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TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: June 16, 1957

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FROM : Warren Olney III, Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED] aka, et al;
[REDACTED] et al, Victims
Civil Rights

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- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Boardman
- Mr. Belmont
- Mr. Mohr
- Mr. Parsons
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tamm
- Mr. Trotter
- Mr. Nease
- Tele. Room
- Mr. [REDACTED]
- Miss Gandy

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I would like to pass on to you the comments of Mr. St. John Barrett, Chief of the Civil Rights Section of the Criminal Division concerning the assistance received from the Bureau in the investigation and presentation to the Federal Grand Jury at Jackson, Mississippi of the evidence in this extraordinarily delicate and difficult matter.

Mr. Barrett has addressed to me a memorandum on the subject reading as follows:

I wish to bring to your attention an incident which occurred in connection with the presentation of the above case to a grand jury in Jackson, Mississippi. This incident is an example of the high quality of work which the FBI has done in connection with this case and the excellent cooperation it has given to the U. S. Attorney and to this Division.

One of the most important witnesses in connection with the above case was one [REDACTED] when interviewed by Bureau agents, had given detailed statements regarding beatings which he had witnessed in the [REDACTED] jail. When efforts were made to subpoena [REDACTED] to appear before the grand jury he could not be located. Through continued efforts by the FBI [REDACTED] was finally located in Chicago after the grand jury inquiry had commenced. He was served with an instantner subpoena by the U. S. Marshal in Chicago who advanced [REDACTED] \$55. in cash to cover expenses in connection with his grand jury appearance.

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When I arrived in the U. S. Attorney's office on June 13 [redacted] although he had been served with a subpoena several days before that date, had not yet appeared nor had he been heard from. At approximately 10:00 AM of June 13, Mr. Hauberg received a telephone call from [redacted] who stated that he had exhausted the funds that had been given him for travel expenses; that he was then in Memphis, Tennessee, where he had stopped to pick up some clothes, and that the earliest transportation that he would be able to get to Jackson (if given further funds) was a bus leaving Memphis at noon. Mr. Hauberg advised [redacted] that he should be sure to catch the bus in order to appear before the grand jury. At this time it appeared likely that the grand jury inquiry would terminate on June 13.

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The above facts were related to Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] who had been assisting Mr. Hauberg in the preparation of the case for grand jury presentation. The special agents contacted the Memphis office of the Bureau and through the efforts of that office [redacted] was located, although his whereabouts in Memphis had not theretofore been known. The agents in Memphis managed to detain bus departures from Memphis to Jackson in order to intercept [redacted]. They also detained a plane which was scheduled to leave Memphis at around noon. The plane was held up for one hour and [redacted] was placed aboard, [redacted]

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As a result of the Bureau's efforts, [redacted] arrived in Jackson in time to testify before the grand jury. I am advised by Mr. Hauberg that [redacted] testimony, as expected, was of considerable importance. Although the grand jury failed to return any indictments in this case, it could well have been, in slightly different circumstances, that [redacted] testimony could have been a deciding factor. I have followed this case very closely, conferring frequently with Mr. Hauberg and with the Bureau agents. It is my opinion that the FBI, not only in the example which I have here given but in the conduct of the investigation generally, has done an able and thorough job and that the cooperation given this Division has been excellent.

*Thank Barnett
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It is a pleasure to forward this information.