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

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

SUBJECT: HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)

Re Bureau teletype to St. Louis, 2/10/78, captioned
as above. *433*

Enclosed under separate cover for Headquarters
is a Xerox copy of each serial in SL 170-1767 and SL 170-1767
Sub A as was requested in retel. Also enclosed is destruction
memoranda concerning SL 1495-E (former) substantive file.
Case closed in St. Louis.

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(Attn: J. E. McHale)
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TO ST. LOUIS (ROUTINE)

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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)

REFERENCE BUREAU TELETYPE TO ST. LOUIS DATED
JANUARY 25, 1978; ST. LOUIS TELETYPES TO BUREAU JANUARY 27,
1978, AND JANUARY 31, 1978.

ON FEBRUARY 8, 1978, G. ROBERT BLAKEY, CHIEF COUNSEL AND DIRECTOR, HSCA, ADVISED HIS STAFF HAD CONTACTED FORMER SL 1495-E, WHO HAS AGREED TO COOPERATE WITH THE HSCA. ON FEBRUARY 9, 1978, STAFF ATTORNEY MICHAEL EBERHARDT, HSCA, ADVISED THAT SL 1495-E HAS EXECUTED A SIGNED WAIVER AUTHORIZING HSCA ACCESS TO ALL FBI INFORMATION CONCERNING HIM, INCLUDING THAT PERTAINING TO HIS INFORMANT ACTIVITIES.

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ST. LOUIS PROMPTLY FURNISH FBIHQ ONE XEROX COPY OF EACH SERIAL IN INFORMANT'S MAIN FILE AND SUB A FILE (170-1767) AND ONE COPY OF ANY VOUCHER OR DOCUMENT WHICH CONCERN'S ANY ASPECT OF SOURCE'S OPERATION AND ANY PAYMENT WHICH WAS MADE TO HIM. ADDITIONALLY, PROVIDE FBIHQ WITH ONE COPY OF ANY MAIN FILE OR REFERENCE IN YOUR OFFICE WHICH MAY BE IDENTIFIABLE WITH INFORMANT. (S) u

THIS MATERIAL SHOULD BE FORWARDED BY COVER AIR-TEL TO FBI HEADQUARTERS, ATTENTION CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT, RECORDS MANAGEMENT DIVISION. UPON RECEIPT AT FBIHQ, THE MATERIAL WILL BE PROCESSED FOR ACCESS OF STAFF MEMBERS OF HSCA, PROVIDED THE WAIVER DESCRIBED AS ABOVE IS RECEIVED.

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NOTE: SL 1495-E (former) (Bureau file 134-19686) was operated from January, 1970, to approximately September, 1971, primarily targeted against White Hate Groups. In 1971, he traveled to Savannah, Georgia, at which time he reported on activities of the National States Rights Party office and that Jerry Ray, brother of James Earl Ray, stated he knew there was another party involved in the killing of King and that his brother was the one who pulled the trigger. This is the apparent HSCA interest in informant.

Referenced communications concern previous informal requests by the HSCA that we contact SL 1495-E to determine if he would be willing to be interviewed by the Committee. St. Louis contacted informant on 1/27/78 and he agreed, but two days later submitted a letter to St. Louis declining to be interviewed by the HSCA. Subsequently, the HSCA determined informant's identity through its investigation and contacted him, at which time, according to the HSCA, he agreed to interview. By letter to the Attorney General dated 1/26/78, the HSCA has asked for all information at FBI Headquarters and in the field concerning informant.

This matter has been coordinated with SA D. O. Coulson, Legal Liaison and Congressional Affairs Unit, Legal Counsel Division, and SA M. V. Hale, Top Echelon and Criminal Informant Unit, Criminal Investigative Division.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-117290)
 (Attention: Congressional Inquiry Unit,
 Records Management Division)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (62-7385) (C)

SUBJECT: HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE
ON ASSASSINATIONS

ReButelcall to Chicago 2/1/78.

Enclosed for the Bureau are two copies each of ten letters from JERRY RAY to MARJORIE LOUISE FETTERS.

All of the above letters were originally received from the Newark Division in a Xeroxed condition thus the quality of the above enclosures is not entirely satisfactory. However, per referenced Bureau telephone call, Chicago will maintain the original Xerox copy in its file 44-1114.

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TO DIRECTOR (62-117290) ROUTINE

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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA); BUDED: JAN. 13,
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REBUTEL, DEC. 27, 1977.³⁵¹

ID SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER OF THE NEW ORLEANS DIVISION WAS THE NEW ORLEANS FIELD OFFICE CASE AGENT ASSIGNED TO THE "MURKIN" INVESTIGATION. AT THE TIME SA CALLENDER WAS ASSIGNED THE "MURKIN" CASE, HE WAS ASSIGNED TO THE NUMBER SIX SQUAD IN THE NEW ORLEANS OFFICE. THIS SQUAD HANDLED CR, RACIAL AND RELATED MATTERS. "MURKIN" WAS UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF FORMER ASAC JOSEPH T. SYLVESTER, JR. THE NATURE OF CALLENDER'S ASSIGNMENT IMMEDIATELY

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PRIOR TO HIS INVOLVEMENT IN THE "MURKIN" INVESTIGATION WAS IN THE FIELDS OF CR, RACIAL AND RELATED MATTERS.

II) THE FILES OF THE NEW ORLEANS OFFICE FAIL TO REVEAL THAT THIS OFFICE EITHER CONSIDERED OR ENGAGED IN ANY COUNTERINTELLIGENCE (COIN TEL PRO) EFFORTS DIRECTED AGAINST KING OR THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC).

NEW ORLEANS FILES WHICH INVOLVE THE SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS OF KING (NO 100-16800) AND THE SCLC (NO 100-16849) HAVE BEEN THOROUGHLY REVIEWED. NEW ORLEANS WAS MERELY AN AUXILIARY OFFICE IN THESE INVESTIGATIONS, WITH ATLANTA BEING THE OO. THE EXTENT OF INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED BY NEW ORLEANS WAS THE COVERING OF LEADS IN LA., SET FORTH BY ATLANTA OR OTHER OFFICES. THESE TWO FILES WERE REVIEWED SERIAL BY SERIAL AND NOWHERE IS THERE ANY INDICATION WHERE COUNTERINTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES WERE EITHER CONSIDERED OR CARRIED OUT AGAINST KING OR THE SCLC BY THE NEW ORLEANS OFFICE.

DURING THE PERIOD OF 1965 - 1968, THE KING FILE IN THE NEW ORLEANS OFFICE WAS REOPENED AND ASSIGNED AND THEN RUC'D AT LEAST SEVEN TIMES AND THE SCLC FILE WAS REOPENED AND ASSIGNED AT LEAST FIVE TIMES DURING THIS SAME PERIOD.

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AIR MAIL COPY SENT ATLANTA DIVISION.

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ATTENTION CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT, RECORDS MANAGEMENT SECTION

HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)

RE BUREAU TEL TO ST. LOUIS, JANUARY 25, 1978, CAPTIONED AS
ABOVE.

SL 1495-E (FORMER) CONTACTED THIS DATE. HE WAS ADVISED OF HSCA'S EXISTENCE AND ITS DESIRE TO INTERVIEW HIM CONCERNING CONTENTS OF LHM DATED MAY 28, 1971, CAPTIONED "NATIONAL STATES RIGHTS PARTY, RM - NSRP".

SOURCE (FORMER) WAS ADVISED THAT HSCA HAS INTERVIEWED OTHER INDIVIDUALS IN CONNECTION WITH THIS MATTER AND WILL BE ISSUING SUBPOENAS. INITIAL REACTION OF SOURCE WAS THAT HE HAD NO STRONG OBJECTION TO BEING INTERVIEWED BY HSCA.

SOURCE (FORMER) WAS THEN ADVISED THAT CONFERENCES WITH HSCA

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IT IS NOTED THAT SOURCE (FORMER) UNDERWENT MAJOR HEART AND
ABDOMINAL SURGERY DURING OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER, 1977, IS CURRENTLY
RECOVERING AND UNDER DOCTOR'S CARE. HE RESIDES 12350 OLD HALLS
FERRY ROAD, FLORISSANT, MO., (314) 355-1500 AND IS UNEMPLOYED.

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FOR H. (ASSISTANT SECRETARY) AND EUR/NE

1. IN ACCORDANCE REFTEL, WE PASSED ON TO THE HOME OFFICE THE REQUEST OF THE HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS FOR ACCESS TO BRITISH POLICE RECORDS AND KNOWLEDGEABLE PERSONS CONCERNED WITH THE ARREST OF JAMES EARL RAY WITHOUT THE COMMITTEE RESPONDING FIRST TO THE QUESTIONS RAISED PREVIOUSLY BY BRITISH OFFICIALS.

2. THE HOME OFFICE INFORMED THE EMBASSY ON JANUARY 26 THAT IT IS CONSULTING THE LONDON METROPOLITAN POLICE ABOUT THE COMMITTEE'S REQUEST AND WILL LET US KNOW THE OUTCOME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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House
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U.S. House of Representatives

3331 HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING, ANNEX 2

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

January 30, 1978

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

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

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

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

1. The main security file on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., for the period January 1, 1967 through May 1, 1968.
2. The main file on the Southern Christian Leadership Conference for the period January 1, 1967 through May 1, 1968.
3. The file on the Memphis Sanitation Strike for the period January 1, 1968 through May 1, 1968.
4. The file on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr./Poor People's March for the period December 1, 1967 through May 1, 1968. *REC-6 62-117290-426*
5. All materials pertaining to Martin Luther King, Jr., and the SCLC in the COINTELPRO file.

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

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

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

Your prompt attention to these matters will be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,

G. Robert Blakey
G. Robert Blakey
Chief Counsel and Director

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cc: Danny O. Coulson

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

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

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

In connection with the investigation by this Committee into the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., it is requested that the FBI provide the Committee with photographs of all Atlanta agents assigned to the security investigation of Dr. King during the period 1967-68. To the extent possible, these photographs should depict the agents involved as they appeared in 1967-1968 or as close thereto as possible.

Your prompt attention to this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

G. Robert Blakey

G. Robert Blakey
Chief Counsel and Director

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cc: Mr. Danny O. Coulson *FBI*

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TO ST. LOUIS (ROUTINE)

1 - Criminal Intelligence Div.
(Attn: Mr. J. E. McHale,
Jr.)

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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)

REFERENCE ST. LOUIS AIRTEL AND LHM TO BUREAU DATED
MAY 28, 1971, CAPTIONED, "NATIONAL STATES RIGHTS PARTY, RM-
NSRP."

THE HSCA IS CURRENTLY CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION INTO THE
ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. IN THAT CONNECTION,
VARIOUS DOCUMENTS, INCLUDING REFERENCED COMMUNICATION, HAVE
BEEN MADE AVAILABLE FOR HSCA REVIEW.

ON JANUARY 23, 1978, G. ROBERT BLKEY, CHIEF COUNSEL AND
DIRECTOR, HSCA, ADVISED THAT THE HSCA DESIRES TO INTERVIEW THE
FBI INFORMANT WHO PROVIDED INFORMATION IN REFERENCED LHM.

BLKEY REQUESTED THAT INFORMANT BE CONTACTED AND ADVISED OF
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THE HSCA'S INTEREST IN ORDER TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT
INFORMANT HAD ANY OBJECTIONS TO BEING INTERVIEWED BY

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REPRESENTATIVES OF THE HSCA.

INFORMANT IS SL]495-E (FORMER), WHO WAS OPERATED FROM JANUARY,]970, TO APPROXIMATELY SEPTEMBER]97]. INFORMANT WAS PRIMARILY TARGETED AGAINST WHITE-HATE GROUPS AND WAS SUBJECT OF BUREAU FILE]34-]9686 AND ST. LOUIS FILE]70-]767.

ON JANUARY 24,]978, SUPERVISOR JAMES HAGGERTY DETERMINED THAT INFORMANT IS LISTED IN THE CURRENT ST. LOUIS TELEPHONE DIRECTORY AND THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO CONTACT WITH INFORMANT SINCE HE WAS CLOSED IN]97].

ST. LOUIS PROMPTLY CONTACT FORMER SL]495-E. ADVISE HIM OF THE HSCA'S EXISTENCE, AND ITS DESIRE TO INTERVIEW HIM APPARENTLY CONCERNING THE CONTENTS OF REFERENCED LHM. ADVISE HIM THE HSCA HAS INTERVIEWED OTHER INDIVIDUALS IN CONNECTION WITH REFERENCED LHM AND WILL BE ISSUING SUBPOENAS IN CONNECTION WITH THIS MATTER. DETERMINE AT THIS POINT ONLY HIS INITIAL REACTION TO BEING INTERVIEWED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE HSCA. IF HE HAS NO OBJECTIONS TO AN INTERVIEW, HE SHOULD BE TOLD THAT CONFERENCES WITH THE HSCA AND DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE WILL BE UNDERTAKEN TO WORK OUT ADDITIONAL DETAILS

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REGARDING THE EXTENT OF PROTECTION AND CONFIDENTIALITY
THE HSCA IS WILLING TO EXTEND AS WELL AS DETAILS REGARDING
THE LOCATION AND SCOPE OF INTERVIEW.

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

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NOTE The HSCA plans to submit a formal request regarding this matter, but requested informant be contacted for his initial reaction to interview. The Congressional Inquiry Unit, Legal Liaison and Congressional Affairs Unit and Mr. Robert L. Keuch, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, agree this approach is best prior to continuing discussions to resolve legal and other issues.

