/7/78 former Prosecuting Attorney THOMAS I. OSBORN, Mexico, Mo., advised that he got a telephone call from a reporter, BILL FREIGOVEL of the St. Louis Post Dispatch newspaper, saying he was doing a story on the bank robbery at Laddonia in 1970. He advised that the House Select Committee on Assassinations investigators had information from JAMES RUSSELL ROGERS and CLARENCE EDGAR HAYNES that ERNEST TURLEY was not involved in the robbery. OSBORN was asked a number of questions about the case and including why witnesses, when interviewed by SA WILLIAM R. DUNCAN, Resident Agent handling the investigation, were not too positive of an identification but when they went to trial their identification was very positive. He also wanted to know if DUNCAN called OSBORN after TURLEY's acquittal in St. Louis and requested that he be brought back for state prosecution. He also asked if it was not DUNCAN who pushed the state prosecution.

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OSBORN told the reporter that the warrants for TURLEY and HAYNES were outstanding since June, 1970, shortly after the bank robbery and that Sheriff HAROLD SULGROVE called him and told him he was bringing TURLEY back on the warrant and that DUNCAN did not push TURLEY's investigation and did not push for his trial in state court. OSBORN said that he thought that the witnesses probably were not too positive at the time of the bank robbery since the subjects had on nylon stockings, but after seeing them in person were positive. He asked the reporter if he had seen the good showup photograph that was taken both with the nylon stockings and without and the reporter advised that he had not.

OSBORN was asked by the reporter what he thought about the House Select Committee on Assassinations petition to the Governor of Missouri for a pardon for TURLEY. He responded that he had not heard of any pardon motion.

On 11/7/78 Mrs. RUBY MAY HAMLETT, Vice President, Laddonia State Bank, Laddonia, Mo., advised that St. Louis Post Dispatch reporter, BILL FREIGOVEL called her saying he was doing an article on the bank robbery of the Laddonia State Bank in 1970. Since Mrs. HAMLETT's husband, State Representative RAY HAMLETT, was running for re-election the same day, she asked if this was not political and he advised that the story would not be released until after the election.

She was asked by FREIGOVEL to comment on the fact that when she was interviewed by SA DUNCAN the day of the bank robbery she said one thing about who took the money and then when she testified in State court she said something else. She advised that the reporter was to call her back but did not.

Both OSBORN and HAMLETT said that the reporter was allegedly reading from the court transcript of the trial.

For information of the Bureau, SA WILLIAM R. DUNCAN was interviewed by the House Select Committee on Assassinations staff on 11/21/77 and 11/29/77 and testified before the subcommittee on 11/30/77 concerning an incident alleged to have happened at the Louisville, Kentucky PD during September, 1965.

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Further it is to be noted that the St. Louis Division presently has a Federal parole violator warrant for CLARENCE EDGAR HAYNES.

The above is being furnished to the Bureau for information purposes.

The St. Louis file on the Laddonia bank robbery has been destroyed under the Bureau's file destruction policy and is therefore not available.

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1 - Mr. Adams
 1 - Mr. McDermott
 1 - Mr. Bassett
 1 - Mr. Mintz
 Attn: Mr. Coulson
 1 - Mr. Ryan

December 6, 1978

1 - Mr. Foster
 1 - Mr. Aldhizer

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

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

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Enclosed please find a copy of an FBI document dated May 26, 1971, regarding an individual named Oliver Patterson, as well as one copy each of three related items of correspondence. The documents were furnished to this Bureau via the United States Department of Justice by Harold Weisberg, a private citizen, author and self-styled assassinations prober. Mr. Weisberg indicated that he received the document from Oliver Patterson, the subject of the item itself.

The document, further identified as coming from St. Louis FBI file 170-176A, serial 105, was furnished to your Committee in response to a Committee request dated January 26, 1978. This document, which by its very nature is extremely sensitive, was provided to the Committee in order that the Committee might have available to it all retrievable material regarding Mr. Patterson.

In view of the provisions of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Attorney General and the House Select Committee on Assassinations, specifically Item VII regarding Disclosure of Information, and assuming the above is an accurate portrayal of the sequence of events, it is particularly disturbing to this Bureau that a document of this nature entered the public domain in such a manner.

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The FBI has provided the Committee voluminous pages of sensitive and classified material and has maintained a policy of continued cooperation and full disclosure. Therefore, the Committee is requested to insure that such documents are afforded the proper and necessary security. Additionally, if the Committee intends to disclose or utilize material from sensitive or classified FBI documents during the course of public hearings or in its final public report, the spirit as well as the tenets of our Memorandum of Understanding should be adhered to.

Sincerely yours,

William H. Webster
Director

Enclosures (4)

1 - Mr. Robert Keuch (Enclosures)
Deputy Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

Honorable Louis Stokes

Note: By request dated 1/26/78, the HSCA was provided all retrievable information regarding Oliver Patterson, a former source of our St. Louis Division. Patterson provided a signed waiver authorizing release of his files. The release included the enclosed document in its relatively unsanitized version. This document is not known to have been released to the public domain through FOIA or any other litigation proceedings. The document and related correspondence were subsequently provided to Mr. Quinlan Shea, Jr., Director, Office of Privacy and Appeals, Department of Justice, by one Harold Weisberg, who was characterized within. It is noted that the three items of related correspondence provided by Weisberg represent correspondence between Weisberg and G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel, HSCA, relating to Weisburg's contacts with Patterson. Mr. Shea provided the documents to the Congressional Inquiry Unit, Records Management Division, for appropriate action. This letter to the Honorable Louis Stokes, Chairman of HSCA, satisfies same. The Xeroxing of all items are the best available copies.

Item VII of the Memorandum of Understanding requires that the HSCA notify the Attorney General of its intention to disclose information which may tend to identify FBI informants, potential informants or confidential sources. The document in question is sensitive because it is a report from a former FBI informant, contains FBI insight and method of investigating a white hate organization and involves the privacy rights of numerous individuals named therein.

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ENCLOSURE

On Saturday, May 8, 1971, OLIVER PATTERSON & wife LESLIE PATTERSON arrived in Savannah, Georgia to visit with J.B. STONER, DR. EDWARD FIELDS, JERRY RAY of the NSRP Headquarters and later expected RICHARD GEPPELT AND TERRANCE ROSE of the Granite City, Illinois Chapter of the NSRP. The PATTERSON'S checked into the Downtowner Motel Saturday night.

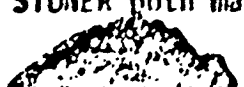
On Sunday, May 9, 1971, OLIVER PATTERSON called the NSRP headquarters at Montgomery Crossroads in Savannah and talked to JERRY RAY who answered the phone. JERRY RAY asked where PATTERSON was and OLIVER PATTERSON told JERRY RAY that the PATTERSON/S were in Savannah. RAY asked PATTERSON if PATTERSON had gotten in touch with J.B. STONER yet since arriving. PATTERSON said no. JERRY RAY proceeded to tell OLIVER PATTERSON about JERRY RAY'S brother, JAMES EARL RAY, escape attempt from prison in Tennessee. JERRY RAY said to OLIVER PATTERSON that JERRY RAY had happened to be in the vicinity of the prison at the time the attempt occurred. JERRY RAY said that JERRY had just been going to visit JAMES EARL RAY and that when JERRY heard about the escape attempt JERRY went to the prison and was questioned by both the warden and F.B.I. men as to why JERRY RAY just happened to be in Tennessee at the time of the attempt. JERRY RAY was interviewed by local newspapers and local television stations while near the prison. In the interviews, JERRY RAY TOLD OLIVER PATTERSON that JERRY had criticized the FBI in the interviews.

JERRY RAY tells PATTERSON how to get to the party headquarters and the conversation ended. OLIVER & LESLIE PATTERSON arrived at the NSRP headquarters at about 2:00 p.m. May 9, 1971.


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At the headquarters, when the PATTERSON'S arrived, were JERRY RAY, J.B. STONER, & PETER XAVIER. JERRY RAY, J.B. STONER & the PATTERSONS talked about JAMES EARL RAY'S escape attempt & STONER was in the process of writing a letter to someone about the attempt disclaiming the whole thing because as J.B. STONER reasoned, who would plan an escape attempt through a 400° oven. JERRY RAY showed the PATTERSONS articles of the escape attempt and finally the conversation turned to JOHN RAY and the bank robbery in St. Charles, Missouri. J.B. STONER told the PATTERSONS that one of the jurors felt sorry for JOHN RAY after he had been convicted of the robbery. JERRY RAY, at that point, added "I wonder if anybody is gonna feel sorry for BOHAR" & then RAY and STONER looked at one another and laughed. JERRY RAY & PETE XAVIER left for Savannah Beach & J.B. STONER and the PATTERSONS went to a Red Lobster Restaurant across the street from the headquarters for lunch. STONER asked PATTERSON when PATTERSONS expected RICHARD GEPPERT & TERRY ROSE to arrive in Savannah. PATTERSON, OLIVER, told STONER that GEPPERT & ROSE were to arrive Monday, May 10, 1971, in the late afternoon after a gun show of RICHARD GEPPERT'S in Cincinnati, Ohio. GEPPERT had told O. PATTERSON to find out from J.B. STONER if STONER was going to attend the Jacksonville, Florida meeting scheduled for that evening and if J.B. STONER was to attend, be sure to wait for GEPPERT and ROSE so that they could go also. STONER said that he was not going to attend & that DR. EDWARD FIELDS was going to make the speech. After lunch, the PATTERSON'S went to Savannah Beach, Georgia & J.B. STONER went somewhere undisclosed. The PATTERSON'S checked in at Savannah Beach Day's Inn Motel which is located a couple blocks from J.B. STONER'S rented home.


* Just before lunch, JERRY RAY & J.B. STONER both made other comments about getting BOHAR.



On Monday, May 10, 1971, the PATTERSONS arrived at party headquarters talked with J.B. STONER & JERRY RAY. Three girls in the office were very busy. JERRY RAY & the PATTERSONS left to take LESLIE PATTERSON shopping. OLIVER PATTERSON & JERRY RAY talked about JAMES EARL RAY & JERRY RAY said to OLIVER PATTERSON that JERRY didn't want to say too much but JERRY RAY knew, and the FBI knew, that there was another party involved in the killing of MARTIN LUTHER KING. JERRY RAY did say that JAMES EARL RAY was the one who pulled the trigger! OLIVER PATTERSON & JERRY RAY, while L. PATTERSON shopped, went to Ernie's A-Go-Go at the intersection of Hwy. 80 & Skidaway Road. JERRY RAY told O. PATTERSON that JERRY RAY only knew of a few places in town to drink & Ernie's A-Go-Go- was one of them. JERRY RAY & O. PATTERSON continued the talk about JAMES EARL RAY. JERRY RAY told O. PATTERSON that it probably wouldn't be the last time that JAMES EARL RAY tried to escape. JERRY RAY told O. PATTERSON that both JERRY RAY & JOHN RAY were both kind of upset over the fact that JAMES EARL WAS the oldest of the three but was the only one of the three boys to have all his hair and teeth. JERRY RAY & O. PATTERSON returned and picked up L. PATTERSON and went to one of the printers that the NSRP uses and picked up 300 mailers which were to be sent to the entire state of Michigan announcing a meeting in Flint, Michigan, the 15th of May, where NSRP leader, MIKE LANDIS, was coming from Chicago to speak. After picking up the mailers, & a shoe sized box of NSRP membership cards. JERRY RAY & the PATTERSONS returned to NSRP headquarters.



At the headquarters, the PATTERSON's helped JERRY RAY mail out the 300 notices of the Flint Michigan meeting by stuffing, stamping and sealing the envelopes. J. B. STONER made mention that the NSRP postage bill, per month, is usually right around \$800.00. The activity around the headquarters was at a rapid pace. the PATTERSONS left the headquarters for Savannah Beach and checked into the Veranda Motel, room 46, where they stayed through Saturday morning, May 15, 1971. Just as the PATTERSONS arrived at the room the phone rang & it was JERRY RAY telling the PATTERSONS that RICHARD GEPPERT & TERRY ROSE had arrived in Savannah and were heading for the Veranda Motel in Savannah Beach immediately. GEPPERT & ROSE arrived at the Veranda motel at approximately 5:00 p.m. and obtained room no. 47. The PATTERSONS, GEPPERT & ROSE went to the beach. J.B. STONER arrived at the motel at about 8:00 p.m. & JERRY RAY arrived shortly thereafter. The evening consisted of talk of hating niggers & jews & the fbi and of a card game. J.B. STONER left at 2:00 a.m. May 11, 1971 and JERRY RAY stayed to talk. O. PATTERSON, GEPPERT & ROSE listened to JERRY RAY talk about the "CAT MAN" witness against JOHN RAY and JERRY RAY told O. PATTERSON, GEPPERT & ROSE that someone had bloodied up the CAT MAN and tied & him to the back of a car and drove with the CAT MAN tied like that. JERRY said to B. PATTERSON, GEPPERT & ROSE that the day after this happened to the CAT MAN that the CAT MAN came to JERRY RAY's sisters house in St. Louis & told JERRY RAY, JERRY RAY's dad & his sister, that he was going to file 3 charges against JERRY RAY for doing this to the CAT MAN unless JERRY RAY gave the CAT MAN money to keep quiet.



JERRY RAY, his sister, and his day, told the CAT MAN to beat it. JERRY RAY Left St. Louis the day before JOHN RAYS sentencing because JERRY RAY thought that this might be brought up in court and hurt JOHN RAYS chances. JERRY RAY left at about 2:45 a.m. (Before JERRY RAY left talk revolved around BOMAR, JOHN RAY & doing things "in the dead of night" to different people including BOMAR, BUT doing these things individually to lessen the chance of being caught.)


Tuesday, May 11, 1971, after a full day at the beach with GEPPERT & ROSE, O. & L. PATTERSON, RICHARD GEPPERT & TERRY ROSE drove into NSRP headquarters picked up J.B. STONER and drove to the nearby Oglethorp Mall for dinner. Hatred of niggers and jews was the main topic of conversation - although J.B. STONER did (surprisingly) tip his nigger waiter. After dinner all returned to NSRP headquarters. JERRY RAY showed GEPPERT, ROSE & THE PATTERSONS how JERRY RAY shot the burglar, BLACK, when BLACK was trying to steal the NSRP records. GEPPERT, ROSE & PATTERSONS returned to the Veranda motel and retired for the evening.

