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618 THRU 623

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~~C O N F I D E N T I A L~~ Date 4/20/78

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
 FROM: *Jm* LEGAT, OTTAWA (62-539)
 SUBJECT: HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE
ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)

Congressman ROBERT EDGAR (D-Pa.), HSCA member, travelled to Ottawa, Ontario, with three staff members and on 4/14/78 met with Deputy Solicitor General P.A. BISSONNETTE and later met with RCMP officers, including the Officer in Charge of Federal Policing Branch. *(P)*

The purpose of Congressman EDGAR's trip was, according to sources, to obtain a promise of cooperation from the Canadian Government in the HSCA investigation relating to JAMES EARL RAY while he was in Canada. Congressman EDGAR advised Mr. BISSONNETTE that some investigative activity would be directed toward determining if there had been any connection between RAY and J.B. STONER and others of the National States Rights Party.

Congressman EDGAR was received cordially by Mr. BISSONNETTE but no definite commitments were made by the latter beyond the desire of the Canadian Government to cooperate with the U.S. Government whenever it is possible to do so.

Congressman EDGAR got off to a bad start at RCMP Headquarters with an initial remark that one of the purposes of HSCA investigation was "to inquire into the adequacy of the

2 (4) - Bureau
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(prior) investigation." He was informed that the RCMP considered the prior investigation to be adequate in every degree and Congressman EDGAR made repeated efforts to explain away the remark.

RCMP agreed to assist the HSCA by making available any of its members for interview; attempting to locate persons previously interviewed by RCMP and determine if the person was agreeable to interview by HSCA investigators, in the presence of RCMP; and doing name checks on any new names surfaced in the HSCA investigation. RCMP did not agree to allowing HSCA to review its files, to conduct any new investigation for the HSCA or to allow the committee to conduct any investigation in Canada. Congressman EDGAR was told that any requests for investigation in Canada must be presented to the RCMP through the FBI or through diplomatic channels.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

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FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

April 21, 1978

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

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

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

In connection with the investigation by this Committee into the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., it is requested that the FBI provide the Committee with a copy of each photograph for which a negative exists in the main MURKIN file. This request should include photographs from negatives supplied to the FBI by other law enforcement agencies or persons, except for those provided to the FBI by the Memphis Police Department. Furthermore, in view of an earlier Committee request, photographs of latent fingerprints need not be produced pursuant to this letter.

Your prompt attention to this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

G. Robert Blakey

G. Robert Blakey
Chief Counsel and Director

GRB:mej

cc: Danny O. Coulson

EX-113
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23 APR 27 1978

TREAT AS
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1 - Mr. Foster
1 - Mr. Brekke

April 21, 1978

To: SAC, Atlanta (66-2242)

From : Director, FBI (62-117290)

HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE
ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)

RE: Atlanta airtel to Bureau, 4/14/78.

Enclosed for Atlanta Division is one envelope containing latent fingerprints furnished by Atlanta in referenced airtel.

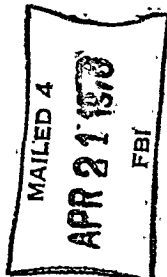
Latent fingerprints furnished by Atlanta in referenced airtel have been copied and are being returned herewith.

Enclosure

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Date 4/6/78

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

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (66-2242)

SUBJECT: HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS
 (HSCA)

Re Bureau airtel to Atlanta, 3/29/78.

Enclosed under separate cover for the Bureau is one xerox copy of 19 volumes of serials from Atlanta file JFK Act 6 (4), as requested by the Bureau.

Referenced Bureau airtel pointed out that the HSCA had made a request of FBIHQ for files relating to former JFK Act 6 (4), and as a result the Bureau requested Atlanta to expeditiously provide FBIHQ with one xerox copy of this informant's files, namely, Atlanta file JFK Act 6 (4) and Atlanta file 134-389.

Atlanta noted that Atlanta file JFK Act 6 (4) consisted of 19 volumes and these have been xeroxed by Atlanta and are being sent to FBIHQ.

These volumes are as follows:

1) JFK Act 6 (4), Volume 1, Serials 1A1 through 4,
 Serials 1 - 200.

2) JFK Act 6 (4) Volume 2, Serials 201-296. 22 APR 12 1978

③ - Bureau (1 - Package Copy)
 3 - Atlanta

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- 3) [REDACTED] Sub B, Volume 1, Serials 1-104.
- 4) [REDACTED] Volume 1, Serials 1 - 174.
- 5) [REDACTED] Volume 2, Serials 175-301.
- 6) [REDACTED] Volume 3, Serials 302-445.
- 7) [REDACTED] Volume 4, Serials 446-560.
- 8) [REDACTED] Volume 5, Serials 561-678.
- 9) [REDACTED] Volume 6, Serials 679-810.
- 10) [REDACTED] Volume 7, Serials 811-950, (serial 819 was shipped in serialization.)
- 11) [REDACTED] Volume 8, Serials 951-1067.
- 12) [REDACTED] Volume 9, Serials 1068-1175.
- 13) [REDACTED] Volume 10, Serials 1176-1285.
- 14) [REDACTED] Volume 11, Serials 1286-1380.
- 15) [REDACTED] Volume 12, Serials 1381-1503.
- 16) [REDACTED] Volume 13, Serials 1504-1610, (serial 1599 was shipped in serialization.)
- 17) [REDACTED] Volume 14, Serials 1611-1713.
- 18) [REDACTED] Volume 15, Serials 1712-1848.
- 19) [REDACTED] Volume 16, Serials 1849-2036.

Relative to Atlanta file 134-389, it was noted that this file had been destroyed by the Atlanta Office on 12/7/77, in the course of the normal destruction of files

AT 66-2242 .

in the 134 category, per FBIHQ instructions dealing with the field file destruction program, as set forth in Bureau letter to all offices, 10/28/77, captioned "DESTRUCTION OF FIELD FILES AND RECORDS".

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April 17, 1978

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

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

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

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

In connection with the investigation by this Committee into the circumstances surrounding the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., it has been learned that the Miami Field Office sent recent communication by teletype pertaining to William A. Somerset. The Committee, therefore, would like the assistance of the Bureau in locating this recent teletype, and further, to be provided with all relevant copies. *9/2*

Specifically, the Miami teletype is dated March 28, 1978 and refers to special Bureau instructions to the Albany Field Office dated August 15, 1977 and October 28, 1977, re William A. Somerset. The Committee would greatly appreciate expeditious retrieval of this document and any other references related to this matter. *68-85*

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

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REC-46 62-117290-641
Your continued cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

24 APR 25 1978

G. Robert Blakey

G. Robert Blakey
Chief Counsel and Director

GRB:ghd

cc: Danny Coulson

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April 13, 1978

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

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

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

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

- 1) Prepare for delivery Identification Division Records on:
 - a. White, Walter, D.O.B. 1/24/18
 - b. Thorton, James Paul, D.O.B. 9/17/41
 - c. Parka, Glenn Curtis, D.O.B. 10/27/30
 - d. Duff, Roderic Burns, D.O.B. 7/5/34
FBI #226-084-B
 - e. Bradley, Edgar Eugene
- 2) Prepare for delivery on a priority basis the following serials:
 - a. Miscellaneous references on Jules Rocco Kimble (request of 3/15/78) **EX 101 REC-46 62-117290-640**
 - b. Jules Rocco Kimble, Main Identification File 157-4403 (request of 3/15/78)
 - c. Jules Rocco Kimble, Main Identification File 88-53174 (request of 3/15/78)
- 3) Prepare for access Los Angeles Subfiles on an organization known as COBRA or "FREE RIGHT" 100-74748-1 **62-117290**

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4) Prepare for delivery the following serials:

157-7155-10
157-7155-19, page 12
157-5-2-122
157-5-42-5
157-5-26-32
157-168-777

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

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

As always, your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



G. Robert Blakey
Chief Counsel and Director

GRB:ghd

✓cc: Danny Coulson

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Date 4/10/78

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

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

SUBJECT: HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON
ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)

Re Bureau teletype to Atlanta, Los Angeles
 and Memphis dated 3/29/78.

Enclosed for the Bureau under separate cover
 are 14 volumes containing xerox copies of serials from the
 Memphis file on the Southern Christian Leadership Conference
 (SCLC).

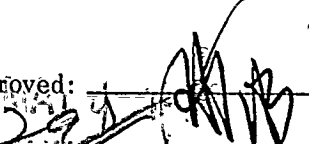
All 1A exhibits and all serials have been copied
 or accounted for. The following serials have been furnis-
 ed to the Bureau in connection with cases captioned:

BERNARD S. LEE, Y
 CLARENCE M. KENNEDY
 ET AL
 (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
 CIVIL ACTION #76-1185
 BUFILE 62-117194

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SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP
CONFERENCE (SCLC), v.
CLARENCE M. KELLEY,
ET AL,
(U.S.D.C., D.C.)
CIVIL ACTION #76-1186
BUFILE 62-117193

Serial 47 of Memphis file 157-166 is Atlanta LHM dated 4/5/65, captioned "COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, INTERNAL SECURITY - C."

Serial 48 of Memphis file 157-166 is Atlanta airtel to Bureau dated 4/5/65, captioned "COMINFIL OF SCLC, IS - C."

Serial 49 of Memphis file 157-166, which is Atlanta letterhead memorandum dated 4/30/65, captioned "COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE; INTERNAL SECURITY - C."

Serial 50 of Memphis file 157-166, which is Atlanta airtel to Bureau dated 4/30/65, captioned "COMINFIL OF SCLC, IS - C," Atlanta file 100-5718, Bufile 100-438794.

Serial 87 of Memphis file 157-166 is report of SA ALDEN F. MILLER, dated 3/25/66, at Atlanta, captioned "COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, IS - C."

Serial 111 of Memphis file 157-166 is report of SA ALAN G. SENTINELLA, dated 10/21/66, at Atlanta, captioned "COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, INTERNAL SECURITY - C."

Serial 133 of Memphis file 157-166 is Atlanta report of SA ALAN G. SENTINELLA, dated 5/19/67, captioned "COMINFIL OF SCLC, IS - C."

Serial 148 of Memphis file 157-166, dated 1/25/68, is Atlanta report of SA ALAN G. SENTINELLA, captioned "COMINFIL OF SCLC, IS - C."

ME 66-2197

Serial 498 of Memphis file 157-166 is Atlanta report of SA ALAN G. SENTINELLA, dated 9/6/68, captioned "COMINFIL OF SCLC, IS - C."

Serial 802 of Memphis file 157-166 is Atlanta report of SA ALAN G. SENTINELLA, dated 7/30/69, captioned "COMINFIL OF SCLC, RM; IS - C."

Serial 969 of Memphis file 157-166 is Atlanta report of SA ALAN G. SENTINELLA, dated 5/4/70, captioned "COMINFIL OF SCLC, RM; IS - C."

OF All other serials not copied are listed on copies of form FD-338 which were xeroxed and are enclosed herewith.

The Memphis Office is currently processing information requested by HSCA involving Memphis file on the United Klans of America. When completed, the information will be promptly submitted to the Bureau.

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Date 4/6/78

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

FROM: SAC, MOBILE (66-1228) (RUC)

RE: HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)

Re Bureau teletype to Mobile and Birmingham, 3/28/78. ^{561,565}

Enclosed for Bureau are the following copies of
 serials from MOfile 44-439 that pertain to the bombing of Dr.
 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.'s house, Montgomery, Ala., 1/30/56, and
 the attempted bombing of his house on 1/28/57:

(1) Bombing on 1/30/56:

Serials 24, 25, 26, 27, 29, 30 and 33

(2) Attempted Bombing on 1/28/57:

Serials 613, 614, 615, 617, 618, 619, 628, 629,
 630, 631, 632, 634, & 635

The above serials are the only ones in Mobile files
 responsive to the request and most are newspaper clippings as
 no active investigation was conducted re either matter by the
 Mobile Division.

