



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

VIOLA LIUZZO MURDER

PART 12 OF 14

FILE NUMBER : 44-28601

Memorandum

TO :

DIRECTOR, FBI [REDACTED]

DATE: 4/27/65

FROM :

SAC, BIRMINGHAM (170-9)(P)

SUBJECT: CONF. INFO [REDACTED]

Re Birmingham letter to the Bureau 12/17/64 (Progress Letter) and Miami airtel to the Bureau 4/9/65 captioned, "EUGENE THOMAS; ET AL; VIOLA LIUZZO, ET AL - VICTIMS; CR - EL."

Recommendation

[REDACTED]

During the past month, informant has had to testify before the Federal Grand Jury, Montgomery, Alabama, and the State Grand Jury, Lowndes County, Alabama, and it is anticipated that his testimony will be required at additional proceedings.

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- 3 - Bureau (Airmail Registered)
- 3 - Birmingham
- 2 - 170-9
- 1 - 44-1236

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TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: June 2, 1965

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

SUBJECT: HAL ROSS
ZIEGLER ROSS AGENCY
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

GARY ROWE



BACKGROUND:

By letter dated 5/17/65 above-captioned Hal Ross wrote the Director suggesting that he be permitted to contact Gary Rowe for the purpose of interesting him in selling rights to his life story. By letter dated 5/21/65 Miss Gandy advised Mr. Ross that his proposal would be brought to Mr. Rowe's attention. This is being done. Gary Rowe is the informant in the Viola Liuzzo murder case in Alabama, the trial of which resulted in a hung jury.

DEVELOPMENT:

At 2:35 p. m. today Hal Ross telephoned from Los Angeles and talked to Wick. He referred to the receipt of Miss Gandy's letter and asked whether there had been any change in the situation and whether it would be appropriate for him to press further in attempting to contact Rowe. He said his company did not wish to take any action which might jeopardize the future trial in the murder case, but he did want it known that his company is very much interested in securing the rights to Rowe's story which ultimately will be told.

Mr. Ross was told there had been no change in the situation but that his inquiry would be maintained as a matter of record.

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - M. A. Jones
- 1 - D. C. Morrell

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Date: 6-21-65

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AIRMAIL - REGISTERED

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (170-9) (P)

CONF. INCL

Re San Francisco airtel to Bureau, dated 6-4-65, captioned "EUGENE THOMAS, ET AL.; VIOLA LIUZZO, ET AL - VICTIMS; CR - EL."

Upon receipt of referenced communication, immediate contact was made with [redacted] in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, who advised on 6-11-65, that ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, United Klans of America, Inc., KKKK, was observed to be in Tuscaloosa as late as 6-9-65.

On the same date, SA [redacted] Tuscaloosa RA, advised that he had contacted a reliable source [redacted] in Tuscaloosa and determined that MELVIN [redacted] was seen on the street on that date and is known to be currently unemployed. Also, on the same date SA [redacted] Birmingham, advised that he had recently been in contact with a reliable source who advised that RALPH ROTON was currently living and working in the Birmingham area and personally observed there as late as 6-9-65.

- 3 - Bureau (AM-RM)
 - 2 - San Francisco (AM-RM)
 - 2 - Birmingham
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Date: 7-8-65

Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL - REGISTERED
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (137-6295)

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (170-9)

SUBJECT: 

ReBHairtel 5-27-65 and Bulet 5-21-65.

On 7-7-65 WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE appeared at the Birmingham Office. HUIE at this time again repeated his request for an opportunity to do a story on GARY THOMAS ROWE and his activity in the Klan. HUIE said that if ROWE had a story to tell which he believed he had, he would willingly pay the sum of \$25,000 for the story regarding the Klan and ROWE's activities therein. HUIE also said that in the event this story was suitable for developing into a movie, he was willing to make an additional payment of \$25,000 for the movie rights to this story.

HUIE said that he had a representative by the name of MICHAEL DORMAN, who was a newspaperman on Long Island, who would be in touch with Mr. JOHN DOAR, Assistant Attorney General, sometime next week. He said that DORMAN would make this offer of HUIE's known to Mr. DOAR. DORMAN reportedly will act as a legman for HUIE and run out the various details that are necessary to complete a story.

No commitments of any kind were made to Mr. HUIE beyond the fact that his wishes would be made known. HUIE said that this was the primary purpose of his call so that the FBI would be aware of his interest in GARY THOMAS ROWE. This is being furnished for the Bureau's information only.

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2-Birmingham
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Approved: JJH Special Agent in Charge

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The information received in referenced communication was immediately disseminated to all Agents in this Division who maintain contact with Klan sources requesting them to determine whether ROBERT SHELTON or any of his close associates or other members of the Klan plan any trips out of the immediate Birmingham area in the near future. To date, contacts have been made with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] (protect identity) and no positive information has been developed that would indicate that SHELTON or any of his Klan associates are planning a trip to the west coast in the near future. 7d

All Agents maintaining contact with Klan sources have been asked to immediately report any information that would indicate that the Klan is aware of subject's relocation area and it is felt that if any known members of the organization leave the immediate Birmingham area we will be immediately aware of their destination and purpose of their trip.

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It might be noted that Mr. HUIE was advised that Mr. ROWE had previously indicated he had no interest in having a story prepared until at least the completion of the trial herein. He was also advised that ROWE had advised he did not know if he would be interested in telling a story even after completion of the trial.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE JACKSONVILLE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN MOBILE	DATE 11/26/65	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 11/24/65
TITLE OF CASE EUGENE THOMAS; ET AL; VIOLA LIUZZO, aka; ET AL - VICTIMS		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]	TYPED BY -sla
		CHARACTER OF CASE CIVIL RIGHTS - ELECTION LAWS	

Reference: Chicago teletype to Jacksonville, 11/23/65.

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P OVER 1 YR.: YES NO P. PROS. 6 MOS.: YES NO

APPROVED *[Signature]* SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

- COPIES MADE:
- 2 - Bureau (AM)
 - 1 - Departmental Attorney JAMES TURNER, Montgomery, Ala.
 - 2 - Mobile (44-1245)
 - 1 - Jacksonville (44-487)

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Copy to:

1 - Departmental Attorney JAMES TURNER,
Montgomery, Ala.

Report of:

SA [REDACTED]

Office: JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

Date:

11/26/65

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Field Office File #:

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Bureau File #:

Title:

EUGENE THOMAS;
ET AL;
VIOLA LIUZZO;
ET AL - VICTIMS

Character:

CIVIL RIGHTS - ELECTION LAWS

Synopsis:

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AT PANAMA CITY, FLORIDA

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Date: 11/22/65

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Via AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

(Priority)

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Mobile (44-1245)(P)

SUBJECT: EUGENE THOMAS;
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 VIOLA LIUZZO;
 ET AL - VICTIMS
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Re Mobile teletype 11/18/65.

On 11/19/65 Judge FRANK M. JOHNSON, JR., USDJ, denied motion of Attorney ART HANES that indictment be dismissed and also denied request for Bill of Particulars.

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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
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1 - Office, 7133

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To: SAC, Mobile (44-1245)
From: Director, FBI (44-28601)

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EUGENE THOMAS;
ET AL
VIOLA LIUZZO, aka;
ET AL. - VICTIMS
CR - FL

Re conspiracy trial, this case, set for 11/30/65,
Montgomery, Alabama.

In connection with this matter, one box of evidence
specimens is being forwarded today under separate cover to the
Montgomery Resident Agency by Air Express marked "Attention:
SA [REDACTED] FBI Laboratory."

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The second shipment, containing a chart and photographic
exhibits, is also being directed to the RA "Attention: SA [REDACTED]"

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These shipments should not be opened prior to
arrival in Montgomery to testify.

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11/12/65

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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-28601)
FROM: SAC, MOBILE (44-1245)(P)
RE: EUGENE THOMAS;
ET AL;
VIOLA LIUZZO, aka;
ET AL - VICTIMS
CR - EL
(OO: Mobile)

Re Bureau teletype, 11/10/65.

Under separate cover are being personally delivered the evidence as referred to in referenced teletype. The evidence will be in possession of SA [REDACTED] who is scheduled for In Service on 11/15/65. The package will be delivered to the Physics-Chemistry Section, FBI Laboratory, care of [REDACTED], Room 7133. 7c

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

FBI MOBILE

808 PM CST URGENT

11/30/65

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TO DIRECTOR /44-28601/

FROM MOBILE /44-1245/

Also known as

EUGENE THOMAS, ET AL; VIOLA LIUZZO, AKA; ET AL DASH
VICTIMS; OR DASH, ET AL.

