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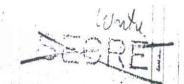
T recommend against reopening the assassination investiSation because there is no evidence that the Bureau had anything to do with the shooting of Dr. King. While I believe
that serious invasions of the privacy of Dr. King and many others
becurred as a result of the Bureau's activity, I do not recommand that any action be taken against any individual for the
following reasons: (1) if criminal acts occurred, the statute
of limitations has long since expired; (2) no one has filed a
civil suit against the Department or the Bureau, in spite of
much publicity about the Bureau's activities, so no decision
paed he made as to what position the Department might take;
(2) no Bureau compleyes who was a section chief or higher who
was involved with the King case still works for the Bureau so
and disciplinary action need be taken. (4)

T recommend against a public report by the Department of the appointing of a "blue ribbon" committee. The Church Committee has largely performed that function and the risk of adversely affecting the reputations of many people is too great. I certainly recommend against my report being made public at his multiplied he many is summent, for applicable of the business of the comment of the business of the comment of the business of the comment of the committee of the committee of the comment of the committee o

It is clear that steps must be taken to change Rureau procedures to prevent anything like this from ever happening again. The Department was seriously at fault in not supervising the Bureau. I have certain ideas in mind about necessary changes that we can discuss but I have not set them out here because I believe that most, if not all, are being considered by one or more of the study groups and task forces the Attorney General has established.

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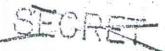
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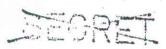
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