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Select Committee on Assassinations

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April 12, 1978

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

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

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

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

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

Your prompt attention to this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

G. Robert Blakey

G. Robert Blakey
Chief Counsel and Director

GRB:med

cc: Danny Coulson

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1 - G. J. Foster
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APRIL 18, 1978

FM DIRECTOR (117290)

TO MEMPHIS PRIORITY

MIAMI PRIORITY

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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)

HSCA, BY LETTER DATED MARCH 27, 1978, REQUESTED THAT A
NUMBER OF RETIRED AND CURRENT SPECIAL AGENTS BE MADE AVAILABLE
FOR INTERVIEW BY STAFF OF THE COMMITTEE. INCLUDED IN THAT LIST
PROVIDED BY THE COMMITTEE ARE SPECIAL AGENTS RICHARD W. KAISER,
MIAMI; AND JOHN W. BENTON AND HOWELL S. LOWE, MEMPHIS. *9/12*

ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO INTERVIEW THESE AGENTS AS
FOLLOWS: BENTON - TEN A.M., APRIL 19, 1978; LOWE - TWO P.M.,
APRIL 19, 1978; AND KAISER - TWELVE NOON, APRIL 21, 1978.

INTERVIEWS WILL TAKE PLACE AT HSCA OFFICE (OLD IDENTIFICATION
BUILDING), SECOND AND C STREETS, SOUTHWEST, WASHINGTON, D. C.

PRIOR TO INTERVIEW, A REPRESENTATIVE OF LEGAL LIAISON AND
CONGRESSIONAL AFFAIRS UNIT, LEGAL COUNSEL DIVISION, WILL
PROVIDE LEGAL BRIEFING TO AGENTS. *EX-13*

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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AGENTS NAMED ABOVE AND ASSISTANT SPECIAL AGENTS IN CHARGE
OF MEMPHIS AND MIAMI OFFICES HAVE BEEN TELEPHONICALLY NOTIFIED
OF HSCA'S INTEREST IN THE INTERVIEW.

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

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

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Dear Mr. Attorney General:

This letter serves to confirm the understanding reached between this Committee and the FBI on April 12, 1978, concerning 1) the roles the FBI informants within the Invader organization relative to the activities of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and 2) the possible cooperative postures of the informants who have provided information concerning the relationship between Klan members and Arthur Hanes, Sr., in the course of the latter's representation of James Earl Ray.

EX-151 REC-72 62-117290-633

As to the Invader situation, it is understood that the FBI will locate and sanitize the informant files of all informants within the Invaders during 1968 and provide the Committee with access to these files. The sanitizing process will be undertaken only to the extent necessary to protect the identity of the informants. The FBI will also provide the Committee, for interview purposes, with the control agent or agents for these Invader informants. This Committee, however, reserves the right to request production of the identity of all Invader informants during 1968 should the sanitized files and agent interviews be inconclusive on the issues to be resolved by the Committee.

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As to the informants who have provided information relative to the Klan relationship with Arthur Hanes, Sr., during the course of Hanes' representation of James Earl Ray, it is understood that the FBI will contact the informants listed in the serials listed below to determine if an interview with this Committee can be arranged:

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Attorney General Griffin B. Bell
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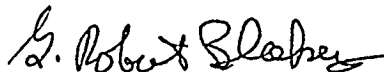
SERIALS

1. Airtel, 7/22/68, to Director from SAC Birmingham, Birmingham UKA file.
2. LHM, Vol. 16, Serials 640 and 649, Birmingham UKA file.
3. LHM, August 29, 1968, Serial 5137, MURKIN file.
4. 157 - 370 - 66 - 482
5. 44 - 38861, Serials 5120, 5121, and 5137.

Again, the Committee reserves the right to request production of the identity of the informants involved if such is deemed necessary to complete our investigation.

Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



G. Robert Blakey
Chief Counsel and Director

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April 11, 1978

The Attorney General

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Director, FBI

HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)

This is to confirm a conversation between Mr. Robert L. Keuch, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, and Special Agent Danny G. Coulson, Legal Counsel Division, on April 6, 1978. Mr. Keuch advised that you had requested a briefing for Mr. G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel, House Select Committee on Assassinations, on the matter entitled "Solo." For your information, this briefing will be conducted at FBI Headquarters on April 12, 1978.

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Note: Briefing will be conducted by Michael J. Steinbeck and John T. Aldhizer on the date requested.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: 3/30/78

FROM : Legal Counsel *JR*

SUBJECT: HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS

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The purpose of this memorandum is to advise of a request by the Department for special briefing for the Chairman, Ranking Minority and Staff Director, captioned Committee. (U)

DETAILS:

On March 23, 1978, Mr. Robert Keuch, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, who was the Special Counsel to the Attorney General for matters relating to captioned Committee, advised SA Danny O. Coulson of the Legal Counsel Division that the staff for captioned Committee had asked for access and delivery of documents prepared by the Department of Justice in its inquiry into the FBI's investigation of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King. Mr. Keuch further advised that the documents requested by the Committee are heavily excised due to sensitive informant information, and these excisions have raised questions on the part of the Committee which can only be resolved by a briefing for Louis Stokes, Chairman, Samuel L. Devine, Ranking Minority, and G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel to the Committee. Mr. Keuch has indicated he will discuss this matter with the Attorney General [and will recommend that these individuals be briefed on the "Solo" operation]. He desires to obtain the FBI's views for the briefing concerning these specific individuals. (U) *571,572,680*

This matter has been discussed with representatives of the Intelligence Division who express no objections to briefings regarding this matter, as long as it is restricted to those three individuals. (U)

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Re: HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS

It should be noted that Mr. Keuch has advised that the Attorney General will take this matter up personally with President Carter to obtain his permission for this briefing. (U)

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Intelligence Division be authorized to brief the above designated individuals as requested by the Department. (U)

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ADDENDUM INTELLIGENCE DIVISION (INTD) WOC:cml 3/30/78

INTD interposes no objection to conducting briefing as long as briefing is restricted to above-named individuals. [It is noted that for briefing to be meaningful, we would have to discuss all aspects of Solo Operation to establish credibility of the assets. This is necessary inasmuch as only two Solo assets reported the subversive information regarding Dr. King and the Committee may question the reliability of the assets.] (C)

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TO:

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

FROM:

SAC, MEMPHIS (66-2197) (P)

SUBJECT:

HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON
ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)

Re Bureau teletype to Memphis, 3/28/78.

Enclosed for the Bureau under separate cover are 8 items containing xerox copies of serials from Memphis file 105-566 regarding the United Klans of America (UKA).

The enclosed items contain serials from the following volumes of Memphis file 105-566 covering the period of 9/1/67 through 6/30/68:

Item 1 contains 1A exhibits;

Item 2 contains serials from Volume 39;

Item 3 contains serials from Volume 40;

Item 4 contains serials from Volume 41;

Item 5 contains serials from Volume 42;

Item 6 contains serials from Volume 43;

Item 7 contains serials from Volume 44;

Item 8 contains serials from Volume 45.

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All serials from volumes 40 through 44 have been xeroxed or accounted for as indicated on copies of form FD-338. Only serials falling within the period of 9/1/67 through 6/30/68 were xeroxed from volumes 39 and 45. Some of the serials in volumes 39 and 45 are also accounted for on an FD-338.

Memphis file 105-566 contains no bulky exhibits. The 1A exhibits were xeroxed because it appears this method provides a more graphic description than a written description.

The Memphis Office is continuing to review files regarding Klan activities during the pertinent period. If additional material is located, it will be promptly submitted to the Bureau. If no additional material is located, the Bureau will be so informed.

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

FROM: *RBK* SAC, ST. LOUIS (62-5097) C

SUBJECT: HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)

Re St. Louis teletype to FBIHQ, 3/13/78.

Enclosed for FBIHQ are the original and three
 copies of LHM captioned as above.

LHM is being furnished for information and no
 action being taken UACB.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Saint Louis, Missouri

March 13, 1978

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In the course of a file review in an unrelated matter, SL 3167-C, St. Louis File 137-16185, Bureau File 137-36945, was reviewed. This file contained a contact memorandum dated March 19, 1974, which contained information relating to several criminal matters and also contained the following paragraph:

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

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

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ATTENTION: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT, RECORDS MANAGEMENT
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RE ST. LOUIS TEL CALL TO BUREAU, MARCH 13, 1978.

IN THE COURSE OF FILE REVIEW IN AN UNRELATED MATTER,
SL 3167-C, ST. LOUIS FILE 137-16185, BUFILE 137-36945, WAS REVIEWED.
THIS FILE CONTAINED A CONTACT MEMORANDUM DATED MARCH 19, 1974,
WHICH CONTAINED INFORMATION RELATING TO SEVERAL CRIMINAL MATTERS
AND ALSO CONTAINED THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH:

"DURING THE FALL OF 1973, FIVE OR SIX MONTHS AGO, DATE NOT
RECALLED, BEYERS CAME TO THE SHOP INQUIRING AS TO WHETHER THEY
COULD GET TOGETHER TO TALK, AND THEY LATER DID SO AT PIZZA AND
CREAM, CLAYTON, MO., IN THE AREA OF A BROAD-DUGAN PAINT STORE,
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ABOUT HIMSELF AND HIS BUSINESS, AND THEY LATER WENT TO INFORMANT'S HOUSE WHERE BEYERS TOLD A STORY ABOUT VISITING A LAWYER IN ST. LOUIS COUNTY, NOW DECEASED, NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED, WHO HAD OFFERED TO GIVE HIM A CONTRACT TO KILL MARTIN LUTHER KING. HE SAID THAT ALSO PRESENT WAS A SHORT, STOCKY MAN, WHO WALKED WITH A LIMP. (LATER, WITH REGARD TO THE LATTER INDIVIDUAL, BEYERS COMMENTED THAT THIS MAN WAS ACTUALLY THE INDIVIDUAL WHO MADE THE PAYOFF OF JAMES EARL RAY AFTER THE KILLING.) BEYERS SAID HE HAD DECLINED TO ACCEPT THIS CONTRACT. HE DID REMARK THAT THIS LAWYER HAD CONFEDERATE FLAGS AND OTHER ITEMS ABOUT THE HOUSE THAT MIGHT INDICATE THAT HE WAS 'A REAL REBEL'. BEYERS ALSO COMMENTED THAT HE HAD BEEN OFFERED EITHER \$10,000 OR \$20,000 TO KILL KING."

EXTENSIVE FURTHER RESEARCH IN THE ST. LOUIS INDICES AND FILES FAILED TO REVEAL THIS INFORMATION WAS IF ANY WAY DISSEMINATED AND THE INFORMATION SIMPLY REPOSES IN THE INFORMANT FILE.

ABOVE IS BEING FURNISHED FOR INFORMATION AND NO ACTION BEING TAKEN UACB. LETTER AND LHM FOLLOW.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director (62-117290)
(Attention: Congressional Inquiry Unit
Records Management Division)
FROM : SAC, Springfield (91-0)

DATE: 4-12-78

SUBJECT: HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE
ON ASSASSINATIONS

ReButelcall 3-28-78 from SA JAY ALDHIZER.

SA ALDHIZER advised that the House Select Committee on Assassinations, after reviewing SI file No. 91-3699, captioned "UNSUB (2); BANK OF ALTON, ILLINOIS," requested that a photograph taken of a suspect be forwarded to FBIHQ.

Per Bureau instructions contained in Bulet to Albany 10-28-77, SI File 91-3699 was destroyed 12-19-77 and no photograph is available.

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The Deputy Attorney General

April 5, 1978

Director, FBI

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In accordance with Attorney General Order 116-56, this memorandum advises that Special Agent James W. Sammon of the Jackson Field Office was interviewed on March 16, 1978. A memorandum setting forth Mr. Sammon's account of this interview is enclosed for your information.

