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HURRY L. RANDALL, SPECIAL JUDGE

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Congressman Louis Stokes;  
Chairman, House Select Committee on Assassinations;  
House Office Building  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Stokes:

Your Committee has subpoenaed me  
to testify publicly in a matter  
concerning one Russell Byers.  
Byers, who is known here to be one  
of the most dangerous criminals  
in this city. He has received a lot  
of publicity here in recent months.  
Just a few months ago, in the  
course of an on-going investigation  
here of him by the F.B.I and police

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 reported in the Public Press that  
 his principal associate in crime  
 was murdered almost immediately  
 after this associate visited an  
 F.B.I. office. I believe that this  
 man's murder was arranged by  
 the person to whom he and Mr. Byers  
 had sold the Statues stolen from the  
 museum, and Mr. Byers is now  
 fearful that this publicity is causing  
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 fate will occur to him.

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I believe my public testimony,  
and that of Mr. Byers' will endanger  
lives including my own.

Yet my testimony is of no real  
value to your investigation. The  
remarks Mr. Byers made to me,  
while representing him in a civil case  
(I never represented him in any  
Criminal matter), occurred several  
months after similar remarks  
by Mr. Byers had been reported  
to the F. B. I.

Mr. Byers has told me that  
this report was made by one Richard  
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of Byers. As with most stories fabricated by criminals, the remarks only involved dead persons.

At about the time the remarks were reported to the F.B.I., Mr. Byers expressed serious concern to me as to whether Mr. Byers was an F.B.I. informant. I believe those remarks by Mr. Byers were fabricated and purposely planted with Mr. O'Hara for the purpose of trying to find out whether Mr. O'Hara was an F.B.I. informant, since the only person the F.B.I. could possibly check with was Mr. Byers himself. The F.B.I.



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apparently recognized such and did not tell Byers, as to do so would have endangered the life of

Mr. Byers the informant. I told Mr. Byers the story to me of preparing a representation of what he was questioning

Mr. Byers is a person. I urge the F.B.I. before and after testimony and not to interfere with their investigation. Judge William Web Director F.B.I.



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Mr. Byers then, I believe, told  
his story to me for the purpose  
of preparing me for possible  
representation of him in the event  
he was questioned by the F.B.I.

Mr. Byers is such a seeming  
person. I urge you to check with  
the F.B.I. before endangering lives with  
such testimony and also whether it will  
interfere with their investigation.  
Very truly  
Director F.B.I. Murry L. Randall