TRIAL RESUMED AT NINE AM CST TODAY WITH TESTIMONY OF
INFORMANT GARY THOMAS ROWE, WHICH LASTED UNTIL TWO FIFTEEN PM
CST AFTER RECESS FOR LUNCH.

ROWE, AMONG OTHER THINGS TESTIFIED TO MAKING A PREVIOUS
TRIP TO JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA WITH DEFENDANTS THOMAS AND WILKINS
AND AFTER THEIR ARRIVAL THERE ROWE LEARNED OF A PLANNED
ASSASSINATION.

FEMALE GOVERNMENT WITNESS, MISS LARSON, WAITRESS AT SILVER
MOON CAFE, SELMA, ALABAMA, TESTIFIED THAT DEFENDANTS THOMAS,
WILKINS AND EATON WERE PRESENT AT THIS CAFE SHORTLY PRIOR TO
SHOOTING OF VICTIM ON NIGHT MARCH TWENTY FIVE SIXTYFIVE.

EIGHT OTHER WITNESSES TESTIFIED IN NORMAL FASHION.

COURT RECESSED AT FIVE TWENTY FIVE PM CST TO RESUME AT
NINE AM DECEMBER ONE SIXTYFIVE.

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont
RE EUGENE THOMAS, ET AL

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It is noted that Mr. Doar is going to Montgomery, Alabama, on 11/25/65, where he will remain throughout the trial.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Mr. Belmont *clm*

DATE: 11/29/65

FROM : A. Rosen

- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. McGowan
- 1 - Mr. Hines

SUBJECT: EUGENE THOMAS, ET AL.
MRS. VIOLA LIUZZO, AKA, ET AL -
VICTIMS
CIVIL RIGHTS - ELECTION LAWS

Inspector James L. McGovern and ASAC Thomas Jordan of the Mobile Office have advised the Bureau had less than one hour to conduct a check of members of the jury panel for Assistant Attorney General John Doar. They advised that the case which was to proceed instant case fell through and the Klan conspiracy case would be the first case in court.

After 10:20 a. m. , Montgomery time today, the Agents were given the names of 59 individuals who had been summoned for jury duty. One of the individuals under subpoena was the Identification Officer of the Montgomery, Alabama, Police Department. ASAC Jordan advised that when this officer is subpoenaed there is no way of checking the records at the Montgomery Police Department. Twenty of the 59 persons subpoenaed were from Montgomery County, Alabama.

As of 11:20 a. m. the box of trial jurors had been filled. The Agents at the request of Doar had concentrated on the first 30 names on the jury list and were able to furnish to the Departmental attorneys the results of a check of the office indices, information available through Agents' personal knowledge, and other local checks. Eleven of the 30 resided in Montgomery and we were not able to check the records of the Montgomery Police Department inasmuch as the Identification Officer was under subpoena and was at the Federal court.

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FBI MOBILE
 1013 PM CST URGENT 11/29/65
 TO DIRECTOR AND KANSAS CITY
 FROM MOBILE /44-1245/
 EUGENE THOMAS, ET AL; VIOLA LIUZZO DASH VICTIMS, CE EL

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DEPT ATTORNEY ROBERT OWENS STATES DESIRES SA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] REPORT MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE
 ELEVEN THIRTY SIXTYFIVE FOR TESTIMONY. TRIAL CURRENTLY IN
 PROGRESS. TESTIMONY DESIRED PERTAINS TO INTERVIEW LOG MAINTAINED
 DURING INTERVIEW WITH SUBJECT WILKINS.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Mr. *Rosen*

FROM : C. L. McGowan, Jr.

SUBJECT: EUGENE THOMAS, ET AL;
VIOLA LIUZZO, AKA; ET AL - VICTIMS
CR - EL

DATE: November 28, 1965

- 1 - Mr. Callahan
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. McGowan
- 1 - Mr. Hines

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At 1:57 a. m. , 11/28/65, Mr. Robert Owen, Department Attorney, called from Montgomery, Alabama, advising he was preparing captioned case for trial. He advised that SA Harold F. Charron, presently assigned to WFO, took eight photographs on 3/21/65 at a Klan motorcade in Montgomery and will be needed to testify on Monday, 11/29/65 regarding the photographs. Each photograph has the initials HFC and the 3/21/65 on the back, and Mr. Owen is interested in knowing positively if these are SA Charron's initials.

Mr. Owen wants SA Charron to call either Department Attorney James Turner or St. John Barrett in Montgomery at 9 a. m. , 11/28/65, (10 a. m. Washington time) at 205-263-3136 regarding these photographs.

SA Charron is expected to testify on Monday, 11/29/65, or at the latest Tuesday, 11/30/65. Owen advised Charron not needed until afternoon, 11/29/65, and suggested he take a Delta flight from Washington National Airport leaving 7:30 a. m. and arriving in Montgomery, Alabama, about 11 a. m.

ACTION:

SA Charron advised to proceed to Montgomery to testify in captioned case and to call the Department Attorney on 11/28/65 as requested.

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ADDENDUM:

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At 7:40 p. m., 11/28/65, SA Charron advised he has contacted Department Attorney Barrett as requested and will proceed to Montgomery via Delta, Flight 917 departing Friendship Airport 8:10 a. m., 11/29/65, to arrive Montgomery 11:05 a. m.

7c At 8:50 p. m., 11/28/65, Department Attorney James Turner called from Montgomery, Alabama, to advise Extra Duty Supervisor [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] Voucher-Statistical Section, who has previously been alerted as to possible need for testimony, will be needed in Montgomery on 11/29/65 to testify in the trial.

ACTION:

7c [REDACTED] was advised of the foregoing at 8:55 p. m. at which time he stated he will depart National Airport 11/29/65 at 7:30 a. m. on Delta, Flight 725 arriving Montgomery at 11:05.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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TO DIRECTOR

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FROM MOBILE /44-1245/

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- Mr. Tolson
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EUGENE THOMAS, ET AL; VIOLA LIUZZO DASH VICTIMS; CR ET.

JURY LIST RELEASED BY USA TEN TWENTY ONE AM TODAY AND

LAST JUROR PICKED AT ELEVEN NINETEEN AM.

FIRST WITNESS, MONTGOMERY POLICE COMMISSIONER L. B. SULLIVAN

IDENTIFIED REQUEST FOR KKK PARADE THREE TWENTY ONE SIXTYFIVE AND

RESPONSE FROM CITY COMMISSION PERMITTING PARADE. SECOND WITNESS

MAJ. WILLIAM R. JONES, ADPS, TESTIFIED TO ASSIGNING OF TWO

INVESTIGATORS TO PARTICIPATE IN KLAN PARADE AND TWO INVESTIGATORS

TO OBSERVE AND GET LICENSE NUMBERS OF CARS IN PARADE. ST. PAUL DUMAS

MONTGOMERY PD, TESTIFIED GENERALLY ABOUT KLAN RALLY AND PARADE.

W. RAY BUTSS, WCOV-TV TESTIFIED TO TAKING PICTURES OF KLAN

MOTOR CADE. ROBERT C. ROTON, ALA MOTOR VEHICLE DIV. IDENTIFIED

LICENSE NUMBERS. SA G HAROLD CHARRON, STEPHEN J. FEARON AND

JACK BEVERSTEIN TESTIFIED TO TAKING PICTURES OF KLAN RALLY

AND PARADE AND TAKING LICENSE NUMBERS FROM CAR PARTICIPATING IN

PARADE.

SA. NEIL SHANAHAN TESTIFIED TO RELATIONSHIP OF ROWE AND BUREAU.

CAPT. R. W. GODWIN, ADPS, TESTIFIED TO RECEIVING TEL CALL FROM

FBI CONCERNING RED AND WHITE CHEV OF THOMAS THREE TWENTY FIVE SIXTY

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CAPT. E. J. DIXON, ADPS TESTIFIED TO THE CONDITION VEHICLE
HE FOUND THE LIUZZO CAR AND VICTIMS BODY ON NIGHT OF THREE
TWENTY FIVE SIXTY FIVE.

COURT AJOURNED UNTIL NINE AM NEXT DATE.

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11/29/65

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

Trial of subjects on Federal civil rights indictment growing out of shooting of Mrs. Viola Luzzo, 3/25/65, scheduled to begin U. S. District Court, Montgomery, Alabama, 11/29/65. Informant Rowe has agreed to testify at trial following conferences in Tampa with Assistant Attorney General [redacted] of Department.

