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Date 9/20/78

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
(Attn: Congressional Inquiry Unit, Records Management Division)

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

SUBJECT: HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)

Re Bureau teletype to Los Angeles dated 9/19/78.

Enclosed for the Bureau are two copies each of 18 documents concerning the Citizens Council of America for the years 1967 and 1968. It should be noted that several of the documents concern information obtained from confidential sources and the identity of these confidential sources should be protected. The information which originated from confidential sources has been packaged and labeled as such by Los Angeles in order to assist FBI Headquarters.



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Subject

Citizens Council of America

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Exact Spelling
 All References
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1050 4448*	(4/57)		
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170-1631A-152	(4/72)		

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UNCLAS E F T O

HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)

BUREAU DEADLINE SEPTEMBER 26, 1978.

THE HSCA, WHICH IS INVESTIGATING THE ASSASSINATION OF JOHN F. KENNEDY AND MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., REQUESTED BY LETTER DATED SEPTEMBER 12, 1978, ACCESS TO ALL BUREAU FILE MATERIAL AS WELL AS MATERIAL FROM THE FIELD OFFICES OF BIRMINGHAM, JACKSON, ATLANTA, NEW ORLEANS AND LOS ANGELES, ON THE CITIZENS COUNCIL OF AMERICA FOR THE YEARS 1967-1968. IT IS TO BE NOTED THAT THE CITIZENS COUNCIL OF AMERICA IS A

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SEPARATE ORGANIZATION FROM THE WHITE CITIZENS COUNCIL.

RECIPIENT OFFICES FURNISH FBI HEADQUARTERS TWO COPIES OF ANY COMMUNICATION MEETING ABOVE CRITERIA. ALL COPIES SHOULD BE CLEARLY LEGIBLE AND SHOULD BE SENT BY REGISTERED MAIL, MAILED TO THE ATTENTION OF THE CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT, RECORDS MANAGEMENT DIVISION.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-117290)
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (62-7841) (3) (RUC)
SUBJECT: HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)

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

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 TO DIRECTOR (62-117290) ROUTINE

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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA).

RE BUREAU TELETYPE, JULY 18, 1978.

ON JULY 19, 1978, JOHN MARSHALL BEFFEL, JR., USING THE
 NAME JOHN MARSHALL ROBERTS, FORMER LA 7932-PC, WAS
 CONTACTED. HE RESIDES AT 5400 MOCO LANE, LOS ANGELES,
 TELEPHONE (213) 463-0941, AND IS EMPLOYED AT AUSTIN AND
 ASSOCIATES REALTORS, 1680 NORTH VINE, SUITE 309, HOLLYWOOD,
 CALIFORNIA, TELEPHONE (213) 467-6181.

BEFFEL WAS ADVISED OF THE NATURE OF THE INQUIRY AS
 OUTLINED IN REFERENCED TELETYPE, AND HE STATED HE DOES
 NOT, REPEAT NOT, WANT HIS 137 FILE PROVIDED TO THE HSCA.
 BEFFEL DID STATE, HOWEVER, THAT APPROXIMATELY THREE OR
 FOUR MONTHS AGO HE WAS INTERVIEWED IN LOS ANGELES BY TWO
 INDIVIDUALS WHO HE RECALLS REPRESENTED THEMSELVES AS

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INVESTIGATORS FOR THE HSCA. HE STATED THEY DISPLAYED
PHOTOGRAPHS OF JAMES EARL RAY AND ASKED VARIOUS QUESTIONS
REGARDING THE KING ASSASSINATION.

LOS ANGELES WILL PROVIDE ONE COPY OF BEFFEL'S FILE,
LA 137-10611, AS REQUESTED BY THE BUREAU.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription July 26, 1978

On July 19, 1978, JOHN MARSHALL BEFFEL, JR., using the name JOHN MARSHALL ROBERTS, telephonically contacted the Los Angeles Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) in response to a message left for him. BEFFEL resides at 5400 Moco Lane, Los Angeles, California, telephone (213) 463-0941, and is employed at Austin Associates Realtors, 1680 North Vine Street, Suite 309, Hollywood, California, telephone (213) 467-6181. BEFFEL was advised of the personal and official identities of the interviewing Agent.

BEFFEL was advised the House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA) had requested his file. (LA 137-10611) be processed for access of the HSCA's Chief Counsel and Director. He was advised the HSCA has stated that if the file is not made available, a Congressional subpoena would possibly be issued for it. BEFFEL was advised the HSCA is attempting to determine the possible direct or indirect responsibility of any organization, including the FBI, in the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

BEFFEL stated he does not want his file provided to the HSCA. He did state, however, that approximately three or four months ago, he was interviewed in Los Angeles by two individuals who he recalls represented themselves as investigators for the HSCA. He advised they displayed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and asked various questions regarding the KING assassination.

BEFFEL was advised the FBI would do all in its power to protect his file from disclosure.

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 by ^{AKB} SA RICHARD KEITH BELL/nc Date dictated 7/25/78

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription July 26, 1978

On July 14, 1978, FINUS EDWARD BETHEL (former ME 282-R) was contacted at his current address, 3939 Roxanne, Apartment 1, Los Angeles, California 90008, telephone (213) 296-3930, business telephone (213) 722-1666, extension 284. BETHEL was advised of the personal and official identities of the interviewing Agents.

