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VOTER REGISTRATION ACTIVITIES, NESHOBA COUNTY, MISS.

ON SEPT. SEVENTEEN LAST, SHERIFF LAWRENCE ANDREW RAINEY, NESHOBA COUNTY, ADVISED BUAGENT THAT IT WAS NORMAL PRACTICE AT NESHOBA COUNTY TO CLOSE VOTERS REGISTRATION FOR NESHOBA COUNTY DURING THE PERIOD THAT THE CIRCUIT COURT SITS AT PHILADELPHIA, MISS. HE STATED AN ORDER TO THIS EFFECT WAS BEING DRAWN UP FOR THE CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE TO SIGN.

ON SEPT. SEVENTEEN LAST, **Contraction Contraction** Cofd, PHILADELPHIA, MISS., DIRECTOR OF VOTER REGISTRATION, WAS ADVISED OF THE ABOVE INFORMATION BY BUAGENT. 67^C

ON SEPT. NINETEEN, TWENTY, AND TWENTYONE, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NESHOBA COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE, SPECIFICALLY DEPUTY SHERIFF CECIL PRICE, ADVISED COFO HEADQUARTERS IN PHILADELPHIA, MISS., THAT NO REGISTRATION FOR VOTERS WOULD BE ALLOWED UNTIL AFTER CIRCUIT COURT HAD COMPLETED ITS DOCKET, WHICH WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY TEN DAYS FROM THE DATE COURT STARTED.

ON SEPT. TWENTYONE INSTANT, COUNTY ATTORNEY RAYFORD JONES, ADVISED BUAGENT THAT AN ORDER HAD BEEN ISSUED BY CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE DENYING ANYONE THE RIGHT TO REGISTER TO VOTE IN NESHOBA COUNTY UNTIL THE CIRCUIL COURT HAD COMPLETED ITS SITTING AT PHILADELPHIA, MISS., DUE TO THE FACT THAT ONLY ONE PERSON IS QUALIFIED REGISTRAR, THAT BEING CIRCUIT CLERK OF COURT.

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TWO GROUPS OF NEGROES, TOTALING SIX, ACCOMPANIED BY COFO WORKERS, APPEARED AT NESHOBA COUNTY COURTHOUSE AM THIS DATE. THEY WERE ADVISED BY DEPUTY SHERIFF CECIL RAY PRICE THAT THE CIRCUIT JUDGE HAD ISSUED AN ORDER THAT VOTER REGISTRATION WAS CLOSED AS LONG AS THE CIRCUIT COURT WAS IN SESSION. HE EXPLAINED THIS WAS DUE TO THE FACT THAT THERE IS ONLY ONE CIRCUIT COURT CLERK WHO HANDLES VOTER REGISTRATION. POTENTIAL REGISTRANTS LEFT THE COURTHOUSE STEPS WITHOUT INCIDENT. ON HAND WERE CITY POLICE, DEPUTY SHERIFF PRICE, NESHOBA COUNTY AUXILIARY POLICE, AND MISS. HIGHWAY SAFETY PATROLMEN.

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING VOTER REGISTRATION ATTEMPT BY COFO WORKERS AND SIX NEGROES AT NESHOBA COUNTY COURTHOUSE,

THAT THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS OF THOSE ATTEMPTING TO REGISTER HAD BEEN DENIED WHEN THEY WERE DENIED ENTRANCE TO THE COURTHOUSE AND STATED HE <u>QUOTE</u>" WOULD LIKE SOME TYPE OF ACTION TAKEN BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

THE COURT ORDER, AND STATED THAT COFO ATTORNEY **CONTINUED** WAS BEING DIRECTED TO THE CLERK OF COURTS OFFICE TO SECURE SAME. 67C

ON SEPT. TWENTYONE, INSTANT, DEPUTY SHERIFF PRICE AND COUNTY ATTORNEY RAYFORD JONES ADVISED BUAGENTS THAT CONCERNE TO CIRCUIT COURT CLERKS OFFICE AND DEMANDED A COPY OF THE ORDER, WHICH HE WAS DENIED, BUT WHICH WAS READ TO HIM. A COPY OF THE ORDER WAS DENIED, INASMUCH AS THESE MUST BE OBTAINED BY ORDER OF THE CIRCUIT JUDGE, WHO HAD DEPARTED FOR LUNCH. $b7^{\circ}$ END PAGE THREE

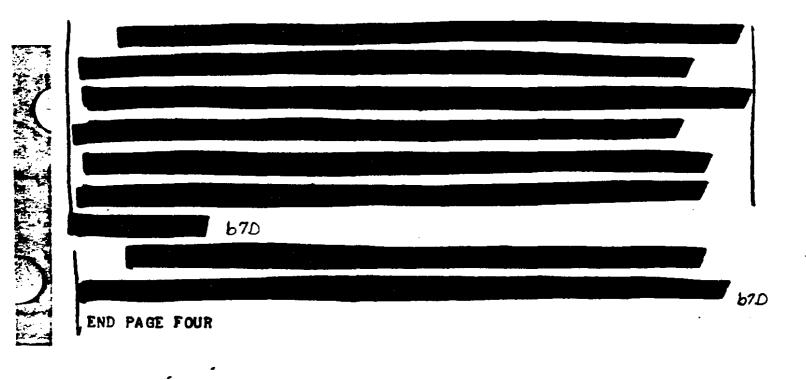
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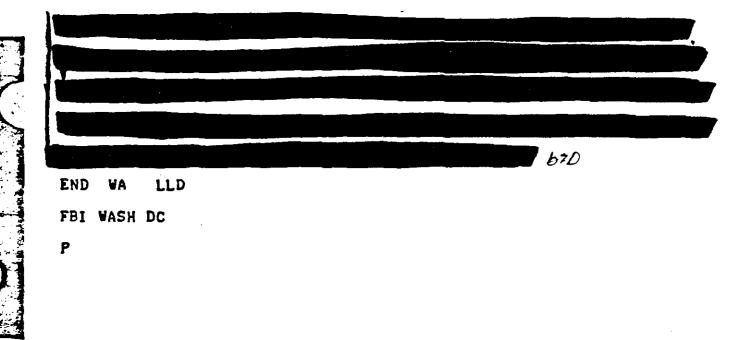
PRICE ON SEPT. TWENTYONE INSTANT THAT AN ADDITIONAL ATTEMPT TO REGISTER VOTERS AT NESHOBA COUNTY WOULD BE MADE IN AM OF SEPT. TWENTYTWO NEXT. PRICE ADVISED THAT CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE, NESHOBA COUNTY, INSTRUCTED HIM THAT ANY PERSON ATTEMPTING TO REGISTER AT THE CIRCUIT CLERK OF COURT OFFICE ON SEPT. TWENTYTWO NEXT OR ANY SUBSEQUENT DATE DURING THE SITTING OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AT NESHOBA COUNTY, IS TO BE ARRESTED FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT.

THE ABOVE INFORMATION CONCERNING THE ARREST WAS FURNISHED COFO HEADQUARTERS, PHILADELPHIA, MISS., BY BUAGENTS SEPT. TWENTYONE INSTANT, AND THEY ADVISED THAT THEY WOULD ATTEMPT TO REGISTER ADDITIONAL WORKERS. REGISTRATION ATTEMPTS WILL BE OBSERVED BY BUAGENTS.

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TO SAC JACKSON (44-1) PROM DIRECTOR PBI (44-25706)

CIVIL DIVISION OF DEPARTMENT ADVISED FOLLOWING PLANS HAVE BEEN FOR MADE RELATIVE TO SUBPOENAS SERVED ON BUREAU PERSONNEL CALLING/THEIR APPEARANCE BEFORE LOCAL GRAND JURY AT PHILADELPHIA, MISSISSIPPI, NINE TWENTY EIGHT SIXTY FOUR:

U. S. ATTORNEY AT JACKSON WILL ATTEMPT TO ARRANGE MEETING WITH JUDGE O. H. BARNETT, SATURDAY OR SUNDAY. DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY, HOWARD E. SHAPIRO, U. S. ATTORNEY AND PROBABLY RAIFORD JONES WILL BE PRESENT AT THIS MEETING AT WHICH TIME ATTEMPT WILL BE MADE TO HAVE JUDGE WITHDRAM SUBPOENAS.

IF THIS ATTEMPT UNSUCCESSFUL, BUREAU AGENTS ACCOMPANIED BY USA AND SHAPIRO WILL APPEAR PHILADELPHIA COURT HOUSE. NINE O'CLOCK A. M., NINE TWENTY BIGHT SIXTY FOUR AT WHICH TIME USA AND SHAPIRO WILL MOVE TO HAVE SUBPOENAS QUASHED OR MODIFIED SO BUREAU AGENTS CANNOT TESTIFY TO ANY OFFICIAL INVESTIGATION. IF THIS ATTEMPT UNSUCCESSFUL, AGENTS WILL APPEAR BEFORE GRAND JURY WHEN CALLED AND n hE ØF a 570 Mohr Савр Calles Del.ogch SEP 281964 Evans 5 1964 Gele Sulliva HFRTavel Holme PE UNIT

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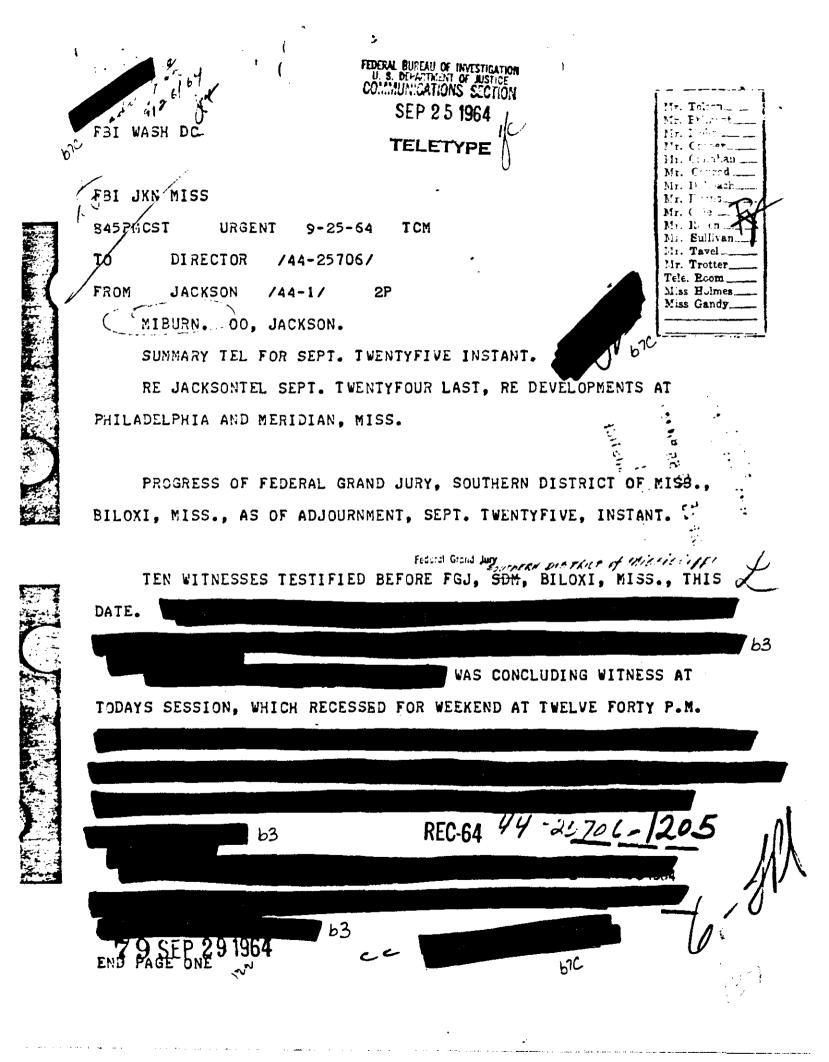
DECLINE TO FURNISH ANY INFORMATION IN LINE WITH INSTRUCTIONS OF DEPARTMENT. IF AGENTS THEN BROUGHT BEFORE JUDGE BARNETT, THEY ARE TO MAINTAIN SAME POSITION AND CITE DEPARTMENTAL INSTRUCTIONS.

IF JUDGE RULES AGENTS TO BE IN CONTEMPT AND LEVIES A FINE, IMPOSITION OF FINE WILL BE IMMEDIATELY APPEALED. IF JUDGE WANTS AGENTS HELD IN CONTEMPT AND ASKS THAT THEY BE DETAINED IN JAIL, DEPARTMENT WILL HAVE APPROPRIATE LEGAL PAPERS AT BILOXI, MISSISSIPPI, AND DEPARTMENT WILL IMMEDIATELY OBTAIN A WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS FROM FEDERAL JUDGE SIDNEY MIZE TO HAVE AGENTS RELEASED.

DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY SHAPIRO TENTATIVELY DESIRES TO MEET WITH ALL BUREAU PERSONNEL WHO HAVE BEEN SUBPOENAED ON SUNDAY, NINE TWENTYSEVEN SIXTYFOUR. INSURE ALL BUREAU FERSONNEL WHO HAVE BEEN SUBPOENAED ARE AVAILABLE FOR FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS. SHAPIRO SHOULD CONTACT JACKSON AND COMPLETE ARRANGEMENTS WITH SAC MOORE IN ORDER TO AVOID UNNECESSARY TRAVEL AND CONFUSION.

INSURE ALL PERSONNEL HAVE LOCAL SUBPOENAS IN THEIR POSSESSION.

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RE NESHOBA COUNTY GRAND JURY.

ON SEPT. TWENTYFIVE INSTANT, SA **CALIFORNIA (1997)** IN THE PRESENCE OF RAYFORD JONES, COUNTY ATTORNEY, NESHOBA COUNTY, ADVISED CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE O.H. BARNETT THAT MR. BURKE MARSHALL, ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL, CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, HAD REQUESTED THAT JUDGE BARNETT BE ADVISED THAT THE SAS OF THE FBI CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION PERTAINING TO THE THREE MURDERED CIVIL RIGHTS WORKERS WOULD NOT HONOR NESHOBA COUNTY SUEPOENAS FOR SEPT. TWENTYEIGHT, NEXT. JUDGE BARNETT STATED THAT HE DID NOT DESIRE TO ACCEPT A VERBAL DECLINATION, BUT DESIRED THAT AN OFFICIAL OF THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT APPEAR ON BEHALF OF THE SAS, BEFORE THE NESHOBA COUNTY GRAND JURY AT HIS COURT OF SEPT. TWENTYEIGHT NEXT, CONCERNING WHY THE FBI AGENTS WOULD NOT APPEAR.

