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SO Sacramento CA	Alfred William Martinez 171054	11-25-73	DWI	F; \$345. prob 36 on chg of 23102 VC
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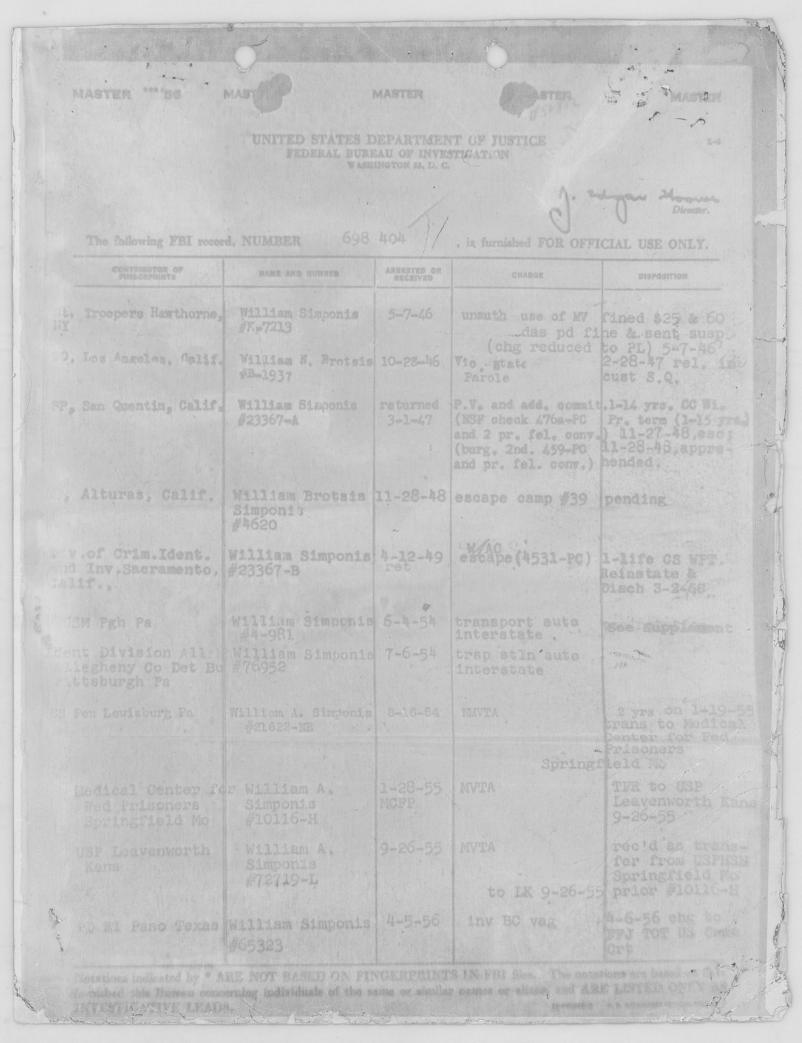
