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

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

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

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

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

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

INFORMANTS INVOLVED ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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

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

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

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

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

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

TENNESSEE, NEGRO MALE. MEMPHIS CONTACT AGENT WAS

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

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MEMPHIS PROMPTLY LOCATE AND INTERVIEW FIRST FOUR INFORMANTS

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

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

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

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

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

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July 20, 1978

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Attn: Mr. Coulson
- 1 - Mr. Bailey
- 1 - Mr. Foster
- 1 - Mr. Busching

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

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

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

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

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

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

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June 16, 1978

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

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

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

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

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

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

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

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The Honorable Griffin B. Bell

June 15, 1978

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

Thank you for your continued cooperation.

Sincerely,

G. Robert Blakey  
Chief Counsel and Director

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cc: Danny Coulson

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10 BUDED JULY 18, 1978.

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

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ORIGIN ST. LOUIS. ST. LOUIS FILE NUMBER IS 91-5121. A

RHONDA GIBSON IS MENTIONED IN THE LAST PARAGRAPH OF THIS

TELETYPE. NO OTHER RETRIEVABLE INFORMATION IN BUREAU FILES.

RECIPIENT OFFICES ARE REQUESTED TO REVIEW THEIR FILES

FOR ANY INFORMATION REGARDING RHONDA GIBSON, AKA VERONICA

STROTHERS, DATE OF BIRTH JULY 19, 1947.

FURNISH FBI HEADQUARTERS (FBIHQ) TWO COPIES OF ANY SERIAL

OR SERIALS REGARDING GIBSON. ALL COPIES SHOULD BE CLEARLY

LEGIBLE AND SENT REGISTERED MAIL TO THE ATTENTION OF THE

CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT, RECORDS MANAGEMENT DIVISION.

RECIPIENT OFFICES HAVING NO INFORMATION REGARDING GIBSON

ARE TO SO NOTIFY FBIHQ.

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

July 6, 1978

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

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

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

Enclosures (3)

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

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

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July 6, 1978

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

July 17, 1978

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

Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch  
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Criminal Division; Room 2113

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

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

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

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

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

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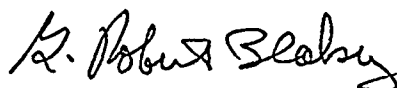
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- a. Serial 157-1654-23, p. 18, paragraph 2.
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  - c. Serial 157-1654-23, p. 25, paragraph 4.
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Thank you for your continuing cooperation.

Sincerely,



G. Robert Blakey  
Chief Counsel and Director

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July 13, 1978

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

Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch  
Deputy Assistant Attorney General  
Criminal Division, Room 2112

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

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

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

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

Sincerely,

*G. Robert Blakey*

G. Robert Blakey  
Chief Counsel and Director

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cc: Danny Coulson

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

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

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 June 5, 1978, which, in connection with the HSCA's investigation into the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., requested delivery of all photographs in MURKIN file taken by Life Magazine photographer, Joseph Louw, as well as copies of photographs of the March 29, 1968, registration cards of the Travelodge Motel, Birmingham, Alabama.

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

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This letter is to advise that the material requested in the above HSCA letter of June 5, 1978, was delivered to HSCA representative Lisa Berlow on July 12, 1978. It is noted that per conversation with HSCA representative Susan Grimes that in lieu of registration cards of Travelodge Motel, which were not found in search of registration cards of hotels and motels in the greater Birmingham area for March 29, 1968, that all the other registration cards would suffice.

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

NOTE: See Director, FBI, letter to Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch, dated July 19, 1978, captioned as above.

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The Honorable Griffin B. Bell  
Attorney General of the United States  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C. 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 circumstances surrounding the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., it is requested that the following material be prepared by the Federal Bureau of Investigation for delivery.

- 1) Copies of all photographs in the MURKIN file taken by Life Magazine photographer, Joseph Louw.
- 2) Copies of the photographs of the March 29, 1968 registration cards of the Travelodge Motel, 821 20th Street South, Birmingham, Alabama.

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: Danny Coulson

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

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June 15, 1978

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Attn: Mr. Coulson  
1 - Mr. Bailey  
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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS  
U. S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (HSCA)

Reference is made to the letter to the Attorney General from G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director, HSCA, dated June 9, 1978, which requested, in connection with the HSCA's investigation into the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., delivery of certain material in FBI Headquarters files.

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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June 15, 1978

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

Reference is made to the letter to the Attorney General from G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director, HSCA, dated June 9, 1978, which requested, in connection with the HSCA's investigation into the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., delivery of MURKIN 44-38861-5240 file containing sworn statement of Don Lee Mitchell to the FBI dated September 30, 1968, and delivery of file regarding Southern States Industrial Council.

This memorandum is to confirm delivery of MURKIN 44-38861-5240 file and Southern States Industrial Council file to HSCA Staff Member Phoebe Orr on June 9, 1978.

Where information is not provided, it is either not retrievable or is not being furnished pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding.

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

NOTE: See Director, FBI, letter to Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch, dated June 15, 1978, captioned as above.

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

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

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

In connection with this Committee's investigation into the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., it is requested that the Select Committee on Assassinations be provided with copies of the MURKIN 44-38861-5240 File containing the sworn statement of Don Lee Mitchell to the Federal Bureau of Investigation dated 9/30/68 and delivered to the Bureau 10/2/68.

It is also requested that the file regarding the Southern States Industrial Council be made available for delivery at the earliest convenience.

Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

G. Robert Blakey  
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Chief Counsel and Director

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cc: Danny Coulson

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July 10, 1978

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

Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch  
Deputy Assistant Attorney General  
Criminal Division, Room 2112

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

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

Access to all BUFILES and Subfiles pertaining to the United Businessmen's Brotherhood, including but not limited to the State of Louisiana, for the period 1967 through 1968.

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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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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

July 5, 1978

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

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

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

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

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

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in 1968. The files were to be examined in a form in which only the identity of the informants had been exercised from them. The letter also expressly noted the "Committee ... reserves the right to request...the identity of all Invader informants during 1968 should the sanitized files and agent interviews be inconclusive on the issues to be resolved by the Committee." (See I.B.(1))

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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agents of the FBI exhorting the crowd and readying weapons from signposts (a fact later testified to under oath by these agents.) Professor Blakey's review of the files revealed that at least one informant subsequently joined a more violence-prone organization. You can see, therefore, the reasons why access to the files, duly excised, is essential.

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

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Louis Stokes', is written over the typed name and title.

LOUIS STOKES  
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Enclosed are an original and one copy of a memorandum in response to above-referenced letter. It is requested that you deliver a copy of this memorandum to the HSCA.

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NOTE: HSCA requested access to Bufile and pertinent Field Office files regarding a case captioned "James Earl Ray-Fugitive; UFAC-Robbery First; OO: KC" (Bufile 88-41730). Despite HSCA furnishing incorrect file numbers for both FBI Headquarters (FBIHQ) and field office files, FBIHQ and Kansas City Field Office files were located and processed for access. Headquarters file had been consolidated into the MURKIN file (Bufile 44-38861). By letter of May 25, 1978, HSCA requested that the St. Louis and Chicago Field Office files for above case also be made available. A response to this request will be made at a later time.

