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(3) above concerns a statement under "Administrative" in the report of SA JAMES P. HOSTY, JR., dated 12/12/62 to the effect effort would be made to interview one DELBERT RAY. It was believed an interview with him might throw some light on an organization involving ASHLAND H. BURCHWELL and others, the detail of which was possibly related to instant case, but also was of particular pertinence to the case entitled "UNNAMED ORGANIZATION OF DALLAS, TEXAS, PATRIOTS, IS-X", Bufile 100-439412, Dallas file 105-1475.

The interview of RAY was looked upon, therefore, as principally a lead in the IS-X case. As pointed out in Dallas airtel to the Bureau of 10/4/62 in that case, in which communication the name of RAY appears, any interview of individuals possibly connected with this organization was being held in abeyance awaiting a more definite determination of its nature. An effort was being made in this latter regard through interviews with former DL-18-S and ASHLAND F. BURCHWELL in instant case, as reflected by Dallas airtels in the IS-X case dated 11/23/62, 12/5/62 and 1/8/63. It will be noted a copy of the report of SA JAMES P. HOSTY, JR., in the Desegregation case dated 12/12/62 was designated for the IS-X case file. This was done because of the information on the administrative pages of this report pertinent to the IS-X case, including the interview of RAY.

Upon receipt of Bureau airtel of 1/11/63, steps were immediately taken to locate and interview RAY. This was accomplished on 1/14/63 and reported in the report of SA HOSTY dated 1/15/63 in the Desegregation case.

On instruction of the Bureau in its letter of 1/24/63, the IS-X case has now been closed, and activity of this group will be followed through contact with former DL-18-S.

The delays in connection with above matter, particularly with respect to (1) and (2), are sincerely regretted by me, and I most certainly will see that such delays are not chargeable to me in the future.

With reference to Item (3), I feel my explanation gives logical reason why RAY was not interviewed in connection with the Desegregation case, and I regret the Bureau was not previously fully informed as to the reason RAY was not interviewed in that case.