On Wednesday morning, May 12, 1971, O. PATTERSON, GEPPERT & ROSE went to the NSRP headquarters and picked up JB STONER & JERRY RAY and drove to Armstrong College where J.B. STONER was scheduled to speak at 12:30 in front of a political information group on the campus. While at the headquarters though, a couple by the name of Lippert (sp?) driving a maroon Corvair, came to attend the speaking engagement also. J.B. STONER acted very cold toward the LIPPERTS. On the trip to Armstrong College the LIPPERTS followed O. PATTERSONS car and JB STONER told GEPPERT, ROSE, JERRY RAY & O. PATTERSON that STONER thought that LIPPERTS were fbi infiltrators so steer clear of the LIPPERTS.



At Armstrong College, J.B. STONER spoke to an overflow crowd of better than 300 students and flanking STONER on the stage were JERRY RAY & RICHARD GEPPERT. ROSE & O. PATTERSON stayed at the edge of the stage behind the curtains to ward off any possible attacks from the rear. O. PATTERSON had parked his car directly behind the auditorium so that if a hasty exit was necessary they would be prepared. STONER'S speech consisted of hating niggers & Jews, the federal reserve system & the screwed up nigger postal system, etc. Upon completion of the speech questions were asked by the audience and J.B. STONER answered the questions and then STONER was hustled back out the rear door without any trouble. STONER, GEPPERT, ROSE, JERRY RAY & O. PATTERSON on the trip back to headquarters reflected that all the hecklers were niggers or sheenies, but that there was a group of loyal whites scattered throughout who listened but were afraid of the Jews & niggers to come to JB STONER'S defense.

DR. EDWARD FIELDS & his wife & J.B. STONER arrived at the Veranda Motel at about 8:30 p.m. Wednesday evening, May 12th. Topics of conversation were niggers, sheenies, & RICHARD GEPPERT'S Nazi war medals. STONER, DR. FIELDS & his wife left the motel around 10:30 p.m. & GEPPERT, ROSE & THE PATTERSONS watched the 11:00 news to see the film clips of J.B. STONER'S speech at Armstrong College. GEPPERT was very anxious to see GEPPERT on television and talked of the day when he would become head of the NSRP. Conversation ended and all parties retired.



On Thursday, May 13, 1971, GEPPERT, ROSE & O. PATTERSON went to the NSRP headquarters at about 11:00 a.m. The secretaries at the headquarters ran off a list of subscribers to the NSRP "THUNDERBOLT" for the entire state of Missouri and three zip codes in Illinois - (620 to 623) These were given to GEPPERT, ROSE & O. PATTERSON. PATTERSON, GEPPERT & ROSE did menial work around the filthy headquarters and then returned to the Veranda Motel at around 3:30 p.m. At the motel GEPPERT, ROSE & O. PATTERSON clipped and pasted the addresses on individual index cards. GEPPERT made mention of the fact to ROSE & O. PATTERSON that A.O. KERI could not see these records. J.B. STONER arrived at the motel at about 9:00 p.m. and once again GEPPERT, ROSE, STONER & O. PATTERSON talked of their hatred for niggers and jews. STONER left by midnight.

On Friday, May 14, 1971, GEPPERT, ROSE & PATTERSONS went to the NSRP headquarters and RICHARD GEPPERT picked out \$125.00 worth of NSRP literature, medals and patches, etc. to bring back to St. Louis to sell to local NSRP members. It was also decided that O. PATTERSON would be official photographer since kaxka O. PATTERSON has a Polaroid camera. While GEPPERT picked out his material, ROSE & PATTERSONS copied names of right wingers in Illinois (zip code 620 to 623 that were on an IBM list of people who have at one time or another subscribed to right-wing literature). TERRY ROSE asked DR. FIELDS how the NSRP attained this national huge list of names & DR. FIELDS refused to answer. DR. FIELDS' wife asked the PATTERSONS if the PATTERSONS would like to go dancing and hear a great Chicago band. Friday night the PATTERSON met the FIELDS at thair the FIELDS home and proceeded to the Esquire Bar in PATTERSONS car. DR. FIELDS made

DR. FIELDS and his wife go there every available Friday night. While walking in the front door of the Esquire bar the FIELDS & PATTERSONS ran into the FIELDS good friends RANDY & JANE GOULD. JANE GOULD used to be a secretary at NSRP Headquarters and RANDY GOULD is a sheetmetal apprentice. THE PATTERSONS, FIELDS & GOULDS all sat together and ordered a drink. The music started and the band, the CHICAGO FENDERS, were just as wild and loud as can be imagined. When one could hear over the music, DR. FIELDS mentioned that he would like to see the PATTERSONS come to Los Angeles and that DR. FIELDS and family were going to spend three weeks on their way to Los Angeles to a national meeting of the NSRP stopping and speaking in all major cities on his way. (DR. FIELDS is a chiropractor). DR. FIELDS said that there should be over 1,000 people in Los Angeles. J.B. STONER had mentioned that he was not and would not attend but STONER did not make mention as to why. DR. FIELDS told the PATTERSONS that they (the PATTERSONS) would not be treated as the common people attending but that the PATTERSONS would be invited to all the gala doings and meet all the right people at the meeting. DR. FIELDS also mentioned that once a month DR. FIELDS drives to Atlanta, Georgia to get the Thunderbolt printed as otherwise the editor fills in the vacant spaces with recipes and jokes. (Earlier in the week J.B. STONER had inferred to the PATTERSONS that the headquarters would eventually be built from the building fund in Savannah because the police in Savannah were more sympathetic than elsewhere. Particular where the headquarters had once been. DR. FIELDS said that they were 90% sure that the headquarters (new) would be in Atlanta or right outside of Atlanta. While the PATTERSONS were with

GEPPERT, ROSE, JERRY RAY, & J.B. STONER were in GEPPERT & ROSE's room at the Veranda Motel waiting for O. PATTERSON to return for a poker game. PATTERSONS dropped off Dr. & Mrs. FIELDS at their home and returned to the Veranda Motel at 2:15 a.m. Saturday, May 15, 1971. J.B. STONER & JERRY RAY had gone home, GEPPERT & ROSE were sleeping.

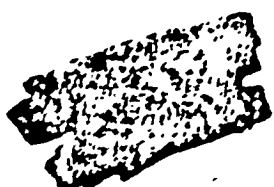
Saturday morning GEPPERT & ROSE checked out of the motel and went to headquarters. Shortly thereafter the PATTERSONS checked out and went to headquarters. When PATTERSONS arrived at headquarters TERRY ROSE was in the process of cleaning 7 guns that belonged at the headquarters. ROSE removed the safety from J.B. STONER'S pistol so that even with only one bullet J.B. STONER could fire the gun. But, ROSE pointed out to STONER that all the guns were in disrepair from not cleaning them and particularly J.B. STONER'S automatic pistol which even needed a new barrel because of nonuse and cleaning. Talk was mentioned between STONER, RAY, PATTERSONS, GEPPERT & ROSE of an International Right Wing Convention to be held in August or September in Spain. After much talk it was decided that RICHARD GEPPERT should find out more information about the trip and J.B. STONER said that he definitely would go as did GEPPERT AND ROSE. PATTERSONS said that they would like to but would have to see. STONER suggested that maybe enough members would want to go to charter an entire plane to Spain for the meeting. When GEPPERT received more information on the conference more plans will be made.

Dr. FIELDS told GEPPERT, ROSE & PATTERSONS that if DR. FIELDS had a speaking engagement in July in Chicago, Illinois and would try to set up a speaking engagement in St. Louis of greater magnitude and advance notice than the Edwardsville meeting held a few months back with J.B. STONER.

At noon everyone said goodby and J.B. STONER led the PATTERSONS, in their car and RICHARD GEPPERT & TERRY ROSE in ROSE'S car, to the proper highway exit for return to St. Louis. The PATTERSONS & GEPPERT AND ROSE returned to their homes in the St. Louis area Sunday, May 16th.

NOTES

LIPPERT works at some kind of helicopter manufacturer in Savannah and started working there in the last year.



10/30/78

Mr. G. Robert Blakely
House Select Committee on Assassinations
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Blakely,

In writing you two days ago I pointed out that you are really very amateurish when you try to be self-serving. In today's mail and by a phone call I did not expect I learned more about this today.

You may remember that when you called John Ray to an executive session, Jim Lesar asked me to be present for any help I might provide. You had me put out of the room. When Mr. Lesar went to examine the transcripts of prior executive sessions involving his clients, he made notes. You had his notes physically taken away from him. These procedures are hardly calculated to enable correction of any error in the transcripts. Except for those many ones your members made, those I think may not be exactly accidental "errors."

What Members know and believe is largely controlled by the staff because the Members are too busy to be active investigators. With the kind of dictatorial control you exercise, this means that you see to it that they do and do not know and can believe. You know the committee might not survive the loss of another chief counsel. I understand you have reminded the committee of this.

Not having an authentic subject expert present in the hearing room with John Ray and Carol Pepper limited the correction of committee errors Mr. Lesar could make. If you don't suppress that transcript, it will reflect enough. Not letting Mr. Lesar have even his notes served the same purpose.

This is to say that your real purpose had no relationship to any legitimate need to protect the privacy of either Mr. Pepper or John Ray, both of whom wanted me to be present, as their counsel had asked. Nor could it keep secret anything that came up. All three discussed those matters with me.

In today's mail I have the second (at least) committee executive session transcript, each copy given officially to the person who provided the copy by the committee. I have nothing stolen from you in terms of obtaining anything like that.

Also in today's mail I have 10 or 12 pages of FBI records your committee, officially, gave to the person who provided these records to me. Now it also happens that the FBI did not want these records out because it withheld them from me in one of my FOIA cases in which they are relevant.

Secrecy is your selective practice. You keep things from me to cover yourself and the misdirection of the committee you have succeeded in pulling off. Likewise with your refusal to let me have copies of what you have already put into the public domain. With that you have another possible purpose, service to those to whom you owe much - those I sue under FOIA. Not what one would expect of a genuine and sincere professor of the law, which would be to let the ordinary process work.

The phone call was from Oliver Patterson. I had written him to ask about his having a copy of a letter I wrote Jerry Ray. Your informant, if you were not aware of it, came here just before his executive session testimony. He had gone to Georgia to transport Jerry Ray to Washington. The public record holds nothing that leads me to believe that you will regard the coming of a committee informant to my home as improper, although I am the cited source of several stories of factual criticism of the committee.

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Mr. Patterson informed me that all of what belonged to him - to Jerry Ray, was in the trunk of his car, that he was met in Washington by your Mel Waxman and Conrad Bartz, that these two had the keys to the trunk, opened it and removed what interested them and that it included my letter. They handed my letter to Mr. Patterson to read to them, all the time pretending disinterest and never once stopping his reading of this letter in which I also expressed opinions about your committee.

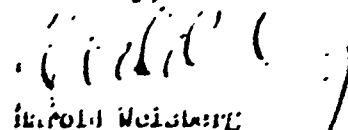
I believe Mr. Patterson. Thus I believe him when he tells me that he did not give the committee prints of pictures he took when he was here. But my, my, how it does look - for a professor of law to believe that Congress serves proper legislative purposes by using informants and then these informants intercept private communications involving an outspoken critic of you and your committee - and even takes photographs of him and Jerry Ray together.

Mr. Patterson is unclear on the details of the backgrounding on me he was given by your staff. I'd appreciate hearing from you if you can describe a proper legislative purpose to any official backgrounding of an informant with me the subject of that backgrounding.

Mr. Patterson is quite clear that Mr. Bartz told him I am a "paranoid, senile old man." From what I have heard about Mr. Bartz, going back to his reported assignment to the custodian detail in the Harrison County Sheriff's office, what would disturb me is any favorable opinion he might express. But I do wonder about the propriety of any backgrounding relating to any member of the prior James Earl Ray defense team. If you do not want to offer comment as a professor of law, then I would welcome it from the Chief Counsel and Director of the committee. Unless, of course, you would prefer to present all of this to the chairman who might respond as chairman.

In any event, it now is quite clear that your refusal of copies of public records you have published and will publish is precluded and thus is inappropriate for either a professor of law or a committee counsel and director. It also is apparent that in this you cover yourself and those to whom you owe much, those who withheld under Freedom of Information and court process. It likewise is without any doubt that you have given confidential FBI records away, and I shall inform the Department, to which I will also provide copies.

Sincerely,


Harold Weisberg

P.S. Mr. Patterson's memory is incomplete or Mr. Bartz remembered less of the direct quotation of Mark Lane on me as a "paranoid, senile old man" that Lane generally uses. There was a time, as you must know, when he and you-all were in bed together. So to speak. Particularly with your unknown little chairman whose TV appearances Lane helped him prepare. Of the other descriptions my favorite is cantankerous.

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October 28, 1978

G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director
Select Committee on Assassinations
U. S. House of Representatives
3369 House Office Building, Annex 2
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Blakey:

If you taught law students the way you wrote your letter of October 24, I can understand the Chief Justice's comment on the incompetence of lawyers better than I could before receiving your letter.

If a nonlawyer can presume to give advice to one who insists on being referred to as Professor, then I think the beginning of your convoluted first sentence is an unwise description of pursuing a Congressional investigation under the pretext of a legitimate legislative purpose.

The final words in this long sentence are more suitable for use before a jury you want to prejudice. While I am required to work when I am too tired and at a pace I would prefer to be not as rapid, I doubt that I ever said, in my letter of October 7 or anywhere else, that I found anything you or the committee have done to be "of use to the public." If by any remote chance I so misspoke myself, then this is my correction of it.

There can be values in some of what you saw no value in. This perhaps explains your refusal to provide copies of the public record when I was specific in telling you I want it for use in court.

Some of what you refuse to provide me you gave to the press. As I told you, I heard some of it broadcast, which is a pretty public use.

Those of your staff who run the xerox machines are hardly those who are "currently working long hours" on "the final report" and "to prepare for the upcoming public hearings on the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr." (You have separate subcommittees, separate staffs, and I asked for JFK public records, not those on the King case. Your JFK hearings are not until December.)

If either the House or the Committee rules prevent your providing me with xerox copies of the public record, you fail to say this while contorting yourself to imply it. Without the most radical change in the policy of the Congress since I had the responsibility for making the public record available, you do not reflect it faithfully and invoke the Committee and House rules in what amounts to false pretense.

What you are really afraid of is any use that could expose what you are doing prior to your dumping of an indigestible mass of preconceptions on what will amount to a captive press because of time pressures. I had no such thing in mind but maybe I will think about it and find some means of doing something about it prior to your coming news-management stunt of withholding copies of everything until you can present a report that nobody can check against its alleged sources. Which are carefully enough selected in advance in any event.

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If what you put into the public record does not immediately then go into the public domain, please correct me promptly because if there is a convenient opportunity I may convey this to a reporter and I do not want to err.