BETHEL was advised the House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA) had requested his file (ME 170-1019) be processed for access of the HSCA's Chief Counsel and Director. He was advised the HSCA has stated that if the file is not made available, a Congressional subpoena would possibly be issued for it. BETHEL was advised the HSCA is attempting to determine the possible direct or indirect responsibility of any organization, including the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), in the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

BETHEL stated he does not want his identity disclosed to the HSCA and that he wants his prior relationship with the FBI to remain strictly confidential.

BETHEL was advised the FBI would do all in its power to protect his identity, however, his file could be subject to Congressional subpoena.

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 by SA RICHARD KEITH BELL ^{RKB}
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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

FBIHQ FILES CONTAIN NO INFORMATION REGARDING CURRENT WHEREABOUTS OF THE ABOVE THREE INFORMANTS.

RECIPIENTS LOCATE AND INTERVIEW ABOVE-LISTED INFORMANTS, RESPECTIVELY, TO DETERMINE IF THEY HAVE ANY OBJECTION TO THEIR IDENTITIES BEING DISCLOSED TO THE HSCA AND IF THEY WOULD BE WILLING TO BE INTERVIEWED BY A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE HSCA. INFORMANTS SHOULD BE OBJECTIVELY TOLD OF THE HSCA INTEREST

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OUTLINED IN PARAGRAPH 1. INFORMANTS SHOULD BE TOLD THAT IF THEY AGREE TO DISCLOSURE, THEY HAVE NO GUARANTEES FROM THE FBI OR

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THE HSCA OF IMMUNITY OR CONFIDENTIALITY; THAT THE FBI IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT RESULTING ACTION THE HSCA MAY TAKE; AND THAT TO DATE THE FBI HAS NOT ADVISED THE HSCA OF THEIR FORMER INFORMANT STATUS, AND THAT THE HSCA MAY HAVE INFORMANTS' IDENTITIES BASED ON A REVIEW OF THE FBI'S ASSASSINATION INVESTIGATION FILE.

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

IF ANY OF THE INFORMANTS 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.

RECIPIENTS SUTEL RESULTS OF CONTACTS WITH INFORMANTS AND FORWARD WAIVER, IF OBTAINED, BY SEPARATE COMMUNICATION. IF ANY INFORMANT HAS RELOCATED, SET FORTH APPROPRIATE LEADS TO EFFECT INTERVIEW.

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IN ADDITION, RECIPIENTS FURNISH FBIHQ ONE LEGIBLE XEROX
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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)

RE BUREAU TEL, JULY 14, 1978.

ON JULY 14, 1978, FINUS EDWARD BETHEL, FORMER ME 282-R,
WAS CONTACTED AT HIS CURRENT ADDRESS, 3939 ROXANNE, APARTMENT
1, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, 90008, TELEPHONE (213) 296-3930.

BETHEL WAS ADVISED OF THE NATURE OF THE INQUIRY AS
OUTLINED IN REFERENCED TELETYPE, AND HE STATED HE DOES
NOT, REPEAT NOT, WANT HIS IDENTITY DISCLOSED TO THE HSCA.
BETHEL STATED HE WANTS HIS PRIOR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION TO REMAIN STRICTLY
CONFIDENTIAL.

A FD-302 REGARDING THE INTERVIEW WILL BE PREPARED
BY LOS ANGELES.

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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)

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

RECIPIENTS TELEPHONICALLY FURNISH RESULTS OF CONTACT WITH INFORMANTS TO SA J. T. ALDHIZER, CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT, RECORDS MANAGEMENT DIVISION, FBIHQ, EXTENTION 3635, FOLLOW WITH TELETYPE, AND SUBMIT WAIVER BY COVER AIRTEL IF INFORMANT AGREES TO DISCLOSURE.

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

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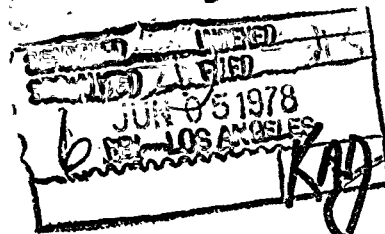
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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)

BUDED JUNE 12, 1978.

RE: BULET TO ALBANY, ET AL, AUGUST 25, 1967, CAPTIONED "COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM, BLACK NATIONALIST-HATE GROUPS, INTERNAL SECURITY" AND "BUAIRTEL TO ALBANY, ET AL, MARCH 4, 1968, CAPTIONED "COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM, BLACK NATIONALIST-HATE GROUPS, RACIAL INTELLIGENCE".

THE HSCA WHICH IS INVESTIGATING THE ASSASSINATION OF JOHN F. KENNEDY AND MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., NOTING THAT REFERENCED COMMUNICATIONS ASKED RECIPIENT OFFICES TO MAKE PERIODIC REPORTS TO THE BUREAU, HAS REQUESTED THAT RECIPIENT FIELD OFFICE FILES BE SEARCHED AND ALL REPORTS, LETTERHEAD MEMORANDA, AIRTELS, LETTERS AND TELETYPES CONCERNING