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- HSCA requested access to Bufiles and Memphis files on Charles and Grace Stephens, without providing any identifying data. Staff Member Gerald Hamilton was advised that nothing would be done on this request until some descriptive data is furnished due to the enormous number of references under these names. To date, no information has been received from the Committee.

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In Item 4, HSCA requested that LEGATS in Mexico City, Ottawa, Paris and London furnish all files related to MURKIN investigation including those reviewed by OPR for their report of January, 1977. By Butel to all LEGATS, August 16, 1977, each LEGAT was requested to advise of the existence of MURKIN and related files in their respective offices. LEGATS, Paris and London advised that pursuant to Bureau file destruction policy, all related files had been destroyed. LEGAT, Ottawa furnished one copy of each of the eight serials in its MURKIN file (44-4). LEGAT, Mexico City forwarded its MURKIN file (173-1).

In Item 5, HSCA requested Minutemen files from three Field Offices including Kansas City. On May 17, 1978, Gerald Hamilton, Staff Member, advised that Committee did not want Kansas City Field Office files regarding this matter.

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The FBIHQ and pertinent Field Office files on the case captioned "James Earl Ray - Fugitive; UFAC - Robbery First." This is to advise that the FBIHQ and Kansas City Field Office files regarding this case have been processed and are available for review at FBIHQ.

Serials 112 and 115 of Bureau file 65-37422. These serials have been processed and are available for review.

All Bufile and Memphis Field Office material on Charles Stephens and Grace Stephens. As was explained to Gerald Hamilton, Staff Member, HSCA, it would not be feasible to search for material on these two individuals without additional identifying data. To date, no descriptive data has been received from the Committee.

All MURKIN and related material in the files of LEGATS in Mexico City, Ottawa, Paris and London. In addition, it was requested that access be given to those files reviewed by the Justice Department's Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR). This is to advise that as a result of the survey conducted for OPR it was determined that, with the exception of one file in Mexico City and Ottawa, all other MURKIN and related files had been destroyed pursuant to the file destruction program for foreign offices. The MURKIN file for Mexico City has been processed and is available for review. LEGAT, Ottawa's MURKIN file contained only eight serials, the other documents having been destroyed as above. These serials are also available for review at FBIHQ.

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The Minutemen files for the Kansas City, San Diego, and Denver Field Offices. On May 17, 1978, Gerald Hamilton, HSCA, advised that the Committee was withdrawing the request for the Kansas City file. The Minutemen material from the San Diego and Denver Field Offices has been processed and is available for review.

Where information is not provided, it is because it is either not retrievable or is subject 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 June 20, 1978, captioned as above.

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Select Committee on Assassinations

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3331 HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING, ANNEX 2

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

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

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

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

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

- 1) Prepare for access the BUFILE and all pertinent Field Office files, pertaining to the caption:  
 "James Earl Ray - Fugitive  
 U.F.A.C. - Robbery First"  
 S.I. file 83-5631  
 BUFILE 88-51730.
- 2) Prepare for access, BUFILE, referencing Santo Domingo airtels dated 4/8/68: 97-3689-47  
 97-3689-48
  - b) 65-37422-112  
 re: Madrid letter 4/8/60
  - c) 65-37422-115  
 re: N.Y. letter 6/3/60
- 3) Prepare for access all BUFILE materials, and Memphis Field Office materials on:
  - a) Charles (Charlie) Stephens
  - b) Grace (Gracie) Stephens
- 4) Prepare for access all files of the following Legat offices pertaining to the MURKIN investigation.

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- a) Mexico City
- b) Ottawa
- c) Paris
- d) London

With respect to the above, 4(a-d), we understand that the Justice Department's Office of Professional Responsibility may have reviewed certain files of the aforementioned Legat offices for their report of January, 1977. We therefore request, that any files reviewed by OPR, or any files presently under the Department of Justice's control pertaining to item 4(a-d) also be encompassed in this request.

- 5) Prepare for access Minutemen files for the following field offices for the enumerated periods:

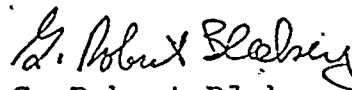
- a) Kansas City 1967-1968
- b) San Diego 1967-1968
- c) Denver 7/1967-8/1967

With respect to item 5c, it is believed that the Denver Field Office has coverage for the city of Golden, Colorado. However, if this is not correct, the same time period is requested for the appropriate Field Office having Golden within its jurisdiction.

As time is of the utmost importance, we ask that the items be provided as they become available.

Your continued cooperation is as always, appreciated.

Very truly yours,



G. Robert Blakey  
Chief Counsel and Director

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cc: Mr. Danny O. Coulson



Assistant Attorney General  
Criminal Division  
Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch  
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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 this memorandum to the HSCA.

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With respect to Item 1 in above-referenced letter, this is to advise that Special Agents Rowan B. Ayers and Thomas H. Weaver were assigned to the Jefferson City, Missouri, Resident Agency between January, 1960, and May, 1967. Special Agent Ayers died on November 24, 1974. Special Agent Weaver is still assigned to that Resident Agency.

With respect to Item 2, the St. Louis Field Office advised that a search of indices failed to reflect any material regarding that UFAC case. The Chicago Field Office advised that their UFAC file for this matter (CG 88-11505) was destroyed under the file destruction program in April, 1978. It should be noted that all pertinent investigation conducted by the Chicago Office would have been transmitted to Kansas City as the Office of Origin. Access to the FBI Headquarters and Kansas City material regarding this case was requested in your letter to the Attorney General dated May 11, 1978. By memorandum dated June 19, 1978, response was made to that request providing access to that material.

Based on the information provided, a search for any material on Tony Benevitas, aka J. Christ Bonnevecche failed to identify any information regarding this individual.

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

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## Select Committee on Assassinations

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3331 HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING, ANNEX 2

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May 25, 1978

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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 circumstances surrounding the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the assistance of the Federal Bureau of Investigation is requested in regard to the following matters:

- 1) Provide the names of all agents working out of the Field Office or Resident Agency with Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri in its jurisdiction, January 1960 - May 1967.
- 2) Prepare for access, as per request dated May 11, 1978, the U.F.A.C. case files on James Earl Ray, for the Field Offices of St. Louis and Chicago.
- 3) Prepare for access, any BUFILE material on: Tony Benevitas aka J. Christ Bonnevecche.

With respect to Item 3, the Committee has not been able to develop any additional identifying data that would aid in a file search, therefore your earnest efforts would be greatly appreciated.

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Again, thank you for your continued cooperation.

Very truly yours,

*G. Robert Blakey*

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June 14, 1978

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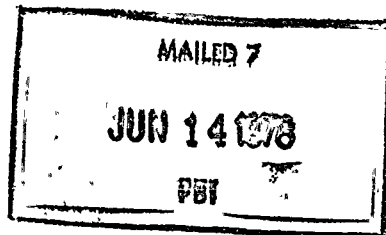
NOTE: These three requests were hand delivered to FBI Headquarters (FBIHQ) by the HSCA, and "same day" delivery was requested. Serials in request of May 23, 1978, and May 24, 1978, were primarily from field office files regarding King and Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). These files were previously sent by the field to FBIHQ and processed for the HSCA. The court order regarding serials not furnished the HSCA was in connection with the lawsuit filed against the FBI by the SCLC.