If I am not incorrect, then all your who-struck-John is no better than a law professor's Rube Goldberg contraption for refusing to provide me with xerox copies of the public record for which I offered to pay in advance. All I asked for requires no more than giving a clerk public records to xerox and mail. You know that it is not possible because of my condition for me to go to your offices and merely read records there, as it also is not possible for me to file with any court what I can do no more than read.

If you really must write self-serving letters, why don't you turn the task that clearly is too much for you over to one of the bright kids you have hired with the largest investigative appropriation in Congressional history? A kid on your staff might have had more concern for your reputation than your own letter reflects.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

Select Committee on Assassinations

U.S. House of Representatives

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

October 26, 1978

Mr. Harold Weisberg
Route 12 - Old Receiver Road
Frederick, Maryland 21701

Dear Mr. Weisberg:

In connection with the Committee's investigation of the circumstances surrounding the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, this is to respond to your letter of October 7, 1978. I am gratified that you found our hearings of interest and of use to the public.

Pursuant to the Committee and House Rules, all the testimony which was presented in public session is available at the current time for your inspection at the Committee offices. This information would include the testimony and reports of Doctors Baden and Guinn, as well as exhibits used during their testimony.

The Committee staff is currently working long hours not only to write the final report on our hearings in the Kennedy assassination, but also to prepare for the upcoming public hearings on the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. This expenditure of effort means we simply do not have the available time to respond to individual inquiries for copies of testimony or exhibits. All public hearings and the reports of our consultants will be printed in the Committee's final report to the Congress and, consequently, available to the entire public. As I have indicated, should you need particular aspects of it before that time, you are welcome to inspect it at the Committee offices. We cannot, however, provide you with copies of any particular documents, testimony or reports at the current time.

Concerning the narration I gave prior to Dr. Baden's testimony, the Committee would, of course, appreciate any substantive comments you may have on this, or any other subject, at any time. Please address all such comments in writing to myself at the Committee offices.

To: John Shea from Harold Weissberg re King appeals
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St. Louis Field Office withholdings
Deliberate FBI Violation of Stipulations
Happy Cointelproing with FOIA
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House Committee

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FBI
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These are the subjects of this memorandum. In part they come from the enclosed copy of an FBI St. Louis record. This is clearly within my requests and within the FBI's own stipulations and as of this moment the FBI continues to withhold it and other related records. As I have already informed you the FBI was violating its own Stipulations before they provided a single record under them. In this instance Department counsel only recently gave personal assurances to the Court that the FBI had complied with the stipulations. She accompnied this with some slurs on my counsel, perhaps me also. I'm not checking the transcript.

As I have also told you, there is an inevitable relationship between my PA request and the records still withheld in this case. (As also PA records are withheld and I filed separate requests with each field office.)

As Ray's defense investigator I conducted the habeas corpus investigation. This required me to go to Leavenworth to interview several prisoners there. The Department was aware of this and made the necessary arrangements. When I was asked to appear on a St. Louis TV show with Jerry Ray, whom I knew well, J.B. Stoner, whom I'd never met, former Department employee Laue and Gerold Frank, I accepted the invitation because it paid most of my costs in getting to Leavenworth. Whether or not Stoner was then still of Ray's counsel, he had been and there were matters I wanted to discuss with him because of it. The station put us all up in the same hotel. I had private meetings with Stoner and Frank, neither of whom was alone. I also walked from the station back to the hotel with Stoner and his companions. I believe we also walked to the station together. It now turns out that some of Stoner's companions were FBI informers. To put this another way, the FBI was spying on the Ray defense and has withheld all such records of this improper activity. Even when the Stipulations called for their production. My source on this is one of the FBI's finks. My concern over these withholdings is magnified when I recall the various FBI fabrications relating to me, particularly with regard to Stoner.

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In providing you with proofs of the identification of two of the FBI's informers, those here identified, I asked that you please see to it that belated FBI compliance is not stalled further so it can engaged in still further Cointelproing. Of me and of the Court in particular. (I do not believe that Government counsel made up the false statement about complete FBI compliance with the Stipulations but I guess it could be said that not for the first time the FBI Cointelproed its own counsel, tolerant

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and endlessly trusting counsel.) In order to prevent any new or improper such FBI exploits, I ask that you seek immediate and total compliance with regard to these informers, the St. Louis and other relevant field offices and that there be an accompanying first-person affidavit in all cases. I have just sent you proof that the FBI remained in touch with Oliver Patterson, one of the informers, the one to whom the enclosed FBI record relates.

The House Committee Cointelpros easily but I have no desire for such adventures to continue. Its hearings are about to resume. The relevant public hearings are not scheduled to last past the end of November. I therefore believe that I should have these records promptly in order to have them in case of need.

I would appreciate having some assurance of a close date of compliance on this matter or I shall ask Mr. Lesar to file a Motion to Compel, if he considers it proper. By this I mean in time for there to be a full airing at the coming status call, which is only three weeks away.

The attached records also bear on consistent FBI misrepresentations about its practice with its informers. This is perhaps the third or fourth illustration I have provided. Its claim to withholding identification stops at the edge of its ocean of Cointelpro possibilities. The FBI therefore Cointelproed the committee by not withholding Patterson's name from it when it provided records to the committee. This record was provided to my source by the committee.

Of course, this also is a misrepresentation to the Court and one into which Department counsel, all or most, have been enticed by the FBI.

Please note that one file only is indicated on this FBI record. There appears to be the certainty from this that in the St. Louis FO there is an index indication where other copies are filed. Otherwise, it would be impossible to retrieve the information for which the FBI used its informants. Of course, this may be on a separate sheet or sheets, also withheld. There has to be more, like the records of forwardings.

Please note also that the stipulations, which were automatically nullified by non-compliance, did not limit informations about the Rays to MURKIN records.

You will observe that the SA involved is one of those whose names I provided quite some time ago. I understand he was reassigned to Tampa.

The attached informant's report is not complete. It was made incomplete by this SA in the following manner: Patterson dictated the report to his then wife Leslie. The SA came, read the report and told the Pattersons what to omit. (I am aware that FOIA covers only existing records.) Under the SA's direction then Mrs. Patterson retyped the report, omitting the kind of information the FBI did not want to have. Like Jerry Ray's insistence that his brother did not fire the fatal shot and inconsistencies.

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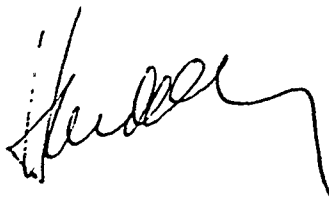
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I do not want you to be under any misapprehension about Patterson. I was certain before he came here that he was an informer. I did not dream that he had been an FBI informer and that the FBI had remained in contact with him as late as the end of his informing for the House assassins. With the FBI's record of which this memo is merely the most recent illustration I am not willing to presume it will be truthful. However, I believe all parties are entitled to some ~~assn~~ dependable assurances that whether by Patterson or by other means there were no reports of any form relating to me that reached the FBI. If there were I believe they should be provided promptly.

You are aware that I have a relationship with Patterson. I provided a tape from him reflecting this. My conversation today was interrupted by his having callers. I did not get to ask him if he has knowledge of any current reporting. It could have been by other means, as from the committee or separate surveillances which there is reason to believe there were.

You and Jim Lesar will have copies in the same mail. If you desire to inform Mr. Ginsberg in the event the mailing to Mr. Lesar is delayed, I have no objection.

Unless you desire commendations added to the personnel folders of those in the FBI who are responsible for this, there is no point in informing the FBI.

A handwritten signature, likely of the person who wrote the letter, is written in dark ink. The signature is stylized and appears to be a first name followed by a surname, though the exact details are difficult to discern due to the cursive style.

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

Director, FBI

1 - Mr. Mintz
Attn: Mr. Heller
1 - Public Affairs Office
Attn: Mr. Maynard
December 8, 1978
1 - Mr. Bassett
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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.

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NOTE: This matter was coordinated with J. W. Maynard and T. B. Coll of the Public Affairs Office.

Efforts to locate specific information relating to press policy matters in 1968 through a search of general indices and contact with representatives of the Public Affairs Office were negative. Files reviewed for information in this matter were the administrative file for 1967-1968 for the Crime Records Division (CRD), 66-1855-L; personnel file covering 1967-1968 for the CRD, 67-80004; and personnel files for the year 1968 of Mr. Bishop, Mr. Bland, Mr. Leinbaugh, and Mr. Adcock. Information regarding placement of press inquiries into the CRD's Front Office was contained in Mr. Hoover's memorandum to all Bureau officials dated 8/15/61, captioned "Press Inquiries."

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On December 4, 1978, HSCA Staff Member Gerald Hamilton made the following modification of HSCA's requests contained in referenced letter. The HSCA desires a statement concerning the office of the FBI which, in 1968, came under the jurisdiction of Division 8, Crime Records Division (CRD), and handled "press functions." Also needed is information regarding personnel assigned to that office during 1968 who were responsible for its day-to-day operation and management.

A review of appropriate records at FBI Headquarters (FBIHQ) and contact with FBIHQ officials having knowledge of some aspects of the CRD as it existed in 1968 disclosed the following information:

By memorandum to all Bureau officials dated August 15, 1961, Mr. Hoover instructed that all inquiries from the press, without exception, be referred to the office of Gartha D. DeLoach, who was the Assistant Director of the CRD at that time. Following this instruction, the Front Office of the CRD remained responsible for all press and media operations until 1972, at which time, under Acting Director L. Patrick Gray, the Division was dissolved.

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In 1968, the Assistant Director of CRD was Thomas E. Bishop. The Front Office consisted of Mr. Bishop; a Number 1 Man, James F. Bland; a Number 2 Man, Harold P. Leinbaugh; and a Number 3 Man, Hobson A. Adcock. All news and media inquiries were the responsibility of these four individuals. Exceptions to this policy were weekends and other occasions of absence, at which time their functions were handled by other designated personnel of the CRD.

The Research Section of the CRD was responsible for researching and frequently preparing press releases. In some instances, when voluminous media sources needed to be advised concerning a particular press release, Research Section personnel assisted. However, in the normal course of business, matters involving press releases and relations with all media contacts were handled by the Front Office of the CRD.

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

NOTE: See Director, FBI, letter to Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch, dated 12/8/78, captioned "House Select Committee on Assassinations, U. S. House of Representatives (HSCA)."

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November 28, 1978

The Honorable Griffin B. Bell
Attorney General of the United States
Department of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20534

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 assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., it is requested that the Federal Bureau of Investigation prepare a written statement outlining the following:

The history, organization and function of the "Press Office," which came under the jurisdiction of Division 8; including

- a) the personnel assigned to that office,
- b) the person or persons directly responsible for the day-to-day operation and management of that office, from its inception through its discontinuance.

As time is of the utmost importance in this matter, your written response is solicited by December 8, 1978.

Very truly yours,

G. Robert Blakey

G. Robert Blakey
Chief Counsel and Director

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xc: Mr. Ron Heller

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ENCLOSURE

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

November 29, 1978

Director, FBI

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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS
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Reference is made to letter to the Attorney General from G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director, HSCA, dated October 6, 1978, which, in connection with the HSCA's investigation into the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., requested assistance of the FBI. Specifically, this letter requested that the FBI make available for interview by the HSCA Special Agents John C. Menton and Thomas Kitchen, and that the FBI prepare a written statement/as to the policies and procedures applicable for the years 1962 through 1968 pertaining to death threats reported to the FBI concerning citizens, in general, and King.

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

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NOTE: In its request the HSCA asked for copies of any communications supporting the FBI's policy involving threats against citizens and King. Since appropriate communications are in files already delivered to the HSCA, referral to these documents will be sufficient. Files reviewed to locate our policy concerning threats against King were the King security file at FBI Headquarters and the Atlanta field office file for the years 1962 through 1968. This extensive file review resulted in delayed response to this request.

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ENCLOSURE

On 11/3/78, SA Richard Fugatt of the Atlanta Office, who had been in contact with former supervisor, Charles Haynes of the Atlanta Office, provided recollections being furnished to the HSCA.

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Reference is made to letter to the Attorney General from G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director, HSCA, dated October 6, 1978, which, in connection with the HSCA's investigation into the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., requested assistance of the FBI. Specifically, this letter requested that the FBI make available for interview by the HSCA Special Agents John C. Menton and Thomas Kitchen, and that the FBI prepare a written statement as to the policies and procedures applicable for the years 1962 through 1968 pertaining to death threats reported to the FBI concerning citizens, in general, and King.

This letter is to confirm that Special Agents John C. Menton and Thomas W. Kitchens have been cleared from their employment agreements and are available for interview by the HSCA. Arrangements for interviews can be coordinated with representatives of the Congressional Inquiry Unit, Document Classification and Review Section, Records Management Division, FBI Headquarters (FBIHQ).

According to a review of appropriate documents at FBIHQ, the following information is provided regarding the policies and procedures applicable for the years 1962 through 1968 pertaining to death threats reported to the FBI concerning citizens, in general, and King:

1. Citizens - If threats of bodily harm or death of a citizen are received in connection with an FBI investigation or within an area of FBI jurisdiction, such as extortion or obstruction of justice, appropriate investigation is conducted. This would include notification to the victim and investigative effort to identify and prosecute the individuals responsible. In situations of threats outside the FBI's

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ATTENTION: MR. ROBERT L. KEUCH.

NOTE: See Director, FBI, letter to Assistant Attorney General, Criminal
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overall responsibility in criminal matters, the policy is, unless some unusual circumstances militate against it, to notify the victim of the threat and the local law enforcement agency having jurisdiction. The above policy was set forth in Mr. Rosen's memorandum to Mr. Belmont, with its attached letter to all Special Agents in Charge, both dated October 1, 1964, and captioned "Notification to Victims Threatened with Bodily Harm." A copy of each of these documents is attached.

2. King - The FBI's policy during 1962-1968 concerning threats received against King was to advise promptly the Atlanta Police Department (APD), which covered King's residence. If King was in a travel status, the police department in the locality involved was also advised. King was not personally contacted by the FBI and advised of the threat.

In situations where the FBI received a threat against King outside the FBI's jurisdiction, local authorities were advised as outlined above. Most of these situations were reported in the security investigation of King. If the nature of the threat appeared within the investigative jurisdiction of the FBI, a separate case was initiated. These cases, which have been referred to by the HSCA as King "death threat" files, were investigated under a variety of FBI classifications, such as Extortion, Racial Matters, Destruction of Aircraft and Motor Vehicles, and Bombing Matters. Copies of these files, as well as the King security file, were processed and delivered to the HSCA in response to previous requests.