JUDGE BARNETT HAD NO CRITISM CONCERNING THE FBI OR ITS INVESTIGATION.

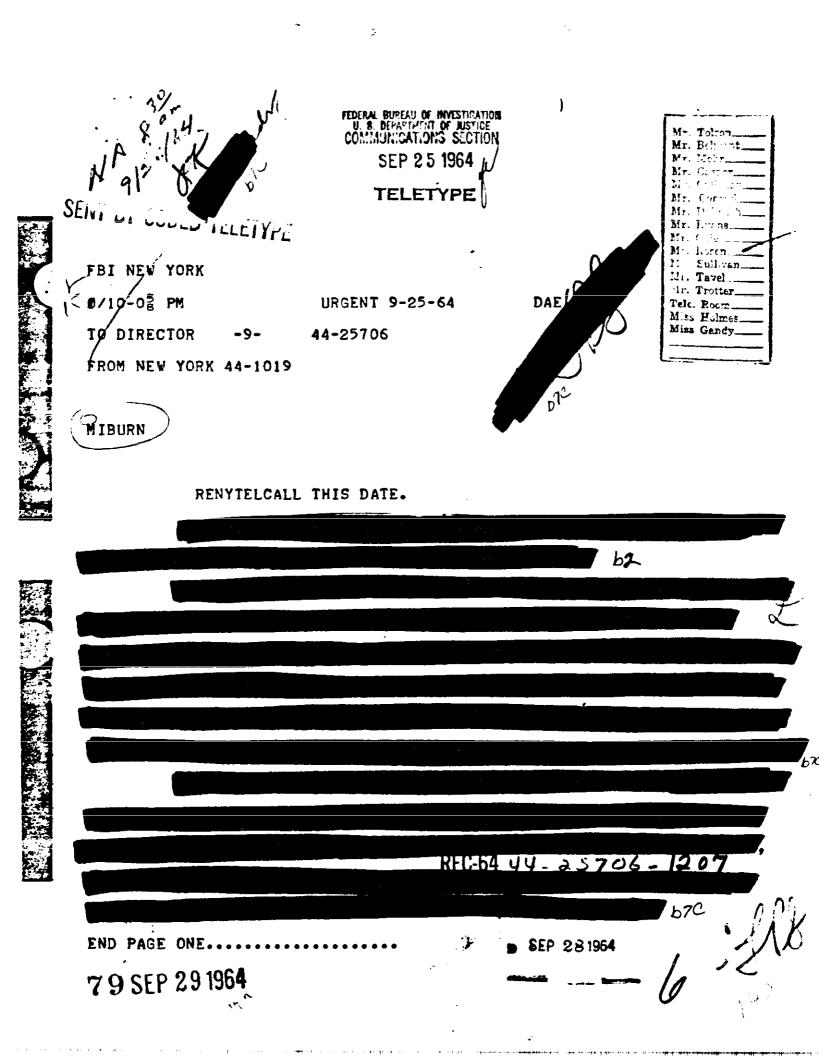
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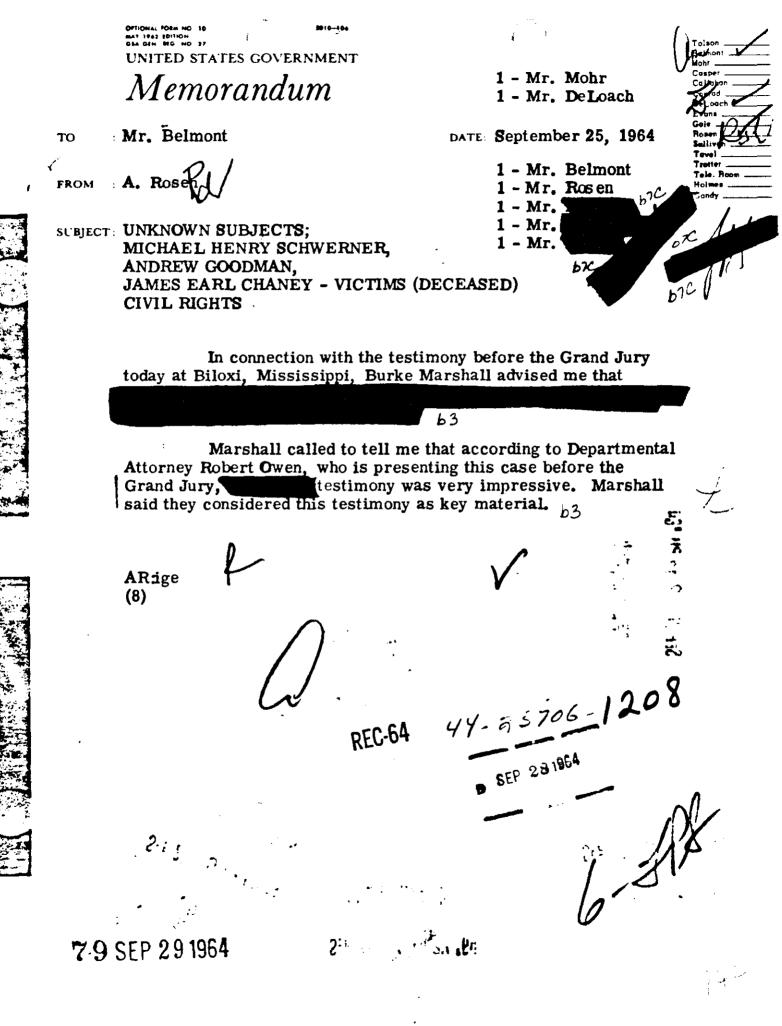
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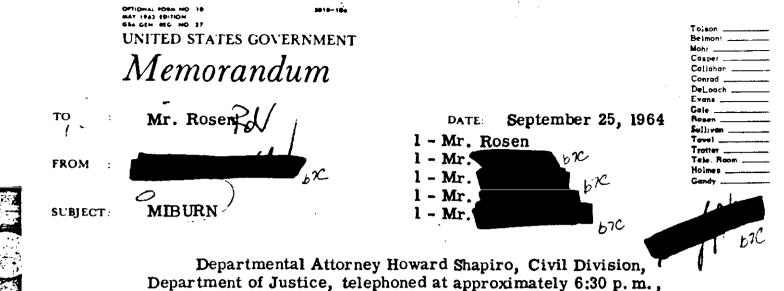
With reference to subpoenas directed to Bureau Agents to testify before Neshoba County Grand Jury, Departmental Attorney Howard Shaplro, Civil Division, has advised that he and USA Hauberg ARE scheduled to confer on 9-27-64, at Carthage, Mississippi, with Judge Barnett, Rayford Jones, Neshoba County District Attorney and W. H. Johnson, District Attorney Eighth Judicial District. At that time efforts will be made to have Judge Barnett release the Agents from the subpoenas.

If Judge Barnett refuses to do so, the Agents, represented by Shapero and USA Haubergen will honor the subpoenas by appearing but will, on the advise of the Acting Attorney General, respectfully decline to testify.

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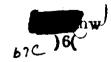
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bepartment of Justice, telephoned at approximately 6:30 p.m., this date, in connection with subpoenas directed to our Agents to testify before a grand jury, Neshoba County, Mississippi, on 9-28-64. He stated that he had arranged to confer at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, 9-27-64, at Carthage, Mississippi, with U. S. Attorney Hauberg, Biloxi, Mississippi; Judge Barnett, Eighth Judicial District, State of Mississippi; W. H. Johnson, Jr., District Attorney of Eighth Judicial District; and Rayford Jones, Neshoba County District Attorney, in an effort to avoid having Agents answer the subpoenas.

Mr. Shapiro suggested that prior arrangements for him to confer with the Jackson Agents who were subpoenaed at 4:00 p.m., 9-27-64, at Meridian, be set aside at this time. He indicated that he expected to fly to Jackson the evening of 9-26-64, and that he would get in contact with SAC Roy Moore Sunday is so that he can make further arrangements dependent on the results of his conference with the aforementioned individuals at Carthage, Mississippi.

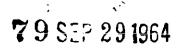
During a telephonic contact with SAC Moore on another matter at approximately 8:00 p.m., 9-25-64, he was advised that Mr. Shapiro would arrive in Jackson and would contact him concerning this matter.

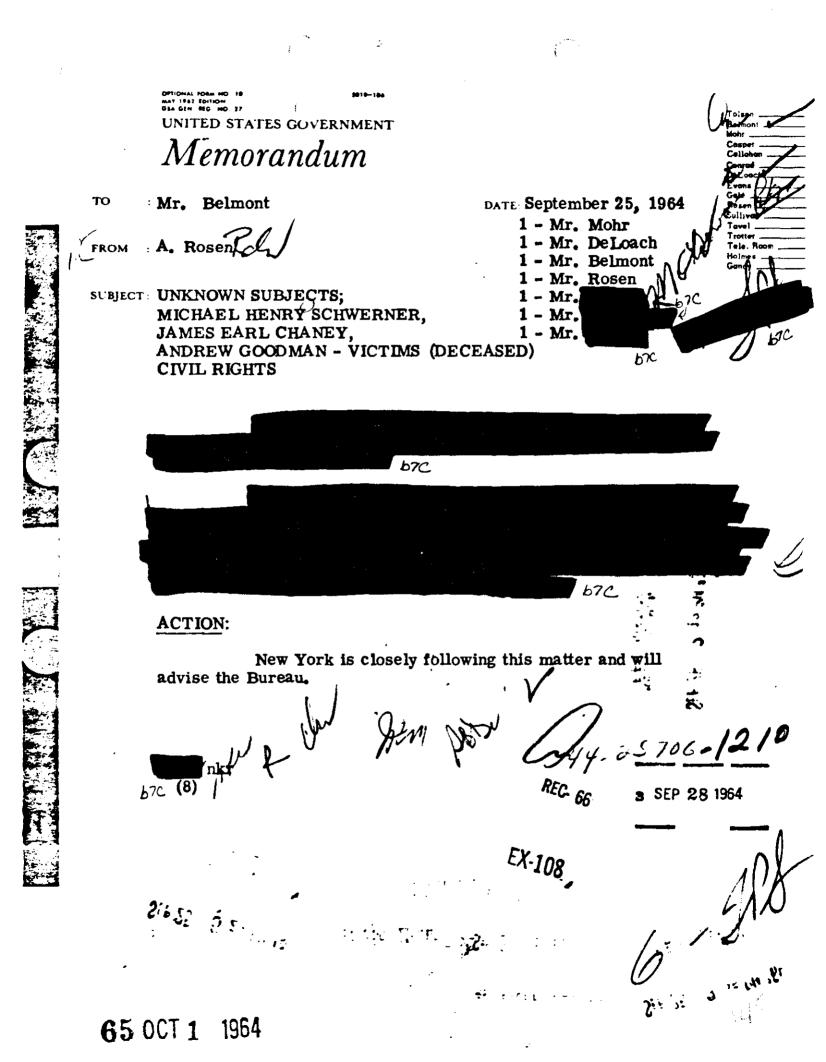


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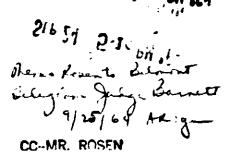
YOU ARE RESPECTFULLY REQUESTED TO INSTRUCT ALL OF YOUR AGENTS THAT HAVE INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEATH OF THREE CIVIL RIGHTS WORKERS WHOSE BODIES WERE FOUND IN NESHOBA, COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN AUGUST TO APPEAR IN PERSON AT THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN PHILADELPHIA , MISSISSIPPI, AT NINE OCLOCK A.M., MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 1964, PREPARED TO TESTIFY BEFORE A GRAND JURY ABOUT THIS MATTER

