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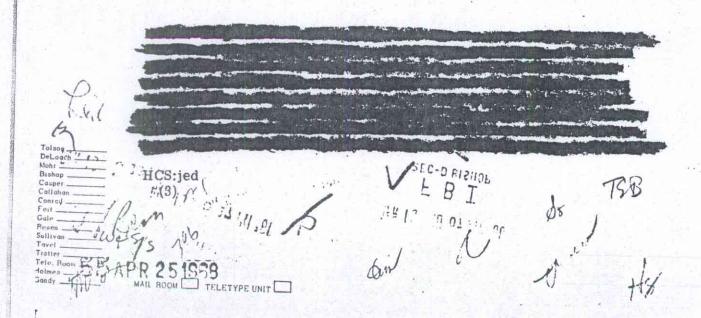
Mr. Charles Morgan, Jr.
Director
Southern Regional Office
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5 Forsyth Street, Northwest
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

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,

MAILED 12 APR 10 1968 COMM-FBI John Edgar Hoover Director



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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.

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RESPECTFULLY

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

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