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FROM: SA EDWIN D. KUYKENDALL

RE: EDL 21-S (u)

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DL 21-S, on 11/19/68, orally advised SA KUYKENDALL that HARRY KOGER, of San Antonio, Texas, telephoned J. C. BECKWORTH, Route 1, Tatum, Texas, on 11/2/68, asking whether the Tatum School District had reinstated any of the Negro teachers who had lost their jobs there; also whether any message had been received from Mr. BILLUP of the National Education Association (NEA), Dallas, Texas; also whether the school district had made any offer to place the teachers back on the payroll. He also wanted to know if BECKWORTH had been back to Houston to contact anyone there to tell his story about his being let out as principal of Mayflower School, Tatum District, before his contract expired. KOGER told BECKWORTH the first one he wanted BECKWORTH to see was RONNIE DUGGER, who lived in Houston but had now moved to Austin, Texas. KOGER told BECKWORTH that if the teachers wanted KOGER's assistance, he would return to Tatum and give them all the assistance he could. KOGER said H. C. THOMPSON, former Mayflower School bus driver, had lost his job also. (THOMPSON was not reassigned at the beginning of the September, 1968 school year.) KOGER said he felt sure the teachers would win out and would either get their jobs back or be paid for their lost time. KOGER asked BECKWORTH to telephone him to let him

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- 1 - 157-233 (RACIAL, RUSK COUNTY)
- 1 - 100-2228 (T. KOGER)
- 1 - 100-8988 (G. KOGER)
- 1 - 100-10097 (J. THOMPSON)
- 4 - San Antonio (RM)
 - (1 - 100-7111 (T. KOGER))
 - (1 - 100-8137 (G. KOGER))
 - (1 - RONNIE DUGGER)
 - (1 - 100-9845 (CIRM))

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know further developments. He said his wife (GRACIE KOGER) "sends love" to SUSIE ROBINSON family who reside at Easton, Texas, near Mayflower. ~~76~~ (u)

Informant stated that so far as he knew, BECKWORTH had received no further contacts from HARRY KOGER. Informant understood that in the near future BECKWORTH plans to telephone KOGER and tell him about the law suit that had been filed by the nine Negro teachers who lost their jobs in the Tatum district, which suit is against the Tatum School District and which was filed on about 11/13/68 in U. S. District Court, Tyler, Texas. The suit is for damages and cites several constitutional amendments allegedly violated. LARRY WATT, of Houston, Texas, is the attorney who represents the nine teachers, one of whom is BILLY DON MONTGOMERY. ~~76~~ (u)

Informant stated that J. C. BECKWORTH never did go to Dallas to talk to Attorney WELDON of the Dallas Civil Liberties Union as WELDON had recently requested instead EUGENE EDWARDS, Route 1, Tatum, one of the nine teachers who lost their jobs, to come to Dallas for BECKWORTH and answer the questions WELDON desired answered. Informant stated BECKWORTH is not a party to the above-mentioned law suit; that he is not one of the nine who lost their jobs. He lost his job a year prior to the time when the nine teachers lost theirs and BECKWORTH sometime ago took the matter up through an attorney of the Texas State Board of Education, Austin, Texas, and BECKWORTH currently pursuing his matter with that State Board in hopes of collecting from the Tatum School District because he was dropped as principal of Mayflower School (all Negro high school) before expiration of his contract. ~~76~~ (u)

ACTION: None. u

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