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ESM:pah

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: 11/30/65

FROM : A. Rosen

- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. McGowan
- 1 - Mr. Hines

SUBJECT: EUGENE THOMAS, ET AL.
MRS. VIOLA LIUZZO, AKA,
ET AL. - VICTIMS
CIVIL RIGHTS - ELECTION LAWS

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Inspector James L. McGovern has telephonically furnished the following information. Gary Thomas Rowe, our informant, finished cross examination at 3:10 p. m., Washington, D. C., time, subject to recall. His testimony was essentially that given by him in the two previous state murder trials of Collie Wilkins and the defense attorney, Art Hanes, was unsuccessful in his efforts to shake the informant.

As was done by the late Matt Murphy during the state murder trial of Wilkins, defense attorney Hanes introduced the factor that the informant had violated his Klan oath in disclosing information concerning the Klan and for that reason his testimony was not worthy of belief.

Inspector McGovern stated that it is believed that this tactic was unsuccessful and could backfire on the defense since the Departmental attorneys in refutation were able to introduce the entire Klan oath which provides that Klan members should cooperate with duly constituted law enforcement agencies, particularly in relation to crimes such as treason and murder.

ACTION:

The Mobile Office is continuing to follow the trial closely and will keep the Bureau advised of all pertinent developments.

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FBI MOBILE

659 PM CST URGENT 12/2/65

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TO DIRECTOR /44-28601/

FROM MOBILE /44-1245/

EUGENE THOMAS, ET AL; VIOLA LIUZZO, ET AL, DASH VICTIMS OR ET.

REMOTEL TWELVE TWO SIXTYFIVE.

TRIAL AT MONTGOMERY ALA RESUMED FOR FOURTH DAY AT NINE AM CST. JUDGE FRANK M. JOHNSON, JR. CHARGED JURY FOR APPROXIMATELY FIFTYFIVE MINUTES. JURY COMMENCED DELIBERATION AT APPROXIMATELY TEN ZERO FIVE AM CST AND HAVE NOT YET REACHED A VERDICT.

COURT RECESSED AT FIVE THIRTY PM CST AND JURY WILL RESUME DELIBERATION AT EIGHT AM CST TWELVE THREE SIXTYFIVE.

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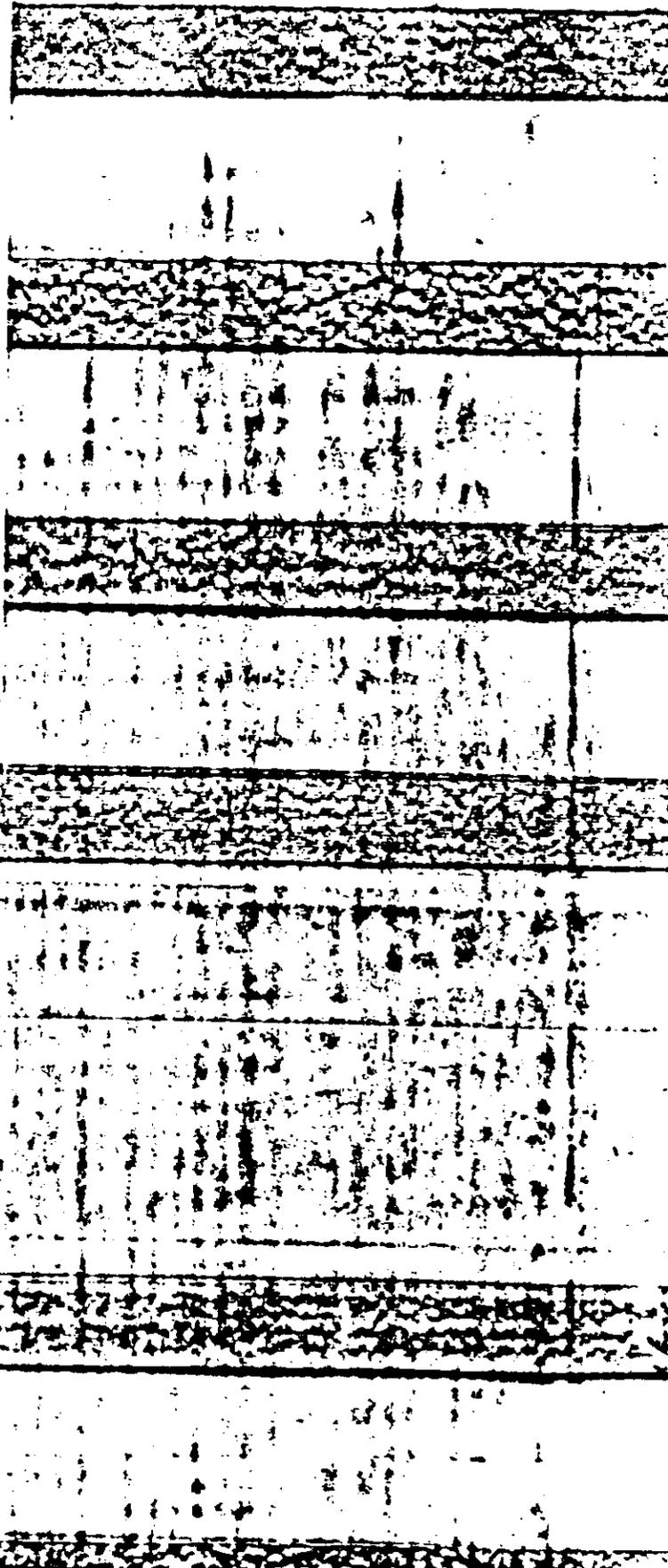
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

Trial of subjects on Federal civil rights indictment began 11/29/65 in U. S. District Court, Montgomery, Alabama.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

V. J. ...

Tolson	✓
DeLoach	✓
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TO : Mr. Rosen

DATE: December 1, 1965

FROM : C. L. McGowan

- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. McGowan
- 1 - Mr. Hines

SUBJECT: EUGENE THOMAS, ET AL;
MRS. VIOLA LIUZZO (DECEASED)
ET AL. - VICTIMS
CIVIL RIGHTS

Inspector James McGovern telephonically advised at 1:30 p. m. that in connection with the trial of the three defendants the Government has rested its case and the Court has recessed until 1:45 p. m., EST.

Defense Attorney Arthur Haynes made a motion for dismissal on the basis that the Government had not made a prima facie case and was promptly overruled by the Judge. Haynes will commence the defense when Court reconvenes at 1:45 p. m.

With reference to arrangements to record the audio tape made available by the Canadian Broadcasting Company, it has not been possible to record the tape on available local radio station equipment due to background interference. Arrangements have now been made through the local telephone company which has superior high fidelity facilities and equipment to "boost" the volume, to record it. The intention of the Departmental attorneys is to use pertinent material in the tape, if a recording of sufficient quality can be obtained, in rebuttal.

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Mobile is continuing to follow the progress of the trial closely and will keep the Bureau advised of all pertinent developments.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Mr. Belmont *Al*

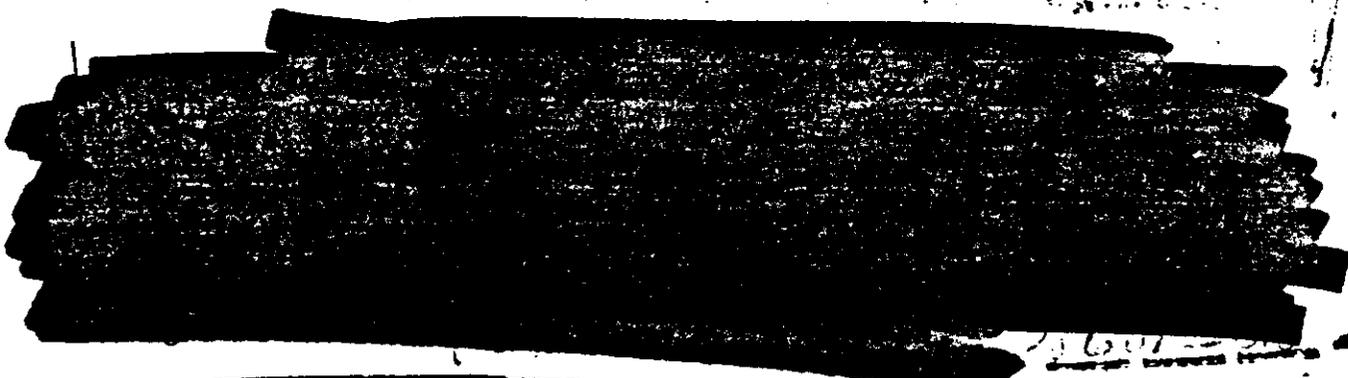
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FROM : A. Rosen

- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. McGowan
- 1 - Mr. Hines

SUBJECT: EUGENE THOMAS, ET AL.;
MRS. VIOLA LIUZZO,
(DECEASED) - ET AL. - VICTIMS
CIVIL RIGHTS

United Press International today reported that the informant in this case testified he had gone to Jacksonville, Florida, with Eugene Thomas to plan an assassination of a Klansman. He reportedly did not give any details but it was stated in the release that the planned assassination apparently had no connection with the Liuzzo case. It was also reported informant testified he had met with high-ranking officials of the Klan in Jacksonville to plan the assassination of a Klansman who had revealed information about the Klan.