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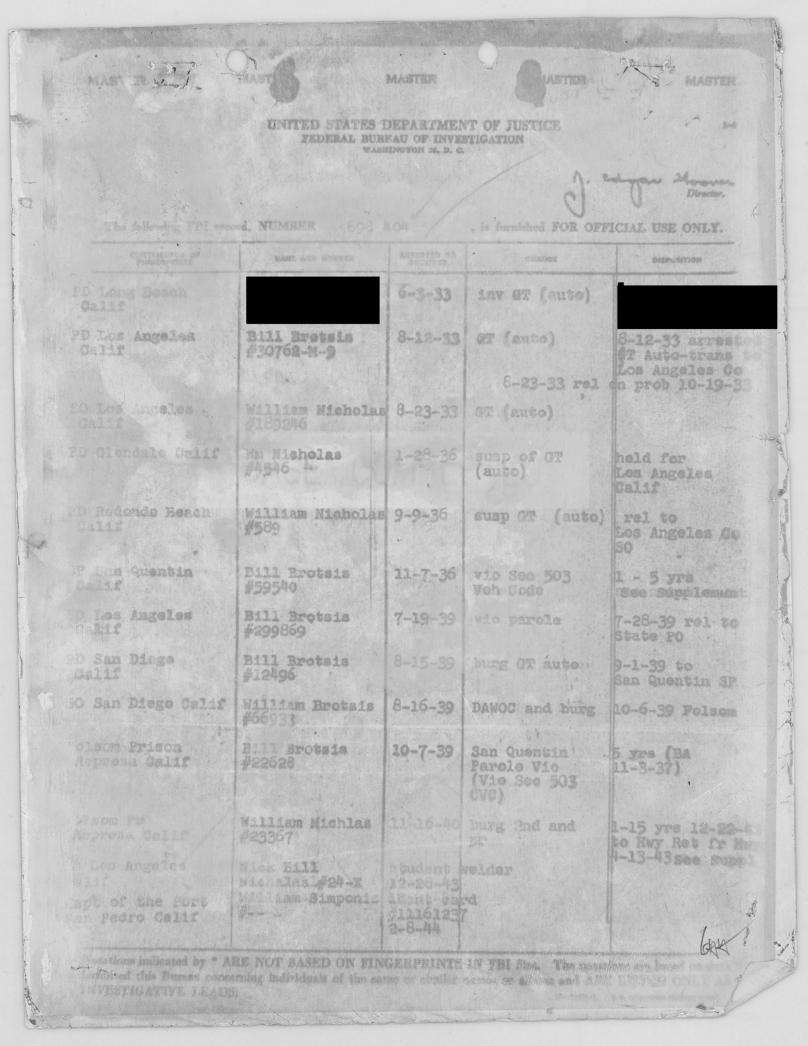
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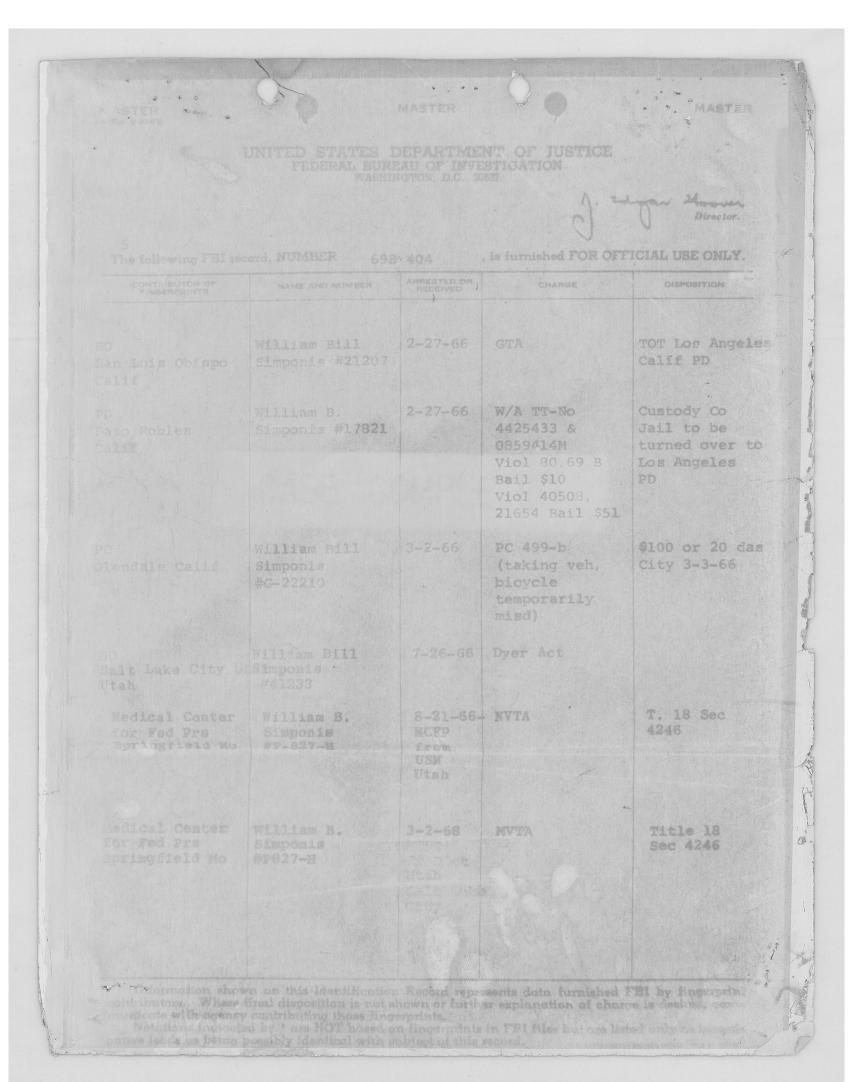