Enclosure

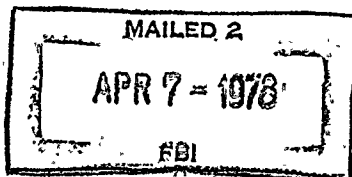
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-117290)

FROM: SAC, JACKSON (62-544) (C)

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Enclosed for the Bureau are original and three copies of an LHM reflecting results of interview of SA JAMES W. SAMMON by representatives of aforementioned committee 3/16/78, at Washington, D.C.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Jackson, Mississippi 39205

March 28, 1978

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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE
ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)

On March 16, 1978, from 2:12 p.m., to 3:54 p.m., SA James W. Sammon, assigned Jackson, Mississippi, FBI Division, appeared before representatives of the House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA) at Washington, D.C.

SA Sammon was questioned by Mark A. Speiser, Peter G. Beeson, and Wendy S. Collins, all of whom identified themselves through the use of credentials, as being associated with aforementioned committee. (214)

At the outset, SA Sammon was asked to furnish background information concerning his career with the FBI, the number of offices and dates assigned and classifications worked.

SA Sammon was asked to identify Special Agents in Charge (SACs) and Assistant Special Agents in Charge (ASACs) assigned to the Miami, Florida, FBI Office during the period of 1961-1964, when SA Sammon was so assigned to that office. The identity of these SACs was furnished as Wesley G. Grapp and Fred A. Frobrose (phonetic). It was explained that former SAC Frobrose is now deceased.

SA Sammon was asked to identify members of his squad while he was assigned to the Miami Office. SA Sammon advised that he would be unable to identify each and every Agent assigned to the Number 5 squad during the years of 1961 and 1964 inclusive, due to the length of time that had transpired since that period.

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SA Sammon was then asked if SAs Francis McCarron, Jack Dawson, Vincent Stacey, Leon Pryor, and Leonard C. Peterson were assigned to the Number 5 squad in Miami from 1961 through 1964. SA Sammon replied that SAs McCarron, Dawson, and Peterson were assigned to that squad; however, it was not Sammon's recollection that either Stacey or Pryor were so assigned.

SA Sammon was then asked to give a breakdown by classifications as to the responsibilities of each of the six Miami squads from 1961 through 1964, which information was furnished to the committee representatives. SA Sammon was asked to elaborate on the assignment of responsibilities to the Number 5 squad of Miami during that period of time. Those classifications furnished of that squad were applicants, accounting matters, including Hoffa and teamster investigations; civil rights; racial matters; and fugitive matters. It was explained that these were the major classifications assigned the Number 5 squad.

SA Sammon was questioned regarding his transfer from Miami to the Jackson Division in July, 1964, his location and investigative responsibilities while assigned to Mississippi, which reply was to the effect that Sammon was assigned to the Clarksdale, Mississippi, Resident Agency from 1964-1969, and to the Jackson, Mississippi, Headquarters of the FBI from 1969 to the present time. SA Sammon advised that while assigned to the Clarksdale, Mississippi, Resident Agency, he worked any and all investigative matters under the jurisdiction of the FBI which pertained to the territory covered by that resident agency. In response to a direct question, SA Sammon advised that his transfer from Miami to Jackson, Mississippi, was a routine nature and not of a disciplinary nature.

In response to a direct question, SA Sammon advised that he was the "backup Agent" assigned to Bill Somerset, an FBI informant, while SA Sammon was assigned to the Miami Division during the period of 1961-1964.

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SA Sammon was asked to identify Intelligence Division Officers of the Miami, Florida, Police Department, which SA Sammon was unable to do, nor was Sammon in a position to advise whether or not any information furnished by Somerset was disseminated to that intelligence unit during the period of 1961-1964.

SA Sammon was then queried at length regarding Ku Klux Klan activity in Mississippi beginning in 1964, in particular, information regarding United Klans of America (UKA), White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (WKKKK); and the "Silver Dollar Group" of the WKKKK Mississippi. SA Sammon furnished a lengthy dissertation regarding Klan activities in Mississippi since his arrival in 1964.

SA Sammon was then asked if he had conducted any investigation regarding "Merkin". SA Sammon replied that immediately after the shooting death of Dr. Martin Luther King, SA Sammon was assigned the responsibility of traveling through North Mississippi with photographs of the evidence left by King's assailant, exhibiting those photographs at motels, service stations, in North Mississippi to determine if any of the photographs could be identified.

SA Sammon was asked if he was aware of Somerset's attempt to assassinate King in Montgomery, Alabama, in 1958 through poisoning his food. SA Sammon advised the committee that he was not aware of any such attempts.

SA Sammon was then queried regarding Bureau regulations regarding amounts of money paid informants and policy of the Bureau to overseeing those payments. SA Sammon explained to the committee that such amounts are normally determined by the Agent contacting the informant and are paid on a COD basis based on the value of the information furnished by the informant. SA Sammon advised that the Bureau oversees these payments only in an auditing or accounting of the particular informant's payment fund.

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SA Sammon was then questioned regarding the Bureau policy in discontinuing informants and if the informants are advised that they are being so discontinued. SA Sammon advised that the informant is so advised when he is discontinued, usually determined when the informant has furnished a lack of positive information, or when he has exposed himself as an informant, and of course upon his death.

SA Sammon was then questioned regarding Somerset's personal involvement in violence; Somerset's personal bigotry toward minority races; his bigotry regarding union membership; his carrying of weapons; and Somerset's knowledge of explosive devices; and information furnished by Somerset regarding Thomas Albert "Tommy" Tarrants.

To these questions, SA Sammon advised that he did not have any personal information of acts of violence performed by Somerset; and that the only personal bigotry exhibited by Somerset was Somerset's apparent dislike for SA Sammon, as Somerset felt that SA Sammon was of Jewish descent. SA Sammon advised that he had no knowledge of any acts of bigotry in union membership as indicated by Somerset, nor was SA Sammon aware of Somerset ever carrying a weapon or Somerset's knowledge of any explosive devices. SA Sammon advised the committee that he did not recall Somerset ever furnishing any information regarding Thomas Albert "Tommy" Tarrants; however, SA Sammon was acquainted with Tarrants, having been involved in a firearms shootout confrontation with Tarrants in 1969. The committee pressed for further details concerning this shootout and the committee was advised that in August, 1969, Tarrants and two other inmates of the Mississippi State Penitentiary (MSP), Parchman, Mississippi, escaped from that penitentiary and were thereafter subjects of an unlawful flight to avoid confinement investigation, and were considered by the FBI to be Federal fugitives. The committee was advised that in August, 1969, information was received by the Jackson, Mississippi, Office that the three escapees were hiding in a heavily wooded dense area near Jackson, Mississippi. Thereafter, SA Sammon and many other Jackson, Mississippi, Agents attempted to locate and apprehend Tarrants and the two other inmates, which attempts resulted in a gun battle, causing one of the inmates, name unrecalled, to be killed by

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law enforcement officers, consisting of FBI Agents, Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol (MHSP) officers, and those of the Rankin County Sheriff's Office. The committee was advised that this was SA Sammon's first and last contact with Tarrants. SA Sammon in answer to specific questions, advised that he had no personal knowledge of the acts of Tarrants performed on a residence of a Jewish businessman in Meridian, Mississippi.

SA Sammon was then questioned regarding the availability of FBI informants to other Federal or local law enforcement agencies, and the Bureau policy as pertaining to that availability. SA Sammon advised the committee that it is the practice of the FBI, as well as other law enforcement agencies, not to reveal the identity of Bureau informants to those agencies, even though the information furnished by those informants may be disseminated to those agencies.

The committee at this point took exception with SA Sammon indicating it was their feeling that the FBI "receives all information but does not share information" with other law enforcement agencies, Federal, state, and local. The committee at this point was unequivocally advised that this has not and is not the case of the FBI, and that information obtained by the FBI which is of an interest to those agencies, is disseminated to them, even though the identity of the informant furnishing such information is not revealed to those agencies.

SA Sammon was again asked for his knowledge as to the availability of Bill Somerset to the Intelligence Unit of the Miami, Florida, Police Department, to which SA Sammon again advised that he was not aware of such availability during the years of 1961-1964, the only period that SA Sammon was acquainted with Somerset.

SA Sammon was asked as to the degree of confidence and reliability regarding the information furnished by Somerset while an FBI informant. SA Sammon advised from 1961-1964, it was his opinion that the information furnished by Somerset was reliable, and that SA Sammon had confidence in that information.

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At one point during the questioning, when SA Sammon was being questioned as to squad assignment classifications, and identities of Agents of the Miami, Florida, FBI Office from 1961-1964, SA Sammon advised the committee that as that period of time was from 14-17 years in the past, SA Sammon would try to be as accurate as possible as to months and years involved; however, the committee was reminded SA Sammon's recollection of the events may be six months to perhaps a year off. Mark Speiser advised SA Sammon that the committee would only allow a four month leeway. This comment may have been misunderstood by SA Sammon and may have been in jest by Speiser; however, in any regard, Speiser was advised that SA Sammon stood on his previous statement that events occurring 14-17 years ago would be timed as accurately as SA Sammon possibly could; however, there would be no "four month allowance" imposed on SA Sammon, unless the committee intended to furnish him documentary verification. There was no such documentary verification furnished SA Sammon during his interrogation, with the exception of SA Sammon being furnished a lengthy article from what appeared to be the "Parade" or pictorial section of the Miami, Florida, Herald, Sunday Supplement Newspaper, which article appeared to be regarding Bill Somerset. This article was furnished SA Sammon briefly in an effort to identify Somerset by photograph as it appeared in the article. SA Sammon was unable to positively identify Somerset, due to the length of time involved, and the fact that the photograph was not a good likeness, or Xerox copy, as the photograph of Somerset, made him appear older and thinner in appearance. SA Sammon advised the committee that the poor photograph did resemble Somerset; however, if the committee had not advised Sammon that it was of Somerset, SA Sammon would be unable to identify him. SA Sammon was not furnished the article to read.

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SA Sammon was furnished a name of an individual in Miami, Florida, which name SA Sammon failed to record, and therefore the identity of that individual is not recalled by SA Sammon. SA Sammon was asked by the committee if he was acquainted with this individual. SA Sammon advised the individual was unknown to him.

SA Sammon was then advised that this individual was a house painter in Miami, and SA Sammon was asked if Bill Somerset was acquainted with this individual.

SA Sammon advised that he then recalled that this individual may be identical to a person who was at the scene of the James Meredith integration disorder at the University of Mississippi, Oxford, Mississippi, which SA Sammon believed to be in 1963. The committee was advised that the incident arose over Meredith, a Negro, attempting to register to attend the University of Mississippi.

SA Sammon recalled that a lead was received at the Miami Office to identify and interview this Miami house painter as his vehicle had been observed at the University of Mississippi campus during the disorder involving the registration of Meredith at that university.

SA Sammon advised that he and SA Leonard C. Peterson contacted Bill Somerset for background information on this individual and that Somerset was acquainted with house painter and furnished SA Peterson background information concerning this individual, to the best of SA Sammon's recollection involving the house painter being a member of National States Rights Party (NSRP).

Thereafter, SA Sammon assisted SA Peterson in the interview of this individual in Miami in either the summer of 1963 or 1964. SA Sammon recalled that the individual was painting a house at the time of the

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interview, was very hostile towards the interviewing Agents; however, at the persistence of SA Peterson he was interviewed regarding his appearance at the University of Mississippi.

A short time thereafter, an article appeared in the newspaper of the NSRP on the front page which was submitted by this house painter. This article referred to his interview with SA Peterson and SA Sammon, and referred to Peterson as "a blond haired Swede" and to SA Sammon as "a Jew bastard" or words to that effect.