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Material in response to HSCA letter of May 23, 1978, was delivered on May 23, 1978, to HSCA Staff Member Phoebe C. Orr. The only serials not delivered were 100-4105-15 and 100-4105-16. These serials, formerly located in the Memphis Field Office file concerning King's security investigation, were forwarded to FBI Headquarters (FBIHQ) in May, 1977, for transmittal to the Archives in accordance with a court order.

In response to referenced HSCA letter dated May 24, 1978, delivery of a copy of serial 100-4105-53 was made to HSCA Staff Member Judith Burford on May 24, 1978, at FBIHQ.

The original serial requested by the HSCA in referenced letter of May 25, 1978, was identified as 100-438794-2601. Ms. Burford was advised on May 25, 1978, that this serial is located in the FBIHQ file on the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. This file was delivered to the HSCA based on previous request of the Committee.

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

NOTE: See Director, FBI, letter to Assistant Attorney General,  
Criminal Division, Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch, dated  
June 14, 1978.

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May 23, 1978

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

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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 circumstances surrounding the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the assistance of the Federal Bureau of Investigation is requested in regard to the following matters:

1) Prepare for delivery, the following serials:

- 157-166-142
- 157-166-263
- 157-166-341
- 157-166-353
- 157-166-431
- 157-9146-x39
- 157-8460-2x
- 100-4105-1
- 100-4105-10
- 100-4105-15
- 100-4105-16
- 100-4105-61 - plus enclosure
- 100-4105-63 - plus enclosure
- 100-4105-66
- 100-4105-67
- 100-4105-68
- 100-4105-79
- 100-4105-89

All of the serials referenced above have been previously prepared for access. However, it would be greatly appreciated

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The Honorable Griffin B. Bell  
May 23, 1978  
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if they could be supplied on a priority basis by the close of  
business of May 23, 1978.

Your earnest effort and cooperation is sincerely  
appreciated.

Sincerely,



G. Robert Blakey  
Chief Counsel and Director

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GRB:ghd

cc: Danny Coulson

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May 24, 1978

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

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

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

In connection with the investigation by this Committee into the circumstances surrounding the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., it is requested that the Federal Bureau of Investigation prepare the following serial for delivery:

- 1) 100-4105 - Serial 53

Sincerely,

*G. Robert Blakey*

G. Robert Blakey  
Chief Counsel and Director

GRB:wwh

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May 25, 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 circumstances surrounding the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., it is requested that the following serial be prepared by the Federal Bureau of Investigation for delivery:

- 1) Headquarters File 62-108052 - Unrecorded  
Dated March 28, 1969, from Atlanta to Director.

Your prompt attention to this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

*G. Robert Blakey*

G. Robert Blakey  
Chief Counsel and Director

GRB:wwh

xc: Danny O. Coulson, SA

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

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

June 14, 1978

- 1 - Legal Counsel Division  
Attn: Mr. Coulson
- 1 - Mr. Bailey
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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 April 13, 1978, which, in connection with the HSCA's investigation into the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., requested certain material from the FBI.

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)

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- 1 - Legal Counsel Division  
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June 14, 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 April 13, 1978, which, in connection with the HSCA's investigation into the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., requested certain material from the FBI.

With respect to Item 1 of referenced letter, HSCA Staff Member Lisa Berlow advised on April 26, 1978, that information concerning Devours Nix could be restricted to the period January, 1967, through December, 1968. This material has been processed and is available for HSCA access at FBI Headquarters (FBIHQ).

Material in response to Item 2, White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi, and Item 3 Robert Shelton, Melvin A. Sexton, and James Venable has been processed and is available for HSCA access at FBIHQ. This material was processed for the time periods specified in referenced HSCA letter.

On May 18, 1978, a copy of the serials listed in Item 4 of referenced letter was delivered to Ms. Berlow.

Where information is not provided, it is either not retrievable or is not being furnished pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding.

This letter completes response to HSCA letter of April 13, 1978.

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

NOTE: See Director, FBI, letter to Assistant Attorney General,  
Criminal Division, Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch, dated  
June 14, 1978, captioned as above.

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Select Committee on Assassinations

U.S. House of Representatives

3331 HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING, ANNEX 2

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

April 13, 1978

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

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

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

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

- 1) Access to all BUFILE and Subfiles on an individual named DEVILISH NIK aka DEVOURS NIX.

The above individual is referenced in BUFILE 157-4416.

- 2) Access to all BUFILE and Subfiles on the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi for the period 1967 through 1968.
- 3) Access to all BUFILE and Subfiles on the following individuals for the enumerated periods:
  - a. Robert Shelton, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, Imperial Wizard, United Klans of America (period: 1967 - 1969).
  - b. Melvin A. Sexton, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, Imperial Klaliff, United Klans of America (period: 1967 - 1969).

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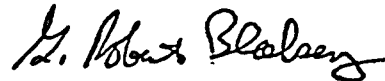
c. James Venable, Stone Mountain, Georgia, Imperial Wizard, National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (period: 1961 - 1968).

4) Delivery of the following BUFILE serials:

44-38861 - 5120 <sup>Sec.</sup> 69  
44-38861 - 5121 69  
44-38861 - 5137 69  
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As time is of the essence, we would appreciate your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



G. Robert Blakey  
Chief Counsel and Director

GRB:ghd

cc: J. Aldhizer  
Danny Coulson



- 1 - Legal Counsel Division  
(Attn: D. O. Coulson)
- 1 - Mr. W. L. Bailey
- 1 - Mr. G. J. Foster

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

June 12, 1978

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Director, FBI

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 April 5, 1978, which, in connection with the HSCA's investigation into the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., requested certain information from files of the FBI.

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

Enclosures - 2

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NOTE: On 4/21/78, Supervisor Robert Perry, Atlanta Office, advised that a review of Atlanta indices disclosed no information concerning a letter to Atlanta radio station WRNG from Jerry Ray. Referenced HSCA letter claimed this letter was in possession of the Atlanta Office.