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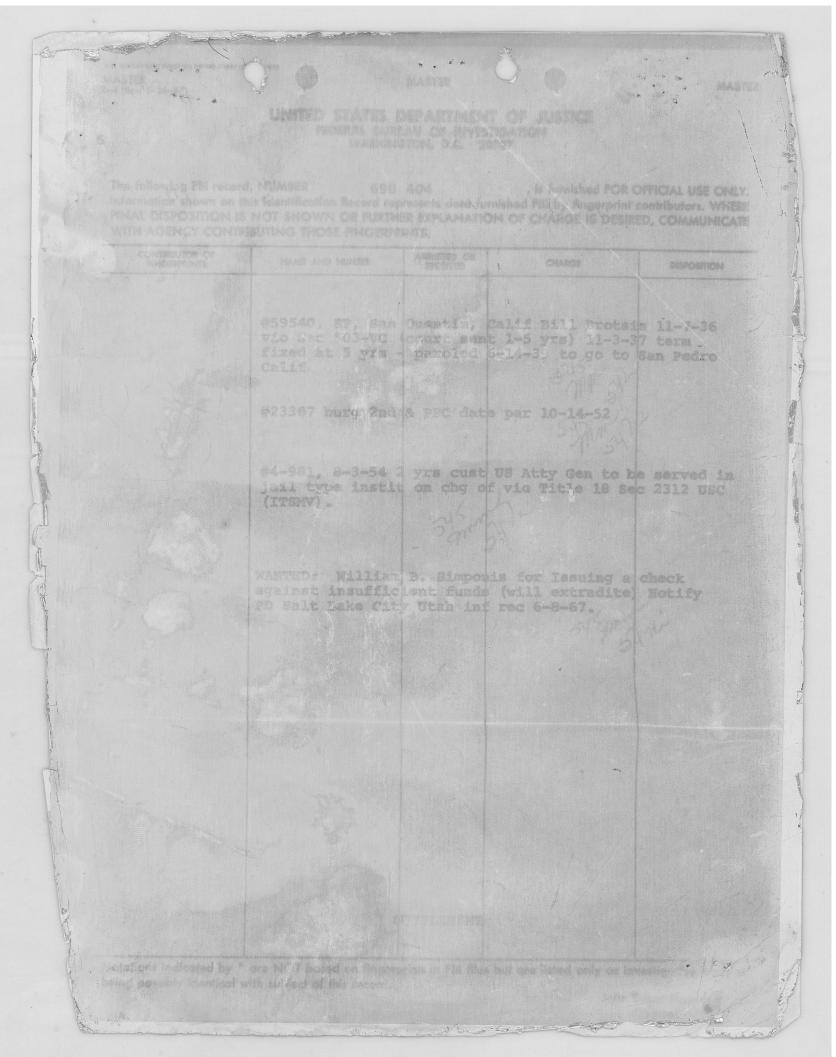
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Sex: M
Height: 72"
Weight: 163
Hair: brn
Eyes: brn
Date and Place of Birth: PII