SA Sammon was asked if he was acquainted with Joseph A. Milteer, or if Somerset ever furnished any information regarding Milteer and his activities. SA Sammon advised he was not acquainted with Milteer and did not recall Somerset furnishing any information regarding him.

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Date 4/11/78

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

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (66-2242) (P)

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BUDED 4/21/78

Re Bureau teletype to Atlanta, Los Angeles, and
 Memphis 3/29/78, and Bureau telephone call to Atlanta 3/31/78.

By separate package, Atlanta is sending FBIHQ,
 xerox copies of 8 volumes of documents that were in the
 Atlanta file on MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., 100-5586 - volumes
 74 through 81 as requested by FBIHQ.

Referenced Bureau teletype had indicated that
 in connection with the investigation into the assassination
 of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., the HSCA had requested access
 to various field office files including the entire Atlanta
 security file concerning MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., (AT file
 100-5586). One legible copies of documents in this Atlanta
 file was to be furnished to FBIHQ. DC

The Bureau subsequently advised Atlanta in referenced
 Bureau telephone call, that the HSCA wanted Atlanta to
 first furnish those documents in KING's Atlanta security
 file that covered the period 1/1/68 through 4/30/68 and

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when these were xeroxed they were to be sent to FBIHQ right away. When this phase was completed, then the remaining documents in KING's Atlanta file were to be xeroxed and sent to FBIHQ.

Atlanta noted that the Atlanta file on MARTIN LUTHER KING consists of 81 volumes and that the documents in this file covering the period 1/1/68 - 4/30/68 were in volumes 74 through 80. Since the KING file only contained 81 volumes, Atlanta decided to submit volumes 74 through 81 at this time and the remaining volumes, namely 1 through 73, will be sent to FBIHQ as soon as they are xeroxed by Atlanta.

One xerox copy of the following volumes of the Atlanta file on MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., is being sent to FBIHQ at this time.

1. 100-5586 Volume 74
Serials 6681 - 6801
2. 100-5586 Volume 75
Serials 6802 - 6906
3. 100-5586 Volume 76
Serials 6907 - 7028
4. 100-5586 Volume 77
Serials 7029 - 8000
(the serialization in this volume
was incorrect as it should have
been 7029 - 7100 instead of 8000)
(in addition serials 7066 and 7067
were skipped)
5. 100-5586 Volume 78
Serials 8001 - 8107 (serial 8016
skipped in serialization)
6. 100-5586 Volume 79
Serials 8108 - 8199
7. 100-5586 Volume 80
Serials 8200 - 8325

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8. 100-5586 Volume 81 (last volume)
 Serials 8326 - 8361

As mentioned previously, Atlanta will send the xeroxed copies of the documents in Volumes 1 through 73 to FBIHQ as soon as they are completed.

1 - Mr. J. A. Mintz
(Attn: D. O. Coulson)
1 - Mr. W. L. Bailey
1 - Mr. G. J. Foster

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

Reference is made to letter to the Attorney General from G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director, HSCA, dated March 7, 1978, which, in connection with the HSCA's investigation into the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., requested certain material from files of the FBI.

On April 7, 1978, HSCA staff member Peter Beeson advised that it is not necessary to process material in response to Item 1 of referenced letter, Birmingham Field Office files on the United Klans of America.

Information concerning Item 2, Miami Field Office file concerning William A. Sommersett, has been processed and is available for HSCA access at FBI Headquarters.

With respect to Item 3, information pertaining to the FBI's informant coverage of listed extremist organizations, Mr. Beeson furnished the following modification on April 7, 1978. It will not be necessary for the FBI to furnish an informant numerical breakdown on the national level for these organizations. The HSCA desires to know whether or not informant coverage was effected at the national and state levels for each organization. Also, the number of informants covering each group is desired for New Orleans, Birmingham, Memphis, Chicago, Atlanta and Los Angeles. The State of Mississippi can be eliminated. Finally, the HSCA desires to know the number of informants in these groups who were officers and the number who were only rank-and-file members. Any report prepared by the FBI's Inspection Division concerning the quality and quantity of informant coverage in these localities for these organizations is also needed. Efforts to respond to this item are underway and the HSCA will be advised upon completion.

Retrievable information concerning individuals listed on pages 2 and 3 of referenced request has been processed and is available for HSCA access at FBI Headquarters.

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SEE NOTE PAGE 2

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On March 27, 1978, HSCA staff member Richard Rase was advised of the availability of this information. Where information is not provided, it is either not retrievable or is not being furnished pursuant to Memorandum of Understanding.

NOTE: See letter to Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch, dated 4/14/78, captioned as above, prepared by JTA:lfj.

1 - Mr. W. L. Bailey
1 - Mr. J. A. Mintz
(Attn: D. O. Coulson)
1 - Mr. G. J. Foster

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

April 14, 1978

Director, FBI

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Reference is made to letter to the Attorney General from G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director, HSCA, dated March 7, 1978, which, in connection with the HSCA's investigation into the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., requested certain material from files of the FBI.

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

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NOTE: By teletype dated 3/14/78, the Miami Office was instructed to furnish a copy of its informant file on Sommersett. Sommersett's identity has been disclosed to the HSCA because he has been publicly identified as a former Bureau informant. Through its file destruction program, Miami destroyed all sections of Sommersett's file except the latter volume, covering approximately 1962-1968. A copy of this volume is being made available to the HSCA.

Regarding Item 3, on 3/27/78 HSCA staff member Peter Beeson advised that no action be taken until the HSCA decides exactly what it desires regarding informant coverage requests. Results of the HSCA's modification of this item are contained in attached memorandum.

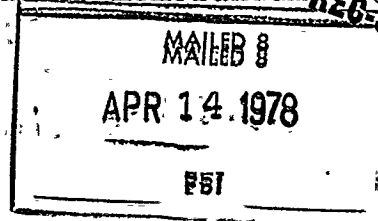
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Select Committee on Assassinations

U.S. House of Representatives

2331 HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING, ANNEX 2

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

MAR 7 1978

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

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

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

While reviewing FBI files previously requested in connection with our investigation of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., staff members of this Committee have determined that access to certain additional information is necessary at this time. The Committee therefore requests that the FBI make available for review the following files and materials:

1. The Birmingham Field Office files on the United Klans of America.
2. All retrievable information on William Augustus Somerset contained within the Miami Field Office files.
3. A numerical breakdown, nationally and by state, (limited, of course, to those states for which files of the organization's activities have been previously requested) of the Bureau's informant coverage of the organizations set forth below. The positions of the informants (i.e. rank and file member vs. officer) within these groups should also be specified. Any reports prepared by the Inspection Division of the FBI on the quality as well as the quantity of informant coverage of the organizations is also desired. The subject organizations, previously identified in our letters dated January 26, 1978 and February 28, 1978, are as follows:
 - a. United Klans of America
 - b. White Citizens' Council
 - c. Minutemen
 - d. Liberty Lobby

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- e. Black Panthers
- f. Black Muslims
- g. American Nazi Party
- h. Forever White
- i. The Sword
- j. The Fiery Cross
- k. The White Camelia
- l. The Silver Dollar Group
- m. Constitution Party

The informant information we request for these organizations pertain to the period of January 1, 1967 through December 31, 1968. The locations we are primarily concerned with include:

New Orleans, Louisiana
Birmingham, Alabama
Memphis, Tennessee
Chicago, Illinois
Atlanta, Georgia
Los Angeles, California
State of Mississippi

In addition to the aforementioned locations, with respect to item (m) we would appreciate your making available the same information in St. Louis, Missouri and Miami, Florida.

With respect to items (a) through (l) above, the information requested should be prepared for the following locations during the periods enumerated:

Birmingham, Alabama - January-June, 1963
St. Augustine, Florida - January-June, 1964
State of Mississippi - March-September, 1964
State of Alabama - January-June, 1965.

Additionally, it is necessary that we obtain access to any files or records in the possession of the Bureau relating to the individuals noted below:

1. Robert J. Reynolds - 3400 3/4 Walnut Grove Ave., Rosemead, California. Former address: 1712 Santa Anita Avenue, Arcadia, California.
2. Rev. Earl Anglin James aka E. A. Jones - Date of birth: 4/23/01. James is alluded to in the following FBI files: 44-1574-1645
New Orleans 157-10673-1125
Los Angeles 44-38861-4461
New Orleans 44-38861-4464

4. Mrs. Sun Loo - 962 Dundas Street, Toronto, Canada.
5. Charles H. Sapp - 540 Grand Canal Drive, Miami, Florida.
6. Everett Kay - 8760 S.W. 41st Terrace, Miami, Florida. Telephone: 305-221-5921.
7. Donald Lee Mitchell - Date of birth: 3/27/42. P.O.B. Pochontos, Arkansas. FBI #432652-D (X00 312)
8. Link Rodney - Whitehaven, Tennessee.
9. George R. Brachett - Work address: 330 W. 9th Street, Hialeach, Florida. Home address: 10430 N.W. 36th Street, Miami, Florida.
10. Lauren E. "Skip" Hall - Kanville, California.
11. Henry Shand Tillman - Memphis, Tennessee

6/11/30/40 2795 RIDGEFIELD, MEMPHIS, TENN.
Your prompt attention to this matter will be sincerely appreciated.

Very truly yours,

G. Robert Blakey

G. Robert Blakey
Chief Counsel and Director

GRB:msj
cc: Mr. Danny O. Coulson

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

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (62-7841) (1) (RUC)

RE: HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE
ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)
 BUDED: APRIL 21, 1978

Re Bureau teletype to Los Angeles dated 3/29/78.

One box of documents is being forwarded to the Bureau via registered mail. This box contains one copy each of all documents contained in Los Angeles files 100-57229 and 100-65141 which fall within the period 1/1/67 - 6/30/68.

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Date 4/3/78

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
 ATTENTION: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT
 RECORDS MANAGEMENT DIVISION

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (66-2280) (RUC)

SUBJECT: HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS

Re Bureau teletype to Birmingham, 3/28/78.

Being furnished the Bureau is one copy each of the Birmingham files regarding the bombing of the Gaston Motel, Birmingham, Alabama, May of 1963, and the bombing of Reverend A. D. KING's residence, Birmingham, Alabama, May of 1963. (PC)

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Date 4/7/78

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

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

SUBJECT: ~~HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON~~
ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)

BUDED: 4/12/78

Re Bureau teletype to Memphis dated 3/28/78 and
Bureau teletype to Atlanta, Los Angeles, and Memphis dated
3/29/78.

Enclosed under separate cover for the Bureau are
2 volumes containing Xerox copies of serials maintained in
Memphis file 100-4105 captioned "MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.;
SECURITY MATTER - C."

The enclosed material contains copies of or accounts
for all serials maintained in Memphis file 100-4105. This
file contains no 1-A exhibits and no bulky exhibits.

Serials 15, 16, 33, and 34 were sent to the Bureau
in connection with cases entitled "BERNARD S. LEE Vs
CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION
#76-1185," Bufile 62-117194, and "SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADER-
SHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC), Vs CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C.,
D.C.) CIVIL ACTION #76-1186," Bufile 62-117193.

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Serial 15 of Memphis file 100-4105 is Atlanta LHM dated 6/18/65 captioned "MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.; SM - C."

Serial 16 of Memphis file 100-4105 is Atlanta airtel to the Bureau dated 6/18/65 captioned "MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.; SM - C."

Serial 33 of Memphis file 100-4105 is Atlanta teletype to the Bureau, Memphis, and Jackson dated 6/8/66 captioned "RACIAL MATTERS, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE" and "MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.; SM -C."

Serial 34 of Memphis file 100-4105 is Atlanta teletype to the Bureau, Chicago, and Memphis dated 6/9/66 captioned "MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.; SM - C."

