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ATTENTION GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION, CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION, CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT.

HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS, BUDED FEBRUARY 11, 1977

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO PITTSBURGH DATED 2/4/77.

IT IS NOTED THAT THE ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING WAS INVESTIGATED IN THE PITTSBURGH DIVISION UNDER PITTSBURGH FILE 44-578, CAPTIONED MURKIN. IT IS NOTED THAT ALL SERIALS AND ALL EXHIBIT SECTIONS OF THIS FILE ARE IN TACT AND NONE HAVE BEEN DESTROYED. IT IS NOTED FURTHER THAT COPIES OF ALL SERIALS OF THIS FILE NOT PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED TO THE BUREAU WERE DONE SO BY AIRTEL DATED 8/5/76.

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FROM: SAC, PITTSBURGH

SUBJECT: BERNARD S. LEE, v.
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CIVIL ACTION NO. 76-1186
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Re Bureau airtel to Albany dated 2/17/77, dual captioned as above.

Pittsburgh has no tape recordings, transcripts, logs, documents or portions of documents as requested in Judge SMITH's order.

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BUFILE: 62-117194
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CLARENCE M. KELLEY,
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Re Atlanta airtel to Bureau dated 4/21/77.

Enclosed for FBIHQ are two copies of an inventory list which sets forth the identity of Atlanta communication mentioned in referenced airtel enclosure and the single copy of the communication mentioned in enclosed inventory list.

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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".

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THE HSCA REQUESTED THAT OUR RESPONSE IN THIS MATTER BE GIVEN TOP PRIORTY OVER ALL OTHER ASPECTS OF KING INVESTIGATION.

FBI HEADQUARTERS (FBIHQ) FILES HAVE BEEN PARTIALLY PROCESSED IN RESPONSE TO A SIMILAR REQUEST, BUT TO INSURE COMPLETENESS AND THOROUGHNESS, EACH RECIPIENT OFFICE FURNISH FBIHQ TWO XEROX COPIES OF ANY COMMUNICATION MEETING ABOVE CRITERIA. COPY SHOULD REACH FBIHQ BY JUNE 12, 1978.

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RECIPIENT OFFICES HAVING NO COMMUNICATION MEETING CRITERIA ARE TO SO NOTIFY FBIHQ.

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(ATTENTION: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT, RECORDS MANAGEMENT DIVISION)

FROM: SAC, PITTSBURGH (62-3697) (RUC)

SUBJECT: HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE
ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)
BUDED: 6/12/78

Re Bureau teletype to Albany, et al, dated 6/5/78.

Enclosed for the Bureau are two copies of an airtel from the SAC, Pittsburgh to the Bureau dated 10/26/68 and captioned "COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM, BLACK NATIONALISTS - HATE GROUPS, RACIAL INTELLIGENCE, (RALPH ABERNATHY), (SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE)."

It is noted that in response to Bureau letter to Albany, et al, dated 8/25/67, captioned "COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM, BLACK NATIONALISTS - HATE GROUPS, INTERNAL SECURITY," and Bureau airtel to Albany, et al, dated 3/4/68, captioned "COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM, BLACK NATIONALISTS - HATE GROUPS, RACIAL INTELLIGENCE," the Pittsburgh Division opened PG File; 100-15780.

A review of this file determined only one communication dealing with the Southern Christian Leadership

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Conference. (see enclosures). There were no communications dealing with MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO PITTSBURGH DATED JULY 25, 1978, AND PITTSBURGH TELCALLS TO THE BUREAU, JULY 26, 1978.

THE FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION WAS CONDUCTED AT PITTSBURGH, PA. IN EFFORT TO LOCATE ALEXANDER GEORGE BEN EDMONDSON, AKA ALEX BORMANN:

INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED AT RUST ENGINEERING, 600 GRANT STREET, PITTSBURGH, PA., DETERMINED THAT THAT COMPANY IS NOW PART OF A COMPANY KNOWN AS WHEELABRATOR-FRYE INC., AND THAT EMPLOYMENT RECORDS FOR ALL FORMER PERSONNEL OF RUST ENGINEERING ARE LOCATED IN BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA.

ON JULY 26, 1978, ROSALIND CLAY, PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT,

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A REVIEW OF COLE'S DIRECTORIES FOR THE YEARS 1970 THROUGH 1978, WERE REVIEWED AND THERE WAS NO INDICATION OF ANYONE BY THE NAME OF ALEX BORMANN OR ALEXANDER GEORGE BEN EDMONDSON RESIDING AT 721 BRIGHTON ROAD, APARTMENT 403, PITTSBURGH, PA.

ON THIS SAME DATE, WILLIAM CAVANAUGH, CHIEF, BUREAU OF CRIMINAL IDENTIFICATION, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PROTECTION, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PITTSBURGH, PA., ADVISED THAT A REVIEW OF HIS RECORDS FAILED TO DISCLOSE ANY RECORD OF ARREST IDENTIFIABLE WITH THE NAMES EDMONDSON OR BORMANN.

ON JULY 26, 1978, RONALD SHAULIS, OFFICER IN CHARGE, IDENTIFICATION SECTION, PITTSBURGH POLICE DEPARTMENT, PITTSBURGH, PA., ADVISED THAT A REVIEW OF HIS RECORDS FAILED

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RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO PITTSBURGH DATED JULY 25, 1978, AND PITTSBURGH TELCALLS TO THE BUREAU, JULY 26, 1978.

THE FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION WAS CONDUCTED AT PITTSBURGH, PA. IN EFFORT TO LOCATE ALEXANDER GEORGE BEN EDMONDSON, AKA ALEX BORMANN:

INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED AT RUST ENGINEERING, 6ØØ GRANT STREET, PITTSBURGH, PA., DETERMINED THAT THAT COMPANY IS NOW PART OF A COMPANY KNOWN AS WHEELABRATOR-FRYE INC., AND THAT EMPLOYMENT RECORDS FOR ALL FORMER PERSONNEL OF RUST ENGINEERING ARE LOCATED IN BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA.

ON JULY 26, 1978, ROSALIND CLAY, PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT,

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A REVIEW OF COLE'S DIRECTORIES FOR THE YEARS 1970 THROUGH 1978, WERE REVIEWED AND THERE WAS NO INDICATION OF ANYONE BY THE NAME OF ALEX BORMANN OR ALEXANDER GEORGE BEN EDMONDSON RESIDING AT 721 BRIGHTON ROAD, APARTMENT 403, PITTSBURGH, PA.

ON THIS SAME DATE, WILLIAM CAVANAUGH, CHIEF, BUREAU OF CRIMINAL IDENTIFICATION, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PROTECTION, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PITTSBURGH, PA., ADVISED THAT A REVIEW OF HIS RECORDS FAILED TO DISCLOSE ANY RECORD OF ARREST IDENTIFIABLE WITH THE NAMES EDMONDSON OR BORMANN.

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