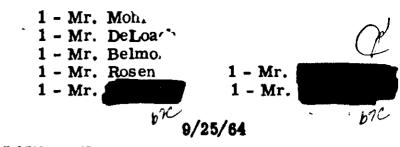
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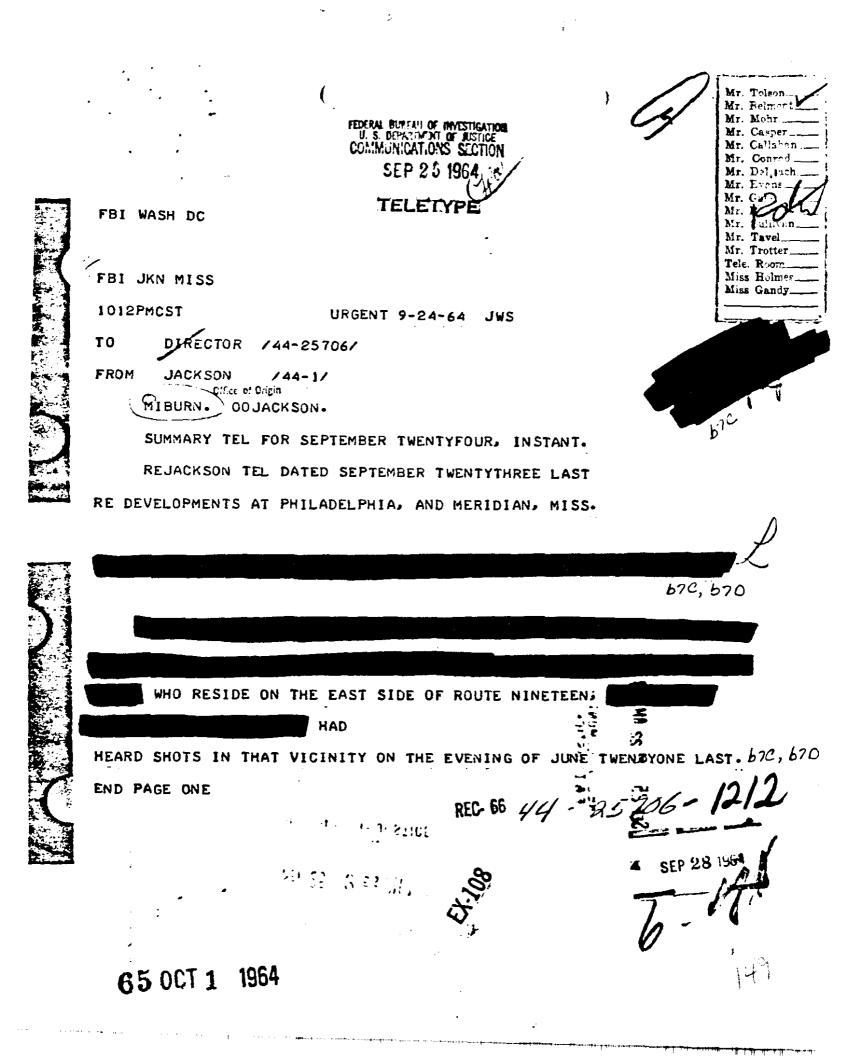
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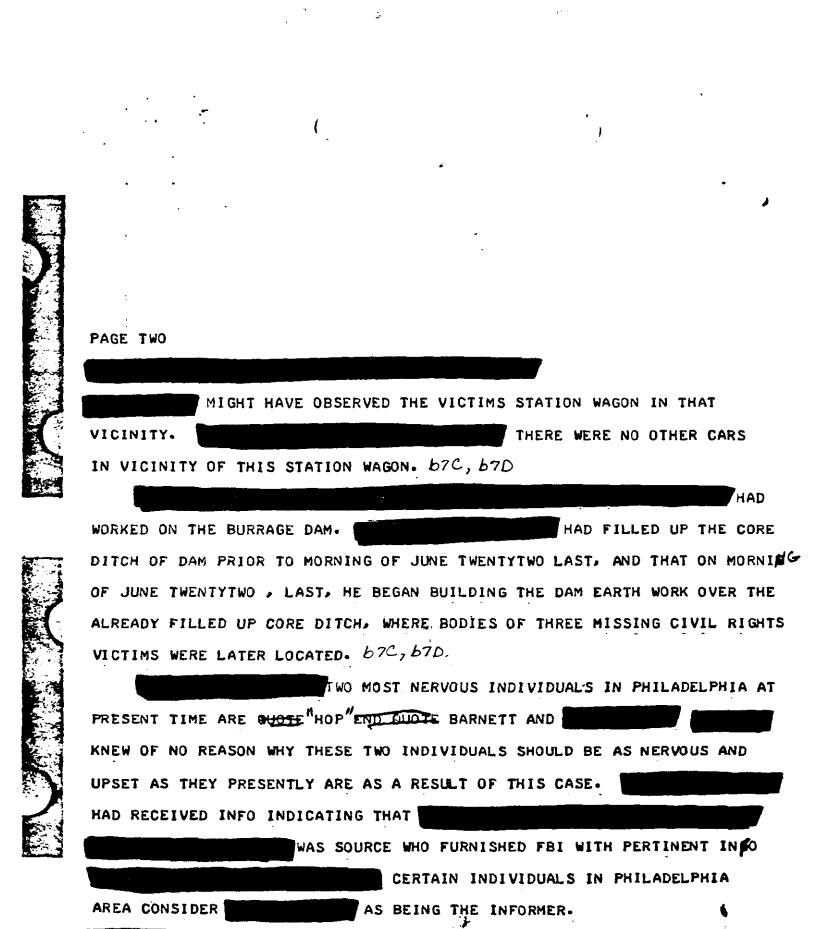
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MRS. MINNIE HERRING, IN INTERVIEW ADVISEDSEPTEMBER TWENTYFOUR INSTANT THAT IT WAS NOT NECESSARY TO CLEAR WITH JUSTICE OF PEACE BEFORE RELEASING SPEEDERS SUCH AS CHANEY AND HIS ASSOCIATES IN NORMAL NESHOBA COUNTY PROCEEDINGS, THAT A SCHEDULE OF FINES FOR SPEEDING VIOLATIONS WAS POSTED IN THE JAIL AREA WHERE THE BOOKS AND RECORDS WERE KEPT, AND THIS WAS USED AS A GUIDE IN SETTING BAIL OR ASSESSING FINES IN THE ABSENCE OF THE JUSTICE OF PEACE. THIS INFO WAS CHECKED AND VERIFIED. 63

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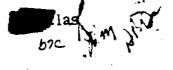
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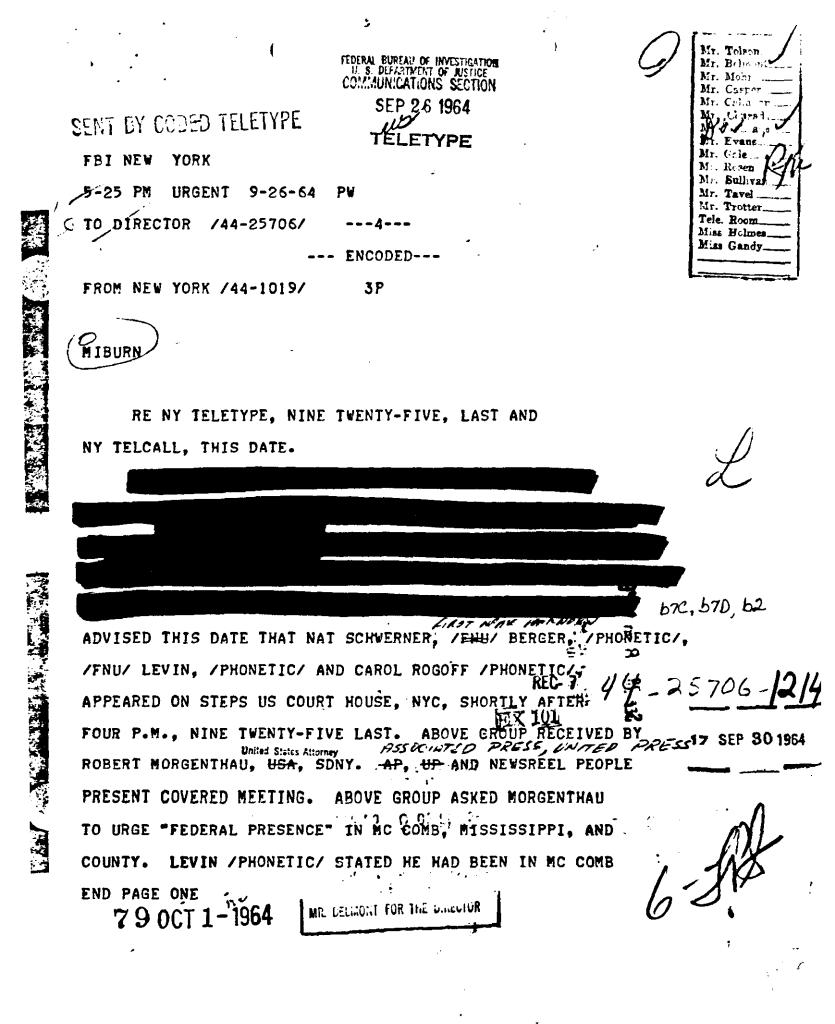
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Miburn is code name of case involving the three civil rights workers whose bodies were found by FBI 8-4-64. Information received

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Victims in Miburn case arrested 6-21-64 at Philadelphia, Mississippi, by local authorities and subsequently reported as missing later that day. Civil Rights Division aware of matter and requested no FBI investigation until afternoon 6-22-64. Prior to receiving this request, no basis for FBI inquiry as no reason to believe victims other than missing persons. Other publicity seekers have alleged in press that Agent stated FBI force in McComb reduced from 16 to 4 men. Allegation checked out and no truth to tt.





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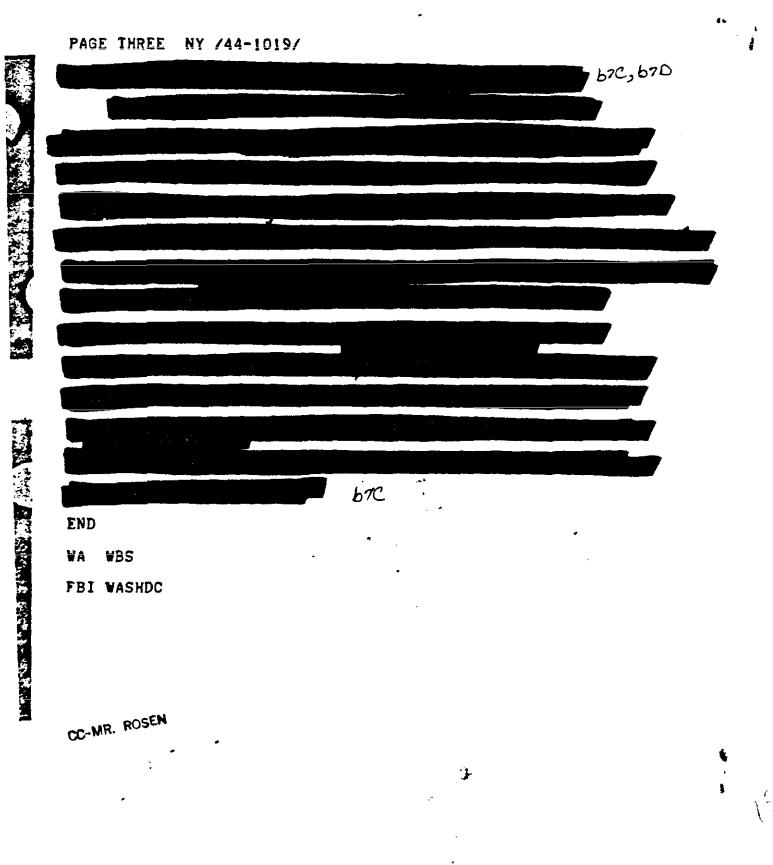
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ACTION TAKEN:

Upon receipt of this Western Union telegram, the matter was ^b brought personally to the attention of Burke Marshall. Mr. Marshall has prepared an approved reply to the Judge. A copy of the draft is attached.

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It appears to be acceptable and reads as follows:

"Honorable O. H. Barnett Circuit Judge Philadelphia, Mississippi

testify before a grand jury about this matter.

-25706-1215 "FBI Agents referred to in your telegram will be unable to testify before State Grand Jury at this time regarding death of three civil rights workers, as they have been instructed 17 SEP 30 1964 by the Acting Attorney General not to disclose before that grand jury any information relating to material or information contained in the files of the Department of Justice, or any

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; MICHAEL HENRY SCHWERNER, ET AL.

information obtained in connection with any official Department of Justice investigation. In the circumstances, I assume the Agents will be excused from appearing before grand jury on Monday. Respectfully yours,

> "J. Edgar Hoover Director, FBI"

We have also received information from Mr. Marshall's office that Katzenbach has also received a telegram from the Judge requesting the appearance of the Agents and that he intends to reply to the effect that he has instructed the FBI not to disclose any information to the grand jury.

marshall mentioned that the telegram itself does not appear to have any legal obligation to comply as such; nevertheless he agrees that an answer should be prepared.

In addition to the above request of the Judge, we, of course, have specific subpoenas which have been issued against nine Special Agents, including The Department is preparing appropriate legal answers with reference to these individual subpoenas. We have not been advised of the exact language which they intend to use; however, this will be made available to us today inasmuch as the appearance of the Agents is called for September 28, 1964. b^{2C}

ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

1. If approved, the attached telegram to the Judge should be sent to the Judge in accordance with the language used by the Department.

2. We will follow the Department for their answers concerning the specific subpoenas which have been issued.

You will be advised of further developments.

HONORABLE O. H. BARNETT CIRCUIT JUDGE PHILADELPHIA, MISSISSIPPI

FBI AGENTS REFERRED TO IN YOUR TELEGRAM WILL BE UNABLE TO TESTIFY BEFORE STATE GRAND JURY AT THIS TIME REGARDING DEATH OF THREE CIVIL RIGHTS WORKERS, AS THEY HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED BY THE ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL NOT TO DISCLOSE BEFORE THAT GRAND JURY ANY INFORMATION RELATING TO MATERIAL OR INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE FILES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OR ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED IN CONNECTION WITH ANY OFFICIAL DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE INVESTIGATION. IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES, I ASSUME THE AGENTS WILL BE EXCUSED FROM APPEARING BEFORE GRAND JURY ON MONDAY. RESPECTFULLY YOURS.

> J. EDGAR HOOVER DIRECTOR, FBI 44-25706-1-1-

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GENERAL INVESTIGA ... VE DIVISION

In connection with the Schwerner, Et. Al. case at Biloxi, a conference with the state judge is to be held Sunday afternoon. The Department attorneys feel that the attached statement should be used in discussing matter with judge. He may accept it in good faith and withdraw subpoenas for Agents. If he does not, Department plans to fight the subpoenas as previously indicated.

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When the federal proceedings are completed and at such time when it does not conflict with our federal obligation, we will fully cooperate with state and local authorities in making available such evidence and testimony as we possess pertaining to violations of local law.

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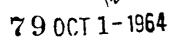
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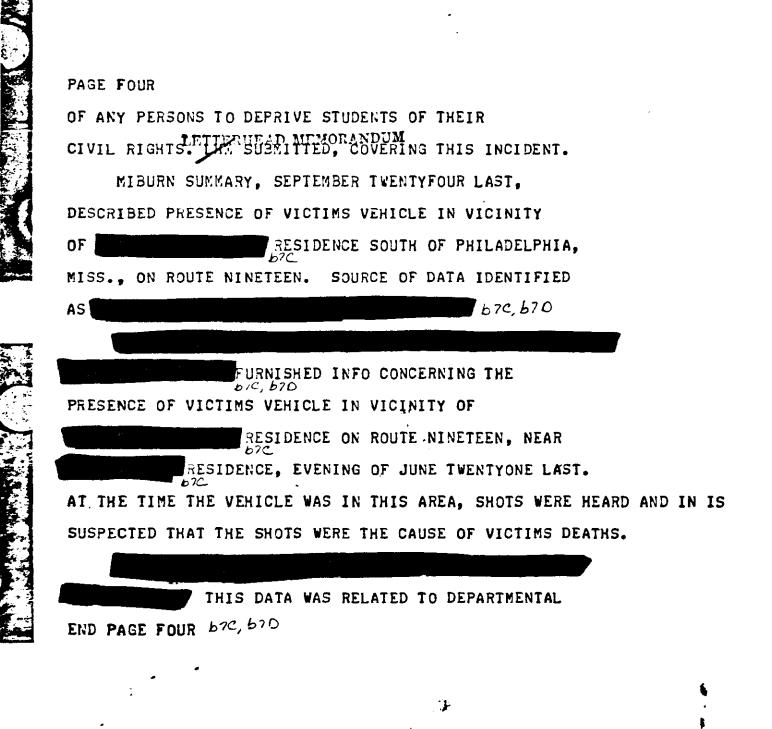
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With reference to the Federal Grand Jury at Biloxi, Mississippi, Departmental Attorney Robert Owen of the Civil Rights Division is handling the presentation of evidence. Owen is well thought of by Burke Harshall and John Doar of the Civil Rights Division. U. S. Attorney Robert Hauberg is also present at the proceedings.