The Memphis Office is processing the SCLC file and will promptly submit appropriate material when completed.

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3331 HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING, ANNEX 2

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

March 31, 1978

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

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

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

By letter dated December 13, 1977, this Committee requested that the Department of Justice and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, respectively, provide the Committee with documents and lists of attorneys and agents relative to a) the FBI COINTELPRO program directed against Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and b) the MURKIN investigation.

By January 25, 1978, the FBI had complied with that portion of the request which pertained to its files and its agents. However, the Department of Justice has yet to supply the similar materials requested of it. Any further delay in compliance will begin to interfere substantially with the efforts of this Committee to resolve in a professional and thorough manner any issues surrounding the responsibility of Federal law enforcement and activities in the conduct of the MURKIN investigation. Therefore, in order to avoid a delay with such effects, it is necessary that the Department of Justice comply with this Committee's request of December 13, 1977 by no later than April 10, 1978.

Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

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Sincerely,

G. Robert Blakey

G. Robert Blakey
Chief Counsel and Director

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cc: Danny Coulson

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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)

RE FBIHQ TELEPHONE CALL TO ATLANTA, MARCH 2, 1978,
AND FBIHQ TELETYPE TO ATLANTA, MARCH 3, 1978. ⁴⁸²

FBIHQ ADVISED ATLANTA IN REFERENCED TELETYPE THAT THE HSCA, BY LETTER DATED FEBRUARY 3, 1978, REQUESTED THE FBI PROVIDE THE COMMITTEE WITH PHOTOGRAPHS OF ALL ATLANTA AGENTS ASSIGNED TO THE SECURITY INVESTIGATION ON DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., DURING THE PERIOD 1967-1968. THIS REQUEST WAS INTERPRETED TO INCLUDE ALL ATLANTA AGENTS ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN THE SECURITY INVESTIGATION OF KING DURING THE PERIOD IN QUESTION. AS A RESULT, ATLANTA WAS REQUESTED BY FBIHQ TO FURNISH THE BUREAU WITH A LIST ^{EX-106} ALL ATLANTA AGENTS ASSIGNED TO KING'S SECURITY INVESTIGATION BY COB MARCH 8, 1978.

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✓ ATLANTA NOTED THAT THE ATLANTA SECURITY INVESTIGATION FILE FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., ATLANTA FILE 100-5586, CONSISTED OF 81 VOLUMES, CONTAINING 8361 SERIALS. VOLUMES 59 TO 80 COVERED THE PERIOD 1967-1968.

THIS SECURITY INVESTIGATION OF KING BY ATLANTA HAD BEEN ASSIGNED TO SA ALAN G. SENTINELLA ON MAY 21, 1965, AND SA SENTINELLA HAD THIS CASE ASSIGNED TO HIM FOR THE ENTIRE PERIOD OF 1967-1968. SA SENTINELLA'S ATLANTA SUPERVISOR DURING 1967 AND 1968 WAS SA CHARLES S. HARDING.

ATLANTA THEN REVIEWED VOLUMES 59 THROUGH 80 OF THE KING SECURITY FILE AND IT WAS NOTED THAT SA ALAN G. SENTINELLA APPEARED TO BE THE ONLY ATLANTA AGENT THAT TOOK AN ACTIVE PART IN THE HANDLING OF THIS CASE IN 1967-1968. SA SENTINELLA PREPARED ALL OUTGOING COMMUNICATIONS REGARDING KING, HIS NAME WAS SHOWN IN THE BLOCKSTAMP OF ALMOST ALL THE INCOMING COMMUNICATIONS TO ATLANTA REGARDING KING, AND IN ADDITION, SA SENTINELLA HANDLED THE ONE INFORMATION, NAMELY FORMER JFK Act 6 (4) WHO FURNISHED A GREAT DEAL OF INFORMATION REGARDING KING DURING 1967-1968.

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W THERE WAS NO INDICATION FROM THIS REVIEW OF KING'S FILE THAT ANY OTHER ATLANTA AGENTS TOOK AN ACTIVE PART IN THE INVESTIGATION OF KING OR WERE ASSIGNED TO THE KING INVESTIGATION.

IN THIS FILE REVIEW, ATLANTA ONLY NOTED ONE INSTANCE DURING THE PERIOD 1967-1968 IN WHICH ATLANTA AGENTS MADE ANY PHYSICAL OBSERVATION OF KING AND THAT WAS ON APRIL 25, 1967, WHEN STANLEY LEVISON VISITED ATLANTA. KING AND LEVISON WERE OBSERVED ON THIS OCCASION OUTSIDE SCLC HEADQUARTERS IN ATLANTA AND LATER AT THE ATLANTA AIRPORT WHERE LEVISON BOARDED A PLANE FOR NEW YORK. THE AGENTS MAKING THESE OBSERVATIONS WERE SA'S ALAN G. SENTINELLA, JOHN F. CUNNINGHAM, EDWARD U. CRIM, AND JAMES J. ROSE.

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

~~FEDERAL GOVERNMENT~~

March 6, 1978

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

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

Reference is made to letter to the Attorney General from G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director, HSCA, dated January 30, 1978, which, in connection with HSCA's investigation into the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., requested access to certain information at FBI Headquarters. Reference is also made to undated letter to the Attorney General from Mr. Blakey, which requested delivery of the material outlined in the letter of January 30, 1978.

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

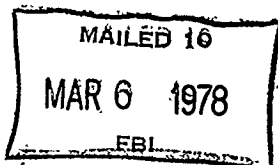
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NOTE: Remaining sections in the King security file will be processed and later delivered to the HSCA, along with other items desired in its referenced requests.

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March 6, 1978

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

Reference is made to letter to the Attorney General from G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director, HSCA, dated January 30, 1978, which, in connection with HSCA's investigation into the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., requested access to certain information at FBI Headquarters (FBIHQ). Reference is also made to undated letter to the Attorney General from Mr. Blakey, which requested delivery of the material outlined in the letter of January 30, 1978.

Among other items, referenced letters requested delivery of the main security file on Martin Luther King, Jr., for the period October 1, 1962, to December 31, 1966, and May 1, 1968, to April 1, 1969. This time period was modified on February 3, 1978, by HSCA Staff Attorney Michael Eberhardt, who also requested delivery of the King security file to include the period January 1, 1967, to April 30, 1968. Files covering this later period were previously processed for HSCA access pursuant to letter to the Attorney General from Mr. Blakey dated November 30, 1977.

This letter is to confirm that on March 3, 1978, the following sections of the King security file, covering the above-mentioned period, were delivered to HSCA staff member Gerald Hamilton at FBIHQ: 100-106670, Sections 1 and 2 (JUNE); and 100-106670, Sections 1 through 62 and Sections 66 through 86.

The remainder of the file, Sections 63, 64 and 65, are being processed and, upon completion, will be delivered to the HSCA, along with other items requested in referenced letters.

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NOTE: See Director, FBI, letter to Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch, dated 3/6/78, captioned, "House Select Committee on Assassinations, U. S. House of Representatives (HSCA)."

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Select Committee on Assassinations

U.S. House of Representatives

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

January 30, 1978

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

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

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

In connection with the investigation by this Committee into the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., a request was made by letter dated November 30, 1977, for FBI files relating to Dr. King. These files included the following:

1. The main security file on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., for the period January 1, 1967 through May 1, 1968.
2. The main file on the Southern Christian Leadership Conference for the period January 1, 1967 through May 1, 1968.
3. The file on the Memphis Sanitation Strike for the period January 1, 1968 through May 1, 1968.
4. The file on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr./Poor People's March for the period December 1, 1967 through May 1, 1968.
5. All materials pertaining to Martin Luther King, Jr., and the SCLC in the COINTELPRO file.

We have been advised that all of the above files are now available for review by the Committee.

It is now requested, however, that the foregoing files, except for the Memphis Sanitation Strike, be prepared for Committee review for the following extended dates:

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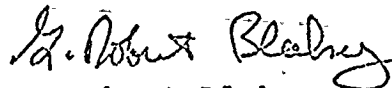
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1. The main security file on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., for the periods:
 - a. October 1, 1962 - December 31, 1966
 - b. May 1, 1968 - April 1, 1969
2. The main file on the Southern Christian Leadership Conference for the periods:
 - a. October 1, 1962 - December 31, 1966
 - b. May 1, 1968 - April 1, 1969
3. The COMINFIL and COINTELPRO files as such relate to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., for the periods:
 - a. October 1, 1962 - December 31, 1966
 - b. May 1, 1968 - April 1, 1969
4. The files on the Poor Peoples' March from May 1, 1968 to the closing date of this file.

Your prompt attention to these matters will be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,



G. Robert Blakey
Chief Counsel and Director

GRB:med

cc: Danny O. Coulson

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

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

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

In connection with this Committee's investigation into the circumstances surrounding the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., we would appreciate copies of the following serials as soon as possible:

LA MURKIN 44-1574D-145
LA MURKIN 44-1574D-150
LA MURKIN 44-1574D-151
LA MURKIN 44-1574D-152
LA MURKIN 44-1574D-174
LA MURKIN 44-1574D-213

LA MURKIN 44-1574D-216
LA MURKIN 44-1574D-380
LA MURKIN 44-1574D-381
LA MURKIN 44-1574D-495
LA MURKIN 1574-1629
LA MURKIN 1574-1763
LA MURKIN 1574-1897

BUFILE 44-38861-5539
BUFILE 44-38861-5540
BUFILE 44-38861-5558

Thank you for your prompt assistance.

Sincerely,

G. Robert Blakey

G. Robert Blakey
Chief Counsel and Director

GRB:ghd

cc: Danny Coulson

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

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (62-6603) (C)

SUBJECT: HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS
 BUDED: 3/24/78

Re Bureau teletype to Miami, 3/14/78.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 75 serials gleaned from WILLIAM SOMERSETT's informant file at Miami.

Enclosures may or may not have been in Bureau informant file.

Prior volumes of informant file were inadvertently destroyed.

Miami indices negative regarding WILLIAM AUGUSTUS SOMMERSETT or SUMERSET, SUMMERSET, SUMERSETT, or SUMMERSETT.

Indices contain one index card regarding WILLIE A. SOMERSET, Miami file 157-2354-66. This serial is a letterhead memorandum regarding Washington Spring Project dated 2/27/68 sent to Bureau file 157-8428 by Birmingham airtel, 2/29/68. A review of this serial did not reveal the name SOMERSET.

Indices contain one index card regardng WILLIE A. SOMERSETT, Miami file 173-249. This file has been destroyed per Manual of Rules and Regulations. 62-117290-608

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March 27, 1978

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Letter #3

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

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

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

In connection with the investigation by this Committee into the circumstances surrounding the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., it is requested that the Federal Bureau of Investigation assist the Select Committee on Assassinations with respect to the following matters:

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

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

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

- h) All file material, including Identification Division records, on Alan O. Thompson, dob 12/25/1913.
 - i) All file material including Identification Division records on J. C. Hardin, FBI 190-190C
- 2) Prepare for delivery the following serials:
- a) 66-16458-297; 319; 328; Not Recorded (Director to SAC, B'ham, MM, Mobile 1/23/64, re: Willie Somerset)
 - b) 66-16458 Not Recorded (2/20/64 Airtel SAC, MM to Director)
 - c) 66-16458 Not Recorded (3/12/64 Airtel Miami - Director, re: BAPBOMB and Sidney C. Barnes)
 - d) 66-16458-333; 336
 - e) 15-1657-3; 1; 8; 5; 24; 28; 34; 35
 - f) 157-1263 Not Recorded (2/6/64 Teletype SAC, MM to Director requesting permission to tape conversation of Somerset and Barnes)
 - g) 157-1025-809; 509
 - h) 157-4-63-26
 - i) 105-65374-227
 - j) 62-112591-621

3) Make available for interviews the following Agents:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thank you for your continued assistance.