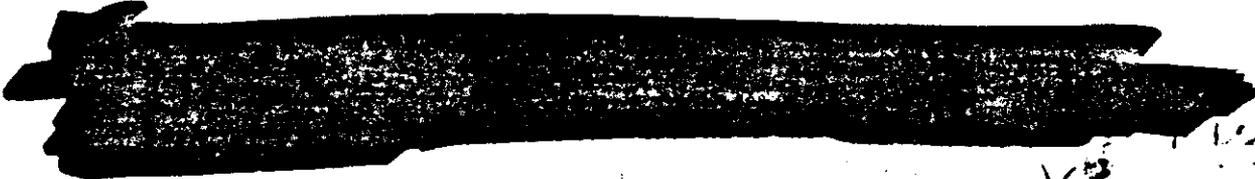
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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont
RE: EUGENE THOMAS, ET AL.;

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Rosecrans referred to above is William Sterling Rosecrans, Jr., who was arrested by Bureau Agents in March, 1964, charged with a Federal Civil Rights violation in connection with the bombing of the home of Iona Godfrey, Jacksonville, 2/16/64. The Godfrey residence was bombed because a six-year-old Godfrey child was the first Negro to attend an all-white school.

Rosecrans pleaded guilty in Federal court on March 13, 1964, and was sentenced to serve seven years. He later served as a Government witness in the trial of five Klansmen who had been involved in the bombing. These five subjects were tried 6/30/64. One subject was acquitted and the jury was unable to reach a verdict on the others. Four of these subjects were retried in Jacksonville beginning 11/25/64 and were acquitted 11/27/64. Rosecrans has been in prison since his conviction and no attempt is known to have been made against his life.

ACTION:

Mobile is closely following the trial and will keep the Bureau advised of pertinent developments.

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MONTGOMERY, ALA.--AN FBI INFORMER TESTIFIED IN FEDERAL COURT TODAY HE MET WITH HIGH-RANKING KU KLUX KLAN OFFICIALS IN JACKSONVILLE, FLA., TO PLAN THE ASSASSINATION OF A KLANSMAN WHO REVEALED INFORMATION ABOUT THE SECRET ORDER.

THE TESTIMONY OF GARY THOMAS ROBE CAME AS FEDERAL ATTORNEYS WORKED TO SOLIDIFY THEIR CASE AGAINST THREE KLANSMEN WHOSE ALLEGED ROLE IN THE SLAYING OF A WOMAN CIVIL RIGHTS WORKER WAS REVEALED IN A MIDNIGHT PENITENTIAL WITH ROBE.

ROBE WAS THE FIRST PROSECUTION WITNESS TODAY IN THE FEDERAL CONSPIRACY TRIAL OF COLLIE LEROY WILKINS, WILLIAM EATON AND EUGENE THOMAS.

ROBE SAID HE WAS WITH THE THREE WHEN THEY ALLEGEDLY KILLED MRS. VIOLA LIUZZO THE NIGHT OF MARCH 25.

ROBE RECOUNTED THE DAY HE SAID HE SPENT WITH THE THREE BEFORE THE MURDER AND DETAILED A HIGH-SPEED CHASE AFTER THE MURDER OF MRS. LIUZZO OF DETROIT.

ROBE DROPPED A BOMBHELL DURING HIS TESTIMONY WHEN HE TOLD THE COURT HE HAD GONE WITH THOMAS TO JACKSONVILLE TO PLAN AN ASSASSINATION OF A KLANSMAN. HE DID NOT GIVE ANY DETAILS, BUT THE PLANNED ASSASSINATION APPARENTLY HAD NO CONNECTION WITH THE LIUZZO CASE.

THE COURT TOOK A 15-MINUTE RECESS BEFORE DEFENSE ATTORNEYS WERE ALLOWED TO CROSS-EXAMINE ROBE.

THE THREE DEFENDANTS ARE CHARGED WITH CONSPIRING TO VIOLATE THE CIVIL RIGHTS OF PARTICIPANTS IN LAST SPRING'S SELMA-TO-MONTGOMERY "MARCH."

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: 12/3/65

FROM : A. H. Belmont

cc Mr. Belmont
 Mr. DeLoach
 Mr. Rosen
 Mr. McGowan

SUBJECT: EUGENE THOMAS, et al
 Mrs. Viola Liuzzo, et al - Victims
 CIVIL RIGHTS

Inspector McGovern called from Montgomery, Alabama at 3:15 p.m. today to advise that the jury had just returned a verdict of guilty against subjects Eugene Thomas, Collie Leroy Wilkins and William O. Eaton.

These subjects were charged under Section 241, Title 18, of the Civil Rights Statute, and McGovern said the maximum penalty is 10 years. While McGovern, of course, does not know, he feels from the action of the judge that sentence may be passed today and that the judge may give the defendants the maximum sentence. He will advise the Bureau when sentence is passed.

Director previously advised by pink note of sentencing.

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Memorandum to Mr. Conrad
Re: EUGENE THOMAS, ET AL.;
VIOLA LIUZZO, AKA; ET AL. - VICTIMS;
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Assistant Attorney General Doar was assisted by United States Attorney Ben Hardeman in presenting the Government's case. Mr. Hardeman questioned both SAs Flach and Williams. The defendants were represented by Arthur Hanes (a former Bureau Agent). Hanes represented Collie L. Wilkins in second trial in Hayneville, Alabama.

ACTION: For information. The Mobile Office will follow and report the prosecutive action in this case.

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FBI MOBILE

3-34 PM CST URGENT 12/3/65 RWP

TO DIRECTOR

FROM MOBILE (44-1245)

EUGENE THOMAS, ET AL. VIOLA GREGG LIUZZO, ET AL - VICTIMS.
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AT TWO TEN P. M. TODAY, CST, JURY AT MONTGOMERY, ALA.,
RETURNED A CONVICTION AGAINST COLLIE LEROY WILKINS, WILLIAM O.
EATON, AND EUGENE THOMAS CHARGING THEM WITH THE COUNTS MENTIONED
IN THE INDICTMENT. AFTER A CONFERENCE WITH DEFENSE ATTORNEYS
AND PROBATION OFFICER, ALL THREE WERE SENTENCED TO TEN YEARS
EACH AND WERE RELEASED ON TEN THOUSAND DOLLAR APPEAL BOND.

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FOR THE DIRECTOR

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Mr. Belmont *ch*

DATE: 12/3/65

FROM : A. Rosen

- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. McGowan
- 1 - Mr. Hines

SUBJECT: EUGENE THOMAS, ET AL.
MRS. VIOLA LIUZZO, AKA
ET AL. - VICTIMS
CIVIL RIGHTS - ELECTION LAWS

U. S. District Judge Frank M. Johnson, Jr., of the Middle District of Alabama contacted Inspector McGovern after the sentencing of the three defendants in Federal Court today.

The Judge stated that some of the jurors were somewhat apprehensive following a return of the verdict of guilty against the three subjects. Judge Johnson requested that Agents contact the jurors and obtain their names, residence addresses and telephone numbers. He also desired that each juror be furnished the name of the nearest Agent whom they could contact in the event a threat was received. The Judge understands that the Bureau will not be affording protection of any type to the individual jurors.