I talked with Sullivan concerning the developments and he said that we do not know the attitude of the jurors as a result of personal observation as we have no one in the grand jury but insofar as the attorneys are concerned, the group in Biloxi are diligent and we cannot complain about the guality of their effort. They are working late and are "really grinding out the work." They are carefully interviewing all witnesses beforehand and seem to be trying to do a good job.

While talking with Burke Marshall today, he stated and had made a very

favorable impression on the jurors.

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I inquired as to the attitude of the grand jurors. He said that some of them, of course, were resistant and had the attitude that you couldn't believe anything that a Negro said. He felt that some of the grand jurors thought that a spectacular development would be presented to them the first day, and that, of course, this was to be expected with all the speculation which was taking place. Marshall felt that taking everything into consideration, it was moving along as well as could be expected.

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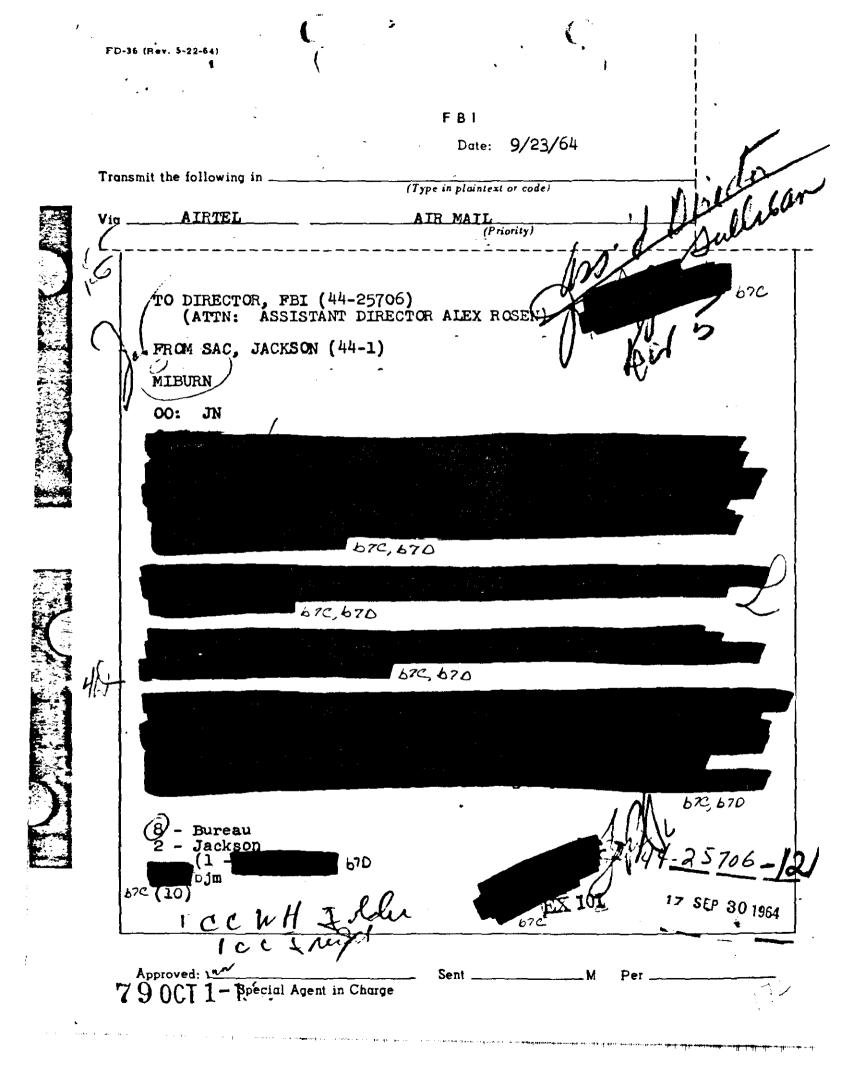
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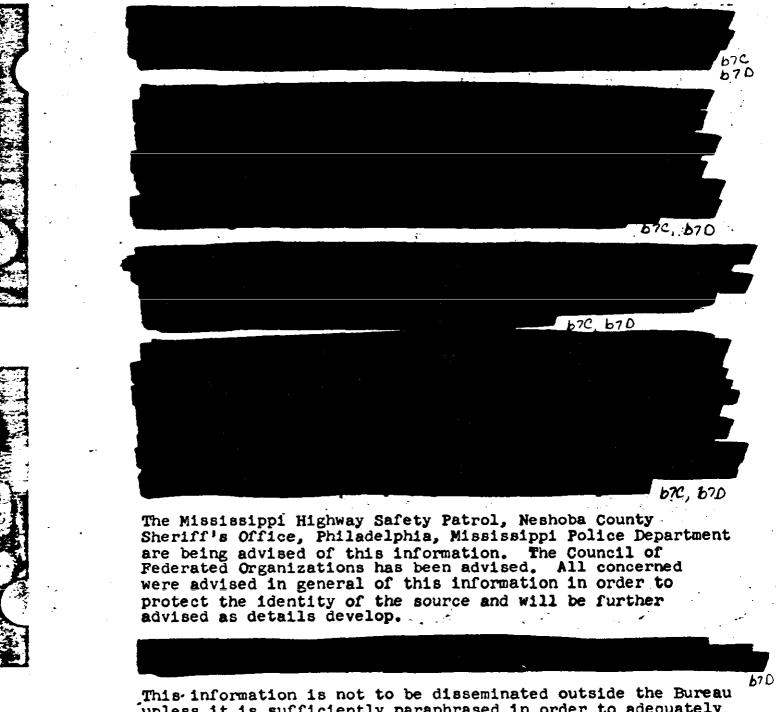
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You will be advised of further developments of pertinence.

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Memorandum

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SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; MICHAEL HENRY SCHWERNER, ANDREW GOODMAN, JAMES EARL CHANEY - VICTIMS (DECEASED) CIVIL RIGHTS

> With reference to the subpoenas which have been issued for certain of our Agents to appear before a State Grand Jury which is convening on September 28, 1964, Inspector Sullivan has been in touch with County Attorney Raiford Jones of Neshoba County. Attempts were made yesterday to talk with Judge O. H. Barnett, who is a brother of the former Governor. He is the State Circuit Court Judge who will handle this case. They were not able to meet with the Court yesterday inasmuch as he was in session. Sullivan is to talk with Raiford Jones today inasmuch as Jones had communicated with him and indicated he wanted to talk with him.

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Our understanding as a result of personal contact with Burke Marshall of the Civil Rights Division is that we are to tell the local authorities that with reference to the subpoenas for state appearance, we would be unable to testify before any grand jury at this time in state court inasmuch as we are under subpoena in a Federal court in connection with the presentation of material before a Federal Grand Jury at Biloxi, Mississippi.

In talking with Sullivan today, it was indicated to him that every effort should be made to get to the Judge today if at all possible to explain the position which we necessarily have to follow in accordance with instructions received from Burke Marshall.

I also talked with Burke Marshall concerning the present procedure and he affirmed the fact that this was the procedure which should be followed and that if this was not satisfactory he would take whatever action was necessary to insure that the above procedure was adhered to.

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As it now stands, Sullivan is taking the position that we cannot decline to be served with subpoenas but if the Agents are actually required to appear after having been duly served they will follow instructions given by Burke Marshall of the Civil Rights Division to the effect that they will be unable to testify at this time pursuant to Departmental instructions; namely, Departmental Order 260-62; and that this was in accordance with instructions received from Burke Marshall, Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice.

ACTION BEING TAKEN:

This matter will be closely followed with Sullivan so that if any situation develops requiring additional action it will immediately be taken up with Burke Marshall.

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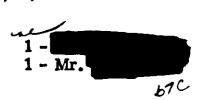
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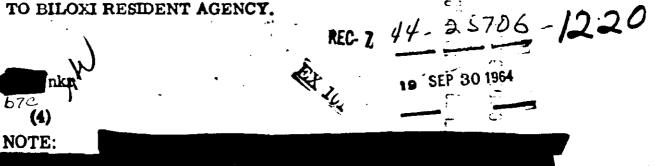
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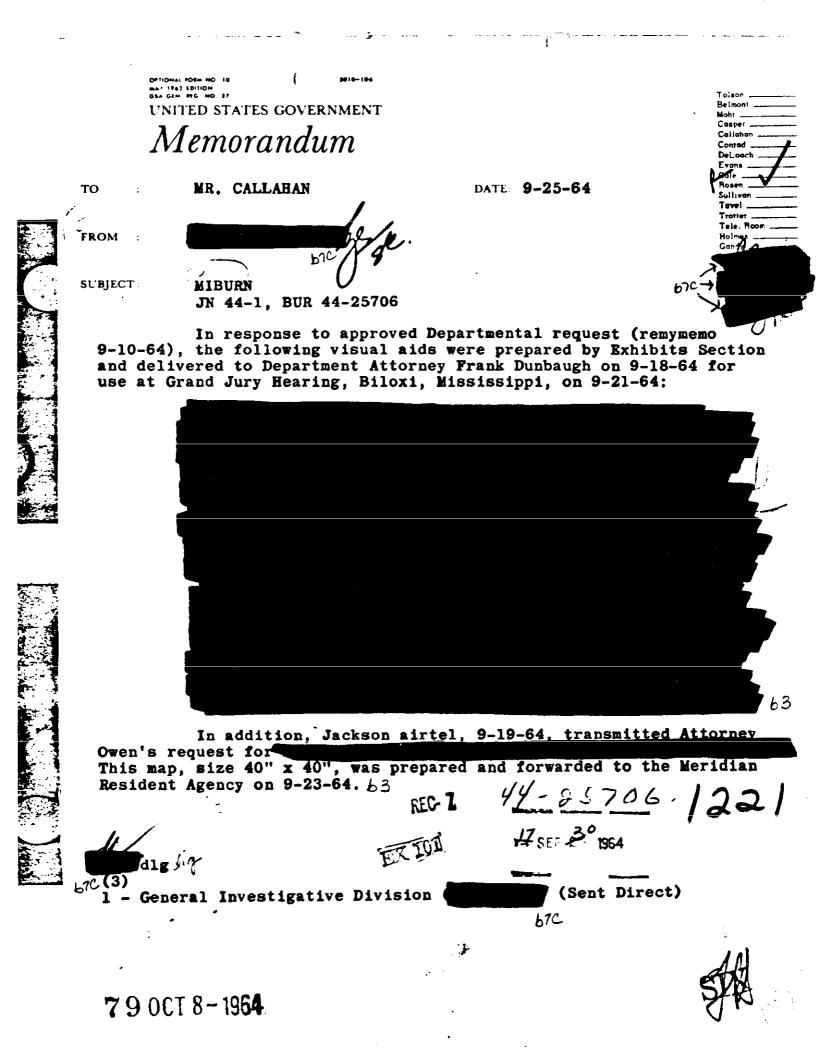
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This completes all requests received to date. It is expected, however, that when case comes up for actual trial, more visual aids will be requested.

At time initial group of charts was delivered (9-18-64), Attorney Dunbaugh expressed his most profound thanks for the assistance given him in this matter. Both Mr. Dunbaugh and Attorney John Doar highly praised the quality of the exhibits. This work was turned out under very short deadline conditions. Section Supervisor performed all liaison and technical advisory duties. working with and supervising the work of Exhibits Specialist Clerk for the exhibits. $b7C_{-}$

All surplus Department of Agriculture and Navy aerial photos are being held in Exhibits Section against possible future need. If not needed these photos will be forwarded to bulky file at the proper time. Photos on hand are:

1. Department of Agriculture

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RECOMMENDATION:

None; for information only.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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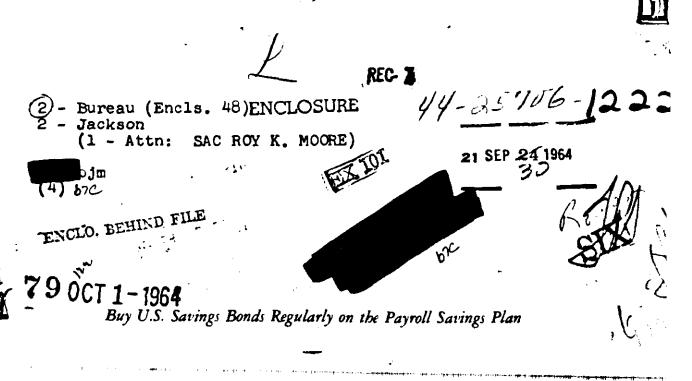
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SUBJECT: VMIBURN

Crime Records Division has requested background data concerning potential subjects in indictments in the Miburn investigation as well as identifying data and background concerning the victims in the various civil rights cases encompassed by this case.

Enclosed herewith are memoranda concerning 17 potential subjects and memoranda concerning the victims whom it is believed will be involved in the charges in any indictments returned.