The apparent interest of the HSCA involves informant's travel to Savannah, Georgia, in 1971 at which time he reported on activities at the NSRP Office in Savannah, as set forth in referenced communication. Informant reported that Jerry Ray, brother of James Earl Ray, and J. B. Stoner, National Chairman, NSRP, were in the office when Jerry said that the FBI and he knew there was another party involved in the killing of King and that his brother was the one who pulled the trigger. The HSCA has requested FBI information on the NSRP, Stoner, Jerry Ray and other individuals identified as being in attendance in the NSRP Office in Savannah during that time. One of the individuals present, Richard Geppert, was later developed as an informant of the Springfield Office. Geppert has been interviewed by the HSCA and has furnished a signed statement in which he gives authority for HSCA review of all FBI information concerning him, including that pertaining to his confidential relationship with the FBI.

This matter has been coordinated with Legal Liaison and Congressional Affairs Unit and the Organized Crime Section, Criminal Investigative ~~Unit~~ Division

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TO DIRECTOR (62-117290)

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ATTN: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT, SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION.

HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA). BUDED

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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 SECURITY AND CORRUPTION OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS INVESTIGATIONS IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO THE TIME THE MURKIN CASE WAS REASSIGNED TO HIM.

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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 A100-4046 ENTITLED "COMMUNIST PARTY, USA, COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM" WAS ASSIGNED TO SA WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE, NOW RETIRED, ON THE FOLLOWING OCCASIONS:

OPENED JULY 23, 1964, PLACED IN RUC STATUS APRIL 29, 1966; REOPENED AUG. 24, 1966, PLACED IN RUC STATUS AUG. 30, 1966; REOPENED MARCH 31, 1967, PLACED IN RUC STATUS JUNE 13, 1967; REOPENED OCT. 18, 1967, PLACED IN RUC STATUS DEC. 20, 1967. IT REMAINED IN RUC STATUS UNTIL DEC. 26, 1974.

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 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. IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO ASSIGNMENT OF THIS CASE, SA LAWRENCE 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 INVESTIGATION, 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 LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE" (COMINFIL SCLS) IS - C, WAS FIRST OPENED IN THE MEMPHIS OFFICE ON SEPT. 26, 1961. IT WAS PLACED IN RUC STATUS AND RE-OPENED A NUMBER OF

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TIMES PRIOR TO PERIOD 1965-68. IT WAS OPENED AND ASSIGNED DURING THIS PERIOD AS FOLLOWS:

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 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 ASSIGNMENTS OF THIS CASE.

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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 COUNTER INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES WERE EITHER CONSIDERED OR CARRIED OUT AGAINST KING AND THE SCLC.

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TO DIRECTOR (62-117290) ROUTINE

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ATTENTION CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT, SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION
HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA). BUDED JANUARY

13, 1978.

REBUTEL, DECEMBER 27, 1977. ³⁵¹

(1) A MURKIN INVESTIGATION FIELD OFFICE FILE NUMBER,
CHICAGO 44-1114.

B) CHICAGO CASE AGENT RENE J. DU MAINE ASSIGNED TO
ASAC SQUAD AS RELIEF SUPERVISOR - BANK ROBBERY COORDINATOR.

(2) A FIELD OFFICE FILE NUMBER CHICAGO 100-35356.

(2) TITLE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SM - C. L2-117290-418
^{EX-111 REC}

(3) A REVIEW OF THIS FILE REFLECTS THE FOLLOWING AGENTS
WERE CASE AGENTS IN THIS INVESTIGATION ON THE DATES INDICATED:

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JANUARY 7, 1965, CLAY M. BRADY, RUC JANUARY 24, 1965,

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HSCA re 12/13/77 request.
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REOPENED JANUARY 25, 1965 TO ROBERT F. BARRY, CLOSED MARCH 16, 1965, REOPENED MARCH 25, 1965 TO WILLIAM J. WHITE, RUC JULY 16, 1965, REOPENED JULY 19, 1965 TO CLAY M. BRADY, RUC AUGUST 2, 1965, REOPENED AUGUST 11, 1965 TO JOSEPH C. STANLEY, CLOSED AUGUST 27, 1965, REOPENED SEPTEMBER 13, 1965 TO R. L. STROMBERG, RUC SEPTEMBER 24, 1965, REOPENED OCTOBER 7, 1965 TO CLAY M. BRADY, REASSIGNED NOVEMBER 22, 1965 TO JOSEPH C. STANLEY WHO CONTINUED AS CASE AGENT UNTIL AFTER THE ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. IN 1968. THIS CASE WAS MAINTAINED ON SECURITY SQUAD NUMBER 5. THE NATURE OF THE ABOVE CASE AGENTS' ASSIGNMENT PRIOR TO THEIR INVOLVEMENT IN THE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SM - C INVESTIGATION IS NOT AVAILABLE IN CHICAGO, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SA JOSEPH C. STANLEY, WHO WAS CARRIED AS A RELIEF SUPERVISOR FOR SECURITY SQUAD NUMBER 5. THE NATURE OF SA STANLEY'S WORK IS NOT AVAILABLE IN CHICAGO.

- (2) (B) (1) FIELD OFFICE FILE NUMBER CHICAGO 105-16238.
- (2) TITLE: COMINFILE, SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC), IS - C.
- (3) A REVIEW OF THIS FILE REFLECTS THE CASE WAS ASSIGNED TO SA JOHN P. O'BRIEN, UNTIL OCTOBER 12, 1965, WHEN IT WAS

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REASSIGNED TO SA JOSEPH C. STANLEY THROUGH 1968. SA STANLEY WAS CARRIED AS A RELIEF SUPERVISOR FOR SECURITY SQUAD NUMBER 5 UNTIL FEBRUARY, 1968 WHEN HE WAS DELETED. THE EXACT NATURE OF SA STANLEY'S WORK IS NOT AVAILABLE IN CHICAGO.

(2) (C) (1) FIELD OFFICE FILE NUMBER CHICAGO 100-32864.

(2) TITLE: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA, COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM, IS - C.

(3) A REVIEW OF THIS FILE REFLECTS THE FOLLOWING AGENTS WERE CASE AGENTS IN THIS INVESTIGATION:

HERBERT K. STALLINGS UNTIL APRIL 22, 1965, REASSIGNED TO GENE E. ARNOLD UNTIL APRIL 27, 1967, REASSIGNED TO ROBERT O. MURPHY THROUGH 1968. ALL COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAMS WERE MAINTAINED ON SECURITY SQUAD NUMBER 2. THE SECTION, SQUAD OF ASSIGNMENT, AND THE NATURE OF THE ABOVE AGENTS' ASSIGNMENT IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO THEIR INVOLVEMENT IN THIS INVESTIGATION IS NOT AVAILABLE IN CHICAGO.

(2) (D) A REVIEW OF ALL OTHER COINTELPRO INVESTIGATIONS CONDUCTED BY CHICAGO FAILS TO INDICATE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. OR THE SCLC WERE EVER MENTIONED IN THESE FILES OR TARGETS UNDER THESE PROGRAMS.

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January 26, 1978

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

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

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

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

In connection with this Committee's investigation of the circumstances surrounding the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., we would appreciate your assistance in obtaining access to any files or records in the possession of the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, relating to the individuals and organizations noted below:

A. With respect to the Drug Enforcement Administration:

- 1) Charles Joseph Stein
Date of Birth: 5/11/29
FBI Number: 881-534-B
- 2) Anthony Charles DeCarvelho
Born: 1921
Residence: New Orleans

B. With respect to the Federal Bureau of Investigation:

- 1) Jack Brown
Chattanooga, Tennessee *62-117290*
- 2) Lester Lee *Ex-111 REC-13*
Date of Birth: 2/23/45
S.S.N.: 410-78-8096
2165 or 2155 Clarksdale
Memphis, Tennessee *62-117290-415*
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- 3) Hunter Pitts O'Dell
New Orleans, Louisiana

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- 4) Ernest Donnell
Denham Springs, Louisiana
- 5) Robert DePugh, Norborne, Missouri
Head of the Minutemen organization
- 6) Sidney Barnes
1378 East Riviera Drive
Mobile, Alabama (1968)
- 7) "Maxey Ted"
New Orleans, Louisiana
- 8) Eddie Sopciack
Date of Birth: 8/14/29
FBI Number: 186-485A
- 9) Thomas Tarrants
- 10) Samuel Caccamechi
Memphis, Tennessee
- 11) Robert Hood Strader
Lexington, Illinois
- 12) Raymond Starins
King David Apartments, Apt. 1
2816 David Drive
Metairie, Louisiana (1968)
- 13) Jerome Conforto
New Orleans, Louisiana
- 14) Joseph Conforto
New Orleans, Louisiana (now deceased)
- 15) Leonard Scott DelMonte
1229 North Bronson Street
Los Angeles, California
- 16) Allan O. Thompson
Date of Birth: 12/25/13
- 17) Dr. Russell C. Hadley
Date of Birth: 8/18/09
96 Moscow Road
Monte Rio, California

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- 18) James E. Morrison
Los Angeles, California
- 19) Dr. Mark O. Freeman
Beverly Hills, California
- 20) Charles Calvin Bookman
Date of Birth: 9/6/13
FBI Number: 892-355
- 21) Rodney Arvidson
Date of Birth: 1/19/23
Post Office Box 2820
Long Beach, California
- 22) Tomas Reyes Lau
Date of Birth: 10/5/23
2047 Lemoyne
Los Angeles, California
- 23) Roy Emory Hargraves
El Monte, California
- 24) Raymond M. Murphy, aka "Fido"
Los Angeles, California
- 25) Lee Wilkinson
Los Angeles, California
- 26) Roman Kohnke
Los Angeles, California
- 27) Paul Lyon
Los Angeles, California
- 28) Jeri Salkin
Los Angeles, California
- 29) Ronald G. Hewitson
Garden Grove, California
- 30) Pat Olson
Date of Birth: 7/21/42
Quantico, Virginia

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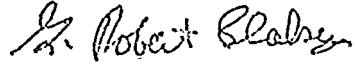
- 31) Robert Taylor, aka Bob Taylor
Los Angeles, California
- 32) Ronald Dennino
aka Ronald Gerald Dennino
Inmate at California State Prison
at San Quentin (1967 - 1968)
- 33) Richard Gonzales
Los Angeles, California
- 34) Roderic Burns Duff
Monrovia, California
1968 President of Los Angeles Chapter
of Citizens Council of America
- 35) R. J. Weiler
Los Angeles, California
- 36) Elizabeth Ann De Rouen
Date of Birth: 2/17/43
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Los Angeles, California
- 37) Debbie Gold
Los Angeles, California
- 38) David Gregory
Buena Park, California
- 39) Rev. Xavier Von Koss
Hermosa Beach, California
- 40) Robert Harold Gray
Los Angeles, California
- 41) Robert Keeley
Los Angeles, California
- 42) William K. Shearer
aka Bill Shearer
3166 Palm
Common Grove, California
- 43) Robert Walters
Los Angeles, California

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- 44) George Manum
Los Angeles, California
- 45) Robert J. Roe
Beverly Hills, California
- 46) Pamela Dillon
Los Angeles, California
- 47) Frank Marullo
New Orleans, Louisiana
- 48) Subfiles and/or investigative reports on
Ku Klux Klan for the cities of Jacksonville
and Miami, Florida for the period 1966
through 1968.
- 49) Subfiles and/or investigative reports on
the following organizations for the period
1966 through 1968 for the cities of New
Orleans, Louisiana; Birmingham, Alabama;
Memphis, Tennessee; Chicago, Illinois;
Atlanta, Georgia; Los Angeles, California;
and the State of Mississippi:
 - a) Black Panthers
 - b) Black Muslims
 - c) American Nazi Party
 - d) Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee
- 50) Subfiles and/or investigative reports for
the period 1966 - 1968 for the following
organizations:
 - a) Liberty Lobby
 - b) The Sword
 - c) The Fiery Cross
 - d) The White Camelia
 - e) The Silver Dollar Group

Your prompt cooperation will be most appreciated.

Very truly yours,



G. Robert Blakey
Chief Counsel and Director

~~GRB:msd~~

cc: Danny Coulson

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-117290)

FROM : ACTING LEGAT, LONDON (62-604) (P)

O~~H~~HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS
SUBJECT: JAMES EARL RAY, aka;
ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO VIOLATE UNLAWFUL
FLIGHT TO AVOID CONFINEMENT - ESCAPE

ReLONlet 11/16/77.

Enclosed for information is a copy of an incoming telegram from the American Embassy, London, received from Department of State on 1/14/78, and copy of Legat, London letter to the British Home Office dated 1/18/78.

Further pertinent information will be furnished when available.

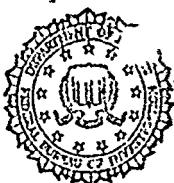
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 62-604

Your Ref.:

Office of Legal Attaché
American Embassy
Grosvenor Square
London, W1A 1AE

January 18, 1978

Mr. G. L. Angel
British Home Office
G-4 Division
Queen Anne's Gate
London, S.W. 1

Re: Request from House Select Committee on
Assassinations to Meet with British
Police Authorities

Dear Mr. Angel:

By way of background, the House Select Committee on Assassinations, as authorized by the U. S. House of Representatives, is investigating the circumstances surrounding the murders of President J. F. Kennedy and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The Chief Counsel and Staff Director requested contact be made with appropriate officials in the British Government to obtain authority to interview appropriate police officials who were involved in the arrest of James Earl Ray in London on June 8, 1968.

Assistant Legal Attaché Dennis Dickson had contact with you on December 6, 1977, regarding this matter. At that time you requested the following:

- A) Purpose or scope of inquiry;
- B) Names of individuals to be interviewed and reasons therefor;

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- C) Intended use of results of inquiry, i.e., public hearings, etc., it being noted that any records maintained by the British police would be as the result of an official inquiry and this would normally be available for police use only, unless otherwise exempted by the British Government.

