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October 17, 1978

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

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

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

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

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

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

As you know, with respect to the King investigation, the Committee is, in effect, performing for the death of Dr. King the same function that the Warren Commission performed for the death of President Kennedy. One of the most frequent criticisms of the Warren Commission is that in attempting to resolve the issue of whether or not Lee Harvey Oswald was an FBI informant, the Commission accepted sworn affidavits from the Bureau. The Committee feels, therefore, that it would be derelict to rely on anything less than an opportunity to examine and cross-examine relevant witnesses on this crucial issue.

The Committee is not unmindful of the sensitive nature of its request. Throughout the effort to resolve this issue, the Committee has attempted to move with restraint. It was not until our field interviews with former members of the Invaders and people present in Memphis at the time of the March 28, 1968 march revealed, (1) that the Invaders were in fact a proximate cause of the violence, and (2) that it is universally believed that the Invader followers who caused the violence were paid FBI operatives, that the Committee requested access to any informant files.

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

The Committee had initially hoped that the answers it sought could be resolved by reviewing the informants Headquarters and Field Office files. Subsequent interviews with current and former agents revealed, additionally, (1) that the Memphis Field Office had prior knowledge of the impending violence (a fact memorialized in FBI documents) and (2) members of the Invaders were observed by agents of the FBI exhorting the crowd and readying weapons from signposts (a fact testified to under oath by these agents.)

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,



G. Robert Blakey
Chief Counsel and Director

GRB:dm

cc: Ron Heller

Mr. Bassett

7/28/78

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

1 - Mr. Bailey
1 - Mr. Mintz
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Mr. Heller
1 - Criminal Investigative
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Attn: Mr. J.J. Jamar
1 - Mr. Foster

PURPOSE: To furnish information regarding captioned Committee's efforts to gain access to Memphis Field Office files of five (5) former informants and to recommend, in accordance with a decision by the Department of Justice, that excised copies of these files be made available only to the HSCA's Chief Counsel and Director.

SYNOPSIS: The HSCA is trying to resolve allegation that FBI informants reporting on the Invaders, a Memphis youth gang, acted as "agent provocateurs" in instigating violence, causing King to return to Memphis where he was killed. HSCA requested access to FBI Headquarters (FBIHQ) files on five informants reporting on Invaders. This access was granted to HSCA Chief Counsel and Director only as effort to compromise with HSCA and assist in resolving allegation. HSCA then requested access to Memphis Field Office files on the same informants. This request was denied in Director letter to Congressman Stokes, Chairman, HSCA, (copy attached) primarily because it would be detrimental to our informant development program. By letter to the Attorney General from HSCA Chairman dated 7/5/78 (copy attached), a meeting with the Attorney General was requested to resolve the issues. Mr. Robert L. Keuch, Assistant Attorney General, stated HSCA plans to subpoena files and that FBI should make files available. Informants were contacted, but refused to permit disclosure of their identities to the HSCA. In letter to the Director dated 7/24/78 (copy attached), Mr. Keuch advised that in his judgement, as Special Counsel for the Attorney General, the HSCA should be given access to excised copies of these files primarily because the Committee's legislative and investigative needs are not based on "pure speculation" and to give access to excised copies both protects informant identities and demonstrates our cooperation. While we believe Mr. Keuch's decision is sound for reasons

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why files should not be made available were informally provided him and are outlined in this memorandum. On 7/27/78, Mr. Keuch stated our arguments are persuasive, but he still believed the decision in his letter of 7/24/78 was the best course of action in this matter. However, he desired to use our arguments in responding to Congressman Stokes' letter and asked this information be furnished him on a formal basis. Mr. Keuch has determined that our action in this matter will have no bearing on the Socialist Workers Party litigation in New York. The Congressional Inquiry Unit (CIU) believes that since copies of these files will be excised to prevent compromise of informants' identities, we should agree with Mr. Keuch's position and make files available.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That we follow the decision of Mr. Keuch in making excised copies of these informant files available to the HSCA's Chief Counsel and Director only.

2. If the above is approved, an appropriate communication be prepared directing to Mr. Keuch information he desires to use in his response to Congressman Stokes.

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DETAILS: By letter to the Attorney General dated 4/12/78, the HSCA requested access to files on our informants within the Invaders, a Memphis youth gang. This request was apparently made after a review of the Invaders file at FBIHQ which disclosed the Memphis Office had five informants who were providing coverage of that organization. Mr. G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director, HSCA, had advised Legal Counsel Division that the HSCA is trying to resolve whether or not the Invaders fomented racial violence to get King to return from Atlanta to Memphis where he was killed and to determine if any of these informants acted as "agent provocateurs" in starting this violence.

None of the five informants involved are currently active. Only one informant actually became a member of the Invaders and that was not until after King's assassination. Memphis files on these informants total 47 sections.

By Mr. Ryan to Mr. Bassett memorandum dated 4/27/78, it was approved to release FBIHQ files on these informants with all informant identifying data excised. It was hoped these files would satisfy the HSCA that informants were not responsible for violence. This action was taken primarily as a "compromise" to demonstrate cooperation with the Committee. Any additional efforts by the HSCA to review field office files of the informants or to determine informant identities would be opposed. Access to FBIHQ informant files was limited to Mr. Blakey, since some staff members were familiar with substantive file on the Invaders and to allow staff access could jeopardize informants' identities.

As reported in Mr. Ryan to Mr. Bassett memorandum dated 5/19/78, Mr. Blakey reviewed excised copies of all five FBIHQ informant files on 5/17/78, in the presence of two Agents of the CIU. Following a review, Mr. Blakey stated he found no evidence that any of our informants acted as "agent provocateurs." He furnished FBIHQ 15 pages of notes which he took during review and desired these notes be kept at FBIHQ for possible later use in constructing a paragraph in the final HSCA report to the effect that he found no evidence that any of these informants instigated violence. Following this review, Mr. Blakey made no verbal request that field office files of these informants would be needed.

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By letter to the Attorney General dated 5/23/78, Mr. Blakey requested access to Memphis Field Office files of these same five informants. This letter stated that the procedure used for review of FBIHQ files was unacceptable and contrary to the Memorandum of Understanding, but could be utilized again.

In response to this request, a letter from the Director to Congressman Louis B. Stokes, Chairman, HSCA, dated 6/13/78, was sent denying access to these files. A copy of this letter and the letter transmitting it to the Department of Justice are attached to this memorandum. Our denial was based primarily on the overall detrimental effect this access could have on our informant development program and, as this letter pointed out, the lives and safety of our informants could be placed in jeopardy. This letter also stated that our decision to make the FBIHQ informant files available was not meant to serve as a precedent for the HSCA to request field office files for the same informants. Mr. Robert L. Keuch, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, concurred with our position in the absence of additional information from the HSCA bearing on the allegation that our informants acted as "agent provocateurs" in instigating the violence in Memphis.

On 7/11/78, representatives of the CIU and Legal Counsel Division met with Mr. Keuch, at which time Mr. Keuch furnished a copy of a letter from Congressman Stokes to the Attorney General dated 7/5/78. A copy of this letter is attached to this memorandum. This letter sets out in detail the basis on which the HSCA feels it has for requesting access to informant field office files. This letter appealed to the Attorney General to resolve the matter of the informant files and requested a meeting with the Attorney General to discuss the issues involved. Mr. Keuch advised that the HSCA was prepared to subpoena these files. In his opinion, Mr. Keuch believed the Department would lose a court decision over the files and it would be in the Bureau's best interest to comply with the HSCA request of 5/23/78 and allow access. Mr. Keuch believed the letter from Congressman Stokes contained additional information bearing on the allegation against the Bureau in that the Committee's own investigation

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had established a need to review the field office informant files and the request was not based on irresponsible allegations. Mr. Keuch requested that the FBI reexamine its position and advise if the files could be made available to Mr. Blakey only.

On 7/13/78, Mr. Keuch advised that if files were not forthcoming, the HSCA planned to issue a subpoena for them, an action to commence 7/17/78.

At a meeting with representatives of the CIU, Mr. Bassett and Mr. Bailey on 7/13/78, Mr. McDermott directed that all five informants be contacted to determine if they have any objections to their identities being disclosed to the HSCA. If any did not object, then a signed waiver would be obtained authorizing release of their files to the HSCA. Subsequent to the meeting, Mr. Keuch was telephonically advised of this action.

On 7/17/78 and 7/18/78, the field advised that all five informants had been contacted and refused to allow their identities to be disclosed to the HSCA. On 7/18/78, Mr. Keuch was telephonically advised that all five informants objected to their identities being disclosed to the HSCA.

By letter to the Director dated 7/24/78 (copy attached), Mr. Keuch outlined the basis which he, as Special Counsel to the Attorney General, believed that excised copies of these informant files should be made available to the HSCA. In his opinion, Mr. Keuch believes the HSCA's legislative and investigative needs for the files are not based on "pure speculation and/or naked allegations"; that the Committee will issue subpoenas for the files and if we lost a court decision regarding subpoenas, access would be broadened and informants' identities could be disclosed; the nature of the Committee is "that the Bureau and Department of Justice are targets or subjects of the investigation" and we are obligated to be as cooperative as possible; and, that "if and when we reach the ultimate confrontation over the possible disclosure of informants" our position will be strengthened by taking cooperative steps consistent with our needs to protect informants' identities.

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Subsequent to receipt of this letter, Mr. Keuch was informally furnished by the CIU a list of points against making these files available to the HSCA. These points were derived as results of discussions by interested divisions at FBIHQ and a review of Congressman Stokes' letter to the Attorney General dated 7/5/78. While it was believed Mr. Keuch's position in this matter is sound, we also desired he be made aware of our arguments in opposition to making these informant files available. These points given to Mr. Keuch informally are as follows:

1. As stated in our letter to Congressman Stokes dated 6/13/78, if it becomes general knowledge that FBI informant files are being opened to outside parties, informant privilege is threatened and our informant development program can be severely hampered. Despite the HSCA's statement in the letter from Congressman Stokes that it is not seeking the informants' identities at this time, this is not the central issue in point. The central issue is the principle of opening a field office informant file to outside parties.

2. The HSCA was provided access to FBIHQ files concerning informants who reported on the Invaders. Although the HSCA feels these were administrative in nature, the policy of the Bureau at that time required that all information of a substantive nature be furnished to FBIHQ. Data such as informant's travel, amount of payments and a summary of background material are examples of such information provided to FBIHQ. Therefore, FBIHQ feels that its files contain significant information concerning the operation of any informant.

3. All information of substance concerning the Invaders organization furnished by these informants would be reported in the Invaders file at FBIHQ. The HSCA has had access to this file since December, 1977. The HSCA has shown no interest in reviewing the Memphis Field Office file concerning the Invaders, a file which would contain all reports from informants covering the Invaders. It would appear logical to examine this file in detail prior to pressing for files of informants, none of whom were even members of the Invaders at the time of or prior to King's assassination.

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4. Review of FBIHQ informant files was restricted to Mr. G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director, HSCA, and not to his staff because, since the staff had access to the Invaders file at FBIHQ, their knowledge of the organization could possibly result in identification of informants through a cross checking of the files. Subsequent to Mr. Blakey's review of the informant files, the FBIHQ Invaders file was delivered to the HSCA on 7/6/78. Now Mr. Blakey himself has access to the substantive Invaders file, and similarly, his possible new knowledge could result in source identification if allowed access to field office files.

5. On 7/17/78 and 7/18/78, all five informants were contacted to determine if they would permit disclosure of their identification to the HSCA. All declined.

6. Following his review of FBIHQ files on 5/19/78, Mr. Blakey told agents present that he found no evidence that any of our informants acted as "agent provocateurs." He furnished notes taken during his review to FBIHQ and requested the notes be maintained by the FBI for possible future use in writing into his final report a paragraph to the effect he had found no evidence that any of these informants had instigated violence. He made no request at that time to review field office informant files. It is possible that Mr. Blakey is satisfied with the review of FBIHQ informant files.

7. The FBI desires to maintain consistency with regard to our position in this matter. In our letter to Congressman Stokes dated 6/13/78, access to these files was denied. This position was decided upon after careful deliberation between interested divisions in the FBI and in our view the HSCA has provided no basis to cause a change of this position.

8. Providing the HSCA access to field office informant files, although excised, could serve as an undesirable precedent for other outside groups to review such files.

9. Because of the large number of excisions in these files to protect the identities of informants, it is unlikely the HSCA will be satisfied with its review, if granted. It will probably ask for fewer excisions and/or the identities of the informants.

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10. Finally, the letter from Congressman Stokes dated 7/5/78, has been analyzed at FBIHQ and, generally, it is not believed it contains additional information giving substance to the allegation that our informants acted as "agent provocateurs." Specifically, the following points are noted:

a. The letter states (pages 1 and 4) that the HSCA had access to relevant Bureau personnel and has conducted extensive interview among those who may also be subjects of this aspect of the Committee's investigation. The Committee claims need to review the files to determine if the written record supports or refutes the oral testimony on the relevant questions. However, the letter offers no specific results of interviews of personnel or others concerning the basic allegation. It has not identified any specific individual who has furnished information bearing on this allegation.

b. The letter states (page 4) that based on field interviews with former members of the Invaders and people present in Memphis at the time of the march, the "Invaders were in fact a proximate cause of the violence." This is not new information. The FBIHQ file concerning the Invaders, media reports issued then and more recently verifies the Invaders culpability regarding violence during the march. The letter also states (page 4) that "it is universally believed that the Invader followers who caused the violence were paid FBI operatives." The FBI considers this statement a sweeping generalization and again the Committee offers no specific identities of individuals who believed those causing violence were FBI informants. Other than articles appearing in "Newsday" magazine in 1976 and more recently statements by Mark Lane and possibly former members of the Invaders, who else shares this belief? The letter from Congressman Stokes identifies no one.

c. This letter states (page 4) that the "Memphis Field Office had prior knowledge of impending violence (a fact memorialized in FBI documents)." This statement implies the FBI knew of violence because its informants

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were instructed to instigate violence. However, as shown in our files, FBI knowledge of impending violence was based on information from various informants and officials, resulting from a tense situation brought about by the Sanitation Workers Strike, all of which made knowledge of impending violence rather obvious.

d. The letter states (pages 4 and 5) that "members of the Invaders were observed by agents of the FBI exhorting the crowd and readying weapons from signposts (a fact later testified to under oath by these agents)." A review of the Invaders and informant files at FBIHQ disclosed that none of the informants were members of the Invaders at the time violence occurred. Only one of these five informants was ever a member and that was subsequent to the assassination.

e. The letter states (page 5) that "Professor Blakey's review of the files revealed that at least one informant subsequently joined a more violence-prone organization." It is assumed this statement is to demonstrate the informant's propensity for violence. However, the FBI believes that King's death and the rioting that followed intensified racial feeling and tended to make some organizations more violent. Therefore, it is logical that whatever organization our informant was redirected into, it would be more violence prone.

On 7/27/78, Mr. Keuch telephonically advised a representative of the CIU that he reviewed our arguments and found them persuasive, but still he believed the decision as outlined in his letter of 7/24/78 was the best course of action in this matter. He stated, however, that he desired to use our arguments in responding to the letter from Congressman Stokes and asked that this information be furnished him on a formal basis. Mr. Keuch also stated he had contacted the United States Attorney in New York handling the Socialist Workers Party case and had received clearance that our action in this matter would have no bearing on that litigation.

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OBSERVATIONS: The CIU believes that since copies of these files will be excised to prevent compromise of informant identities, we should agree with Mr. Keuch's position in this matter and make excised copies available to the HSCA's Chief Counsel and Director only. These files, consisting of 47 sections, have been furnished to FBIHQ, copied and returned to Memphis Field Office in anticipation of this need.

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- 1 - Mr. Bailey
- 1 - Legal Counsel Division
Attn: Mr. Coulson
- 1 - Criminal Investigative Division
Attn: M. V. Hale
- (1) - Mr. Foster

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

June 7, 1978

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Reference is made to the letter to the Attorney General from
G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director, HSCA, dated May 23, 1978,
which requested the Memphis Office files for five FBI informants be
prepared for access of the HSCA.

Enclosed are an original and one copy of a letter to Congressman
Louis B. Stokes, Chairman, HSCA, in response to referenced letter. It
is requested that you furnish the enclosed letter to Congressman Stokes.

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Honorable Louis B. Stokes
Chairman, House Select Committee On
Assassinations
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Dear Congressman:

Reference is made to the letter to the Attorney General from G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director, House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA), dated May 23, 1978, which referred to the HSCA's access to "informant files of all informants within the Invaders during 1968." This reference is to five FBI Headquarters (FBIHQ) informant files which Mr. Blakey reviewed on May 17, 1978. These files involve five informants of the Memphis Office of the FBI who furnished information on various racial matters during the approximate time of the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., including information about the Invaders, a Memphis youth gang.

Mr. Blakey was granted access to these files based on the HSCA's request of April 12, 1978. Other than stating an interest in the roles of these informants within the Invaders organization relative to the activities of King, this request offered no other reasons for the HSCA's need to review these informant files. However, based on a discussion between Mr. Blakey and a representative of the FBI's Legal Counsel Division, Mr. Blakey advised that the HSCA is trying to resolve the issue as to whether or not the Invaders fomented racial violence to get King to return from Atlanta to Memphis where he was killed, and if any of our informants acted as "agent provocateurs" in instigating this violence.

1 - G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director, HSCA

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Honorable Louis B. Stokes

The allegation that our informants instigated violence is not a new one. As disclosed in the FBI's file on the Invaders, this allegation was reported in the media in February, 1976. At that time, files of FBIHQ and the Memphis Office of the FBI were reviewed concerning the allegation with negative results. The Memphis Office advised that these informants did not advocate nor take part in the planning of any riot. This information was furnished to the Attorney General by letter dated March 4, 1976.

Further, the Department of Justice Task Force reviewing the FBI's assassination and security investigations of King concluded there was no evidence that the activities of these informants related to King or were in any way connected with his assassination.

Despite the overwhelming evidence disproving the above allegation, this Bureau, in an effort to cooperate with the HSCA as fully as possible and after very careful deliberation, decided to make the FBIHQ informant files available only to Mr. Blakey with all informant identifying data excised. This decision on the part of the Bureau was not meant to serve as a precedent for the HSCA to request the field office files on the same informants nor for that matter to make available the files of other informants which may be of interest to the Committee. If, in fact, the purpose in reviewing these files is to determine whether these informants acted as "agent provocateurs," this Bureau is more than willing to furnish a sworn affidavit denying this allegation.

In referenced letter, Mr. Blakey stated the procedure by which he was permitted access to FBIHQ informant files was unacceptable. It should be noted that Mr. Blakey agreed to these conditions, but prior to the review, requested that members of his staff also be given access to these files. Because some HSCA staff members were familiar with our substantive file on the Invaders, it was necessary to decline Mr. Blakey's request since this knowledge posed an additional threat to our informants' identities.

As you can fully understand, the issue of permitting outside parties to review informant files of the FBI is a very delicate one. It is vital to protect our confidential informants because we may be dealing with the lives and safety of these informants and members of their families. If it becomes general knowledge that FBI informants' files are being opened to outside parties, informant privilege is threatened and our informant development program can be severely hampered. You can appreciate that an Agent in the field may be unable to develop a confidential relationship with an individual if the agency involved cannot protect the contents of that informant's file.