Sincerely,

G. Robert Blakey

G. Robert Blakey
Chief Counsel and Director

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/cc: Danny Coulson

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FM NEW ORLEANS (66-2878)

TO DIRECTOR (62-117290) ROUTINE

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ATTENTION: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT, RECORDS MANAGEMENT DIV.

HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA); BUDED: MARCH 24, 1978.

REBUTEL, MARCH 21, 1978.

INFORMATION CONCERNING THE UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA (UKA) DURING 1967 - 1968, WITH REGARD TO NEW ORLEANS DIVISION, IS CONTAINED IN NEW ORLEANS FILE 105-687. DURING THIS TIME FRAME, THE FOLLOWING SAS WERE ASSIGNED AS CASE AGENTS:

HENRY J. FLYNN - EXACT LOCATION UNKNOWN, POSSIBLY NEW HAVEN, CASE AGENT FROM JAN., 1967 - APRIL, 1967.

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LONDON M. HOWARD - CURRENTLY ASSIGNED NEW ORLEANS DIV., BATON ROUGE RA, CASE AGENT FROM APRIL, 1967 - OCT., 1967.

CLEMENT J. HOOD - RETIRED, LOCATION UNKNOWN, CASE AGENT FROM OCT., 1967 - DEC., 1968.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OF BUREAU, NEW ORLEANS UKA FILE FROM 1967 TO 1968, CURRENT VOLUME 67 TO VOLUME 111. THE FILE HAS A TOTAL OF 44 VOLUMES AND SERIALS FOR THIS TIME PERIOD COVER 3339 TO 5480, OR A TOTAL OF 2,141 SERIALS.

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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA). BUDED
MARCH 24, 1978.

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MEMPHIS CASE AGENTS WHO HANDLED INVESTIGATION OF THE
UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA (UKA) DURING 1967-1968 ARE AS FOLLOWS:

SA MERRILL E. MC CLOUGHAN WAS ASSIGNED THE UKA CASE
DURING PERIOD JUNE 13, 1966 - MAY 6, 1968. THE CASE WAS
REASSIGNED TO SA ROBERT FITZPATRICK ON MAY 7, 1968, AND WAS
SO ASSIGNED THROUGHOUT THE REMAINDER OF 1968. SA MC CLOUGHAN
RETIRED IN 1968. HIS CURRENT ADDRESS IS NOT KNOWN TO THE
MEMPHIS OFFICE. SA FITZPATRICK IS CURRENTLY ASSIGNED TO
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TO DIRECTOR (62-117290) (ROUTINE)

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ATTN: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT, RECORDS MANAGEMENT DIVISION

HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA), BUDED:

MARCH 24, 1978.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO ATLANTA AND OTHER OFFICES,
MARCH 21, 1978. ⁵⁴⁰

REVIEW OF BIRMINGHAM FILE REVEALS CASE AGENT WHO HANDLED
INVESTIGATION ON THE UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA (UKA) DURING THE
PERIOD JANURY, 1967 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1968 WAS MARVIN M.
EUBANKS. EUBANKS NOW RETIRED AND LIVING AT ROUTE 8, BOX 47A,
CULLMAN, ALA. 35055, TELEPHONE 205-734-1845.

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TO ST. LOUIS ROUTINE

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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA).

RE INVESTIGATION INTO ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., HSCA BY LETTER DATED MARCH 27, 1978, REQUESTED BANK AND/OR FINANCIAL RECORDS WHICH WERE OBTAINED BY ST. LOUIS OFFICE FOR JERRY RAYNES, JAMES EARL RAY'S FATHER, IN CONNECTION WITH MURKIN INVESTIGATION.

ST. LOUIS SHOULD SEARCH THEIR MURKIN FILE (SL 44-775) FOR FINANCIAL AND/OR BANK RECORDS PERTAINING TO JERRY RAYNES AND FURNISH COPY OF THESE RECORDS TO ATTENTION OF CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT, RECORDS MANAGEMENT DIVISION, BY CLOSE OF BUSINESS APRIL 7, 1978.

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NOTE: Partial financial records re Jerry Raynes were furnished the HSCA by memorandum dated March 1, 1978. These were furnished as a result of HSCA request dated February 6, 1978, which asked for records of several of James Earl Ray's relatives exclusive of his father's records. Raynes' partial records were included as the inter-relationship between his and his daughter's (Carol Pepper), financial dealings. Based on this disclosure to the HSCA, they reformulated their request to include Jerry Raynes' records.

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FM DIRECTOR (62-117290)

TO ATLANTA (ROUTINE)

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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA).

HSCA BY LETTER DATED MARCH 23, 1978, REQUESTED IN PART THAT THE FBI FURNISH "ALL ORIGINAL TRANSPARENT LATENT LIFTS OF VALUE AND OF NO VALUE IN THE POSSESSION OF FBI HEADQUARTERS OR FIELD OFFICES WHICH WERE COLLECTED DURING THE COURSE OF THE MURKIN INVESTIGATION."

HSCA AGREED TO LIMIT FIELD OFFICE REQUEST TO ATLANTA AND MEMPHIS OFFICES. PHOTOS OF ALL LATENTS OF VALUE SUBMITTED BY FIELD OFFICES HAVE BEEN PULLED FROM HEADQUARTERS FILE. HSCA AGREED TO ACCEPT PHOTOS OF LIFTS RATHER THAN ACTUAL LIFTS.

ATLANTA IS REQUESTED TO REVIEW MURKIN FILE FOR ANY LATENT FINGERPRINT LIFTS OBTAINED DURING COURSE OF INVESTIGATION AND, IF FEASIBLE, SUBMIT PHOTOGRAPHS OF THOSE LIFTS. IF NOT

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POSSIBLE SUBMIT ACTUAL LIFTS WHICH AFTER COPYING WILL BE RETURNED TO SUBMITTING OFFICE. EACH LIFT SUBMITTED, PHOTOGRAPH OR ACTUAL, SHOULD BE IDENTIFIED AS TO WHICH SERIAL IN ATLANTA FIELD OFFICE FILE CONTAINS DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION CONCERNING THAT LIFT. REQUESTED INFORMATION SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO FBI HEADQUARTERS, ATTENTION: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT, RECORDS MANAGEMENT DIVISION, BY CLOSE OF BUSINESS APRIL 14, 1978.

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NOTE: Susan Grimes, HSCA, advised that photographs of latent lifts obtained in MURKIN investigation in FBI Headquarters files would suffice. She stated that the HSCA was only interested in the Atlanta and Memphis Field Office MURKIN files being searched for latent lifts.

ASAC Dick Blay, Memphis, advised 4/6/78, Memphis MURKIN file sent to Freedom of Information - Privacy Act Branch, FBI Headquarters, including bulky exhibits.

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TO ATLANTA ROUTINE

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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA).

RE INVESTIGATION INTO ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.,
STAFF MEMBERS OF HSCA HAVE REQUESTED TO INTERVIEW SPECIAL AGENT ROBERT W.
THOMSON OF ATLANTA OFFICE. HSCA ADVISED THEY EXPECT TO HAVE SEVERAL
INVESTIGATORS IN ATLANTA DURING WEEK OF APRIL 3-7, 1978, AND WILL
INTERVIEW NUMBER OF RETIRED SPECIAL AGENTS WHILE THERE. HSCA INVESTIGA-
TORS WILL CONTACT THOMSON AT ATLANTA OFFICE DURING THAT WEEK TO ARRANGE
FINAL INTERVIEW DETAILS.

THOMSON HAS BEEN RELEASED FROM HIS EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT AND IS
AUTHORIZED TO PARTICIPATE IN HSCA INTERVIEW. BRIEFING OF THOMSON BY
REPRESENTATIVE OF LEGAL LIAISON AND CONGRESSIONAL AFFAIRS UNIT, FBIHQ,
WILL BE CONDUCTED TELEPHONICALLY PRIOR TO INTERVIEW. FOLLOWING INTER-
VIEW, THOMSON SHOULD SUBMIT LETTERHEAD MEMORANDUM CONTAINING BRIEF

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SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW. FORWARD TO FBIHQ BY COVER AIRTEL, ATTENTION:
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NOTE: By letter dated March 27, 1978, the HSCA requested interview of Thomson. Representatives of Legal Liaison and Congressional Affairs Unit and Congressional Inquiry Unit have no objections to interview being conducted in Atlanta. SA D. O. Coulson of Legal Liaison and Congressional Affairs Unit will conduct briefing of Thomson. Teletype confirms telephone conversation with ASAC Edmund J. Pistey on March 31, 1978, re the above.

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

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

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

In connection with the the investigation by this Committee into the circumstances surrounding the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., it is requested that the Federal Bureau of Investigation assist the Select Committee on Assassinations with respect to the matters outlined below:

- 1) Make available for interviews, the following FBI agents: *(112)*

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

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

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

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a) James D. York FBI #283-6207
b) William K. Livingston FBI #787-311C
c) Henry Alexander FBI #429-902C
d) Wilson Bragg FBI #752-173B
e) Raymond C. Britt, Jr. FBI# 404-5336
f) Gilbert Leroy Cameron - Date of birth: 2/5/33.
aka Leroy Bledsoe
aka Eugene Straub (e)

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

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

3) Prepare for access any material on:

- a) Marcelle Mathier - 3280 Belair Street
Apartment 210
Montreal, Canada
(1968 age 27)

- b) Lise Robillard - 155 St. Alexis Street
Charlemagne District
Montreal, Canada
(1968 age 19)

4) Prepare for delivery all file material on:

JFK Act 6 (4)

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

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

Your prompt attention to these matters is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

G. Robert Blakey

G. Robert Blakey
Chief Counsel and Director

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✓cc: Mr. Danny O. Coulson

- 1 - Mr. Long - Enc.
- 1 - Mr. Foster - Enc.
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The Deputy Attorney General

March 30, 1978

Director, FBI

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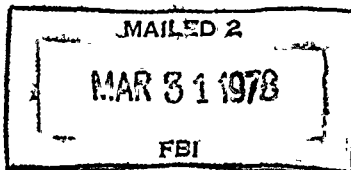
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In accordance with Attorney General Order 116-56, this memorandum advises that Special Agent Richard D. Rackleff of the Atlanta Field Office was interviewed on March 20, 1978. A memorandum setting forth Mr. Rackleff's account of this interview is enclosed for your information.

Enclosure

1 - Assistant Attorney General - Enclosure
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1 - Personnel file - Richard D. Rackleff - Enclosure



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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-117290)
 ATTN: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT,
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Re Bureau teletype to Atlanta, 3/17/78;
 telephone conversations between SA RICHARD D. RACKLEFF
 (AT) and SA JOHN ALDHIZER, Congressional Liaison,
 and SA DAN COULSON, Legal Unit, on 3/17/78.

Enclosed are the original and five copies
 of self-explanatory LHM reflecting the interview
 of SA RACKLEFF at Atlanta, Georgia by HSCA Investigators
ROBERT WALKER and FLOYD REEVES on 3/20/78.

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In Reply, Please Refer to
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Atlanta, Georgia

March 22, 1978

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Special Agent (SA) Richard D. Rackleff, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Atlanta Division, was contacted telephonically on Friday, March 17, 1978 by Robert Walker who identified himself as a Staff Investigator for the House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA). Walker made arrangements to meet with SA Rackleff at the intersection of North Avenue and Spring Street, Atlanta, Georgia, at 11:00 AM on Monday, March 20, 1978. Walker stated he would be in the company of a second Staff Investigator whom he identified as Mr. Reeves, a black male.