The Select Committee responded that due to the brevity of the 95th Congress, it was most important that representatives of the Select Committee be allowed to meet with appropriate members of New Scotland Yard who are knowledgeable about the KING-RAY investigation. The Committee advised they would be happy to meet personally with British Government officials in London to provide answers to the issues forwarded to them for clarification and elucidation.

I would be most appreciative if you would advise if this situation is agreeable to you.

Sincerely,

Dennis R. Dickson
Acting Legal Attache

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I.R.S. SUBJECT REQUEST FROM HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS TO MEET WITH BRITISH POLICE AUTHORITIES

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ASSISTANT SECRETARY BENNET HAS RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING LETTER FROM G. ROBERT BLAKEY, CHIEF COUNSEL AND DIRECTOR, SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS: QUOTE: "DEAR MR. SECRETARY:

MANY THANKS FOR YOUR LETTER OF DECEMBER 9, 1977 ENCLOSING A TELEGRAM FROM AMBASSADOR BREWSTER.

AS YOU KNOW, THE LIFE OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE IS LIMITED TO THE LIFE OF THE 95TH CONGRESS. IT IS THEREFORE IMPERATIVE THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE BE ALLOWED TO MEET AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE MOMENT, WITH RESPONSIBLE MEMBERS OF NEW SCOTLAND YARD WHO ARE KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT ITS PARTICIPATION IN THE INVESTIGATION INTO THE DEATH OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., THE RESULTING CAPTURE OF JAMES EARL RAY IN LONDON ON JUNE 8, 1968 AND ANY FURTHER INVESTIGATION FOLLOWING HIS CAPTURE. WE WILL BE HAPPY TO MEET WITH

THOSE REPRESENTATIVES IN GREAT BRITAIN TO PROVIDE ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONS RAISED BY AMBASSADOR BREWSTER'S TELEGRAM.

AGAIN, WE EMPHASIZE THAT TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE AND WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR ARRANGING FOR SUCH A MEETING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. VERY TRULY YOURS, G. ROBERT BLAKEY." END QUOTE.

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TOTAL: ✓

PERMIT AN INTERVIEW BETWEEN MEMBERS OF THE STAFF OF THE
SELECT COMMITTEE AND APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS WHO PARTICIPATED
IN THE INVESTIGATION MENTIONED IN BLAKEY'S LETTER AND
ADVISE US IN ADVANCE

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

January 25, 1978

Director, FBI FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

1 - Mr. Foster
1 - Legal Counsel Div.
(Attn: Mr. Coulson)

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

Reference is made to letter to the Attorney General from G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director, HSCA, dated December 13, 1977, which requested, in connection with the HSCA's investigation into the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., certain information concerning identities of FBI agents assigned to the FBI's assassination investigation and to counterintelligence efforts against King.

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

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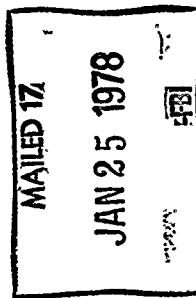
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Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division
Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch

NOTE: By teletype dated 12/27/77, field offices designated by the HSCA were advised of the contents of the HSCA letter of 12/13/77. Responses have been received. Rather than incorporate the voluminous results into a letter to the Committee, it is more practical to make available for HSCA access at FBIHQ incoming field office teletypes.

It should be noted that, under current operating procedures existing between the Department of Justice and the HSCA, disclosure of these agents' identities to the HSCA cannot be prevented. However, G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director, HSCA, has advised SA D. O. Coulson of Legal Liaison and Congressional Affairs Unit, Legal Counsel Division, that, in absence of an overriding need to do otherwise, the HSCA will not publish the names of any agent personnel below the position of section chief. This policy would follow precedent of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence which issued its report in 1976.

l - Mr. Foster
l - Legal Counsel Div.
(Attn: Mr. Coulson)

January 25, 1978

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

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In response to the above request, the following information is submitted:

On December 19, 1977, Mr. Robert L. Keuch, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, advised that the Department of Justice would respond to Part A, Items 1 and 2 and Part B, Items 1 and 2, of the above request.

Regarding Part A, Item 3 and Part B, Item 3, the FBI field offices designated by the HSCA were requested to provide the information desired by the HSCA. Responses from these field offices have been received and copies of these documents are available for HSCA access at FBI Headquarters.

With respect to Part A, Item 4, a review of FBI Headquarters indices disclosed no memoranda, records, documents and news releases generated by the FBI in connection with the MURKIN investigation, other than that contained in the MURKIN file, which has already been made available to the HSCA.

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FBI/DOJ

House Select Committee on Assassinations

In response to Part B, Item 4, it should be noted that HSCA request of November 30, 1977, asked for all FBI material pertaining to Martin Luther King, Jr., and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) in the FBI's Counter-intelligence Program (COINTELPRO) file. By letter dated January 11, 1978, you were advised that representatives of the HSCA agreed to limit its request to COINTELPRO files involving the Communist Party USA and Black Nationalist-Mate Groups and to limit the period of HSCA interest from January 1, 1967, to May 1, 1968. On January 23, 1978, Staff Attorney Michael Eberhardt reiterated that the HSCA's interest is that period rather than the years 1965-1968 as set forth in the request of December 13, 1977. The above-mentioned COINTELPRO files and files of the King and SCLC security investigations from January 1, 1967, to May 1, 1968, have been prepared for HSCA access. Therefore, based on knowledge of personnel of the Congressional Inquiry Unit processing HSCA requests regarding King, all material at FBI Headquarters, which may contain COINTELPRO-type activities against King and SCLC during the period January 1, 1967, to May 1, 1968, has been made available to the HSCA.

NOTE: See Director, FBI, letter to Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch, dated 1/25/78, captioned, "House Select Committee on Assassinations, U. S. House of Representatives (HSCA)."

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The Honorable Griffin B. Bell
Attorney General of the United States
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Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch
Deputy Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division, Room 2113

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

In connection with the investigation by this Committee into the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., it is requested that the Department of Justice and the Federal Bureau of Investigation provide the following:

A. MURKIN Investigation

1. A list of all Department of Justice attorneys who participated in any way in the direction or management of the MURKIN investigation and the Division and Section within the Department of Justice where these attorneys were then assigned;
2. Copies of all memoranda, records, documents, and news releases generated by the Department of Justice in connection with MURKIN investigation exclusive of what is contained in the MURKIN file already provided to the Committee;
3. A list of the field office case agents assigned to the MURKIN investigation for the following cities, with a designation as to the nature of each agent's assignment immediately prior to his involvement in the MURKIN investigation:

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This information should include the type of division, section and squad to which each case agent was assigned.

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4. Copies of all memoranda, records, documents and news releases generated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in connection with the MURKIN investigation exclusive of what is contained in the MURKIN file already provided to the Committee.

B. COINTELPRO

1. A list of all Department of Justice attorneys who were in receipt of any information concerning the COINTELPRO activities of the Federal Bureau of Investigation as such were directed at Dr. King or the SCLC during the period 1965 through 1968.

2. Copies of all memoranda, records and documents generated by the Department of Justice in connection with the COINTELPRO activities of the FBI as such were directed at Dr. King or the SCLC during the period 1965 through 1968.

3. A list of the field office case agents assigned to the COINTELPRO efforts directed at Dr. King or the SCLC during 1965 to 1968 from the following cities, with a designation as to the nature of each agent's actual assignment during that period:

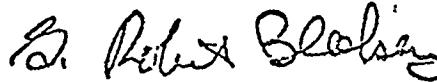
Atlanta	Memphis	Louisville
Chicago	New Orleans	
St. Louis	Los Angeles	
Birmingham	Miami	

This information should include the type of division, section and squad to which each case agent was assigned.

4. Copies of all memoranda, records and documents generated by the FBI in connection with the COINTELPRO efforts directed at Dr. King or the SCLC during the period 1965 to 1968 which are not contained in the files requested by Committee letter dated November 30, 1977.

Your prompt attention to this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,



G. Robert Blakey
Chief Counsel and Director

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cc Mr. Danny O. Coulson

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

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

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

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

1. All files, materials and information including, but not limited to, intelligence and security materials relating to the following organizations active in California for 1967-1969:
 - a) John Birch Society
 - b) American Independent Party
 - c) George Wallace Campaign
2. All files, materials and information, including, but not limited to, intelligence, surveillance and security materials for 1967-1968 pertaining to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and his activities in California.

Your prompt attention to the request will be greatly appreciated.

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Respectfully,

G. Robert Blakey

G. Robert Blakey
Chief Counsel and Director

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

October 31, 1977

1 - Mr. Monahan
1 - Mr. Peelman
1 - Mr. Foster
1 - Mr. McGirl ✓
1 - Mr. Mintz (Attn:
Mr. Coulson)

Reference is made to a letter dated October 20, 1977,
to Robert L. Keuch, Deputy Assistant Attorney General,
Criminal Division, from G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and
Director, HSCA. This letter requests all information in
possession of the FBI to include the current FBI Identification
Division record relative to William Herman Jackson.

Based on information furnished by the Committee,
 retrievable information identifiable with Jackson has been
 prepared for Committee access subject to the usual excisions
 and deletions. This material is available to the Committee in
 Room 8988 of the J. Edgar Hoover Building.

Enclosed are original and two copies of a memorandum
 which responds to this HSCA request. You are requested to
 furnish a copy of the enclosed memorandum to the HSCA.

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

NOTE: This responds to a request by HSCA for information contained in the Bureau's files relative to William Herman Jackson. This matter has been coordinated with the Legal Liaison and Congressional Affairs Unit, Legal Counsel Division, and retrievable documents in FBI Headquarters files, which are identifiable with Jackson, have been organized into folders for the Committee's access and are maintained in the Congressional Inquiry Unit's space, Room 8988.

Documents retrieved from FBI Headquarters files include Jackson's current ident record, the results of an FBI investigation wherein Jackson was one of four subjects - captioned "Leslie Atkisons, aka, Et Al; Miscellaneous - Falsely Making or Forging Naval, Military or Official Pass," two references re a Foreign Police Cooperation Matter and two references re a Perjury Matter.

1 - Mr. Monahan
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1 - Mr. Mintz (Attn: Mr. Coulson)
October 31, 1977

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

RE: OCTOBER 20, 1977, REQUEST OF HSCA FOR
INFORMATION IN POSSESSION OF THE FBI TO
INCLUDE A CURRENT FBI IDENTIFICATION
DIVISION RECORD RELATIVE TO
WILLIAM HERMAN JACKSON.

This constitutes a complete response to the
October 20, 1977, letter of G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel
and Director, HSCA.

Chief Counsel Blakey requested all FBI information
as well as a current FBI Identification Division record
relative to William Herman Jackson.

Utilizing identifying data for Jackson furnished by
the HSCA, retrievable information in FBI Headquarters files
identifiable with Jackson has been prepared for the Committee's
access subject to the usual excisions and deletions.

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ATTORNEY GENERAL, CRIMINAL DIVISION.

NOTE: See Director, FBI, letter to Assistant Attorney General,⁴⁹
Criminal Division, Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch, dated 10/31/77,
captioned, "House Select Committee on Assassinations, U. S.
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

October 20, 1977

Robert L. Keuch, Esq.
Deputy Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division, Room 2113
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C. 20530

Dear Mr. Keuch:

The Select Committee on Assassinations would appreciate any and all information as well as a current FBI Identification Division record check relative to William Herman Jackson, FBI #801-218-G, D.O.B. 11/24/26.

Very truly yours,

G. Robert Blakey
Chief Counsel and Director

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cc: Mr. Danny O. Coulson
Special Agent
Federal Bureau of Investigation
J. Edgar Hoover Building
10th and Constitution Avenue, N.W.
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Washington, D. C. 20530

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The Deputy Attorney General

December 29, 1977

Director, FBI

HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS

In accordance with Attorney General Order 116-56, this memorandum advises that Special Agent William F. Kusch was interviewed on November 16, 1977. A memorandum setting forth Mr. Kusch's account of this interview is enclosed for your information.

Enclosure

1 - Assistant Attorney General - Enclosure
Criminal Division
Attn: Robert Keuch

1 - Personnel file - William F. Kusch - Enclosure

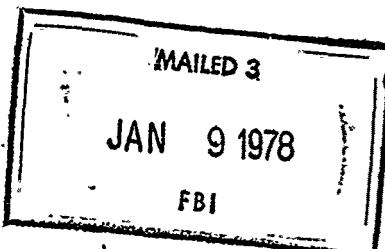
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The Deputy Attorney General HSCA
HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON
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In accordance with Attorney General Order 116-56,
this memorandum advises that Special Agent
William F. Kusch was interviewed on 11/16/77. A
memorandum setting forth Mr. Kusch's account of
this interview is enclosed for your information.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-117290)
ATTN: OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL

FROM : SAC, PORTLAND (62-3144)

SUBJECT: *JGP/RP* HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)

DATE: 12/19/77

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Enclosed herewith are five copies of an LHM relative to the interview of SA WILLIAM F. KUSCH, Portland Division, by staff members of the HSCA in Washington, D.C., on 11/16/77.

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Portland, Oregon

December 19, 1977

HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS

On November 16, 1977, SA William F. Kusch of the Portland Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) was interviewed at House Annex #2 in Washington, D.C., by Mr. Mark Speiser and Mr. Peter Beeson, members of the House Select Committee on Assassinations, investigating the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The interview with SA Kusch dealt with a period of time SA Kusch was assigned to the New Orleans Division of the FBI, specifically April, 1968. During April of 1968, SA Kusch, along with numerous other Special Agents assigned to the New Orleans Division, conducted many interviews with persons who had, or who might have had, knowledge of the activities or contacts of James Earl Ray during the period of time Ray, using the name Eric Galt, was in New Orleans.

Specifically, SA Kusch was questioned regarding his squad assignments in New Orleans, the identities of other squad members, the identity of his supervisor, his Agent in charge and his assistant Agent in charge at the time.