Honorable Louis B. Stokes

Therefore, for the considerations outlined above, Mr. Blakey's request for access to these field office informant files is denied. This matter has been discussed with Mr. Robert L. Kauch, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice. Mr. Kauch advised that, in the absence of additional information from the HSCA bearing on the allegation that our informants acted as "agent provocateurs" in instigating violence in Memphis, he concurred with our position on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

William H. Webster
Director

NOTE: By Ryan to Mr. Bassett memorandum dated 4-27-78, it was approved to allow Blakey access to files of informants who furnished information concerning the Invaders. This action was taken in hope of satisfying the HSCA that our informants were not responsible for violence which occurred during the Sanitation Workers Strike in Memphis. After Mr. Blakey reviewed these files, as reported in Ryan to Mr. Bassett memorandum dated 5-19-78, Blakey stated he found no evidence that any of our informants acted as "agent provocateurs." However, he followed with an additional request to see the informants' Field Office files.

Representatives of the Congressional Inquiry Unit, the Legal Counsel Division, and the Top Echelon and Criminal Informant Unit, Criminal Investigative Division, are in total agreement that we should go no further to answer HSCA's demands for informant files in this matter and that Mr. Blakey's request should be denied. Mr. Kauch concurred, based on discussion with D. O. Coulson, Legal Counsel Division, on 5-30-78.

On 6-1-78, SA Beryl Johnson, Memphis Office, was advised of the above. Based on his knowledge of the situation, Memphis would be willing and capable of submitting a sworn affidavit concerning this allegation.

This letter completes response to HSCA's request dated 5-23-78.

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Select Committee on Assassinations

U.S. House of Representatives

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July 5, 1978

The Honorable Griffin B. Bell
Attorney General of the United States
Department of Justice
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Dear Mr. Attorney General:

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In connection with the Committee's investigation into the circumstances surrounding the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., I write to request that you make certain field office informant files available to the Committee so that serious allegations involving the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the death of Dr. King may be resolved. The Committee has already had access to the relevant Bureau personnel, and it has conducted extensive interviews among those who may also be subjects of this aspect of the Committee's investigation. The focus of the Committee's effort now is to determine if the written record supports or refutes the oral testimony on the relevant questions. These files have been denied to the Committee by the Director of the Bureau by letter dated June 11, 1978, with the concurrence of the Criminal Division. I write this letter to ask that you give your personal attention to resolving this serious matter.

On October 7, 1977, you and I signed the Memorandum of Understanding between the Department and the Select Committee. As you will recall, it was intended that the Memorandum should cover what materials the Department of Justice would release to the Committee, (I.A.C.).

In a letter dated April 12, 1978, Professor G. Robert Blakey, the Chief Counsel and Staff Director of the Committee, confirmed an oral request in which he asked for "the informant files on all informants in the Invaders (a Black militant group in Memphis, Tennessee) during 1968 and provide the Committee with access to these files." (See II. B.) Apparently, this group was involved in the violence that occurred in Memphis when Dr. King was there

in 1968. The files were to be examined in a form in which only the identity of the informants had been exercised from them. The letter also expressly noted the "Committee ... reserves the right to request...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." (See I.B.(1))

During the week of May 14, 1978, the Bureau, in partial response to the April 12th request, permitted only Professor Blakey to review the duly excised FBI Headquarters informant files. The staff of the Committee was denied access to the files. Professor Blakey agreed to this form of limited access, reserving the right to insist that the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding be complied with.

In a letter dated May 23, 1978, the Committee then requested "that the Memphis Field Office files for these same informants be prepared for access by the staff." The Headquarters files contained basically administrative data; it was felt that the Field Office file might be more enlightening. The letter also observed, "While the Committee feels that the procedure by which... (Professor Blakey) was permitted access to the first set of files was unacceptable and contrary to the Memorandum of Understanding, pending further discussions to arrange to broaden access, this procedure may again be utilized."

It should be clearly understood that the Committee's request for these files, as well as the other informant files, is predicated on the precise language of the Memorandum of Understanding.

Section I.B.(2) of the Memorandum sets out the "Specific Rules" by which access to materials may be obtained. Section I.B.(2), in pertinent part, provides:

Where...requested materials reveal the identity of FBI sources who are or were informants...The D(épartement) of J(ustice) will appropriately sanitize, including excising, if necessary, information identifying such operations, sources or informants. (Emphasis added.)

Under I.B.(2), the only matter at issue is the terms of access. Denial of access is not contemplated. B(2) clearly allows access to the files at issue, subject only to proper sanitization. Nothing else is asked for here.

The Committee is fully cognizant of the issues raised by the Bureau in its letter of June 13, 1978, in response to our request. It is, of course, recognized that a measure of confidence in the Bureau's informant program would, in fact, be eroded should it become general knowledge that the FBI identified its informants in anything but extraordinary circumstances, where, under the prevailing view, they must be identified. See Roviaro v. United States, 353 U.S. 53 (1957). Nevertheless, all this is premature; the Committee has not requested, as yet, that the identity of these informants be revealed. All that is requested is access to the files, in order that serious allegations involving the informants and the Bureau be resolved.

The Director's letter of June 13, 1978, offers instead of access to the relevant files, sworn affidavits denying the Bureau's informants acted as "agents provocateurs". The Committee feels that this procedure for resolving this issue would be unacceptable. As you know, with respect to the King investigation the Committee is, in effect, performing for death of Dr. King the same function that the Warren Commission performed for the death of President Kennedy. One of the most frequent criticisms of the Warren Commission is that in attempting to resolve the issue of whether or not Lee Harvey Oswald was an FBI informant, the Commission accepted sworn affidavits from the Bureau. The Committee feels, therefore, that it is unacceptable in this instance merely to rely on sworn denials without an opportunity to examine and cross examine the relevant witnesses and to examine primary source documents. Our investigation must command the confidence of the American people if it is to achieve its goals. Consequently, it will not be possible for the Committee to accept, as the Director suggests, that this issue be resolved by the taking of affidavits from the Bureau.

After noting that the allegation that the Bureau or persons employed by it instigated violence is not new, the Director's letter of June 13, 1978, denied the Committee access to the files, referring to "overwhelming evidence disproving the...allegation." In support of that assertion, the Committee is told that "The Memphis Office advised that these informants did not advocate nor take part in the planning of any riot." Next, our attention is drawn to the Department of Justice Task Force's conclusion, stated in two sentences of their report.

"There is no evidence that the activities of these informants related directly to Dr. King. Moreover, there is no evidence that would suggest that these informants were connected in any way to the assassination of Dr. King. (HQ 134-11867; 170-1841; 170-1922; 170-2530, and 157-4885)."

From the Committee's perspective, this "evidence" is hardly overwhelming. But that is largely beside the point. Without access to this evidence, it cannot be evaluated. Mere denials and conclusions cannot be accepted in lieu of records and sworn testimony. The Committee has completed the compilation of an oral record of the events that transpired in Memphis during March and April, 1968. This record consists of interview notes, testimony under oath before the Committee, and witness depositions. It is now imperative that these witnesses' current recollections be compared with the contemporaneous written record, particularly that contained in the relevant informant files.

Throughout the effort to resolve this issue, the Committee has attempted to move with restraint. It was not until our field interviews with former members of the Invaders and people present in Memphis at the time of the March 28, 1968 march revealed: 1) that the Invaders were in fact a proximate cause of the violence, and 2) that it is universally believed that the Invader followers who caused the violence were paid FBI operatives that we requested access to any informant files.

By that time, the Committee had reviewed the Sanitation Strike, Invaders, King and Southern Charter Leadership Conference files. It had also reviewed the Memphis Police Department files, and it had interviewed their undercover operative within the Invader organization.

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The Committee had initially hoped that the answers it sought would be contained in the Headquarters files. They are, as noted above, largely administrative, containing only general information on informant reliability, payment of fees, and justification for continuing the informant's status. They do not contain agent instructions; they do not reflect in detail the working relationship between agents and informants. From the Committee's perspective, therefore, the information contained in the Headquarter files proved inadequate. Subsequent interviews with current and former agents have also revealed that: 1) the Memphis Field Office had prior knowledge of impending violence (a fact memorialized in FBI documents) and 2) members of the Invaders were observed by

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I feel that this is a matter that can best be resolved by our discussing the issues involved. Since the Select Committee's investigation is in its last stage -- our public hearings will begin in August -- I suggest that you give me a call this week and we can meet as soon as possible to discuss this matter.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in dark ink, likely belonging to Louis Stokes, is written over the typed name.

LOUIS STOKES
Chairman

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

JUL 24 1978

TO : The Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

FROM : *[Signature]*
Robert L. Keuch
Special Counsel to the Attorney General

SUBJECT: House Select Committee on Assassinations
Request for Memphis Field Office Files

DATE:

RLK:mal

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As you are aware, we had, by letter of June 13, 1978, previously refused the request of the Committee. I concurred in that action and believe it was correct based on the fact that, in our view, the only need demonstrated by the Committee for access to the field office files rested on naked allegations which had been denied in the past. In the Committee's latest demand, presented by the July 5 letter, the Committee, on pages 3, 4, and 5 of the letter, outlines in greater detail the justification for its request. While it may be our judgment that the information set forth by the Committee is not sufficient to substantiate the allegations made about the activities of the informants at issue, it is equally clear that we can no longer take the position that the Committee's legislative and investigative needs are based on pure speculation and/or naked allegations. That being the case, the limited access outlined above should be granted in response to the Committee's request.

I am, of course, aware of the deep concern held by the Bureau concerning any indication that we are willing to disclose informants or release information which will lead to their disclosure. I share that concern and my decision in this matter has been reached only with the greatest possible consideration of that concern.

cc: The Attorney General
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In addition to the further justification submitted by the Committee for their request, I believe there are other factors which support my conclusion that we should provide the limited access discussed. An important factor is that, if the response to the Committee's latest request is a complete refusal, the Committee will issue subpoenas for the informant files. The only way we could respond to such subpoenas other than by providing the requested information would be to seek to have them enjoined by a federal court. While this type of confrontation may ultimately be necessary during the course of the Committee's proceedings, it does not appear wise to take this step without first offering limited access. This is so for two reasons.

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Mr. Robert L. Keuch
Special Counsel to the Attorney General
Director, FBI

August 4, 1978

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

1 - Mr. Mintz
Attn: Mr. Heller
1 - Criminal Investigative
Division
Attn: Mr. J.J. Jamar
1 - Mr. Bailey
1 - Mr. Foster

Reference is made to your letter dated July 24, 1978, captioned "House Select Committee on Assassinations Request for Memphis Field Office Files."

In response to your request in referenced letter, Memphis Field Office files of five informants, who reported on activities of the Invaders, are being processed by the Congressional Inquiry Unit (CIU), Records Management Division, FBI Headquarters (FBIHQ). As indicated in referenced letter, excised versions of these files will be made available only to Mr. G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director, HSCA. You will be advised when file processing is completed. Files involved total 47 sections.

In referenced letter, you advised you shared the FBI's concern regarding the release of these files. Based on this concern and believing your position to be sound, a representative of the CIU, subsequent to receipt of referenced letter, informally furnished you a list of points against making these files available.

On July 27, 1978, you advised that you reviewed our arguments and found them persuasive, but still believed the decision as outlined in referenced letter was the best course of action in this matter. However, you desired to use our arguments in responding to letter to the Attorney General from Congressman Louis B. Stokes, Chairman, HSCA, dated July 5, 1978. You asked that this information be furnished you on a formal basis.

In accordance with your request, the following points derived from decisions at FBIHQ and a review of Congressman 'Stokes' letter dated July 5, 1978, are submitted:

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Mr. Robert L. Kauch
Special Counsel to the Attorney General

1. As stated in our letter to Congressman Stokes dated June 13, 1978, if it becomes general knowledge that FBI informant files are being opened to outside parties, informant privilege is threatened and our informant development program can be severely hampered. Despite the HSCA's statement in the letter from Congressman Stokes that it is not seeking the informants' identities at this time, this is not the central issue in point. The central issue is the principle of opening a field office informant file to outside parties.

2. The HSCA was provided access to FBIHQ files concerning informants who reported on the Invaders. Although the HSCA feels these were administrative in nature, the policy of the Bureau at that time required that all information of a substantive nature be furnished to FBIHQ. Data such as informant's travel, amount of payments and a summary of background material are examples of such information provided to FBIHQ. Therefore, FBIHQ feels that its files contain significant information concerning the operation of any informant.

3. All information of substance concerning the Invaders organization furnished by these informants would be reported in the Invaders file at FBIHQ. The HSCA has had access to this file since December, 1977. The HSCA has shown no interest in reviewing the Memphis Field Office file concerning the Invaders, a file which would contain all reports from informants covering the Invaders. It would appear logical to examine this file in detail prior to pressing for files of informants, none of whom were even members of the Invaders at the time of or prior to King's assassination.

4. Review of FBIHQ informant files was restricted to Mr. G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director, HSCA, and not to his staff because, since the staff had access to the Invaders file at FBIHQ, their knowledge of the organization could possibly result in identification of informants through a cross checking of the files. Subsequent to Mr. Blakey's review of the informant files, the FBIHQ Invaders file was delivered to the HSCA on July 6, 1978. Now

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Mr. Blakey himself has access to the substantive Invaders file, and, similarly, his possible new knowledge could result in source identification if allowed access to field office files.

5. On July 17 and 18, 1978, all five informants were contacted to determine if they would permit disclosure of their identification to the HSCA. All declined.

6. Following his review of FBIHQ files on May 19, 1978, Mr. Blakey told agents present that he found no evidence that any of our informants acted as "agent provocateurs." He furnished notes taken during his review to FBIHQ and requested the notes be maintained by the FBI for possible future use in writing into his final report a paragraph to the effect he had found no evidence that any of these informants had instigated violence. He made no request at that time to review field office informant files. It is possible that Mr. Blakey is satisfied with the review of FBIHQ informant files.

7. The FBI desires to maintain consistency with regard to our position in this matter. In our letter to Congressman Stokes dated June 13, 1978, access to these files was denied. This position was decided upon after careful deliberation between interested divisions in the FBI and, in our view, the HSCA has provided no basis to cause a change of this position.

8. Providing the HSCA access to field office informant files, although excised, could serve as an undesirable precedent for other outside groups to review such files.

9. Because of the large number of excisions in these files to protect the identities of informants, it is unlikely the HSCA will be satisfied with its review, if granted. It will probably ask for fewer excisions and/or the identities of the informants.

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10. Finally, the letter from Congressman Stokes dated July 5, 1978, has been analyzed at FBIHQ and, generally, it is not believed it contains additional information giving substance to the allegation that our informants acted as "agent provocateurs." Specifically, the following points are noted:

a. The letter states (pages 1 and 4) that the HSCA had access to relevant Bureau personnel and has conducted extensive interview among those who may also be subjects of this aspect of the Committee's investigation. The Committee claims need to review the files to determine if the written record supports or refutes the oral testimony on the relevant questions. However, the letter offers no specific results of interviews of personnel or others concerning the basic allegation. It has not identified any specific individual who has furnished information bearing on this allegation.

b. The letter states (page 4) that based on field interviews with former members of the Invaders and people present in Memphis at the time of the march, the "Invaders were in fact a proximate cause of the violence." This is not new information. The FBIHQ file concerning the Invaders and media reports issued then and more recently verify the Invaders culpability regarding violence during the march. The letter also states (page 4) that "it is universally believed that the Invader followers who caused the violence were paid FBI operatives." The FBI considers this statement a sweeping generalization and again the Committee offers no specific identities of individuals who believed those causing violence were FBI informants. Other than articles appearing in "Newsday" magazine in 1976 and, more recently, statements by Mark Lane and possibly former members of the Invaders, who else shares this belief? The letter from Congressman Stokes identifies no one.

c. This letter states (page 4) that the "Memphis Field Office had prior knowledge of impending violence (a fact memorialized in FBI documents)." This statement implies the FBI knew of violence because its informants

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were instructed to instigate violence. However, as shown in our files, FBI knowledge of impending violence was based on information from various informants and officials, resulting from a tense situation brought about by the Sanitation Workers Strike, all of which made knowledge of impending violence rather obvious.

d. The letter states (pages 4 and 5) that "members of the Invaders were observed by agents of the FBI exhorting the crowd and readying weapons from signposts (a fact later testified to under oath by these agents)." A review of the Invaders and informant files at FBIHQ disclosed that none of the informants were members of the Invaders at the time violence occurred. Only one of these five informants was ever a member and that was subsequent to the assassination.

e. The letter states (page 5) that "Professor Blakey's review of the files revealed that at least one informant subsequently joined a more violence-prone organization." It is assumed this statement is to demonstrate the informant's propensity for violence. However, the FBI believes that King's death and the rioting that followed intensified racial feeling and tended to make some organizations more violent. Therefore, it is logical that whatever organization our informant was redirected into, it would be more violence prone.

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Special Counsel to the Attorney General

NOTE: This matter concerns HSCA request to review Memphis Field Office files of five informants who reported on activities of the Invaders, a Memphis youth gang. The HSCA is trying to resolve an allegation that our informants instigated violence which caused King to return to Memphis where he was killed. We granted access to Headquarters files of the informants to Mr. Blakey only, but denied his subsequent request for similar access to field office files. In letter to the Attorney General dated 7/5/78, Congressman Stokes requested a conference to resolve the issue. Mr. Keuch's letter of 7/24/78 stated his position, which is to provide Blakey access to the files, excising all identifying data. While we agree that Mr. Keuch's position is sound, our arguments against release are being provided him formally, per his request.

Full background and details regarding this matter were set forth in D. Ryan to Mr. Bassett memorandum dated 7/28/78, which recommended a letter to Mr. Keuch be sent listing our arguments against release of the files. This memorandum has been approved by the Director.

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11/24/78

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

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

SUBJECT: HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON
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Re Bureau teletype to Memphis dated 11/21/78.

Enclosed for the Bureau are four items containing
information re CHARLES LAVERNE CABBAGE.

The enclosed items represent retrievable
information maintained by the Memphis Office re CHARLES
LAVERNE CABBAGE for the period 3/1/68 through 6/1/68.

Memphis indices contain a reference on the name
CHARLES CABBAGE, Memphis file 44-1987-Sub-B-502D. This
is the MURKIN file which was sent to the Bureau in July,
1977. It is suggested the Bureau may desire to review
this reference in connection with captioned matter.

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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATION (HSCA)

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BY LETTER DATED 11/14/78, THE HSCA, IN CONNECTION WITH ITS INVESTIGATION INTO THE ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., REQUESTED DELIVERY OF ALL INFORMATION IN POSSESSION OF THE FBI CONCERNING AND/OR RECEIVED FROM CHARLES CABBAGE, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, DURING THE PERIOD MARCH 1, 1968 THROUGH JUNE 1, 1968.

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100-4528 DISCLOSED CHARLES LAVERNE CABBAGE, BORN 4/8/44,

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MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, WAS INVESTIGATED FROM 1967 TO 1972. CABBAGE WAS A MEMBER OF THE INVADERS, A MEMPHIS YOUTH GANG WHICH HAS BEEN THE SUBJECT OF HSCA INQUIRY CONCERNING THE KING ASSASSINATION INVESTIGATION.

