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Assistant Attorney General Criminal Division Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch

Director, FBI

March 20, 1979

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THOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS U. S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (HSCA) FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Enclosed are the original and one copy of a memorandum, with five enclosures, which responds to HSCA letters of March 2 and 6, 1979.

The March 2 letter requested delivery of an FBI identification record for Russell George Byers, and the March 6 letter requested delivery of four specific documents relating to certain 1966 and 1968 Counterintelligence Program (Cointelpro) operations and to the "St. Louis Globe Democrat."

The four documents, together with the identification record, are being furnished for your transmittal to the former HSCA in accordance with discussions had between you and Special Agent Ronald Heller.

Excisions made in the four specific documents, two of which contain information classified "Confidential," are to protect sources and persons, affiliated with the "St. Louis Globe Democrat," with whom the FBI established a confidential relationship.

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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS U. S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (HSCA)

This responds in full to the HSCA letters of March 2 and 6, 1979, to the Attorney General, signed by G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Staff Director, HSCA.

Mr. Blakey requested an FBI identification record and four documents, all of which are enclosed.

Excisions have been made in several of the documents to protect sources and persons with whom the FBI established a confidential relationship.

Enclosures - 5

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NOTE: See Director, FBI, letter to Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch, dated March 20, 1979, captioned as above.

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NOTE: This matter has been coordinated with Legal Counsel Division which, in turn, has coordinated with Deputy Assistant Attorney General Robert L. Keuch, U. S. Department of Justice, who has authorized release of the four specific documents, in addition to the identification record, to the former HSCA. In the context of the documents, it appears that two persons on the "St. Louis Globe Democrat" in 1968 were utilized by the FBI on a confidential basis in connection with certain Cointelpro operations. Excisions have been made to protect the identities of these persons, at least one of whom is currently affiliated with that paper. Contact with SAC, St. Louis, discloses no information to contravene the confidential relationship discerned in documents 100-449698-42-1 and 7.

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New Left activity in the St. Louis Division is concentrated in the headquarters city. Principal organizations involved in this movement are as follows:

Action Committee to Increase Opportunities for Negroes (ACTION);

Students for Democratic Society (SDS);

St. Louis Draft Resistance (SLDR);

The Committee to Support Draft Resistance (CSDR).

ACTION is basically a racial type organization. It consists of a small group of individuals who split from the St. Louis Chapter of the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) several years ago in belief that CORE was not sufficiently militant. Its activities are irregular, depending almost entirely on its chairman, PERCY GREEN. Communist Party efforts to cultivate him have so far appeared unsuccessful; however, some influence is exerted through ORVILLE LEACH, veteran Communist Party member, who is chairman of the Community Relations Committee of ACTION.

An immediate Counterintelligence Program concerning the latter three organizations would be restricted because these organizations are all campus-type organizations and Washington University and St. Louis University will close for summer vactions in the first week of June. These organizations will be virtually out of existance until the schools reopen in September.

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St. Louis has pending investigations on these four organizations and their leadership and will be alert to any circumstances or conditions which might be utilized to good advantage for Counterintelligence purposes.

In the past this office has used to good advantage anonymous mailings in connection with Communist Party Counterintelligence. However, at this time the office has no specific publications in mind which might be suggested for Bureau approval.

The <u>feeding of well chosen information to the St. Louis</u> Globe Democrat, a local newspaper, whose editor and associate editor, are extrèmely friendly to the Bureau and the St. Louis Office, has also been utilized in the past and it is contemplated that this technique might be used to good advantage in connection with this program.

With specific regard to the <u>St. Louis_Draft_Resistance</u>, <u>M</u>) which is a one-man organization headed by <u>RICHARD H. FREER</u>, a <u>Washington</u> University graduate student, the following circumstances occurred: <u>MD</u>

FREER turned in his Selective Service draft card at a public meeting on 12/4/67. Investigation—at his local board determined that a few days later he wrote to the board requesting a duplicate card. If this type of information could have been publicized, it might have pointed out the insincerity of FREER. Nothing, however, was done at the time because of the confidential nature of draft board records and the fact that publicity may have jeopardized prosecution presently pending against FREER.

St. Louis will carefully analyze these organizations under this program in an effort to affect the disruption of the New Left and specific suggestions of Counterintelligence action will be submitted to the Bureau for approval by separate letter.

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> with the Bureau in the past. Its publisher Mr. G. Duncan Bauman is on the Special Correspondents List. The information contained in enclosures contains background on SDS which can be of value to Mr. Killenberg. It contains public source material. We have previously the submitted these documents to outside agencies.

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Re St. Louis letters to Bureau 4/14/66 and 6/15/66 St. Louis airtel to Dureau 7/12/66, Bulet to St. Louis 4/26/66, Springerne and Burad to St. Louis 8/21/66.