Further, SA Kusch was questioned relative to the content of several interview report forms (FD 302s) concerning interviews that he conducted and prepared appropriate FD 302s in connection therewith, or FD 302s covering interviews that he was a party to. House Select Committee on Assassinations members exhibited said FD 302s to SA Kusch to refresh his memory.

House Select Committee members in essence apparently desired SA Kusch to amplify or further expand on these interviews.

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SA Kusch pointed out that as a result of the passage of nine and one-half years, for the most part he could not specifically recall the persons interviewed. To specific questions regarding the interviews, SA Kusch could only point out that if additional questions had been asked of these persons interviewed at the time, resulting in the receipt of any positive or pertinent information regarding Galt, that information would have been duly recorded on said FD 302s.

Both Mr. Speiser and Mr. Beeson were cordial and SA Kusch responded to their questions in a candid manner.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

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

January 26, 1978
1 - Mr. Foster
1 - Legal Counsel Div.
(Attn: Mr. Coulson)

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

Reference is made to letter to the Attorney General from G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director, HSCA, dated December 15, 1977, which, in connection with HSCA's investigation into the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., requested information pertaining to FBI electronic surveillance of King and any other individual directly or indirectly associated with the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

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

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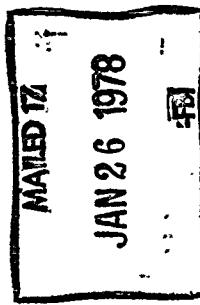
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Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division
Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch

NOTE: Dates and places of electronic surveillance of King were compiled through file reviews conducted in connection with previous law suits filed against the FBI by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) and a former SCLC officer and aide to King, Bernard S. Lee. Although names of specific SCLC affiliates were not provided by the HSCA in its request, all names are readily available to the Committee, which has received access to our files concerning King and SCLC.

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1 - Mr. Foster
1 - Legal Counsel Div.
(Attn: Mr. Coulson)
January 26, 1978

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

Reference is made to letter to the Attorney General from G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director, HSCA, dated December 15, 1977, which requested information in connection with the HSCA's investigation into the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. This letter requested that the FBI determine the dates and places of any and all electronic surveillance of King and any other individual directly or indirectly associated with the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). The Committee indicated it only desired written confirmation as to the existence of such electronic surveillance and the dates and places involved, with no reference to the results of such surveillance.

In response to the above request, appropriate records at FBI Headquarters were reviewed with the following results:

Microphone Surveillances of King

<u>Dates of Surveillance</u>	<u>Location</u>
January 5-7, 1964	Willard Hotel, Washington, D. C.
January 27, 1964	Shroeder Hotel, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
February 18-20, 1964	Hilton Hawaiian Village, Honolulu, Hawaii
February 20-21, 1964	Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California
February 22-24, 1964	Hyatt House Motel, Los Angeles, California
March 19-20, 1964	Statler Hotel.

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<u>Dates of Surveillance</u>	<u>Location</u>
April 23-24, 1964	Senator Hotel, Sacramento, California
July 7-9, 1964	Hyatt House Hotel, Los Angeles, California
September 28, 1964 - October 2, 1964	Manager Motel, Savannah, Georgia
January 8-11, 1965	Park Sheraton Hotel, New York City
January 20-31, 1965	Americana Hotel, New York City
March 29-31, 1965	Park Sheraton Hotel, New York City
May 12-13, 1965	Sheraton Atlantic Hotel, New York City
October 14-15, 1965	Astor Hotel, New York City
October 28-30, 1965	New York Hilton Hotel, New York City
November 29-30, 1965	Americana Hotel, New York City
January 22, 1966	Americana Hotel, New York City

Telephone Surveillances of King

<u>Dates of Surveillance</u>	<u>Location</u>
August 22-27, 1964	Claridge Hotel, Atlantic City, New Jersey
November 8, 1963 - April 30, 1965	Martin Luther King's residence
April 24-26, 1964	Hyatt House Hotel, Los Angeles, California
July 7-9, 1964	Hyatt House Hotel, Los Angeles, California
August 14, 1964 - September 6, 1964	Apartment 2B, 125 H. 72nd Street, New York City

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Telephone Surveillances of SCLC

<u>Dates of Surveillance</u>	<u>Location</u>
October 23, 1963 - January 24, 1964 July 13-31, 1964	SCLC Office, New York City Room 1202, 14 E. 40th Street, New York City
November 8, 1963 - June 21, 1966	SCLC Office, Atlanta, Georgia

In an effort to respond to that portion of the HSCA's request concerning existence or nonexistence of electronic surveillance of individuals directly or indirectly associated with the SCLC, personnel of the Congressional Inquiry Unit, FBI Headquarters, familiar with certain aspects of the King, SCLC and related files, compiled a list of individuals with the SCLC for the approximate period January, 1962, through 1968. Although this list is not all inclusive due to the large number of persons affiliated with the SCLC, an effort was made to include those individuals in key positions and who were most active in the organization. Most of the individuals listed were identified with the SCLC Headquarters in Atlanta, Georgia. Based on review of appropriate records at FBI Headquarters, none of the below-listed individuals has been subject of electronic surveillance by the FBI:

Ralph Abernathy	Thomas G. Kilgore	Gloria Fraction
Jessie Jackson	Dora McDonald	David Wallace
Bernard S. Lee	James Harrison	Jess Gill
Hosea Williams	Wyatt Walker	Carole Hoover
James Orange	Logan Kearse	Albert Turner
James Bevel	Stoney Cooks	Frank Ditto
Andrew Young	Fred C. Bennett	C. K. Steel
Walter Fauntroy	Booker T. Bonner	Samuel Williams
Coretta Scott King	Henry Brownlee	Curtis Harris
John Rutherford	Golden Frinks	Cirillo A. McSween
William Rutherford	Joseph Lester Hankerson	Major Jones
Bernard Lafayette	Samuel B. Wells	Lawrence D. Reddick
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Records at FBI Headquarters disclosed that the following individuals, formerly associated with the SCLC, were subjects of electronic surveillance by the FBI (Secret).

Stanley David Levison
Clarence B. Jones
Hunter Pitts O'Dell
Bayard Rustin

NOTE: See Director, FBI, letter to Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch, dated 1/26/78, captioned, "House Select Committee on Assassinations, U. S. House of Representatives (HSCA)."

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

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

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

In connection with the investigation by this Committee into the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., it is requested that the Federal Bureau of Investigation review its files on electronic surveillance and determine the dates and places of any and all electronic surveillance of Dr. King and any other individual directly or indirectly associated with the SCLC.

At this time the Committee only desires a written confirmation as to the existence of such electronic surveillance and the dates and places involved with no reference to the results of such surveillance.

Your prompt attention to this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

G. Robert Blakey

G. Robert Blakey
Chief Counsel and Director

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cc: Mr. Danny O. Coulson

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-117290)
ATTN: Records Management Division,
Congressional Inquiry Unit

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (62-2567) (RUC)

SUBJECT: HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE
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Enclosed for the Bureau is one photocopy of each serial in the following Springfield Division main files:

- (1) 157-1792, serials 1-85 (189 pages);
- (2) 44-1120, serials 1-5 (10 pages);
- (3) 170-445, serials 1-23 (48 pages);
- (4) 170-445A, serials 1-6 (11 pages).

Also enclosed for the Bureau is one photocopy of the following serial in the following Springfield Division file, reference identifiable with RICHARD GEPPERT:

- (5) 157-1791, serial 23 (8 pages).

ADMINISTRATIVE DATA:

Numerous serials contained in these files have been classified "Confidential". ST-120

Springfield file 157-1792 Serial 82, is a correlation memo showing GEPPERT was the subject of Springfield main

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ATTENTION OF CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT, SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE
DIVISION.

HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA); BUDED
JANUARY 13, 1978.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO ATLANTA AND OTHER OFFICES,
DECEMBER 27, 1977.³⁹

RESPONSE TO QUESTION NO. ONE: MURKIN INVESTIGATION ASSIGNED
TO HENRY S. SNOW (DECEASED). PRIOR TO MURKIN INVESTIGATION
SA SNOW WAS ASSIGNED TO GENERAL CRIMINAL SQUAD AND CONDUCTED
GENERAL CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION.

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IN ANSWER TO QUESTION NO. TWO: THERE WERE NO COUNTER-INTELLIGENCE EFFORTS BY BIRMINGHAM AGENTS AGAINST MARTIN LUTHER KING OR THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE DURING THE PERIOD OF 1965 THROUGH 1968.

THE FOLLOWING WERE CASE AGENTS ASSIGNED TO SUBSTANTIVE INVESTIGATIONS OF MARTIN LUTHER KING: LAWRENCE GETTINGS, PREVIOUSLY ASSIGNED TO SECURITY AND CRIMINAL SQUAD AND CONDUCTED THAT TYPE OF INVESTIGATION; MARVIN M. EUBANKS, PREVIOUSLY ASSIGNED TO SECURITY SQUAD AND SECURITY INVESTIGATION.

THE FOLLOWING AGENTS WERE ASSIGNED TO INVESTIGATION OF SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE:

WILLIAM PERRY (DECEASED), PREVIOUSLY ASSIGNED TO CRIMINAL SQUAD AND WORK; COLEMAN D. GEARY, III, PREVIOUSLY ASSIGNED TO BOMBING MATTERS; LAWRENCE GETTINGS (SUPRA); MARVIN M. EUBANKS (SUPRA) AND C. B. STANBERRY, PREVIOUSLY ASSIGNED TO SECURITY SQUAD AND SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS.

THE ABOVE INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED AFTER A REVIEW OF BIRMINGHAM INDICES AND SUBSEQUENT FILE REVIEW.

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

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

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

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By letter dated January 4, 1977, this Committee requested access to materials, files, memoranda and miscellaneous items pertaining to Gerold Frank in connection with the investigation into the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. These materials (94-63917) have been reviewed by the staff, and it would be appreciated, if the materials could be prepared for delivery, along with copies of the following additional items:

- 1) Section 78
44-38861 - 5655
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- 2) Section 84
44-38861 - 5942
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" 5946
- 3) The MURKIN Legat tickler files for
a) London
b) Ottawa
c) Mexico City EX-124 REC-79
d) Paris

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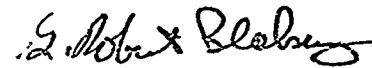
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Additionally, it is requested that the Bureau begin to prepare for delivery all files, memoranda and miscellaneous items on William Bradford Huie for the years 1968 to the present.

Your prompt attention to this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



G. Robert Blakey
Chief Counsel and Director

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cc: Danny O. Coulson

Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

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Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch

January 26, 1978

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1 - Mr. Foster
1 - Legal Counsel Div.
(Attn: Mr. Coulson)

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

Reference is made to letter to the Attorney General from G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director, HSCA, dated December 9, 1977, which, in connection with the HSCA's investigation into the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., requested that former agent Robert Nichols be made available for interview by the HSCA.

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

Enclosures - 2

1 - Office of Legislative Affairs (Enclosure)

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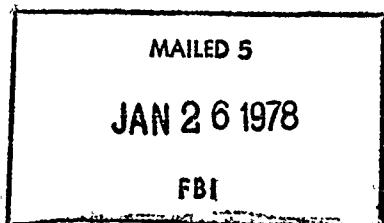
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Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division
Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch

NOTE: Former SA Nichols works and resides in Atlanta. The Atlanta Office has been in touch with him regarding the interview and he is awaiting further contact for final interview arrangements. These arrangements are handled informally by representatives of the Legal Liaison and Congressional Affairs Unit and the Congressional Inquiry Unit of FBIHQ.

l - Mr. Foster
l - Legal Counsel Div.
(Attn: Mr. Coulson)

January 26, 1978

HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS
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Reference is made to letter to the Attorney General from G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director, HSCA, dated December 9, 1977, which, in connection with the HSCA's investigation into the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., requested that former agent Robert Nichols be made available for interview by the HSCA.

This memorandum is to confirm that former agent Nichols has been cleared from his employment agreement and is available for interview as needed by the HSCA. Arrangements for interview can be made through contact with representatives of the Legal Liaison and Congressional Affairs Unit and the Congressional Inquiry Unit of FBI Headquarters.

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ORIGINAL AND ONE SENT TO ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL, CRIMINAL DIVISION, ATTENTION: MR. ROBERT L. KEUCH, AND ONE SENT TO OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS.

NOTE: See Director, FBI, letter to Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch, dated 1/26/78. captioned, "House Select Committee on Assassinations, U. S. House of Representatives (HSCA)."

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Attorney General of the United States
Department of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20530

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

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

In connection with the investigation by this Committee, into the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., it is requested that ex-FBI agent Robert Nichols, formerly of the Atlanta field office, be made available to the Committee for interview on a priority basis.

Your prompt attention to this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,



G. Robert Blakey
Chief Counsel and Director

cc: Danny O. Coulson

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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)

THE HSCA IS CURRENTLY CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION INTO THE ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BY LETTER DATED DECEMBER 30, 1977, TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, THE HSCA REQUESTED THE FBI PROVIDE ALL FILES, DOCUMENTS AND OTHER MATERIALS CONCERNING RICHARD GEPPERT, BORN JULY 31, 1941, RESIDING AT 1340 NIEDRINGHAUS AVENUE, GRANITE CITY, ILLINOIS.

BY LETTER DATED JANUARY 16, 1978, THE HSCA EXTENDED ITS REQUEST TO INCLUDE FIELD OFFICE FILES. THE HSCA ALSO FURNISHED A SIGNED STATEMENT OF GEPPERT, DATED DECEMBER 28, 1977, AUTHORIZING HSCA REVIEW OF ALL MATERIAL CONCERNING HIM IN POSSESSION OF THE FBI. IN THIS STATEMENT GEPPERT ALSO DISCLOSED THAT HE VOLUNTEERED TO HSCA STAFF MEMBERS THE EXTENT AND NATURE OF HIS INFORMANT RELATIONSHIP WITH THE FBI.