The above policy of advising local authorities of a threat against King was restated on numerous occasions in the King security file. To document this policy, the HSCA is referred to the following serials: 100-106670-371, Bureau airtel to Jacksonville, Atlanta, and New York dated June 9, 1964; 100-106670-495, Mr. Smith's memorandum to W. C. Sullivan dated October 11, 1964; 100-106670-594, Bureau letter to Jackson dated December 10, 1964; 100-106670-1003, Bureau airtel to Mobile and Atlanta dated March 17, 1965, and 100-106670-1215, Bureau airtel to Atlanta and Birmingham dated April 13, 1965.

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In April, 1965, this policy was communicated to all field offices. This was necessary due to an increasing number of threats against King. For documentation of this action, the HSCA is referred to serial 100-106670-1263, Mr. Baumgardner's memorandum to Mr. Sullivan dated April 14, 1965, and serial 100-106670-1240, Bureau airtel to all offices dated April 19, 1965. All subsequent threats against King received up to the time of his assassination were handled in accordance with instructions issued in the above airtel dated April 19, 1965.

A review of FBIHQ and Atlanta Office security files regarding King disclosed no specific information as to why King was not personally contacted and advised that a threat against him had been received. In an effort to obtain additional information on this point, the Atlanta Office was contacted. In summary, recollections of knowledgeable personnel of the Atlanta Office indicated that advising the APD was sufficient since close contact was maintained by the APD with King and members of his family. Further, the APD provided protective security on occasions for King. To advise King personally of any threats would have been complicated by his unavailability and his refusal to return telephone calls of Special Agents of the Atlanta Office. It should also be noted that a number of threats against King were received by King's associates and Southern Christian Leadership Conference officials, who, in turn, relayed the information to the FBI. In these cases it could be assumed King was already aware of the threat.

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3331 HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING, ANNEX 2
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October 6, 1978

The Honorable Griffin B. Bell
Attorney General of the United States
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C. 20350

Attention: Mr. Robert 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) Make available for Staff interview Special Agents John C. Menton and Thomas Kitchen.

Additionally, it would be appreciated if the FBI would prepare a written statement as to the policies and procedures applicable for the years 1962 through 1968 pertaining to death threats reported to the Bureau concerning a) citizens, in general, and b) threats reported pertaining specifically to Dr. King. Further, the Committee would like to have furnished, copies of any paperwork or communication supporting the Bureau's position, policy, etc. pertaining to death threats for the years enumerated above.

As always, your prompt attention is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

G. Robert Blakey
G. Robert Blakey
Chief Counsel and Director

cc: Ron Heller
GRB:ghb

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: NOTIFICATION TO VICTIMS
THREATENED WITH BODILY HARM

DATE: October 1, 1964

1 - Mr. Casper
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Supervision - Bombing Matter

Experience has shown that in most situations where a source furnishes to us information indicating a threat of possible bodily harm to a victim, such as in cases of extortion, assault, shooting, bombing and the like, the victim is already aware of the threatened harm either by virtue of having himself received the threat, or through notification by a law enforcement agency.

In rare instances, however, in criminal matters handled by the FBI as well as those which are purely local offenses, it appears that the victim may be unaware of the information in our possession.

ACTION:

So as to insure the field makes proper and immediate notification to victims of threatened bodily harm under such circumstances, in addition to notifying interested local authorities, there is attached a proposed letter to all SACs. No manual changes are necessary.

Enclosure - sac letter attached
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
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(Typed October 1, 1964)

PERSONAL ATTENTION

G.I.
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Letter to All Special Agents in Charge:

RE: NOTIFICATION TO VICTIMS
THREATENED WITH BODILY HARM

D.

Dear Sir:

Where we possess information that bodily harm is threatened, such as in cases of extortion, assault, shooting, bombing and the like, it is realized that the victim in most cases is already alerted to the threat of bodily harm by the time the threat is reported, or has himself received the threat in the first instance. In rare instances, however, the victim is not aware of the threat.

In line with our over-all responsibility in criminal matters of seeing that intended victims are actually alerted, you are reminded that such action should be taken immediately in all such situations unless some unusual circumstance militates against it. This would also apply to threatened acts which are not handled by the FBI. In the event of any such exception, you should immediately advise the Bureau of the specific details together with your recommendations. It should be clearly understood, of course, that in all instances the interested law enforcement agencies with jurisdiction are to be advised of the threatened act, if such is not already known to the agency.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

December 8, 1978

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

Attention: Mr. Robert 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 matter:

Prepare for delivery a 12/1/78 Oklahoma City report, captioned MURKIN, by SA George R. Ziegler.

Your prompt attention is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

G. Robert Blakey

G. Robert Blakey
Chief Counsel & Director

GRB:pof

cc: Ron Heller

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

December 5, 1978

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The Honorable Griffin B. Bell
The 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., the assistance of the Federal Bureau of Investigation is required in regard to the following matters.

- 1) Make available for interview, S.A. Harold Leibaugh.
- 2) Prepare for delivery, the names of individuals, as well as the names of those publications, i.e., journals, newspaper, magazines, etc., that comprised the Special Correspondence List (SCL) for the period covering January 1, 1967 through June 30, 1968.

Note: This list should include and identify those individuals or publications known as "friendly media sources".

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

Very truly yours,

G. Robert Blakey
G. Robert Blakey
Chief Counsel and Director

GRB:lh
xc: Mr. Ron Heller

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

1 - Mr. Mintz
1 - Mr. Bassett
1 - Mr. Foster
1 - Mr. Aldhizer
December 6, 1978

Director, FBI

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

Reference is made to HSCA letters to the Attorney General from G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director, HSCA, dated October 17, 1978, and October 19, 1978, which, in connection with the HSCA's investigation into the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., requested the name of a former FBI informant who was associated with the Invaders in Memphis, Tennessee, during 1968.

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

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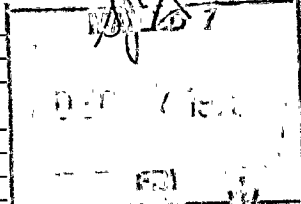
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Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division
Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch

NOTE: Based on previous requests, the HSCA (Chief Counsel only) was granted access to the files of five former informants of the Memphis Office. Identities of these informants were excised. The HSCA is trying to resolve an allegation that paid FBI informants reporting on the Invaders, a Memphis Youth Gang, acted as "agent provocateurs" and instigated violence in Memphis during the Sanitation Workers Strike, which caused King to return to Memphis where he was killed.

After receipt of HSCA request dated 10/17/78, it was agreed the informant's name should not be disclosed to the HSCA, but in order to avoid a confrontation with the Committee, informant would be contacted a second time and asked if he was willing to be interviewed by the HSCA. The HSCA was requested to submit additional details concerning circumstances of interview should informant agree to same. These additional details were set forth in HSCA's letter dated 10/19/78.

The informant in question, ME 338-E, who operated from 1958 to 1976, was contacted by Agents of the Memphis Office on 11/9/78. Informant agreed to meet with SA George J. Foster, Congressional Inquiry Unit, Records Management Division, and Deputy Assistant Attorney General Robert L. Keuch, who had traveled to Memphis in order to be available to assist in answering informant's questions about the HSCA.

The telephone number of the informant was furnished to Mr. Blakey by Mr. Foster. Identity of the informant was not provided. On 12/4/78, Mr. Keuch provided details concerning his contact with the HSCA on this matter.

1 - Mr. Mintz
1 - Mr. Bassett
1 - Mr. Foster
1 - Mr. Aldhizer

December 6, 1978

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This letter is to confirm that the informant described in referenced HSCA letters was contacted on November 9, 1978, in Memphis, Tennessee, by representatives of the FBI and Deputy Assistant Attorney General Robert L. Keuch. Informant agreed to interview by officials of the HSCA. On November 10, 1978, Mr. Keuch advised Mr. Blakey that a condition under which informant agreed to interview was that his identity would be made known only to three HSCA members, namely, Chairman Louis B. Stokes, Samuel L. Devine, and Walter E. Fauntroy, and four members of the HSCA staff, including Mr. Blakey.

Another condition was that Mr. Keuch would have the opportunity to discuss with members of the Committee concerns of the informant relative to disclosure of his identity. This discussion was accomplished by Mr. Keuch on November 21, 1978.

This letter is also to confirm that on November 13, 1978, a representative of the Congressional Inquiry Unit, Records Management Division, FBI Headquarters, provided informant's telephone number to Mr. Blakey. Subsequent contact with the informant was to be handled directly by appropriate HSCA staff members.

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ATTENTION: MR. ROBERT L. KEUCH.

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NOTE: See Director, FBI, letter to Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch, dated December 6, 1978, captioned "House Select Committee on Assassinations; U. S. House of Representatives (HSCA)."

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300 HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING, ANNEX 2

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

October 17, 1978

The Honorable Griffin B. Bell
Attorney General of the United States
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C. 20305

Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch
Deputy Assistant Attorney General

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

In connection with this Committee's investigation into the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., I write to request that you make the name of a former Security informant available to the Committee so that the person might be interviewed in order that serious allegations involving the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the death of Dr. King may be resolved. The Committee has had access to the relevant Bureau personnel and the Headquarters and Field Office files of the informant, duly excised to protect the informant's identity; and it also conducted extensive interviews among others who are also the subject of this aspect of the Committee's investigation. What the Committee now desires is to determine if the oral testimony of the witnesses support or refute the written record as well as information obtained during previous interviews.

The person, whose identity the Committee seeks, was associated with the Invaders, a Black militant group in Memphis, Tennessee during 1968, who were apparently involved in the violence that occurred in Memphis one week prior to Dr. King's death. He was an older person, and he had apparently been a Bureau source since 1958. As a recognized community leader, he was able to move about freely within the Black community. The Committee knows independently that in the early months of 1968, the Invaders were attempting to obtain influence in that same community, and they initially attempted to do so, in part, by approaching established organizations. They even went so far as to invite special agents of the Memphis office to meet with them early in 1968, at which time they delineated their goals and objectives. If the Bureau sought to shape the actions of these individuals in ways detrimental to Dr. King in connection

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with the counterintelligence program being waged against him, it would appear that this particular informant would have been a logical vehicle for that effort.

As you know, with respect to the King investigation, the Committee is, in effect, performing for the 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 affidavits from the Bureau. The Committee feels, therefore, that it would be derelict to rely on anything less than an opportunity to examine and cross-examine relevant witnesses on this crucial issue.

The Committee is not unmindful of the sensitive nature of its request. 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 the Committee requested access to any informant files.

By that time, the Committee had reviewed the Sanitation Strike, Invaders, King and SCLC substantive files. It had also reviewed the Memphis Police Department files, and it had interviewed its undercover operative within the Invader organization.

The Committee had initially hoped that the answers it sought could be resolved by reviewing the informants Headquarters and Field Office files. Subsequent interviews with current and former agents revealed, additionally, (1) that the Memphis Field Office had prior knowledge of the 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 testified to under oath by these agents.)

Further, while the Committee has insisted that the files of all five of the informants said by the Department of Justice to be involved with the Invaders should have been made available to its staff pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding, it made a good faith effort to work out a compromise proposal that permitted my exclusive review of the excised files. The

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Committee has now reached a point, however, where the balance between maintaining the integrity of the Bureau's informant program and the resolution of this critical issue must be struck in favor of the Committee's receiving the identity of that one informant. A request is not being made for all five, and absent new developments, this request should resolve the outstanding issues. The burden of the Committee's mandate is largely a reflection of the desire of the American public to learn the true facts concerning the death of Dr. King. That burden is perhaps never more apparent than in connection with the issues that the Committee is now attempting to address here. The claim that an FBI/Invader connection resulted in the violence on April 28 and contributed to Dr. King's death has now received nationwide attention. It is recounted in existing literature and was broadcast nationally in a dramatic account of Dr. King's life. The Rev. Ralph Abernathy, close friend and successor of Dr. King, testified in public under oath and before Members of the Committee and the national news media, that he recalled members of the Invaders acknowledging that they had caused the violence on March 28, in return for compensation from the FBI. Indeed, an individual who was a recognized leader of the 1968 Sanitation Strike and made the invitation to Dr. King to come to Memphis, is a leading exponent of the theory that the FBI, through its informants, had a direct role in Dr. King's assassination.

Finally, the Committee's investigation has revealed that the Bureau recommended that informants be used with or without their knowledge to implement counterintelligence proposals directed against Dr. King, in 1968. With this backdrop, it is clear that the Committee has no choice but to satisfy itself concerning the events which took place in Memphis. The public interest in the death of Dr. King cannot be met by less than a full investigation. Talking with this individual is essential to the fair resolution of these most serious questions.

I would hope that it might be possible to secure the identity of this informant, either through his consent or paragraph I. B. (1) of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Department and the Committee. Nevertheless, I am authorized to inform you that the Committee is prepared to seek this information through formal process if all other avenues are of no avail.

Finally, I would note that this issue must be resolved well before the resumption of the Committee's public hearings

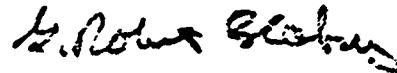
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in the King investigation, now scheduled to begin on November 9, 1978.

Sincerely,



G. Robert Blakey
Chief Counsel and Director

GRB:dm

cc: Ron Heller

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Select Committee on Assassinations

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

October 19, 1978

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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:

In connection with the investigation of the House Select Committee on Assassinations into the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., I write to request that you make the name of the former Security informant available to the Committee so that the person might be interviewed by the Committee in order that serious allegations involving the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the death of Dr. King may be resolved. The Committee has had access to the relevant Bureau files concerning this informant, but the files were duly excised to protect the informant's identity. The Committee now desires to interview this informant to determine if his oral testimony would support or refute the written record. In addition, the Committee would expect to obtain other information from the informant to corroborate or refute information the Committee has obtained from its other sources.

The Committee is extremely sensitive to your concerns about preserving the confidentiality of your informants. In addition, the Committee can certainly appreciate the desire of most Security informants to remain unidentified. Should the Committee learn the identity of this informant, it will be used at the current time solely to have counsel on the staff interview and perhaps depose the informant. This would be done in the Committee's offices in Washington, D.C. and without the knowledge of any member of the public. Indeed, not

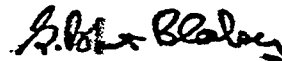
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even every member of the Committee staff will become aware of the informant's identity. The Committee is primarily interested in the information the informant may provide the Committee. The Committee has no desire to have the informant's identity needlessly publicly exposed. Absent extraordinary circumstances, the Committee would not divulge in its hearings or its final report the name of the informant.

