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**TO :** Mr. Bassett *HMS/2*

**FROM :** D. Ryan *[Signature]*

**SUBJECT:** HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS  
U. S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (HSCA) &

DATE: 5-19-78

- 1 - Mr. Bassett
- 1 - Criminal Investigative Division, Attn: M. V. Hale
- 1 - Legal Counsel Division Attn: D. O. Coulson
- 1 - Mr. Foster

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**PURPOSE:** To advise that Mr. G. R. Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director, HSCA, reviewed excised copies of five files of FBI informants who provided coverage on the Invaders, a Memphis, Tennessee, youth gang active in 1968.

**DETAILS:** By memorandum from D. Ryan to Mr. Bassett dated 4-27-78, it was approved that Mr. Blakey be given access to five files of five FBI informants who provided coverage on the Invaders. This group was involved in violence during the Sanitation Workers Strike in Memphis during March-April, 1968. Mr. Blakey had advised that the HSCA is trying to resolve the issue as to whether or not the Invaders fomented racial violence to get King to return from Atlanta to Memphis where he was killed and that if any of our informants acted as "agent provocateurs." It was decided it would be in the best interest of the Bureau to allow Mr. Blakey access to these informant files in an effort to satisfy the HSCA that our informants were not responsible in instigating any violence which occurred.

Between 11:15 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. on 5-17-78, at the House Office Building, Mr. Blakey reviewed copies of all five informant files. These files were excised to remove all identifying data on each informant. The review was conducted in the presence of Special Agents Richard Busching and J. T. Aldhizer.

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Re: House Select Committee on Assassinations  
U. S. House of Representatives (HSCA)

Following review, Mr. Blakey stated he found no evidence that any of our informants acted as "agent provocateurs." He furnished Special Agents Busching and Aldhizer 15 pages of sketchy notes which he took during his review. Mr. Blakey desired the FBI retain these notes at FBI Headquarters (FBIHQ). If, at the time of the preparation of the HSCA's final report, a paragraph regarding this review is necessary, he will come to FBIHQ, review his notes, and construct a paragraph to the effect that he found no evidence that any of these informants instigated violence. He stated he would make this paragraph available for the FBI's review prior to inclusion in the HSCA's report to insure that these informants are not in any way compromised. Mr. Blakey advised the notes were necessary to serve as verification of his file review.

Mr. Blakey expressed no objections to any excisions in these files. Notes made by Mr. Blakey will be retained in the Congressional Inquiry Unit.

RECOMMENDATION: None, for information.

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