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FBIHQ FILES DISCLOSED GEPPERT WAS SUBJECT OF SPRINGFIELD EXTREMIST MATTER INVESTIGATION (J57-J792) IN 1972 AND SPRINGFIELD FILE 44-J]20 FOLLOWING ALLEGED HARASSMENT BY OFFICERS OF THE GRANITE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT IN 1975. HE WAS ALSO SUBJECT OF SPRINGFIELD FILE J70-445.

SPRINGFIELD PROMPTLY FURNISH FBIHQ ONE XEROX COPY OF EACH SERIAL IN THE ABOVE THREE INVESTIGATIONS AND ONE COPY OF ANY OTHER MAIN FILE OR FILE REFERENCE WHICH MAY BE IDENTIFIABLE WITH GEPPERT. THIS MATERIAL SHOULD BE FORWARDED BY COVER AIRTEL TO FBIHQ, ATTENTION CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT, RECORDS MANAGEMENT DIVISION. UPON RECEIPT AT FBIHQ THE MATERIAL WILL BE PROCESSED FOR ACCESS BY STAFF MEMBERS OF THE HSCA.

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NOTE: This teletype confirms telephonic communication with Supervisor Joseph Ondula of the Springfield Office on 1/19/78. This matter has been coordinated with SA M. V. Hale, Top Echelon and Criminal Informant Unit, Criminal Investigative Division.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-117296)
 Attn: Congressional Inquiry Unit,
 Special Investigative Division

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

SUBJECT: HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)
 BUREAU DEADLINE - 1/13/78

Re FBIHQ teletype to numerous offices, including Atlanta, 12/27/77.

Referenced Bureau teletype indicated that the HSCA was currently conducting investigation into the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. (MURKIN); and in connection with this investigation, the HSCA had requested the FBI provide the following:

(1) The identification of field office case agent(s) assigned to the MURKIN investigation in recipient offices and this was to include the division, section or squad assignment, and the nature of the agent's assignment immediately prior to his involvement in the MURKIN investigation.

(2) Identification of the field office case agent(s) assigned to counterintelligence program (Cointelpro), efforts directed against KING and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) during the period 1965 - 1968 in recipient offices, and this was to include the division, section or squad assignment, and the nature of the agent's assignment immediately prior to his involvement in the Cointelpro, KING, and SCLC investigations. REC-36

In addition, recipients were to identify the case agent(s) involved in the security investigation of KING and SCLC, as well as the Cointelpro.

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 (l-44-2386) (MURKIN)

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Atlanta has reviewed pertinent files as requested by FBIHQ, and the information sought by the HSCA is set forth below in chart form:

1. MURKIN
(Atlanta file 44-2386)

Case Agent	Period assigned	Division, Section, or Squad of Assignment	Nature of Agent's Assignment prior to involvement in MURKIN investigation
ALAN G. SENTINELLA	4/8/68 - 4/29/68	Atlanta - #3, Security/extremist Squad	Security/extremist investigations
ROBERT R. PERRY	4/29/68 - 7/30/68	Atlanta #4 Fugitives	Fugitive investigations
O. RICHARD HAMILTON	7/30/68 - 7/31/69	Atlanta - #3	Extremist investigations
O. RICHARD HAMILTON	5/30/70 - 7/13/70	Atlanta - #3	"
O. RICHARD HAMILTON	2/8/71 - 3/16/71	Atlanta - #3	"
O. RICHARD HAMILTON	3/31/71 - 4/7/71	Atlanta - #3	"
O. RICHARD HAMILTON	7/13/73 - 8/31/73	Atlanta - #3	"
O. RICHARD HAMILTON	6/19/74 - 6/27/74	Atlanta - #3	"
O. RICHARD HAMILTON	8/13/74 - 9/24/74	Atlanta - #8 Civil rights, thefts from interstate shipment (TFIS) Etc.	Civil rights matters

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Case Agent	Period assigned	Division, Section, or Squad of Assignment	Nature of Agent's Assignment prior to involvement in MURKIN investigation
THOMAS J. WILSON	8/26/75 - 9/8/75	Atlanta - #8	Civil Rights, TFIS
THOMAS J. WILSON	1/7/78 - 3/23/76	Atlanta - #8	"
JOHN J. HAYMAN	10/12/77 - 11/8/77	Atlanta - #8	Civil Rights matters

2. Atlanta Agents assigned to/or who handled the Atlanta Counterintelligence Program (Cointelpro) during the period 1965 - 1968 in which efforts were directed against KING and the SCLC

Case Agent	Period assigned	Division, Section, or Squad of Assignment	Nature of Agent's Assignment prior to involvement in Cointelpro
<u>CPUSA</u> <u>Cointelpro</u>			
ALDEN F. MILLER	4/14/64 - 8/13/65	Atlanta - #3	Security Investigations

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EDWARD U. CRIM	8/29/67 - 7/30/69	Atlanta - #3	Security/extremist Investigations
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CPUSA Negro
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No case agent assigned -
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Case Agent	Period assigned	Division, Section, or Squad of Assignment	Nature of Agent's Assignment prior to involvement in Cointelpro
ROBERT R. NICHOLS	1/1/64 - 8/20/64	Atlanta - #3	Security/extremist investigations
ALDEN F. MILLER	2/4/64 - 8/21/64	Atlanta - #3	Security investigations
ALAN G. SENTINELLA	7/22/65 - 4/15/69	Atlanta - #3	Security/extremist investigations

3. Identity of case agent(s) involved in the security investigation of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., and the SCLC

Case Agent	Period assigned	Division, Section, or Squad of Assignment	Nature of Agent's Assignment prior to involvement in KING and SCLC investigations
<u>MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.</u> <u>SM-C</u>			
ROBERT R. NICHOLS	3/7/61 - 5/12/61	Atlanta - #3	Security/extremist investigations
ROBERT R. NICHOLS	2/28/62 - 10/16/62	Atlanta - #3	"
ROBERT R. NICHOLS	1/9/63 - 7/31/63	Atlanta - #3	"
ROBERT R. NICHOLS	11/6/63 - 5/21/65	Atlanta - #3	"
ALAN G. SENTINELLA	5/21/65 - 6/5/68	Atlanta - #3	"

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Case Agent	Period assigned	Division, Section, or Squad of Assignment	Nature of Agent's Assignment prior to involvement in KING and SCLC investigations
<u>Communist infiltration of the SCLC</u>			
ROBERT R. NICHOLS	4/17/62 - 12/1/64	Atlanta - #3	Security/extremist investigations
ALDEN F. MILLER	12/1/64 - 4/26/66	Atlanta - #3	Security investigations
ALAN G. SENTINELLA	4/26/66 - 3/12/71	Atlanta - #3	Security/extremist investigations
O. RICHARD HAMILTON	3/12/71 - 5/23/73	Atlanta - #3	Extremist investigations
O. RICHARD HAMILTON	7/10/73 - 10/20/73	Atlanta - #3	"

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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA), BUDED JANUARY 13, 1978.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO ATLANTA, DATED DECEMBER 27, 1977.

PURSUANT TO REFERENCED COMMUNICATION, APPROPRIATE REVIEW OF FILES MAINTAINED BY LOUISVILLE DIVISION REVEALED FOLLOWING DATA REQUESTED BY HSCA.

(1) NOT APPLICABLE TO LOUISVILLE DIVISION.

(2) NO COUNTER INTELLIGENCE (COINTELPRO) EFFORTS DIRECTED AGAINST EITHER MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., OR SOUTHERN CONFERENCE EDUCATIONAL FUND (SCEF), DURING PERIOD 1965-1968, COULD BE LOCATED IN REVIEW OF COINTELPRO AND SUBSTANTIVE INVESTIGATIONS

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OF KING AND SCLC. NO COINTELPRO ACTIVITIES WERE EITHER
CONSIDERED OR CARRIED OUT AGAINST KING AND SCLC BY LOUISVILLE
DIVISION.

SECURITY INVESTIGATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.,
ASSIGNED SA GEORGE W. HUTCHINSON, JR. (RETIRED) MAY 14, 1965 -
AUGUST 13, 1966, AND SA RICHARD B. VIVIAN JULY 30, 1976 -
OCTOBER 20, 1976. LATTER ASSIGNMENT ADMINISTRATIVE IN CONNEC-
TION WITH DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW.

SECURITY INVESTIGATION OF SCLC ASSIGNED SA WARREN L.
WALSH (RETIRED) SEPTEMBER 29, 1961 - OCTOBER 30, 1961; OCTOBER
17, 1963 - NOVEMBER 18, 1963; DECEMBER 14, 1963- JANUARY 22,
1964; JUNE 5, 1964 - JULY 8, 1964; SEPTEMBER 21, 1964 - OCTOBER
12, 1964; JUNE 2, 1965 - JULY 20, 1965; NOVEMBER 17, 1965 -
JANUARY 20, 1966; JULY 13, 1966 - AUGUST 12, 1966; FEBRUARY
10, 1967 - MARCH 24, 1967; SA GEORGE W. HUTCHISON, JR. (RETIRED)
AUGUST 12, 1968 - JUNE 5, 1969; SA WARREN L. WALSH (RETIRED)
JUNE 5, 1969 - JULY 29, 1969. SCLC (BUFILE 100-438794)
(LS 157-90) INVESTIGATED BY LOUISVILLE AS "RACIAL MATTER"
AND "INTERNAL SECURITY - COMMUNIST".

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SPECIAL AGENTS GEORGE W. HUTCHISON, JR. (RETIRED), WARREN L. WALSH (RETIRED) AND RICHARD B. VIVIAN ALL ASSIGNED LOUISVILLE SECURITY - CIVIL RIGHTS SQUAD PRIOR TO AND DURING ABOVE LISTED CASE ASSIGNMENTS.

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TO DIRECTOR (62-117290) ROUTINE

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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA); BUDED JANUARY 13,
1978.

REFERENCE BUREAU TELETYPE DATED JULY 27, 1977.

(1) FORMER SPECIAL AGENT HAROLD R. DOBSON WAS CASE AGENT AS-
SIGN ED TO MURKIN INVESTIGATION, ST. LOUIS FILE 44-775, BUREAU FILE
44-38861, IN ST. LOUIS DIVISION. FORMER SPECIAL AGENT DOBSON WAS
ASSIGNED TO SECURITY SQUAD AND HANDLED SECURITY TYPE CASES PRIOR TO
HIS INVOLVEMENT IN MURKIN INVESTIGATION.

(2) ST. LOUIS FILE 157-5818 ENTITLED "COUNTERINTELLIGENCE
PROGRAMS, BLACK NATIONALISTS, HATE GROUPS, RACIAL INTELLIGENCE" WAS
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ON FEBRUARY 27, 1968, THROUGH JANUARY 8, 1969, WAS ASSIGNED TO SPECIAL AGENT JACK A. FRENCH OF SECURITY SQUAD AT ST. LOUIS DIVISION. HIS ASSIGNMENT IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO THIS CASE ASSIGNMENT WAS TO HANDLE SECURITY TYPE CASES.

ST. LOUIS FILE 100-17801, BUREAU FILE 100-106670, ENTITLED "MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.; SECURITY MATTER - C" WAS ASSIGNED TO FOLLOWING AGENTS: FORMER SPECIAL AGENT RICHARD B. SMITH, JANUARY 15, 1965, THROUGH JANUARY 19, 1965, FEBRUARY 3, 1965, THROUGH APRIL 10, 1965; SPECIAL AGENT ROBERT S. STEWART, APRIL 28, 1965, THROUGH APRIL 28, 1965; FORMER SPECIAL AGENT WALTER A. HILGENDORF, NOVEMBER 11, 1965, THROUGH NOVEMBER 12, 1965, AND JUNE 14, 1966, THROUGH JUNE 17, 1966; FORMER AGENT RICHARD B. SMITH, OPENING DATE UNKNOWN THROUGH JULY 6, 1966, AND MARCH 25, 1967, THROUGH MARCH 27, 1967.

ST. LOUIS FILE 105-4027, BUREAU FILE 100-438794, ENTITLED "COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE; RM; IS - C" WAS ASSIGNED TO FOLLOWING AGENTS: FORMER AGENT WALTER A. HILGENDORF, SEPTEMBER 23, 1964, THROUGH DECEMBER 10, 1964, AND MARCH 21, 1965, THROUGH APRIL 19, 1965; SPECIAL AGENT JACK A. FRENCH, JUNE 3, 1965, THROUGH JUNE 16, 1965; FORMER AGENT WALTER A.

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HILGENDORF, FEBRUARY 24, 1966, THROUGH DATE UNKNOWN; SPECIAL AGENT JACK A. FRENCH, JUNE 6, 1969, THROUGH JULY 23, 1969. THE ABOVE AGENTS AND FORMER AGENTS WERE ASSIGNED TO ST. LOUIS DIVISION SECURITY SQUAD DURING PERTINENT PERIOD.

A REVIEW OF ABOVE FILES DISCLOSED NO INSTANCES WHERE COUNTER-INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES WERE CONSIDERED OR CARRIED OUT AGAINST KING OR THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE.

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ATTN: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT, SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE
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IT IS NOTED THAT UNDER CAPTION "BERNARD S. LEE V.
CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.) (CIVIL ACTION
NUMBER 76-1185) BUFILE 62-117194, LA FILE 100-57229" AND
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M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.) (CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186) BUFILE 62-117193, LA FILE 100-57229," LOS ANGELES HAS PERMANENTLY CHARGED OUT TO THE BUREAU SEVERAL SERIALS WHICH THEREFORE ARE NOT AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW. SERIALS WERE FROM FILES CAPTIONED "MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR; SECURITY MATTER-COMMUNIST; BUFILE 100-106670; LA FILE 100-57229"; "COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF SCLC; IS - C; BUFILE 100-438794 AND 100-442349; LA FILE 100-65141"; "CP-USA NEGRO QUESTION, COMMUNIST INFILTRATION IN RACIAL MATTERS; IS-C; BUFILE 100-3-116, LA FILE 157-859."