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Select Committee on Assassinations

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U.S. House of Representatives

3331 HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING, ANNEX 2

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

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April 5, 1978

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

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

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

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

- 1) Provide access to the BUFILE and Subfiles pertaining to the MINUTEMEN for the period 1967 - 1968, limited to the cities: Birmingham, Los Angeles, Chicago, Atlanta, St. Louis, New Orleans, Memphis, Miami, and Boston.
- 2) Prepare for delivery Identification Division records and other BUFILE information on:
  - a. Rogers, James Russell, FBI# 195-765-B
  - b. Lamkin, Kenneth Earl, FBI# 568-007-A
  - c. Goldenstein, Ronald Seibelt, FBI# 737-193-F
  - d. Koph, Irving, FBI# 252-6102
  - e. Street, Leroy, FBI# 808-494-B
  - f. Turley, Ernest

Suspect:

  1. Farmers Bank of Liberty, Liberty, MO 10/17/69
  2. Laddonia State Bank, Laddonia, MO 6/11/70
  3. Farmers and Traders State Bank of Meredosia, IL 1/28/70

LETTER WILLIAM TO AAG,  
CRIMINAL DIVISION  
6-12-78 JTA:JF

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Suspect:
    - 1. Bank of Hawthorne, Florida 7/29/70
  - h. Moore, Dwight David, DOB 6/18/32, SS# 445-16-1787  
Suspect:
    - 1. Bank of Hawthorne, Florida 7/29/70
- 3) Prepare for delivery the following serials:
- a. 44-38861-4461, Teletype 6/11/68, 3 pages
  - b. 63-4296-33-596, Memo 1/27/67
  - c. 44-38861-5338, re: Ms. Sun Fung Loo.
  - d. 100-438794-2326, re: Letter Head Memo
  - e. 157-10673-1198  
157-10673-1177 } NO MURKIN  
157-10673-1174  
157-10673-1185
  - f. 62-107261-5-4
- 4) Prepare for delivery all BUFILE and Subfile references and information on:
- a. Harold J. Thome
  - b. Vincent DiPalma
- 5) Make available for interview S.A. David Jelison.

By letter dated 3/15/78, access was requested to any files re: Jules Rocco Kimble. In addition to that request, we now ask to be furnished with copies of any photographs taken of Kimble.

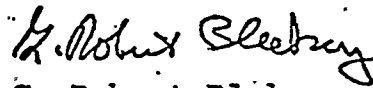
Finally, it has come to our attention that the Atlanta Field Office may have in its possession a letter sent to Atlanta radio station WRNG, circa summer of 1972, from Jerry Ray. It is believed that the letter was sent to station employees Mickie Silverstein and Teddy Levison, and was seemingly of a threatening nature.

The Committee requests that Bureau Headquarters, as well as the Atlanta Field Office, search the appropriate files for any references to the WRNG letter, and that a copy of the same, along with any identifiable references, be prepared for delivery.

The Honorable Griffin B. Bell  
April 5, 1978  
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Thank you for your continued assistance and cooperation.

Sincerely,



G. Robert Blakey  
Chief Counsel and Director

GRB:ghd

cc: Danny Coulson

- 1 - Legal Counsel Division  
(Attn: D. O. Coulson)
- 1 - Mr. W. L. Bailey
- 1 - Mr. G. J. Foster

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June 12, 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 April 5, 1978, which, in connection with the HSCA's investigation into the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., requested certain information from files of the FBI:

In response to Item 1 of referenced letter, FBI Headquarters (FBIHQ) files concerning the Minutemen for the period 1967-1968 and subfiles for the listed cities in referenced letter have been processed and are available for HSCA review at FBIHQ. It should be noted that on May 9, 1978, HSCA staff member Gerald Hamilton was advised that a portion of the Minutemen files needed by the HSCA was completed.

On April 18, 1978, Mr. Hamilton advised that only Identification Division records were needed by the HSCA concerning individuals listed in Item 2 of referenced letter. On April 20, 1978, these Identification Division records, with the exception of Item 2a, James Russell Rogers, were delivered to HSCA staff member Phoebe Orr. On April 26, 1978, the Identification Division record of Rogers was delivered to HSCA staff member Mitchell Mars.

This is to confirm that serials listed in Item 3 of referenced letter were delivered on April 5, 1978, to HSCA staff member Wendy Collins.

With respect to Item 4b, Vincent DePalma, his main file was made available to HSCA staff member Wendy Collins on April 25, 1978. On May 17, 1978, partial information concerning DePalma and information retrievable from FBIHQ files concerning Harold J. Thome (Item 4a) was delivered to Ms. Collins at the HSCA. On June 9, 1978, the remaining information retrievable from FBIHQ files concerning DePalma was delivered to HSCA staff member Judy Burford.

ORIGINAL AND ONE SENT TO ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL, CRIMINAL DIVISION, ATTENTION:

MR. ROBERT L. KEUCH

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Regarding Item 5, as the HSCA is aware, Special Agent David N. Jellison was interviewed by HSCA representatives on March 29, 1978.

On May 3, 1978, a photograph of Jules Ricco Kimble was delivered to HSCA staff member Peter Beeson. This photograph was obtained by the New Orleans Office of the FBI.

According to referenced letter, the Atlanta Field Office of the FBI may be in possession of a letter sent to Atlanta radio station WRNG from Jerry Ray. It was believed this letter was sent to staff employees Mickie Silverstein and Teddy Levison, and was seemingly of a threatening nature. Based on a review of appropriate files of FBIHQ and the Atlanta Field Office, no information was located concerning this letter.

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

This letter completes response to HSCA letter of April 5, 1978.

NOTE: See letter to the Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch, dated 6/12/78, captioned as above.

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

FROM *RBK* SAC, ST. LOUIS (62-5097) (RUC)

SUBJECT: HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE  
ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)

BUDED: 7/18/78

Re: Bureau teletype dated 7/12/78.

Enclosed for the Congressional Inquiry Unit are two copies of four serials which comprise entire St. Louis file 157-4529 entitled "RHONDA GIBSON, RM-NSRP".

Review of St. Louis indices reflect only reference to RHONDA GIBSON or VERONICA STROTHERS is enclosed main file.

Review of St. Louis destruction record reveals that St. Louis file 91-5121 destroyed 11/19/77 pursuant to file destruction program.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, ST. LOUIS (157-4529) C      DATE: 10/30/70

FROM : SA STANLEY F. JACOBSEN

SUBJECT: RHONDA GIBSON RAY, aka  
RM-NSRP

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Re memo of SA STANLEY F. JACOBSEN

Informants in the SLMO area who are familiar with some phases of right wing extremist activity, and specifically the National States Rights Party, have advised that they have no knowledge of the subject.

The St. Louis Division is currently conducting a 91 investigation on JOHN RAY, the brother of JAMES EARL RAY and JERRY RAY, who is the husband of the subject. Investigation has revealed that JERRY RAY is ~~is~~ a close acquaintance of J. STONER who is the NSRP candidate for Governor of Georgia and who is a lawyer defending JERRY RAY on the charge of murder in Georgia for shooting a member of the ~~the~~ National Socialist White Peoples Party who he caught in NSRP Headquarters.

Since JERRY RAY was a regular driver of the car registered in the name of his wife, RHONDA it was undoubtedly he who was driving the vehicle on the day it was seen at NSRP Headquarters in Savannah, Ga. Therefore, it is recommended that this case be closed.

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

TO: SAC, ST. LOUIS (157-4529) P 9/2/70  
FROM: SA STANLEY F. JACOBSEN  
SUBJECT: CHANGED (IO)  
RHONDA GIBSON RAY & a  
Rhonda Gibson  
RM-NSRP

OO: SL

Re Kansas City letter to St. Louis, 7/8/70  
Memo of SA STANLEY F. JACOBSEN, 7/15/70

Title marked CHANGED (IO) to reflect correct  
name of subject.

On 8/25/70 JESSE LEE ZOOK, 2139 Telegraph,  
Lemay, Mo. advised that RHONDA GIBSON is married to JERRY RAY  
who is the brother of JAMES EARL RAY, who assassinated MARTIN  
LUTHER KING, and JOHN RAY who is the subject of several  
Bureau bank robbery cases. ZOOK gave subject's address as 3914  
Cleveland, SLMO.