Scars and Marks: II scar over left eye

Address: (in 1966) San Fran CA

Occupation: chef

Social Security Number: unk

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In view of the foregoing information, the Philadelphia Division does not contemplate any further contacts with Mrs. EBERLY, UACB.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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: Assistant Attorney General

See Attached Note.

DATE: December 27, 1976

Civil Rights Division

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT:

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING CIVIL RIGHTS

Reference is made to memorandum dated
There is enclosed one copy of the report of Special Agent
A. This covers the preliminary investigation and no further action concerning a full investigation will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.
B. The investigation is continuing and you will be furnished copies of reports as they are received.
C. The investigation requested by you has now been completed. Unless advised to the contrary no further inquiries will be made by this Bureau.
D. — Pursuant to instructions issued by the Department, no investigation will be conducted in this matter unless specifically directed by the Department.
E. Please advise whether you desire any further investigation.
F. This is submitted for your information and you will be advised of further developments.
G. This is submitted for your information and no further investigation will be conducted unless specifically requested by the Department.
H This covers the receipt of a complaint and no further action will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.
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ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING

NOTE: Enclosed is one copy of a letter and envelope from Mrs. Sarah B. Eberly dated 12/4/76, postmarked Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

Our Philadelphia Office of the FBI advised the following:

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It would appear that Mrs. Eberly suffers from some type of a mental disorder and has acknowledged that she has received treatment for this condition. It is quite possible that she may direct additional correspondence to the Director.

No further investigation is being conducted concerning this letter from Mrs. Eberly unless specifically requested by the Department.

Our files at FBI Headquarters also contain no information identifiable with Mrs. Eberly.

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Dear Mr. Kelly: elm writing about this investigation of Dr. Kings murder. James Earl Rayy is quelty you people know, it, he knows it The pleaded quilty to save his life, if he would have been tried by a jury at that time he would have gotten the death penilty + he & knew it. If it would clear things as much as of don't want to, I will come forward tell my story. I would have to know who dam talking too destill don't want to be smeared all ove The news papers but if I can be of any help I will cooperate. Sincerely Mrs. Jarah B. Eberlig

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FM NEW ORLEANS (157-10673) (P)
TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) ROUTINE
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RE NEW ORLEANS TELETYPE DECEMBER 21, 1976.

JIMMIE WAYNE RAY FINALLY LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED AT LULING, LA. RAY RELATED HE WAS INCARCERATED AT THE MEDICAL CENTER FOR FEDERAL PRISONERS (MCFP), SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI, FROM APPROXIMATELY JANUARY 1967 TO MARCH 1967.

DURING THIS TIME HE BECAME ACQUAINTED WITH ANOTHER

INMATE BY THE NAME OF WILLIAM B. SIMPONIS. FROM MARCH 1967

UNTIL APPROXIMATELY JUNE 1968 HE CORRESPONDED WITH SIMPONIS.

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DURING THE FIRST PART OF 1968 THE EXACT DATE NOT RECALLED BUT BELIEVED PROBABLY FROM JANUARY TO MARCH 1968 SIMPONIS WROTE ABOUT TWO LETTERS TO RAY FROM SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, WHERE SIMPONIS WAS IN JAIL. IN THESE LETTERS SIMPONIS TALKED ABOUT GETTING RELEASED FROM JAIL AND PROPOSED THAT HE AND RAY GO INTO THE MOTEL BUSINESS IN ELKO, NEVADA, WHERE SIMPONIS RELATED HE HAD A GIRLFIEND.

IN ONE OF THESE LETTERS SIMPONIS MENTIONED THE

NAME OF A FELLOW INMATE IN SALT LAKE CITY BY THE LAST

NAME OF MARTINEZ, FIRST NAME NOT RECALLED. SIMPONIS TOLD

RAY THAT MARTINEZ WOULD BE GETTING OUT OF JAIL AND HEADING

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RAY RELATED HE BELIEVED THE TWO LETTERS HE RECEIVED FROM SIMPONIS DURING SIMPONIS' INCARCERATION IN SALT LAKE CITY WERE WRITTEN BY SIMPONIS. AS TO THE BEST OF

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JIMMIE WAYNE RAY RELATED THAT HE IS NOT RELATED IN ANY MANNER TO JAMES EARL RAY AND HAS NEVER HAD ANY TYPE OF ASSOCIATION WITH JAMES EARL RAY. LHM FOLLOWS.

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No. 157-2434 UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUL

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION Miami, Florida

December 29, 1976

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. EXTREMIST MATTER,

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On December 22, 1976, PAT KEOHANE, Chief Correctional Supervisor, Federal Correctional Institution (FCI), Perrine, Florida, advised the following information was developed by a member of his staff during a recent conversation with an inmate ROBERT BYRON WATSON, Number 19210-101, regarding his failure to adnere to FCI mailing procedures.

