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Memorandum

TO : ~~MR. BASSETT~~
File (62-117290)

DATE: July 12, 1978

FROM : ~~SA Fred W. Brekke~~
Mr. Ryan

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SUBJECT: HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)

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Re HSCA request dated March 27, 1978.

The following is a partial transcript of the HSCA interview of SA [redacted] Memphis Office, on April 19, 1978, which was taped by the Committee. The portion of the interview below occurs approximately between the twenty-first and twenty-fourth minutes of the interview, and includes an obvious interruption in the recording of that interview.

HSCA "During the period 1967 through the assassination do you recall having any sources within..."

SA [redacted] "I don't discuss sources."

HSCA "Oh, well, I understand that the instructions you receive from the Legal Unit of the FBI..."

SA Lowe "I haven't talked to them."

HSCA "says not to discuss specific names but the fact that you had or did not have, I understand, if I understand the ground rules, a fair game."

SA [redacted] "Well I ah, I unfortunately with the late airplane this morning have not talked to the Legal People, but I ah, and I'm not interested particularly in talking to them, they were supposed to call me two days ago, that is their problem not mine. Ah, but I would not discuss my sources, or our sources, or anything concerning sources."

HSCA "Hm, like I said, the ~~ST-132~~ different than we understand the ground rules to be, and if you don't mind I would either like to put you in touch with Danny Coulson from your Legal Unit or you can call them, I'll give you the number, because we understand the ground rules to be we can't ask you who they were. We can ask you to confirm or deny that you had them, what period of time, characterizing them as either people who made decisions in the organization or not, and we can ask those kind of questions as long as we don't ask you their identities or, you know, whether or not the guy with one arm and one leg was in fact a source."

SA [redacted] "Well, ah, regardless, yeah, I'll be glad to talk to the Legal People, ah but, I am not prone to talk very much about sources."

HSCA "I can appreciate that."

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SA [REDACTED] "Ah, anything leading to them or any direction of the Bureau towards handling them, that is something you are going to have to get from somebody else."

HSCA "Well, there may not be other people we can get it from. We have reached an agreement with the Bureau whereby, we will obtain the sanitized informant files."

SA [REDACTED] "That's fine."

HSCA "Ok."

SA [REDACTED] "The information they furnish, you are welcome to."

HSCA "Ok, but it is also my understanding of the agreement that we are allowed to ask you certain questions relative to sources and informants as long as we don't ask you their identities, and I think that before we can proceed much further..."

SA [REDACTED] "Ah, that is fine and maybe you, ah maybe you ought to talk to them, but even regardless of what they say ah, ah, well you may be allowed to ask the question, I'm not denying that now..."

HSCA "Right, and I understand that your instructions are to cooperate with us..."

SA [REDACTED] "Oh, I'll be glad to do that."

HSCA "Fully to the extent of our mandate, and if the FBI and the Attorney General have decided that we may properly ask and you must respond to questions about sources without revealing source's identity, ah we are at an impasse if you are saying, regardless of what they say you are not going to do what, you are going to do whatever you want to do."

SA [REDACTED] "Well, no, I'm not saying that at all. I am saying that ah, ah, I would..."

(PAUSE)

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HSCA "Bureau have other than the Project or the Invaders."
SA [REDACTED] "Oh yes, oh yes."

HSCA "and were they there during the period of 1967, late, when we were talking about December, November, 1967, through the period of the assassination."

SA [REDACTED] "Well, when you say they were there, yeah, some of them, that was a constant changing thing you are aware, yeah, yeah we had sources ah, ah, in that group, ah why didn't you say sources?"

HSCA "Well I mean, I mean get more specific about..."

SA [REDACTED] "Yeah, well lets..."

HSCA "Give us the broadest category that you..."

SA [REDACTED] "All right. we had a number of sources, ah that were reporting on and about that group, some members, some nonmembers, some outsiders, ah yes."

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HSCA "Did you ever have informants within the group?"
SA [REDACTED] "Yes we did."
HSCA "and were they assigned symbol numbers?"
SA [REDACTED] "Hm, yes, now wait a minute, you are talking about what period?"
HSCA "My questions were all 1967 through the assassination."
SA [REDACTED] "Through the assassination?"
HSCA "Right."
SA [REDACTED] "Yes, we had some symbol number informants, ah, yes we did."
HSCA "That was within which group...the Invaders or Black Organizing Project, or what is known as BOP dash..."
SA [REDACTED] "Dash Invaders...that group per se, yes." b7c

Informers?

Probably includes
all who provided
Swadlow information
but were not Swadlows