A REVIEW OF PERTINENT FILES WITHIN THE LOS ANGELES DIVISION BETWEEN THE YEARS 1965 - 1968 DETERMINED THE FOLLOWING:

. THE ABOVE FILE REGARDING COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE SCLC WAS HANDLED ON THE SUBSTANTATIVE DESK SUPERVISED BY SA JOHN S. TEMPLE WHICH WAS DESIGNATED AS SQUAD NUMBER TWO. THIS SQUAD HANDLED INVESTIGATIONS OF RACIAL AND BLACK EXTREMIST MATTERS. THIS INVESTIGATION WAS ASSIGNED TO SA LOUIS K. DE GEUS IN FEBRUARY 1965; SA R. ANDREWS PETERS IN

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SEPTEMBER 1965; SA W. JAMES WOOD IN APRIL 1967; SA
WALTER M. BRADY IN JANUARY 1968; AND SA E. RHEAD RICHARDS,
JR. IN MAY 1968.

THE MAIN FILE ON KING WAS ASSIGNED TO SQUAD TWO AS
ABOVE AND WAS ASSIGNED TO SA DE GEUS IN JANUARY 1965;
SA PETERS IN MARCH 1965; SA WOOD IN JANUARY 1967; SA BRADY
IN JUNE 1967; AND SA GEORGE E. AIKEN, JR. IN FEBRUARY
1968.

THE FILE REGARDING THE CP-USA INFILTRATION OF RACIAL
MATTERS IS ONLY PERIPHERALLY CONCERNED WITH KING OR THE
SCLC AND CONTAINS NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS AND OTHER INFORMATION
WHICH WAS INCLUDED IN OTHER SUBSTANTATIVE FILES. WHILE
NOT CLEAR, THE CASE APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN CONTROLLED BY
SA TEMPLE.

THE ENTIRE SUBSTANTATIVE FILE CAPTIONED "MURKIN;
BUFILE 44-38861; LA FILE 44-1574" WAS COPIED AND SUBMITTED
TO THE BUREAU UNDER INSTANT CAPTION. THIS MATTER WAS
HANDLED ON SQUAD NUMBER ONE WHICH WAS SUPERVISED BY SA
WILLIAM JOHN NOLAN BUT APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN SUPERVISED BY

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SA TEMPLE. SQUAD NUMBER ONE HANDLED SECURITY TYPE INVESTIGATION INVOLVING THE CP-USA, SWP, ET CETERA. THE CASE APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN AS ASSIGNED JOINTLY TO SA'S LEROY W. SHEETS AND THEODORE J. A'HEARN ALTHOUGH SHEETS WAS APPARENTLY INVOLVED AS CASE AGENT ONLY DURING THE INITIAL STAGES IN APRIL 1968.

ALL OF THE ABOVE INDIVIDUALS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SA'S BRADY, RICHARDS AND AIKEN ARE NO LONGER EMPLOYEES OF THE FBI.

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IMMEDIATELY PRIOR ASSIGNMENTS GENERAL CRIMINAL AND SECURITY.

2. A. "MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.; SM-C. "SA RAYMOND L. O'KELLY, ASSIGNED 1965 THROUGH 1968; NUMBER 3 SQUAD; IMMEDIATELY PRIOR ASSIGNMENTS DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE NATURE, INCLUDING LOCAL CPUSA GROUP.

B. "COMINFIL OF SCLC; IS - C." SA RAYMOND L. O'KELLY, ASSIGNED 1965 TO MAY 2, 1968; NUMBER 3 SQUAD; PRIOR ASSIGNMENTS, SEE PRECEEDING PARAGRAPH.

SA JOHN C. MENTON, ASSIGNED MAY 2, 1968 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1968; NUMBER 5 SQUAD; IMMEDIATELY PRIOR ASSIGNMENTS INVOLVED BLACK AND WHITE EXTREMIST MATTERS AND CIVIL RIGHTS INVESTIGATIONS.

C. "COINTELPRO; BLACK EXTREMISTS; RACIAL MATTERS." FILE OPENED MARCH 7, 1968, ASSIGNED SA JOHN C. MENTON, STILL PENDING TO MENTON DECEMBER 31, 1968; NUMBER 5 SQUAD; IMMEDIATELY PRIOR ASSIGNMENT SET OUT IN PRECEEDING PARAGRAPH.

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

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

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

By letter dated December 30, 1977, this Committee requested material pertaining to Richard Geppert in connection with the investigation into the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. In view of the fact that the Committee has since delivered to the FBI the written consent of Mr. Geppert to view all materials relating to his informant relationship with the FBI, it is intended that our December 30th request for materials and documents concerning Mr. Geppert include those found in any field office files.

Your prompt attention to this matter will be greatly appreciated.

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EX-130 Sincerely,

G. Robert Blakey JAN 23 1978

G. Robert Blakey
Chief Counsel and Director

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December 1, 1977

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Reference is made to letter to the Attorney General from G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director, HSCA, dated November 3, 1977, which, in connection with the HSCA's investigation into the death of Martin Luther King, Jr., requested certain information from FBI Headquarters files regarding the National States Rights Party (Item #2) and Jesse B. Stoner (Item #3). By letter from Mr. Blakey to the Attorney General dated November 8, 1977, modification of these items was made, details of which are outlined in the enclosed memorandum.

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Enclosed are two copies of a memorandum in response to the above mentioned requests. It is requested that you furnish a copy of the enclosed memorandum to the HSCA.

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NOTE: Since there were no National States Rights Party (NSRP) subfiles for offices requested by the HSCA, the entire NSRP file for 1967 through 1968 was processed for access. All information retrievable in FBI Headquarters files regarding Stoner was processed.

Names of knowledgeable case agents provided in attached memorandum were obtained through review of FBIHQ files and confirmed by Supervisor Jack Byrd of the Savannah Office. The HSCA can advise which agent(s) it desires to interview regarding the NSRP and Stoner.

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Reference is made to letter to the Attorney General from G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director, HSCA, dated November 3, 1977, which requested certain information from FBI Headquarters files in connection with the HSCA's investigation into the death of Martin Luther King, Jr. Under Item #2 of this letter information concerning the National States Rights Party (NSRP), Marietta, Georgia, for the period 1967 through 1968, limited to areas covered by offices in Savannah, Georgia; Atlanta, Georgia; Memphis, Tennessee; Birmingham, Alabama; St. Louis, Missouri, and Springfield, Illinois, was requested. Under Item #3 information was requested concerning Jesse B. Stoner.

By letter from Mr. Blakey to the Attorney General dated November 8, 1977, the above requests were modified. Under Item (c) this letter requested the FBI's complete file on Stoner and that the agent(s) in the Office of Origin assigned to the Stoner investigation for the period 1966 through 1968 be made available for interview by the HSCA. Concerning the NSRP, under Item (d) this letter asked the FBI to provide information in its files to cover the period 1967 through 1968. In addition, the case agent(s) in the Office of Origin for the same period would be made available for interview.

In response to the above requests, information in FBI Headquarters files concerning the NSRP (period 1967 through 1968) and Jesse B. Stoner have been processed and are available for review at FBI Headquarters by the HSCA. Where information is not provided, it is either not retrievable from FBI Headquarters files or is not being produced pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding.

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NOTE: See Director, FBI, letter to Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch, dated 12/1/77, captioned, "House Select Committee on Assassinations, U. S. House of Representatives (HSCA)." 62-117290-382X

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The Savannah Office of the FBI was Office of Origin in both the NSRP and Stoner investigation during the period of HSCA interest. The following agents of that office were case agents in the Stoner investigation: Carlton Dillard, January, 1966 - April 1967; William P. Friday, April, 1967 - October, 1967; John H. Murphy, October 1967 - September, 1969. With variation of only a few days, these same Agents were case agents in the investigation of the NSRP. Dillard is now retired. Friday and Murphy are currently assigned to the Savannah Office and are scheduled to retire December 31, 1977.

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

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

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

Pursuant to our investigation into the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., we hereby request that all reports, materials and files in the possession of the F.B.I. pertaining to the following individuals and organizations be made available to the Committee and its staff:

1. Lawrence J. Callanan (deceased) Steamfitters Union (AFL) Local 562, St. Louis, Mo. for the Period 1967 through 1971.
2. National States Rights Party, 591 Cherokee, Marietta, Georgia, for the period 1967 through 1968, but limited to reports and information in areas covered by offices in Savannah, Ga.; Atlanta, Ga.; Memphis, Tn.; Birmingham, Al.; St. Louis, Mo.; and Springfield, Ill.
3. Jesse B. Stoner, 591 Cherokee, N.W., Marietta, Ga.
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JTA:adz* Conservative Society of America for the period 1967 through 1968. (Headquarters in New Orleans, La.)
5. Kent Courtney, 1413 Texas Avenue, Alexandria, La. for the period 1967 through 1968. *62-117290-382X*
6. KKK (limited to reports or information in areas covered by offices in Birmingham, Alabama, Los Angeles, California, Atlanta, Georgia and Louisville, Kentucky during the period 1967 through 1968). *ENCLOSURE 62-117290-382X*

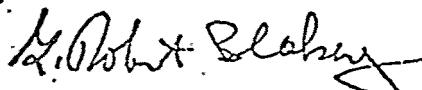
7. Morris Davis, RFD, Hoover, Shelby County, Ala.
8. White Citizens Council (racist organization) for the period 1967 through 1968, limited to reports or information in areas covered by offices in New Orleans, La.; Birmingham, Ala.; and Memphis, Tenn.
9. Forever White, (racist organization) for the period 1967 through 1968, limited to reports or information in areas covered by offices in New Orleans, La; Baton Rouge, La.; Birmingham, Ala.; and Memphis, Tenn.
10. Charles Joseph Stein, dob 5/11/29.
11. Percy Belcher, ex-deputy Sheriff, Birmingham, Alabama, for the period 1967 through 1968.
12. Robert Powers, Powers Junction, Intersection Highways 11 and 90, Orleans Parish, Louisiana, for the period 1967 through 1968.
13. Sam DiPiazza, Pamela Place, Chalmette, Louisiana, for the period 1967 through 1968.
14. Dr. Lucas DiLeo - (office) 8603 St. Bernard Highway, Chalmette, Louisiana, for the period 1967 through 1968.
15. Salvadore L. Licciardi (Liccardi), New Orleans, Louisiana for the period 1967 through 1968.
16. Gus Joseph Prosch, dob 11/17/30, 3122 Callecita, Sacramento, California. (Arrested in Birmingham, Alabama in December, 1971 and convicted of violating Gun Control Act in 1972.)
17. Quentin B. Davis, owner of Gun Rack, Birmingham, Alabama for the period 1967 through 1968.
18. Clifford Andrews (aka, R. L. Warren), Box 75, Toronto 14, Ontario, Canada.
19. Walter Jack Youngblood, Monticello Street, Dallas, Texas.
20. Johnny Benelli, #303, 175 North Orange Drive, Los Angeles, California, for the period 1967 through 1968.
21. Claude Cockrell, dob 5/10/36, FBI # 389804E, for the period 1967 through 1968.

22. Gene Pearson Crawford, dob 10/2/27 for the period 1967 through 1968.
23. Fleet Edwards, dob 2/4/21 for the period 1967 through 1968.
24. Raoul Esquivel - (Raul Victor Esquibel), dob 11/17/26, 4524 Parsimmon, Metairie, La. (This request includes, but is not limited to, Bureau File 44-26940.)
25. Southern Christian Leadership Conference
 - a. General file, for the period 1962 through 1968.
 - b. Cointelpro file, for the period 1962 through 1968.
26. James Bevel, for the period 1965 through 1968.
27. Rev. Jessie Jackson, Chicago, Ill., for the period 1965 through 1968.
28. Vincent DePaul Stelly, 4434 5th Ave., Los Angeles, California for the period 1967 through 1968.
29. Jerome Wallis Vernon, Home Service Laundry and Dry Cleaning, 5280 Hollywood Blvd., Los Angeles, California for the period 1967 through 1968.
30. Rev. James Orange, South Carolina for the period 1965 through 1968.
31. Rev. Bernard Lee, Atlanta, Ga., for the period 1965 through 1968.
32. Allan Lee Stoddard, "Vegas Club", 5510-Hollywood Blvd., Los Angeles, California, for the period 1967 through 1968.
33. Robert Byron Watson, SS# 253-86-2220, Atlanta, Ga..
34. Martin Luther King, Jr. for the period 1962 through 1968. (This request pertains to material exclusive of the Murkin File and the SCLC files and should include all information regarding threats to Dr. King.)

35. Herman A. Thompson, 10454 Goodwood Blvd.,
Baton Rouge, La., (former deputy sheriff in
Baton Rouge).

Your prompt attention to these matters will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,



G. Robert Blakey
Chief Counsel and Director

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cc: Mr. Danny O. Coulson

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

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

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

In connection with the investigation of the Select Committee on Assassinations into the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., a conference was held on November 7, 1977 between employees of the FBI and members of the Committee staff to discuss the Committee's November 3, 1977 letter of request for FBI materials on thirty-five individuals or organizations. As a result of this meeting, the following was resolved:

(a) The FBI would process the following numbered requests as they were originally stated in the November 3rd letter: 1, 4, 5, 7, 9-11, 13-24, 26, 28-33 and 35.

(b) The Committee would provide dates of births on the individuals in requests nos. 12 and 27 before the FBI would process these names. The dob on Robert J. Powers (request no. 12) is 6/5/24. The dob on Reverend Jesse Jackson (request no. 27) is 10/8/41.