The RAY brothers are known to be associates of  
J. B. STONER who is current running for Governor of the State of  
Georgia as a representative of the NSRP. The RAY's are currently  
in Georgia with STONER, but the subject is still in the SLMO area.

LEADS

ST. LOUIS

At At. Louis, Mo.

Will contact racial informants re subject.

Will establish whereabouts of subject.

Will request SAC authority to interview RHONDA

GIBSON RAY.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, ST. LOUIS

DATE: 7/8/70

FROM : SAC, KANSAS CITY (105-994) RUC

SUBJECT: NATIONAL STATES RIGHT PARTY  
RM-NSRP  
OO Savannah

Re Savannah letter to Kansas City, 6/12/70,  
copy enclosed herewith for information of St. Louis.

The following investigation was conducted by  
IC WILLIAM C. McDONALD at Jefferson City, Missouri:

On 6/30/70, Missouri Motor Vehicle Department  
records were checked for 1970 Missouri license Z4F-944.  
This license was issued, new 12/16/69, to RHONDA GIBSON,  
2025 Bellevue, St. Louis, Missouri, for a 1966 Lincoln  
four door, VIN 6Y82G400154.

Records reflect the 1966 Lincoln was purchased  
12/11/69, from Pepper Auto Sales, St. Louis, Missouri.  
The sale price is listed as \$1,500.00.

At this time, no operator's license could be  
located that appears to be identical with RHONDA GIBSON,  
St. Louis, Missouri.

LEAD

ST. LOUIS

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

Will obtain background information re GIBSON  
and furnish to Savannah.

2-St. Louis (Enc. *12*) (RM)  
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, ST. LOUIS (157-New) P

DATE: 7/15/70

FROM : SA STANLEY F. JACOBSEN

SUBJECT: RHONDA GIBSON  
RM-NSRP

OO: SL

Re Savannah letter to Kansas City, 6/12/70  
Kansas City letter to St. Louis, 7/8/70

Re Savannah reflects that on 6/8/70, a Lincoln automobile bearing Mo. License Z4F-944 was observed parked in front of the NSRP Headquarters, 8 - 10 Montgonery Crossroads, Savannah, Ga.

Re Kansas City letter indicated that above license is issued to one RHONDA GIBSON, 2025 Bellevue, St. Louis, Mo. for a 1966 Lincoln, four door, VIN 6Y82G400154. Records indicated the car was purchased 12/11/69 from Pepper Auto Sales, St. Louis, Mo. for \$1,500.00.


It is suggested a new 157 case be opened on GIBSON in order to determine her possible connection with the NSRP. It is further suggested that re letters be incorporated into this new file, having previously been directed to 105-1564 (NSRP).

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June 26, 1978

Director, FBI

1 - Legal Counsel Division  
Attention: Mr. Coulson  
1 - Mr. Bailey  
1 - Mr. Foster

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

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

Reference is made to letter to the Attorney General from G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director, HSCA, dated May 3, 1978, which, in connection with the HSCA's investigation into the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., requested certain information in files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

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

Enclosures (2)

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NOTE: Material in Mr. Hoover's official and confidential files concerning King consist of two serials pertaining to authorization of electronic surveillances against King.

ENCLOSURE

Information processed in response to this request was reproduced by personnel of the Special File Room. The majority of this material has already been provided to the HSCA under previous request for security files of King and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. This material, formerly located in the office of the Section Chief and later Unit Chief handling extremist matters, is now located in the Special File Room. 62-117290-980

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- 1 - Legal Counsel Division  
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June 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 May 3, 1978, which, in connection with the HSCA's investigation into the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., requested certain information in files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

Referenced letter requested access to personal and confidential files of 22 FBI former and current employees. No personal or confidential files could be located at FBI Headquarters (FBIHQ) belonging to any of these individuals except J. Edgar Hoover. In these records one file was located labeled Martin Luther King, Jr. This file has been processed and is available for HSCA access at FBIHQ.

Referenced letter also requested access to "some sensitive files in the office of the Section Chief in the FBI Security Division," as referred to in the Department of Justice (DOJ) Task Force Report regarding King. This material has been processed and is available for HSCA access at FBIHQ. It should be noted that a large portion of this material contains the results of electronic surveillance of King. In compliance with a court order in a civil suit brought against the FBI by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), material containing the results of electronic surveillance of King and SCLC was sent to the Archives.

In response to the above, where information is not provided, it is either not retrievable or is not being furnished pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding.

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

SEE NOTE PAGE TWO

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U. S. House of Representatives (HSCA)

NOTE: See Director, FBI, letter to Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch, dated 6/26/78, captioned "House Select Committee on Assassinations, U. S. House of Representatives (HSCA)."

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Select Committee on Assassinations

U.S. House of Representatives

3331 HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING, ANNEX 2  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

May 3, 1978

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Letter #1

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

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

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

In connection with the investigation by this Committee into the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., it is requested that the Federal Bureau of Investigation make available for review by the Committee all documents pertaining to Dr. King and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in the personal and confidential files of the following current or former FBI employees during the period January 1, 1962 to January 1, 1969:

- |                        |                      |
|------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. J. Edgar Hoover     | 12. C. L. McGowan    |
| 2. Alex Rosen          | 13. E. J. McDonough  |
| 3. Fred J. Baumgardner | 14. James Bland      |
| 4. George C. Moore     | 15. Paul Cox         |
| 5. R. E. Long          | 16. Joseph A. Sizoo  |
| 6. Clyde Tolson        | 17. W. L. Martindale |
| 7. Alan Belmont        | 18. Dick Corman      |
| 8. Courtney Evans      | 19. Charles Brennan  |
| 9. Cartha D. DeLoach   | 20. William Forsythe |
| 10. R. E. Wick         | 21. Seymour Phillips |
| 11. James R. Malley    | 22. Thomas Bishop    |

The files of the first nine individuals listed above should be prepared on a priority basis.

It is also requested that the FBI make available the files referred to in the Task Force Report of the Department of Justice on Dr. King at page 11, where reference is made to

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The-Honorable Griffin B. Bell  
May 3, 1978  
Page 2

"Some sensitive files in the office of the Section Chief in the  
FBI Security Division".

Your prompt attention to this matter will be greatly  
appreciated.

Sincerely,



G. Robert Blakey  
Chief Counsel and Director

GRB:med

cc: Danny Coulson

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

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

June 14, 1978

- 1 - Legal Counsel Division  
Attn: Mr. Coulson
- 1 - Mr. Bailey
- 1 - Mr. Foster

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

Reference is made to the letter to the Attorney General from G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director, HSCA, dated June 1, 1978, which requested, in connection with the HSCA's investigation into the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., that three FBI Special Agents be made available for interview.

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)

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NOTE: By memorandum dated June 6, 1978, the current offices of assignment and/or last known addresses of Agents and former Agents, listed in HSCA letter dated June 1, 1978, were set forth and approval was obtained to clear them from their employment agreements and to contact them regarding interview by HSCA.

