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IN ITS INVESTIGATION, THE HSCA IS ATTEMPTING TO DETERMINE POSSIBLE DIRECT OR INDIRECT RESPONSIBILITY OF ANY ORGANIZATION, INCLUDING THE FBI, IN THE ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. IN THIS CONNECTION, THE HSCA IS TRYING TO RESOLVE THE ALLEGATION THAT PAID FBI INFORMANTS REPORTING ON THE INVADERS, A MEMPHIS YOUTH GROUP, ACTED AS AGENT PROVOCATEURS AND INSTIGATED VIOLENCE IN MEMPHIS DURING THE SANITATION WORKERS STRIKE, WHICH CAUSED KING TO RETURN TO MEMPHIS WHERE HE WAS KILLED.

BY LETTER DATED MAY 23, 1978, THE HSCA REQUESTED THAT MEMPHIS FIELD OFFICE FILES OF FIVE INFORMANTS WHO REPORTED ON

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THE INVADERS BE PROCESSED FOR ACCESS OF THE HSCA'S CHIEF COUNSEL AND DIRECTOR. ALTHOUGH THE IDENTITIES OF THESE INFORMANTS WOULD BE EXCISED, IN A LETTER TO CONGRESSMAN LOUIS STOKES, CHAIRMAN, HSCA, SUCH ACCESS WAS DENIED BECAUSE OF THE DETRIMENTAL EFFECT OF THIS ACTION ON OUR OVERALL INFORMANT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM. BY LETTER DATED JULY 5, 1978, CONGRESSMAN STOKES APPEALED TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO RESOLVE THE ISSUE. THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FAVORS COMPLIANCE WITH THE HSCA'S REQUEST AND HAS BEEN TOLD BY THE HSCA THAT IF FILES ARE NOT MADE AVAILABLE A SUBPOENA WILL BE ISSUED, AN ACTION TO COMMENCE JULY 17, 1978.

IT HAS BEEN DECIDED AT FBI HEADQUARTERS (FBIHQ) THAT INFORMANTS SHOULD BE CONTACTED TO DETERMINE IF THEY HAVE ANY OBJECTION TO THEIR IDENTITIES BEING DISCLOSED TO THE HSCA. INFORMANTS SHOULD BE OBJECTIVELY TOLD OF HSCA INTEREST IN RESOLVING THE ALLEGATION AND THAT THE FBI IS COOPERATING WITH THE COMMITTEE, BUT WILL DISCLOSE THEIR IDENTITIES ONLY IF INFORMANTS AGREE TO SUCH ACTION. INFORMANTS SHOULD BE TOLD THAT IF THEY AGREE TO DISCLOSURE THEY HAVE NO GUARANTEES FROM THE FBI OR THE HSCA OF IMMUNITY OR CONFIDENTIALITY; THAT THE

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FBI IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT RESULTING ACTION THE HSCA MAY TAKE; AND THAT THE HSCA MAY ATTEMPT TO INTERVIEW THEM. IF INFORMANTS ARE AGREEABLE, A WITNESSED, SIGNED WAIVER SHOULD BE OBTAINED, WORDED SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE FBI TO RELEASE ANY AND ALL FILES (FBI HEADQUARTERS AND FIELD OFFICE) CONCERNING THEMSELVES TO THE HSCA, INCLUDING THOSE RECORDS PERTAINING TO ANY CONFIDENTIAL RELATIONSHIP THEY MAY HAVE HAD WITH THE FBI.

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

INFORMANTS INVOLVED ARE AS FOLLOWS:

{1} ME 352-E, BUFILE 170-2530, MEMPHIS FILE 170-1040.

{2} ME 353-E, BUFILE 170-1841, MEMPHIS FILE 170-1022.

{3} ME 339-E, BUFILE 170-1922, MEMPHIS FILE 170-117.

{4} ME 338-E, BUFILE 137-4385, MEMPHIS FILE 170-70.

{5} ME 282-R, BUFILE 134-11867, MEMPHIS FILE 170-1019.

FINUS EDWARD BETHEL, BORN NOVEMBER 8, 1940, MEMPHIS,

TENNESSEE, NEGRO MALE. MEMPHIS CONTACT AGENT WAS

WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE. INFORMANT WAS OPERATED 1963-1969.