ACTION:

Agents are complying with the request of Judge Johnson and will furnish the jurors with the identity of the Agent whom each can contact in the event any threats are received. Mobile will advise the Bureau of any pertinent developments in this matter.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Conrad

FROM : R. H. Jevons

SUBJECT: EUGENE THOMAS, ET AL.;
VIOLA LIUZZO, AKA; ET AL. - VICTIMS;
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1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Mr. Williams

DATE: 12/3/65

1 - Office, Room 7133
1 - Mr. Herndon

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Mrs. Viola Liuzzo was shot near Selma, Alabama, on the evening of 3/25/65, while engaging in the transportation of civil rights workers between Montgomery and Selma. One of the defendants Collie L. Wilkins has been tried twice in State Court in Hayneville, Alabama. The first trial ended in a mistrial, the second in acquittal.

The three defendants were indicted by a Federal Grand Jury setting in Montgomery, Alabama, in April, 1965, for conspiracy to violate the civil rights of the victims.

In connection with the Federal trial which began in Montgomery on 11/29/65, SAs Richard W. Flach and Marion E. Williams were called as witnesses.

SA Williams testified concerning his examination of the victim's car in Montgomery immediately following the shooting and the physical evidence which he obtained. He also testified concerning the examinations he conducted in the Laboratory which resulted in the identification of a bullet from the victim's head and two bullets recovered from the car as having been fired in the revolver recovered by Bureau Agents from a car located at the residence of Eugene Thomas, a defendant in this case.

SA Flach testified concerning his examination of glass fragments removed from the recovered bullets. These fragments were compared with known specimens obtained from the door window and windshield of the victim's car. On the basis of this examination, SA Flach was able to testify concerning which specimens passed through the door window and which passed through the windshield.

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- 1 - Mr. Mohr
 - 1 - Mr. Belmont
 - 1 - Mr. DeLoach
 - 1 - Mr. Wick
 - 1 - Mr. Rosen
 - 1 - Mr. Hines, Room 2262
 - 1 - Mr. Jones, Room 4264
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December 8, 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
MR. BELMONT
MR. DE LOACH
MR. ROSEN
MR. WICK

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After being advised by Mr. Belmont, I immediately called the Attorney General and advised him that I just wanted to let him know that all three people were convicted in the case in Birmingham. The Attorney General said he was just going to call me and tell me the Bureau did a terrific job not only originally but in the way the testimony went and the way they conducted themselves and it was really a victory for the Bureau as in this one, the Bureau was itself on trial in a sense. I stated I thought it may be the turning point. I stated the defense counsel had made a great issue of the fact that the witness (Gary Thomas Rowe) had broken his Klan oath and I thought that is insulting the intelligence of the jury and that may have been the turning point. The Attorney General said that he and John (Doar?) talked over the trial and decided one of the things which was really essential was that the Bureau be put forward in this. He stated the Bureau was held back, in a sense, in the State court trials and they felt the way to win this was to rely on the reputation of the Bureau and he thought that is what won it.

I stated I was glad the informant came through, as he is temperamental and if we had lost this we could probably not use him again because he was pretty well torn to pieces when he came back from the West Coast. The Attorney General stated he thought it was terrific and I commented that I was happy about it.

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I commented that we have that Mississippi thing to which we will have to face up some of these days, and the Attorney General said those fellows must be feeling uneasy. I stated I thought there was a different attitude in Mississippi today and the Governor had helped materially and if we can get to trial, I thought the Supreme Court would sustain the position the Department had taken. The Attorney General stated he thought they would in Mississippi but he did not know about the Georgia case. The Attorney General reiterated that he really congratulates me and the Agents involved and I expressed my appreciation to him.

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Very truly yours,

J. E. H.

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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DATE 12/3/65
BY <i>Handwritten initials</i>

Collie Levey Wilkins Jr.

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TO DIRECTOR AND SAN FRANCISCO

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EUGENE THOMAS; ETAL. VIOLA LIUZZO, AKA; ETAL - VICTIMS.

DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY TURNER, PRESENTLY IN BIRMINGHAM, ADVISED HE NEEDS IN MONTGOMERY, ALA. ON NOVEMBER TWENTYEIGHT NEXT, AT TEN A.M., THE FOLLOWING AGENTS:

7c [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] THESE AGENTS WILL APPEAR IN MONTGOMERY AT TEN A.M. DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY TURNER REQUESTED THAT THE FOLLOWING BIRMINGHAM AGENTS REMAIN ON STANDBY IN BIRMINGHAM FOR POSSIBLE CALL IN FORTHCOMING TRIALS: [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED]

7c IN ADDITION, TURNER ADVISED HE FELT SA [REDACTED] WOULD BE ESSENTIAL WITNESS IN CASE. COLLIER CURRENTLY ASSIGNED LANGUAGE SCHOOL, MONTEREY, CALIFORNIA.

SAN FRANCISCO REQUESTED TO ADVISE SA [REDACTED] TO SECURE RESERVATION ON JET FLIGHT ON MONDAY NEXT, NOVEMBER TWENTYNINE NEXT. TURNER STATED EVERY EFFORT WOULD BE MADE TO PLACE [REDACTED] ON
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STATE EARLY TUESDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER THIRTY NEXT AND HE WOULD THEN BE PERMITTED TO RETURN TO LANGUAGE SCHOOL.

TURNER STATED THAT IN THE EVENT ANY CHANGES OCCUR RE USE OF [REDACTED] HE WILL PROMPTLY ADVISE BIRMINGHAM OFFICE, WHO WILL THEN MAKE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS FOR CANCELLATION OF [REDACTED] TRIP.

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cc - Mr. D. [unclear]

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: 12/3/65

FROM : A. Rosen

1 - Mr. Belmont

1 - Mr. Rosen

1 - Mr. Malley

1 - Mr. McGowan

1 - Mr. Hines

SUBJECT: EUGENE THOMAS, ET AL.
MRS. VIOLA LIUZZO, AKA, ET AL. -
VICTIMS
CIVIL RIGHTS - ELECTION LAWS

Inspector McGovern has advised that the Federal Court jury which has this case under consideration returned to the courtroom at approximately 11:20 a. m. (Washington, D. C. time) today and informed the court that they were hopelessly deadlocked and unable to reach a verdict.

The District Court Judge advised the jurors that this was a very important case. He said that the presentation of the case had been very expensive to the Government and also involved considerable expense to the individual defendants. The court indicated that the jurors had heard the testimony of approximately 50 witnesses and informed the jurors in effect "you have just begun to deliberate this matter." The Judge then sent them back for further consideration of the case.

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This matter is being closely followed and you will be advised of pertinent developments.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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 MR. CALLAHAN ✓
 MR. CONRAD ✓
 MR. FELT ✓
 MR. GALE ✓
 MR. SOREN ✓
 MR. BULLOCK ✓
 MR. TAVEL ✓
 MR. TRITZER ✓
 MR. WICK ✓
 MR. JONES ✓
 TELE. ROOM ✓
 MISS HOLMES ✓
 MRS. METCALF ✓
 MISS GANDY ✓

11:40 a.m. December 3, 1965

Mr. Belmont called to advise as follows:

The Birmingham office advised that a few minutes ago the jury in the civil rights case arising from the Liuzzo murder came into the court and told the Judge they were "hopelessly hung." The Judge told the jury that this was a highly expensive case to the Government with some 50 witnesses called and an expensive case to the defense, and that they had only begun to deliberate and to go back and resume deliberation.

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TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: 12/3/65

FROM : A. J. Belmont

cc Mr. Belmont
 Mr. DeLoach
 Mr. Rosen
 Mr. McGowan

SUBJECT:
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 EUGENE THOMAS, et al
 Mrs. Viola Liuzzo, et al - Victims
 CIVIL RIGHTS

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Inspector McGovern called to advise that the three subjects in this case, namely Eugene Thomas, Collie Leroy Wilkins, and William O. Eaton, had been sentenced to 10 years each, this afternoon, and were being released on \$10,000 appeal bonds.

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TO SAC SAN FRANCISCO

FROM DIRECTOR FBI

EUGENE THOMAS; ET AL; VIOLA LIUZZO, AKA; ET AL - VICTIMS;

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REFERENCE YOUR RADIOGRAM DECEMBER 6, 1965.

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REFERENCED RADIOGRAM.

SAC, Birmingham (info)

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NOTE: [REDACTED] is Gary Thomas Rowe, Jr., Bureau informant who testified at the Federal trial of 3 subjects in connection with the shooting of Mrs. Viola Liuzzo during the week of 11/29-12/3/65. The trial resulted in conviction of the 3 subjects, who have been sentenced to serve 10 years each on the charges. They have been released on \$10,000 bond each pending appeal.

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Convictions in Alabama Heartening to Johnson

By Carroll Kilpatrick
Washington Post Staff Writer

AUSTIN, Tex., Dec. 3 — President Johnson said today that the Nation "can take heart" from the conviction of three Alabamans for conspiracy in connection with the slaying of Viola Gregg Liuzzo.