(c) Besides providing the complete file on request no. 3 (Jesse B. Stoner), the FBI would also make available the most appropriate case agent(s) in the office of origin assigned to Stoner for the period 1965 through 1968.

(d) With regard to request no. 3, the FBI would provide all information in FBI files concerning the FBI's activities as well as make available the appropriate case agent(s) in the office of origin for the same period.

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(e) With respect to request no. 6, the Committee would hold in abeyance such a request until the FBI provides a list of the most appropriate case agent(s) in the offices of origin for the several Klan organizations in existence in 1967 and 1968. (While such was not part of the understanding reached at the time of the meeting with FBI officials, the Committee would request however that all materials related to the United Klan of America for the period 1965 and 1966 be made ready for inspection by November 20, 1977.)

(f) With respect to request no. 8, the FBI would first advise the Committee as to the identity of other cities reporting on the White Citizens Council before a determination be made as to the final content of this request.

(g) With respect to request no. 25, the Committee will hold in abeyance such a request until the FBI makes available the most appropriate case agent(s) for the period in question.

(h) With respect to request no. 34, the Committee requests that only the thirteen "death threat" files on Dr. King be processed at this time, while a request for all other materials is held in abeyance until the FBI makes available the most appropriate case agent(s).

In addition, the Committee would also request that the following agents be notified and made available by the FBI:

- (1) Special Agent William F. Kusch - New Orleans
Special Agent Thomas E. Duhadway - New Orleans
- (2) Special Agent Jack B. Simpson - Memphis ATLANTA
Special Agent Richard H. Davis - Memphis ATLANTA
Special Agent Jack T. Everstein - Memphis ATLANTA

As a priority item, it is also requested that the FBI provide the Committee with the work or personnel records of the following three Louisville FBI agents for the month of September 1965:

- (1) Robert Peters
- (2) William Duncan
- (3) Bernard Brown

We are particularly interested in those records reflecting firmly the names of informants used by these agents. These records should be provided by November 15, 1977. The Committee would also ask that all three of the above-mentioned Louisville agents be made available for interview by the same date.

Your prompt attention to these matters will be
greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

G. Robert Blakey
Chief Counsel and Director

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MEET, AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE MOMENT, WITH RESPONSIBLE MEMBERS OF NEW SCOTLAND YARD WHO ARE KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT ITS PARTICIPATION IN THE INVESTIGATION INTO THE DEATH OF DR.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., THE RESULTING CAPTURE OF JAMES EARL RAY IN LONDON ON JUNE 8, 1968 AND ANY FURTHER INVESTIGATION FOLLOWING HIS CAPTURE. WE WILL BE HAPPY TO MEET WITH

THOSE REPRESENTATIVES IN GREAT BRITAIN TO PROVIDE ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONS RAISED BY AMBASSADOR BREWSTER'S TELEGRAM.

AGAIN, WE EMPHASIZE THAT TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE AND WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR ARRANGING FOR SUCH A MEETING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. VERY TRULY YOURS, G. ROBERT BLAKEY." END QUOTE.

CAN EMBASSY ASCERTAIN WHETHER THE BRITISH AUTHORITIES WILL PERMIT AN INTERVIEW BETWEEN MEMBERS OF THE STAFF OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE AND APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE INVESTIGATION MENTIONED IN BLAKEY'S LETTER AND ADVISE US. VANCE

ASSISTANT SECRETARY BENN HAS RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING LETTER FROM G. ROBERT BLAKEY, CHIEF COUNSEL AND DIRECTOR, SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS: QUOTE: "DEAR MR. SECRETARY:

MANY THANKS FOR YOUR LETTER OF DECEMBER 9, 1977 ENCLOSING A TELEGRAM FROM AMBASSADOR BREWSTER.

AS YOU KNOW, THE LIFE OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE IS LIMITED TO THE LIFE OF THE 95TH CONGRESS. IT IS THEREFORE IMPERATIVE THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE BE ALLOWED TO

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January 9, 1978

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

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

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

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

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

Your prompt attention to this request will be greatly appreciated.

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Respectfully

G. Robert Blakey

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G. Robert Blakey
Chief Counsel and Director

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cc: Danny Coulson

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

January 5, 1978

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

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

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

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

In connection with the investigation by this Committee into the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., it is requested that the F.B.I. make available for interview, on a priority basis, the following agents:

1. Theodore A'Hearn - Los Angeles
 2. Leroy W. Sheets - Los Angeles
 3. Thomas J. Wilson - Atlanta
 4. Gerald Galbreath - El Paso
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The Committee is ready to interview these agents on an immediate basis.

Your prompt attention to this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

G. Robert Blakey

G. Robert Blakey
Chief Counsel and Director

✓CC: Danny O. Coulson

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January 4, 1978

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

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

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

In connection with the investigation by this Committee into the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., it is requested that the F.B.I. make available to the Committee access to all F.B.I. materials, files, memoranda, airtels, and miscellaneous items, including but not limited to any contained in the MURKIN File (44-38861), on or referring to the following individual:

Gerold Frank - author
d.o.b. 8/2/1907
current address: 930 5th Avenue
New York, New York 10021

It is requested that access to these materials be provided on a priority basis so that our initial review can be completed by January 16, 1978.

Your prompt attention to this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,

G. Robert Blakey
G. Robert Blakey
Chief Counsel and Director

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

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

O.L.A.

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

In connection with the investigation by this Committee into the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., it has been determined from a review of the Chicago field office file (No. 44-1114) of the MURKIN investigation that the FBI is in possession of several letters of correspondence from Jerry Ray to Marjorie Fetter. (See, for example, serials 271, 335, 496, 560, 574, 621, and 637 in the Chicago field office file.) It is requested that the FBI furnish this Committee with copies of all correspondence from Jerry Ray to Marjorie Fetter.

Your prompt attention to this matter will be greatly appreciated.

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very truly yours,

G. Robert Blakey 23 JAN 10 1978

G. Robert Blakey 62-117290-372
Chief Counsel and Director
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
J. Edgar Hoover Building
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Washington, D.C. 20530

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

October 3, 1977

1 - Mr. Monahan
1 - Mr. Peelman
1 - Mr. Foster
1 - Mr. Aldhizer
1 - Legal Counsel

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

Reference is made to the letter from U. S. Congressman Louis Stokes, Chairman, HSCA, to the Attorney General, dated August 9, 1977, requesting availability of all FBI reports relative to robbery of the Bank of Alton, Alton, Illinois, July 13, 1967.. Reference is also made to the letter from G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel, HSCA, to Mr. Robert Keuch, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, dated September 13, 1977, requesting a copy of all FBI reports in this bank robbery investigation.

Enclosed are two copies of a memorandum which responds to the above HSCA request. It is requested that you furnish a copy of the enclosed memorandum to the HSCA.

Enclosures - 2

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1 - Office of Legislative Affairs (Enclosure)

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

NOTE: The Alton bank robbery occurred at the time James Earl Ray was a fugitive, prior to King's assassination. Ray was considered a suspect in this robbery subsequent to being identified as King's killer. No evidence was produced to link Ray with the robbery. The case was closed unsolved in 1972.

In its request of 8/9/77, the HSCA asked for access to our investigation into this bank robbery and the file was prepared. Later, the HSCA submitted a second request which requested "a copy of any and all materials or reports" in the Alton bank robbery. Mr. Keuch advised on 9/19/77, that delivery should be limited only to investigative reports in the case. The requested material was picked up at FBIHQ on 9/19/77 by Oliver Champion, HSCA messenger. Purpose of enclosed memorandum is to confirm delivery of this material.

1 - Mr. Monahan
1 - Mr. Peelman
1 - Mr. Foster
1 - Mr. Aldhizer

October 3, 1977

1 - Legal Counsel

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

This will respond to letter dated August 9, 1977, to the Attorney General from U. S. Congressman Louis Stokes, Chairman, HSCA, and letter dated September 13, 1977, to Mr. Robert Keuch, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, from G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel, HSCA.

This letter is to confirm that, pursuant to the above request dated September 13, 1977, a copy of each investigative report of the FBI in the Alton bank robbery, Alton, Illinois, July 13, 1967, was delivered to a representative of the HSCA on September 19, 1977.

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ORIGINAL AND ONE SENT TO ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL, CRIMINAL DIVISION, ATTENTION: MR. ROBERT L. KEUCH AND ONE SENT TO OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS.

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NOTE: See Director, FBI, letter to Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch, dated 10/3/77, captioned, "House Select Committee on Assassinations, U. S. House of Representatives (HSCA)."

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August 9, 1977

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

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

Pursuant to our investigation into the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., we request that you make available to us all investigative reports relative to the robbery of the Bank of Alton, Illinois, on July 13, 1967.

Best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely,

Louis Stokes
Chairman

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Select Committee on Assassinations

U.S. House of Representatives

3331 HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING, ANNEX 2.

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

September 13, 1977

Mr. Robert Keuch
Deputy Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division
Department of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Mr. Keuch:

Pursuant to the investigation into the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by the House Select Committee on Assassinations and our conversation with your office on Monday, September 12, 1977, we are hereby requesting a copy of any and all materials or reports the Federal Bureau of Investigation has regarding the Alton Bank Robbery in Alton, Illinois on July 13, 1967; as well as a copy of any other materials the Department of Justice may have in its possession relevant to this matter.

I appreciate your cooperation and assistance in this request, and I look forward hearing from you.

Sincerely,

G. Robert Blakey
G. Robert Blakey
Chief Counsel and Director

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

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

November 10, 1977

1 - Mr. Monahan
1 - Mr. Peelman
1 - Mr. Foster
1 - Mr. Aldhizer
1 - Legal Counsel

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Reference is made to letter to the Attorney General from G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director, HSCA, dated October 18, 1977, requesting access to material in the files of the FBI pertinent to seven listed individuals.

Enclosed are two copies of a memorandum which responds to the above request and advises that material on six of these individuals is available for HSCA access at FBI Headquarters. Information on the seventh individual, Randolph Erwin Rosenson, was previously furnished the HSCA by FBI memorandum dated October 13, 1977.

Enclosures - 2

1 - Office of Legislative Affairs (Enclosure)

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

NOTE: By request dated 9/20/77, the HSCA asked for information concerning Rosenson. By letter to the Attorney General and its enclosures, both dated 10/13/77, information concerning Rosenson was delivered. The HSCA request dated 10/18/77, (attached) desired information on seven individuals, including a repeat on Rosenson's name.

1 - Mr. Monahan
1 - Mr. Peelman
1 - Mr. Foster
1 - Mr. Aldhizer
1 - Legal Counsel

November 10, 1977

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

Reference is made to letter to the Attorney General from G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director, HSCA, dated October 18, 1977, requesting access to material in the files of the FBI pertaining to:

Harvey Gene Love
George G. Pittman
Stephanie Helene Sheehan
Jonathon Henry Shea
Keith Albert Wright
Frank Quenqui
Randolph Erwin Rosenson

Retrievable information in FBI Headquarters files concerning the above individuals, with the exception of Rosenson, has been prepared for the Committee's access subject to the usual excisions or deletions. Where information is not provided, it is either not retrievable from Headquarters files or is not being produced pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding.

By FBI memorandum dated October 13, 1977, documents containing information concerning Rosenson were provided the HSCA.

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ORIGINAL AND ONE SENT TO ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL, CRIMINAL DIVISION, ATTENTION: MR. ROBERT L. KEUCH AND ONE SENT TO OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS.

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NOTE: See Director, FBI, letter to Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch, dated 11/10/77, captioned, "House Select Committee on Assassinations, U. S. House of Representatives (HSCA)."

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October 18, 1977

The Honorable Griffin B. Bell
Attorney General
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C. 20530

Attn: Mr. Robert L. Keuch

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

In connection with the Select Committee's investigation into the circumstances surrounding the death of Martin Luther King, it would be appreciated if you could make available to the Committee staff materials in the files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation relating to the following individuals for the period of time from January 1, 1967 to December 31, 1968: 6/1/69

<u>NAME</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>FBI Number</u>
Love, Harvey Gene	4/1/35	592-813A
Pittman, George G.	6/20/38	919-933C
Sheehan, Stephanie Helene	7/26/53	951-133N4
✓Shea, Jonathon Henry	6/12/47	688-958J2
✓Wright, Keith Albert	7/27/44	122-750H
Quenqui, Frank	12/9/08	160-8374
Rosenson, Randolph Erwin	3/20/34	34-711E

In addition, it would be appreciated if you could make available to the staff the criminal records for these individuals. This written request confirms an oral request made by myself to Mr. Dan Coulson on October 18, 1977 in the offices of the Committee.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

G. Robert Blakey
Chief Counsel and Director

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

Director, FBI

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

November 11, 1977

1 - Mr. Monahan
1 - Mr. Peelman
1 - Mr. Foster
1 - Mr. Aldhizer
1 - Legal Counsel

Reference is made to letter to the Attorney General from G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director, HSCA, dated November 7, 1977, requesting confirmation as to the existence or nonexistence of electronic surveillance regarding certain individuals and a business in connection with the FBI's investigation into the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Enclosed are two copies of a memorandum which responds to the above request.

Enclosures - 2

1 - Office of Legislative Affairs (Enclosure)

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

NOTE: By memorandum dated 5/13/68, the Department was asked for authority to place technical surveillance on the telephones of James Earl Ray's brother-in-law and sister, Albert and Carol Pepper and the Grapevine Tavern, all located in St. Louis, Missouri. This memorandum also requested microphone surveillance be installed at the residence of Albert and Carol Pepper, the residence of Ray's brother, John Larry Ray, and at the Grapevine Tavern. FBIHQ files contain no information to indicate the Department of Justice took any action on this request. Following Ray's apprehension the Department, in memorandum dated 6/11/68, was advised that the FBI's request for electronic surveillance was withdrawn. The above information is contained in the King Assassination June file and has been processed for access of the HSCA.