POTENTIAL COUNTERINTELLIGENCE ACTION

"JERRY", described is St. Louis letter 4/14/66 as : recent releases of the Missouri State Penitentiary where he reportedly served time for a marcotic violation, has now been identified as JERRY SPRAGGINS. He has been using the name JERRY PITCHFORD interchangeably. The Kansas City Division has advised he was released from the Missouri State Penitentiary 11/26/65 where he was serving a seven-year sentence for robbery. He is described as a Negro male, born 10/18/43, St. Louis, Missouri. His FBI identification record shows he was received at Missouri State Penitentiary 12/8/61; that he has prior arrests for suspected stealing and suspected robbery. No dispositions 5663 510 are shown.

It appears therefore that information which was circulating among Communist Party (CP) members that he served time for a marcotics violation is not true. Other information which has been developed now casts some doubt on statements by RERSHEL J. WALKER, Chairman of the Missouri District CP, that ERRY received his initial indoctrination in Marxism at a class held in the Missouri State Penitentiary. It may be noted that the Kansas City Division in its letter 6/16/66 states JERRY derved part of his robbery sentence at reformatories and away for from the Missouri State Penitentiary.

JERRY's activities in the CP will be followed closely for possible counterintelligence action based on his past

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We will continue to watch the CP's involvement in The St. Louis Citizens for Peace in Vietnam. A cominfil investigation is being conducted regarding this organization. <u>HERSHEL J. WALKER</u> has been very active in this group and has encouraged other members to be similarly active.

PENDING COUNTERINTELLIGENCE ACTION

Ve are continuing to counsel regularly south regarding his activities certain he is not instrumental in promoting its success.(C) is counseled regularly regarding RLLIOTT WAXMAN, CP Press Director. This situation mas persisted for a long time

TANGIBLE RESULTS

An anonymous letter was sent GUSTHALL, General Secretary, CP-USA, on June 22, 1966. This letter is described in St. Louis letter June 15, 1966. Upon his return from the National CP Convention, WALKER stated HALL discussed this letter with him and gave it to him. WALKER furnished no other details regarding his conversation with HALL and it is not known to what extent, if any, HALL queried WALKER regarding the possibility that narcotics users and an ex-convict are being placed in positions of leadership by the CP in St. Louis. WALKER expressed a desire to determine the identity of the writer of the letter. He did not indicate what action, if any, he might take if the culprit is uncovered.

It appears therefore that the full impact of this counterintelligence action may well lie in the future.



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states LANDBERG admitted representing St. Louis at a National DCA Convention in Chicago and then traveled to the CP Convention in New York as an "unofficial" observer. The article contains an insert "See Editorial Page 2F".

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An editorial in this issue of the newspaper is titled "The Communist Line" and states the implications of the LANDBERG story are clear; that they forecast the CP line for the mext few months in DCA "and other organizations".

It appears possible that adverse publicity of this nature may well stifle efforts of DCA to launch units in the St. Louis area, particularly at the local colleges and universities.

In a recent press interview following LANDBERG's return to St. Louis, he announced that he has been transferred to Detroit by DCA. He in effect conceded failure in the St. Louis area, complaining of an excessive number of right-wing organizations and local conservatism.

It is not known to what extent, if any, our counterintelligence action may have been instrumental in his decision to leave St. Louis.

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this conversation are not known. LANDBERG was transferred to Detroit shortly after his return from the National Convention and SPRAGGINS appears to have dropped from the local Party scene.

Possible additional counterintelligence action against WALKER has been considered carefully and discussed among special agents conversant with local Party activities. Consideration is being given to requesting Bureau authority for a published feature article in the "St. Louis Globe-Democrat", St. Louis daily newspaper. Appropriate background information and suggested questions would be furnished to an SAC contact who has cooperated previously in this program.

The Bureau will be advised when it is felt the time is propitious for such action. In the meantime, inner-Party activities will be scrutinized carefully and continually for possible other type counterintelligence action.

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March 2, 1979

The Honorable Griffin B. Bell Attorney General of the U. S. Department of Justice Washington, D. C. 20530

Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch Deputy Assistant Attorney General Criminal Division, Room 2113

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

In connection with the Select Committee's completion of its Final Report, this is to request delivery of the following files and file references:

- 1. Memo-from SAC St. Louis to Director, 5/28/68, Cointelpro-New Left. Bureau No. 100-444698-42-1
- 2. Letter from Director to SAC St. Louis, 10/18/68, Cointelpro-New Left. Bureau No. 100-449698-42-7.
- 3. Memo from SAC St. Louis to Director, 10/14/66, CPUSA-Cointelpro. Bureau No. 100-3-104-42-96.
- 4. Memo from SAC St. Louis to Director, 7/14/66, CPUSA-Cointelpro. Bureau No. 100-3-104-42-92.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this request.

Sincerely,

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G. Robert Blakey Chief Counsel and Director

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March 6, 1979

The Honorable Griffin B. Bell Attorney General of the U.S. Department of Justice Washington, D.C. 20530

Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch Deputy Assistant Attorney General Criminal Division, Room 2113

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

In connection with the Select Committee's completion of its Final Report, this is to request delivery of the FBI Identification Sheet on <u>Russell George Byers</u>, FBI Identification Number 101-311E, DOB: August 19, 1931.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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G. Robert Blakey Chief Counsel and Director

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