Photographs suitable for use in answering press inquiries are not available in the cases of any of these individuals, therefore, they are not included. Some of the victims have arrest records, however, no attempt has been made to accumulate data of this type concerning the victims. Following a review of this material, it is suggested that it be referred to the Crime Records Division to the attention of the Crime Records for use in answering any inquiries that may arise out of this investigation. $h_{7}C$



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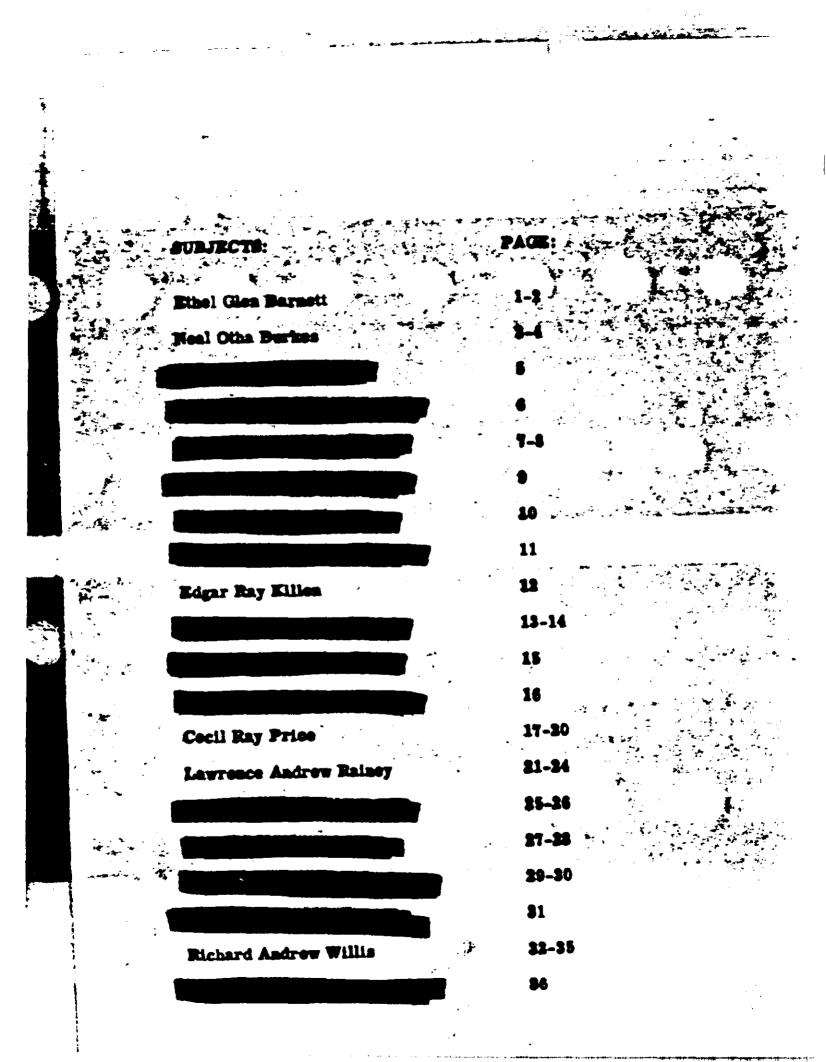
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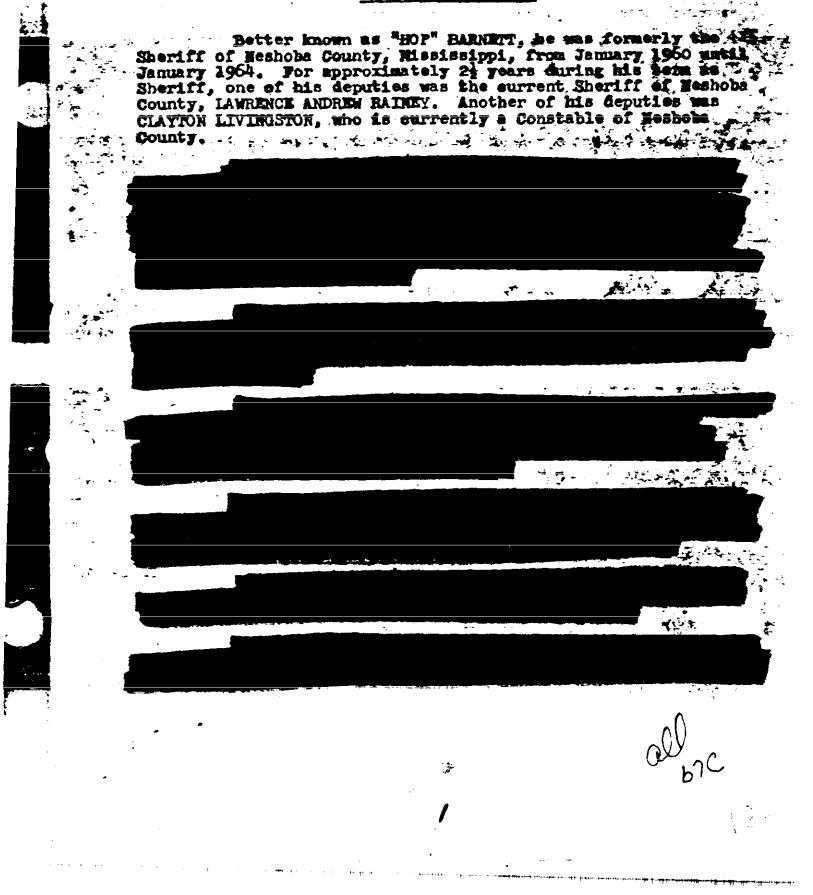
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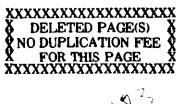
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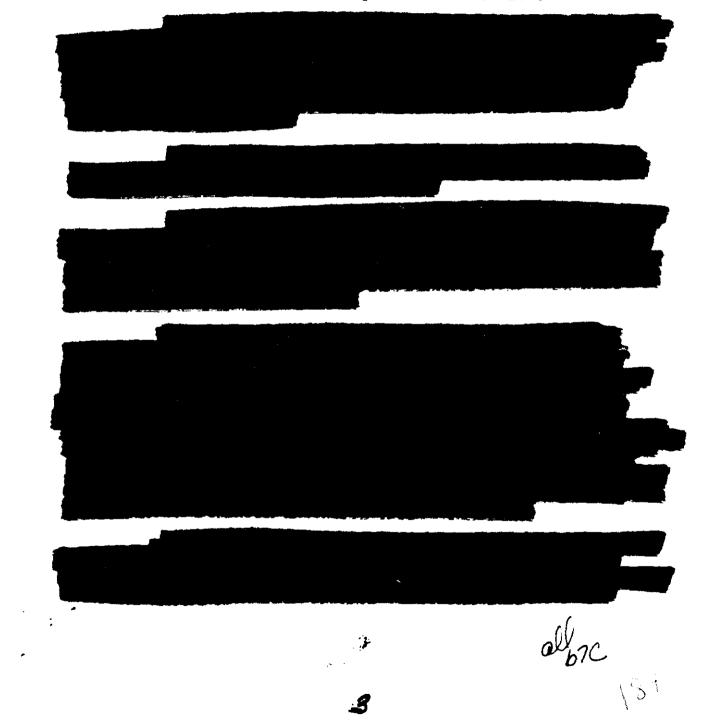
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Burkes has been in law enforcement in the Philadelphia, Mississippi area for approximately 25 years. He is currently a patrolman on the Philadelphia, Mississippi Police Department but has formerly served as a Deputy Sheriff with the Neshoba County Sheriff's Office.





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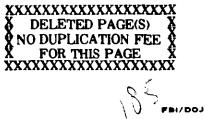
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Killen is an ordained Baptist minister serving as pastor of the Salem Baptist Church in Neshoba County and the Zion Baptist Church in Kemper County. In addition, he operates a saw mill in rural Neshoba County. He has been active in state and county politics in recent years, having made an unsuccessful bid for Sheriff of Neshoba County in 1963.

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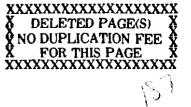
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CECIL RAY PRICE

PRICE is a Deputy Sheriff currently employed by Sheriff LAWRENCE RAINEY, Neshoba County, Mississippi. He has served as a Deputy Sheriff since January of 1964. For approximately two years prior to this he was employed by the Philadelphia, Mississippi, Fire Department.

PRICE is described as follows:

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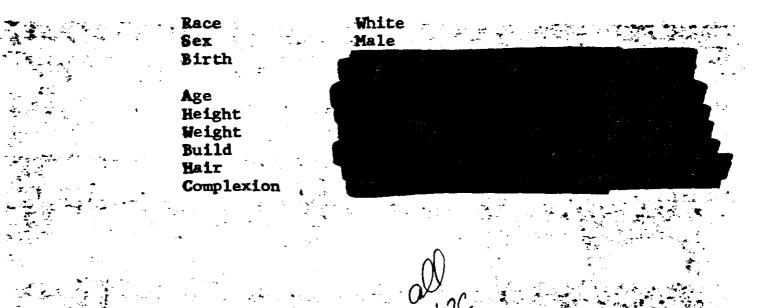
PRICE intercepted JAMES E. CHANEY, ANDREW GOODMAN, and MICHAEL SCHWERNER in a 1963 blue Ford station wagon an Highway 16 east of Philadelphia, Mississippi, on June 21, 1964, about 3:30 P.M., followed them to Philadelphia, Mississippi, and arrested them for speeding. The three were held in jail until about 10:30 P.M. same date without being permitted to make bond. After release, the three were killed by gunshot and their station wagon was burned.

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LAWRENCE ANDREW BAINEY

RAINEY began serving a four-year term as Sheriff of Neshoba County, Mississippi, on January 6, 1964. He has had prior law enforcement experience, serving as Deputy Sheriff from October of 1960 until March of 1963 under the former Neshoba County Sheriff ETHEL GLEN "HOP" BARNETT. In addition to this, RAINEY formerly served as a police officer on the Philadelphia, Mississippi, Police Department.