Mr. Johnson also congratulated the Federal officials who prosecuted the case in Montgomery, Ala.

Acting White House press secretary Joseph Laitin quoted the President as saying "the whole Nation can take heart from the fact that there are those in the South who believe in justice in racial matters and were determined not to stand for acts of violence and terror."

Laitin said the President telephoned Attorney General Nicholas deB. Katzenbach and made the comment to him.

Mr. Johnson also told the Attorney General, Laitin said, that Assistant Attorney General John Duer, who handled the prosecution along with Ben Hardeman, the United States Attorney in Montgomery, and the FBI were "to be congratulated on the successful conclusion of the conspiracy trial."

A civil rights worker from Michigan, Mrs. Liuzzo was killed early this year on the highway between Selma and Montgomery after participating in the march on Montgomery.

The President made the original announcement of arrest of the three men in a televised statement from the White House.

The trial was reported

to have worked most of the day at his desk following an early morning physical examination by Vice Adm. George G. Burkley, White House physician.

Laitin said the doctor was "quite satisfied" with the President's condition and found everything within normal range.

The President's weight is between 190 and 185 pounds and the doctor wants him to maintain it, Laitin said.

When the President makes a sudden turn he feels twinges from muscle sensitivity, Laitin said, but the doctor found that the incision "has healed nicely."

The President announced the selection of Rear Adm. Edward J. Fahy as chief of the Bureau of Ships. Fahy will succeed Rear Adm. William A. Brockett, who is retiring Feb. 1 after disagreeing with shipbuilding policies of Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara.

Fahy is a 35-year-old honor graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy. He currently is commander of the San Francisco Bay Naval Shipyard and of the Mare Island Naval Shipyard.

In a statement issued today, Mr. Johnson also announced that paratroopers serving in Vietnam will be able to draw their extra incentive pay—\$55 a month for enlisted men and \$110 for officers—if involvement in ground fighting prevents them from making the required one jump every three months. The action amended an earlier executive order.

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- The Washington Post and Times Herald
- The Washington Daily News
- The Evening Star
- New York Herald Tribune
- New York Journal-American
- New York Daily News
- New York Post
- The New York Times
- The Baltimore Sun
- The Worker
- The New Leader
- The Wall Street Journal
- The National Observer
- People's World
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TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: 12-4-65

FROM : Mr. DeLoach

SUBJECT: TELEGRAM FROM PRESIDENT
LYNDON B. JOHNSON

The Director received the attached telegram dated December 4, 1965, from the President at the temporary White House in Johnson City, Texas. The telegram reads "My congratulations to you on the successful conclusion of the U. S. vs. Eaton, Thomas, and Wilkins case. The work which you and the Bureau did in preparing this case for trial in conducting the necessary investigations, I am sure, made possible this victory for justice. Lyndon B. Johnson."

Pursuant to my conversation with the Director this morning there is attached a copy of our acknowledgment of this telegram which was approved by the Director and reads as follows "It was typically thoughtful of you to extend congratulations regarding the Eaton, Thomas and Wilkins case. I am very grateful to you for your continued faith and confidence in the FBI's handling of its responsibilities in this field. I am taking great pride in passing your fine message on to the many FBI personnel who tenaciously and patiently handled this matter. J. Edgar Hoover."

Mrs. Stegall at the White House advised that there are no facilities in either Austin or Johnson City for delivering telegrams to the LBJ ranch. She stated all telegrams sent to either of these cities are sent back to the White House and they put them on the direct line to the Little White House at the LBJ ranch. She stated that this handling is much faster and accordingly, a copy of the attached telegram was delivered personally to Mrs. Stegall at approximately 10:20 a. m. and she assured that it would be sent to the President immediately.

Enclosures (2)

- 1 - Mr. Tolson - Enclosures
- 1 - Miss Gandy - Enclosures
- 1 - Mr. Rosen - Enclosures
- 1 - Mr. Gale - Enclosures

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RECOMMENDATION:

None, for the Director's information.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WASHDC

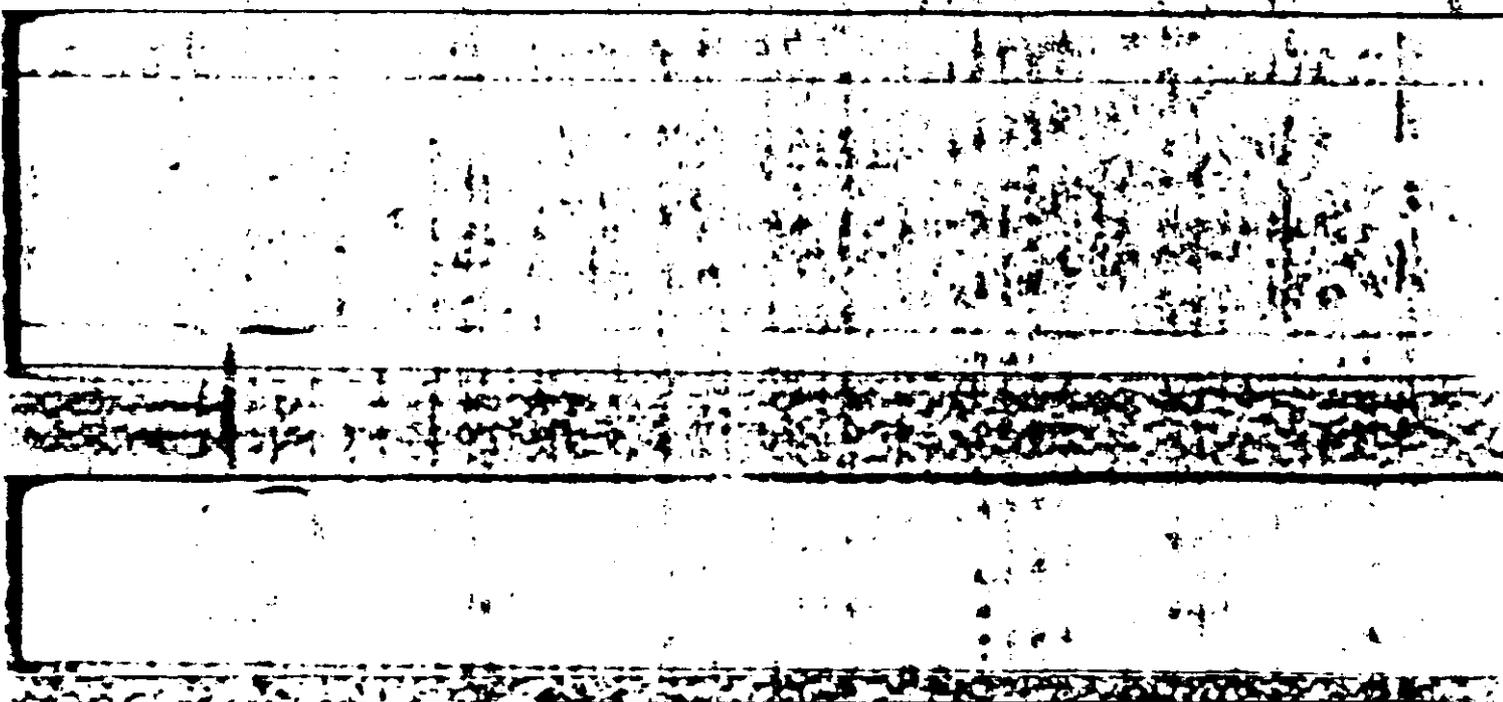
MY CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU ON THE SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF
THE U.S. VS. EATON, THOMAS, AND WILKINS CASE.

THE WORK WHICH YOU AND THE BUREAU DID IN PREPARING THIS
CASE FOR TRIAL IN CONDUCTING THE NECESSARY INVESTIGATIONS
I AM SURE, MADE POSSIBLE THIS VICTORY FOR JUSTICE.

LYNDON B. JOHNSON

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TELEGRAM

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THE PRESIDENT
LBJ RANCH
JOHNSON CITY, TEXAS

MY DEAR MR. PRESIDENT,

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Vicki Luzzo

IT WAS TYPICALLY THOUGHTFUL OF YOU TO EXTEND CONGRATULATIONS REGARDING THE EATON, THOMAS AND WILKINS CASE. I AM VERY GRATEFUL TO YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED FAITH AND CONFIDENCE IN THE FBI'S HANDLING OF ITS RESPONSIBILITIES IN THIS FIELD. I AM TAKING GREAT PRAISE IN PASSING YOUR FINE MESSAGE ON TO THE MANY FBI PERSONNEL WHO TENACIOUSLY AND PATIENTLY HANDLED THIS MATTER.