At 11:00 AM on March 20, 1978, SA Rackleff met with Robert Walker and Floyd Reeves, both of whom displayed credentials identifying themselves to be members of the Investigative Staff of the U. S. Congress. Reeves conducted the questioning and requested the information relating to the neighborhood canvassing conducted by SA Rackleff in the vicinity of North Highland Street and Ponce de Leon Avenue in April, 1968. Reeves inquired as to the person or persons coordinating the investigation conducted in the Atlanta Division and specifically asked whether other areas

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of Atlanta were canvassed in addition to this one particular area. Reeves specifically asked if other areas which were identified by markings on a map recovered from the apartment of James Earl Ray were canvassed in addition to this one area near North Highland Avenue and Ponce de Leon.

SA Rackleff explained he could not recall specifically how many markings were on the map, but believed there were basically four areas marked. He stated three of these markings were identifiable as being significant to the approximate location of the home and church of Doctor Martin Luther King, Jr. and the apartment of James Earl Ray. The fourth marking on the map as recalled by SA Rackleff was not significant or identifiable with any known activity of either James Earl Ray or Dr. King, and therefore an extremely thorough, door-to-door survey was conducted in an area well beyond the boundaries of the fourth marking on the map. Each and every adult member of each household was contacted and interviewed concerning any knowledge or association with James Earl Ray or Dr. Martin Luther King. Photographs of Ray were displayed and as best as could be recalled, there was no pertinent information developed specifically identifying any associates of either James Earl Ray or Dr. King.

The Special Agent in Charge of the Atlanta Division was identified as Frank Hitt, and the Assistant Special Agent in Charge at that time was identified as Jack Keith, Jr.

Mr. Reeves requested an additional interview of SA Rackleff in the Conference Room at the Headquarters of the Atlanta Police Department at 3:00 PM on that same date for the purpose of displaying a replica

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of the map recovered from Ray's apartment. At 3:00 PM, a second interview was conducted by Mr. Reeves and Mr. Walker. Mr. Reeves displayed what he identified to be a replica of the map recovered from Ray's apartment in April, 1968 and also displayed a legal sized handwritten paper showing separate investigations conducted by SA Harry Lee, SA James Riordan, and SA Rackleff in 1968. The investigation by SA Rackleff identified the streets and addresses canvassed during the neighborhood investigation. SA Rackleff explained that he reported to the Atlanta Office in about January 1968, and at the time of the investigation of the King assassination, he was not familiar with the streets and locations. SA Rackleff was unable to recall specifically observing the map displayed by Mr. Reeves, however, did identify three of the general areas marked as being the approximate location of the home and church of Dr. King and the apartment of James Earl Ray near 14th Street and Peachtree Street, N.E. The fourth marking on the map was identified as the area in which SA Rackleff conducted the above described neighborhood investigation.

SA Rackleff expressed his full and complete cooperation with the investigation of Mr. Walker and Mr. Reeves and Mr. Reeves stated they were very much appreciative and might request additional interviews at a later date.

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- 2 - Mr. Coulson - Enc.

The Deputy Attorney General

April 6, 1973

Director, FBI

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In accordance with Attorney General Order 116-56, this memorandum advises that former Special Agent Leonard C. Peterson of the Miami Field Office was interviewed on March 24, 1978. A memorandum setting forth Mr. Peterson's account of this interview is enclosed for your information.

Enclosure

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1 - Personnel file - Leonard C. Peterson - Enclosure

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

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (62-6603) (C)

RE: HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS

Enclosed for the Bureau are five (5) copies of an LHM re interview of former SA LEONARD C. PETERSON by staff counsel and investigators of captioned committee on 3/24/78.

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In Reply, Please Refer to
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Miami, Florida
March 28, 1978

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INTERVIEW OF FORMER SPECIAL
AGENT LEONARD C. PETERSON

On March 24, 1978, I, Leonard C. Peterson, former Special Agent of the Miami Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, was interviewed by Peter G. Beeson, Staff Counsel, Richard C. Wrose and Mark Speiser, investigators for the House Select Committee on Assassinations at the Airways Motel, Miami, Florida.

I furnished general information about my Bureau career, offices of assignment and arrival in Miami, Florida, office in April, 1960. Shortly after arriving in Miami, I took over as the principal contact for William Sommersett, a highly placed extremist source, in the Miami Division, and continued in this assignment until the Fall of 1961. I related the following information to the investigators to the best of my recollection.

Sommersett was discontinued in late 1961 for his personal safety and possible embarrassment to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Sommersett was characterized as a source who had furnished reliable information in the past and, in addition, had furnished information which could not be verified or corroborated. Sommersett's work for the Federal Bureau of Investigation covered a span of twelve to fourteen years, having started out in New Orleans Division where he furnished information on White Slavery and local police corruption. He later worked out of the Charlotte Division furnishing information on criminal matters and Klan activities in the eastern part of the North and South Carolinas. Following his work in the Charlotte Division, Sommersett came to the Miami Division where he furnished some criminal information, possible violations of labor

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matters and principally worked during the last two or three years as a source on extremist matters covering the southeastern section of the United States. Sommersett made some fourteen or more trips out of the Miami Division to various states in the southeast including Georgia, Louisiana, Tennessee, Mississippi and North Carolina, reporting on Klan organizations and leaders of White Hate Groups. After Sommersett was discontinued, he continued to furnish information that he felt was of interest to the Federal Bureau of Investigation even though he was never reimbursed for this information.

Contact with the Federal Bureau of Investigation was initiated by Sommersett and as time passed he initiated fewer and fewer contacts. After Sommersett had been discontinued he notified the Federal Bureau of Investigation about a group responsible for the bombing at the home of Donald Shoemaker, Editor of the "Miami Herald". This information was furnished to the Miami Police Department and Sommersett was placed in contact with the Intelligence Unit of the Miami Police Department who continued the bombing investigation, utilizing Sommersett and other sources. This later resulted in the prosecution and conviction of two individuals involved in the bombing.

The Miami Police Department continued to use Sommersett on extremist matters, including trips they sent him on to other states. The extent of the information developed by Sommersett and subsequently furnished to the Miami Division is not clear. Some information was furnished; however, there was a feeling that the Miami Police Department was reluctant to furnish information developed by Sommersett since they were utilizing him outside of their jurisdiction.

The investigators were primarily interested in information developed by Sommersett on or about April 3, 1968, in Washington, D.C., to the effect that Martin Luther King was to be assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee. I do

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not recall having received this information from the Miami Police Department or Sommersett. I vaguely recall that something to this effect did come up later, but I am unable to put it in any time frame and why I only vaguely recall such a development. The investigators exhibited to me a memorandum, dated April 25, 1968, from Sergeant Sapp of the Miami Police Department to Chief Headley of the Miami Police Department. This memorandum related a call from Sommersett to Sergeant Sapp on or about April 4, 1968, reporting on Sommersett's trip to Washington, D.C., where he learned of a plot to assassinate Martin Luther King. The memorandum goes on to state that the Miami Police Department sent Sommersett to Atlanta, Georgia, to make contact with White Hate Groups in an effort to develop additional information on the assassination of Martin Luther King. I do not recall having previously seen this memorandum or if a copy was furnished to the Miami Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Following the interview, I was advised that I would be notified in the event I am needed to testify at an open hearing in Washington, D.C., before the House Select Committee on Assassinations.

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ATTENTION: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT, RECORDS MANAGEMENT DIVISION
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RE LOS ANGELES TELEPHONE CALL OF SA KENNETH JACOBSEN TO
BUREAU SUPERVISOR JOHN ALDHIZER MARCH 17, 1978.

ON MARCH 16, 1978, DEPUTY JAMES RAINES, AUTO THEFT INVESTIGA-
TOR, LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, LOS ANGELES,
CALIFORNIA, ADVISED HE IS CURRENTLY INVESTIGATING A COMPLAINT
MADE BY CHUCK FOSTER, AKA., CHUCK FERGUSON, 4349 ADMIRALTY
WAY, MARINA DEL REY, CALIFORNIA, CONCERNING THE THEFT AND
BURNING OF HIS 1977 TRAVEL QUEEN MOTOR HOME. FOSTER
ADVISED THE MOTOR HOME WAS STOLEN IN THE LOS ANGELES AREA ON
MARCH 12, 1978, AND LOCATED COMPLETELY BURNED NEAR ACTON,
CALIFORNIA, LATER THE SAME DATE.

RAINES SAID HE TALKED TO FOSTER AND HIS BUSINESS PARTNER,

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ROBERT SIMPSON, 22320 LIBERTYVILLE, CALABASAS, CALIFORNIA. THEY BOTH ADVISED THAT THEY HAD POSSESSION OF ABOUT 15 HOURS OF TAPED INTERVIEWS WITH A GIRLFRIEND OF JAMES EARL RAY, WHICH IMPLICATED THE FBI IN THE ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING. IN VIEW OF THIS FOSTER WAS SUBPOENAED AND TESTIFIED BEFORE THE HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS ON MARCH 13, 1978. FOSTER REPORTEDLY RELEASED THE TAPES TO THE COMMITTEE AT THAT TIME. SIMPSON INDICATED HE HAS RECEIVED A SUBPOENA TO TESTIFY IN THE FUTURE.

RAINES ADVISED THAT FOSTER AND SIMPSON CLAIMED, BECAUSE OF THESE TAPES, THEY HAVE BEEN UNDER SURVEILLANCE CONTINUOUSLY BY THE FBI FOR THE PAST FEW MONTHS. THEY ALSO CLAIMED THE FBI HAD PLACED MONITORING DEVICES IN THE MOTOR HOME AND HAD WIRE TAPS ON THEIR TELEPHONE. IN ADDITION THEY ALLEGED THAT THE FBI STOLE THE MOTOR HOME AND THEREAFTER BURNED THE VEHICLE.

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RAINES SAID HIS INVESTIGATION INDICATES THAT FOSTER AND SIMPSON MAY BE INVOLVED IN AN INSURANCE FRAUD AND MAY

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HAVE HIRED ONE OR MORE INDIVIDUALS TO BURN THE MOTOR HOME.
HIS INVESTIGATION IS CONTINUING AND FOSTER AND SIMPSON
SHOULD NOT BE ADVISED OF THE STATUS.

ACCORDING TO RAINES, FOSTER IS A WHITE MALE, BORN
NOVEMBER 26, 1944. HE WAS FORMERLY A POLICE OFFICER WITH THE
VENTURA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND SIMI
VALLEY POLICE DEPARTMENT. ROBERT SIMPSON IS A WHITE MALE, BUT
NO FURTHER DESCRIPTION CURRENTLY AVAILABLE.

LOS ANGELES INDICES NEGATIVE ON FOSTER AND SIMPSON. NO
INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED REGARDING FOSTER AND SIMPSON BY
FBI, LOS ANGELES.

FOR INFORMATION OF BUREAU FOSTER ADVISED DEPUTY RAINES
THAT JERRY CULLINS AND LOU PEREZI ARE INVESTIGATORS FOR
COMMITTEE AND MEL CRIEDMAN AND ALLEN HOUSMAN ARE ATTORNEYS
FOR THE HOUSE COMMITTEE. IF POSSIBLE, BUREAU REQUESTED TO
DETERMINE IF FOSTER TESTIFIED BEFORE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
MARCH 13, 1978, AND ADVISE LOS ANGELES.

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ATTENTION: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT, RECORDS MANAGEMENT DIVISION.
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RE MIAMI AIRTEL TO THE BUREAU, MARCH 22, 1978, MIAMI
TELEPHONE CALL TO THE BUREAU, MARCH 28, 1978.

