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Memorandum

TO : SAC, DALLAS (134-82A-274) (u)

DATE: 1/13/69

FROM : SA EDWIN D. KUYKENDALL

SUBJECT: DL 21-S (u)

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DL 21-S on 10/10/68, orally advised SA EDWIN D. KUYKENDALL that HARRY KOGER (of San Antonio) telephoned the home of J. C. BECKWORTH on 10/9/68, Route 1, Tatum, Texas, and told MRS. BECKWORTH to tell her husband to go to Houston, Texas, and contact a person (named but MRS. BECKWORTH did not remember the name). KOGER's interest was concerning J. C. BECKWORTH's claim (or case) presently pending before the Texas State Board of Education, Austin, Texas, under BECKWORTH's loss of his job as principal of Mayflower School, Route 1, Tatum, several months ago when Tatum's schools were integrated and Mayflower deleted its high school. (Mayflower school previously was all Negro. KOGER also was concerned about nine other Negro teachers who had lost their jobs from Tatum High School following one year of integration there.) (u)

BECKWORTH, upon learning about the above, tried by telephone to return KOGER's call but found out he had just gotten out of a hospital in the San Antonio area and could not be reached. (u)

- 1 - 134-82A-274 (u)
- 1 - 100-2228 (T. H. KOGER)
- 1 - 100-9948 (J. C. BECKWORTH)
- 1 - 62-3035 (ACLU, DALLAS CHAPTER)
- 1 - 100-671-7 (CP, USA, EDUCATION)
- 1 - 100-11053 (CIRM)
- 1 - 157-233 (RACIAL, RUSK COUNTY)
- 1 - 100-10097 (H. C. THOMPSON)
- 1 - 100-695 (CARL BRANNING)
- 4 - San Antonio (RM)
 - (1-100-7111) (THOMAS HENRY KOGER)
 - (1-100-9845) (CIRM)
 - (1-100-) (AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION) (u)
 - (1-100-) (RONNIE DUGGER)
- 1 - Houston (RM)
 - (1-100-) (RONNIE DUGGER)

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Informant further reported that J. C. BECKWORTH recently had received a letter dated 10/3/68, addressed to him from FRED O. WELDON, JR., a member of the Board of Dallas Civil Liberties Union, affiliated with American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), Box 12371, Dallas 75225, telephone RI 1-4656. The stationery on which the letter was typed identified officers of the Dallas Civil Liberties Union as ROBERT L. LICHTEN, President; ELMER WATSON, Vice President; and CARL BRANNING, Secretary. A copy of this letter was directed to MR. DORAN WILLIAMS, Texas Civil Liberties Union, 1205 B East 11th, Austin. (u)

The letter told BECKWORTH that WELDON had received a letter dated 8/12/68, from DORAN WILLIAMS advising concerning BECKWORTH's problems with the Tatum School District and asked BECKWORTH if possible to come to WELDON's office in Dallas to furnish him all factual background on which BECKWORTH bases a claim that his dismissal from his school job made a Civil Liberties issue. The envelope bore the return address "MULLINX, WELLS, MAUZY, LEVY, and RICHARDS, 1601 National Bankers Life Building, Dallas 75201." (u)

According to informant, H. C. THOMPSON, former Mayflower school bus driver, told BECKWORTH around the first of October, 1968, that HARRY KOGER had written him stating that BECKWORTH would be getting letters from several sources; that KOGER had contacted the ACLU at Austin and BECKWORTH should be getting letters from (unidentified persons there) Dallas, Austin, and Kaufman, Texas. KOGER had told THOMPSON that RONNIE DUGGER of Houston needed to have the information that BECKWORTH could provide concerning his own situation in order that he could publish it both about BECKWORTH and to Tatum School District trial of the other nine Negro teachers who had lost their jobs. (u)

Informant stated BILL WILDER, Henderson, Texas, is BECKWORTH's attorney representing him in BECKWORTH's claim before the State Board of Education. That claim is based upon failure of the Tatum School District to complete its contract with BECKWORTH which had never expired nor terminated. (u)

ACTION: None. u

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