As you are aware, the Committee has extensively pursued its investigations into the Invaders. The claim that an FBI/Invader connection contributed to Dr. King's assassination has received nationwide attention. We have held field interviews with many members of the Invaders and reviewed numerous files on them. In addition, the Committee has interviewed current and former agents of the Department and Bureau on this issue. Our Committee has been mandated to conduct a "full and complete" investigation into the assassination of Dr. King. Talking with this informant is essential to enable us to fulfill our legislative mandate, and our responsibilities to the American people. As I indicated to you, I hope it will be possible for us to secure the identity of the informant through his consent, or pursuant to Paragraph I, B. of our Memorandum of Understanding. Nevertheless, I must inform you that the Committee is prepared to seek the information through formal process if all other avenues fail. This latter alternative, in the event litigation ensued and the Committee won, might publically disclose the identity of the informant. Indeed, litigation would only attract undue attention to this issue, and the participants involved. I believe if you adequately express to the informant our sincere desire to avoid unnecessary disclosure or publicity, he will consent to his identity being disclosed and an interview with the staff.

Sincerely,



G. Robert Blakey
Chief Counsel and Director

GRB:jwh
xc: Mr. Ron Heller

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

- 1 - Legal Counsel Division
Attn: Mr. Heller
- 1 - Mr. Bassett

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

12/4/78

- 1 - Mr. Ryan
- 1 - Mr. Foster

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Enclosed are an original and one copy of a memorandum in response to above-referenced letter. It is requested that a copy of the memorandum be delivered to the HSCA.

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NOTE: SA James J. Rose, currently assigned to the Albany Division, was determined to be the Agent assigned to the Atlanta Division in 1968, who allegedly made a remark to former SA Arthur L. Murtagh concerning the assassination of Dr. King, which Murtagh testified to in the HSCA's public hearings. On 11/15/78, SA Rose was contacted by SA Danny O. Coulson, Legal Counsel Division, and advised to report to FBIHQ on 11/16/78.

By letter to Assistant Attorney General, Civil Division, Attention: John R. Seibert from Director, FBI, 11/16/78, a request was made to the Department for legal representation for SA Rose.

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On 11/17/78, SA Rose appeared at the HSCA's public hearings represented by Assistant Director Mintz, Legal Counsel Division. This memorandum is to confirm SA Rose's appearance, and prior interview by the HSCA staff on 11/16/78.

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1 - Legal Counsel Division
Attn: Mr. Heller
1 - Mr. Bassett
1 - Mr. Ryan
1 - Mr. Foster

December 4, 1978

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This memorandum is to confirm that SA James J. Rose was made available for interview by the staff of the HSCA on November 16, 1978.

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(8) *Wp*

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 December 4, 1978, captioned as above.

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- 1 - Legal Counsel Division
(Attn: Mr. R. Heller)
- 1 - Mr. H. N. Bassett

November 7, 1978

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

Director, FBI

- 1 - Mr. D. Ryan
- 1 - Mr. G. J. Foster

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Reference is made to the letter to the Attorney General from G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director, HSCA, dated October 12, 1978, which requested that the FBI provide the HSCA with photographs of all Agents who were assigned to the Atlanta Office of the FBI in 1967 and 1968, as well as additional photographs of other individuals whose photographs would be used to fill out a photographic spread.

Enclosed are an original and one copy of a memorandum with three attachments consisting of two volumes of photographs and a sealed envelope in response to the above-referenced letter. It is requested that delivery be made of a copy of the memorandum with attachments to the HSCA.

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NOTE: Background of referenced HSCA request is contained in Legal Counsel memorandum to the Director dated 11/6/78, captioned "House Select Committee on Assassinations," copy attached.

A copy of the photo albums and corresponding list of Special Agents are being retained in the Congressional Inquiry Unit, Records Management Division, Room 8988.

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*Enclosure to
Hand delivered to
Mr. Robert L. Keuch,
DACA, DAS, on 11/8/78
by SA Thomas Brooker,
CIV. Div. 4.
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1 - Legal Counsel Division
(Attn: Mr. R. Heller)
1 - Mr. H. N. Bassett
1 - Mr. D. Ryan
1 - Mr. G. J. Foster

November 7, 1978

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In response to above-referenced letter, attached are two volumes, consisting of 360 photographs. Included among those photographs are photographs of all Agents assigned to the Atlanta Office during 1967 and 1968. In each case, an attempt was made to obtain the photographs of those Atlanta Agents which were taken as contemporaneously to the period in question as possible.

Attached also is a sealed envelope containing a list of the names of those individuals appearing in the two photo albums. This list is numbered consecutively from one to 360, with each number corresponding to the number found on the back of a photograph in the two albums.

It is the understanding of this Bureau that the sealed envelope will be kept in the possession of Mr. Blakey, and it will be opened and the list utilized only in the event an identification is made during the photographic line-up. All unidentified photographs are to be returned to the FBI immediately upon completion of the showing of the photographs.

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NOTE: See letter from Director, FBI, to Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, attention Mr. Robert L. Keuch, dated 11/7/78, captioned as above.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

December 20, 1978

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

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

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

In pursuit of its continuing investigation of the assassination of Dr. King, you are hereby requested to prepare for delivery, on an expedited basis, the following two items:

(1) Memorandum from J.D. Deegan to W.R. Wannall, dated 12/18/75, serial no. 100-106670-4045 of the Martin Luther King Security File. The memo is a working paper summarizing actions to discredit and neutralize Martin Luther King, Jr.

(2) A copy of an alphabetical and numerical listing of official and confidential files of former Director Hoover, together with an approximation of the volume of material contained within each category of material. This request will supplement the Committee's former requests of May 3, 1978 pertaining to personal files of Mr. Hoover, and of February 15, 1978 pertaining to personal files of Mr. Sullivan.

Sincerely,

G. Robert Blakey

G. Robert Blakey
ST. 102 Chief Counsel and Director

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Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division
Attention Mr. Robert L. Keuch
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(Attn: Mr. Payne)
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1 - Mr. Bassett

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 October 24, 1978, which requested, in connection with the HSCA's investigation into the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., that the following be provided: the fingerprint cards of the three Ray brothers; photographic copies of two of James Earl Ray's payroll checks; and two Special Agents be made available for interview.

Enclosed are an original and one copy of a memorandum in response to above-referenced letter. It is requested that a copy of the memorandum be provided the HSCA.

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NOTE: The HSCA requested photographic copies of the fingerprint cards for James Earl Ray, Gerald William Ray, and John Ray, taken in 1968, which were obtained through the assistance of SA Robert C. Payne, Latent Fingerprint Section, Identification Division. On 10/27/78, Phoebe C. Orr, HSCA, picked up aforementioned photographs. A copy of these photographs is being retained in the Congressional Inquiry Unit, Room 8988.

By Legal Counsel memorandum to Assistant Director, Administrative Services Division, 11/2/78, SAs John L. Duffy and Daniel E. Brandt were cleared from their employment agreements.

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December 1, 1978

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This is to confirm that copies of the fingerprint cards mentioned above have been delivered to the HSCA.

The two payroll checks mentioned above were delivered to Thosbe C. Orr, HSCA Staff Member, on 10/26/78.

This memorandum is also to confirm that the Agents, as listed in the above-mentioned HSCA 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 FBIHQ.

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 (6) *WJ*

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: Robert L. Keuch, dated December 1, 1978.

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- 1 - Legal Counsel Division
(Attn: Mr. Heller)
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Reference is made to letter to the Attorney General from G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director, HSCA, dated November 14, 1978, which, in connection with HSCA's investigation into the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., requested information concerning Charles Cabbage, Memphis, Tennessee, during the period of March 1, 1968, through June 1, 1968.

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.

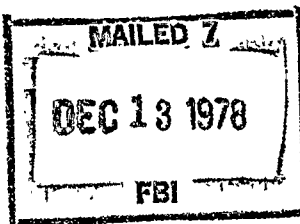
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1 - Mr. Foster

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This letter is to confirm that information in response to the above request, as retrievable from files of FBI Headquarters and the Memphis Field Office of the FBI, was delivered to HSCA representative Gerald Hamilton on December 5, 1978. Where information is not provided, it is either not retrievable or is not being furnished pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding.

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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 December 13, 1978, captioned as above.

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3359 HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING, ANNEX 2

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MR. ANDERSON

November 14, 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:

The subcommittee investigating the circumstances surrounding the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., has obtained authorization to be furnished any and all information maintained by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, concerning and/or received from Charles Cabbage (Memphis, Tennessee), during the period March 1, 1968 through June 1, 1968.

Submitted herewith is the release executed by Mr. Cabbage, and accordingly, it is requested that the Federal Bureau of Investigation prepare for delivery, all Headquarters and Field Office files and subfiles of any nature pertaining to this individual for the period enumerated.

As time is extremely crucial in this matter, your prompt attention is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

G. Robert Blakey

G. Robert Blakey
Chief Counsel and Director

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I, the undersigned, hereby authorize the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) to release any and all information which it has or maintained concerning me, and/or which it has received or obtained from me, including such information which may have been revealed to the FBI on a confidential basis, during the period from March 1, 1968 through June 1, 1968 to the Select Committee on Assassinations of the United States House of Representatives (Committee) and its staff. By this authorization, I knowingly and voluntarily waive whatever rights I may have to withhold disclosure of information in the possession of the FBI to the Committee and its staff.

Signed:

Charles L. ...

Date:

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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATION (HSCA)

ON DECEMBER 5, 1978, IRIS COOLEY STEWART, 3713 BERKLEY,
ALTON, ILLINOIS, CONTACTED THE ALTON RESIDENT AGENCY OF THE FEDERAL
BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (FBI) CONCERNING THE ROBBERY OF THE BANK
OF ALTON WHICH OCCURRED IN 1967. STEWART ADVISED "THE ALTON
TELEGRAPH", ALTON, ILLINOIS, RAN AN ARTICLE ON SATURDAY,
DECEMBER 2, 1978, CONCERNING THE RAY BROTHERS' ALLEGED INVOLVEMENT
IN THE 1967 ROBBERY OF THE BANK OF ALTON. MRS. STEWART ADVISED
UPON OBSERVING THE TWO PHOTOGRAPHS OF JOHN RAY AND JERRY RAY THAT
JOHN RAY IS THE INDIVIDUAL SHE OBSERVED ON THE DAY OF THE BANK
ROBBERY CROSSING THE STREET NEXT TO THE BANK OF ALTON.

STEWART ADVISED THAT ON THE DAY OF THE ROBBERY OF THE BANK OF
ALTON IN JULY, 1967, SHE WAS GOING HOME FROM WORK FOR LUNCH AT

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APPROXIMATELY 1:00 P.M. STEWART ADVISED SHE WAS HEADING EAST ON BROWN STREET APPROACHING THE INTERSECTION OF BROWN AND WASHINGTON STREET WHEN SHE OBSERVED TWO MEN CROSS BROWN STREET FROM THE DIRECTION OF THE BANK OF ALTON HEADING IN A SOUTHERLY DIRECTION TOWARD THE REAR OF THE CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH. STEWART ADVISED THERE WAS A HOLLOW BEHIND THE CHURCH THAT WAS WOODED.

STEWART STATED THAT ONE OF THE MEN STOPPED DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF HER CAR IN THE LANE OF TRAFFIC AND THE SECOND MAN WAS A FEW STEPS AHEAD OF THE INDIVIDUAL WHOM SHE IDENTIFIED AS JOHN RAY. STEWART ADVISED BOTH MEN WERE WEARING GRAY AND WHITE LOOSE COVERALLS AND THE INDIVIDUAL SHE IDENTIFIED AS JOHN RAY WAS WEARING A GRAY AND WHITE CAP DESCRIBED AS ONE WORN BY A RAILROAD ENGINEER. STEWART STATED WHEN JOHN RAY STOPPED IN FRONT OF HER CAR, HE WAS APPROXIMATELY 12 TO 15 FEET AWAY AND AS HE TURNED TO LOOK AT HER HE REMOVED HIS CAP AND SHE NOTICED HE WAS WEARING A RED WIG AND SHE STATED THAT JOHN RAY HAD GRAY HAIR SHOWING UNDER THE WIG. STEWART STATED HE WALKED OVER TO THE CURB IN THE SAME DIRECTION AS THE SECOND MAN. STEWART NOTED THAT THE SECOND MAN WAS NOT WEARING

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A CAP AND WAS HOLDING HIS RIGHT THIGH GIVING THE IMPRESSION HE WAS CARRYING SOMETHING.

STEWART FURTHER STATED THAT IF SHE COULD SEE A PROFILE OF JERRY RAY, SHE COULD POSSIBLY IDENTIFY HIM AS THE MALE INDIVIDUAL WHO WAS WITH JOHN RAY. STEWART STATED SHE DID NOT KNOW ABOUT THE BANK ROBBERY AT THE TIME AND DID NOT LEARN ABOUT THE BANK ROBBERY UNTIL LATER THAT DAY WHEN SHE NOTIFIED THE FBI AND FURNISHED INFORMATION CONCERNING HER OBSERVATIONS.

ACCORDING TO STEWART, SHE WAS SHOWN A PHOTOGRAPHIC LINEUP OF NUMEROUS INDIVIDUALS, HOWEVER, DOES NOT RECALL EVER SEEING A PICTURE OF ANY OF THE RAY BROTHERS. STEWART STATED THAT THE FIRST TIME SHE SAW A PHOTOGRAPH OF JOHN RAY WAS THE PHOTOGRAPH SHOWN IN THE DECEMBER 2, 1978, EDITION OF "THE ALTON TELEGRAPH". STEWART FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF THE TWO INDIVIDUALS SHE OBSERVED ON THE DAY OF THE BANK ROBBERY OF THE BANK OF ALTON: THE FIRST INDIVIDUAL WHOM SHE IDENTIFIED AS JOHN RAY WAS DESCRIBED AS A WHITE MALE, 5'9", 150 TO 160 POUNDS, GRAY HAIR STICKING OUT FROM UNDER A RED WIG, BLUE OR GRAY EYES, WEARING WORK SHOES

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PARTIALLY LACED, CLEAN SHAVEN, 35 TO 40 YEARS OF AGE WITH LONG FAIRLY WELL SHAPED HANDS. THE SECOND INDIVIDUAL WAS DESCRIBED AS A WHITE MALE, 5'10" TO 5'11", SLENDER BUILD, APPROXIMATELY 140 POUNDS, HAIR DARK, PARTED ON SIDE AND COMBED BACK, BROWN EYES, CLEAN SHAVEN, APPROXIMATELY 25 TO 28 YEARS OLD.

LEADS. [SPRINGFIELD DIVISION. WILL RECONTACT IRIS COOLEY STEWART UN ORDER TO OBTAIN A SIGNED STATEMENT.

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Memorandum

TO : The Assistant Director
Records Management Division

FROM : Legal Counsel

SUBJECT: HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON
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PURPOSE:

The purpose of this memorandum is to advise of the status of the requests made by Joseph G. Deegan (former SA); Theron D. Rushing (former SA) and SA's David Ryan and Thomas J. Deakin (FBIHQ), for representation for interview by captioned Committee.