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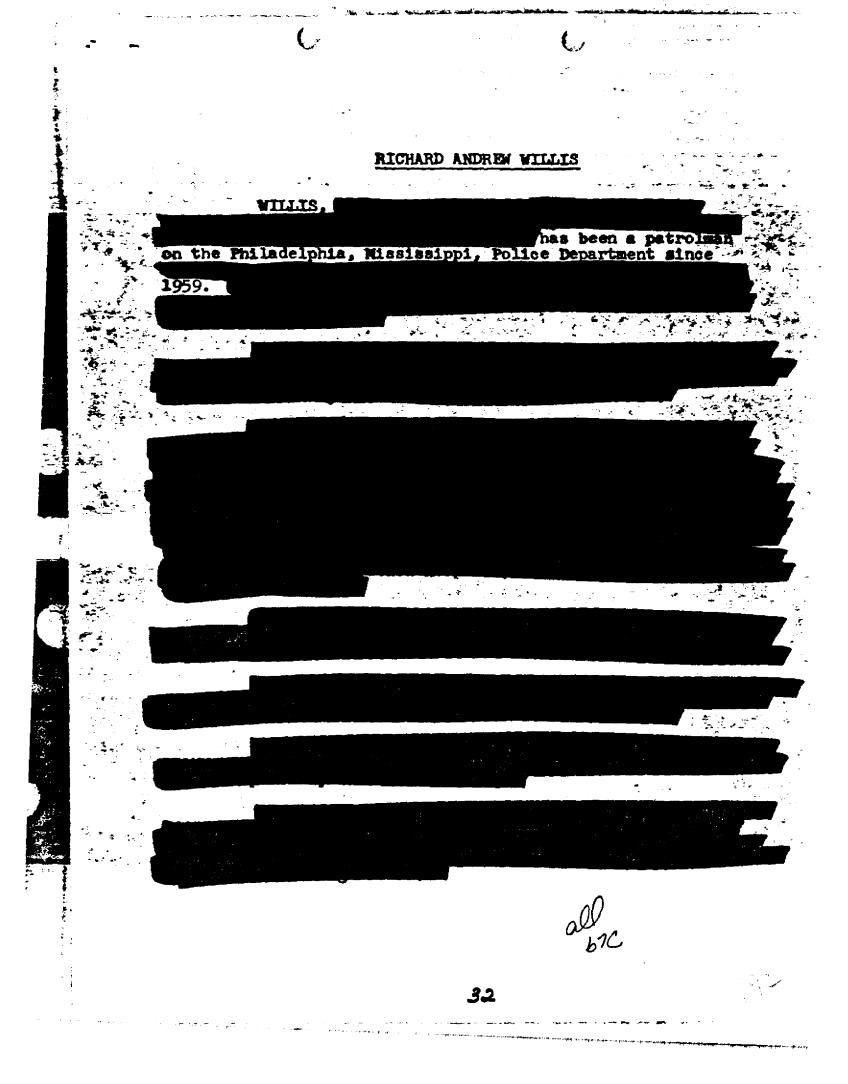
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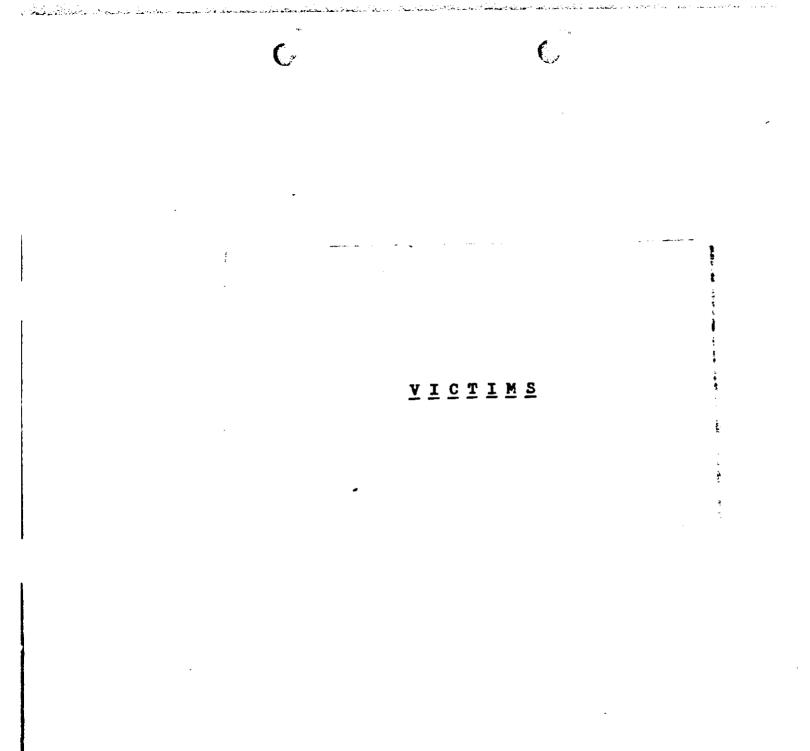
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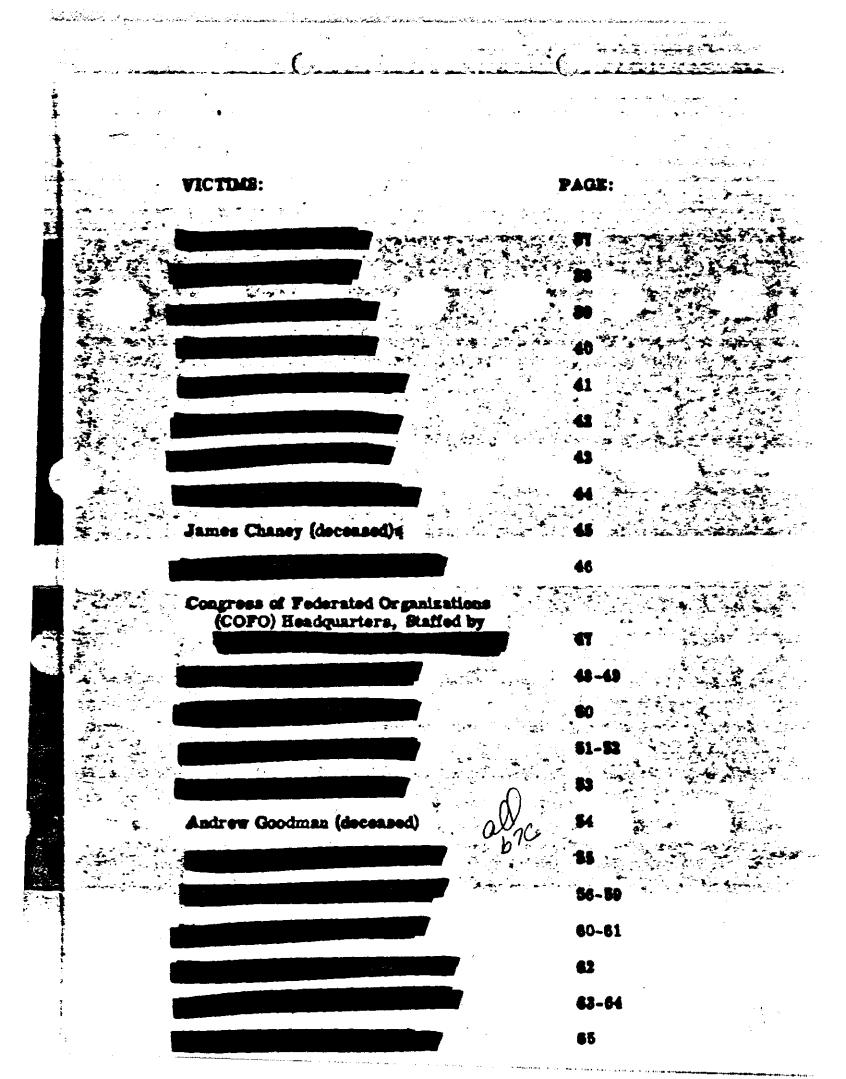
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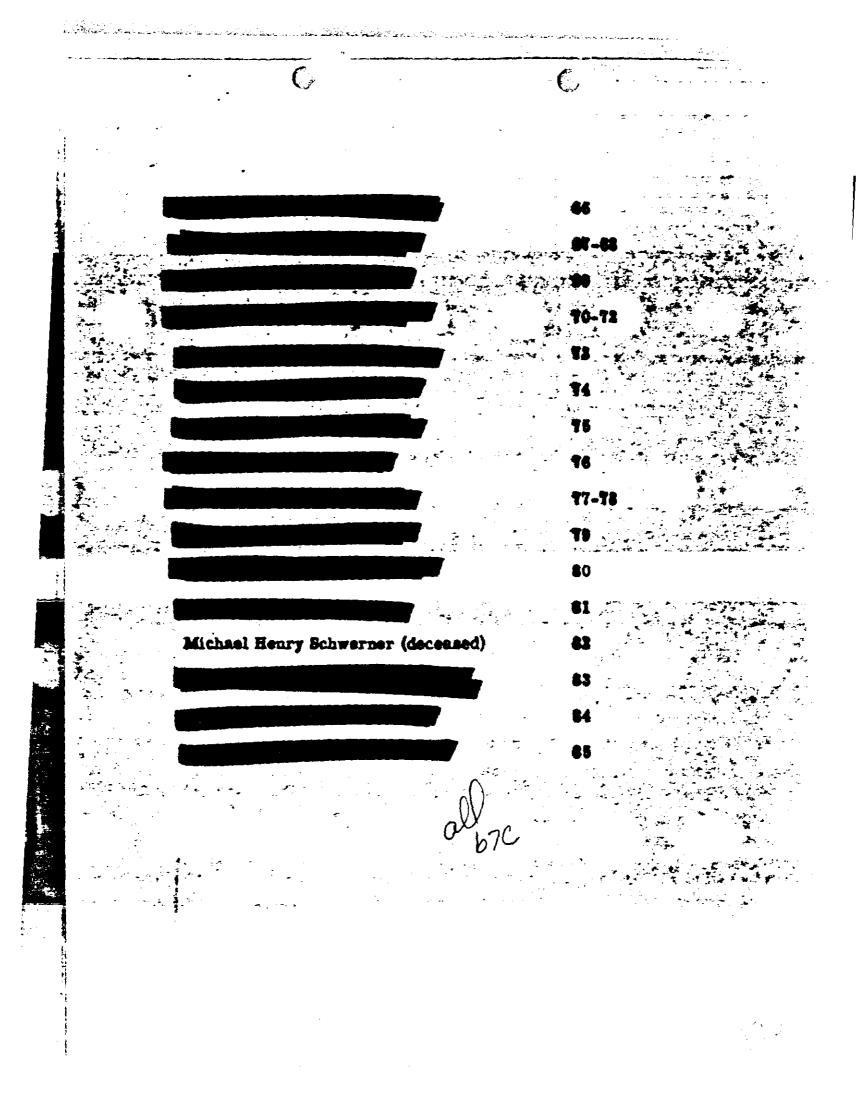




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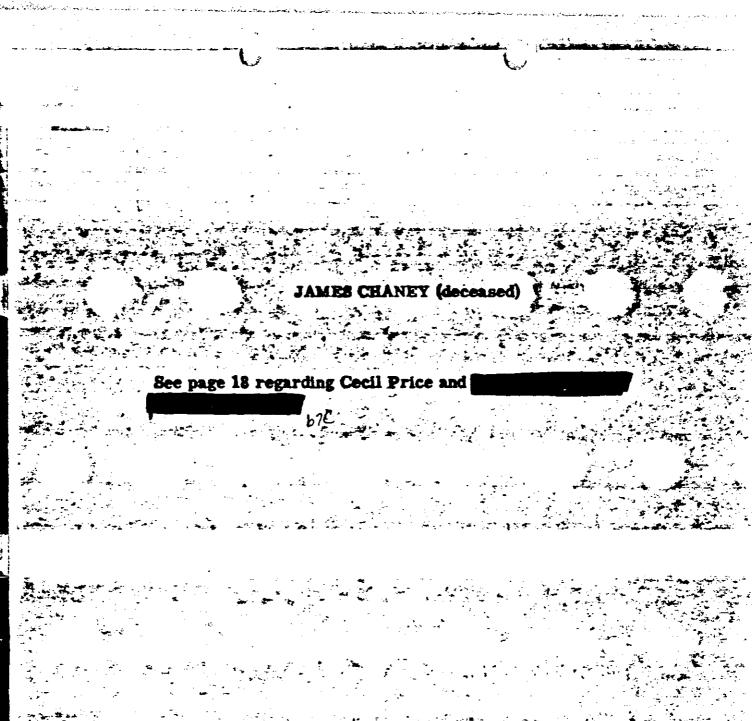
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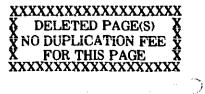


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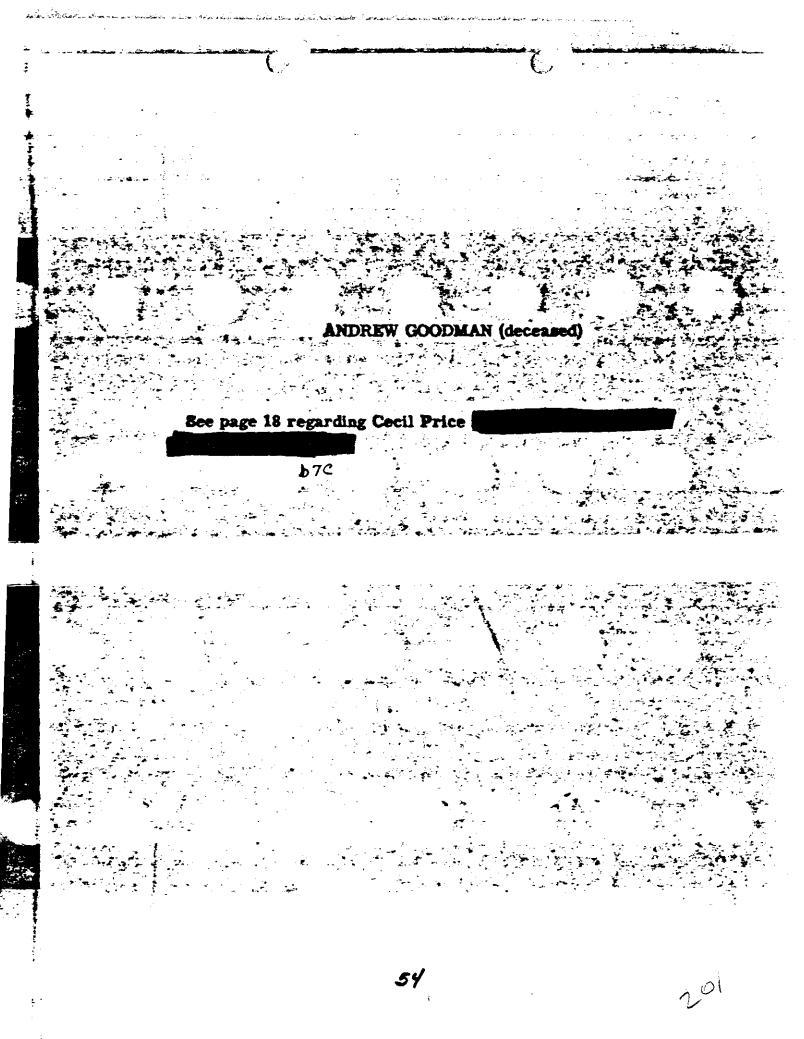
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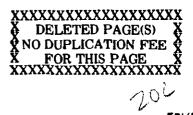
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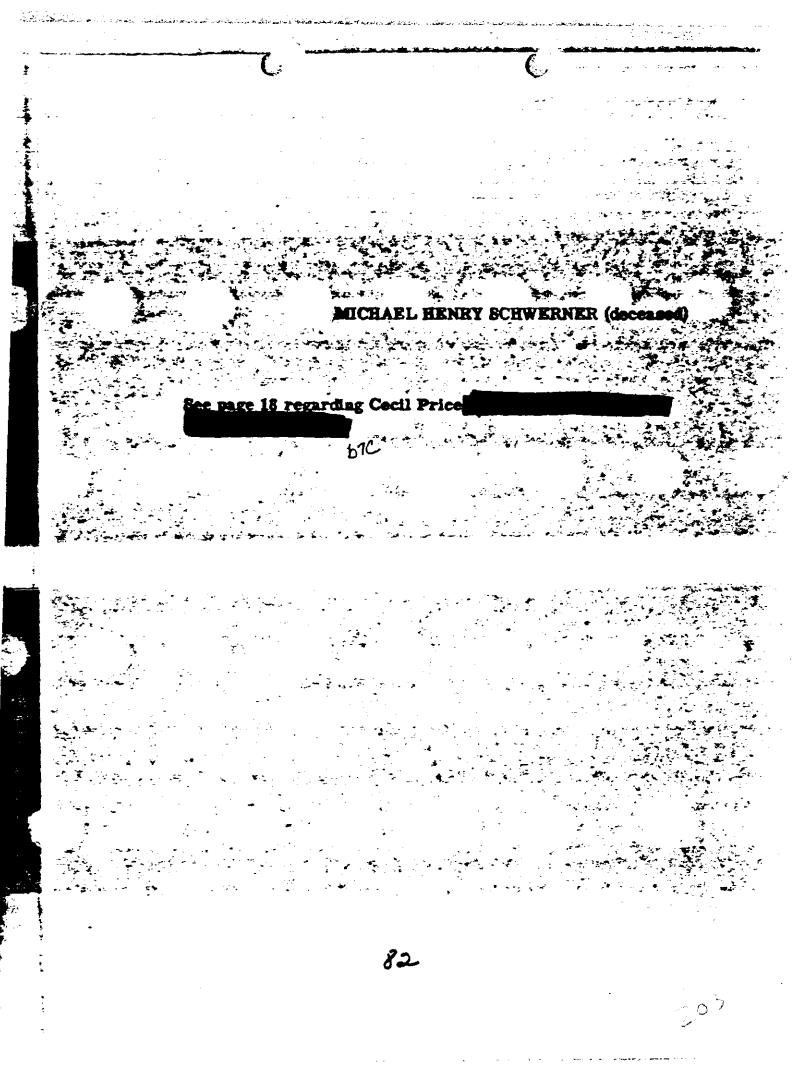
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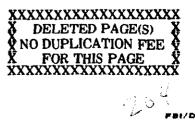
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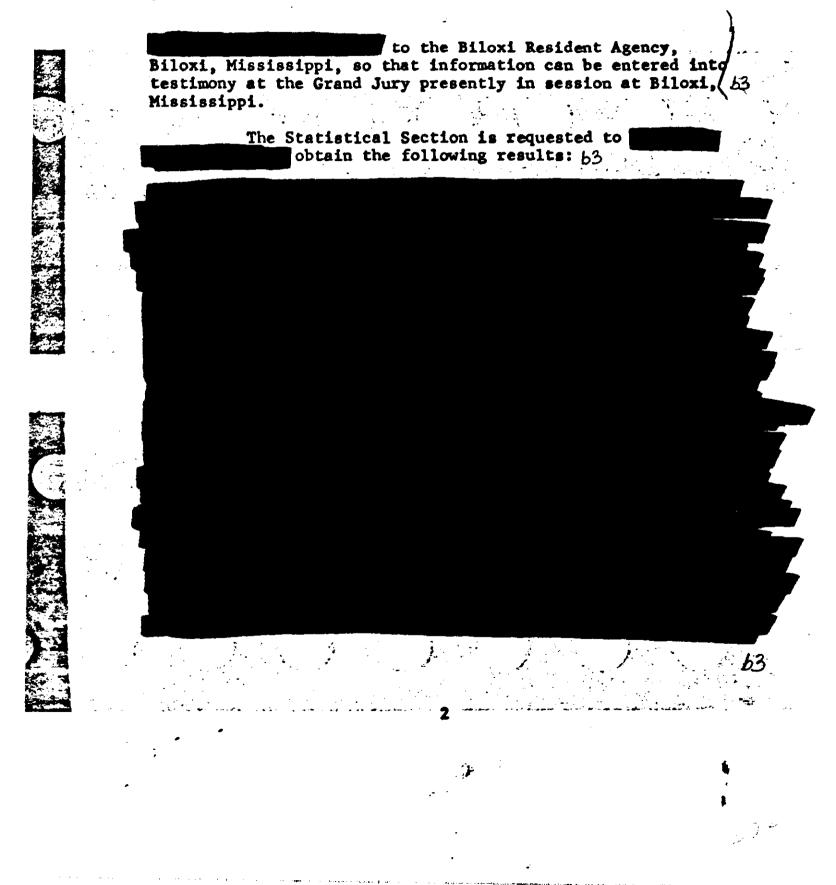
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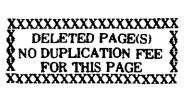
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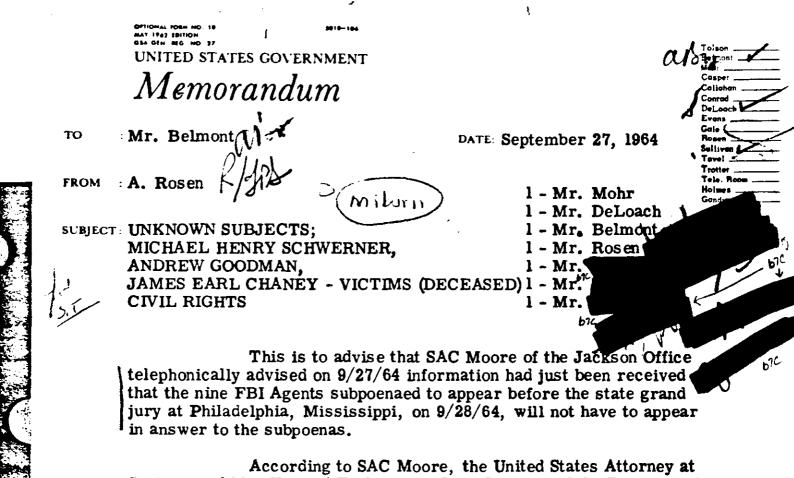
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9/30/64

