

- 1 - Mr. Mintz - Enc.
- 1 - Mr. Adams - Enc.
- ① - Mr. Baspart - Enc.

The Deputy Attorney General

October 3, 1975

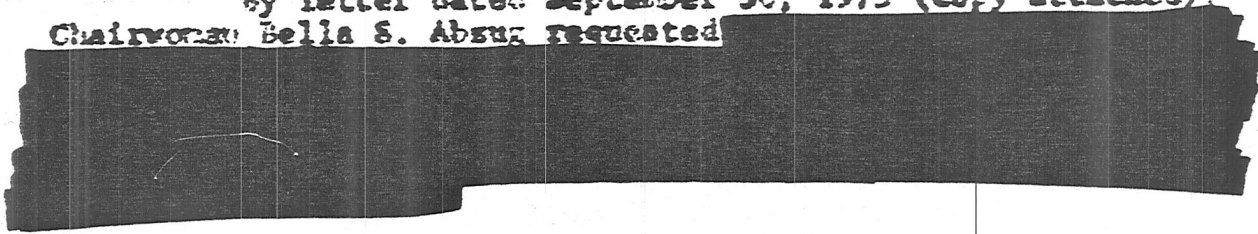
Director, FBI

- 1 - Mr. Gallagher - Enc.
- 1 - Mr. Hotis - Enc.
- 1 - Mr. Daly - Enc.

REQUEST FOR TESTIMONY BEFORE THE GOVERNMENT
INFORMATION AND INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS SUBCOMMITTEE
OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS
BY DIRECTOR CLARENCE M. KELLEY, FBI, ON
OCTOBER 22, 1975

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By letter dated September 30, 1975 (copy attached)
Chairwoman Bella S. Abzug requested



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The results of our investigation of this allegation were forwarded to the Attorney General by letter dated October 1, 1975, for his consideration. Until it is clear that no prosecutive action will follow, we feel it would be inappropriate to furnish documents, submit to interview or appear before a Congressional Committee on this matter. It should be noted that we have received similar requests from the Subcommittee on Civil and Constitutional Rights of the House Committee on the Judiciary and the House Select Committee on Intelligence Activities.

Additionally, the Director has been scheduled to testify on October 22, 1975, before another Congressional Committee, the date Chairwoman Abzug requested for testimony.

It is suggested we decline Chairwoman Abzug's requests for the reasons set forth above.

Enclosure

- 1 - Michael E. Sheehan, Jr. - Enclosure
Special Counsel for
Intelligence Coordination
- 1 - Office of Legislative Affairs - Enclosure

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NOTE: Carolyn Havel, Office of Legislative Affairs in the Department, was contacted by Robert Fink, Staff Member on captioned Committee, on 10/2/75 and informed her of the requested testimony by Director Kelley contained in the above-described letter. Havel explained to Fink that the Department's position, since this matter was under review for possible criminal prosecution, would not be appropriate for a Bureau representative to testify concerning this matter and that as an alternative, the Bureau has briefed representatives of Congressional Committees concerning this matter. Fink informed Havel that delaying a hearing because of the pending investigation concerning the topic of testimony would not be an acceptable reason for the Committee.

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[REDACTED] advised that Congresswoman Abzug was apparently laying the groundwork to use a subpoena to obtain the necessary Bureau testimony for the Abzug Committee and we have generally answered refusing the requested information and testimony. All of the correspondence has been furnished to the Committee through the Department. [REDACTED] indicated that Congressman Sam Steiger was desirous of assisting the Bureau in any problem we may encounter in our relations with this Committee.