

Assistant Attorney General ~~FEDERAL GOVERNMENT~~
Criminal Division
Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch
Director, FBI

June 19, 1978

- 1 - Legal Counsel Division
- Attn: Mr. Coulson
- 1 - Mr. Bailey
- 1 - Mr. Foster

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Enclosed are an original and one copy of a memorandum with an attachment which completes response to referenced HSCA letter. It is requested that you furnish a copy of the enclosed memorandum and its attachment to the HSCA.

Enclosures (2)

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NOTE: The HSCA has been previously provided with files concerning organizations named in this request of March 7, 1978. Since informant symbol numbers are excised in this material, the HSCA cannot assess our informant coverage of these groups. Since we do not desire to turn over informant files to the HSCA, it was decided that an informant survey of these organizations would be conducted to determine what information, if any, regarding our coverage of these groups could be provided the HSCA.

Informant survey was compiled through review of substantive files of the organizations involved, informant control files containing FD-378s (Racial Program Bi-weekly Progress Report) and FD-405s which listed extremist organizations and the identity and number of informants providing coverage. In addition, it was necessary to review about 150 informant files to determine if informants were members or officers of a particular group.

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The survey was carefully prepared to avoid compromise of any informants. For example, if membership of a particular organization was extremely low and its officers few, information pertaining to the number of informants who were members or officers was withheld. Therefore, it is believed that information in this survey can be furnished to the HSCA without compromising any individual informants.

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As stated in referenced FBI memorandum, on April 7, 1978, HSCA Staff Member Peter Beeson furnished the following modification of HSCA letter dated March 7, 1978.

HSCA desires

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Mr. Beeson advised the HSCA desires

is also needed.

On April 13, 1978, Mr. Beeson further modified Item 3, advising that

This letter is to complete response to referenced HSCA request and the above modifications by furnishing a survey of informant coverage of organizations listed by the HSCA in Item 3. This survey is exclusive of any electronic

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surveillance coverage, if such was actually conducted, and was developed through review of appropriate FBI Headquarters files relating to the operation of racial and extremist informants in localities specified by the HSCA.

The HSCA should note that some of the below organizations, especially on the local level, were loosely structured, organized only during intermittent periods, and in some cases not operating on the state or national level. Similarly, the FBI's informant coverage of these organizations was constantly changing. In some instances informants became members of a given organization and reported on its activities throughout the period of 1967-1968. In other cases, informants provided coverage for only a limited time. Therefore, where organization membership was large, the survey attempts to show the approximate number of informants used during this 2 year period.

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It should be noted that protection of FBI informants is of paramount importance to the FBI. Therefore, where certain information is omitted, it was done so in order to avoid possible compromise of certain informants, particularly where membership of a group was very small with few officers.

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INSPECTION REPORTS

With respect to the HSCA's request for [REDACTED]

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It should be noted that in accordance with the FBI's routine destruction program, inspection reports 3-years old or older were destroyed. This destruction was accomplished in alphabetical order up to the letter N, at which time it was discovered that these records were covered under the Records Retention Plan and destruction was ceased. Therefore, an inspection report dating back to 1967-1968 is available only for the New Orleans Field Office. This report and its summary are attached.

In accordance with Inspection Division procedures, a summary of each inspection report is prepared. These summaries, five-years old or older, were destroyed up to letter N, as described above. However, a copy of each summary was retained in the personnel file of the Special Agent in Charge of the office under inspection. Therefore, from appropriate personnel files, inspection summaries for the years 1967-1968 were retrieved for the Memphis, Los Angeles, Atlanta, Birmingham, and Chicago Field Offices. A copy of each of these summaries is attached.

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NOTE: See Director, FBI, letter to Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch, dated June 19, 1978, captioned as above.

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