MEMPHIS PROMPTLY REPRODUCE ONE LEGIBLE COPY OF EACH FILE AND SERIAL RETRIEVABLE CONCERNING CABBAGE FOR THE PERIOD MARCH 1, 1968 THROUGH JUNE 1, 1968. ANY ITEM CONTAINED IN FILES WHICH CAN NOT BE READILY REPRODUCED SHOULD BE FULLY DESCRIBED IN THE COVER PAGES OF AIRTEL TRANSMITTING MATERIAL.

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TO DIRECTOR (62-117290) ROUTINE

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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)

BUDED NOVEMBER 13, 1978

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO MEMPHIS AND OTHER OFFICES NOVEMBER
8, 1978.A SEARCH OF INDICES AND REVIEW OF FILES OF THE MEMPHIS
OFFICE REVEALED NO INFORMATION IDENTIFIABLE WITH JAMES COOPER
GREEN, AKA, JIM GENOVESE, BASED ON INFORMATION SET FORTH IN
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UNCLAS E F T O

HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)

BUDED NOVEMBER 13, 1978.

HSCA, BY LETTER DATED NOVEMBER 6, 1978, REQUESTED THAT ALL
FBIHQ AND FIELD OFFICE FILES BE PROVIDED ON THE FOLLOWING

SUBJECTS:

87-16386 ? 160-0-447,13
157-2566-326 p. 252 ?
157-7740 N1
A) JAMES COOPER GREEN, AKA JIM GENOVESE

DOB: JANUARY 7, 1947

ADDRESS: ROUTE 2, CARUTHERSVILLE, MISSOURI

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B) DALLAS BARR^Q, AKA JERRY MILLER

DOB: FEBRUARY 1, 1928 OR JANUARY 1, 1929

FBI NUMBER 5 041 866

ON NOVEMBER 8, 1978, MICHAEL EBERHARDT, HSCA, ADVISED THAT THE COMMITTEE WANTED THE FIELD OFFICES IN CHICAGO, KANSAS CITY, SPRINGFIELD AND ST. LOUIS, CHECKED FOR MATERIAL ON BARR.

EBERHARDT REQUESTED THAT THE FIELD OFFICES IN MEMPHIS, NEW ORLEANS AND ST. LOUIS BE CHECKED FOR MATERIAL ON GREEN.

ABOVE-NAMED OFFICES SHOULD REVIEW INDICES AND ANY MATERIAL FOUND IDENTIFIABLE WITH JAMES COOPER GREEN OR DALLAS BARR, IN THE APPROPRIATE FIELD OFFICE, SHOULD BE DUPLICATED AND ONE COPY FURNISHED BY COVER AIRTEL TO CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT, RECORDS MANAGEMENT DIVISION, FBIHQ, BY NOVEMBER 13, 1978. ANY POTENTIAL PROBLEMS IN COMPLYING WITH DEADLINE SHOULD BE TELEPHONICALLY RESOLVED WITH CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT.

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FM DIRECTOR FBI (62-117290)

TO FBI MEMPHIS PRIORITY

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UNCLAS E F T O

HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)

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

IN COMPLIANCE WITH PREVIOUS HSCA REQUESTS, FIVE (5) FORMER MEMPHIS INFORMANTS WHO REPORTED ON THE INVADERS WERE CONTACTED BY YOUR OFFICE IN JULY, 1978, TO DETERMINE THEIR WILLINGNESS TO

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BE INTERVIEWED BY THE HSCA. ALL DECLINED. IN RESPONSE TO COMMITTEE REQUEST TO REVIEW INFORMANTS FIELD OFFICE FILES, ROBERT L. KEUCH, DEPUTY ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL, CRIMINAL DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, RENDERED THE OPINION THAT FILES SHOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO ONLY THE HSCA'S CHIEF COUNSEL AND DIRECTOR, G. ROBERT BLAKEY. INFORMATION IDENTIFYING INFORMANTS AS WELL AS THEIR IDENTITIES WAS TO BE EXCISED. ON OCTOBER 6, 1978, MR. BLAKEY COMPLETED HIS REVIEW OF THESE EXCISED INFORMANT FILES.

BY LETTER DATED OCTOBER 17, 1978, TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL (COPY FURNISHED MEMPHIS BY FACSIMILE ON OCTOBER 24, 1978), THE HSCA REQUESTED THE NAME OF ONE OF THESE INFORMANTS BE PROVIDED IN ORDER THAT THE HSCA COULD INTERVIEW HIM TO RESOLVE "SERIOUS ALLEGATIONS INVOLVING THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION AND THE DEATH OF DR. KING." BASED ON INFORMATION IN THIS LETTER, INFORMANT IN QUESTION IS FORMER ME 338-R (MEMPHIS FILE 170-70).

OFFICIALS AT FBI HEADQUARTERS (FBIHQ) AND MR. KEUCH HAVE CONCURRED THAT THIS INFORMANT'S IDENTITY SHOULD NOT BE REVEALED TO THE COMMITTEE, BUT, TO AVOID CONFRONTATION AND POSSIBLE CONGRESSIONAL SUBPOENA FOR HIS IDENTITY, ANOTHER EFFORT SHOULD

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BE MADE TO CONTACT INFORMANT AND DETERMINE IF HE WOULD BE WILLING TO BE INTERVIEWED BY THE HSCA. MR. KEUCH REQUESTED THE HSCA PROVIDE ADDITIONAL DETAILS REGARDING CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE INTERVIEW AND ANY OTHER INFORMATION THE COMMITTEE MAY DESIRE THE INFORMANT BE FURNISHED AT THE TIME OF FBI CONTACT. THIS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WAS RECEIVED IN HSCA LETTER TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL DATED OCTOBER 19, 1978, A COPY OF WHICH WAS FURNISHED MEMPHIS BY FACSIMILE ON OCTOBER 24, 1978.

IN SUMMARY, THIS LETTER CONTAINS THE FOLLOWING POINTS WHICH SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO INFORMANT'S ATTENTION UPON CONTACT:

(1) THE HSCA IS TRYING TO RESOLVE SERIOUS ALLEGATIONS INVOLVING THE FBI AND THE DEATH OF KING AND HAS EXTENSIVELY PURSUED ITS INVESTIGATION INTO THE INVADERS.

(2) THE HSCA HAS HAD ACCESS TO HIS INFORMANT FILE (WITH IDENTITY EXCISED) AND NOW NEEDS TO DETERMINE IF HIS ORAL TESTIMONY WILL SUPPORT THE WRITTEN RECORD.

(3) HIS INTERVIEW MAY CORROBORATE OR REFUTE INFORMATION THE HSCA HAS RECEIVED FROM OTHER SOURCES.

(4) THE HSCA IS EXTREMELY SENSITIVE TO CONCERNS OF THE FBI IN PRESERVING HIS CONFIDENTIALITY AND APPRECIATES THAT MOST

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INFORMANTS DESIRE TO REMAIN UNIDENTIFIED.

(5) IF THE HSCA LEARNS HIS IDENTITY, IT WILL BE ONLY USED AT THE CURRENT TIME TO INTERVIEW AND PERHAPS DEPOSE HIM.

(6) INTERVIEW WOULD TAKE PLACE IN WASHINGTON, D. C., AND WITHOUT KNOWLEDGE OF ANY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC.

(7) HIS IDENTITY WILL NOT BE DISCLOSED TO EVERY MEMBER OF THE HSCA STAFF.

(8) THE HSCA HAS NO DESIRE TO HAVE INFORMANT'S IDENTITY NEEDLESSLY PUBLICLY EXPOSED AND, ABSENT EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES, THE COMMITTEE WOULD NOT DIVULGE, IN ITS HEARINGS OR FINAL REPORT, THE NAME OF THE INFORMANT.

(9) THE HSCA IS MANDATED TO CONDUCT A FULL AND COMPLETE INVESTIGATION INTO THE ASSASSINATION OF KING AND HIS INTERVIEW IS ESSENTIAL TO ENABLE THE COMMITTEE TO FULFILL ITS LEGISLATIVE MANDATE AND RESPONSIBILITIES TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

(10) IF INFORMANT REFUSES, THE COMMITTEE IS PREPARED TO SEEK INFORMATION (HIS IDENTITY) THROUGH FORMAL PROCESS (SUBPOENA) AND SUCH LITIGATION COULD EXPOSE HIM PUBLICLY. THEREFORE, HE MAY DESIRE TO CONSENT TO INTERVIEW TO AVOID UNNECESSARY DISCLOSURE OR PUBLICITY.

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IT SHOULD BE STRESSED TO ME-338-R AT THE TIME OF CONTACT, THAT THE ABOVE POINTS ARE REASONS THE HSCA DESIRES HIS IDENTITY AND INTERVIEW. HE SHOULD BE TOLD THE FBI IS NOT ENDORSING ANY OF THESE POINTS AND WILL IN NO WAY ENCOURAGE OR RECOMMEND HIS COOPERATION OR LACK OF COOPERATION WITH THE HSCA. IT IS ENTIRELY HIS OWN DECISION.

IF INFORMANT AGREES TO INTERVIEW, HE MAY DESIRE TO INITIATE TELEPHONIC CONTACT WITH THE HSCA, DISCLOSE HIS IDENTITY AT THAT TIME AND MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR INTERVIEW. THIS COURSE OF ACTION CAN BE COORDINATED THROUGH FBIHQ. IF INFORMANT AGREES TO INTERVIEW AND PREFERS THE FBI FURNISH HIS IDENTITY TO THE HSCA, THEN A SIGNED WAIVER SHOULD BE OBTAINED, WORDED SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE FBI TO DISCLOSE HIS IDENTITY TO THE HSCA.

IF INFORMANT AGAIN DECLINES TO INTERVIEW WITH THE HSCA, HE SHOULD BE TOLD THE FBI WILL DO ALL WITHIN ITS POWER TO PROTECT HIS IDENTITY, HOWEVER, HIS FILE COULD BE SUBJECT TO SUBPOENA. OBTAIN FROM HIM WHAT CIRCUMSTANCES, IF ANY, WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO HIM FOR INTERVIEW BY THE HSCA. IF HE STILL PREFERS NOT TO BE INTERVIEWED UNDER ANY CONDITIONS, OBTAIN THE BASIS FOR HIS CONCERN AND ADVISE FBIHQ IN ORDER TO ASSIST THE DEPARTMENT OF

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JUSTICE (DOJ) AND FBIHQ IN RESISTING DISCLOSURE.

ON OCTOBER 26, 1978, MR. KEUCH ADVISED THAT PRIOR TO INFORMANT CONTACT, HE DESIRED TO TRAVEL TO MEMPHIS AND MEET CONTACTING AGENT AND OTHER APPROPRIATE MEMPHIS PERSONNEL TO DISCUSS AND ANSWER QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE HSCA'S POSITION IN THIS MATTER, ITS RULES AND PROCEDURES, AND CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING INTERVIEW OF INFORMANT IF HE AGREES TO SAME. MR. KEUCH, AS SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, HAS SERVED IN LIAISON CAPACITY WITH THE HSCA SINCE ITS INCEPTION AND IS THOROUGHLY FAMILIAR WITH THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WHICH EXISTS BETWEEN THE HSCA AND DOJ.

MEMPHIS REVIEW MATERIAL CONCERNING THIS MATTER AND INSURE APPROPRIATE PERSONNEL AND INFORMANT CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE DURING WEEK OF OCTOBER 30, 1978, MOST LIKELY, OCTOBER 31, 1978. IN YOUR CONTACT WITH INFORMANT, DO NOT DISCLOSE TO HIM THE NATURE OF THIS MATTER PRIOR TO MR. KEUCH'S ARRIVAL IN MEMPHIS.

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 TO DIRECTOR (62-117290) ✓ ROUTINE

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UNCLAS E F T O

ATTN: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT

HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)

BUDED SEPT. 26, 1978

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO MEMPHIS DATED SEPT. 19, 1978.

A SEARCH OF RETRIEVABLE INFORMATION AT THE MEMPHIS OFFICE AND INQUIRIES MADE WITH PERSONNEL WHO ARE NOW ASSIGNED TO THE MEMPHIS OFFICE AND WERE SO ASSIGNED DURING MARCH-APRIL, 1968, FAILED TO IDENTIFY ANY FBI PERSONNEL NOT ASSIGNED TO THE MEMPHIS OFFICE WHO WERE IN SHELBY COUNTY, TENN., DURING PERIOD MARCH 16, 1968, THROUGH APRIL 4, 1968. THIS SEARCH ALSO FAILED TO REVEAL ANY MATERIALS OR COMMUNICATIONS GENERATED BY FBI PERSONNEL NOT ASSIGNED TO THE MEMPHIS OFFICE DURING THIS PERIOD.

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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, THAT THEY BE PROVIDED THE NAMES OF ALL FBI PERSONNEL, WHO MAY HAVE BEEN PRESENT (THAT IS, ALL PERSONS NOT ASSIGNED TO THE MEMPHIS FIELD OFFICE) IN SHELBY COUNTY DURING THE PERIOD COVERING MARCH 18, 1968, THROUGH APRIL 4, 1968. THEY ALSO REQUESTED THE FBI PREPARE FOR DELIVERY ANY AND ALL MATERIALS OR COMMUNICATIONS GENERATED BY ANY SUCH PERSONS AS DISCUSSED ABOVE. TO DATE, A SEARCH OF RETRIEVABLE INFORMATION AT FBI HEADQUARTERS HAS FAILED TO ASCERTAIN ANY FBI PERSONNEL OTHER THAN THOSE ASSIGNED TO THE

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on collecting this data.
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MEMPHIS FIELD OFFICE IN SHELBY COUNTY DURING THE PERIOD
COVERING MARCH 18, 1968, THROUGH APRIL 4, 1968.

MEMPHIS THROUGH REVIEW OF FIELD OFFICE FILES ATTEMPT
TO RETRIEVE ANY INFORMATION MEETING ABOVE CRITERIA.

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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)

Re Bureau teletype to Memphis dated 8/30/78.

Enclosed under separate cover to the Bureau are 3 items containing Xerox copies of serials from Memphis files 157-109 and 157-1022 regarding the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC).

The enclosed items represent retrievable information maintained by the Memphis Office regarding SNCC for the period 1/1/68 - 5/31/68.

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UNCLAS E F T O

HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)

HSCA REQUESTED, BY LETTER DATED AUGUST 23, 1978, THAT ALL MEMPHIS FIELD OFFICE FILES PERTAINING TO THE STUDENT NON-VIOLENT CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE (SNCC) FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 1968, THROUGH MAY 31, 1968, BE PROVIDED.

MEMPHIS IS REQUESTED TO SEARCH INDICES FOR ALL FILES AND REFERENCES PERTAINING TO THE STUDENT NON-VIOLENT CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE (SNCC) FOR THE ABOVE-MENTIONED PERIOD. ANY MATERIAL LOCATED PERTAINING TO THIS SUBJECT SHOULD BE DUPLICATED AND ONE COPY FURNISHED TO FBI HEADQUARTERS, ATTENTION: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT, RECORDS MANAGEMENT DIVISION, BY CLOSE OF BUSINESS SEPTEMBER 6, 1978.

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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 telephone call to Memphis 8/30/78.

Enclosed for the Bureau are six items containing information regarding ANDREW J. YOUNG.

A search of indices and review of pertinent files revealed the following serials from Memphis files contain information regarding ANDREW J. YOUNG, for the period 3/1/68 - 6/1/68.

- Item 1 - Two Xerox copies of Serial 96 from Memphis file 100-4105 entitled "MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.; SM - C"
- Item 2 - Two Xerox copies of Serial 95 of Memphis file 100-4105 entitled "MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.; SM - C"
- Item 3 - Two Xerox copies of Serial 201 of Memphis file 157-166 captioned "COMINFIL OF SCLC; IS - C"
- Item 4 - Two Xerox copies of Serial 263 of Memphis file 157-166 captioned "COMINFIL OF SCLC; IS - C"

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Item 5 - Two Xerox copies of Serial 265 of
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"COMINFIL OF SCLC; IS - C"

Item 6 - Two Xerox copies of Serial 11 of
Memphis file 157-1168 captioned
"RACIAL SITUATION - MEMPHIS;
RACIAL MATTERS."

In addition to above serials, there was one reference on name ANDREW J. YOUNG listed for Memphis file 44-1987-Sub-A, serial 1, page 58. This is the MURKIN case, Bufile 44-38861. Sub A is the report section of this file. The Memphis file is currently at the Bureau. The Bureau is therefore requested to reproduce this serial.

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8/21/78

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

FROM: SAC, JACKSON (62-544)

SUBJECT: ✓HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE 66-2197
ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)

Re Jackson teletype to Bureau, 8/18/78, captioned as above, concerning BILL WILSON.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau and Memphis are four and two copies, respectively, of an LIM dated 8/21/78, captioned "House Select Committee on Assassinations, United States House of Representatives.

For the Bureau's information, page one, paragraph one, line one of referenced teletype should read WILLIAM D. GLADEN.

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B. Johnson



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Jackson, Mississippi

August 21, 1978

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS
UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

On August 18, 1978, 1:15 A.M., Mr. William D. Gladen, Route 1, Post Office Box 205H3, Ocean Springs, Mississippi, telephone number 875-3518, telephonically contacted the Jackson Office, Federal Bureau of Investigation. He advised that on August 17, 1978, one of his employees, Bill Wilson, telephonically requested that he and Mrs. Gladen meet with him. Thereafter, he and Mrs. Gladen met Wilson at their card and gift shop located in Ocean Springs.

Mr. Wilson told them he had killed Martin Luther King. He talked for one hour concerning the details of the plan to kill King and stated the sheriff, Memphis, Tennessee is the only person to whom he will surrender. Also, he said he is to meet the sheriff at the Holiday Inn, Biloxi, Mississippi, the morning of August 18, 1978.

Mr. Wilson further advised Mr. and Mrs. Gladen he is sorry for the expense he caused them in setting up his watch repair business but he had to get this off his chest.

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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS
UNITES STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. Gladen advised that in July 1978, he had rented Mr. Wilson part of his shop to establish a watch repair service.

Mr. Gladen described Wilson as a white male, 46 years of age. He stated that Wilson is a very intelligent man and although he was drinking at the time of above meeting he thinks Wilson is serious about the murder of King.

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DATE: 7/26/78

To: SAC, Memphis (66-2197)

✓ From: Director, FBI (62-117290)

HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE
ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)

Reference your airtel dated 7/19/78, which furnished full description of files and subfiles delivered to FBI Headquarters (FBIHQ) on 7/20/78.

This airtel is to confirm that three boxes containing Memphis files 170-70, 170-117, 170-1019, 170-1022 and 170-1040 were reproduced at FBIHQ on 7/20, 21/78. Files were returned to Memphis accompanied by SA Buryl Johnson, aboard American Airlines, Flight 552, departing National Airport at 7:00 p.m. and scheduled to arrive at Memphis 7:58 p.m. on 7/21/78.

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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)

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Re Bureau teletype to Memphis dated 7/18/78.

Enclosed for the Bureau under separate cover
are three boxes containing all volumes, sub sections,
1-A exhibits and bulky enclosures of Memphis files
170-70, 170-117, 170-1019, 170-1022, and 170-1040
currently available to the Memphis Office.