WATSON, who was sentenced to six years on October 6, 1972, for violation of Federal Narcotics Laws, indicated that he expected to be released from the prison prior to the inception of his full term as a result of a demonstration to be conducted in his behalf by DICK GREGORY at the White House. He requested to be confined to the FCI Segregation Unit in protective custody during the last week of January, 1977, since it is then that the demonstration will take place.

> RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, also known as DICK GREGORY, is a well known nightclub entertainer and civil rights activist who recently has turned his attentions to the re-investigation of the MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. assassination.

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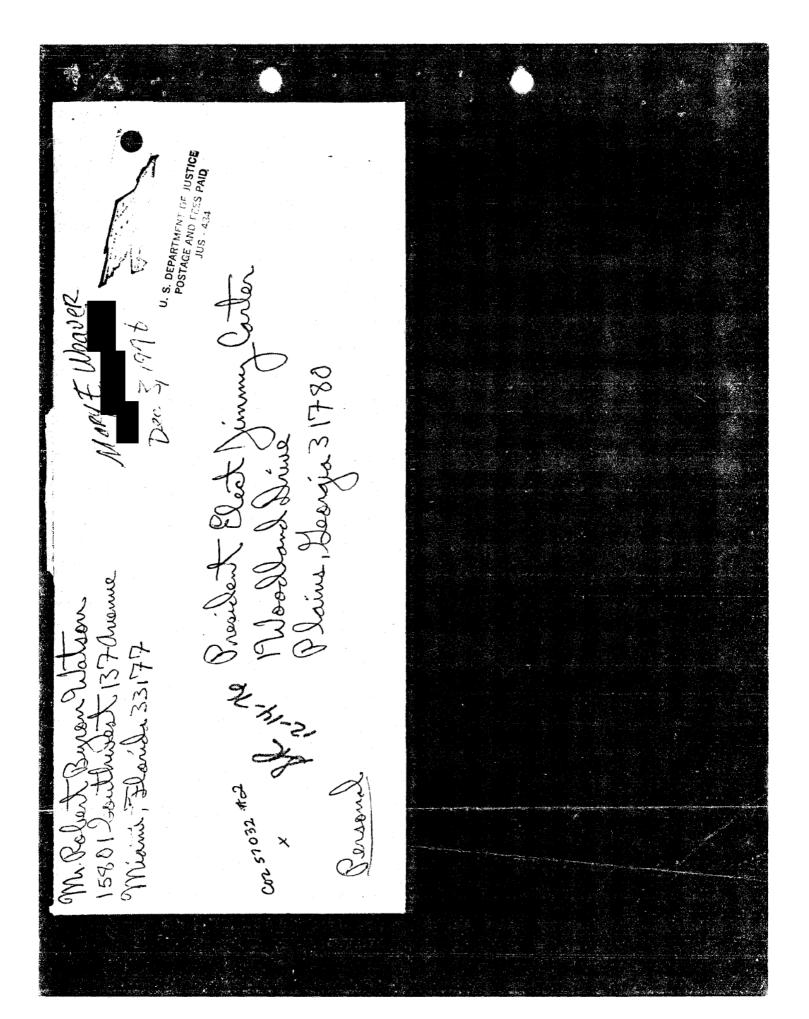
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Records of the FCI revealed that in 1976, A. REGINALD EAVES, Public Safety Commissioner, Atlanta, Georgia, commenced an investigation after GREGORY supplied him with a forty-two page statement attributed to WATSON by his mother, regarding the MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. assassination. EAVES indicated that he planned to return the results of his investigation over to a correctional committee.

WATSON'S statement contained an allegation that in 1968, while he was employed at Magellans Art Gallery in Atlanta, Georgia; he overheard GENE PURCELL and JERRY ADAMS, co-owners of the establishment, planning to kill KING approximately one week before the assassination. PURCELL at the present time is believed to be living in Clinton, Tennessee, and may previously have been employed with the then Atomic Energy Commission.

FCI records reflected that WATSON is a white male, date of birth FBI Number 260-514-J10. He has had numerous arrests since 1970, primarily for narcotics violations.