DETAILS:

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On 11/17/78, John Seibert, Civil Division, Department of Justice advised SA Ronald Heller, Legal Liaison and Congressional Affairs Unit, Legal Counsel Division that he has received requests from Joseph G. Deegan, Theron D. Rushing (former SA's), and SA's David Ryan and Thomas J. Deakin (FBIHQ) requesting private counsel in connection with their anticipated appearances before HSCA. Seibert, prior to submitting these requests to Civil Division's "Representation Committee," has requested Ryan, Rushing, and Deakin furnish him with any relevant information to support their requests. Seibert has not talked to Deegan, at this time.

Seibert requests that any of these individuals still desiring counsel, put all material facts in a letter-head memorandum and submit to him through the Legal Counsel Division.

- 1 - Mr. Boynton
- 1 - Mr. Bassett
- 1 - Mr. Foster
- 1 - Mr. Ryan
- 1 - Personnel file of Thomas J. Deakin
- 1 - Personnel file of Joseph G. Deegan
- 1 - Personnel file of Theron D. Rushing
- 1 - Personnel file of David Ryan

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- 1 - Mr. Mintz
- 2 - Mr. Coulson
- 1 - Mr. Heller

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Memorandum to the Director
Re: House Select Committee on Assassinations

Legal Counsel Division has advised each present and former employee of this request. At this time Deakin and Rushing are no longer requesting counsel prior to their appearance before HSCA.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is requested that should Deegan or Ryan still desire representation, a letterhead memorandum be prepared by them including all the material facts, as requested by Seibert. Former SA Deegan has been apprised of this by SA Heller.

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TO : Mr. Bassett *KWS/OTF*

DATE: 12/1/78

FROM : D. Ryan *DR*

- 1 - Mr. J. J. McDermott
- 1 - Mr. J. A. Mintz
(Attn: R. Heller)
- 1 - Mr. H. N. Bassett
- 1 - Mr. G. J. Foster
(Attn: J. T. Aldhizer)
- 1 - Mr. D. Ryan

SUBJECT: HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON
ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)

JWS

PURPOSE: To request Legal Counsel Division promptly furnish to the Department a statement indicating I was acting within the scope of my employment in connection with the Counterintelligence Programs (Cointelpros) and other matters impacting on the House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA) inquiries into the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., and that a copy of the attached memorandum be furnished to Department Attorney John Seibert, Civil Division, Department of Justice, setting forth my need for private counsel based on my possible future appearance before or contact with the HSCA.

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DETAILS: On 9/28/78, I was advised by a staff member of the HSCA that in the future I would be requested to depose before the Committee relating to my knowledge of the Martin Luther King, Jr., security investigation and FBI Cointelpros. On the same date, I prepared a letter to the Attorney General requesting I be afforded legal counsel in connection with this deposition and any possible appearance before the Committee, and specifying private counsel be afforded. I understand this letter was furnished by the Legal Liaison and Congressional Affairs Unit, Legal Counsel Division, to Department Attorney John Seibert. On 10/25/78, Mr. Seibert appeared in my office and I briefed him in detail regarding my need for legal representation before the HSCA, and specifically why it was necessary I be represented by a private attorney as opposed to a Department attorney. Mr. Seibert at that time stated my request would be presented to the Department "Representation Committee" and that I would be advised in the next few days. On 11/6/78, I telephoned Mr. Seibert and he advised a letter had been sent to Legal Counsel Division dated 11/3/78 requesting it affirm that I had been acting within the scope of my employment in connection with the King and Cointelpros investigations and also

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1 - Personnel file, David Ryan

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Memorandum D. Ryan to Mr. Bassett
Re: House Select Committee on
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that details be set forth regarding my need for private counsel as opposed to Department legal representation. Mr. Seibert stated if he had this information by 11/9/78, it could be immediately presented to the "Representation Committee."

Legal Counsel Division memorandum dated 11/20/78 advised on 11/17/78 Mr. Seibert advised the Legal Liaison and Congressional Affairs Unit that prior to submitting my request for private counsel to the "Representation Committee," I should put all material facts in a memorandum to be submitted to Mr. Seibert through Legal Counsel Division.

While at this time it is unknown whether I will be required to formally depose before the Committee, and it appears remote that I will be required to give public testimony, I still strongly desire the Department authorize my representation by private counsel in this matter. There have been some highly significant distortions of information by the HSCA and a statement attributed to me was cited before the Committee out of context. I am considering in the immediate future correcting this misinformation.

RECOMMENDATIONS: 1. That Legal Counsel Division promptly prepare for Department Attorney Seibert's use before the "Representation Committee" a statement indicating I was acting within the scope of my employment as relates to the Martin Luther King, Jr., security investigation and the FBI Cointelpros.

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2. That the attached memorandum be promptly furnished to Legal Counsel Division, setting forth material facts relating to my immediate need for private legal counsel in connection with my relationship with the HSCA, so the "Representation Committee" may make a determination as to whether my counsel will be paid by the Department.

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- 1 - Legal Counsel Division
(Attn: Mr. Heller)
1 - Mr. Bassett.

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FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

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

- 1 - Mr. Ryan
1 - Mr. Foster

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

Reference is made to the letter to the Attorney General from G. Robert Blakely, Chief Counsel and Director, HSCA, dated December 8, 1978, which requested, in connection with the HSCA's investigation into the assassination of, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., that a specified serial from that assassination file be delivered to the HSCA.

Enclosed are an original and one copy of a memorandum in response to above-referenced letter. It is requested that delivery of a copy of the memorandum be made to the HSCA.

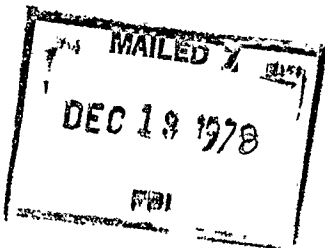
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1 - Mr. Bassett
1 - Mr. Ryan
1 - Mr. Foster

December 13, 1978

HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS
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Reference is made to the letter to the Attorney General from G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director, HSCA, dated December 8, 1978, which requested, in connection with the HSCA's investigation into the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., that a specified serial from that assassination file be delivered to the HSCA.

This memorandum is to confirm that the requested serial was delivered to HSCA Staff member Jerome A. Cullings on December 8, 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 Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch, dated December 13, 1978, captioned as above.

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1 - Mr. Bassett
Attn.: Mr. Forster

Assistant Attorney General
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Attention: Mr. R. John Seibert

December 6, 1978

Assistant Director - Legal Counsel
Federal Bureau of Investigation
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1 - Mr. Ryan
1 - Mr. Mintz
2 - Mr. Coulson
1 - Mr. Heller

DEPARTMENTAL REPRESENTATION REQUEST
OF SPECIAL AGENT DAVID RYAN

*Home Set at Comm. H. on
Assassinations*

Reference is made to your memorandum dated November 6, 1978, your reference RJSeibert:dpw, concerning Special Agent David Ryan's request for Departmental representation.

Enclosed is a letterhead memorandum submitted by Special Agent Ryan which has been reviewed and which, based on the representations made by Special Agent Ryan that "during the approximate period 1963 to present SA Ryan has had close and intimate ongoing knowledge of developments as relates to the FBI security investigation of King and also as relates to FBI COINTELPROS," indicates that his activities were within the scope of his employment with the FBI.

It is this Bureau's recommendation that Special Agent Ryan be provided with Departmental representation.

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Enclosure

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1 - Personnel file of SA David Ryan

NOTE: Referenced memorandum from the Department requests that a statement indicating whether Agent Ryan was acting within the scope of his employment and whether representation by the Department should be provided. This communication is in response to that request. Other Agent personnel involved have requested private counsel.

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1 - Mr. J. J. McDermott
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 1 - Mr. D. Ryan

December 1, 1978

HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS

This memorandum is being prepared by Special Agent David Ryan at the request of the Legal Counsel Division of the FBI to set forth pertinent facts relating to his need for private counsel in connection with his deposition before the staff of the House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA), his possible testimony before the Committee, and the possible need for him to communicate information to the Committee regarding inaccuracies as relate to SA Ryan and matters in which SA Ryan has furnished to staff members of the Committee in interview.

Under date of September 28, 1978, a personal letter from SA Ryan was furnished to the Attorney General, requesting the Department afford him legal counsel as relates to his appearance to depose and any additional association he might have with the Committee. It was indicated that he needed legal counsel to ensure all his personal rights were protected and so he could negotiate relative to the nature and scope of his testimony. It was specifically indicated in this letter that SA Ryan desired he be represented in his relations with the Committee by Mr. Jack B. Solerwitz, Esquire, of Mineola, Long Island, New York, or Mr. Alan Wolin, Esquire, of Mr. Solerwitz's firm, who has been specifically assigned to assist him in connection with prior testimony relating to his employment. He requested he be reimbursed for the cost of their legal services in connection with his dealings with the HSCA.

On October 25, 1978, Department Attorney John Seibert, Civil Division, met with SA Ryan in the latter's office at FBI Headquarters. Mr. Seibert was furnished details regarding the latter's need for private counsel in connection with his dealings with the Committee. Specifically, Mr. Seibert was advised that during the approximate period 1963 to present, SA Ryan has had close and intimate ongoing knowledge of developments as relates to the FBI security investigation of King and also as relates to FBI Cointelpros. SA Ryan advised Mr. Seibert all his activities in connection with the above were within the scope of

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1 - Personnel file, David Ryan

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his employment with the FBI and were conducted based on official instructions and guidance. It was pointed out to Mr. Seibert that SA Ryan felt he could not be represented by a Department attorney in this matter as, at the present time, SA Ryan is the plaintiff-appellant in the matter of Ryan v. Department of Justice, a Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts matter which is a pending appeal in the Fourth Circuit of the U. S. Court of Appeals. Seibert advised SA Ryan a decision would be made by the Department "Representation Committee" within the next few days and SA Ryan would be advised accordingly.

By memorandum prepared by Legal Counsel Division of the FBI dated November 30, 1978, SA Ryan was advised that John Seibert, Civil Division, Department of Justice, advised a representative of Legal Counsel Division on November 17, 1978, that a memorandum should be submitted by SA Ryan, setting forth his need for legal representation for referral by Seibert to the "Representation Committee." This memorandum is submitted in accordance with Mr. Seibert's request and repeats information set forth in Ryan's letter to the Attorney General dated September 28, 1978, some of the detailed information personally furnished to Mr. Seibert on October 25, 1978, and additional information to update this ongoing request that the Department authorize and pay personal counsel for SA Ryan in connection with his dealings before the HSCA.

NOTE: See memorandum D. Ryan to Mr. Bassett dated 12/1/78, captioned "House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA)," prepared by DR:lfj.



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Select Committee on Assassinations

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3369 HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING, ANNEX 2

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

December 13, 1978

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

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

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

By letter dated August 9, 1977 to the Attorney General, the Select Committee on Assassinations requested delivery of certain reports pertaining to the robbery of the Bank of Alton, Illinois. As this matter is of extreme importance to the Committee's inquiry into the circumstances surrounding the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the Committee respectfully requests delivery of the remaining portions of this file on a priority basis.

Additionally, the Committee requests that the Federal Bureau of Investigation review this file with the understanding that the Committee intends to enter these materials as a part of the Committee's public record.

I sincerely thank you for your cooperation and assistance extended to the Martin Luther King Task Force over the course of this investigation.

Very truly yours,

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Chief Counsel and Director

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December 21, 1978

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Mr. James B. Rhoads, Archivist
United States National Archives
Pennsylvania Avenue & 8th Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20008

Attention: Ms.. Trudy Peterson

Dear Mr. Rhoads:

Pursuant to this Committee's agreement with the Department of Justice, I am designating Staff Counsel Ronald B. Adrine, as one of the five allotted representatives to review the inventory of materials, sealed in the National Archives as a result of the court order entered in the Lee v. Kelly case.

Please extend to him whatever assistance he may require in this matter.

Thanking you, in advance, for your cooperation,
I am

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Very truly yours,

G. Robert Blakey

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Chief Counsel and Director

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TO : Assistant Director
 Administrative Services Division

DATE: 12/12/78

FROM : Legal Counsel *JAN*

SUBJECT: HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE
 ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this memorandum is to advise that the below-listed present and former Special Agents have been released from their employment agreement so that they may be interviewed by captioned Committee in connection with the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

DETAILS:

By letters dated 11/28/78 (copy attached), and 12/5/78 (copy attached), G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director of captioned Committee requested an interview with Harold Leinbaugh (former SA, incorrectly spelled in request letter); and a photograph and biographical data concerning SA Roy Martin Mitchell (Indianapolis).

Captioned Committee Staff advise that they have an allegation that Mitchell resembles artist conception of "Raul."

Robert L. Keuch, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice on 12/6/78, was in agreement that rather than furnishing a photograph and biographical data of Mitchell, it would be best to get the allegation resolved by releasing Mitchell for interview by the Committee Staff.

Enclosures (2)

- 1 - Mr. Bassett
- 1 - Mr. Foster
- 1 - Mr. Mintz
- 1 - Personnel file of Harold Leinbaugh
- 1 - Personnel file of Roy Martin Mitchell
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Memorandum to the Assistant Director
Administrative Services Division
Re: House Select Committee On Assassinations (HSCA)

The above present and former Special Agents will be telephonically advised by the Congressional Inquiry Unit, Records Management Division of the interests of the Committee. Prior to the interview, a representative of the Legal Counsel Division will advise them that they have been released from their employment agreement and will also provide them with a briefing as to the scope and limitations of the interview.

It is also to be noted that the remainder of both these requests are being handled by the Congressional Inquiry Unit.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. For Information.

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Select Committee on Assassinations

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3369 HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING, ANNEX 2
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

November 28, 1978

The Honorable Griffin B. Bell
Attorney General of the United States
Department of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20534

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 would be
appreciated if the Federal Bureau of Investigation
prepare for delivery, the following:

- a) All speeches and addresses given by J.
Edgar Hoover covering the period January
1, 1964 through June 30, 1968.
- b) All available biographical data, including
a photograph and past assignments of SA Roy
Martin Mitchell.

As time is extremely crucial in this matter your
prompt attention is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

G. Robert Blakey

G. Robert Blakey
Chief Counsel and Director

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xc: Mr. Ron Heller

End memo LC to AD, ASA, 12-12-78
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December 5, 1978

The Honorable Griffin B. Bell
The 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., the assistance of the Federal Bureau of Investigation is required in regard to the following matters.

- 1) Make available for interview, S.A. Harold Leibaugh.
- 2) Prepare for delivery, the names of individuals, as well as the names of those publications, i.e., journals, newspaper, magazines, etc., that comprised the Special Correspondence List (SCL) for the period covering January 1, 1967 through June 30, 1968.