Memphis file 170-70 has a total of 20 volumes
categorized as follows:

170-70-1A	1 volume
170-70	5 volumes
170-70-Sub	14 volumes

Memphis file 170-117 has a total of 3 volumes,
categorized as follows:

170-117	2 volumes
170-117-Sub	1 volume

Memphis file 170-1019 has a total of 13 volumes,
categorized as follows:

170-1019-1A	1 volume
170-1019	3 volumes
170-1019-Sub	9 volumes

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Memphis file 170-1022 has a total of 5 volumes, categorized as follows:

170-1022	2 volumes
170-1022-Sub	3 volumes

Memphis file 170-1040 has a total of 6 volumes, categorized as follows:

170-1040	2 volumes
170-1040-Sub	4 volumes

The distribution of the files in the three boxes are as follows:

Box #1

170-70-1A (exhibits)	volume 1
170-70	volumes 4,5
170-70-Sub	volumes 1-14

Box #2

170-70	volumes 1-3
170-117	volumes 1-2
170-1040	volumes 1-2
170-1040-Sub	volumes 1-4
170-117-Sub	VOLUME 1

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170-1022	volumes 1-2
170-1022-Sub	volumes 1-3
170-1019-1A (exhibits)	volume 1
170-1019	volumes 1-3
170-1019-Sub	volumes 1-9

The files are to be transported to the Bureau via American Airlines flight 90, departing Memphis International Airport on 7/20/78 at 9:40 a.m., arriving Washington National Airport, 7/20/78, at 12:28 p.m. The files will be returned to Memphis on 9/21/78 departing Washington National Airport via American Airlines flight 552 at 7:00 p.m. and arriving Memphis 7:58 p.m.

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THIS IS TO CONFIRM REFERENCED BUCAL WHEREIN YOU WERE
ADVISED THAT THE MEMPHIS FIELD OFFICE FILES OF THE FIVE INFORM-
ANTS IDENTIFIED IN REFERENCED BUTEL WHO FURNISHED INFORMATION
CONCERNING THE INVADERS BE FLOWN TO FBI HEADQUARTERS WHERE
COPIES OF THESE FILES WILL BE MADE. XEROX THE FRONT COVER OF
EACH SECTION OF THESE FILES AND MAINTAIN A LOG CONTAINING THE
NUMBER OF SERIALS IN EACH SECTION. FILES SHOULD BE ACCOMPANIED
BY A SPECIAL AGENT OF YOUR OFFICE.

ADVISE CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT, RECORDS MANAGEMENT
DIVISION, OF THE IDENTITY OF AGENT WHO WILL ACCOMPANY FILES AND

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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

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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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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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 3685, 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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RE BUREAU TELETYPE DATED JULY 14, 1978, AND MEMPHIS TELETYPE
DATED JULY 17, 1978.

ON JULY 17, 1978, ROOSEVELT T. GREEN, FORMER ME 352-R WAS
CONTACTED AND ADVISED OF THE NATURE OF THE INQUIRY AS OUTLINED IN
REFERENCED TELETYPE. HE STATED HE DOES NOT WANT HIS IDENTITY
DISCLOSED TO HSCA. HE EMPHATICALLY STATED HE WANTS HIS FORMER
RELATIONSHIP WITH THE FBI TO REMAIN STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL.

IN RE MEMPHIS TELETYPE DATED JULY 17, 1978, FORMER ME 352-R
IS LISTED AS CATO JOHNSON, JR. JOHNSON SHOULD BE REFERRED TO AS
FORMER ME 353-R.

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RE BUREAU TELETYPE DATED JULY 14, 1978.

ON JULY 15, 1978, THE SOURCES LISTED BELOW WERE CONTACTED
 AND ADVISED OF THE NATURE OF THE INQUIRY AS OUTLINED IN REFERENCED
 TELETYPE. EACH OF THEM STATED HE DOES NOT WANT HIS IDENTITY
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 RELATIONSHIP WITH THE FBI TO REMAIN STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL.

SOURCES CONTACTED ARE AS FOLLOWS:

FORMER ME 352-R, CATO JOHNSON, JR.

FORMER ME 339-R, ALLEN YANCEY, JR.

FORMER ME 338-R, ERNEST C. WITHERS.

AN FD-302 REGARDING THE INTERVIEW OF THESE INDIVIDUALS

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RE BUREAU TEL TO MEMPHIS 6/28/78.

SEARCH OF PERTINENT MEMPHIS FILES AND CONTACT WITH FOLLOWING
PERSONS FAILED TO DEVELOP POSITIVE INFO RE LOCATION OF SIX ORIGINAL
X-RAYS TAKEN OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., APRIL 4, 1968:

ALL THE INDIVIDUALS NAMED BELOW WERE CONTACTED JULY 3, 1978.

LARRY HUTCHINSON, INVESTIGATOR, CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE
DIV., STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE, MEMPHIS, TENN., ADVISED
FILES OF HIS OFFICE RE THE DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., CASE
CONTAIN NO ORIGINAL X-RAYS OF DR. KING. HE SUGGESTED THE SHELBY
COUNTY, TENN., CRIMINAL COURT CLERK BE CONTACTED.

JAMES A. BLACKWELL, CLERK, SHELBY COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT,
ADVISED A REVIEW OF DOCUMENTS RE THE DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.,
CASE REVEALED NO INFO CONCERNING X-RAYS OF DR. KING.

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DR. J. T. FRANCISCO, STATE OF TENNESSEE MEDICAL EXAMINER'S OFFICE, MEMPHIS, ADVISED HE UTILIZED COPIES OF ORIGINAL X-RAYS OF DR. KING IN CONNECTION WITH THE EXAMINATION CONDUCTED BY HIM FOLLOWING THE DEATH OF DR. KING. DR. FRANCISCO WAS OF OPINION THE ORIGINAL X-RAYS NO LONGER EXIST BECAUSE X-RAYS ARE ORDINARILY NOT MAINTAINED LONGER THAN FIVE YEARS.

DR. BOYER M. BRADY, RADIOLOGY DEPT., ST. JOSEPH HOSPITAL, 220 OVERTON AVE., MEMPHIS, ADVISED THE ORIGINAL X-RAYS OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., ARE NOT MAINTAINED IN RADIOLOGY DEPT. BUT WERE TRANSFERRED TO THE ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE. HE FURNISHED NO INFO RE CURRENT LOCATION OF THE ORIGINAL X-RAYS OF DR. KING.

DR. MICHAEL SILVERMAN WAS CONTACTED AT HIS OFFICE, ST. JOSEPH HOSPITAL (SJH), EAST. HE RECALLED THAT X-RAYS OF DR. KING WERE MADE WHEN HE ENTERED THE EMERGENCY ROOM AT ST. JOSEPH HOSPITAL, 220 OVERTON AVE. IN 1968. DR. SILVERMAN DOES NOT KNOW NUMBER OF X-RAYS MADE BUT RECALLED A REPORT WAS PREPARED ON THE EXAMINATION AND THE REPORT AND X-RAYS WERE TRANSFERRED TO THE ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE THE DAY FOLLOWING THE DEATH OF DR. KING. THIS ARRANGEMENT WAS MADE DUE TO THE WIDESPREAD PUBLICITY CONCERNING THE DEATH OF DR. KING AND THE ANTICIPATED DEMAND THAT WOULD BE MADE REGARDING

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EXAMINATION AND X-RAYS OF HIM. TWO OR THREE MONTHS AGO DR. SILVERMAN WAS CONTACTED BY SISTER RITA, O.S.F., EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SJH, WHO REQUESTED HE ASSIST HER IN LOCATING THE X-RAYS OF DR. KING. AT THE TIME HE REVIEWED THE X-RAYS LOCATED AT SJH AND BELIEVES THERE WERE ONE OR TWO ORIGINAL X-RAYS AND SOME COPIES, SPECIFIC NUMBER NOT RECALLED. HE DID NOT OBSERVE ANY WRITTEN DOCUMENTS SHOWING THE LOCATION OF ORIGINAL X-RAYS BUT HAS IN THE PAST HEARD SOMEONE, IDENTITY NOT RECALLED, MENTION THE ORIGINAL X-RAYS WERE FURNISHED TO THE FBI. HE IS OF THE OPINION THE ORIGINAL X-RAYS ARE IN POSSESSION OF A GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY OR COMMITTEE IN WASHINGTON, D. C., AND FELT THE FBI WAS THE LOGICAL AGENCY SINCE THE FBI WAS INVOLVED IN THE INVESTIGATION OF THE CASE.

SISTER M. RITA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SJH, ADVISED THE HSCA HAS BEEN FURNISHED THE ONLY ORIGINAL X-RAY OF DR. KING LOCATED AT THE SJH. THERE ARE NO WRITTEN DOCUMENTS AT SJH SETTING FORTH THE LOCATION OF ORIGINAL X-RAYS NOT FOUND THERE. SHE WAS INFORMED BY DR. MICHAEL SILVERMAN THE FBI HAD THE ORIGINALS BUT HAS NO WRITTEN OR ADDITIONAL ORAL CONFIRMATION OF THIS INFO. SHE POINTED OUT SHE WAS NOT AT SJH IN 1968 AND HAS NO PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE RE HANDLING OF THE X-RAYS AT THE TIME. SHE EXPRESSED REGRET SHE COULD

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FURNISH NO POSITIVE INFO RE THE LOCATION OF THE ADDITIONAL
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THE HSCA, WHICH IS INVESTIGATING THE ASSASSINATIONS OF
JOHN F. KENNEDY AND MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., IN A LETTER DATED
JUNE 19, 1978, REQUESTED ANY INFORMATION REGARDING THE ORIGINAL
X-RAYS TAKEN OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING THE EVENING OF APRIL 4,
1968, AT ST. JOSEPH HOSPITAL, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE.

FOR BACKGROUND INFORMATION, ENCLOSED WITH THE HSCA REQUEST
WAS A LETTER DATED MAY 8, 1978, FROM SISTER M. RITA, O.S.F.,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ST. JOSEPH HOSPITAL, 220 OVERTON AVENUE,
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, TO MR. LOUIS STOKES, CHAIRMAN, HSCA. THIS
LETTER WAS IN RESPONSE TO AN HSCA LETTER OF MAY 1, 1978,
REQUESTING INFORMATION ON MARTIN LUTHER KING ON APRIL 4, 1968,

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AT ST. JOSEPH HOSPITAL.

IN THE NEXT-TO-LAST PARAGRAPH, SISTER RITA STATED "REGARD-
ING THE ORIGINAL X-RAYS, I HAVE BEEN TOLD THEY WERE GIVEN TO FBI
OFFICIALS BY PERSONS WHO WERE HERE AT ST. JOSEPH HOSPITAL AT
THAT TIME. THERE ARE NO RECEIPTS, NOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS OF ANY
KIND, AND THERE ARE NO ORIGINAL X-RAYS IN OUR FILE. DR. MICHAEL
N. SILVERMAN, STILL AT ST. JOSEPH HOSPITAL (901-529-2815), ALSO
STATES THAT THESE WERE GIVEN TO THE FBI OFFICIALS."

ON JUNE 27, 1978, HSCA REPRESENTATIVE RALPH LOCKE ADVISED
THE ST. JOSEPH HOSPITAL HAD SENT THE COMMITTEE ONE ORIGINAL
X-RAY AND SEVEN COPIES OF OTHER X-RAYS TAKEN OF KING AT ST.
JOSEPH HOSPITAL. THEY ARE SEEKING THE ORIGINAL X-RAYS OF THE
SEVEN COPIES.

FORMER SA JOSEPH HESTER OF THE MEMPHIS OFFICE ADVISED THAT
HE AND SA ROBERT BOYLE WERE AT ST. JOSEPH HOSPITAL THE EVENING
OF APRIL 4, 1968, AND HE DOES NOT RECALL ANYONE REQUESTING OR
RECEIVING ANY X-RAYS OF KING.

MEMPHIS IS REQUESTED TO REVIEW THEIR FILES FOR ANY INFOR-
MATION REGARDING THE LOCATION OF ANY ORIGINAL X-RAYS TAKEN OF
MARTIN LUTHER KING AT ST. JOSEPH HOSPITAL.

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IF NO INFORMATION IS ASCERTAINED FROM FILE REVIEW, THEN DR. MICHAEL N. SILVERMAN SHOULD BE INTERVIEWED TO HELP DETERMINE THE WHEREABOUTS OF THE ORIGINAL X-RAYS AND TO WHOM, IN FACT, THEY WERE GIVEN. ALSO CONSIDER CONTACTING MEDICAL EXAMINER'S OFFICE, STATE'S ATTORNEYS OFFICE OR ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE AGENCY THAT MIGHT BE IN POSSESSION OF ORIGINAL X-RAYS.

IF ORIGINALS ARE IN FBI POSSESSION, FORWARD THEM REGISTERED MAIL TO CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT, RECORDS MANAGEMENT DIVISION, FBIHQ. IF ORIGINALS ARE IN THE POSSESSION OF ANOTHER AGENCY, MAKE NO ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN THEM AS THIS INFORMATION WILL BE GIVEN TO HSCA AND IT IS THEIR RESPONSIBILITY TO RETRIEVE THEM.

ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS REQUEST MAY BE RESOLVED BY CONTACTING SUPERVISOR RICHARD C. BUSCHING, CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT, EXTENSION 3685.

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1978.RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO ATLANTA AND OTHER OFFICES, JUNE 14,
1978.A SEARCH OF THE INDICES AND REVIEW OF FILES OF THE MEMPHIS
OFFICE REVEALED NO RETRIEVABLE INFORMATION RELATING TO THE
SOUTHERN STATES INDUSTRIAL COUNCIL FOR THE PERIOD 1956-1978.

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HSCA, BY LETTER DATED MAY 24, 1978, REQUESTED THAT ALL
REFERENCES IN THE MEMPHIS FIELD OFFICE FILES REGARDING
JOHN BURRELL SMITH, DATE OF BIRTH JANUARY 13, 1943, BE PROVIDED.

STAFF MEMBER WILLIAM WEBB ADVISED THAT INFORMATION
PROVIDED COULD BE LIMITED TO PERIOD JANUARY, 1967, TO
DECEMBER, 1968, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ANY INFORMANT FILE WHICH
SHOULD BE FURNISHED IRRESPECTIVE OF TIME FRAME. HSCA HAS
PROVIDED WAIVER FROM SMITH ALLOWING FOR RELEASE OF ALL FILES TO
THE COMMITTEE.

MEMPHIS SHOULD SEARCH INDICES FOR JOHN BURRELL SMITH.
ANY MATERIAL FOUND IDENTICAL WITH SMITH WITHIN TIME FRAME SET
OUT ABOVE SHOULD BE DUPLICATED AND ONE COPY FURNISHED FBI

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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)

HSCA, BY LETTER DATED JUNE 12, 1978, REQUESTED THAT THE
FIELD OFFICE FILES ON THE SOUTHERN STATES INDUSTRIAL COUNCIL
FOR THE PERIOD 1956-1978 FROM ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, JACKSON, — 61

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KNOXVILLE, LOUISVILLE, MEMPHIS, MIAMI, NEW ORLEANS, ST. LOUIS,
AND WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE, BE PROVIDED ON A PRIORITY BASIS.

RECEIVING OFFICES ARE REQUESTED TO SEARCH FOR ANY FILES
OR REFERENCES ON THE SOUTHERN STATES INDUSTRIAL COUNCIL FOR THE
PERIOD 1956-1978. ANY MATERIAL LOCATED ON THIS SUBJECT SHOULD
BE DUPLICATED AND ONE COPY FURNISHED TO FBI HEADQUARTERS,
ATTENTION: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT, RECORDS MANAGEMENT
DIVISION, BY CLOSE OF BUSINESS JUNE 19, 1978.

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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
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Re Bureau teletype to Memphis dated 6/2/78.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the following items:

ITEM 1: Serials 154 through 242 of Memphis file
157-957 regarding JOHN BURRELL SMITH

ITEM 2: Serials 243 through 332 of Memphis file
157-957

ITEM 3: Serials 333 through 369 and 1A1 through
1A15 of Memphis file 157-957

ITEM 4: Serial 428 of Memphis file 100-4046

ITEM 5: Serial 137 of Memphis file 157-1125

ITEM 6: Serial 240A of Memphis file 157-1163

ITEM 7: Serial 18 of Memphis file 157-1173

ITEM 8: Serial 11 of Memphis file 157-1428

Forms FD-338a reveal that serials 1 through 153 of
Memphis file 157-957 have been destroyed. The enclosed serials
represent all available information regarding JOHN BURRELL
SMITH during the period 1/1/67 through 12/31/78 based on search
of indices and review of files of the Memphis Office.

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Memphis file 157-1067 regarding the Invaders was sent to the Bureau in July, 1978. References 157-1067-103, 126, 276 page 2, which apparently bear SMITH's name, should be reviewed and duplicated if appropriate.

Search of Memphis indices revealed no informant file regarding JOHN BURRELL SMITH.

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ATTENTION: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT, RECORDS MANAGEMENT DIV.
 HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)

RE BUREAU TEL TO MEMPHIS DATED MAY 31, 1978.

A SEARCH OF THE INDICES AND REVIEW OF PERTINENT FILES OF
 THE MEMPHIS OFFICE DID NOT RESULT IN LOCATING THE FOLLOWING:

1. ANY TRANSCRIPTS OR COPIES OF THE RADIO LOGS FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY THROUGH MAY, 1968.
2. ANY NOTATIONS OR REFERENCES TO THE RADIO LOGS FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY THROUGH MAY, 1968.
3. ANY REFERENCES, MEMORANDA AND MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS PERTAINING TO THE DESTRUCTION OF THE RADIO LOGS FOR 1968.

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RE BUTEL TO ALBANY, ET AL 6/5/78.

A REVIEW OF MEMPHIS FILES REVEALED THE MEMPHIS OFFICE HAS NOT PREPARED ANY LHM'S, AIRTELS, LETTERS OR TELETYPES CONCERNING DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., OR THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE PURSUANT TO INSTRUCTIONS SET OUT IN BULET TO ALBANY, ET AL, AUG. 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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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-117290)
ATTN: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT, RECORDS
MANAGEMENT DIVISION

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

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Re Bureau teletype to Memphis dated 6/1/78.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the following:

- ITEM 1 - xerox copies of serials from Memphis file 100-4394 regarding the activities of COBY VERNON SMITH during the period 1/1/67 - 12/31/68
- ITEM 2 - xerox copies of serials 102 and 103 of Memphis file 170-61 regarding A. W. WILLIS, JR., formerly a source of information of the Memphis Office
- ITEM 3 - xerox copies of serials 515 and 2659 of Memphis file 100-4046 regarding the Southern Student Organizing Committee
- ITEM 4 - xerox copy of serial 12 of Memphis file 100-4528 regarding CHARLES LAVERNE CABBAGE

The following serials of Memphis file 100-4394 covering the period 1/1/67 - 12/31/68 are included in Item 1:

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Serial 382 which is dated 2/13/70 is also included because it contains information covering activities of SMITH in 1967 and 1968.

The following serials have been destroyed as noted on FD-338 dated 9/15/70:

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Serials 190 and 191, as well as 189, were not included because these serials were not dated and contain information regarding JOHN BURRELL SMITH, CHARLES LAVERNE CABBAGE, and FRED HARRIS BROOKS only.