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15801 Southwest 137 avenue n ami, Florida 33177 Wednesday, November 3, 1976 Dear President Carter, Congratulations on your election to the Presidency of the United States I'm certain that your election to the Presidency of the United States was yet another victory, for all honest ? Lecent americans, against the blatant corruption and immorabite of the federal gangsters. Please Note: "Federal Hangsters" is the tolm which I generally employ when I'm referring to the all Nixon and Ford administrations. The american People senses and inwardly knows when an elected official is sincerely interest in bettering this country because of a "sensitive nature" It is the sincerity and sensitivity which comes from being a born again Christian which gained you the Prelidency of the United States. Whereas Gerald Fard is nothing more than a demogaque, of the very lowest order, who I believe did, as a member of the Warren Commission, benowingly and willfully participate in perpetrating a deliberate Colletup of the conspiracy which brought about the murder of bresident John & Remady Just as the majority of americans inwardly sensel your sincert and sensitivity, Ith majority of americans did also inwally neuse Gerald Ford's flindlanting and perfidy of the americal Yeople of do houestly believe that if you had not won this post election america twould, before the next four years were iner, have become a totalitarian police state and repression only by the military dictal We Central Intelligence Eigency installed in Chile! As you may recall, I and the same Robert Byron

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the House Select Committee on assassinations, which is currently chaired by Rep. Thomas N. Downing. as a direct result of the statements which I released last upon to Public Safety Commissioner a. Reginald Eaues, of the atlanta Burean of Police Services, there has recently been uncovered physical evidence and witnesses which both supports my statements and proves that there was a conspiracy to murder the Reversal Martin Lither King, Ir. Do please headwised that I did personally overhear a like to the personally overhear a partion of the actual conspiracy to muder the Reverend Martin Lither Ring, Jr. Furthermore, in the partion of the conspiracy relich I ownheard, to assossinate Dr. King, there was extensive reference made by the conspirators to their knowledge of the Conspiracy which two responsible for the assassination of Bresident John F. Kennedy. Do please be advised that I am presently incarcerated as adirect result of a deliberate frame up perpetrated by agents, employees, and lackeys of the United States Federal Hoverment because I have knowledge Concerning the involvement of agents of the United State? Federal Italianment in the conspracy to murder Dr. Ping. In other words I am presently a political prisoner of the O Due to the fact that dam being held as a political prioner I was not allowed to vote for you, nor was d able to aid you very much in your campaign- Even though dwas being held as a political prisoner I did housener da everything which was within my powers to assist you in your campaign. For instance, I did write, and telephonically communicated, to all of my friends and supporters that the should assist you in your campaign. Often having talked

Page Two with my friends are supporters I was so mowhat surprised at the speed, and eagerness with which numerous Black Leaders, such as Dick Gregory, agreed to support your campaig Even my chronically ill ellerly Mother and Grandmother stood in line for hours at the Hellehist Center on Cheshine Bridge Road in atlanta, Georgia to vote for you! On September 17, 1970 the U.S. House of Representatives passed House Resolution 1540 which created a House select Committee for the purpose of studying the deaths of President plu F. Kennedy, Senator Pollert F. Hershely, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and possibly ather assassinations The passage of House Resolution 15 to, and your election to the Presidency of the United States has made me happier than anything else in the world could have. No, not even my own relade from prison would have made me as happy as I am now that House Resolution 1540 has passed and you are now the President of the United States. you see, and I ednesday marring, October 27, Mr. John Megathelin, my Case Manager, came tota my room in an to dall me into his office so that he couldtell me that I! going before the Paroll Commission during December of 1976 Rother than during January of 1977 I've Green talk that I'm being recommented for public by the Federal Prison in ashland Kentucky as well as by this new institution here in Miami, Flanda du attar woods, I shall probably he paraled sometime during the very near future. But don't you see, it really doesn't matter so very much whether I am, or I am not paraled from federal prison. I say this only because I never dod do anything to violate the law in the