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MEMPHIS PROMPTLY LOCATE AND INTERVIEW FIRST FOUR INFORMANTS

20 NAMED ABOVE. REGARDING ME 282-R, HIS LAST KNOWN ADDRESS,  
 18 ACCORDING TO THE FILE [1969], WAS THAT OF A SISTER  
 MRS. FORESTINE RICHARDS, 2530 SOUTH RIMPAU STREET, LOS ANGELES,  
 16 CALIFORNIA. LOS ANGELES ATTEMPT TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW IN-  
 FORMANT THROUGH HIS SISTER AND IF NOT IN LOS ANGELES, SET FORTH  
 14 APPROPRIATE LEAD TO HAVE INFORMANT INTERVIEWED.

12 RECIPIENTS TELEPHONICALLY FURNISH RESULTS OF CONTACT WITH  
 INFORMANTS TO SA J. T. ALDHIZER, CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT,  
 RECORDS MANAGEMENT DIVISION, FBIHQ, EXTENTION 3685, FOLLOW WITH  
 10 TELETYPE, AND SUBMIT WAIVER BY COVER AIRTEL IF INFORMANT AGREES  
 TO DISCLOSURE.

8 IN ADDITION, MEMPHIS PROMPTLY FURNISH FBIHQ ONE LEGIBLE  
 XEROX COPY OF ABOVE FIVE INFORMANT FILES. ALL SERIALS SHOULD  
 6 BE REPRODUCED IN THEIR ENTIRETY. ANY SERIALS OR ENCLOSURES  
 WHICH CANNOT BE REPRODUCED SHOULD BE DESCRIBED IN DETAIL IN THE  
 4 COVER PAGES TRANSMITTING THIS MATERIAL TO FBIHQ. THIS MATERIAL  
 SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY COVER AIRTEL TO FBIHQ, ATTENTION:  
 2 CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT, RECORDS MANAGEMENT DIVISION.

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NOTE: Action in this matter is based on instructions furnished by Mr. McDermott following meeting with Mr. Bassett, Mr. Bailey and representatives of the Congressional Inquiry Unit on July 13, 1978. Teletype confirms telephonic contact with Memphis and Los Angeles Offices. This matter has been coordinated with SA Ronald Heller, Legal Liaison and Congressional Affairs Unit, and J. J. Jamar, Top Echelon and Criminal Informant Unit, Criminal Investigative Division. Mr. Robert L. Keuch, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, has been advised of our efforts to locate informants and stated that he would relay that information to the HSCA.

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

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- 1 - Mr. Mintz  
Attn: Mr. Coulson
- 1 - Mr. Bailey
- 1 - Mr. Foster
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Enclosed are an original and one copy of a memorandum responding to the above request. It is requested that you furnish a copy of the enclosed memorandum to the HSCA.

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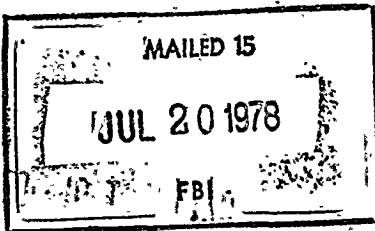


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This letter is to advise that partial delivery of the requested Identification records was made to HSCA representative Phoebe Orr on July 6, 1978, with the remainder delivered to HSCA representative Lisa Berlow on July 17, 1978.

Special Agent D. Allen Reighley, Allentown Resident Agency, was cleared from his employment agreement and interviewed by the HSCA on July 11, 1978.

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CRIMINAL DIVISION, ATTENTION: MR. ROBERT L. KEUCH.

NOTE: See Director, FBI, letter to Assistant Attorney General,  
Criminal Division, Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch, dated  
July 20, 1978, captioned as above.

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

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

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

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

1) Prepare for delivery, Identification Division Records on the following individuals:

- a. Aeby, Neal Edgar - FBI #2851175
- b. Ashe, Bobby Fred - FBI #201971A, DOB 8/7/31
- c. Barbarick, Bercia Lee - FBI #1918293, DOB 6/25/18
- d. Block, Julius Maurice - FBI #4355934, DOB 2/14/29
- e. Burns, Robert E. - FBI #4824213, DOB 3/1/31
- f. Bradley, James Z. - FBI #599877B, DOB 1/2/36
- g. Bond, James Thomas - FBI #262932B
- h. Britten, Thomas - FBI #5008037, DOB 9/15/18
- i. Brown, James Wilson - FBI #5049773, DOB 1/13/16
- j. Chernick, Glenn - FBI #349272B
- k. Dowda, Lewie Raymond - FBI #229689D
- l. Crews, Thomas Beechum - FBI #4946067, DOB 10/3/28
- m. Craig, Carl M. - FBI #260920C, DOB 11/24/37
- n. Cox, Donald Garfield - FBI #636187A, DOB 1/17/27
- o. Larson, Eric Lafe - DOB 2/13/33
- p. Menard, Richard L. - FBI #4496848
- q. Menard, Louis Gene - FBI #517988A, DOB 8/13/33
- r. Menard, Raymond Owen - FBI #4718227
- s. Sero, Thomas Lawrence - FBI #3840167, DOB 11/22/17
- t. Velanti, John Paul - FBI #4163612

2) Make available for interview SA D. Allen Reighley, formerly with the Reading Field Office.