This information has heretofore been furnished to the Director indicating the FBI Agents who were subpoenaed by the Neshoba County Grand Jury to appear on 9/28/64 did not appear. The attached copy of a letter merely confirms what has previously been known to the Bureau that this matter was satisfactorily worked out between the Department and the Judge and the Agents did not have to appear.

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Jackson and Mr. Howard E. Shapiro, Civil Division of the Department, had a conference the afternoon of Sunday 9/27/64 with Neshoba County Circuit Court Judge O. H. Barnett and the Neshoba County Prosecutor at which time an agreement was made that our Agents would not have to appear.

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Mr. Moore related that Mr. Shapiro will appear at the local proceedings on 9/28/64 and make a statement to the effect that after the current Federal Grand Jury at Biloxi has completed its inquiry then any information of interest to the Neshoba County authorities will be turned over to them.

ACTION:

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You will be advised of pertinent developments.

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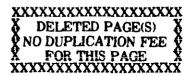
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT 1 - Mr. Mohr Memorandum 1 - Mr. DeLoach 1 - Mr. Belmont DATE: September 25, 1964 Mr. Belmont то 1 - Mr. Rosen A. Rosen 1 - Mr. FROM 1 - Mr. Milern 1 - MrSUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS: JTC. MICHAEL HENRY SCHWERNER, ANDREW GOODMAN, JAMES EARL CHANEY - VICTIMS (DECEASED) CIVIL RIGHTS We have been informed of the arrangements which have been made by the Civil Division of the Department concerning the nine bic subpoenas that have been issued for Agents of the FBI previously named in my memorandum of 9/25/64 in connection with the state grand jury proceeding for September 28, 1964, at Philadelphia, Mississippi. The local grand jury was called by Judge O. H. Barnett, Circuit Court Judge of Neshoba County at Philadelphia, Mississippi, The County Attorney is Raiford Jones. The following telegram was sent by Acting Attorney General Katzenbach at 11:00 a.m., Central Standard Time, today, September 24, 1964, having been received by SAC Roy Moore at Jackson: "ROY K. MOORE, SAC, FBI, JACKSON, MISS. "IT APPEARS THAT CERTAIN FBI AGENTS IN MISSISSIPPI HAVE BEEN SERVED WITH SUBPOENAS REQUIRING THEIR APPEARANCE BEFORE A STATE GRAND JURY IN PHILADELPHIA, MISS. ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28. PURSUANT TO DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ORDER NO. 260-62 (28 C. F. R. 16, 1) AND AS ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL, I INSTRUCT YOU AND, THROUGH YOU, EACH FBI AGENT SO SERVED, NOT TO DISCLOSE BEFORE THE SAID STATE GRAND JURY, ANY INFORMATION RELATING TO MATERIAL OR INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE, FILES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE OR ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED IN CONNECTION WITH ANY 北 ARige (8)

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OFFICIAL DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE INVESTIGATION. IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THESE AGENTS BE AVAILABLE TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE FEDERAL GRAND JURY NOW SITTING AT BILOXI, MISS. AND SINCE THE FBI INVES-TIGATION OF MATTERS BEING INQUIRED INTO BY THAT GRAND JURY IS STILL CONTINUING, DISCLOSURE AT THIS TIME TO PERSONS OTHER THAN THE FEDERAL GRAND JURY WOULD BE INIMICAL TO THE PUBLIC INTEREST AND WOULD SERIOUSLY BURDEN AND IMPEDE THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE IN EFFECTIVELY DISCHARGING ITS LAWFUL RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CRIMINAL LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES.

"NICHOLAS DE B. KATZENBACH"

In addition to the above, we have been advised by Howard E. Shapiro, Civil Division of the Department, that the following plans are made and it is intended that they will be followed relative to the nine subpoenas which have been issued:

The United States Attorney at Jackson will attempt to arrange a meeting with Judge Barnett either Saturday or Sunday.

Shapiro said he and the United States Attorney and probably Raiford Jones would be present at the meeting, at which time an attempt will be made to have the Judge withdraw the subpoenas.

If this is unsuccessful, Bureau Agents, accompanied by the United States Attorney and Departmental Attorney Shapiro, will appear at the Philadelphia Courthouse at 9 o'clock, September 28, 1964, at which time the United States Attorney and Departmental attorney will move to have the subpoenas quashed or modified so that our Agents cannot testify to any official investigation. (With reference to the modification, it will mean that the Agents will be able to state their name, their address, their employment, and answer any proper personal question; however, they

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will not be allowed to testify concerning any official matter in connection with their duties as Special Agents of the FBL.)

If this attempt is unsuccessful, Agents will appear before the grand jury when called and decline to furnish any information as indicated above and in line with the instructions of the Department.

If the Agents are then brought before Judge Barnett, they will maintain the same position and cite the Departmental instructions.

If the Judge rules the Agents to be in contempt and levies a fine, the imposition of the fine will immediately be appealed.

If the Judge orders the Agents held in contempt and asks that they be detained in jail, the Departmental Attorney has stated that appropriate legal papers will be at Biloxi and the Department will immediately obtain a writ of habeas corpus from Federal Judge Sidney Mize of the U. S. District Court sitting at Biloxi to have the Agents released.

In order that the above plans can be carried out, the Departmental Attorney plans to have a meeting at Meridian with all of the Agents involved on Sunday at approximately 4:00 p.m.

ACTION BEING TAKEN:

The above information is being furnished to the SAC at Jackson and also Inspector Sullivan at Meridian for appropriate action.

If any modifications in the above take place, you will be advised.



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I talked with Joe Sullivan at Meridian in connection with the above matter indicating that the Civil Division of the Department was preparing appropriate legal replies to the nine subpoenas which have been served upon our Agents.

They desire the identity of the foreman of the local grand jury and Sullivan was requested to obtain this.

Yesterday, as reflected in my memorandum of 9/24/64, Raiford Jones contacted Sullivan and indicated he wanted to talk with him. Raiford Jones is the County Attorney of Neshoba County, Mississippi. The results of this conference were obtained from Sullivan . . It, in substance, indicates that Jones was merely reiterating a desire to have Agents appear before the local grand jury. Sullivan, in his conversation with Jones, did not obtain anything that we did not heretofore know and Sullivan took the position that, insofar as Raiford Jones' request was concerned, this was a matter which would have to be brought to the attention of the Department and we would be guided by the Department's decision in such matters.

The information requested by the Civil Division of the Department will be furnished in order that they may appropriately prepare the necessary legal papers concerning the subpoenas which have been issued,

You will be advised of additional developments. REC 57 44 - 15 706 - 1227 205 ARige 52 OCT 1 1964 (8) **CONTINUED - OVER** 79 OCT 8-1964

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ADDENDUM: 9/25/64 ARige

We have ascertained that Judge O. H. Barhett, State Circuit Court Judge, who we now understand is not a brother of the former Governor but is a cousin of the former Governor of Mississippi, was contacted in line with previous advice of Burke Marshall of the Civil Rights Division concerning the subpoenas that were issued against the nine Agents. Burke Marshall stated that we should tell the local authorities that with reference to these subpoenas for state appearance we would be unable to testify before any grand jury in state court inasmuch as we were under subpoena in a Federal court in connection with the presentation of material before a Federal grand jury at Biloxi, Mississippi. In line with this, we contacted the Judge, who was unavailable yesterday, and he was most cordial and was not critical of the FBL.

He indicated that the Department should have released the testimony requested and that he felt a Departmental representative should appear before the state grand jury and state the Department's position. Our Agent made no comment concerning this except to indicate that we were being guided by the Department's wishes in this matter and any request which was made would have to be referred to the Department for appropriate consideration.

Insofar as the nine subpoenas are concerned, they are addressed to

the Jackson Division. The Department has advised us that the Attorney General plans to send a telegram to SAC Moore instructing him in the manner in which the subpoenas should be answered and he is having prepared individual instructions to each Agent concerning the manner in which they are to answer the subpoena. A copy of such instructions will be obtained from the Department just as soon as they are prepared. $b^{\gamma C}$

ACTION TAKEN:

The Department has been advised of the identity of the foreman of the local grand jury. He is 67C

Burke Marshall has been advised of the Judge's comments to the effect that he felt the Department should release testimony to the grand jury

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and that the Judge felt the Department should have a representative appear before the state grand jury and state the Department's position. This has been given to Burke Marshall for such action as he deems appropriate.

Burke Marshall, upon being advised of the above, indicated that he was thinking seriously of having a Departmental representative, perhaps a representative of the U. S. Attorney's Office in Jackson, appear before the local state grand jury and explain the Department's position. He felt that this would be desirable.

You will be advised of additional developments.