The following serials were dated prior to 1967:

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The following serials were dated after 12/31/68:

252, 309, 320, 334, 343, 348, 358, 358K, 358L, 358M, 363, 365, 371, 373, 378, 379, 382 through 398.

The enclosed serials represent retrievable information available regarding COBY SMITH for period 1/1/67 - 12/31/68 based on search of indices and review of files of the Memphis Office.

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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

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DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., OR THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC) SUBMITTED PURSUANT TO REFERENCED COMMUNICATIONS UP TO AND INCLUDING DECEMBER 31, 1968, BE PREPARED FOR DELIVERY.

THE HSCA REQUESTED THAT OUR RESPONSE IN THIS MATTER BE GIVEN TOP PRIORITY 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.

ALL COPIES SHOULD BE CLEARLY LEGIBLE AND SHOULD BE SENT REGISTERED MAIL, MAILED TO THE ATTENTION OF THE CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT, RECORDS MANAGEMENT DIVISION, ANY QUESTIONS CAN BE RESOLVED BY CONTACTING SUPERVISOR RICHARD C. BUSCHING, EXTENSION 3685.

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

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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)

HSCA, BY LETTER DATED MAY 24, 1978, REQUESTED THAT THE FBI FURNISH THE COMMITTEE WITH ALL INFORMATION IN THE FILES OF FBI HEADQUARTERS (FBIHQ) AND THE MEMPHIS FIELD OFFICE REGARDING COBY V. SMITH, DATE OF BIRTH JULY 17, 1946. HSCA ALSO FURNISHED A SIGNED WAIVER FROM SMITH AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF ALL FILES.

HSCA STAFF MEMBER WILLIAM WEBB ADVISED THAT THE COMMITTEE IS INTERESTED IN FILES ON SMITH DURING TIME PERIOD JANUARY, 1967-DECEMBER, 1968. HOWEVER, IF INFORMANT FILE IS LOCATED FOR SMITH, IT SHOULD BE FURNISHED IN ITS ENTIRETY.

MEMPHIS IS REQUESTED TO SEARCH INDICES ON COBY V. SMITH. ANY INFORMANT FILE OR ANY OTHER FILE OR REFERENCE FOR TIME PERIOD IN QUESTION SHOULD BE COPIED AND ONE COPY FURNISHED TO

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MANAGEMENT DIVISION, BY CLOSE OF BUSINESS JUNE 9, 1978.

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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)

HSCA, BY LETTER DATED MAY 2, 1978, REQUESTED THAT THE
MEMPHIS FIELD OFFICE LOCATE AND PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING:

(1) ANY TRANSCRIPTS OR COPIES OF THE RADIO LOGS FOR THE
PERIOD JANUARY THROUGH MAY, 1968.

(2) ANY NOTATIONS OR REFERENCES TO THE RADIO LOGS FOR THE
PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE.

(3) ALL REFERENCES, MEMORANDA AND MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS PER-
TAINING TO THE DESTRUCTION OF THE RADIO LOGS FOR 1968.

HSCA NOTED THAT LOGS MAY HAVE BEEN DESTROYED BUT REQUESTED
THAT THE SEARCH BE MADE ANYWAY. RESULTS OF ABOVE REQUESTED
SEARCH SHOULD BE FURNISHED TO FBI HEADQUARTERS, ATTENTION:
CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT, RECORDS MANAGEMENT DIVISION, BY

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

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

SUBJECT: HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE
ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)

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Re Bureau teletype to Memphis dated 2/24/78.

Enclosed for the Bureau are xerox copies of the
following:

- ITEM 1 - serials 1 through 49 and FD-377 regarding
SAMUEL BILLY KYLES, Memphis file 170-1152
- ITEM 2 - Serials 560 and 561 of Memphis file 157-566
regarding Possible Racial Violence, Memphis
Division
- ITEM 3 - serials 431 and 432 of Memphis file 157-276
regarding Liaison with Groups Sponsoring
Integration
- ITEM 4 - serial 239 of Memphis file 157-1168 regarding
Racial Situation in Memphis Division
- ITEM 5 - serials 278, 321, 325, 334, 344, 345, 376,
437, 448, 467, and 468 of Memphis file
157-166 regarding Cominfil of SCLC
- ITEM 6 - serial 24 of Memphis file 62-1557 regarding
the West Tennessee Chapter, American Civil
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ITEM 7 - serials 29 and 30 of Memphis file 157-1190
regarding Poor People's Campaign

ITEM 8 - serials 10 and 11 of Memphis file 157-1097
regarding Washington Spring Project

ITEM 9 - serials 13, 58 and 79 of Memphis file
157-1168-SUB regarding Racial Situation
in Memphis Division

In addition to the above, Memphis indices reveal
that KYLES' name is mentioned in the following serials:

157-1092-34A, page 8. This file contains information
regarding the Sanitation Workers Strike. This entire file was
sent to the Bureau in July, 1977.

44-1987-SUB-M - 910, page 28. This is the MURKIN
file. It was sent to the Bureau in July, 1978.

173-253, a main file on Rev. S. B. KYLES, was opened
in 1967 and has been destroyed.

Since the Memphis Office has furnished all material
requested by HSCA to date, no further action in this matter
is contemplated by the Memphis Office at this time.

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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 telephone call to Memphis 5/19/78.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the following xerox copies of serials from Memphis file 157-1069 regarding RONALD LEWIS IVY:

ITEM 1 - Serials 1A1 and 1A2 through 44

ITEM 2 - Serials 45 through 110

A search of the indices of the Memphis Office revealed that RONALD LEWIS IVY is the subject of Memphis file 157-1069 captioned "RONALD LEWIS IVY; RACIAL MATTERS", Bufile 157-13784. One additional reference was located in the indices indicating information regarding IVY is set forth in Memphis file 157-1067-29. This file is captioned "INVADERS, aka; RACIAL MATTERS". This file was sent to the Bureau in 7/77.

The Memphis Office is continuing to process information regarding additional individuals. This information will be promptly submitted to the Bureau when the processing has been completed.

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ATTN: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT,
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FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (66-2197) (P)

SUBJECT: HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE
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Re Bureau telephone call to Memphis dated 5/19/78.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the following items
regarding CALVIN LEROY TAYLOR:

ITEM 1 - Serials 1A1 through 63 of Memphis file
100-4579

ITEM 2 - Serial 11 of Memphis file 157-1125

ITEM 3 - Serial 236 of Memphis file 100-4140

For information of the Bureau, no reports or LHM's
were prepared regarding CALVIN LEROY TAYLOR, the subject of
Memphis file 100-4579. A search of Memphis indices and
files revealed no additional information on an individual
named CALVIN TAYLOR. Since CALVIN LEROY TAYLOR was allegedly
active in a number of organizations in the latter part of the
1960's and early 1970's, he may be the party in which the
HSCA has expressed an interest.

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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)

RECENT REQUESTS OF CAPTIONED COMMITTEE INVOLVE FIELD OFFICE FILES AND REFERENCES REGARDING THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS:

1. RONALD LEWIS IVY, MEMPHIS FILE 157-1069, AND CALVIN LEROY TAYLOR, AN ASSOCIATE OF IVY, BOTH OF WHOM WERE INVOLVED IN RACIAL ACTIVITIES IN MEMPHIS DURING THE APPROXIMATE PERIOD OF KING'S ASSASSINATION.

2. ARTHUR HANES, SR., OF BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, AND SAMUEL B. KYLES OF MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE. BOTH THESE INDIVIDUALS ARE WELL KNOWN TO THE BIRMINGHAM AND MEMPHIS OFFICES, RESPECTIVELY.

MEMPHIS PROMPTLY REPRODUCE ONE COPY OF ALL RETRIEVABLE FILES AND REFERENCES CONCERNING IVY, TAYLOR AND KYLES. BIRMING-

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HAM SIMILARLY HANDLE HANES. INCLUDE ANY INFORMANT FILES, IF SUCH EXIST ON THESE INDIVIDUALS, SINCE THEY HAVE FURNISHED SIGNED STATEMENTS AUTHORIZING THE HSCA TO REVIEW ALL INFORMATION CONCERNING THEMSELVES IN POSSESSION OF THE FBI. SUBMIT MATERIAL BY COVER AIRTEL, ATTENTION: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT, RECORDS MANAGEMENT DIVISION.

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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)
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Re Bureau teletype to Jackson, Knoxville, and
Memphis dated 5/17/78.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the following items
containing xerox copies of arials from files of the Memphis
Office:

- ITEM 1 - serials 1A1 through 61 of Memphis file
100-4553
- ITEM 2 - serials 689 and 689 of Memphis file
100-92
- ITEM 3 - serials 43, 47, and 48 of Memphis file
157-1094
- ITEM 4 - serials 2 and 69 of Memphis file 100-4309
- ITEM 5 - serial 2185 of Memphis file 100-4046
- ITEM 6 - serial 99 of Memphis file 100-4135
- ITEM 7 - serial 62 of Memphis file 100-1604

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It is noted that serial 1 of Memphis file 100-4553 regarding BUFORD WALLACE POSEY is an indices search slip (FD-160). This search slip listed the following file and serial numbers in addition to those enclosed: 100-2201-1, 2, 3, 4; 100-120-13; 100-2236-57; 100-0-4183-1A; 100-0-4183; 100-0-4335; 140-1.

The serial designated 100-0-4183-1A was forwarded to the New Orleans Office 12/12/50 and all the additional serials and files have been destroyed.

No additional information has been located in the Memphis Office regarding POSEY.

The Memphis Office is processing additional material regarding other individuals and will promptly submit it to the Bureau when the processing has been completed.

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REFERENCE COLUMBIA AND MEMPHIS TELETYPES TO THE BUREAU,
BOTH DATED MAY 4, 1978.

REFERENCED TELETYPES ADVISED, RESPECTIVELY, THAT CO 44-R
(FORMER) AND ME 313-E (FORMER) HAD NO OBJECTIONS TO BEING INTER-
VIEWED BY STAFF MEMBERS OF THE HSCA. BASED ON DISCUSSIONS
BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF FBI HEADQUARTERS (FBIHQ), DEPARTMENT
OF JUSTICE AND HSCA, IT HAS BEEN AGREED TO PROCEED BY FURNISHING
TO THE INFORMANTS THE IDENTITIES AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF HSCA
PERSONNEL IN ORDER THAT INFORMANTS CAN TELEPHONICALLY CONTACT
THE HSCA AND MAKE THEIR OWN ARRANGEMENTS FOR INTERVIEW. INFOR-
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CONFIDENTIALITY OF INFORMATION THEY MAY PROVIDE THE COMMITTEE.

INFORMANTS SHOULD BE GIVEN THE NAMES OF MARK SPEISER AND PETER BEESON, BOTH HSCA STAFF ATTORNEYS, WHO CAN BE CONTACTED COLLECT AT 202-225-8353. UPON CALLING, INFORMANTS SHOULD FURNISH THEIR IDENTITIES AND ADVISE THEY WERE THE INDIVIDUALS WHO PROVIDED THE FBI INFORMATION CONCERNING THE RELATIONSHIP.

BETWEEN ROBERT SHELTON, IMPERIAL WIZARD OF THE UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA (UKA), AND ARTHUR HANES, FORMER COUNSEL OF JAMES EARL RAY. IDENTITIES OF INFORMANTS HAVE NOT BEEN FURNISHED TO THE HSCA BY FBIHQ.

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ATTN: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT, RECORDS MANAGEMENT DIVISION.
 HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATION (HSCA).

RE MEMPHIS TELETYPE TO BUREAU MAY 3, 1978, AND BUREAU
 TELEPHONE CALL TO MEMPHIS MAY 19, 1978.

ON MAY 19, 1978, FORMER ME 313-E CONTACTED ON MEMPHIS
 TELEPHONE NUMBER 525-1232. NAMES OF HSCA STAFF MEMBERS, MARK
 SPEISER AND PETER BEESON, TELEPHONE NUMBER 202-225-8353,
 FURNISHED TO HIM. FORMER ME 313-E INFORMED HIS IDENTITY
 HAS NOT BEEN FURNISHED TO HSCA. SOURCE REMAINS AGREEABLE
 TO INTERVIEW AND WILL PROMPTLY CONTACT ONE OF THE STAFF MEMBERS
 TO NEGOTIATE THE DETAILS OF MEETING.

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HSCA, BY LETTER DATED MAY 3, 1978, REQUESTED ALL INFORMATION IN THE FILES OF THE JACKSON, KNOXVILLE AND MEMPHIS FIELD OFFICES CONCERNING BUFORD WALLACE POSEY, DATE OF BIRTH AUGUST 28, 1925. HSCA OBTAINED WAIVER FROM POSEY ALLOWING FOR RELEASE OF ALL INFORMATION HELD BY THE FBI TO THE COMMITTEE.

EACH RECEIVING OFFICE SHOULD SEARCH INDICES FOR ABOVE-NAMED INDIVIDUAL AND DUPLICATE ANY FILES AND REFERENCES FOUND IDENTICAL WITH POSEY. THIS MATERIAL SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO FBI HEADQUARTERS, ATTENTION: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT, BY CLOSE OF BUSINESS MAY 26, 1978.

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FM MEMPHIS (66-2197) (P)

TO DIRECTOR (62-117290) PRIORITY

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ATTENTION CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT, RECORDS MANAGEMENT
 DIVISION.

HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATION (HSCA).

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO MEMPHIS AND OTHER OFFICES DATED
 APRIL 28, 1978.

ON MAY 1, 1978, FORMER ME 313-E WAS CONTACTED AND
 FURNISHED INFORMATION SET FORTH IN RETEL. THIS SOURCE HAS NO
 OBJECTION TO AN INTERVIEW BY REPRESENTATIVES OF HSCA.

FOLLOWING INFORMATION CONCERNS MEMPHIS INFORMANTS
 REFERRED TO IN RETEL:

FORMER ME 338-R, ME FILE 170-70, BUFILE 137-4885, WAS
 OPENED ON JANUARY 6, 1958, AS POTENTIAL CRIMINAL INFORMANT
 AND WAS ASSIGNED TO SA JOHN S. STANTON. THE CASE WAS REASSIGNED

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TO SA BRUCE C. HODGE ON MARCH 10, 1959, AND WAS SO ASSIGNED WHEN CLOSED ON JULY 30, 1960. ON DECEMBER 28, 1960, THE CASE WAS REOPENED AND ASSIGNED TO SA WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE. ME 338-R WAS THEN DESIGNATED A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE - RACIAL. THE CASE WAS HANDLED BY SA WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE UNTIL REASSIGNED TO SA HOWELL S. LOWE ON JANUARY 13, 1970. SA LOWE HANDLED THE CASE UNTIL IT WAS CLOSED ON SEPTEMBER 29, 1976.

FORMER ME 352-R, ME FILE 170-1040, BUFILE 170-2530, WAS OPENED ON DECEMBER 27, 1967, AND ASSIGNED TO SA WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE. IT WAS REASSIGNED TO SA BURL F. JOHNSON ON JANUARY 14, 1970, AND WAS REASSIGNED TO SA CLAUDE A. CURTIS, JR., ON AUGUST 22, 1970. IT REMAINED SO ASSIGNED UNTIL IT WAS CLOSED ON FEBRUARY 8, 1972.

FORMER ME 353-R, MEMPHIS FILE 170-1022, BUFILE 170-1841, WAS OPENED ON NOVEMBER 30, 1967, AND ASSIGNED TO SA WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE. IT WAS REASSIGNED TO SA BURL F. JOHNSON ON JANUARY 27, 1970, AND REMAINED SO ASSIGNED UNTIL CLOSED ON FEBRUARY 7, 1972.

FORMER ME 339-R, MEMPHIS FILE 170-117, BUFILE 170-1922, WAS OPENED ON MAY 5, 1965, AND ASSIGNED TO SA EUGENE G. DOUGLASS.

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IT WAS REASSIGNED TO SA WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE IN AUGUST, 1965, AND REMAINED SO ASSIGNED UNTIL IT WAS CLOSED ON JUNE 2, 1969. THE CASE WAS REOPENED ON NOVEMBER 4, 1969, AND ASSIGNED TO SA RALPH J. LIEWER AND REMAINED SO ASSIGNED UNTIL IT WAS CLOSED ON MAY 28, 1970.

FORMER ME 282-R, MEMPHIS FILE 170-1019, BUFILE 134-11867, WAS OPENED ON JANUARY 30, 1962, AND ASSIGNED TO SA WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE. IT REMAINED SO ASSIGNED UNTIL IT WAS CLOSED ON MARCH 10, 1969.

SA WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE IS RETIRED AND RESIDES AT 314 SWISS PINE LAKE DRIVE, SPRUCE, NORTH CAROLINA; SA JOHN S. STANTON, RETIRED, RESIDES AT COLUMBIA, TENNESSEE; SA BRUCE C. HODGE, RETIRED, RESIDES AT COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA; SA CLAUDE A. CURTIS, JR., RETIRED, RESIDES AT 1640 DOLAN DRIVE, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE; SA RALPH J. LIEWER, RETIRED, RESIDES AT ROUTE 3, BOX 291-Y, DEQUIM, WASHINGTON; SA EUGENE G. DOUGLASS, RETIRED, 4054 ST. ANNE CIRCLE, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE; SA'S BURL F. JOHNSON AND HOWELL S. LOWE ARE CURRENTLY ASSIGNED TO THE MEMPHIS DIVISION.

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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)

IN CONNECTION WITH THE HSCA'S INVESTIGATION INTO THE ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., STAFF MEMBERS OF THE HSCA HAVE BEEN GIVEN ACCESS TO NUMEROUS FILES AT FBIHQ INCLUDING THOSE REL

TING TO THE UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA (UKA) AND ARTHUR HANES, FORMER COUNSEL OF JAMES E. RAY. BY LETTER TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL DATED APRIL 12, 1978, THE HSCA FURNISHED A LIST OF SERIALS CONCERNING CONTACT BETWEEN HANES AND ROBERT SHELTON, IMPERIAL WIZARD OF THE UKA. THIS LETTER REQUESTED THAT FBI INFORMANTS PROVIDING INFORMATION CONCERNING THE HANES SHELTON RELATIONSHIP BE CONTACTED TO DETERMINE IF THEY WOULD

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AGREEABLE TO INTERVIEW BY HSCA STAFF MEMBERS. THESE INFORMANTS
KALL FORMER) ARE AS FOLLOWS:

(1) CO 44-R, BUFILE 170-553, COLUMBIA FILE 170-11,
OPERATED FROM 1965 TO 1972. THIS INFORMANT REPORTED INFORMATION
CONCERNING HANES-SHELTON CONTACT, AS SET FORTH IN COLUMBIA
AIRTEL AND LHM TO THE BUREAU DATED AUGUST 4, 1969, CAPTIONED
"IMPERIAL BOARD MEETING, UKA INC., KKKK TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA,
JULY 27, 1969."

(2) ME 313-E, BUREAU FILE 170-666, MEMPHIS FILE 170-154,
OPERATED FROM 1965 TO 1972. INFORMATION FROM THIS INFORMANT
CONCERNING THE HANES-SHELTON RELATIONSHIP WAS REPORTED IN
MEMPHIS AIRTEL TO THE BUREAU AUGUST 19, 1968, AND MEMPHIS AIRTEL
AND LHM TO THE BUREAU DATED AUGUST 29, 1968, BOTH CAPTIONED
"MURKIN".