Arrangements for these interviews are handled informally by representatives of the Legal Liaison and Congressional Affairs Unit and the Congressional Inquiry Unit of FBI Headquarters.

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- 1 - Legal Counsel Division
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- 1 - Mr. Bailey
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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS  
U. S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (HSCA)

Reference is made to the letter to the Attorney General from G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director, HSCA, dated June 1, 1978, which requested, in connection with the HSCA's investigation into the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., that FBI Special Agents George C. Moore, Thomas E. Bishop, and Seymour Phillips be made available for interview by the HSCA.

This memorandum is to confirm that the Agents and former Agents of the FBI, as listed in the above mentioned HSCA letter, have been cleared from their employment agreements and are 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 FBIHQ.

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

NOTE: See Director, FBI, letter to Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch, dated June 14, 1978, captioned as above.

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Select Committee on Assassinations

U.S. House of Representatives  
3331 HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING, ANNEX 2  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

(202) 225-4624

June 1, 1978

The Honorable Griffen 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 circumstances surrounding the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., it is requested that the Federal Bureau of Investigation make the following individuals available for staff interviews:

George C. Moore  
Thomas E. Bishop  
Seymour Phillips

Any steps which can be taken to expedite their clearance for interviews would be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

*G. Robert Blakey*

G. Robert Blakey  
Chief Counsel and Director

cc: Danny Coulson

GRB:kmb

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FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

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

June 14, 1978

- 1 - Legal Counsel Division  
Attn: Mr. Coulson
- 1 - Mr. Bailey
- 1 - Mr. Foster

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

Reference is made to the letter to the Attorney General from G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director, HSCA, dated April 28, 1978, which requested, in connection with the HSCA's investigation into the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., that fourteen (14) current and former Special Agents 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)

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NOTE: By memorandum dated May 16, 1978, Special Agents listed were cleared from their employment agreements.

All current and former Special Agents listed were contacted and advised of the HSCA's interest. Gerald Hamilton, Staff Member, HSCA, was thereafter furnished the telephone numbers of each of those Special Agents with the exception of retired Special Agent Fred J. Baumgardner and Richard William Gorman. These individuals have heart ailments and advised that their doctors did not want them to be interviewed. This information was provided to Hamilton.

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- 1 - Legal Counsel Division  
Attn: Mr. Coulson
- 1 - Mr. Bailey
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June 14, 1978

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

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This memorandum is to confirm that the Agents and former Agents of the FBI mentioned above have been cleared from their employment agreements and are 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.

NOTE: See Director, FBI, letter to Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch, dated June 14, 1978, captioned as above.

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## Select Committee on Assassinations

U.S. House of Representatives

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

April 28, 1978

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 circumstances surrounding the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., it is requested that the Federal Bureau of Investigation make the following individuals available for staff interviews:

- 1) R. E. Long
- 2) E. J. McDonough
- 3) W. L. Martindale
- 4) C. L. McGowan
- 5) James R. Malley
- 6) C. D. DeLoach
- 7) Courtney Evans
- 8) Robert E. Wick
- 9) Fred J. Baumgardner
- 10) Joseph A. Sizoo
- 11) Charles D. Brennan
- 12) James Bland
- 13) Richard William Gorman

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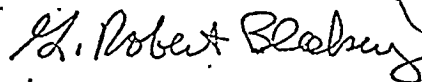
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14) Paul L. Cox

The Committee expects to commence these interviews on or about May 15, 1978. Therefore, it would be greatly appreciated if the Bureau would begin its clearance procedures on a priority basis.

Your continued cooperation is as always appreciated.

Very truly yours,



G. Robert Blakey  
Chief Counsel and Director

GRB:ghd

cc: Danny Coulson

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

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

June 14, 1978

- 1 - Legal Counsel Division  
Attn: Mr. Coulson
- 1 - Mr. Bailey
- 1 - Mr. Foster

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 May 18, 1978, which, in connection with the HSCA's investigation into the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., requested the FBI contact two informants to determine if they would be agreeable to interview by the HSCA.

Enclosed are an original and one copy of a memorandum in response to the above HSCA letter.

Enclosures (2)

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NOTE: The HSCA desires to interview informants who provided information contained in serial 1927 of the King assassination file. This information concerns the whereabouts of White Hate subjects Devours Nix and Samuel Bowers at the approximate time of King's assassination. By teletype dated May 26, 1978, Jackson Office provided the information being furnished to the HSCA.

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June 14, 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 May 18, 1978, which, in connection with the HSCA's investigation into the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., requested the FBI contact two informants to determine if they would be agreeable to interview by the HSCA.

This letter is to confirm that on May 26, 1978, HSCA Staff Member Mark Speiser was advised that one of the informants mentioned above was deceased and that the other, contacted on May 26, 1978, refused to be interviewed by the HSCA. Informant feels that his life would be placed in jeopardy if his identity was made known outside the FBI.

The above information was provided by the Jackson Field Office of the FBI. This letter completes response to HSCA request of May 18, 1978.

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

NOTE: See Director, FBI, letter to Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch, dated June 14, 1978, captioned as above.

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May 18, 1978

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Letter #2

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

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

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

As part of its continuing investigation into the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the House Select Committee on Assassinations hereby requests the Bureau to contact the two informants referenced in the serial listed below to determine if an interview with this Committee can be arranged:

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The informants are referenced on pages 2, 3 and 4 of the above-referenced serial.

Because of recent schedule changes within the Committee's investigation, we ask that these informants be contacted as rapidly as possible, so that an interview can be arranged, with the informants' consent, prior to June 2, 1978.

We appreciate your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

*G. Robert Blakey*

G. Robert Blakey  
Chief Counsel and Director

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cc: Danny Coulson

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

1 - Mr. Bailey  
1 - Legal Counsel Division  
Attn: Mr. Coulson  
1 - Criminal Investigative Division  
June 13, 1978  
Attn: M. V. Hale  
1 - Mr. Foster

Director, FBI **FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

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

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

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

Enclosures (3)

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- 1 - Mr. Foster

Honorable Louis B. Stokes  
Chairman, House Select Committee On  
Assassinations  
Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

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

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

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

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Honorable Louis B. Stokes

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

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

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

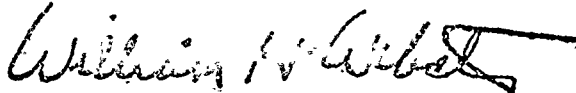
In referenced letter, Mr. Blakey stated the procedure by which he was permitted access to FBIHQ informant files was unacceptable. It should be noted that Mr. Blakey agreed to these conditions, but prior to the review, requested that members of his staff also be given access to these files. Because some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

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

Honorable Louis B. Stokes

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

Sincerely yours,



William H. Webster  
Director

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

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

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

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

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U.S. House of Representatives  
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May 23, 1978

Letter #2

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

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

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

By a letter dated April 12, 1978, the Committee requested that staff be provided access to the "informant files of all informants within the Invaders during 1968 . . .".

~~It is now requested that the Memphis Field Office files for these same informants be prepared for access by the staff.~~

While the Committee feels that the procedure by which I was permitted access to the first set of files was unacceptable and contrary to the Memorandum of Understanding, pending future discussions to arrange to broaden access, this procedure may again be utilized.