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The Honorable Griffin B. Bell

June 15, 1978

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As time is of the utmost importance in these matters,  
we would appreciate priority processing of this request.

Thank you for your continued cooperation.

Sincerely,

G. Robert Blakey  
Chief Counsel and Director

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cc: Danny Coulson

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10 BUDED JULY 18, 1978.

THE HSCA WHICH IS INVESTIGATING THE ASSASSINATIONS OF JOHN F. KENNEDY AND MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., IN A LETTER DATED JULY 5, 1978, REQUESTED PRIORITY ACCESS TO ALL INFORMATION IN BUREAU FILES AND RELATED FIELD OFFICE FILES PERTAINING TO RHONDA GIBSON, AKA VERONICA STROTHERS, DATE OF BIRTH JULY 19, 1947, FOR THE PERIOD 1965 TO THE PRESENT. BUREAU FILES CONTAIN ONLY ONE REFERENCE TO A RHONDA GIBSON AND THAT IS A TELETYPE FROM ST. LOUIS TO THE BUREAU, CHICAGO AND SPRINGFIELD DATED JUNE 11, 1970, AND CAPTIONED "UNSUBS; TWO, LADDONIA STATE BANK,

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LADDONIA, MISSOURI, JUNE 11, INSTANT, BANK ROBBERY, OFFICE OF

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RHONDA GIBSON IS MENTIONED IN THE LAST PARAGRAPH OF THIS

TELETYPE. NO OTHER RETRIEVABLE INFORMATION IN BUREAU FILES.

RECIPIENT OFFICES ARE REQUESTED TO REVIEW THEIR FILES

FOR ANY INFORMATION REGARDING RHONDA GIBSON, AKA VERONICA

STROTHERS, DATE OF BIRTH JULY 19, 1947.

FURNISH FBI HEADQUARTERS (FBIHQ) TWO COPIES OF ANY SERIAL

OR SERIALS REGARDING GIBSON. ALL COPIES SHOULD BE CLEARLY

LEGIBLE AND SENT REGISTERED MAIL TO THE ATTENTION OF THE

CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT, RECORDS MANAGEMENT DIVISION.

RECIPIENT OFFICES HAVING NO INFORMATION REGARDING GIBSON

ARE TO SO NOTIFY FBIHQ.

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

July 6, 1978

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Attn: Mr. Coulson
- 1 - Mr. W. L. Bailey
- 2 - Mr. Foster

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Reference is made to the letters to the Attorney General from G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director, HSCA, dated April 21, 1978, and May 24, 1978, which requested in connection with the HSCA's investigation into the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., that certain photographs contained in the FBI Headquarters file of that case be provided.

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

Enclosures (3)

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NOTE: HSCA originally requested by letter of April 21, 1978, that all photographs for which there is a negative in the MURKIN file, with the exception of latent fingerprint photographs, be provided. After negotiation with Susan Grimes, staff member, HSCA, the Committee stated that they needed only 42 specifically designated photographs from that file. These were listed in their letter of May 21, 1978. Photographs corresponding to each of the "Q" numbers listed in their letter were found with the exception of Q-342, Q-343, Q-392, Q-393, Q-394, Q-395, and Q-396.

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With respect to the request letter of May 24, 1978, the Committee also asked for a copy of each of the composite photographs of suspects made by the FBI in that case, along with the names of the witnesses from whose information those composites were made. These composites (6) were located in Bulky Exhibit 5912 of Bufile 44-38861. Special Agent Ken Mann, Graphics Presentation Unit, Division 7, advised that they maintain no copies of those composites and that the names of the witnesses from whom composites were obtained were probably located in the MURKIN file.