(3) BH 418-R (FORMER NO 1289-R), BUFILE 170-260, BIRMINGHAM
FILE 170-189, NEW ORLEANS FILE 170-85, OPERATED FROM 1964 TO
1969. THIS INFORMANT WAS LAST CONTACTED IN LATE 1969 BY
NEW ORLEANS AFTER RELOCATING FROM BIRMINGHAM. INFORMANT RE-
PORTED ON CONTACT BETWEEN HANES AND SHELTON AS SET FORTH IN
BIRMINGHAM AIRTELS TO THE BUREAU DATED JULY 22, 1968, AND

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AUGUST 20, 1968, AND BIRMINGHAM AIRTEL AND LHM TO THE BUREAU DATED SEPTEMBER 4, 1968, ALL CAPTIONED "UKA, INC., KKKK". NONE OF THESE DOCUMENTS WERE SENT TO NEW ORLEANS.

COLUMBIA, MEMPHIS, AND NEW ORLEANS ATTEMPT TO CONTACT INFORMANTS, RESPECTIVELY, AND ADVISE EACH THAT THE HSCA DESIRES TO INTERVIEW THEM CONCERNING INFORMATION THEY PROVIDED ABOUT THE HANES-SHELTON RELATIONSHIP. THEY SHOULD BE TOLD THAT TO THE FBI'S KNOWLEDGE, THE HSCA IS NOT AWARE OF THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE FBI OR THEIR IDENTITIES, OTHER THAN THE LATTER IS LIKELY AVAILABLE TO THE COMMITTEE THROUGH ITS REVIEW OF UKA FILES. DETERMINE AT THIS POINT ONLY INFORMANTS' INITIAL REACTION TO BEING INTERVIEWED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE HSCA. IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS TO INTERVIEW, THE INFORMANT SHOULD BE TOLD THAT CONFERENCES WITH THE HSCA AND THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE WILL BE UNDERTAKEN TO WORK OUT ADDITIONAL DETAILS REGARDING THE EXTENT OF PROTECTION AND CONFIDENTIALITY THE HSCA IS WILLING TO EXTEND AS WELL AS THE LOCATION AND SCOPE OF INTERVIEW.

SUTEL RESULTS TO FBIHQ ATTENTION: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT, RECORDS MANAGEMENT DIVISION.

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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OF MEMPHIS, THROUGH ITS REVIEW OF FBIHQ FILE CONCERNING THE INVADERS, THE HSCA HAS DETERMINED THAT THE MEMPHIS OFFICE HAD FIVE INFORMANTS FURNISHING INFORMATION REGARDING THAT GROUP. THE COMMITTEE IS TRYING TO RESOLVE THE ISSUE AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THESE INFORMANTS WERE INVOLVED IN INSTIGATING VIOLENCE WHICH OCCURRED IN CONNECTION WITH THE SANITATION WORKERS STRIKE IN MEMPHIS DURING 1968. THESE INFORMANTS ARE AS FOLLOWS: ME 282-R, MEMPHIS FILE 170-1019; ME 338-R, MEMPHIS FILE 170-70; ME 339-R, MEMPHIS FILE 170-117; ME 352-R, MEMPHIS FILE 170-1040; AND ME 353-R, MEMPHIS FILE 170-1022

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THE HSCA DESIRES TO INTERVIEW THE SPECIAL AGENT(S) WHO HANDLED THESE INFORMANTS. THEREFORE, MEMPHIS INCLUDE IN YOUR TELETYPE IDENTITIES OF AGENTS HANDLING THE ABOVE FIVE INFORMANTS. SPECIFY TIME PERIODS INVOLVED. IF KNOWN, FURNISH THE CURRENT OFFICE OF ASSIGNMENT OR LAST KNOWN ADDRESS OF THESE AGENTS.

INFORMATION COPY TO BIRMINGHAM TO ADVISE OF HSCA'S INTEREST IN BH 418-R, A FORMER HIGH LEVEL INFORMANT IN THE NATIONAL OFFICE OF THE UKA.

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

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

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

Enclosed for the Bureau under separate cover
are 11 items containing xerox copies of serials from
files maintained by the Memphis Office regarding Ku Klux
Klan matters.

The enclosed items contain information covering
the period 9/1/67 through 6/30/78. The enclosed serials
are maintained in Memphis files listed below:

Item 1 Shelby County, Tennessee, Klavern,
United Klans of America, Inc., (UKA)
Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (KKKK)
RM - Klan
MEfile 157-691

Item 2 Madison County, Tennessee, Klavern
UKA, KKKK
RM - Klan
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- Item 3 Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan,
(Louisiana)(OKKKK), aka
RM - Organization
MEfile 157-24
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- Item 4 Ku Klux Klan; IS - X;
U. S. Klans,
Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc.
RM
MEfile 105-38
- Item 5 Dixie Klans,
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RM
MEfile 105-316
Bufile 105-65374
- Item 6 Tipton County, Tennessee, Klavern
UKA; KKKK
RM - Klan
MEfile 157-675
- Item 7 Hardeman County, Tennessee, Klavern
UKA; KKKK
RM - Klan
MEfile 157-686
- Item 8 Davidson County, Tennessee, Klavern
UKA; KKKK
RM - Klan
MEfile 157-695
- Item 9 Youth Corps,
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RM - Klan
MEfile 157-1095
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- Item 10 Boiling Springs Klavern
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RM - Klan
MEfile 157-992

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Item 11 Haywood County, Tennessee, Klavern
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 RM - Klan
 MEfile 157-673

A review of the indices and files of the Memphis Office revealed no additional information regarding KKK organizational activities during the period 9/1/67-6/30/68. No further action contemplated by the Memphis Office, UACB.

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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,
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MI; AND JOHN W. BENTON AND HOWELL S. LOWE, MEMPHIS.

ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO INTERVIEW THESE AGENTS AS
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PRIOR TO INTERVIEW, A REPRESENTATIVE OF LEGAL LIAISON AND
CONGRESSIONAL AFFAIRS UNIT, LEGAL COUNSEL DIVISION, WILL
PROVIDE LEGAL BRIEFING TO AGENTS.

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

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

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Re Bureau teletype to Memphis 4/18/78.

On 4/19/78, SA HOWELL S. LOWE, Memphis Division, was interviewed by representatives of the HSCA at Room 3387, Old Identification Building, Second and D Streets, S.W., Washington, D. C. From 2:05 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., SA LOWE was interviewed by PETER G. BEESON, Staff Counsel, and LISA BERLOW, Investigator, both of HSCA.

Interview included requests for complete background information of SA LOWE, information concerning activities and membership of UKA, American Nazi Party, and other white hate groups in existence at Memphis, Tenn., in 1967 and 1968. Information concerning case Agents assigned to this organization, the extent of our investigative coverage, any directions from the Bureau as to the use of informants, our investigation of Klan activities, both before and after the assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

A second interview began at 3:00 p.m., lasting until 6:30 p.m. and was conducted by KENN MC HOUGH, BILL WEBB, and G. AKERS, all staff counsels of HSCA. This portion of the interview was taped at the request of BILL WEBB.

At the conclusion of this interview, which was ended as a result of SA LOWE's travel commitments, this

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group desired to continue this interview at Memphis in the near future and at this contemplated interview they desire to bring certain files for SA LOWE to review in order to refresh his memory.

It was pointed out that SA LOWE was agreeable to be interviewed at Memphis, Tenn., but such an interview would have to receive the approval of FBIHQ and the Memphis Office advised by the Bureau that such a second interview would be permitted. It was pointed out that SA LOWE would not participate in any "unofficial" interview.

The second interview commenced with questions concerning informants of the Memphis Office and at the onset SA LOWE declined to discuss informants, number of informants, identities of informants, or the administrative handling of informants. At this time SA LOWE was asked if he was aware of the possible contempt of Congress penalties for failure to answer questions before this Congressional Committee.

A number of times during this interview it was necessary to remind the interviewers that questions leading towards the possible identification of informants would not be answered by SA LOWE.

This interview covered the activities and investigation of the Memphis Office concerning the Sanitation Workers Strike, the organization known as The Invaders, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), the Committee on the Move for Equality (COME), Black Organization Project (BOP), Ku Klux Klans, United Klans of America, and other white and black extremist or hate groups. Information was requested concerning membership in these organizations at Memphis and informant coverage in these organizations during the period 1967 and 1968.

This interview concerned itself with Cointelpro activities of the Memphis Office directed against former Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SCLC, The Invaders, and other organizations at Memphis, Tenn.

Information was requested concerning supervisory makeup of the Memphis Office, squads, squad assignments, case

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assignments, identity and location of Agents working security and racial matters at Memphis, Tenn., in 1967 and 1968.

Questions concerning bomb threats, method of handling, Bureau instructions re bomb threats, receipt of bomb threats directed against Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., and dissemination of information concerning bomb threats by the Memphis Office.

Questions were asked concerning the dissemination of information, what agencies received copies of reports, and the extent of dissemination of reports, bomb threats and other general information.

Questions were asked concerning Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING's relationship with the BOP, The Invaders, and other organizations at Memphis, monies asked for or paid to the Invader organization by KING or SCLC, number of, direction of, and whether or not there were any surveillances of Dr. KING at Memphis, any technical surveillances or technical coverage of KING or SCLC activities at Memphis, press releases of the Memphis Office and/or the Bureau, particularly press releases after the first KING led march in 1968 which ended in a riot.

Questions were asked concerning various persons interviewed at Memphis, Tenn., both before and after Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING's assassination, by SA's LOWE and former SA WILLIAM LAWRENCE.

Information was requested concerning Poor Peoples Campaign, Bureau instructions as to how to handle the investigation when these cases along with numerous other cases were opened for investigation in the Memphis Office, any Bureau instructions concerning investigation or surveillance of KING and Bureau instructions concerning various other investigation at Memphis, Tenn.

Questions were asked concerning the relationship between the Memphis Office and both the Memphis Police Department and Shelby County Sheriff's Office.

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A series of questions was asked concerning current organized crime at Memphis, Tenn. These questions were believed by SA LOWE to be beyond the scope of inquiry and SA LOWE declined to furnish any information concerning current organized crime at Memphis and denied any knowledge of any current organized crime.

Questions were asked concerning Intelligence Unit, Memphis Police Department, Memphis Police Department undercover officers and informants.

The above represents highlights of this interview which included questions concerning SA LOWE's remembrance of racial conditions at Memphis, Tenn., during 1967 and 1968, his remembrance of the assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., and his remembrance of Bureau investigation by the Memphis FBI of the assassination of Dr. KING.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-117290)
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On 4/19/78, SA HOWELL S. LOWE, Memphis Division, was interviewed by representatives of the HSCA at Room 3387, Old Identification Building, Second and D Streets, S.W., Washington, D. C. From 2:05 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., SA LOWE was interviewed by PETER G. BEESON, Staff Counsel, and LISA BERLOW, Investigator, both of HSCA.

Interview included requests for complete background information of SA LOWE, information concerning activities and membership of UKA, American Nazi Party, and other white hate groups in existence at Memphis, Tenn., in 1967 and 1968. Information concerning case Agents assigned to this organization, the extent of our investigative coverage, any directions from the Bureau as to the use of informants, our investigation of Klan activities, both before and after the assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

A second interview began at 3:00 p.m., lasting until 6:30 p.m. and was conducted by KENN MC HOUGH, BILL WEBB, and G. AKERS, all staff counsels of HSCA. This portion of the interview was taped at the request of BILL WEBB.

At the conclusion of this interview, which was ended as a result of SA LOWE's travel commitments, this

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group desired to continue this interview at Memphis in the near future and at this contemplated interview they desire to bring certain files for SA LOWE to review in order to refresh his memory.

It was pointed out that SA LOWE was agreeable to be interviewed at Memphis, Tenn., but such an interview would have to receive the approval of FBIHQ and the Memphis Office advised by the Bureau that such a second interview would be permitted. It was pointed out that SA LOWE would not participate in any "unofficial" interview.

The second interview commenced with questions concerning informants of the Memphis Office and at the onset SA LOWE declined to discuss informants, number of informants, identities of informants, or the administrative handling of informants. At this time SA LOWE was asked if he was aware of the possible contempt of Congress penalties for failure to answer questions before this Congressional Committee.

A number of times during this interview it was necessary to remind the interviewers that questions leading towards the possible identification of informants would not be answered by SA LOWE.

This interview covered the activities and investigation of the Memphis Office concerning the Sanitation Workers Strike, the organization known as The Invaders, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), the Committee on the Move for Equality (COME), Black Organization Project (BOP), Ku Klux Klans, United Klans of America, and other white and black extremist or hate groups. Information was requested concerning membership in these organizations at Memphis and informant coverage in these organizations during the period 1967 and 1968.

This interview concerned itself with Cointelpro activities of the Memphis Office directed against former Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SCLC, The Invaders, and other organizations at Memphis, Tenn.

Information was requested concerning supervisory makeup of the Memphis Office, squads, squad assignments, case

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assignments, identity and location of Agents working security and racial matters at Memphis, Tenn., in 1967 and 1968.

Questions concerning bomb threats, method of handling, Bureau instructions re bomb threats, receipt of bomb threats directed against Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., and dissemination of information concerning bomb threats by the Memphis Office.

Questions were asked concerning the dissemination of information, what agencies received copies of reports, and the extent of dissemination of reports, bomb threats and other general information.

Questions were asked concerning Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING's relationship with the BOP, The Invaders, and other organizations at Memphis, monies asked for or paid to the Invader organization by KING or SCLC, number of, direction of, and whether or not there were any surveillances of Dr. KING at Memphis, any technical surveillances or technical coverage of KING or SCLC activities at Memphis, press releases of the Memphis Office and/or the Bureau, particularly press releases after the first KING led march in 1968 which ended in a riot.

Questions were asked concerning various persons interviewed at Memphis, Tenn., both before and after Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING's assassination, by SA's LOWE and former SA WILLIAM LAWRENCE.

Information was requested concerning Poor Peoples Campaign, Bureau instructions as to how to handle the investigation when these cases along with numerous other cases were opened for investigation in the Memphis Office, any Bureau instructions concerning investigation or surveillance of KING and Bureau instructions concerning various other investigation at Memphis, Tenn.

Questions were asked concerning the relationship between the Memphis Office and both the Memphis Police Department and Shelby County Sheriff's Office.

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A series of questions was asked concerning current organized crime at Memphis, Tenn. These questions were believed by SA LOWE to be beyond the scope of inquiry and SA LOWE declined to furnish any information concerning current organized crime at Memphis and denied any knowledge of any current organized crime.

Questions were asked concerning Intelligence Unit, Memphis Police Department, Memphis Police Department undercover officers and informants.

The above represents highlights of this interview which included questions concerning SA LOWE's remembrance of racial conditions at Memphis, Tenn., during 1967 and 1968, his remembrance of the assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., and his remembrance of Bureau investigation by the Memphis FBI of the assassination of Dr. KING.

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ATTN: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT,
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FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (66-2197)(P)

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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-
hed to the Bureau in connection with cases captioned:

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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."

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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."

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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ATTENTION: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT,
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Bureau teletype to Atlanta, Los Angeles, and Memphis dated
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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
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#76-1185," Bufile 62-117194, and "SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADER-
SHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC), Vs CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C.,
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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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IN CONNECTION WITH THE INVESTIGATION INTO THE ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., THE HSCA HAS REQUESTED ACCESS TO FIELD OFFICE FILES IN THE FOLLOWING INVESTIGATIONS: 1. ATLANTA-ENTIRE SECURITY FILE CONCERNING MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., (AT FILE 100-5586). 2. MEMPHIS-ENTIRE SECURITY FILE CONCERNING KING (100-4105), AND THE ENTIRE SECURITY FILE CONCERNING COMINFIL, SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC) (157-166). 3. LOS ANGELES-KING SECURITY FILE (100-57229), AND COMINFIL, SCLC (100-65141), BUT ONLY FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 1967, THROUGH JUNE 30, 1968.

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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
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IN CONNECTION WITH ITS INVESTIGATION INTO THE
ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., THE HSCA DESIRES TO
IDENTIFY AND POSSIBLY LATER INTERVIEW CASE AGENT(S) WHO
HANDLED INVESTIGATION OF THE UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA (UKA)
DURING 1967-1968 IN THE ABOVE OFFICES.

IN RESPONSE TO THIS HSCA REQUEST, RECIPIENTS FURNISH
IDENTITIES OF CASE AGENT(S) IN UKA INVESTIGATION FOR PERIOD

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THE MURKIN INVESTIGATION WAS ASSIGNED TO SA JOE C.
 HESTER, NOW RETIRED, ON APRIL 4, 1968, AND WAS REASSIGNED
 TO SA BURL F. JOHNSON ON AUG. 1, 1977. THE MEMPHIS OFFICE
 DID NOT HAVE A SQUAD BREAKDOWN AT THE TIME THE CASE WAS
 ASSIGNED TO SA HESTER. SA HESTER WAS ASSIGNED GENERAL
 CRIMINAL WORK IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO HIS INVOLVEMENT IN THE
 MURKIN INVESTIGATION. SA JOHNSON WAS ASSIGNED DOMESTIC
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MEMPHIS FILE 100-4542 ENTITLED "COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM, BLACK NATIONALIST HATE GROUPS, RACIAL MATTERS," WAS FIRST OPENED ON AUG. 28, 1967, AND ASSIGNED TO SA JOSEPH H. KEARNEY, JR., NOW RETIRED, UNTIL IT WAS REASSIGNED TO SA HOWELL S. LOWE ON MARCH 7, 1968. IT REMAINED SO ASSIGNED UNTIL IT WAS CLOSED ON MAY 1, 1971. MEMPHIS OFFICE HAD NO SQUAD BREAKDOWN DURING THE PERIOD 1965-68. IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO THE ASSIGNMENT OF THIS CASE, SA KEARNEY WAS INVOLVED IN CIVIL RIGHTS AND SECURITY MATTER INVESTIGATIONS, AND SA LOWE WAS INVOLVED IN RACIAL AND SECURITY MATTER INVESTIGATIONS.

MEMPHIS FILE 100-4704 ENTITLED "NEW LEFT, COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM", WAS OPENED ON MAY 15, 1968, AND ASSIGNED TO LAWRENCE J. OLSON. IT WAS REASSIGNED TO SA BURL F. JOHNSON ON FEB. 29, 1971, AND REMAINED SO ASSIGNED UNTIL IT WAS CLOSED ON APRIL 12, 1971. SA'S OLSON AND JOHNSON WERE INVOLVED IN SECURITY MATTER INVESTIGATIONS IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO ASSIGNMENT OF THIS CASE.

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MEMPHIS FILE 100-4046 ENTITLED "COMMUNIST PARTY, USA, COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM" WAS ASSIGNED TO SA WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE, NOW RETIRED, ON THE FOLLOWING OCCASIONS:

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SA LAWRENCE WAS INVOLVED IN SECURITY AND RACIAL MATTER INVESTIGATIONS IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO ASSIGNMENT OF THIS CASE ON EACH OCCASION.

