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Date 3/25/77

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (62-6603) (P)

SUBJECT: HOUSE SELECT/COMMITTEE  
ON ASSASSINATIONS

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Re Bureau airtel to Miami dated 3/17/77.

Enclosed for the Bureau is one copy of the following described "Miami Magazine" articles:

1. Article entitled, "JFK, KING; The Dade County Links" by DON CHRISTENSEN, which appeared in the September, 1976, issue of "Miami Magazine".

2. Article entitled, "KING Assassination; FBI Ignored Its Miami Informer", by DON CHRISTENSEN, which appeared in the October, 1976, issue of "Miami Magazine".

Also enclosed are seven copies of an LHM reflecting information concerning "Miami Herald" newspaper article, dated March 14, 1977, captioned, "KING Panel Might Call Miami Man".

Enclosed for the Memphis Division is one copy each of the foregoing described enclosures.

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do not contain any information that Miami FBI records at such a meeting. FBI Agents were present

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Miami files do contain information that WILLIAM SOMERSETT telephonically contacted Miami Division on 11/10/63, and advised that a conversation between JOSEPH A. MILTEER and himself had been tape recorded by the Miami Police Department.

This information was furnished to the Bureau by Miami teletype dated 11/10/63, under the caption, "THREAT TO KILL PRESIDENT KENNEDY BY J. A. MILTEER", at Miami, Florida, on 11/9/63.

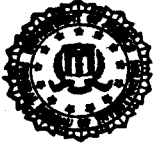
Miami records reflect that on November 11, 1963, Sergeant CHARLES SAPP, Miami Police Department, advised the Miami Division of the FBI that a conversation between WILLIAM SOMERSETT and JOSEPH A. MILTEER, had been tape recorded by his department.

Miami records show that on November 12, 1963, the Miami Police Department furnished a transcribed copy of the taped conversation between SOMERSETT and MILTEER to SA LEONARD C. PETERSON of the Miami Division.

Copy of this transcript was furnished to the Bureau by an airtel dated 11/13/63, under the "J. A. MILTEER, RACIAL MATTERS, OO: ATLANTA" caption.

Miami records show that WILLIAM SOMERSETT was a discontinued informant who had been turned over to the Miami Police Department and was not being contacted by the Miami Division of the FBI per Bureau instructions dated 11/13/61.

However, any information SOMERSETT volunteered to the Miami FBI was accepted and appropriately disseminated.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. 62-6603

Miami, Florida  
March 25, 1977

RE: HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE  
ON ASSASSINATIONS

An article appearing in the "Miami Herald" newspaper, Miami, Florida, dated March 14, 1977, captioned "KING Panel Might Call Miami Man", is attached hereto.

In regards to certain allegations and statements contained in the "Miami Herald" newspaper article, the following is noted:

Miami Office files contain no reference reflecting receipt of the information allegedly furnished by WILLIAM SOMERSETT relative to his claim that he overheard a death threat at a union affair in Washington as set forth in said article.

In connection with the statement in the article by CHARLES SAPP, formerly of the Miami Police Department, a review of Miami files does not show the receipt of any information from CHARLES SAPP furnished to him by WILLIAM SOMERSETT.

On March 23, 1977, Supervisor LEONARD C. PETERSON of the Miami Office of the FBI, who was in periodic contact with personnel of the Miami Police Department, Intelligence Division, during 1968, advised that he did not receive and knows of no other FBI employee who received any information concerning a death threat against Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., during that period.

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