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Via AIRTEL  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (9-NEW) (C)  
SUBJECT: UNSUB;  
Letter Threatening  
Governor BUFORD ELLINGTON,  
Tennessee, 3/9/67;  
EXTORTION  
OO: MEMPHIS

Re Memphis teletype to Bureau, 3/11/67.

The following is the wording of a letter received  
by Governor BUFORD ELLINGTON. The letter was postmarked (P.M.)  
3/9/67 at Gallatin, Tennessee.

"Buford Ellington  
"Governor  
"Mansion  
"Nashville, Tennessee

"Wed. Nite

"Dear Mr. Ellington,

"You want live very long after you read this  
letter.

"Your s.o.b., you are trying to get rich your  
self. We'll just see if it does you any good, I am a poor  
man and cant stand to be out any more money for anything  
else.

"You cockeye'd bastered. We had a good Governor,  
a smart one, one who loved the people of the state. You

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Approved: W B WOTTS  
Special Agent in Charge

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stood up and lied and made people believe you that were ignorant. You may think this is a lie, but you are going to get killed. Their is 8 of us and be damed if we don't mean what we say. We've got the guns already, and one of us will get you. You need to be out of the way. Anybody can ruin the people of this land, but you want to get too. I had a part in planning of Kennedy's killing, and I just might get you myself. believe me Ellington, I mean this. I may have to get somebody else for you may be guarded, but I'll get your. You better make a long talk (illegible) TV, it had better sound good for you may not live to get home.

"Youll never live to ruin this state of ours. I hate you, I am not by myself.

"Truly a person that hates you with a passion. From us to you."

As indicated in the referenced teletype, the TBCI is handling the investigation of this matter and has maintained the original of the letter. A copy of the above letter was furnished to the Memphis Division of the FBI by Mr. W.HOPTON, Director, TBCI, Nashville, Tennessee, who stated he alsoad advised the Secret Service, Nashville, and had given them a copy of the letter.

No further investigation is being conducted by the Memphis Division.