MEMPHIS FILE 157-576 ENTITLED "COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM, DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS" WAS FIRST OPENED ON SEPT. 4, 1964, AND ASSIGNED TO SA WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE, AND X WAS PLACED IN RUC STATUS ON JUNE 15, 1965. THIS CASE WAS REOPENED JUNE 18, 1965, AND PLACED IN RUC STATUS ON SEPT. 9, 1965. IT WAS REOPENED JAN. 2, 1966, AND ASSIGNED TO SA LAWRENCE. IT WAS REASSIGNED TO SA MERRILL F. MC CLOUGHAN ON JUNE 3, 1966. SA MC CLOUGHAN IS NOW RETIRED. IT WAS

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REASSIGNED TO SA ROBERT F. FITZPATRICK ON MAY 10, 1968, AND
REMAINED SO ASSIGNED UNTIL IT WAS CLOSED ON MAY 1, 1971.

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WAS INVOLVED IN SECURITY AND RACIAL MATTER INVESTIGATIONS,
SA HILLIN WAS INVOLVED IN SECURITY AND RACIAL MATTER
INVESTIGATIONS, SA MC CLOUGHAN WAS INVOLVED IN RACIAL MATTER
INVESTIGATIONS, AND SA FITZPATRICK WAS INVOLVED IN CIVIL
RIGHTS AND GENERAL CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS.

MEMPHIS FILE 100-4105 ENTITLED "MARTIN LUTHER KING,
JR., SECURITY MATTER - C" WAS OPENED ON JAN. 2, 1965, AND
ASSIGNED TO SA WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE, AND WAS SO ASSIGNED UNTIL
IT WAS CLOSED ON APRIL 11, 1968. SA LAWRENCE WAS ASSIGNED
SECURITY AND RACIAL MATTER INVESTIGATIONS IMMEDIATELY PRIOR
TO ASSIGNMENT OF THIS CASE.

MEMPHIS FILE 157-166 ENTITLED "COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF
THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHP CONFERENCE" (COMINFIL SCLC)
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TIMES PRIOR TO PERIOD 1965-68. IT WAS OPENED AND ASSIGNED
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IT WAS REOPENED AND ASSIGNED TO SA JOSEPH H. KEARNEY,
JR., ON FOLLOWING OCCASIONS:

REOPENED JULY 12, 1965, PLACED IN RUC STATUS NOV. 17,
1965; REOPENED NOV. 17, 1965, PLACED IN RUC STATUS JAN. 31,
1966, REOPENED APRIL 29, 1966, PLACED IN RUC STATUS MAY 20,
1966.

IT WAS REOPENED AND ASSIGNED TO SA HOWELL S. LOWE ON
THE FOLLOWING OCCASIONS:

REOPENED DEC. 19, 1967, PLACED IN RUC STATUS JAN. 15,
1968; REOPENED JUNE 27, 1968, PLACED IN RUC STATUS JULY 17,
1972.

SA KEARNEY WAS INVOLVED IN RACIAL AND SECURITY MATTER
AND CIVIL RIGHTS INVESTIGATIONS IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO THE
ASSIGNMENTS OF THIS CASE. SA LOWE WAS INVOLVED IN RACIAL
AND SECURITY MATTER INVESTIGATIONS IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO THE
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A REVIEW OF MEMPHIS COINTELPRO FILES AND FILES ON THE SECURITY MATTER INVESTIGATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., AND INTERNAL SECURITY INVESTIGATION OF SCLC REVEALED NO INSTANCES WHERE COUNTERINTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES WERE EITHER CONSIDERED OR CARRIED OUT AGAINST KING AND THE SCLC.

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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA), BUREAU

DEADLINE JANUARY 13, 1978.

THE HSCA IS CURRENTLY CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION INTO THE ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. (MURKIN). BY LETTER DATED DECEMBER 13, 1977, THE HSCA REQUESTED THE FBI PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING:

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(1) IDENTIFICATION OF FIELD OFFICE CASE AGENT(S) ASSIGNED TO THE MURKIN INVESTIGATION IN ALL ABOVE LISTED OFFICES (EXCEPT LOUISVILLE). INCLUDED SHOULD BE THE DIVISION, SECTION OR SQUAD OF ASSIGNMENT AND THE NATURE OF THE AGENT'S ASSIGNMENT IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO HIS INVOLVEMENT IN THE MURKIN INVESTIGATION. *Donal Linnell*

(2) IDENTIFICATION OF FIELD OFFICE CASE AGENT(S) ASSIGNED TO COUNTERINTELLIGENCE (COINTELPRO) EFFORTS DIRECTED AGAINST KING AND THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC) DURING THE PERIOD 1965-1968 IN ALL ABOVE LISTED OFFICES. AS ABOVE, INCLUDED SHOULD BE THE DIVISION, SECTION OR SQUAD OF ASSIGNMENT AND THE NATURE OF THE AGENT'S ASSIGNMENT IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO HIS INVOLVEMENT IN THE COINTELPRO, KING AND SCLC INVESTIGATIONS.

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BECAUSE MOST COUNTERINTELLIGENCE ACTIVITY AGAINST KING AND SCLC WAS HANDLED IN THE SUBSTANTIVE INVESTIGATIONS, YOU SHOULD IDENTIFY THE CASE AGENT(S) INVOLVED IN THE SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS OF KING AND SCLC, AS WELL AS THE COINTELPRO. THIS REVIEW SHOULD INCLUDE INSTANCES WHERE COUNTERINTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES WERE EITHER CONSIDERED OR CARRIED OUT AGAINST KING AND SCLC.

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RESPONSES SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY TELETYPE TO THE ATTENTION OF THE CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT, SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION, BY JANUARY 13, 1978.

UNDER CURRENT OPERATING PROCEDURES EXISTING BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND THE HSCA, DISCLOSURE OF ABOVE AGENT IDENTITIES TO THE HSCA CANNOT BE PREVENTED. HOWEVER, THE LEGAL COUNSEL DIVISION OF FBIHQ IS NEGOTIATING WITH THE HSCA IN EFFORT TO LIMIT PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF NAMES OF ANY AGENT PERSONNEL INVOLVED IN THE COINTELPRO ACTIVITIES. SUCH AGREEMENT WOULD FOLLOW PRECEDENT OF THE SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE WHICH IN ITS REPORT DURING 1976 DID NOT LIST THE NAMES OF ANY FBI PERSONNEL BELOW THE POSITION OF SECTION CHIEF.

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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)

IN CONNECTION WITH INVESTIGATION BY THE HSCA INTO THE
ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., THE STAFF MEMBERS OF
THE HSCA HAVE REQUESTED TO INTERVIEW THE FOLLOWING AGENTS:

SA WILLIAM F. KUSCH - PORTLAND DIVISION

SA THOMAS L. COLARELLI - NEW ORLEANS DIVISION

SA PATRICK J. COLLINS - NEW YORK DIVISION

SA RENE DUMAINE (FORMER) - ALBANY

*Joe Hester
advised. He has
been placed in contact
w/ SA Danny Coulson,
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SA RAMON W. STRATTON - PORTLAND DIVISION

SA ROBERT C. HAINES - JACKSONVILLE DIVISION

SA JOE C. HESTER (FORMER) - MEMPHIS DIVISION

AGENT COLARELLI IS SCHEDULED FOR INTERVIEW ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1977. AGENTS COLLINS AND HAINES ARE SCHEDULED FOR INTERVIEW ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1977. AGENTS KUSCH AND STRATTON ARE SCHEDULED FOR INTERVIEW ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1977.

ALBANY CONTACT FORMER SA DUMAINE, 1 NORTH CENTER LANE, BALLSTON, NEW YORK, AND DETERMINE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE HE MAY BE INTERVIEWED BY THE COMMITTEE. MEMPHIS OFFICE CONTACT FORMER SA HESTER, 97 EAST LAFAYETTE CIRCLE, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, AND DETERMINE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE FOR HIS INTERVIEW. ALBANY AND MEMPHIS SUTEL RESULTS OF CONTACT WITH DUMAINE AND HESTER.

ALL OF THE ABOVE NAMED AGENTS HAVE BEEN RELEASED FROM EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT AND ARE AUTHORIZED TO PARTICIPATE IN HSCA INTERVIEW. AGENTS SHOULD REPORT TO FBIHQ ON THE DAY PRIOR TO SCHEDULED INTERVIEW. REPORT TO ROOM 3659 OR 8988

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FOR INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING THE INTERVIEW. SA DANNY O. COULSON OF THE LEGAL COUNSEL DIVISION WILL MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR STAFF INTERVIEWS.

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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)

IN CONNECTION WITH INVESTIGATION BY THE HSCA INTO THE ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING JR., THE STAFF MEMBERS OF THE HSCA HAVE REQUESTED TO INTERVIEW FORMER SPECIAL AGENT HARVEY E. GYLFE, 6203 IVANHOE ROAD, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE. GYLFE IS SCHEDULED FOR INTERVIEW ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1977. HE SHOULD BE REQUESTED TO ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON, D. C., ON NOVEMBER 15, 1977, AND TO REPORT TO ROOM 3659 OR 8988 AT FBIHQ. GYLFE HAS BEEN RELEASED FROM HIS EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT AND IS AUTHORIZED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE HSCA INTERVIEW. SA DANNY O. COULSON OF THE LEGAL COUNSEL DIVISION WILL MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR STAFF INTERVIEW.

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Remarks: **For information of Legat, Ottawa, Memphis Office has advised that 110 pages of RCMP reports were furnished District Attorney's Office, Shelby County, Tennessee, on 7/25/68. The HSCA earlier this year subpoenaed all records of DA's Office pertaining to King assassination. Attached documents concern RCMP authorization for dissemination of information to local authorities.**

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FOR INFORMATION OF FBIHQ, THE FOLLOWING IS NOTED:

ON JULY 21, 1977, RCMP, OTTAWA, ADVISED THAT SUBSEQUENT TO THEIR DENIAL OF A REQUEST IN MARCH, 1977 BY THE HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS FOR PRODUCTION OF ALL RCMP RECORDS IN CAPTIONED MATTER, A REQUEST WAS RECEIVED AT CANADIAN EMBASSY, WASHINGTON, D.C., CONCERNING THE REFUSAL. AFTER SEVERAL DISCUSSIONS WITH THEIR CANADIAN EXTERNAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT, THE RCMP STATED THEY WOULD CONSIDER ANSWERING SPECIFIC QUESTIONS IF DRAFTED BY THE COMMITTEE.

RCMP, OTTAWA, ADVISED THAT A LIST OF QUESTIONS HAS BEEN RECEIVED IN WASHINGTON, D.C., AND FROM A CURSORY STUDY THEY BELIEVE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE IS IN POSSESSION OF MANY ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS FURNISHED BY RCMP DURING THAT PERIOD OF TIME. A DETAILED STUDY WILL BE UNDERTAKEN AS SOON AS THE DOCUMENTS ARRIVE IN OTTAWA.

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RCMP HEADQUARTERS IS FULLY AWARE THAT THE REPORTS AND DOCUMENTS PRECEDED THE PRESENT SITUATION INVOLVING CONFIDENTIALITY AND CAPTIONED MATTER WAS IN FACT A CRIMINAL MATTER AS CONTRASTED TO SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS AND MOST OF THESE DOCUMENTS WOULD HAVE BEEN DISSEMINATED AT THE TIME TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN TENNESSEE.

RCMP WILL MOST PROBABLY REQUEST FBIHQ TO TRACE THE DISSEMINATION OF REPORTS AFTER THEIR STUDY IS COMPLETED.

ABOVE INFORMATION IS FOR FBIHQ ONLY AND A SPECIFIC PROMISE OF CONFIDENTIALITY WAS GIVEN.

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FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

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IN VIEW OF PROSECUTION OF SUBJECT BY TENNESSEE AUTHORITIES, IT MAY BE NECESSARY TO DISSEMINATE TO THEM THE RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED BY ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE AND PORTUGUESE AUTHORITIES. YOU SHOULD THEREFORE, FURNISH BUREAU A COMPLETE LISTING OF ITEMS SUBMITTED BY YOU AND ADVISE WHAT ITEMS CAN BE DISSEMINATED TO TENNESSEE AUTHORITIES. MEMPHIS ADVISED BY MAIL. *2*

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REQUEST CONTAINED IN REBUTEL JULY TWELVE LAST WAS DISCUSSED WITH ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER H. S. COOPER, DIRECTOR OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION, RCMP HEADQUARTERS, ON JULY SEVENTEEN LAST AND HE SAID NO OBJECTION TO FURNISHING TENNESSEE AUTHORITIES ANY OF INFO DEVELOPED AS RESULT RCMP'S INVESTIGATION.

IN VIEW ABOVE, ADVISE IF STILL NECESSARY TO SUBMIT COMPLETE LISTING.

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There is set forth below a list of reports received from the RCMP in this investigation, all or any portion of which may be made available to Tennessee authorities. The items are listed in the order by date they were forwarded to the Bureau.

Description	Date of Report	Date Sent Bureau
Report RCMP "C" Division, Montreal	4-18-68	4-22-68
Report RCMP "C" Division, Montreal	4-19-68	4-24-68
Report RCMP Sub-Division, London, Ontario	4-18-68	4-26-68
Report of RCMP "C" Division, Montreal	4-22-68	5-6-68
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Report of RCMP "C" Division, Montreal	5-13-68	5-17-68
Report of RCMP Sub-Division, Quebec City	5-9-68	5-22-68

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Report of RCMP London, Ontario, Sub-Division	5-14-68	5-24-68
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Report of RCMP Detachment, Windsor, Ontario	5-27-68	6-4-68
RCMP "A" Division report, Ottawa, Ontario	6-1-68	My telex 6-4-68
Report of RCMP "C" Division, Montreal	5-27-68	6-7-68
Report of RCMP "C" Division, Montreal	5-28-68	6-7-68
Report of RCMP "A" Division, Ottawa	6-5-68	6-7-68
Report of RCMP Sub-Division, London, Ontario	5-30-68	6-11-68
RCMP Headquarters Criminal Investigation Branch letter	6-13-68	6-13-68
RCMP "C" Division report, Montreal	6-7-68	6-17-68
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Report of RCMP "O" Division, Toronto, Ontario	6-13-68	6-18-68
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Report of RCMP Sub-Division, London, Ontario	6-17-68	6-21-68
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Report of RCMP "C" Division, Montreal	6-28-68	7-16-68
Letter from RCMP, Toronto, Ontario, to Ontario Provincial Police	7-16-68	7-19-68
RCMP report from "O" Division, Toronto	7-12-68	7-23-68
Report of RCMP "C" Division, Montreal	7-9-68	7-25-68

It should be noted that enclosures to my airtel 6-3-68, may also be utilized. These were (a) Kennedy Travel Bureau letter to Passport Office 4-17-68; (b) application for passport executed by Sneyd 4-16-68; (c) Statutory Declaration in Lieu of Guarantor

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to application by Sneyd.

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Panel Quizzes Ray Again

trial before a jury for the defendant and let the truth fall where it may," Kershaw told newsmen.

Kershaw said he had no idea why the staff members needed to return today for a second interview with Ray. "That's just a fine example of Washington bureaucracy," he commented.

The lawyer also said he doubted that Ray's brother, Jerry, was "Raoul," the man described by Ray as having duped him.

"Jerry Ray would be the most improbable Raoul I've ever come across," Kershaw said. "Jerry is a jokester — a clown," he added.

It remained unclear why the assassination committee investigators spent only two hours with

Ray last Tuesday before heading back to Washington, D.C.

Sprague, Lehner and three others hurriedly held their discussion last week at this isolated East Tennessee facility and then, just as quickly, rushed back to the nation's capital where they reported to House committee members.

Kershaw described last week's meeting with Ray as a "conversation" rather than an interrogation. Ray's latest of 10 lawyers since his 1968 arrest said the committee investigators "thoroughly, carefully and painstaking" had gone over the details of the slaying of King.

The civil rights leader was slain April 4, 1968, while standing on the balcony of Memphis' Lorraine Hotel. Police said a sniper had

fired the death-slug from a nearby boardinghouse.

Ray was taken into custody in England, returned to Memphis and pleaded guilty to the crime, but ever since has been trying to recant his plea.

Ray was not expected to disclose anything new to the committee investigators that has not already been publicized.

In May 1971 he tried to escape this facility, but apparently chose the wrong underground tunnel to effect his getaway and was forced out of the tunnel by steam.

Ray cowered against a cyclone fence outside the maximum security building, was spotted by guards and surrendered without resistance.

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ON MARCH 20, 1977, M. G. (GENE) SNYDER, UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE, FOURTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT, KENTUCKY, APPEARING ON WHAS - TV "NEWS CONFERENCE" TAPED MARCH 18, 1977, AT LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY, REVEALED THAT HE BELIEVED INVESTIGATION BY HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA) WOULD BE PRODUCTIVE, EVEN THOUGH HE DID NOT INITIALLY VOTE ~~FOR~~ FUNDING OF SAME. SNYDER INDICATED THAT HE HAD CHANGED HIS MIND IN LIGHT OF SOME RECENT INFORMATION WHICH HE WOULD CAREFULLY EXPLAIN SO AS TO NOT "DROP SOMEBODY IN" OR "SAY ANYTHING WRONG ABOUT SOMEBODY, THAT SHOULDN'T BE SAID".

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SNYDER INDICATED THAT HE HAD RECEIVED LETTER A FEW WEEKS AGO FROM "CITIZEN" WHO IS RETIRED AFTER MANY YEARS, FROM RESPONSIBLE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THAT THIS "CITIZEN", NOT FURTHER DESCRIBED, HAD BEEN APPROACHED BY THREE (3) "FBI OFFICERS" AND THREE (3) OR FOUR (4) "PROMINENT PEOPLE AT THAT TIME IN THAT POLICE DEPARTMENT". SNYDER NOTED THAT THIS UNNAMED "CITIZEN" RECEIVED THIS "OFFER" ON TWO (2) SEPARATE OCCASIONS IN HIS AUTOMOBILE WHERE HE HAD TAPE RECORDER SECRETED. TAPES WERE MADE OF THE "OFFER" ON BOTH OCCASIONS, HOWEVER, ONE TAPE WAS SUBSEQUENTLY STOLEN. OTHER TAPE "CITIZEN" RETAINED AND FURNISHED SAME TO HSCA AFTER REPORTEDLY TRAVELING TO WASHINGTON, D.C., AT HIS OWN EXPENSE.

SNYDER HAS SPOKEN WITH "CITIZEN" PERSONALLY AND IN SNYDER'S OPINION, "CITIZEN" APPEARS TO BE RESPONSIBLE. SNYDER BELIEVES INSTANT "LEAD" AND OTHER LEADS SHOULD BE "CHECKED OUT". BECAUSE OF INSTANT "LEAD", UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE SAMUEL L. DEVINE (OHIO), RANKING MINORITY MEMBER OF HSCA, NOW INTENDS TO VOTE FOR CONTINUATION OF HSCA FUNDING.