SINCERELY,

J. EDGAR HOOVER

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Date: 12/4/65

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Via _____

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THE PRESIDENT
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JOHNSON CITY, TEXAS

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The following was sent to the President by the FBI on 12/4/65. The typed line is as follows: [unclear]

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Date: 12/11/65

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

TO: Director, FBI
FROM: SAC, Birmingham (44-1236) (P)
SUBJECT: EUGENE THOMAS;
ET AL;
VIOLA GREGG LIUZZO, aka;
ET AL - VICTIMS
CR - EL

Assistant United States Attorney R. MACEY TAYLOR, Birmingham, Alabama, on December 10, 1965, advised that U. S. District Judge CLARENCE W. ALLGOOD has set hearing date on December 20, 1965, to receive evidence regarding revoking probation of COLLIE LEROY WILKINS. Assistant U. S. Attorney TAYLOR anticipates need for testimony from SA HILBERT ARPS, Atlanta Division, and SA HAROLD F. CHARRON, Washington Field Office, regarding photographs taken on March 21, 1965, at Montgomery, Alabama, and Atlanta, Georgia, on June 6, 1965.

TAYLOR requested that necessary Agents be alerted and that appropriate subpoenas will be issued.

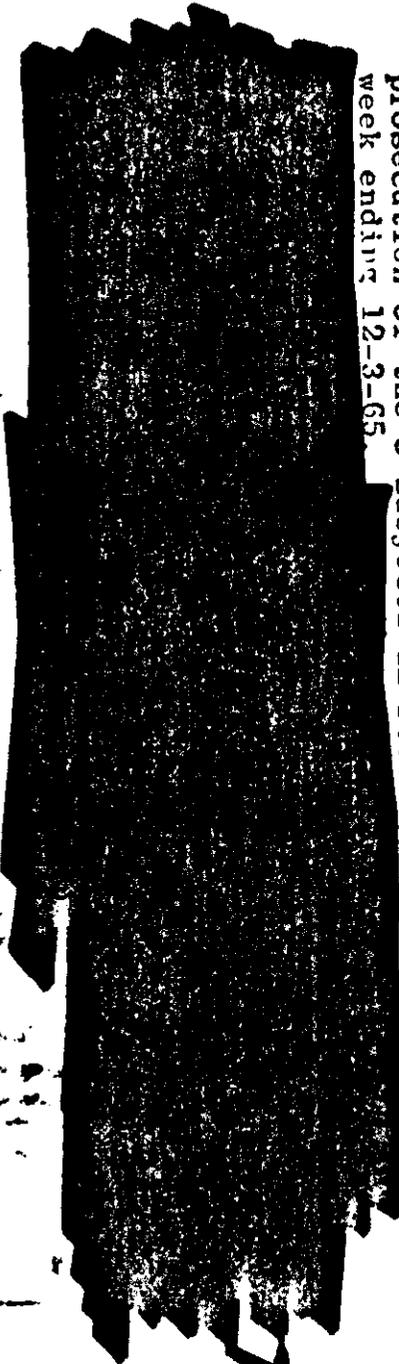
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Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____

NOTE: Gary Thomas Rowe is our informant who furnished the initial information identifying the subjects responsible for the shooting of Mrs. Viola Luzzo in Lowndes County, Alabama, on 3/25/65. He testified at the successful prosecution of the 3 subjects in Federal Court during the week ending 12-3-65.



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1 - Mr. Williams
11/29/65

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TO SAC MOBILE (44-1245)
FROM DIRECTOR FBI (44-28601)

RE LUGENE THOMAS, ET AL.; VIOLA LIUZZO, ET AL.,
VICTIMS; CR - EL.

SA'S E. W. FLACH AND M. E. WILLIAMS, FBI LABORATORY,
ARRIVING MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, DELTA AIR LINES FLIGHT SIX THREE
FIVE, FOUR FORTY P.M. TODAY TO TESTIFY TRIAL THIS CASE.

NOTE: Department has required testimony of laboratory examiners in
this case.

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TO MOBILE (44-1245)

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TO DIRECTOR AND WFO AND ATLANTA
FROM BIRMINGHAM 44-1236

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REVOCATION OF PROBATION HEARING FOR COLLIE LEROY WILKINS SCHEDULED IN USDC, BIRMINGHAM, TWO P.M., DECEMBER TWENTY NEXT. SUBPOENAS ISSUED DECEMBER THIRTEEN LAST COMMANDING APPEARANCE AS ESSENTIAL WITNESS OF SA HAROLD F. CHARRON, JR., ASSIGNED WFO, AND SA HILBERT ARPS, ATLANTA DIVISION.

PRESENCE OF SAS CHARRON AND ARPS EXPECTED AT FEDERAL BUILDING, BIRMINGHAM, TWO P.M. DEC. TWENTIETH NEXT, UACB.

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REPORTING OFFICE MOBILE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN MOBILE	DATE 12/9/65	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 12/3 - 7/65
TITLE OF CASE EUGENE THOMAS, ET AL; VIOLA GREGG LIUZZO, Aka, ET AL - VICTIMS		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]	TYPED BY pr
		CHARACTER OF CASE CR; EL	

REFERENCE: Report of SA **[REDACTED]** 11/16/65, Mobile.

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ENCLOSURES TO BUREAU: Three copies of parole report and one disposition sheet for each of the three subjects, THOMAS, WILKINS, and EATON.

LEADS

BIRMINGHAM AND SAN FRANCISCO (INFO)

Information copies are sent these offices in view of their interest in the case.

Pending Over One Year: No

Pending Prosecution Over Six Months: Yes

STATISTICS

APPROVED <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW		
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NEW ORLEANS DIVISION

At New Orleans, Louisiana

Will follow the appeal of subjects with the
Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - Departmental Attorney, Selma, Alabama
1 - U. S. Attorney, Montgomery, Alabama

Report of: [REDACTED] 7C
Date: December 9, 1965

Office: MOBILE

Field Office File #: 44-1245

Bureau File #: 44-28601

Title: EUGENE THOMAS, ET AL;
VIOLA GREGG LIUZZO, ET AL - VICTIMS

Character: CIVIL RIGHTS; ELECTION LAWS

Synopsis: Subjects THOMAS, EATON, and WILKINS tried in USDC, Montgomery, Ala., during week beginning 11/29/65 through 12/3/65. Federal Jury reached verdict of guilty as charged 12/3/65, and each of the above three subjects sentenced to period of ten years in custody of the Attorney General. On 12/4/65 subjects released from Montgomery County Jail on \$10,000 appeal bond as defense attorney appealing case to Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals.

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DETAILS: On December 7, 1965, U. S. Marshal [REDACTED] 7C [REDACTED] Montgomery, Alabama, advised subjects THOMAS, EATON, and WILKINS were tried in U. S. District Court, Montgomery, during the week of November 29, 1965, through December 3, 1965. A Federal Jury returned a verdict of guilty as charged, violation of Section 241, Title 18, U. S. Code, against all three subjects on December 3, 1965. On December 3, 1965, U. S. District Judge FRANK M. JOHNSON, JR., Middle District of Alabama, sentenced each of the three subjects to a term of ten years in custody of the Attorney General.

Defense Attorney ARTHUR J. HANES stated at the time of sentencing he intended to appeal the conviction in this case to the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans, and Judge JOHNSON continued bonds on the above three subjects of \$10,000 each.

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On December 4, 1965, all subjects were released from custody at the Montgomery County Jail, Montgomery, Alabama, after posting \$10,000 appeal bonds each.

PAROLE REPORT FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office MOBILE	Office of Origin MOBILE	Date 12/9/65
Name of Convict with Aliases: EUGENE THOMAS	Report Made By [REDACTED]	Typed By -:pr
	Violation: 76 CIVIL RIGHTS	

Outline of Offense:

On 3/25/65, Mrs. VIOLA GREGG LIUZZO died as a result of gunshot wounds received that date in Lowndes County, Ala., while en route from Selma to Montgomery, Ala. Mrs. LIUZZO had participated in a civil rights march from Selma to Montgomery, Ala., 3/21-25/65. Investigation determined COLLIE LEROY WILKINS, JR., WILLIAM ORVILLE EATON, and EUGENE THOMAS had conspired to commit actions depriving Mrs. LIUZZO of her civil rights.

