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Mr. Charles Morgan, Jr.  
Director  
Southern Regional Office  
American Civil Liberties Union  
5 Forsyth Street, Northwest  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Mr. Morgan:

Your communication of April 14th has been received. You may be assured that the investigation you mentioned will be carried out with the highest degree of thoroughness and dispatch without apology to anyone for the manner in which it is conducted.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER

, DIRECTOR FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION US DEPT OF JUSTICE

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FROM PUBLISHED REPORTS AND FROM CONVERSATIONS HERE IN BIRMINGHAM AND ELSEWHERE IT IS INCREASINGLY APPARENT THAT YOU ARE AWARE OF THE IDENTITY OF A PERSON OR PERSONS ALLEGEDLY INVOLVED IN THE SLAYING DR MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. IN ORDER NOT TO PREJUDICE THE RIGHTS OF ANY SUCH PERSON OR PERSONS OR YOUR INVESTIGATION THE CONTENTS OF THIS TELEGRAM WILL NOT AT THIS TIME BE MADE PUBLIC BY ME.

THE NATION CAN ILL AFFORD THE DEATH OF ANOTHER APPARENT ASSASSIN FOR THAT TO OCCUR IN THIS INSTANCE WOULD REND THE FABRIC OF AMERICA

ASSUMING THAT THE IDENTIFY OF SUCH PERSON OR PERSONS IS KNOWN

MR. DELOACH FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Bishop	✓
Mr. Casper	✓
Mr. Callahan	✓
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Mr. Felt	✓
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Miss Gandy	✓

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TO YOU I URGE YOU TO SEE THAT ALL AGENTS AND OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS PRESENTLY INVOLVED IN APPREHENSION EFFORTS: 1. TAKE EVERY STEP POSSIBLE TO ASSURE THAT HE OR THEY ARE ARRESTED ALIVE AND IS NOT AFTER ARREST SUBJECTED TO RISKS SIMILAR TO THOSE TO WHICH LEE HARVEY OSWALD WAS EXPOSED.  
K 2. TO ASSURE TO SUCH PERSON OR PERSONS EVERY RIGHT GUARANTEED HIM OR THEM BY THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES.  
3. TO TAKE EACH OF THE ABOVE STEPS EVEN AT THE RISK OF THE LIVES OF THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS INVOLVED.

RESPECTFULLY

CHARLES MORGAN JR AS DIRECTOR SOUTHERN REGIONAL OFFICE AMERICAN  
CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION 5 FORSYTH STREET NW ATLANTA GA. 30303

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CC: Mr. Bishop