Note: This list should include and identify those individuals or publications known as "friendly media sources".

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

Very truly yours,

G. Robert Blakey

G. Robert Blakey
Chief Counsel and Director

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-117290)
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FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (66-2242) (P)

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Referenced Bureau airtel to Atlanta dated, 11/30/78.

Referenced communication advised that the HSCA had requested access to any materials relating to the electronic surveillance of any kind for Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, SR., and Reverend A. D. KING, father and brother respectively of deceased civil rights leader, Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. The purpose of the request is to determine if the named individuals had been the subject (target only, not overhears or mentions), of an electronic surveillance of any kind including wire taps, microphone or consensual telephone and body recorders since January, 1964.

Atlanta ELSUR indices as well as general indices have been searched in the names of the 2 individuals set out above by SA RICHARD E. FUGATT and appropriate files reviewed. There is no indication that either of the named individuals have been the subject (target only not overhears or mentions) of an electronic surveillance by the Atlanta Office.

For the information of the Bureau, Atlanta operated and ELSUR on the offices of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), Atlanta, Georgia, during the period 1963 - 1966, plus an ELSUR on the residence of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., Atlanta, Georgia, or a portion of the above period in connection with the Bureau's investigation of the Communist Infiltration (Cominfil) of the SCLC at that time. By communications received 3/4/77 and 4/12/77

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the Bureau advised of the dismissal of the cases captioned, "BERNARD S. LEE VS. CLARENCE M. KELLEY; ET AL (USDC, DC) CIVIL ACTION #76-1185(BUFILE 62-227294)" and "SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC) VS. CLARENCE M. KELLEY; ET AL; (USDC, DC), CIVIL ACTION #76-1186 (BUFILE 62-117193)", but per a court order, the Bureau requested each office to transmit to FBIHQ all known copies of tape recordings, transcripts, logs, and paraphrase information contained in communications which resulted from FBI microphonic and telephonic surveillances between 1963 and 1968 of the plaintiff's organizations former president, MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., his home, places of public accommodation occupied by him and of the plaintiff's organizations offices in Atlanta, Georgia, and New York City, New York. By communications dated 3/14/77, and 7/14/77, Atlanta advised that the project had been completed and that the material had been forwarded to FBIHQ for inclusion in the National Archives per court order as above.

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

December 26, 1978

Director, FBI

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

1 - Legal Counsel Division
Attn: Mr. Heller
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Reference is made to the letters to the Attorney General from G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director, HSCA, dated November 6 and 7, 1978, which requested, in connection with the HSCA's investigation into the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., that all FBI Headquarters (FBIHQ) and specified field office file material be prepared for access on James Cooper Green, Jr., and Dallas Barr; Special Agent (SA) Jack B. Simpson be made available for interview; and that it be determined whether the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and associated individuals were the subject of electronic surveillance after April 4, 1968.

Enclosed are an original and one copy of a memorandum in response to above-referenced letters. It is requested that delivery be made of one copy of the memorandum to the HSCA.

Enclosures (2)

NOTE: HSCA requested, in letter of 11/6/78, that FBIHQ and six field offices be checked for material on Barr and Green. This material was processed and reviewed by HSCA Staff Members on 11/10/78. HSCA amended request for material on Barr to specifically include his informant file, if any, as he had publically acknowledged at one time that he had been a Federal narcotics informant. Informant files were located on Barr (Bufile 137-29797 and SI137-3637); however, a review of the material contained therein fails to reflect any information pertinent to the Committee's inquiry. Also, it is felt that HSCA's basis for requesting a review of these files is not persuasive.

The Committee requested that SA Simpson be made available for telephonic interview as Simpson had participated in a search of James Earl Ray's Mustang. SA Simpson, who is retired, was located at the following telephone numbers: home - (404) 922-6256, and work - (404) 922-7990, extension 273.

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December 26, 1978

HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS
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Reference is made to the letters to the Attorney General from G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director, HSCA, dated November 6 and 7, 1978, which requested, in connection with the HSCA's investigation into the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., that all FBI Headquarters (FBIHQ) and specified field office file material be prepared for access on James Cooper Green, Jr., and Dallas Barr; Special Agent (SA) Jack B. Simpson be made available for interview; and that it be determined whether the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) and associated individuals were the subject of electronic surveillance after April 4, 1968.

This is to advise that all material in the files of FBIHQ and specified field offices on James Cooper Green, Jr., and Dallas Barr has been processed and is available for review at FBIHQ. Where information is not provided, it is either not retrievable or it is subject to the Memorandum of Understanding.

The former SA listed in above-mentioned letter of November 6, 1978, has been cleared from his employment agreement and is available for interview, as needed, by the HSCA. Arrangements for interview can be made through contact with representatives of the Legal Liaison and Congressional Affairs Unit, Legal Counsel Division, and the Congressional Inquiry Unit, Records Management Division, of FBIHQ.

On November 13, 1978, Gerald Hamilton, HSCA Staff Member, advised that the portion of the request pertaining to electronic surveillance of the SCLC, the organization's associates, and the King family, should include the principals of the SCLC, as well as Coretta Scott King, Dr. Martin Luther King, Sr., and A. D. King.

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 12/21/78, captioned "House Select Committee on Assassinations, U. S. House of Representatives (HSCA)."

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With the exception of Dr. King, Sr., and A. D. King, the Committee has been previously advised on the question of electronic surveillance regarding the SCLC and its principals and associates. (See FBI memorandum dated January 26, 1978, captioned "House Select Committee on Assassinations.") Additionally, there is no indication that either Dr. Martin Luther King, Sr., or A. D. King were the subjects of an electronic surveillance.

This memorandum completes the response to above-referenced letters.

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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:

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 any BUFILE and Field Office material pertaining to the following individuals:
 - a) James Cooper Green, Jr.
aka, Jim Genovese
DOB: 1/07/47
Address: Route 2, Caruthersville, Missouri
(See attached)
 - b) Dallas Barr, FBI #5 041 866, DOB: 2/1/28 or 1/1/29
aka, Jerry Miller
- 2) Make available for interview:

SA Jack B. Simpson

Additionally, the Committee would like the Bureau to prepare for access, any materials relating to electronic surveillance of Mrs. Coretta King, members of the King family, members and associates of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and the premises, of any of the aforementioned, after April 4, 1968.

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Letter memo to AAG,
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As always your prompt attention is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,



G. Robert Blakey
Chief Counsel and Director

GRB:ghh

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AUTHORIZATION

I hereby authorize the House Select Committee on Assassinations to review all Federal Bureau of Investigation Headquarters and Field Office files which contain information provided by me on a confidential basis to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I also authorize the House Select Committee on Assassinations to review all files maintained by any other state, local or federal law enforcement authority which contain information provided by me on a confidential basis or otherwise.

James C. Green Jr.

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U.S. House of Representatives

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

November 7, 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:

This letter supplements the request of this Committee by letter of November 6, 1978, for all information pertaining to Dallas Sebastian Barr, aka Jerry Miller.

Information has been received by the Committee which clearly reveals that Dallas Barr was a federal narcotics informant who subsequently testified at the trial of John Kauffmann and others in federal court, Kansas City, Missouri in approximately 1967. Barr's role as an informant was obviously disclosed. Since the Committee is investigating the allegation that John Kauffmann was the source of an offer to kill Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in 1966-1967, it is significant to determine what, if any, information of this nature was possessed by Barr and related to law enforcement authorities.

Therefore, the request of the Committee for all files of Dallas Barr should result in the provision of all materials pertaining to him regardless of any otherwise limiting provision of the Memorandum of Understanding between the FBI and the Committee.

Sincerely,

G. Robert Blakey

G. Robert Blakey
Chief Counsel and Director

GRB:meh
xc: Mr. Ron Heller

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

December 21, 1978

Director, FBI

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U. S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (HSCA)

- 1 - Legal Counsel Div.
Attn: Mr. Heller
- 1 - Public Affairs Office
Attn: D. L. Divan
- 1 - Mr. Bassett
- 1 - Mr. Foster
- 1 - Mr. Aldhizer

Reference is made to letter to the Attorney General from G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director, HSCA, dated November 28, 1978, which, in connection with the HSCA's investigation into the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., requested delivery of copies of all speeches made by Mr. Hoover during the period January 1, 1964, through June 30, 1968, and all available biographical data, including a photograph and past assignments of Special Agent (SA) Roy Martin Mitchell.

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: Material concerning speeches of Mr. Hoover was made available through D. L. Divan, Research Section, Public Affairs Office. HSCA representative Gerald Hamilton orally advised a representative of the Congressional Inquiry Unit that the HSCA's interest in SA Mitchell concerned information from an anonymous person that Mitchell was identical with a composite drawing of "Ralph," an individual allegedly involved in a conspiracy to kill King. This allegation was thoroughly investigated by the FBI in 1976 and no identification of "Ralph" was made. A copy of the composite was furnished pursuant to an HSCA request. The HSCA then released the composite to the media in August, 1978, requesting citizen information.

On 12/12/78, SA Mitchell, who is currently assigned to the Muncie, Indiana, Resident Agency, was contacted and was advised of the above information by a representative of the Congressional Inquiry Unit.

He stated he had no objection to the photograph from his personnel file being shown to HSCA representatives.

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1 - Personnel file of SA Roy Martin Mitchell (67-574640)

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Reference is made to letter to the Attorney General from G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director, HSCA, dated November 23, 1978, which, in connection with the HSCA's investigation into the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., requested delivery of copies of all speeches made by Mr. Hoover during the period January 1, 1964, through June 30, 1968, and all available biographical data, including a photograph and past assignments of Special Agent (SA) Roy Martin Mitchell.

This memorandum is to confirm that a copy of all speeches given by Mr. Hoover during the period January 1, 1964, through June 30, 1968, was delivered to HSCA representative, Gerald Hamilton, on December 5, 1978.

Regarding SA Mitchell, on December 12, 1978, HSCA representative, William Webb, modified the request in referenced HSCA letter, stating that the Committee only desires to view a photograph of SA Mitchell. On December 15, 1978, two photographs of Mitchell, obtained from his personnel file at FBI Headquarters and taken during the years 1966 and 1968, were shown to Mr. Webb. Mr. Webb requested no further information concerning this matter.

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 12/21/78, captioned "House Select Committee on Assassinations, U. S. House of Representatives (HSCA)."

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The Honorable Griffin B. Bell
Attorney General of the United States
Department of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20534

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 would be appreciated if the Federal Bureau of Investigation prepare for delivery, the following:

- a) All speeches and addresses given by J. Edgar Hoover covering the period January 1, 1964 through June 30, 1968.
- b) All available biographical data, including a photograph and past assignments of SA Roy Martin Mitchell.

As time is extremely crucial in this matter your prompt attention is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

G. Robert Blakey

G. Robert Blakey
Chief Counsel and Director

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

December 27, 1978

Director, FBI

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- 1 - Legal Counsel Division
Attn: Mr. Heller
- 1 - Public Affairs Office
Attn: T. B. Coll
- 1 - Mr. Tykal
- 1 - Mr. Bassett
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Reference is made to letter to the Attorney General from G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director, dated December 5, 1978, which, in connection with the HSCA's investigation into the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., requested that former Special Agent (SA) Harold P. Leinbaugh be made available for interview, and that names of individuals and publications comprising the Special Correspondence List (SCL) for the period January 1, 1967, through June 30, 1968, be delivered. This letter also requested that individuals or publications known as "friendly media sources" be identified.

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 Legal Counsel Division memorandum to the Administrative Services Division dated 12/8/78, former SA Leinbaugh was cleared from his employment agreement for interview by the HSCA.

This matter was coordinated with T. B. Coll, Media Services Unit, Public Affairs Office, and J. B. Tykal, Correspondence-Uniform Crime Reporting Section, Records Management Division, both of whom are knowledgeable concerning correspondence press policies of the FBI during 1967-1968. Information concerning our press policies during this period was furnished in response to the HSCA request dated 11/28/78.

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Reference is made to letter to the Attorney General from G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director, dated December 5, 1978, which, in connection with the HSCA's investigation into the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., requested that former Special Agent (SA) Harold P. Leinbaugh be made available for HSCA to interview, and that names of individuals and publications comprising the Special Correspondence List (SCL) for the period January 1, 1967, through June 30, 1968, be delivered. This letter also requested that individuals or publications known as "friendly media sources" be identified.

This memorandum is to confirm that former SA Harold P. Leinbaugh has been cleared from his employment agreement and is available for interview by the HSCA. Arrangements for his interview can be coordinated with personnel of the Congressional Inquiry Unit, Records Management Division, FBI Headquarters (FBIHQ).

A review of appropriate files at FBIHQ and contact with personnel familiar with some aspects of correspondence and press policy matters of the FBI during 1967-1968 disclosed the following information:

The SCL was a term which applied to one of several mailing lists of the FBI. Individuals on this list, through either their position or by request, were mailed a copy of all publications distributed to the public by the FBI, as opposed to other mailing lists where addressees were furnished only specific publications. In 1974, the term, SCL, was discontinued. At this time, a survey was conducted whereby individuals on the SCL were given an opportunity to advise the FBI which specific publications they desired to continue to receive. Upon response, the names of these individuals were placed into the general Bureau Mailing List to insure receipt of desired materials. Those individuals not responding were eliminated from the computerized Bureau Mailing List. Therefore, the names of individuals and publications previously included in the SCL for any given period are not retrievable.

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 12/21/78, captioned
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With respect to individuals or publications known as "friendly media sources," such a list never actually officially existed within FBI files. News media sources favorably disposed toward the FBI were developed by officials handling press functions at any particular time. No lists were officially maintained and the identity of these individuals and publications was known only to contacting FBI officials. By memorandum dated December 8, 1978, in response to a previous HSCA request, SA personnel handling FBI press functions during 1967-1968 were identified.

Where information is not provided, it is either not retrievable from the files of the FBI or is not being produced pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding.

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December 5, 1978

The Honorable Griffin B. Bell
The 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., the assistance of the Federal Bureau of Investigation is required in regard to the following matters.

- 1) Make available for interview, S.A. Harold Leibaugh.
- 2) Prepare for delivery, the names of individuals, as well as the names of those publications, i.e., journals, newspaper, magazines, etc., that comprised the Special Correspondence List (SCL) for the period covering January 1, 1967 through June 30, 1968.

Note: This list should include and identify those individuals or publications known as "friendly media sources".