The HSCA's request of 11/7/77, desired only written confirmation as to the existence or nonexistence of electronic surveillance on the above individuals and business during the period 1/1/67 to 12/31/68.

1 - Mr. Monahan
1 - Mr. Peelman
1 - Mr. Foster
1 - Mr. Aldhizer
1 - Legal Counsel
November 11, 1977

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

Reference is made to letter to the Attorney General from G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director, HSCA, dated November 7, 1977, requesting confirmation as to the existence or nonexistence of electronic surveillance against the following individuals and business in connection with the FBI's investigation into the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.:

1. Jerry Ray, brother of James Earl Ray.
2. John Ray, brother of James Earl Ray.
3. Carol Pepper, sister of James Earl Ray, and her husband Albert Pepper.
4. Grapevine Tavern (also known as Jack's Place), 1982 Arsenal, St. Louis, Missouri.

This memorandum is to confirm that, based on a review of appropriate files at FBI Headquarters, the above were not subjects of electronic surveillance by the FBI during the period January 1, 1967, to December 31, 1968, or at any other time.

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ORIGINAL AND ONE SENT TO ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL, CRIMINAL DIVISION, ATTENTION: MR. ROBERT L. KEUCH AND ONE SENT TO OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS.

Assoc. Dir. NOTE: See Director, FBI, letter to Assistant Attorney General,
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Asst. Dir.: Criminal Division, Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch, dated 11/11/77,
captioned, "House Select Committee on Assassinations, U. S.
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Select Committee on Assassinations

U.S. House of Representatives

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

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

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

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

In connection with the investigation by the Select Committee on Assassinations into the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., it is requested that the Federal Bureau of Investigation review its files on electronic surveillance to determine whether any of the following individuals and places were the subject of such surveillance during the period of January 1, 1967 to December 31, 1968:

1. Jerry Ray, brother of James Earl Ray
2. John Ray, brother of James Earl Ray
3. Carol Pepper, sister of James Earl Ray, and her husband Albert Pepper
4. Grapevine Tavern (also known as Jack's Place), 1982 Arsenal, St. Louis, Missouri

At this time the Committee only desires a written confirmation as to the existence or non-existence of such electronic surveillance with no reference to the results of such surveillance.

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Your prompt attention to this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

G. Robert Blakey

G. Robert Blakey
Chief Counsel and Director

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cc Mr. Danny O. Coulson

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The Deputy Attorney General

- 1 - Mr. Long - Enc.
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2 - Mr. Hotis - Enc.

December 29, 1977

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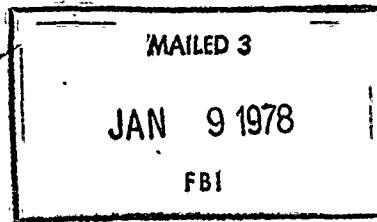
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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS

In accordance with Attorney General Order 116-56, this memorandum advises that former Special Agent Joe C. Hester was interviewed on November 21, 1977. A memorandum setting forth Mr. Hester's account of this interview is enclosed for your information.

Enclosure

1 - Assistant Attorney General - Enclosure
Criminal Division
Attn: Robert Keuch

1 - Personnel file - Joe C. Hester - Enclosure



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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Memphis, Tennessee
December 5, 1977

JAMES EARL RAY;
Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM;
CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY

On November 21, 1977, retired Special Agent Joe C. Hester appeared at Washington, D. C., at the request of the House Committee on Assassinations.

Mr. Hester met with the Committee staff in their offices at Washington, D. C., and was interviewed for a total of four hours by two different groups of five persons each. Both groups were affable and were not in any way critical of the investigation conducted in this case.

The first group of five interviewers asked a variety of questions but seemed to be particularly preoccupied with the investigation conducted by Legats in Mexico. Mr. Hester was able to answer many of the general questions regarding the activities of Legats but referred them to Assistant Director Richard Long when they began to ask more specific questions regarding the investigations by Legats and the manner of transmittal of this information to FBI Headquarters. (C)

The second group of five interviewers asked more general questions regarding the Bureau's investigation of the King murder. They seemed to be greatly concerned with the allegation of conspiracy. Mr. Hester advised them that he believed the conspiracy theory was an invention by the Department of Justice to be used to justify the FBI's investigation of Dr. King's murder. Mr. Hester advised them that he had never personally believed there was a conspiracy and he did not believe that any of his FBI superiors had ever believed in the conspiracy theory. Mr. Hester further advised that it was his personal opinion that James Earl Ray, acting alone, had murdered Dr. King and that his subsequent travels were probably financed by armed robbery.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

RE: JAMES EARL RAY;
Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM

This group was concerned with how the subject Ray had known how to obtain false documents following his arrival in Canada. Mr. Hester pointed out that a "Top Ten" criminal had been arrested in Canada and had been returned to the Missouri State Penitentiary and had served time there with James Earl Ray prior to Ray's escape. Mr. Hester indicated it was his belief that this "Top Ten" fugitive had been responsible for instructing Ray on how to proceed in obtaining false documents in Canada.

This group touched on such diverse elements as the information furnished by John McFerren regarding Frank Liberto, and one of the interviewers agreed that they had not believed McFerren to be a very reliable witness. They also discussed Ray's purchase of the rifle in Birmingham; the fact that Officer Redditt was moved from the firehouse near the Lorraine Motel just prior to the murder; what motive did Ray have for killing Dr. King; whether or not there was any evidence to indicate a conspiracy; whether or not there were any wiretaps and whether or not there had been any surreptitious entries made against King and his followers at Memphis prior to the assassination; and when, following his escape, did Ray appear to have made up his mind to assassinate Dr. King.

In addition, they asked numerous questions about the political climate in Memphis just prior to the assassination and inquired as to what investigation was being conducted by the FBI in regard to the Sanitation Workers Strike and the first march conducted by Dr. King. Mr. Hester was forced to admit that he had had nothing to do with the investigation of Dr. King prior to the murder and he suggested that they talk to current Special Agent Howell S. Lowe who would be in a position to furnish information in this regard.

They inquired about the interview of James Earl Ray conducted by former Special Agent in Charge Robert G. Jensen, former Special Agent Robert F. Boyle, and Mr. Hester at the state prison in Nashville, Tennessee, following Ray's plea of guilty. Mr. Hester recounted as best he could recall the events that transpired in connection with this attempted interview and advised the interviewers that former Special Agent Robert F. Boyle has suffered a cerebral hemorrhage and possibly might not be competent to furnish information regarding this investigation.

RE: JAMES EARL RAY;
Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM

The Committee indicated that they might desire to interview Mr. Hester again, either personally or telephonically, and they were assured that he would be available and agreeable to assisting them in any way possible.

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DATE: DEC 2 1977

REPLY TO: Robert L. Keuch FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
ATTN OF: Special Counsel to the Attorney General

SUBJECT: House Select Committee on Assassinations

TO: Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

I have received a copy of the Select Committee's letter of October 27, 1977, to you commending the work of Mr. Danny Coulson and Mr. Drew Clark. I enthusiastically join the Chairman of the Committee in such commendation but I also feel that any such recognition should specifically include Mr. Jay Aldhizer, who has also been outstanding in his cooperation and willingness to perform the tasks assigned in his dealings with me in exercising my responsibilities towards the Committee on behalf of the Attorney General.

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cc: ✓ Mr. Aldhizer

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memo to Robert L. Keuch
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cc: Mr. Aldhizer

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

Director, FBI

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

November 14, 1977

1 - Mr. Monahan
1 - Mr. Peelman
1 - Mr. Foster
1 - Mr. McGirl
1 - Mr. Mintz (Attn;
Mr. Coulson)

Reference is made to a letter dated October 5, 1977, addressed to Mr. Robert L. Keuch, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, from G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director, HSCA. This letter requests all information in the possession of the FBI pertaining to Clifton Baird, Brent Hardin and Arlie Blair.

Based on information furnished by the Committee, retrievable information identifiable with Baird, Hardin and Blair has been prepared for Committee access subject to the usual excisions and deletions. This material, as well as limited material pertaining to Hardin, previously prepared for the Committee's access, is available to the Committee in Room 8988 of the J. Edgar Hoover Building.

Where information is not provided, it is either not retrievable from Headquarters files or is not being produced pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding.

Enclosed are original and two copies of a memorandum which responds to this HSCA request. You are requested to furnish a copy of the enclosed memorandum to the HSCA.

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

NOTE: This responds to a request dated 10/5/77, from HSCA for all information contained in Bureau files relative to Clifton Baird, Brent Hardin and Arlie Blair. This request has been coordinated with the Legal Counsel Division.

A review of Bureau files has revealed that a limited number of documents relating to an attempted bombing of Brent Hardin's automobile had been prepared for the Committee's access pursuant to receipt of their request dated 4/27/77. The Committee was advised of the availability of these documents on 5/18/77. The remaining retrievable documents in FBI Headquarters files identifiable with Baird, Hardin and Blair have been prepared for the Committee's access and are being maintained in the Congressional Inquiry Unit's Room 8988 for their review.

Documents retrieved from FBI Headquarters files pursuant to the Committee's request dated 10/5/77, include Baird's ident record, the results of a civil rights investigation involving Baird as the subject, and references to Blair appearing in the MURKIN file, numerous references to Hardin and the results of a civil rights investigation involving Blair as the subject.

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1 - Mr. Monahan
1 - Mr. Peelman
1 - Mr. Foster
1 - Mr. McGirl
1 - Mr. Mintz (Attn:
November 14, 1977
Mr. Coulson)

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

RE: OCTOBER 5, 1977, REQUEST OF HSCA FOR
INFORMATION IN POSSESSION OF THE FBI
RELATIVE TO CLIFTON BAIRD, BRENT HARDIN
AND ARLIE BLAIR.

This constitutes a complete response to the
October 5, 1977, letter of G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel
and Director, HSCA.

Chief Counsel Blakey requested all FBI information
relative to Clifton Baird, Brent Hardin and Arlie Blair.

Utilizing identifying data for Baird, Hardin and
Blair furnished by the HSCA, retrievable information in FBI
Headquarters files identifiable with Baird, Hardin and Blair
has been prepared for the Committee's access subject to the
usual excisions and deletions.

Also available for the Committee's access are
documents relating to Brent Hardin which were previously pre-
pared on May 18, 1977, pursuant to the receipt of the
Committee's request dated April 27, 1977, for these documents.

Where information is not provided, it is either
not retrievable from Headquarters files or is not being
produced pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding.

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ORIGINAL AND TWO SENT TO MR. ROBERT L. KEUCH, DEPUTY ASSISTANT
ATTORNEY GENERAL, CRIMINAL DIVISION.

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Dep. AD Inv. Asst. Dir. NOTE: See Director, FBI, letter to Assistant Attorney General,
Adm. Serv. Criminal Division, Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch, dated 11/14/77,
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Select Committee on Assassinations

U.S. House of Representatives

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

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October 5, 1977

Mr. Robert Keuch
Deputy Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division
Department of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Mr. Keuch:

Pursuant to our investigation into the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., we hereby request that all reports, materials and files in the possession of the F.B.I. pertaining to the following individuals be made available to the Committee and its staff:

1. Clifton Baird, 7813 Edsel Lane, Louisville, Kentucky.
2. Brent Hardin, 9102 Bristle Ave., Louisville, Kentucky.
3. Arlie Blair, 4025 Franklin Ave., Louisville, Kentucky, dob 9/3/32.

Your prompt attention to these matters will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

G. Robert Blakey

G. Robert Blakey
Chief Counsel and Director

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cc: Mr. Danny O. Coulson

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

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

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

In connection with the investigation by the Select Committee on Assassinations into the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., it would be appreciated if our staff could have access to the following files:

- a) Any and all materials or files pertaining to the organization known as the MINUTEMEN for the period 1966-1968 active in the states of Mississippi and Louisiana.
- b) Any records and files, excluding D.E.A. records requested in our letter of November 8, 1977 on:

Reynard J. Rochon
2200 Oriole Street
New Orleans, Louisiana

(1967 address) JAN 4 1978
7018 Dreux Street
New Orleans, Louisiana

Your cooperation and prompt attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

G. Robert Blakey

Chief Counsel and Director
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The Associate Director

DATE: 12/22/77

FROM : Legal Counsel

SUBJECT: HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)

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PURPOSE: The purpose of this memorandum is to recommend that the Director release from their secrecy agreements, SAs Harry L. Lee, Richard D. Rackleff, James R. Riorden, Warren L. Walsh, John B. Simpson, Richard H. Davis, Jack T. Beverstein, Robert Nichols and former Assistant Director Alex Rosen.

DETAILS: By letter dated 12/20/77 HSAC requested to interview SAs Harry L. Lee (former), SA Richard D. Rackleff, James R. Riorden, and former Assistant Director Alex Rosen. By letter dated 11/8/77 the Committee requested permission to interview SA John B. Simpson, Richard A. Davis (former) and SA Jack T. Beverstein (former).

By letter dated 11/3/77 captioned Committee requested the identity of the case Agent most familiar with white hate activities in the period from 1965 to 1966. By letter dated 11/17/77 the Committee was advised that this Agent is SA Warren L. Walsh (former). By letter dated 12/9/77 the Committee requested permission to interview SA Robert Nichols (former).

RECOMMENDATION:

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That the Director release from their employment agreement for purpose of interview by the captioned Committee the following individuals: Harry L. Lee, Richard D. Rackleff, James R. Riorden, Warren L. Walsh, John B. Simpson, Richard H. Davis, Jack T. Beverstein, Robert Nichols and former Assistant Director Alex Rosen.

- 1 - Mr. Mintz
- 1 - Mr. Monahan
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- 1 - Mr. Foster
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