IT IS NOTED THAT THE INFORMANT FILE ON WILLIAM SOMERSETT, FORMER MM 607-C (RAC), WAS CLOSED NOVEMBER 22, 1961. SOMERSETT CONTINUED TO FURNISH INFORMATION ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS WHICH WAS DISSEMINATED AND INDEXED TO APPROPRIATE FILES. EVEN THOUGH INFORMATION WAS RECEIVED FROM SOMERSETT AS LATE AS MAY, 1969, INFORMANT FILE WAS NEVER REOPENED. THE ENTIRE FILE SHOULD HAVE BEEN DESTROYED PURSUANT TO BUREAU LETTERS TO ALBANY, AUGUST 15, 1977, AND OCTOBER 28, 1977, CAPTIONED DESTRUCTION OF FIELD FILES AND RECORDS. SOMERSETT'S INFORMANT FILE WAS DESTROYED PURSUANT

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INFORMATION FROM INFORMANT FROM DECEMBER, 1962, TO MAY, 1969.

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

Sincerely,

G. Robert Blakey

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Chief Counsel and Director

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cc: Mr. Danny O. Coulson

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1 - Mr. G. J. Foster

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

February 17, 1978

Director, FBI

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Reference is made to the letter to the Attorney General from G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director, HSCA, dated January 9, 1978, which requested, in connection with the HSCA's investigation into the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., access to all files, material and information relating to William Hugh Morris.

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

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Reference is made to the letter to the Attorney General from G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director, HSCA, dated January 9, 1978, which requested, in connection with the HSCA's investigation into the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., access to certain information in the files of FBI Headquarters (FBIHQ). Specifically, this letter requested material and information concerning William Hugh Morris, the alleged leader of the Federated Ku Klux Klan (KKK) in Alabama.

This memorandum is to advise that the requested material regarding William Hugh Morris has been processed and is available for HSCA review at FBIHQ. Where information is not available, it is either not retrievable or it is not being furnished pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding.

This letter completes response to the referenced HSCA letter.

ORIGINAL AND ONE SENT TO ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL,
CRIMINAL DIVISION, 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 2/17/78, captioned "House Select Committee on Assassinations, U. S. House of Representatives (HSCA)."

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3331 HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING, ANNEX 2

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

January 9, 1978

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

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

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

In connection with the investigation of the House Select Committee on Assassinations into the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., it would be appreciated if you could make available to the Committee staff, access to the following:

1. All files, materials, and information relating to William Hugh Morris, the alleged leader of the Federated KKK in Alabama.
 - a) Address (late 1950's)
2128 East Fifth Street
Oak Park
Montgomery, Alabama
 - b) Jefferson County Alabama
Sheriff's Office Number 52811

Your prompt attention to this request will be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully

G. Robert Blakey

G. Robert Blakey
Chief Counsel and Director

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cc: Danny Coulson

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

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February 15, 1978

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

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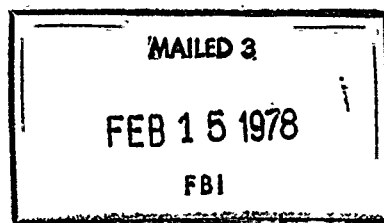
Reference is made to the letter to the Attorney General from G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director, HSCA, dated December 14, 1977, which, in connection with the HSCA's investigation into the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., requested copies of information in FBI Headquarters files pertaining to Thomas Joseph Cox. This letter also requested to interview the Special Agent of the FBI who received information from a confidential source, as reported in Serial 1493 of the FBI's King Assassination investigation (MURKIN). 332

Enclosed are an original and one copy of a memorandum with one attachment which contains information in response to the above request. It is requested that you furnish a copy of the enclosed memorandum to the HSCA. (11)

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

NOTE: Susan Grimes of the House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA) advised that the Cox aspect of the HSCA's investigation was a dead end and an interview of the Agent was not necessary.

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

February 15, 1978

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In response to the above request, enclosed is an attachment containing information from FBIHQ files concerning Thomas Joseph Cox. Where information is not provided, it is either not retrievable or is not being furnished pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding.

On February 13, 1978, HSCA Staff Member Susan Grimes advised that it is not necessary for the HSCA to conduct the interview of the Special Agent mentioned above; and, therefore, the request contained in paragraph two of referenced letter can be disregarded.

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NOTE: See Director, FBI, letter to Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch, dated 2/15/78, 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. 20530

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

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

In connection with the investigation by the House Select Committee on Assassinations into the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, it is requested that this Committee be provided with copies of all materials and files pertaining to Thomas Joseph Cox, DOB 3/9/26 New Jersey.

Serial 44-38861-1493 of the MURKIN file indicates that a Confidential Informant provided information to the FBI regarding Thomas Joseph Cox. Therefore, in order to access the reliability of the information the Committee requests to interview the FBI Special Agent to whom the information was provided.

Your prompt attention to this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Yours very truly,

G. Robert Blakey

G. Robert Blakey
Chief Counsel and Director

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cc: Mr. Danny O. Coulson

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MAR 15 1978

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

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

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

In connection with the investigation by this Committee into the circumstances surrounding the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., it is requested that the Federal Bureau of Investigation assist this Committee with respect to the following matter:

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

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

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

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157 - 370 - 575 (p. 122)
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- 5) Prepare for access UKA files and other Klan group files for the period 1967-1968 for the following field offices:

Atlanta, Georgia
New Orleans, Louisiana
Memphis, Tennessee
Los Angeles, California

- 6) Prepare for access any information on JULES ROCCO KIMBLE (KIMBEL); alleged Minuteman, last known address 3420 St. Germain Street, Apartment #4, Montreal, Canada.

Due to the volume of material requested and the anticipated length of time complete compliance would necessitate, it is requested that the materials be provided as they become available.

Very truly yours,

G. Robert Blakey

G. Robert Blakey
Chief Counsel and Director

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cc: Danny O. Coulson

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

March 24, 1978

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

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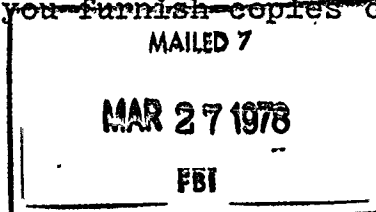
In connection with the HSCA's investigation into the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., the FBI Field Office in St. Louis, by teletype dated March 13, 1978, advised that during an unrelated file review information not previously disseminated concerning this matter had been surfaced. This information was furnished to FBI Headquarters in a memorandum from the St. Louis Field Office dated March 13, 1978, which was received by the Congressional Inquiry Unit, Records Management Division, on March 16, 1978. Additional information concerning this matter was telephonically furnished by the St. Louis Office on March 17, 1978, which is contained in the attached memorandum dated March 20, 1978.

Russell George Beyers, mentioned in the attached memorandums, furnished information of value to this Bureau from October, 1975, to November, 1976.

Enclosed are an original and one copy each of two memorandums dated March 13, 1978, and March 20, 1978, which contain information of interest to the Committee. It is requested that you furnish copies of the enclosed memorandums to the HSCA.

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NOTE: By teletype dated March 13, 1978, St. Louis advised file review of SL 137-16185, Bufile 137-36945, revealed information not previously disseminated concerning possible suspect in the Martin Luther King assassination. St. Louis furnished this information in letterhead memorandum form dated March 13, 1978.

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1 - Civil Rights Division
1 - Office of Professional Responsibility
(Attn: Mr. Michael E. Shaheen, Jr.)

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On March 17, 1978, Special Agent Jim Haggerty, St. Louis Field Supervisor, was contacted regarding additional information concerning this matter. Haggerty advised that St. Louis informant had spoken with Russell George Beyers who is a fence in the St. Louis area. Beyers was opened as a source (SL 137-16541; Bufile unknown) on October 3, 1975, and closed November, 1976. A copy of the original source contact memorandum was placed in Beyers' informant file and an 87-file, however, there is no evidence that Beyers was ever questioned about the meeting with the deceased St. Louis attorney. Additionally, there is no evidence that this information was ever acted on or disseminated outside the St. Louis Office. Beyers was arrested approximately two weeks ago by the St. Louis Police Department as suspect in a St. Louis museum burglary and this precipitated the file review which surfaced the information in question. Haggerty stated that both the Agent and Supervisor who handled original contact memorandum with St. Louis informant have retired. The original St. Louis informant (SL 3167-C; Bufile 137-36945) to whom Beyers spoke has been closed as an informant and is residing in Chicago, Illinois.

Response regarding Beyers' informant status was coordinated with Special Agent Jeff Jamar, Criminal Informant Unit, Division Six.

A search was made of the central records index for Russell George Beyers. The only reference to Beyers was in Bufile 87-129497-11, which concerned Beyers' possible involvement in fencing the proceeds from a St. Louis museum theft. No Bureau informant file was located.

Original St. Louis letterhead memorandum dated March 13, 1978, contained informant symbol number, and St. Louis and Bureau informant file numbers, and was, therefore, retyped with this information deleted.

As the HSCA is expected to have an intense interest in this information, it is being furnished in memorandum form through the Department to the Committee.

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

March 20, 1978

HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS
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In connection with the HSCA's investigation into the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., the St. Louis Office of the FBI surfaced information during a file review in an unrelated matter which it is believed is of interest to the Committee. This information concerning a St. Louis informant discussing with (first name not furnished) Beyers several individuals who may have information germane to the HSCA's investigation was furnished to FBI Headquarters, in the attached memorandum dated March 13, 1978.

In order to facilitate the Committee's evaluation of the information contained in above-mentioned memorandum, the St. Louis Office was asked to furnish background data on Beyers. On March 17, 1978, the St. Louis Office telephonically furnished the following:

NAME: Russell George Beyers
DOB: August 19, 1931
FBI NUMBER: 101-311E

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The information contained in the memorandum of March 13, 1978, was discovered as a result of a file review conducted for background data on Beyers who was recently arrested by the St. Louis Police Department for his alleged participation in the burglary of a St. Louis museum.

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

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Ident. — Criminal Division, Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch, dated
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1 - Mr. Bailey
1 - Mr. G. J. Foster
1 - Legal Counsel Division
(Attn: Mr. Coulson)

March 13, 1978

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

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

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

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

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

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

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March 20, 1978

Director, FBI

- 1 - Mr. Bailey - Enc.
- 1 - Legal Counsel Division
Attn: Mr. Coulson - Enc.
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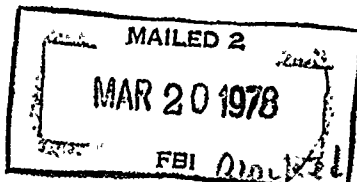
Reference is made to the letter to the Attorney General from G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director, HSCA, dated February 15, 1978, which, in connection with the HSCA's investigation into the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., requested delivery of certain material from the files of FBI Headquarters (FBIHQ).

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

The Department of Justice should note that, on March 2, 1978, Mr. Keuch advised that the Department will handle the response to Item 4 of referenced letter, the "1974 Petersen Report on COINTELPRO."

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Assistant Attorney General
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Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch

NOTE: The personal file of former Assistant Director William C. Sullivan, maintained in the Special File Room at FBIHQ, contains primarily tickler copies of communications in the security file of King. The security file on King, up to April 1, 1969, has already been delivered to the HSCA. Therefore, most documents included in the attached Sullivan material is already in possession of the Committee. Information of a sensitive nature in the Sullivan file involves copy of a typed letter allegedly written to King and received in the mail along with a tape by the King family in 1964 and a written account of King's alleged encounter with a Las Vegas prostitute.

With regard to Item 2 of referenced letter, on March 13, 1978, Mr. Blakey modified the HSCA request for FBI Manuals, desiring only Sections pertaining to security informants, extremist informants, civil rights, fugitives, murder and conspiracy for the years 1962-1963 and 1967-1968. Efforts to respond to this item are continuing.

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

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

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

In connection with the investigation by this Committee into the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., it is requested that the FBI deliver to the Committee the following files and materials:

1. Washington Spring Project file for the period September 1, 1967 through May 31, 1968.
2. FBI Manuals of Instruction (MOI) in use during 1962 - 1968.
3. Personal file of William Sullivan.
4. 1974 Petersen Report on COINTELPRO

Your prompt attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,

G. Robert Blakey

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Chief Counsel and Director

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