It is my understanding that these files will be sanitized only to the extent necessary to protect the identity of the informants.

Again, the Committee reserves the right to request the production of the identity of the informants involved if such is deemed necessary to complete our investigation.

As time is extremely crucial in this matter, your prompt attention in seeing that these files are prepared on a priority basis is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

*G. Robert Blakey*

G. Robert Blakey  
Chief Counsel and Director

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cc: Danny Coulson

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

June 13, 1978

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

- 1 - Legal Counsel Division  
Attn: Mr. Coulson
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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS  
U. S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (HSCA)

Reference is made to the letter to the Attorney General from G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director, HSCA, dated May 17, 1978, which requested, in connection with the HSCA's investigation into the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., access to certain material in the files of FBI Headquarters and whether two specified field offices engaged in any surreptitious entries related to the King case.

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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NOTE: For Item 1 in above-referenced letter, Bufiles 157-5-9 and 157-370-9 were processed for time frame specified.

By Butel May 30, 1978, Chicago and St. Louis were requested to review pertinent files to ascertain whether any surreptitious entries were made with respect to James Earl Ray's relatives. By teletype June 3, 1978, and June 5, 1978, respectively, those offices advised that a file review ascertained that no entries took place.

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All material retrievable for the five individuals specified in Item 3 has been processed and is available for review at FBI Headquarters.

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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS  
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Reference is made to the letter to the Attorney General from G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director, HSCA, dated May 17, 1978, which requested, in connection with the HSCA's investigation into the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., certain material from the files of FBI Headquarters (FBIHQ) and specified field offices. Specifically, access was requested to material on the United Klans of America (UKA) operating in Chicago and the following individuals: John Acord, James R. Sneed, Robert Wyckoff, Mark Boutwell, and Mrs. (FNU) Reneau. The HSCA requested, additionally, that it be ascertained whether any surreptitious entries were conducted or attempted by the St. Louis and Chicago Field Offices with respect to the premises or residences of Carol Pepper, John Ray, and/or Jerry Ray.

This memorandum is to advise that the material on the UKA, John Acord, Robert Wyckoff, Mark Boutwell, and Mrs. (FNU) Reneau, has been processed and is available for review at FBIHQ. Based upon the information furnished, no material was located regarding James R. Sneed, within the time frame specified.

The Chicago and St. Louis Field Offices advised by teletypes dated June 3, 1978, and June 5, 1978, respectively, that a review of pertinent files failed to reveal any evidence of surreptitious entries as specified above. A copy of each of the above-mentioned teletypes is available for review at FBIHQ.

This memorandum completes the response to the HSCA request dated May 17, 1978. Where information is not furnished, it is because it is either not retrievable or it is subject 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  
June 13, 1978, captioned as above.

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## Select Committee on Assassinations

U.S. House of Representatives

3331 HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING, ANNEX 2

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

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May 17, 1978

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

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

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

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

- 1) Access to BUFILE and all Subfiles pertaining to the United Klans of America operating in Chicago for the period 1967 - 1968.
- 2) Written response to the question of whether the Field Offices of St. Louis and/or Chicago made any attempts at surreptitious entry, or in fact succeeded at surreptitiously entering the residences or the premises owned or leased by Carol Pepper, John Ray, and/or Jerry Ray?
- 3) Access to all BUFILE and Subfiles on the following:
  - a. JOHN ACORD, 1968 President of the American-Southern African Council at 800 4th Street, S. W., Washington, D. C.

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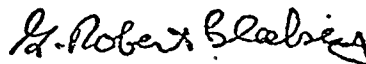
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The Honorable Griffin B. Bell  
May 17, 1978  
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- b. JAMES R. SNEED, aka J. R. Sneed, aka Robert Sneed, 1968 Chairman, Orange County Chapter of the Friends of Rhodesia, P. O. Box 613, Garden Grove, California. 1968 home address: near Haworth and Fountain, Hollywood, California. 1967 address: Friends of Rhodesia, Room 603, Hayworth Tower, 1314 North Hayworth, Los Angeles, California.
- c. ROBERT WYCKOFF, founded the Orange County (California) Chapter of the Friends of Rhodesia.
- d. MARK BOUTWELL, 1968: Central California Committee of Friends of Rhodesia.
- e. MRS. (FNU) RENEAU, 1968 Chairman of the El Monte Chapter of the Friends of Rhodesia, 11913 Roséglen Street, El Monte, California.

As time is of the utmost importance, your prompt attention to these matters is appreciated.

Sincerely,



G. Robert Blakey  
Chief Counsel and Director

GRB:ghd

cc: Danny Coulson

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

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

June 12, 1978

- 1 - Legal Counsel Division  
Attn: Mr. Coulson
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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS  
U. S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (HSCA)

Reference is made to the letter to the Attorney General from G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director, HSCA, dated June 2, 1978, which requested, in connection with the HSCA's investigation into the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., certain material in FBI Headquarters files.

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)

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NOTE: This request was handled on a highest priority basis, as requested by Mr. G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director, HSCA.

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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS  
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Reference is made to the letter to the Attorney General from G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director, HSCA, dated June 2, 1978, which requested, in connection with the HSCA's investigation into the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., all files pertaining to the following individuals: John H. Sutherland, Beulah Kauffmann, John R. Kauffman, Dr. Hugh W. Maxey, and John Paul Spica.

This memorandum is to confirm a telephone call to HSCA Staff Member Barbara Mosley, on June 9, 1978, advising that files of FBI Headquarters (FBIHQ) contain no identifiable information on John H. Southerland, Beulah Kauffmann, John R. Kauffman, and Dr. Hugh W. Maxey and that retrievable information on John Paul Spica is available for HSCA review at FBIHQ.

Where information is not provided, it is either not retrievable or is not being furnished pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding.

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

NOTE: See Director, FBI, letter to Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch, dated June 12, 1978, captioned as above.

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U.S. House of Representatives

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

June 2, 1978

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

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

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

In connection with this Committee's investigation into the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., your assistance is requested in obtaining all files pertaining to the following individuals:

- a) John H. Sutherland, DOB 10/19/05
- b) Beulah Kauffmann (Skaggs), DOB 4/26/25
- c) John R. Kauffman, DOB 3/07/04
- d) Dr. Hugh W. Maxey, DOB 11/8/1893
- e) John Paul Spica, DOB 1/28/37

Your efforts in assisting us in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

*G. Robert Blakey*

G. Robert Blakey  
Chief Counsel and Director

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✓ cc: Danny Coulson

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July 5, 1978

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

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

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

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

1. Prepare for priority access all BUFILE and related Field Office files pertaining to Rhonda Gibson, aka Veronica Strothers. (1965 to present) Date of birth: 7/19/47. mej
2. Prepare for access the San Antonio Field Office files pertaining to MURKIN.
3. Make available for interview SA William John Nolan and SA Thomas H. Weaver.
4. Prepare for delivery:
  - (a) Memphis UKA serials: 105-566-1014 A  
 105-566-6264  
 105-566-6271  
 105-566-6230
  - (b) Miami UKA serial: 157-370-29-200
  - (c) Minutemen serial: 100-449934-19 re: List of Minutemen obtained DePugh 7/16/69.