first place dam completely innocent slang and all urong doing It is agents of the federal government rules are the O crimedals and not I. I am not asking you for a Presidential Parlon because for me to accept a Presidential Pardon I would be, in effect, admitting to having been quitty of the crime for which I am the retition of a true and rutions deliberate framery. The only "oring" to behick I shall freely admit ilt it the 'crime "of having told the F. B. L. of the conspiracy to munder Dr. King, both before and after the assassination of Dr. King of osk only for Justice du my case justice would be the complete exoneration of myself of any and all wrom doing In other words of deserve a Presidential apology for having been a siction of a deliberate framery, as well as constant calculated harassment perpetrated by agents, employees and lackeys of the U.S. Federal Towerment. But alone all, instice in may case shall entail exposing the Juth to the American People regarding the conspiracies which resulted in the deaths of President John F. Kennedy, Senator Poliert F. Kennedy and Dr. Martin Letter King. Furthermore justice in my cases entail bringing to justice beth those was a Senton Robert Kernedy, and Senton Robert Kernedy, and Senton Robert Kernedy, ice bath those who perpetrated the assassand those who padicipaled in reason, acting as a barn-again round assassinations. I thust that you, acting as a barn-again the new President of a new administration, will Dimensof alt for equipments after in betragisting alunes aft be assist me inmy efforts to expose the terrible crimes an injustices committed by previous administrations. Only you and eyeds new Administration can restore the american People & respect and confidence in their government. Lam. 8. S. I'll send you serox copies of my Officiants and Clations under separate Very Sincerely yours, Volet Byron Watson

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June 8, 1976

Mr. Robert Vatson P. O. Box 888 Ashland, Kentucky 41101

Dear Mr. Watson:

Thank you for sending me information relating to my efforts on the Senat. Select Committee on Intelligence Activities to investigate the assassination of former President John F. Kennedy.

For several months, the subcommittee which I am co-chairing has been looking into certain aspects of the original investigation of the Kennedy assassination. Although the subcommittee's limited mandate has required us to focus on the activities of federal intelligence agencies, and we have had only a handful of full-time staff members, the subcommittee has made constructive progress, and the full Senate Select Committee has now voted to authorize preparation of a subcommittee report. I am strongly in favor of publication of a complete report, and you may be sure I will continue to work for this.

In addition, although our subcommittee has not had authority to conduct a complete re-investigation of the Warren Commission findings, I am convinced the Warren Commission investigation was defective, and a new inquiry is required to find out who really committed the assassination, and why. The full Select Committee has now agreed to refer certain matters considered by our subcommittee to the new Senate intelligence oversight committee for additional investigation. This marks the first time any official body of Congress will have been formally charged to investigate aspects of the Kennedy assassination, and I am pleased that my efforts in this area have been successful.

You may be certain I will give careful attention to the information you sent. It is good to know of your support for my stand on this issue.

Sincerely.

Richard S. Schweiker United States Senator

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Memorandum

: Assistant Attorney General CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION DATE:

1/25/77

FROM : Director, FBI

Memphis Office.

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Reference is made to memorandum dated
There is enclosed one copy of the report of Special Agent dated at
A. This covers the preliminary investigation and no further action concerning a full investigation will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.
B The investigation is continuing and you will be furnished copies of reports as they are received.
C. The investigation requested by you has now been completed. Unless advised to the contrary no further inquiries will be made by this Bureau.
D. — Pursuant to instructions issued by the Department, no investigation will be conducted in this matter unless specifically directed by the Department.
E. Please advise whether you desire any further investigation.
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G. This is submitted for your information and no further investigation will be conducted unless specifically requested by the Department.
H This covers the receipt of a complaint and no further action will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.
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NOTE: Enclosed is a memorandum dated 1/19/77 from our New

Orleans Office, and a memorandum dated 1/18/77 from our

In addition, enclosed is a memorandum dated 1/11/77

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION

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from our Cincinnati Office.

Also enclosed is a copy of FBI memorandum at Miami dated 12/29/76, (previously furnished to the Civil Rights Division) and a copy of a letter to President CARTER with its enclosure from ROBERT BYRON WATSON, furnished by U. S. Secert Service. (Refer to my memo 9/12/75).

All of the above mentioned material enclosed herein was made available to the Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR), U. S. D. J., for review on 1/24/77 and no further request was made by OPR. No additional investigation is being conducted per the enclosed unless specifically requested by the Department.

NOTE: Above mentioned made available to OPR Task Force Attorneys JOSEPH GROSS, WILLIAM WHITE, and JAMES KIECKLEFER for review on 1/24/77. GROSS returned the material, requested no copies, and made no further request.

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