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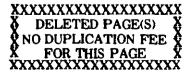
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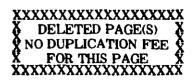
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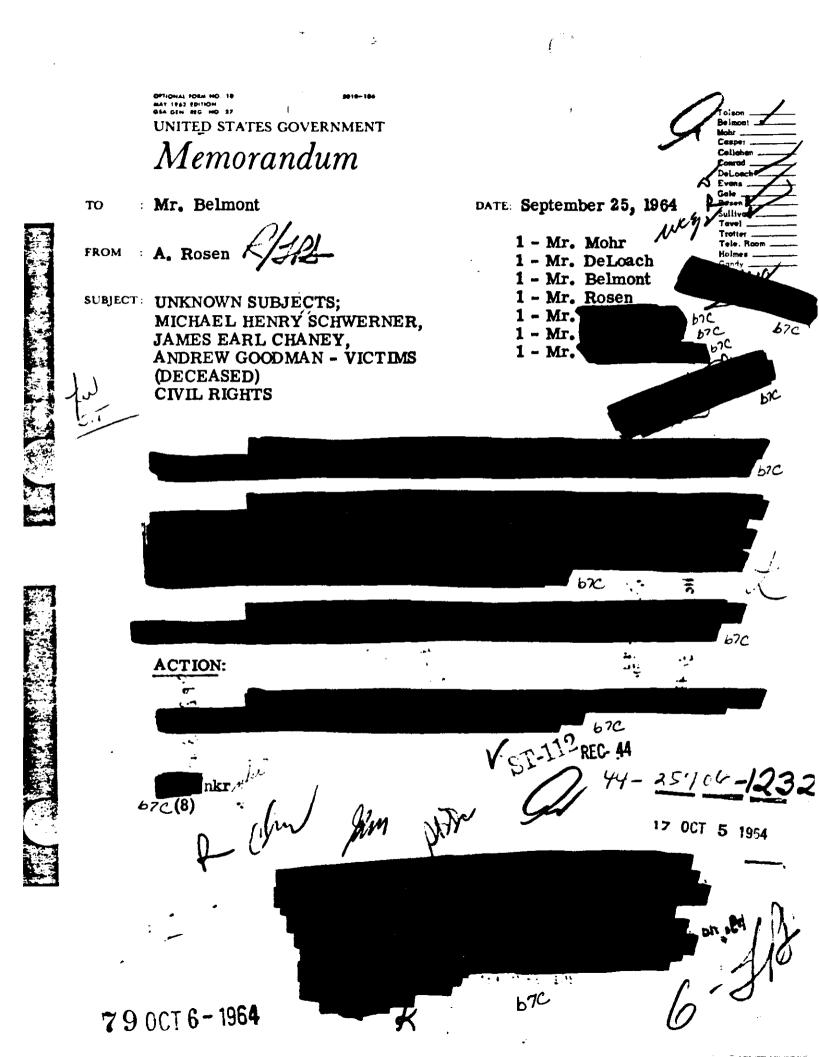
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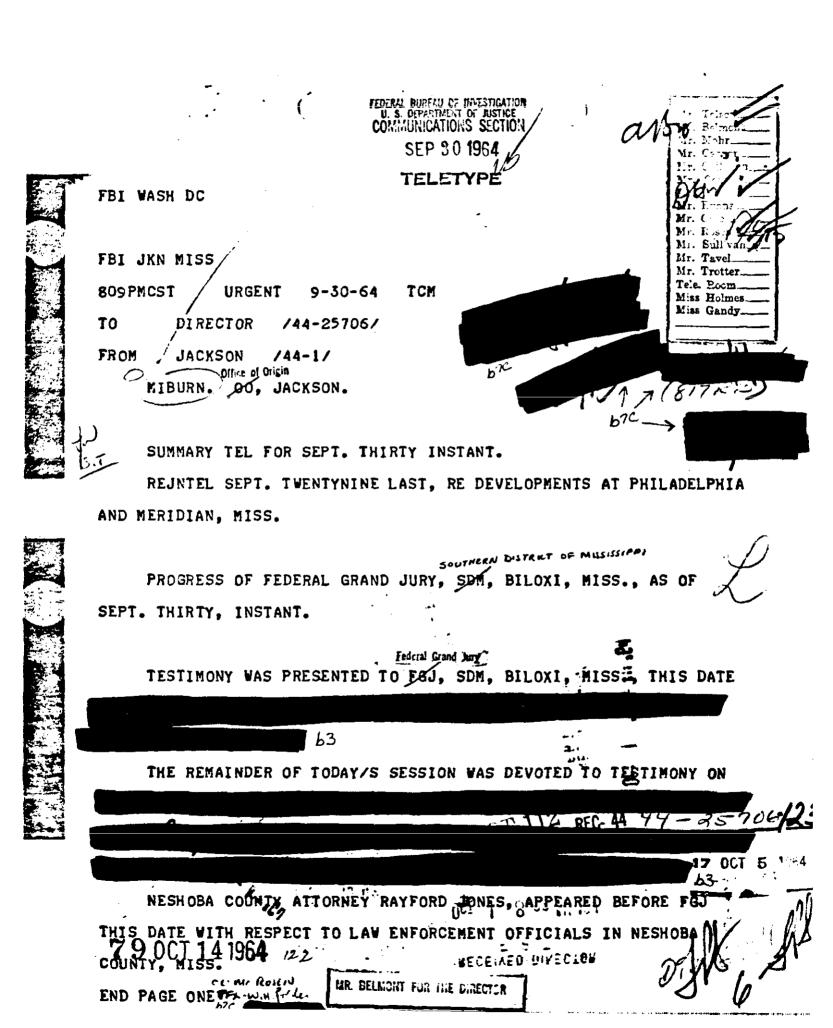


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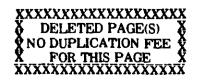
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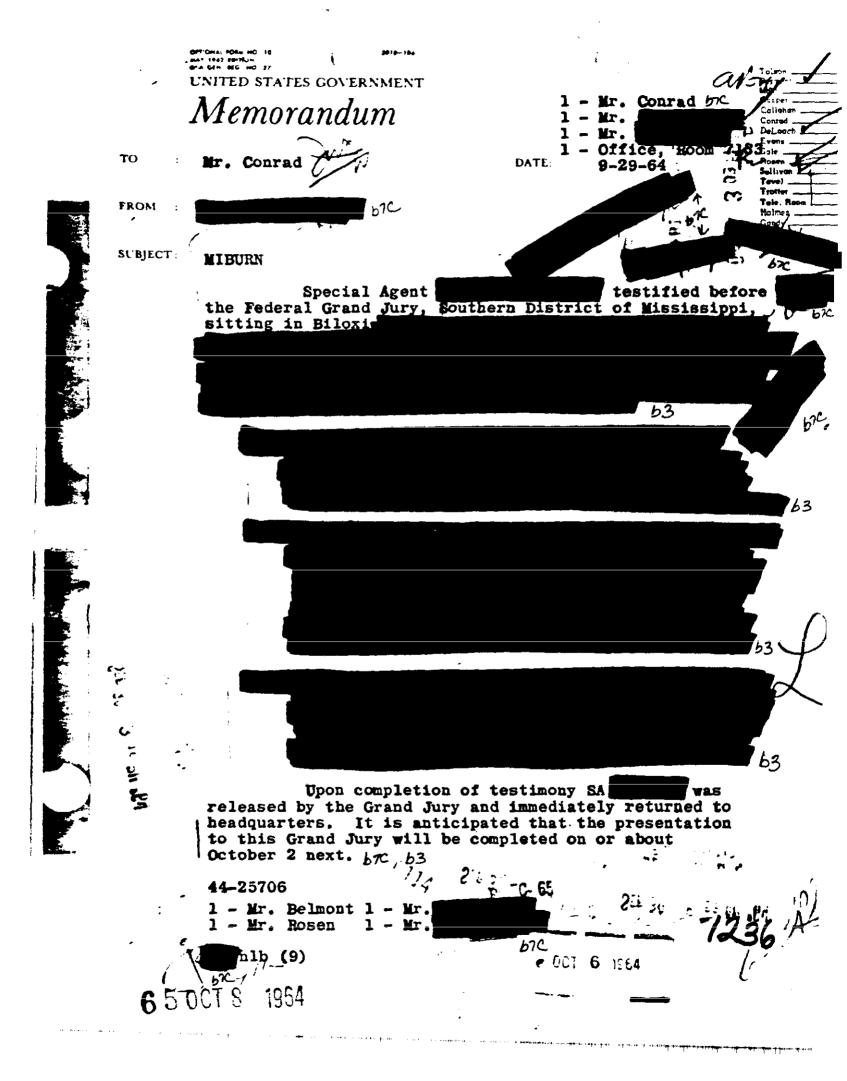
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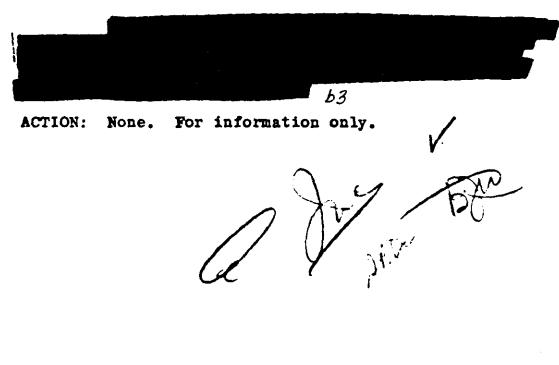
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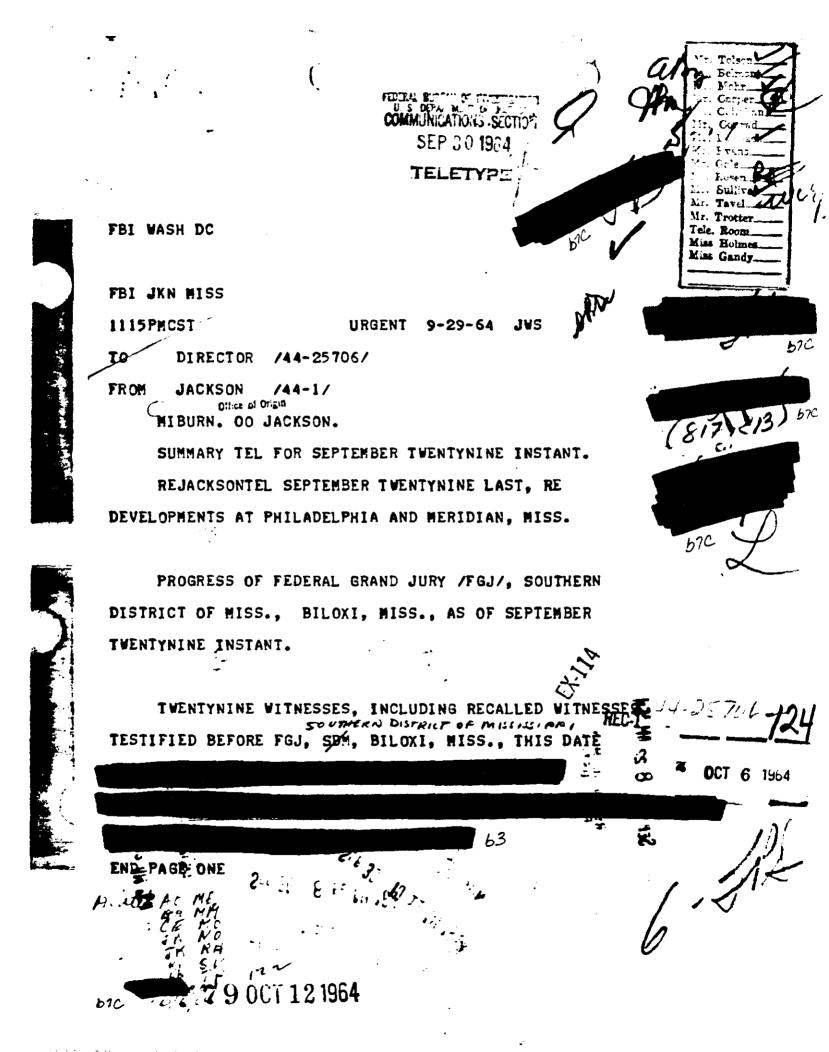
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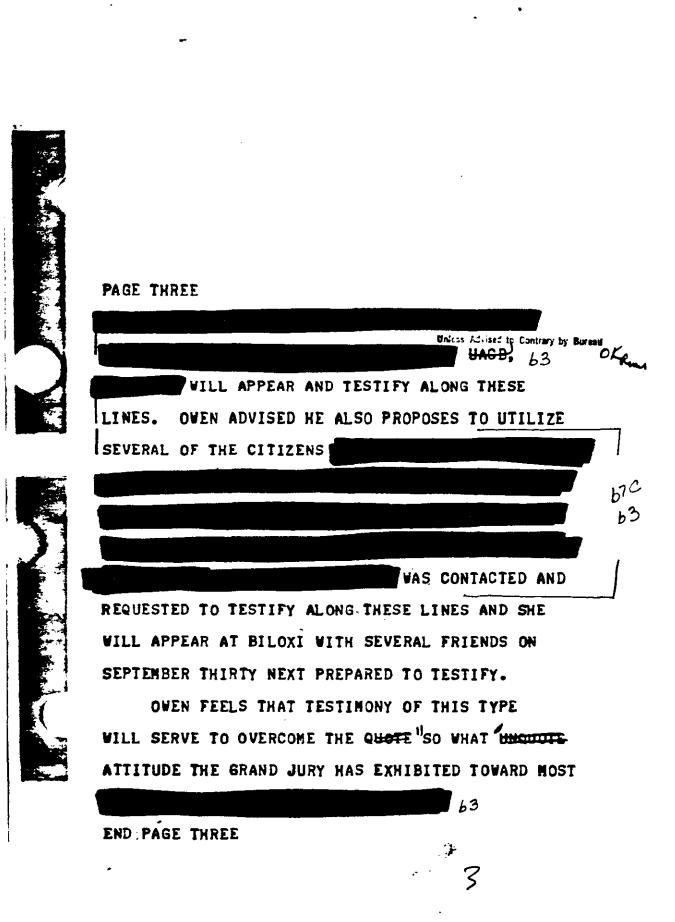




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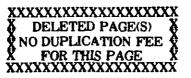
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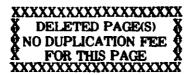
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EFFORT TO NAVE B. S. DISTRICT JUDGE SET ASIDE ORDER OF CINCUIT JUDGE, MESHOR COUNTY, SEPTEMBER TVENTYONE LAST, PREVENTING VOTER REGISTRATION ACTIVITY DURING COURT SESSION. WITH SCHOOL ADDITION, MAD SUBPOEMAS NOT YET SERVED IN CONNECTION WITH SCHOOL SUIT. WITH WAS GIVEN HIS PAPERS BACK, WHICH HE HAD HER SERVING IN VARIOUS OFFICES IN WESHOBA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, AND HE WAS ADVISED THAT IF HE ATTEMPTED TO SERVE PAPERS, HE VOULD BE ARRESTED FOR IMPERSONATING OFFICER. WITH TOOK PAPERS, AND HINSTRUCTIONS FROM SMERIFFS OFFICE, LEFT COUNTY FOR JACKSOM. MESHOBA COUNTY GRAND JURY. 57C

NR. NOVARD E. SHAPIRO, DEPARTHENTAL ATTORNEY, WENT TO WESHOBA COUNTY COURTHOUSE TODAY AND APPEARED BEFORE THE GRAND JURY. ME STATED THE DEPARTHENTS POSITION CONCERNING THAT AGENTS WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO APPEAR. HE PRESENTED TO THE GRAND JURY COPIES OF THE EXCHANGE OF TELEGRAHS BETWEEN THE COURT AND THE DEPARTMENT, AN AFFIDAVIT PREPARED BY MR. KATZENBACH, AND A STATEMENT CONCERNING FUTURE COOPERATION, WHICH STATEMENT WAS AUTHORIZED BY THE DEPARTMENT. AN ORAL COMMITTHENT WAS GIVEN BY W. M. DOMMSON, DISTRICT ATTORNEY, THAT IT WOULD NOT BE NEGESSARY FOR AGENTS TO RESPOND TO THE SUBPOEMAS AT ALL. MR. SHAPIRO WAS OF THE OPINION THAT THERE WOULD BE NO FORMAL LEGAL WITHDRAWAR OR SUPRESSION OF THE SUBPOEMAS BUT RATHER THEY ARE TO BE IGNORED. CORRECTIONS PAGE TWO LINE POUR SHOULD BE THE DEPARTMENT WORD SHOULD BE TO LINE POURTEEN ENDITY WORD SHOULD BE

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