

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

TO : Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: October 15, 1969

FROM: *[Signature]* J. Walter Yeagley
Assistant Attorney General
Internal Security Division

SUBJECT: Harold Weisberg

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On June 13, 1969 Harold Weisberg, a free-lance writer who resides at Route 8, Frederick, Maryland, requested an interview with a Departmental attorney.

Later the same day he visited this Division and discussed certain Haitian exile revolutionary activities. He again visited this Division on October 8, 1969 and continued his discussion of Haitian exile activities. The information he furnished regarding those activities was of no value.

During the course of the interview on October 8, 1969, Mr. Weisberg advised that he had recently received a telephone call from J. B. Stoner, National Chairman of the National States Rights Party. He said that Stoner told him that two men in his Party formerly served as informants of the FBI. Stoner allegedly said that these two men are prepared to testify in court that the FBI offered them \$25,000 to frame James Earl Ray for the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. Mr. Weisberg said that the testimony presumably would be furnished in a habeas corpus proceeding.

This information is being forwarded as a matter of possible interest to your Bureau.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

No. _____ -CR-

18 U.S.C. 371
M/S 10,000 - 5

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
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 v.)
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 RENE JAURES LEON;)
 MARTIN FRANCIS XAVIER CASEY;)
 LAWRENCE JAMES CARLIN)
 HOWARD KENNETH DAVIS;)
 RALPH GRANT EDENS;)
 CHARLES SMITH;)
 EDMUND KOLBY)

The Grand Jury charges:

That from in or about March, 1969 and continuously thereafter up to and including June 4, 1969, in the Southern District of Florida and elsewhere, the defendants

RENE JAURES LEON;
MARTIN FRANCIS XAVIER CASEY;
LAWRENCE JAMES CARLIN;
HOWARD KENNETH DAVIS;
RALPH GRANT EDENS;
CHARLES SMITH;
EDMUND KOLBY

unlawfully, wilfully and knowingly did conspire with each other, and with William J. Dempsey, a co-conspirator but not a defendant herein, and with divers other persons to the Grand Jury unknown, to violate the laws of the United States, to wit, Title 18, United States Code, Section 960 in the manner and by the means hereinafter set forth.

10/9/69- Haiti invasions, indictments for (Ref earlier memo)

Yesterday I dropped in on James C. Morris, of the Internal Security Div, fifth floor, Federal Triangle Bldg., to whom I had earlier been sent by the Criminal Div after the Miami indictments. He had indicated great interest in seeing me, copying my tapes and other files, etc. and had promised me a copy of the indictment. I never got it, never heard further.

He professed surprise at this, and explained it was not him but Customs, to whom he had referred this, because they are in charge of such prosecutions.

He said he'll send me the indictment (he drew it and they made but minor changes).

I told him I had a friend in touch with Dempsey and about to interview him. I said if there were any questions to which they could lie an effort made to get answers, I would ask they be asked. He said this would not be evidence. I understood it would be hearsay. I said it might produce knowledge. He agreed. He presumed Dempsey had been permitted to return to Canada from British territory. I told him I had interviewed of Dempsey in the Canadian press and he said he thought they had them.

I also told him I had reason to believe (and why) the NSRP was pulling a nasty frame on the FBI (and what it is). He said the place to take that was the FBI, because it involved their reputation. I replied that is the FBI would not even answer a request for ~~my~~ a copy of a press release from me this seemed a futility, and I presumed it would be his division that was interested in the NSRP. He agreed they have such an interest.



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20530

October 13, 1969

Mr. Harold Weisberg
Route 8
Frederick, Maryland

Dear Mr. Weisberg:

Reference is made to your recent conversation with
Mr. James P. Morris of this Division.

Pursuant to your request, I am forwarding herewith
a copy of the indictment in United States v. Rene Leon,
et al. The indictment was returned by a Federal grand
jury in Miami, Florida on July 29, 1969.

Sincerely,

J. WALTER YEAGLEY
Assistant Attorney General
Internal Security Division

By: 
JOHN H. DAVITT

Enclosure