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TO : Mr. Bassett *HNB/P*

DATE: 4-18-78

FROM : D. Ryan *DR*

- 1 - Mr. Bassett *DR*
- 1 - Mr. Cregar *DR*
- 1 - Mr. Mintz
Attn: Mr. Coulson
- 1 - Mr. Ryan
- 1 - Mr. Steinbeck
- 1 - Mr. Foster
- 1 - Mr. Aldhizer

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

PURPOSE: To report results of a special briefing held for Mr. G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director, HSCA, on 4-12-78, in the Director's Office.

DETAILS: On 3-23-78, Mr. Robert Keuch, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Special Counsel to the Attorney General for matters relating to captioned Committee, advised that the staff of the HSCA had asked, because of numerous excisions in material received from the FBI concerning the Martin Luther King, Jr., investigation, [redacted] be afforded Mr. Blakey; Congressmen Louis Stokes, Chairman of the HSCA; and Samuel L. Devine, Ranking Minority, HSCA. It was subsequently decided to brief only Mr. Blakey, who indicated that such might preclude necessity of briefing the two Congressmen. *(U)*

On 4-12-78, at 11:30 a.m., this briefing was held in the Director's Office. Attending were: the Director; Mr. Adams; Mr. Blakey; W. O. Cregar and M. J. Steinbeck of the Intelligence Division; D. O. Coulson, Legal Counsel Division; and J. T. Aldhizer, Records Management Division. *(U)*

SA Aldhizer showed examples of Department and FBI documents which had been provided the HSCA [redacted] Purpose was to show information concerning the King-Levison association, which served as the basis of the FBI's security investigation of King. [redacted]

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Following the briefing, Mr. Blakey proposed several questions concerning the operation and King. These questions were appropriately answered. (U)

Mr. Blakey expressed satisfaction with the briefing and with the Bureau's reasons for excising documents furnished the HSCA. He stated the early association of King and Levison is crucial to the HSCA's investigation. He acknowledged that the FBI had a basis to investigate King and to install telephone surveillance of him. However, he believed the investigation of King continued for too long a period and information developed by the FBI concerning King was disseminated too widely. (U)

Mr. Blakey desired that Congressmen Stokes and Devine be furnished the same briefing at a future date. (U)

RECOMMENDATION: For information.

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