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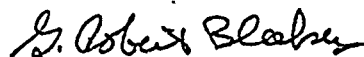
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As time is of the utmost importance in these matters, we would solicit your prompt attention to this request.

Sincerely,



G. Robert Blakey  
Chief Counsel and Director

GRB:ghd

cc: Danny Coulson

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

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

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 April 21, 1978, which requested certain material from the files of FBI Headquarters concerning the Invaders.

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

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NOTE: The Invaders was a Memphis youth gang, members of which became involved in violence during the Sanitation Workers' Strike in Memphis at the time Martin Luther King was assassinated. The Invaders file at FBI Headquarters was previously made available to the Committee based upon its request of 12/30/76. Referenced letter asked for delivery of two serials from this material. Serials contain membership list of the Invaders during 1968-1969.

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- 1 - Legal Counsel Division  
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May 5, 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 April 21, 1978, which requested certain material from the files of FBI Headquarters concerning the Invaders.

On April 24, 1978, HSCA representatives Floyd Reeves and Robert Walker corrected the above request by stating that the serials desired by the Committee in the Invaders file were 157-8460-33, pages 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 and 157-8460-7, pages 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15. This letter is to confirm that appropriate pages of these two documents were delivered to Mr. Reeves and Mr. Walker on April 24, 1978, at FBI Headquarters. This delivery completes response to HSCA letter of April 21, 1978.

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

NOTE: See Director, FBI, letter to Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch, dated 5/5/78, captioned "House Select Committee on Assassinations, U. S. House of Representatives (HSCA)."

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April 21, 1978

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

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

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

We respectfully request that the House Select Committee on Assassinations be provided with the following:

Pages -- 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12,  
13, 14, and 15, of the Invaders  
File #157 -8460, Section 3, Serial ~~27~~ <sup>7</sup>

Pages -- 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 of  
File #157 -8460, Section 1, Serial ~~10~~ <sup>33</sup>

Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,  
*G. Robert Blakey*  
G. Robert Blakey  
Chief Counsel and Director

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cc: Danny Coulson

*Delivered to HSCA staffers  
FLOYD L. REEVES and ROBERT J. WALKER  
on 4/24/78 at 12:30 P.*

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

Director, FBI

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1 - Mr. Bailey  
1 - Legal Counsel Division  
Attn: Mr. Coulson  
1 - Mr. Foster  
June 23, 1978

1 - Mr. Busching

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 June 7, 1978, which, in connection with the HSCA's investigation into the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., requested access to information at FBI Headquarters concerning Ralph Nickerson.

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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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 June 7, 1978, which, in connection with the HSCA's investigation into the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., requested access to all information in FBI Headquarters files concerning Ralph Nickerson. The following identifying data was furnished regarding Nickerson:

NAME: Ralph Nickerson  
 RACE: White Male  
 AGE: Approximately age 45  
 BACKGROUND: Possible Scotch/American Indian parentage  
 HEIGHT: 5'10"  
 HAIR COLOR: Dark  
 D.O.B.: Unknown  
 SS#: Unknown  
 OTHER INFORMATION: Possible arrest record from Fulton County, Georgia, Sheriff's Office on charges of assault.

Based on the above identifying data, no identifiable information concerning Nickerson was located in FBI Headquarters files.

Assoc. Dir. \_\_\_\_\_ ORIGINAL AND ONE SENT TO ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL, CRIMINAL DIVISION,  
 Dep. AD Adm. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dep. AD Inv. \_\_\_\_\_ ATTENTION: MR. ROBERT L. KEUCH.

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 Adm. Servs. \_\_\_\_\_ NOTE: See Director, FBI, letter to Assistant Attorney General, Criminal  
 Crim. Inv. \_\_\_\_\_ Division, Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch, dated June 23, 1978, captioned  
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The Honorable Griffin Bell,  
Attorney General of the United States  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch  
Deputy Assistant Attorney General  
Criminal Division, Room 1123

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

In connection with this Committee's investigation into the circumstances surrounding the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., it is requested that all information concerning the following individual be made available on a priority basis for our review:

NAME: Ralph Nickerson  
RACE: White Male  
AGE: Approximately age 45

BACKGROUND: Possible Scotch/American Indian parentage

HEIGHT: 5' 10"

HAIR COLOR: Dark

D.O.B.: Unknown

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OTHER INFORMATION: Possible arrest record from Fulton County, Ga. Sheriff's Office on charges of assault.

It is hoped that your response to this matter is received at the earliest convenience.

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As always, your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

*G. Robert Blakey*

G. Robert Blakey  
Chief Counsel and Director

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GRB:bmb

cc: Danny Coulson

- 1 - Legal Counsel Division  
(Attn: D.O. Coulson)
- 1 - Mr. W. L. Bailey
- 1 - Mr. G. J. Foster

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

July 11, 1978

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Director, FBI

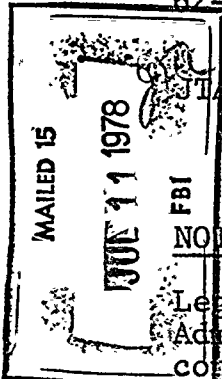
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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS  
U. S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (HSCA)

Reference is made to letter to the Attorney General from G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director, HSCA, dated June 13, 1978, which, in connection with the HSCA's investigation into the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., requested that former Special Agent D. M. Wells be made available for interview by the HSCA.

Enclosed are an original and one copy of a memorandum in response to referenced HSCA letter. It is requested that you furnish a copy of the enclosed memorandum to the HSCA. *af*

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NOTE: Former SA Wells resides in the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, area. He was cleared from his employment agreement by Legal Counsel Division memorandum to the Assistant Director, Administrative Services Division, dated 6/22/78. He has been contacted by the Congressional Inquiry Unit and will be

Assoc. Dir. \_\_\_\_\_ afforded a briefing prior to interview by a representative  
Dep. AD Adm. \_\_\_\_\_ of the Legal Liaison and Congressional Affairs Unit, Legal  
Dep. AD Inv. \_\_\_\_\_ Counsel Division.

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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 June 13, 1978, which, in connection with the HSCA's investigation into the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., requested that former Special Agent D. M. Wells be made available for interview by the HSCA.

This letter is to confirm that former Special Agent Dwight M. Wells has been cleared from his employment agreement and is available for interview by the HSCA. Arrangements for his interview can be coordinated with representatives of the Congressional Inquiry Unit, Records Management Division, and the Legal Liaison and Congressional Affairs Unit, Legal Counsel Division, FBI Headquarters.

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

NOTE: See letter to the Assistant Attorney General,  
Criminal Division, attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch,  
dated 7/11/78, captioned as above.

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June 13, 1978

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 its investigation into the circumstances surrounding the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., it would be appreciated if D. M. Wells, formerly with the Headquarters Racial Intelligence Section, could be made available for immediate interview.

Your cooperation and assistance is greatly appreciated in this matter.

Sincerely,

*G. Robert Blakey*

G. Robert Blakey  
Chief Counsel and Director

GRB:ghd

cc: Danny Coulson

LETTER WILLIAM ENG. TO  
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