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Subsequently, a review was made of the MURKIN file. Serial 2562 of Bufile 44-38861 was located which sets forth the names of the witnesses from whom four of the six composites were made. Two composites were made after James Earl Ray had been arrested in London, England. This fact was pointed out to Susan Grimes, HSCA staff member, who indicated that she did not believe that the Committee needed those two composites. The other four composites, with the names of witnesses who provided descriptions used to prepare them, are being furnished.

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

July 6, 1978

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In referenced letter of April 21, 1978, the HSCA requested a copy of each photograph for which a negative exists in the FBIHQ MURKIN file with certain exceptions. This request was later modified by the letter of May 24, 1978, which, in Item 2, limited the photographs requested to forty-three (43) designated by "Q" numbers corresponding to items of evidence in the MURKIN file. This is to advise that included as part of the attachment are all of the requested photographs with the exception of those designated Q-342, Q-367, Q-392, Q-393, Q-394, Q-395, and Q-396. These photographs were not located after a search of the MURKIN file including the bulky exhibit folders.

With respect to Item 1 of the letter of May 24, 1978, six composites were located that were prepared by the FBI. Four of these composites were prepared by Bureau Exhibit Specialists within ten days of the assassination. The other two composites were prepared in June, 1968, after Ray had been identified and arrested in London, England. As these two composites do not appear to be pertinent to the fugitive investigation regarding Ray, they are not being provided per the discussion with HSCA staff member Susan Grimes.

As requested, the other four composites are being provided as part of the attachment. The names of the witnesses who provided the descriptions used as a basis for those composites are as follows:

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Composite 1 - E. L. Mathew Baker  
Donald F. Wood, Employees  
Aero Marine Supply Company  
Birmingham, Alabama

Composite 2 - John Dennis Hanners  
John De Shazo  
Mrs. Francis Brown  
John Michael Kopp  
Witnesses at Aero Marine Supply Company.

Composite 3 - Ralph Carpenter  
York Arms Company  
162 South Main Street  
Memphis, Tennessee

Composite 4 - Female informant of  
Memphis Police Department  
on April 14, 1968.

This memorandum with attachment completes the response to the above-referenced letters of April 21 and May 24, 1978.

NOTE: See Director, FBI, letter to Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch, dated July 6, 1978, captioned as above.

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July 17, 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 its investigation into the circumstances surrounding the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the Select Committee requests the assistance of the Federal Bureau of Investigation with regard to the following matters:

- 1) Access to all BUFILES and Subfiles pertaining to Robert Franklin Sanders, including but not limited to the MURKIN files from the Milwaukee Field Office. This individual is referenced in the Main MURKIN file, serial number 44-38861-4669. *(912)*
- 2) Prepare for delivery the following serials:
  - a. 174-601-23, cover pages M, N, O, V, and W and p. 27-28. *EX-115*
  - b. 174-54-283, p. 3-5. *REC-50 62-117290-1004*
  - c. 157-9-10
  - d. 157-1608-48, p. 10-11 and 44.

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The serials referred to in 2a - 2d can be located in the files of Samuel Holloway Bowers, prepared for the Committee's request of April 25, 1978.

- 3) It is requested that the three informants referred to in the following serials be contacted and asked to submit to interviews by the Committee. The Committee also asks that the Bureau solicit these informants to execute a waiver of release of all Headquarters and Field Office files:

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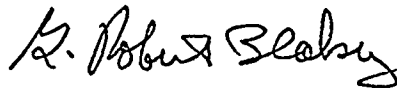
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- a. Serial 157-1654-23, p. 18, paragraph 2.
- b. Serial 157-1654-23, p. 21, paragraph 3.
- c. Serial 157-1654-23, p. 25, paragraph 4.

*SAM Bowers*  
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Thank you for your continuing cooperation.

Sincerely,



G. Robert Blakey  
Chief Counsel and Director

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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 2112

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

In the course of the ongoing investigation by this Committee into the circumstances surrounding the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., as well as related matters, it has been learned that Karl Prussion, publicly identified in the late 50's as an informant for the FBI, furnished information on a regular basis pertaining to Dr. King and his alleged activities and relationship with the Communist Party.

The Committee, being fully cognizant of the time period during which this relationship was maintained - that being 1949 through 1958 - and also completely aware of the potential volume of material compiled and maintained in various file categories, both Headquarters and Field Office, over this period of time, would therefore request that only the six volumes of the Headquarters' informant subfile be prepared for access on a priority basis for staff review.

As time is of the utmost importance, and no compliance difficulties are anticipated, your prompt attention is solicited.

Sincerely,

*G. Robert Blakey*

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Chief Counsel and Director

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cc: Danny Coulson

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