

- 1 - Mr. Adams
- 1 - Mr. McDermott
- 1 - Mr. Bassett
- 1 - Mr. Mintz
- Attn: Mr. Coulson
- 1 - Mr. Ryan

December 6, 1978

- 1 - Mr. Foster
- 1 - Mr. Aldhizer

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Honorable Louis Stokes  
 Chairman  
 Select Committee on Assassinations  
 U.S. House of Representatives  
 Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Enclosed please find a copy of an FBI document dated May 26, 1971, regarding an individual named **Oliver Patterson**, as well as one copy each of three related items of correspondence. The documents were furnished to this Bureau via the United States Department of Justice by **Harold Weisberg**, a private citizen, author and self-styled assassinations prober. Mr. Weisberg indicated that he received the document from Oliver Patterson, the subject of the item itself.

The document, further identified as coming from St. Louis FBI file 170-[REDACTED] A, serial 105, was furnished to your Committee in response to a Committee request dated January 26, 1978. This document, which by its very nature is extremely sensitive, was provided to the Committee in order that the Committee might have available to it all retrievable material regarding Mr. Patterson.

In view of the provisions of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Attorney General and the House Select Committee on Assassinations, specifically Item VII regarding Disclosure of Information, and assuming the above is an accurate portrayal of the sequence of events, it is particularly disturbing to this Bureau that a document of this nature entered the public domain in such a manner.

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The FBI has provided the Committee voluminous pages of sensitive and classified material and has maintained a policy of continued cooperation and full disclosure. Therefore, the Committee is requested to insure that such documents are afforded the proper and necessary security. Additionally, if the Committee intends to disclose or utilize material from sensitive or classified FBI documents during the course of public hearings or in its final public report, the spirit as well as the tenets of our Memorandum of Understanding should be adhered to.

Sincerely yours,

William H. Webster  
Director

Enclosures (4)

1 - Mr. Robert Keuch (Enclosures)  
Deputy Assistant Attorney General  
Criminal Division

He was a  
superior  
informant, not  
a "source"

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Note: By request dated 1/26/78, the HSCA was provided all retrievable information regarding Oliver Patterson, a former source of our St. Louis Division. Patterson provided a signed waiver authorizing release of his files. The release included the enclosed document in its relatively unsanitized version. This document is not known to have been released to the public domain through FOIA or any other litigation proceedings. The document and related correspondence were subsequently provided to Mr. Quinlan Shea, Jr., Director, Office of Privacy and Appeals, Department of Justice, by one Harold Weisberg, who was characterized within. It is noted that the three items of related correspondence provided by Weisberg represent correspondence between Weisberg and G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel, HSCA, relating to Weisberg's contacts with Patterson. Mr. Shea provided the documents to the Congressional Inquiry Unit, Records Management Division, for appropriate action. This letter to the Honorable Louis Stokes, Chairman of HSCA, satisfies same. The Xeroxing of all items are the best available copies.

Item VII of the Memorandum of Understanding requires that the HSCA notify the Attorney General of its intention to disclose information which may tend to identify FBI informants, potential informants or confidential sources. The document in question is sensitive because it is a report from a former FBI informant, contains FBI insight and method of investigating a white hate organization and involves the privacy rights of numerous individuals named therein.

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