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

Very truly yours,

G. Robert Blakey

G. Robert Blakey
Chief Counsel and Director

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xc: Mr. Ron Heller

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Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and 3 copies of an LHM containing a communication left by DUPONT PEPPER SMITH, JR., at the Atlanta Office on the evening of 12/4/78. Also enclosed is a manila envelope addressed to "MARK SPEISAR, Chief Counsel, c/o Atlanta FBI, Assassinations Committee, U. S. House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.".

SMITH left the communication which were identical xeroxed copies in 2 manila envelopes, one addressed as aforementioned to SPEISAR and the other to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, "MLK, JR., file".

Indices contained one reference to DUPONT PEPPER SMITH, Atlanta file (62-0-12006) which was a memo dated 5/6/74, by SA UREY W. PATRICK, III, indicating that he had previously interviewed SMITH with regards to information being furnished by SMITH in a kidnaping case which information subsequently proved to be groundless. The memo indicated that the letter left on 5/1/74, was to the effect that SMITH felt he had identified a possible suspect in the Zodiac killings which occurred in San Francisco and although not knowing the identity of the suspect was furnishing information as the suspect had talked of the Zodiac in an astrological sense. The memo noted that at the time of the interview of subject, his conversation had been disjointed and given to long rambling tangents. The memo indicated that a review of the letter revealed the same disordered communicative ability and was recommended that subject be considered an unreliable

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source. Checks with the Atlanta Police Department and DeKalb County Police Department on 5/3/74, regarding SMITH were negative.

The clerical employee who obtained the communication in the enclosed LHM was JOHN SAMUEL ARCHER.

No further investigation is being conducted by the Atlanta Office in this matter and the enclosed communication is being furnished to the Bureau for information.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Atlanta, Georgia

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

December 6, 1978

HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE
ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)

At approximately 8:15 p.m., on December 4, 1978, a caller telephonically contacted the Atlanta Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation requesting that someone come to the entrance of the building as he wished to present that person with some information on a possible lead on a case that the FBI was handling. The man would not furnish his name over the telephone stating that "all the information you need will be in the correspondence". The caller stated that he wanted to give the information directly to the FBI rather than placing it in the mail.

Two manila envelopes were obtained from the man described as a white male in his early 30's, 5' 9" or 10", approximately 160 pounds, with light or blonde thinning hair. One of the envelopes was addressed to the FBI, the other envelope was addressed to MARK SPEISAR, Chief Counsel, c/o Atlanta FBI, Assassinations Committee, U. S. House of Representatives, Washington, D. C. Both envelopes each unsealed contained the identical xeroxed copy of the following communication:

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DuPont Pepper Smith, Jr.
Rt. 3 (Yorkville)
Rockmart, Georgia 30153

Mark A. Speisar
Counsel, Assassinations Committee
U.S. House of Representatives
and


Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Martin Luther King, Jr. Assassination File
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

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DATE 8/30/86 BY [signature]

The following may have limited value for investigative purposes. Regrettably, it may necessitate expensive field checking of a specific type where the possibility of substantive findings is not very much. I have considered just dismissing this but at length have decided to write and transmit based on the not impossible aspect. If the following has value, it may be in the general sense of considering alternative spellings and identity possibilities for a character mythical or real referred to generally as "Raoul" or "Raoul." A sort of coincidence brings this up, to be further described.

The origin of spelling of "Raoul" becomes of some importance. The impression which occasions communication is that that's seems a rendition of a word only heard, if not invented, by J. E. Ray. The most obvious aspect of the word is that it resembles "Raul", brother of Fidel Castro, and thus a natural name to be embellished in imagination into a character to serve the interests of a person cornered as J. E. Ray is. All of that type possibility have doubtless been explored and extensively evaluated and this letter would not exist if only to review possibilities which bone fide experts have had a full go at.

The possibility of family name spelled differently but pronounced rather precisely as one type pronunciation of "Raoul" occurred to me only because one young member of a local Rowell family evidently included elaborately formed letters KKK among many sketches during his math class period. The Rowell youths' formation of these letters was as  (approximately.)

It took me several class periods of the winter 1977-78 quarter roll-calling to correctly pronounce Rowell as the family pronounces it. I would describe this phonetically as something like Rau'-ell, first syllable as in Rauschenberg second syllable basically a long "L".

I notice that one of J.E. Ray's attorneys recently pronounced "Raoul" as, approximately, "Reh-ool" or "Rä-ool," first vowel as about the "a" in "bat." His testimony that he does not believe there is such a person and that he once confronted J.E. Ray with this and that Ray acknowledged that there was not is known to me. Recent hearings over whether Ray's brother might be "Raoul" indicate the question is still open. Surely, J.E. Ray's long insistence on the existence of such a person does seem consistent with some sort of basis for him to be able to rationalize that he is telling the

truth in that regard, whatever the changes he may or may not have made in the actual role of a person, if any, with "Raoul"-like name in Ray's personal experience.

I have not mentioned the first name of the youth from a local Rowell family because, as a minor, his name should possibly not be placed in correspondence on a subject of this seriousness. The three letters, KKK, described as drawn evidently by him merely form a reason to believe it much more than randomly possible that his family could include members sympathetic to an organization known often by those identifying letters.

As to which local family he is a member of, I do not know and do not personally have access to school records which would so indicate being not, at this time, employed by the Paulding^{County} School System. It can be sufficient to say that except

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For having noticed the three letters described I would not have realized the similarity in pronunciation described.

I have not particularly elaborated how the existence of the three letters drawn came to my attention and think it possible that this is somewhat beside the point. It is sufficient to say that something more than walking around a room and questionably divulging the contents of a school child's private notebook was involved while neither was the sketch explicitly left on my desk or left around as any sort of semi-warning or other. Possibly among boxes of old tests, etc. the sketch, along with similar sketches of the Rowell youth bearing his name and similarly detached from standard lined notebook paper by continuous going over the outer edges with ball point pen to detach the shape, I may still have the drawing and matching

drawings. I have not undertaken any search for them because analysis of those drawings seems excessive and a little beside the point. Neither do I believe that it would be necessary to transmit photocopies of them in order for their existence to be regarded as authentic for the purpose of this letter.

Insofar as there may be value in bringing up the subject of alternative spellings of "Raoul" with a strong example, the principal purpose of writing is served. Insofar as investigation seeks to establish what is the basis of "Raoul," real or imagined, it has not been the purpose of this letter to foment supposition that "Raoul" could be a character from a local family. Insofar as the possibility of this being a scrap of paper that "breaks the case," I doubt it. Based on the fact that a lot of time and expense has been (appropriately in my opinion)

devoted to the attempt to answer unresolved questions regarding the movements, etc. of J. E. Ray and that considerable files regarding persons known to him, etc. have been developed, it has seemed after considerable thought not appropriate to refrain from mentioning the very small details here referred to or to decide with such limited overall information as I possess that they are too insignificant to mention.

Regarding whether local residents here would not like it or think it inappropriate of me to have corresponded in this fashion, I've given long consideration to that point and have resolved most of my own doubts as to appropriate course of action. While I am not necessarily making an announcement that I have corresponded in this regard, neither am I under any illusion that confidentiality of communications of this type are ever

100% guarantable.

Wishing you, your efforts, and ascertainment
of any true facts

Best regards,

DuPont Pepper Smith, Jr.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION*Memorandum*

TO : Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

FROM : Director, FBI (62-117290)

DATE: 1-26-79

ATTN: MR. ROBERT L. KEUCH

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

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

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There is enclosed one copy of the report of Special Agents _____
dated 12-6-78 at Atlanta, Georgia, and an envelope addressed
to Mark Speisar, Staff Counsel of the HSCA.

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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TO : Mr. Bassett *HNB/2*

FROM : D. Ryan *[Signature]*

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

DATE: 11/30/78

1 - Mr. Bassett
 1 - Mr. Ryan
 1 - Mr. Foster

*G. Foster**C. [Signature]*

PURPOSE: Enclosed is a memorandum from the Legal Counsel Division to the Director dated 11/20/78, captioned "Status of Responses to Congressional Committee Requests," which sets forth, among other things, the requests received from the HSCA. The Director attached a routing slip which states "Advise status of October requests of Assassinations Committee. Note I am to appear 12/11."

Attached is a chart which sets forth the status of the Bureau's responses to the HSCA's October requests which have been completed.

In addition, of the 13 HSCA November requests requiring action by this Bureau, 11 have been completed and two are being processed. Our procedure in responding to each HSCA request is to confirm in writing to the Department and the HSCA the fact that the necessary information or material was provided to the HSCA or the fact that Bureau files did not contain any information in regard to a particular HSCA request. In the above 11 November HSCA requests, there is no work remaining to be done. The HSCA has been orally advised of our response and there merely remains a confirmation in writing to the Department and the HSCA.

RECOMMENDATION: None, for information.

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APPROVED: *[Signature]*

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DATE OF HSCA REQUESTNATURE OF REQUESTSTATUS

Letter, 10/6/78	Request to make available for staff interview, SAs John C. Menton & Thomas Kitchen.	Response to Department dated 11/29/78.
Letter, 10/16/78	Requests access to all files and index references on Osvaldo Aurelio Pino Pino, identification of the informant identified as T-2 in file #97-4196-33-11, Miquel Mariana Cruz, Misc. References; and access to interview Special Agent Lyndal Shaneyfelt.	Response to Department dated 11/17/78.
Letter, 10/17/78	Request to make name of a former Security informant available to Committee so the person might be interviewed in order that serious allegations involving the FBI and death of Dr. King may be resolved.	Work completed. See explanation, page 3.
Letter, 10/18/78	Request to make available all BU-FILES, Subfiles and Field Office files of any nature pertaining to Ben Edmondson (Alex Bormann).	Response to Department dated 11/27/78.
Letter, 10/19/78	Request for additional information concerning serious allegations involving the FBI & the death of Dr. King.	Work completed. See explanation, page 3.
Letter, 10/20/78	Request FBI Headquarters & Field Office informant files concerning referenced informant in connection with the death of Dr. King be made available to Committee.	Response to Department dated 11/24/78.
Letter, 10/24/78	Request to prepare for delivery, copies of fingerprint cards taken during course of MURKIN Investigation for James Earl Ray, Gerald William Ray & John Ray; also make available for telephone interview, SAs John L. Duffy & Daniel E. Brant.	Work completed. Confirmation letter to Department in dictation.

DATE OF HSCA REQUEST

NATURE OF REQUEST

STATUS

Letter, 10/30/78

Request FBI review copies of those materials which may be referred to, & consequently made public during the Committee hearings scheduled to reconvene on 11/9/78, & inform the Committee if there are any objections to the release of any of the information.

Response to Department dated 11/24/78.

Letter, 10/31/78

Request to prepare for delivery, the London Legat memo re Alexander Anthony Eist; prepare for delivery any St. Louis Field Office files identified as King Security for the period covering 1/1963 - 12/1968; & various other materials for potential use as exhibits in the upcoming public hearings.

Response to Department dated 11/22/78.

House Select Committee on Assassinations
U. S. House of Representatives (HSCA)

By way of background, the 10/17/78, HSCA request pertains to a Memphis informant who reported on a Memphis youth gang called the "Invaders." Deputy Assistant Attorney General Robert L. Keuch of the Criminal Division and an Agent of this Bureau traveled to Memphis, Tennessee, to interview this informant to see if he would be willing to be interviewed by the HSCA. This interview pertained to an allegation that the FBI had agent provocateurs in the "Invaders" who incited violence thereby causing Dr. King to return to Memphis where he was assassinated. The Memphis informant had agreed to and was interviewed by the HSCA in Memphis and subsequently traveled to Washington, D. C., where he was again interviewed. The work pertaining to this request has been completed and there merely remains written confirmation to the Department.

The 10/19/78, HSCA request also pertains to the above Memphis informant and will be covered in the response to the 10/17/78, request.

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D. RYAN TO BASSETT HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)		
<p>PURPOSE: Enc is memo fm LCD to Director dated 11/20/78, captioned as set forth, which sets forth requests received fm HSCA. The Director attached routing slip (set forth). Attached is chart which sets forth status of Bureau's responses to HSCA requests. <u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: None,=for information.</p>		

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Memorandum

TO : Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

FROM : Director, FBI (62-117290)

DATE: 12/11/78

ATTN: MR. ROBERT L. KEUCH

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

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

a letter from

There is enclosed one copy of the report of Special Agent Murray L. Randall
dated _____ at St. Louis, Missouri.

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.

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DATE 5/30/74 BY SP4C/MPA

Congressman Louis Stokes;
 Chairman, House Select Committee on Assassinations
 House Office Building
 Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Stokes:

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 1-HS-em
 1-FILE-em
 TWB:lp
 12-11-78

Your Committee has subpoenaed me
 to testify publicly in a matter
 concerning one Russell Byers

Byers, who is known here to be one
 of the most dangerous criminals
 in this city. He has received a lot
 of publicity here in recent months.

Just a few months ago, in the
 course of an on-going investigation
 here of him by the F.B.I. and police

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With respect to assaults on one
Finer and related matters, it was
reported in the Public Press that
his principal associate in crime
was murdered almost immediately
after the associate visited an
F.B.I. office. I believe that this
man's murder was arranged by
the person to whom he and Mr. Byers
had sold the statues stolen from the
museum, and Mr. Byers is now
fearful that this publicity is classing
him an informant and the same
fate will occur to him.



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I believe my public testimony,
and that of Mr. Byers' will endanger
lives including my own.

Yet my testimony is of no real
value to your investigation. The
remarks Mr. Byers made to me,
while representing him in a civil case
(I never represented him in any
criminal matter), occurred several
months after similar remarks
by Mr. Byers had been reported
to the F.B.I.

Mr. Byers has told me that
this report was made by one Richard
O'Nara, a then³ criminal partner



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of Byers. As with most stories fabricated by criminals, the remarks only involved dead persons.

At about the time the remarks were reported to the F.B.I., Mr. Byers expressed serious concern to me as to whether Mr. Byers was an F.B.I. informant. I believe those remarks by Mr. Byers were fabricated and purposely planted with Mr. O'Hara for the purpose of trying to find out whether Mr. O'Hara was an F.B.I. informant, since the only person the F.B.I. could possibly check with was Mr. Byers himself. The F.B.I.



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apparently recognized them as such and did not interview Mr. Byers, as to do so would have endangered the life of its informant.

Mr. Byers then, I believe, told the story to me for the purpose of preparing me for possible representation of him in the event he was questioned by the F.B.I.

Mr. Byers is such a sceming person. I urge you to check with the F.B.I. before endangering lives with public testimony and also whether it will interfere with their investigation.

Yours very truly
Murry L. Randall

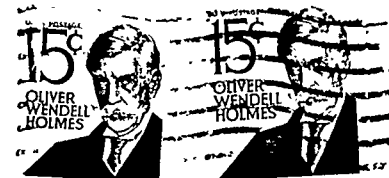
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