SNYDER REVEALS THAT LETTER WAS RECEIVED IN "REGULAR UNITED STATES MAIL" AND THAT BASIC ALLEGATION IS THAT UNNAMED "CITIZEN", WHO IS RETIRED POLICEMAN, WAS APPROACHED BY "MEMBERS OF FBI AND UNNAMED POLICE DEPARTMENT" AND ENCOURAGED TO ASSASSINATE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. WHEN ASKED WHY SNYDER RECEIVED LETTER, SNYDER REPLIED "TIME WILL HAVE TO TELL" AND THAT HE "DIDN'T WANT TO GO INTO THAT".

SNYDER FURTHER REVEALED THAT UNNAMED "CITIZEN" HAS BEEN TO WASHINGTON AND THAT HSCA NOW HAS POSSESSION OF TAPE RECORDING WHICH IS BEING "WASHED DOWN" TO ELIMINATE BACKGROUND NOISES SUCH AS RUNNING AUTOMOBILE ENGINE. SNYDER HAS HEARD TAPE HIMSELF AND DESCRIBED SAME AS HAVING "SOME PRETTY INAUDIBLE SECTIONS" WHICH ARE BEING WORKED ON AT PRESENT. SNYDER NOTED THAT TAPE PURPORTS TO DEAL WITH INSTANT SUBJECT MATTER. SNYDER INDICATED THAT HE COULD NOT ATTEST TO AUTHENTICITY OF TAPE RECORDING SINCE HE WAS NOT ELECTRONICS EXPERT, BUT NOTED SAME MUST BE DETERMINED.

SNYDER DECLINED TO ANSWER INTERROGATORIES AS TO WHETHER LETTER CAME FROM HIS CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OR LOUISVILLE,

KENTUCKY, NOTING HE DID NOT THINK HE OUGHT TO PLACE UNNAMED "CITIZEN" IN JEOPARDY IF ALLEGATION IS TRUE, OR PEOPLE MENTIONED THEREIN IN JEOPARDY IF ALLEGATION FALSE. SNYDER BELIEVES HSCA WILL HAVE TO DECIDE WHEN NAMES OF INDIVIDUALS ALLEGEDLY INVOLVED ARE TO BE RELEASED AND MADE PUBLIC.

SNYDER DECLINED ANY FURTHER COMMENT ON MATTER, NOTING THAT IF ALLEGATIONS WERE TRUE, UNNAMED "CITIZEN" FURNISHING BASIS FOR SAME WOULD BE IN JEOPARDY FROM "FBI AND OTHERS NAMED" IN LETTER, AND IF ALLEGATION NOT TRUE, "RESPONSIBLE PERSONS" WOULD LIKEWISE BE IN JEOPARDY. SNYDER ASSUMED THAT HSCA WOULD GIVE INDIVIDUALS NAMED IN LETTER, OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS THEMSELVES AT APPROPRIATE TIME.

ON MARCH 19, 1977, "COURIER-JOURNAL", DAILY NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION, LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY, CARRIED ARTICLE CAPTIONED "SNYDER GIVES PANEL ALLEGATION OF PLOT TO ASSASSINATE KING", WHEREIN SNYDER IS REPORTED TO HAVE REVEALED, DURING TAPING OF ABOVE TELEVISION NEWS CONFERENCE, THAT HE HAD TURNED OVER TO HSCA AN ALLEGATION THAT FBI AGENTS AND POLICE PLOTTED TO KILL MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

SNYDER IS REPORTED TO HAVE RECEIVED THE ABOVE-MENTIONED LETTER IN "LATE FEBRUARY" FROM FORMER POLICEMAN WHO CLAIMS HE WAS TWICE OFFERED \$500,000 TO KILL KING. SNYDER REPORTEDLY WOULD NOT REVEAL NAME OF FORMER POLICEMAN OR NAMES OF THREE (3) FBI AGENTND POLICEMEN ALLEGEDLY INVOLVED IN PLOT.

SNYDER MADE NO CONNECTION BETWEEN ALLEGED OFFER MADE TO UNNAMED RETIRED POLICEMAN WITH MORE THAN TWENTY (20) YEARS SERVICE, AND ACTUAL KILLING OF KING.

RICHARD A. SPRAGUE, CHIEF COUNSEL FOR HSCA, IS QUOTED AS HAVING SAID MARCH 18, 1977, THAT SNYDER HAD TURNED OVER MATERIAL CONTAINING THE ALLEGATION TO HSCA AND THAT MATTER IS CURRENTLY "UNDER INVESTIGATION".

SNYDER REPORTEDLY INDICATED THAT FORMER POLICEMAN HAD ATTEMPTED TO TURN TAPE REVEALING \$500,000 OFFER, OVER TO ATTORNEYS FOR JAMES EARL RAY, CONVICTED KILLER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., BUT WAS FINALLY ASKED BY INVESTIGATOR FOR ATTORNEYS, "WHERE HE PLANNED TO HIDE IF HE TRIED TO DO ANYTHING WITH TAPE".

SAMUEL L. DEVINE, UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE (OHIO),

HERETOFORE MENTIONED, WHO IS FORMER FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (FBI) AGENT, REPORTEDLY HAS CHECKED INTO BACKGROUND OF RETIRED POLICEMAN AND FOUND HIM TO BE "SOLID CITIZEN".

ACCOUNT APPEARING IN "COURIER-JOURNAL" AS HIGHLIGHTED ABOVE IS REPORTEDLY BASED ON COM^MMENTS MADE BY SNYDER DURING TAPING OF WHAS-TV "NEWS CONFERENCE" PROGRAM BROADCAST MARCH 20, 1977. HOWEVER, NO MENTION WAS MADE BY SNYDER OF \$500,000 AMOUNT ALLEGEDLY OFFERED RETIRED POLICEMAN, DURING WHAS-TV "NEWS CONFERENCE" AS BROADCAST ON MARCH 20, 1977.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

RE LOUISVILLE TELCALLS TO BUREAU, MARCH 19, 1977, AND MARCH 20, 1977.

PURSUANT TO BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS, LOUISVILLE TRANSMITTING COPY OF MARCH 19, 1977, "COURIER-JOURNAL" ARTICLE TO FBIHQ VIA TELECOPIER FASCIMILE. TAPE RECORDING OF WHAS-TV "NEWS CONFERENCE" AND NEWSPAPER ARTICLE COPIES BEING FORWARDED FBIHQ BY AIRTEL MARCH 21, 1977. LOUISVILLE WILL FOLLOW AND REPORT

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ALL PERTINENT ADDITIONAL DEVELOPMENTS CONCERNING
INSTANT MATTER WHICH MIGHT BE REVEALED LOCALLY AT LOUISVILLE,
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Shelby Officials Give Panel Ray Evidence

By MORRIS CUNNINGHAM

From The Commercial Appeal
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WASHINGTON — Two Shelby County officials delivered to the House Select Committee on Assassinations Friday the carefully preserved evidence used in the trial and conviction of James Earl Ray for the 1968 murder of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The hundreds of items included the slain civil rights leader's bloody shirt and handkerchief, a photograph of his body with blood clotted on the neck, and the 30.06 rifle with telescope from which the state says Ray fired the fatal shot.

J. A. Blackwell, Shelby County criminal court clerk, and his deputy, Charles Koster, delivered the several boxes under a court order issued Thursday.

Blackwell, who has held his office for 25 years, testified the materials have been in his custody since the trial. He said he and Koster kept it in sight on the plane from Memphis.

Blackwell checked off the materials, item by item, from an inventory, as the committee formally took possession.

Committee Chairman Louis Stokes (D-Ohio) was uncertain how long the committee will keep the materials. But he said they will be carefully checked and analyzed. In response to a question he said it was "possible" the rifle might be test-fired.

The committee, which is literally fighting for its life, is scheduled to die on

March 31 unless the House grants it an extension and more money.

Only 6 of the committee's 12 members showed up for the Friday afternoon session. Rep. Harold Ford of Memphis was among the missing. His office staff said they didn't know his whereabouts.

Stokes, who moved up to succeed Rep. Henry Gonzalez (D-Texas) as chairman, introduced Gonzalez' replacement on the committee, Rep. Robert Edgar (D-Pa.). Gonzalez, frustrated and embittered over his relations with committee counsel Richard Sprague, quit last week.

Stokes read into the record two previously publicized letters the committee has received from Ray. He also put into the record a document signed by Ray in which Ray waived his attorney-client privilege in respect to Percy Foreman, the Texas attorney who represented Ray at the trial in Memphis at which Ray pleaded guilty and accepted a 99-year sentence.

The waiver may make it possible for the committee to subpoena Foreman and compel him to testify or face a contempt of Congress citation, according to a lawyer attached to the committee staff. Foreman previously has been protected by the attorney-client privilege.

The committee, striving to make a record that will justify its continued existence, is desperately seeking a "name" witness to put on the stand at a public hearing before the March 31 deadline.

Ray, and Ray's brother, Jerry, are top prospects. Foreman may have moved into the picture.

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Memorandum

TO : SUPERVISOR JOE C. HESTER

DATE: 12/2/76

FROM : SAC TRIMBACH (66-2197)

SUBJECT: HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS

ReBuAirtel 11/29/76.

Effective 12/7/76, you are relieved of your supervisory responsibilities for an indefinite period so that you can devote full time to a review of the MARTIN LUTHER KING Assassination file.

Responsibility for Desk #4 is assigned to SA JAMES DONLAN pending completion of this temporary assignment.

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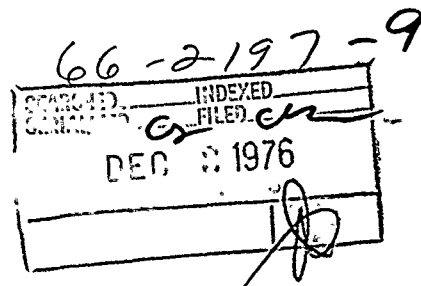
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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (DR. MARTIN LUTHER
KING, JR.)

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU, THE NOVEMBER 23, 1976
EDITION OF THE "COMMERCIAL APPEAL", A DAILY NEWSPAPER AT
MEMPHIS, REFLECTS THAT INVESTIGATORS FOR THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ARE
CURRENTLY IN MEMPHIS REVIEWING RECORDS OF THE KING MURDER WHICH
ARE NOW IN THE POSSESSION OF THE SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE
ATTORNEY GENERAL. SUBPOENAS HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN SERVED ON THE
SHELBY COUNTY ATTORNEY GENERAL.

TO DATE, THIS OFFICE HAS HAD NO CONTACT WITH THE HOUSE
COMMITTEE INVESTIGATORS.

THE ABOVE BEING FURNISHED FOR THE BUREAU'S INFORMATION.

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RE BUTEL SEPTEMBER 28, 1976.

RECENT ARTICLES APPEARING IN LOCAL PRESS INDICATE THAT THIS COMMITTEE WILL SOON BE PREPARING TO HOLD MEETINGS AND THEREAFTER WILL CONDUCT PUBLIC SESSIONS.

AN ARTICLE APPEARING IN THE NOVEMBER 17, 1976, ISSUE OF THE "COMMERCIAL APPEAL," A DAILY NEWSPAPER AT MEMPHIS, STATES THAT LAWYERS FOR THE HOUSE COMMITTEE INVESTIGATING THE MURDER OF DR. KING CHARGED THAT DOCUMENTS IN THE CASE HAD BEEN DESTROYED SINCE THE COMMITTEE WAS FORMED.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES IN MEMPHIS CONTACTED THE STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL, THE MAYOR'S OFFICE, THE CITY POLICE CHIEF,

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OTHER POLICE OFFICIALS, AS WELL AS THIS OFFICE. DENIALS WERE RECEIVED FROM ALL INDIVIDUALS CONTACTED THAT ANY DOCUMENTS INVOLVING THE INVESTIGATION OF THE MURDER OF DR. KING HAD BEEN DESTROYED.

IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THE KING ASSASSINATION OCCURRED IN MEMPHIS, IT CAN REASONABLY BE ANTICIPATED THAT THE BULK OF THE WORK BY THE HOUSE COMMITTEE STAFF MEMBERS WILL BE CONDUCTED IN THIS LOCALE. FBIHQ IS REQUESTED TO ADVISE MEMPHIS WHETHER THERE HAS BEEN ANY INDICATION THUS FAR AS TO THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE COMMITTEE WILL BE SEEKING TO QUESTION FBI PERSONNEL WHO WERE ASSOCIATED WITH THE INVESTIGATION. SINCE THE BULK OF THE INVESTIGATIVE WORK ON THIS CASE WAS DONE BY THE MEMPHIS FBI OFFICE, IT IS APPARENT THAT WE WILL BE ASKED BY THE COMMITTEE TO ADVISE THEM OF THE INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED AND POSSIBLY TO TURN OVER PERTINENT FILES.

AS THE BUREAU IS AWARE, THE KING ASSASSINATION AND RELATED FILES IN MEMPHIS TOTAL APPROXIMATELY 140 VOLUMES AND OVER 10,000 SERIALS. ALL OF THE INDIVIDUALS WHO PLAYED A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN THE FBI INVESTIGATION AT MEMPHIS HAVE SINCE RETIRED

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WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SA JOE C. HESTER WHO IS CURRENTLY ASSIGNED TO MEMPHIS AS A FIELD SUPERVISOR AND WHO WAS THE CASE AGENT ON THE ASSASSINATION INVESTIGATION.

IT IS SUGGESTED THAT CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN AT THIS TIME TO THE LIKELIHOOD THAT THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ITSELF OR ITS STAFF MEMBERS WILL WANT TO BE GIVEN A THOROUGH BRIEFING OF THE SCOPE OF THE FBI INVESTIGATION. IN VIEW OF THE MASSIVE NUMBER OF SERIALS INVOLVED AND THE LENGTH OF TIME (EIGHT AND ONE-HALF YEARS) SINCE THE INVESTIGATION WAS INITIATED, SA HESTER ADVISED THAT HE WILL NEED APPROXIMATELY 30 DAYS FULL TIME TO REVIEW THIS MATTER IN ORDER TO HAVE A CURRENT OVERALL KNOWLEDGE OF THE FBI INVESTIGATION. IF FBIHQ AGREES THAT WE SHOULD BEGIN PREPARING FOR THIS EVENTUALITY, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT SA HESTER BE RELIEVED OF HIS SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITIES AND DEVOTE FULL TIME TO INITIATING A THOROUGH REVIEW OF THIS INVESTIGATION SO THAT HE CAN INTELLIGENTLY RESPOND TO QUESTIONS FROM THE COMMITTEE.

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FROM : SAC TRIMBACH

SUBJECT: HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS
(DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.)

Any press inquiry received which relates in any way to this matter is to be referred to me personally. If I am not available, the ASAC will handle.

In some instances we will possibly need time to research the question and/or check with FBIHQ before we respond to these inquiries.

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Memorandum

TO : ALL SUPERVISORS AND SRAS

DATE: 9/30/76

FROM : SAC, MEMPHIS (66-2197)

SUBJECT: HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS
(DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.).

As most of you are already aware, the United States House of Representatives has appointed a House Select Committee on Assassinations which will hold hearings concerning the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY and on the murder of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., at Memphis. We have inquired of the Bureau as to what action should be taken in the event we receive inquiries from this Committee, and have been advised as follows:

"Should any requests be received by Memphis from captioned committee, such requests should be responded to by informing the committee to contact the Office of Congressional Affairs, Legal Counsel Division, FBIHQ. You should also promptly notify FBIHQ of any such requests."

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REURTEL SEPTEMBER 22, 1976, ABOVE CAPTION.

NO CONTACT HAS AS YET BEEN MADE WITH FBIHQ BY THE
HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE LOOKING INTO THE KING ASSASSINATION.
ANY REQUESTS OR PERTINENT INFORMATION RECEIVED BY FBIHQ
INVOLVING THE MEMPHIS OFFICE, WILL BE PROMPTLY FURNISHED TO
YOU.

SHOULD ANY REQUESTS BE RECEIVED BY MEMPHIS FROM CAPTIONED
COMMITTEE, SUCH REQUESTS SHOULD BE RESPONDED TO BY INFORMING
THE COMMITTEE TO CONTACT THE OFFICE OF CONGRESSIONAL AFFAIRS,
LEGAL COUNSEL DIVISION, FBIHQ. YOU SHOULD ALSO PROMPTLY
NOTIFY FBIHQ OF ANY SUCH REQUESTS.

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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (DR. MARTIN LUTHER
KING, JR.)

THE BUREAU WILL NOTE THAT MEMPHIS HAS OPENED A NEW CASE,
CAPTIONED AS ABOVE, IN WHICH TO HANDLE ALL CORRESPONDENCE
REGARDING THE HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS.

STORIES APPEARING IN THE NEWS MEDIA INDICATE THIS
COMMITTEE INTENDS TO HOLD HEARINGS IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE
PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION IN NOVEMBER, 1976. IT IS ANTICIPATED
HEARINGS WILL BE HELD BY THE COMMITTEE AT MEMPHIS. SINCE IT
WILL BE EXPECTED THAT STAFF MEMBERS FROM THE COMMITTEE WILL
CONTACT THE MEMPHIS OFFICE FOR INFO RE OUR INVESTIGATION OF
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MEMPHIS OFFICE WITH SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS AS TO WHAT ACTION TO BE TAKEN IN THE EVENT FBI PERSONNEL ARE SUBPOENAED, IN THE EVENT ATTEMPTS ARE MADE TO REVIEW FBI FILES, IN THE EVENT EFFORTS ARE MADE TO INTERVIEW FBI PERSONNEL, OR OTHERWISE ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN INFO AVAILABLE TO THE MEMPHIS OFFICE.

THIS CASE WAS DIRECTED DURING THE FIRST FEW DAYS BY NOW RETIRED INSPECTOR JOE SULLIVAN. ON THE DAY RAY'S CAR WAS LOCATED AT ATLANTA, INSPECTOR SULLIVAN LEFT MEMPHIS AND WENT TO THE ATLANTA OFFICE WHERE HE REMAINED UNTIL HE WAS GIVEN A NEW ASSIGNMENT. THE SAC AT MEMPHIS, ROBERT JENSEN, NOW RETIRED BUT STILL RESIDING IN MEMPHIS, TOOK CHARGE OF THE INVESTIGATION AT MEMPHIS. THE CASE AGENT, SA JOE C. HESTER, IS STILL IN THE MEMPHIS OFFICE, AND MAY WELL BE CONSIDERED BY THE COMMITTEE FOR A SUPBOENA.

DUE TO THE PASSAGE OF EIGHT YEARS SINCE THE KING MURDER AND DUE TO THE MANY DIFFERENT PHASES OF THE INVESTIGATION IT WOULD BE NEARLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR ANY ONE INDIVIDUAL TO TESTIFY KNOWLEDGEABLY RE THIS INVESTIGATION. IN THE EVENT THE DEPARTMENT INSTRUCTS THAT FBI PERSONNEL ARE TO SUBMIT

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TO INTERVIEWS BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE STAFF, IT IS SUGGESTED THAT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SHOULD REQUIRE THE SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS WELL ENOUGH IN ADVANCE TO ALLOW TIME FOR RESEARCH BEFORE ANY ATTEMPT IS MADE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS.

IN THE EVENT THE MEMPHIS OFFICE IS CONTACTED BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE OR BY STAFF MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE, NO INFO WILL BE FURNISHED TO THEM WITHOUT THE SPECIFIC PERMISSION OF THE BUREAU AND THE CONTACTING INDIVIDUAL WILL BE SO ADVISED.

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