

CHIEF OF
JOHN B. BICE, JR.
CHIEF JUDGE

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

P. O. BOX 800
WILMINGTON, DELAWARE, 19820

December 11, 1964

The Honorable Warren Olney, III
Director
Administrative Office of the United States Courts
Supreme Court Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Olney:

I am informed that at the hearing in Meridian, Mississippi, when certain persons were brought before Miss Esther Carter as United States Commissioner for arraignment on charges connected with the slaying of three civil rights workers, the hearing was carried on a national television hook-up.

As you know, such a television transmission has been prohibited by two resolutions of the Judicial Conference of the United States on recommendations of the Committee on Court Administration. The Committee naturally is concerned about the Meridian television transmission. As Chairman of the Committee on Court Administration, I ask you to make an investigation respecting the Meridian transmission and let us have a report as soon as you can.

Sincerely,

John B. Bice, Jr.

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