Date and place of indictment: **4/6/65, USDC, Montgomery, Alabama**
or information filed:

Code and section under which charged: **U. S. Code, Title 18, Section 241**

Section under which sentenced: **Section 241**

Date and nature of plea: **11/5/65; not guilty**

Date and place of conviction: **12/3/65; USDC, Montgomery, Alabama**

Date and duration of sentence: **12/3/65; ten years in custody of Attorney General**

Fines: **None**

Aggravating or Mitigating circumstances:

There are no known mitigating circumstances.

Approved <i>[Signature]</i>	Special Agent in Charge	Do Not Write in Spaces Below			
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PAROLE REPORT

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Reporting Office MOBILE	Office of Origin MOBILE	Date 12/9/65
Name of Convict with Aliases: COLLIE LEROY WILKINS, JR.	Report Made By 	Typed By ipr
	Violation: 7C CIVIL RIGHTS	

Outline of Offense:

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Date and duration of sentence: **12/3/65; ten years in custody of Attorney General**

Fines: **None**

Aggravating or Mitigating circumstances:

There are no known mitigating circumstances.

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CAROLE REPORT FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office MOBILE	Office of Origin MOBILE	Date 12/9/65
Name of Convict with Aliases: WILLIAM ORVILLE EATON	Report Made By [REDACTED]	Typed By ipr
	Violation: 7C CIVIL RIGHTS	

Outline of Offense:

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Date and place of indictment: 4/6/65, USDC, Montgomery, Alabama
or information filed:

Code and section under which charged: U. S. Code, Title 18, Section 241

Section under which sentenced: Section 241

Date and nature of plea: 11/5/65; not guilty

Date and place of conviction: 12/3/65, USDC, Montgomery, Alabama

Date and duration of sentence: 12/3/65; ten years in custody of Attorney General

Fines: None

Aggravating or Mitigating circumstances:

There are no known mitigating circumstances.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
MR. BELMONT
MR. ROSEN
MR. DE LOACH

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Memorandum for Messrs. Tolson, Belmont, Rosen, DeLoach

but had moved it up to Friday. Mr. Malley stated we did have previous information about the jury checking and he will make certain we have ample personnel there. I asked that he do this, particularly in view of our having sent 20 men to Charlotte as I did not want to take anybody from Charlotte. Mr. Malley said he would take care of it.

Very truly yours,

J. E. H.

John Edgar Hoover
Director

SENT FROM D. O.
TIME <u>5:15 PM</u>
DATE <u>11/24/65</u>
BY <u>JCH</u>

November 24, 1965

Memorandum for Messrs. Tolson, Belmont, Rosen, DeLoach

the assistance of some experts in that area as to who are members of the Klan, et cetera. I stated we were pretty well covered by informants and took occasion to mention to the Attorney General that I have ordered more Agents into the Charlotte area, including Inspector Joseph Sullivan. The Attorney General stated he did not know that the information he gave me re the starting of the trial is public knowledge, but we are going to have a very short time to check on the jury panel. I stated I would lay plans accordingly so we would have enough men in that office so they can respond to it.

The Attorney General inquired if I thought we would break the case in Charlotte. I stated I was not certain and he inquired if it depended upon somebody talking and I agreed, stating we have to get somebody from within.

I also took occasion to mention to the Attorney General the fact that there is coming out in the January Reader's Digest a fine article on the accomplishments in the civil rights field. I stated I have found that people are amazed when I begin to tell them of the things that have been done and this article will be excellent. I commented that I had seen an editorial in a Cumberland paper which was critical of the Department for not doing more in the civil rights and organized crime fields, but we have made a substantial record in both and mentioned the case in Chicago yesterday where Murray Humphreys died. The Attorney General asked if I would send him the names of the two Agents in Chicago who made the arrest of Humphreys as he thought he might write them. I told him I would do so. (Mr. Belmont has been advised.)

The Attorney General stated that John Doar would be down there sometime Friday and be in touch with the Bureau people and if I had any further thoughts on the matter to give him a call, but he thought Rowe would have to be toned down a bit but we can try to do most of what he wants. I stated I saw in a wire I had received from the West Coast that Rowe said he had no confidence in the attorneys of the Department but did have confidence in the FBI so we will have that leverage. The Attorney General stated he thought Doar is a calm man and I stated he is a good prosecutor and that is important because I think this case is being viewed rather as a "symbol" case.

November 24, 1965

Memorandum for Messrs. Tolson, Belmont, Rosen, DeLoach



The Attorney General stated that we are going to have about four hours from the time the jury panel is drawn to find out something about the people on it so they are going to need some help from my sources there as there will be 75 names on that panel and they have to be able to identify them. I inquired as to when they anticipate going to trial and the Attorney General indicated Monday; that the Judge is going to draw a new jury on Monday and he has one case coming before this case which will probably be about a three-hour case and we will know the 75 names on that jury panel when court convenes and the chances are that at 2 o'clock that afternoon they will start selecting the jury for the case. The Attorney General stated that consequently they will need

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REPORTING OFFICE MOBILE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN MOBILE	DATE 11/24/65	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 11/18-24/65
TITLE OF CASE EUGENE THOMAS; ET AL; VIOLA GREGG LIUZZO; ET AL - VICTIMS		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]	TYPED BY segp
<i>fwy</i>		CHARACTER OF CASE CR; EL	

REFERENCE: Bureau airtel to Mobile and Birmingham 11/17/65
 Mobile teletype to Chicago 11/22/65
 Chicago teletype to Mobile 11/23/65

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LEADS:

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AT MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA. Will follow and report
 prosecutive action in this case.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

The warning ticket which was issued to RONALD DABNER
 for speeding, was among State evidence which was obtained from

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the Clerk of Court in Hayneville, Ala., and is currently in possession of Departmental Attorney James Turner. On 11/22/65 TURNER advised that since the original was in his possession, it would be unnecessary for a copy to be made of this warning ticket.

A copy of the accident report referred to in the details of this report is being made available directly to Departmental Attorney TURNER in Montgomery, and will not be made an enclosure to this report.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - U. S. Attorney, Montgomery, Alabama
1 - Departmental Attorney James Turner, Montgomery

Report of: S [REDACTED] Office: MOBILE
Date: 11/24/65

Field Office File #: 44-1245 Bureau File #: 44-28601

Title: EUGENE THOMAS; ET AL;
VIOLA GREGG LIUZZO;
ET AL - VICTIMS

Character: CIVIL RIGHTS; ELECTION LAWS

Synopsis:

Efforts to identify Army Major at American Service Station, Montgomery, Ala., 3/25/65 negative. [REDACTED] part-time employee of American Service Station on Dexter Avenue, reportedly not known as "GENE." [REDACTED] Montgomery, Alabama PD, dispersed group of white and Negro men at American Service Station on Dexter Avenue, Montgomery, 3/25/65, in early afternoon. Background of [REDACTED] set forth. [REDACTED], states night of 3/25/65 was told by two foreign air cadets from Craig AFB that Negro on U. S. Highway 80 had attempted to stop them. States made no written report but radioed information to [REDACTED]. Record of this transmission not located [REDACTED]. Copy of report of accident occurring 10:00 a.m., 3/25/65 on Interstate Highway 65 10.3 miles north of Prattville Ala., in which two Negro women were injured, obtained from [REDACTED]. Efforts to determine if 6 X 6 truck parked near First Baptist Church, Selma, 3/25/65 negative. Service records of subjects THOMAS and EATON set forth.

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DETAILS:

Under date of November 17, 1965 the Bureau forwarded a request from the Civil Rights Division for additional investigation. This investigation is limited to the following request:

NO 44-1245

AT MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

On November 22, 1965 [REDACTED] 2

[REDACTED], advised that a check of his files reflected no major in the Alabama National Guard by the name of GIBSON.

7d [REDACTED] advised that descriptive data concerning personnel in the Alabama National Guard is of no value unless the name is known, and the fact that a person is 6' 2" tall with red hair is of no value in locating National Guard personnel.

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On November 22, 1965

advised that [redacted] was on duty on March 25, 1965. He stated that if there were a choice between a man named [redacted] and a man named [redacted] from the [redacted] having led a detail on Dexter Avenue on that date, it would more than likely be [redacted] as [redacted] did not engage in any activity of this sort on that date.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 11/24/65

[Redacted] furnished the following information:

On March 23, 1965 he was assigned, along with numerous other members of [Redacted] to be in the Dexter Avenue area in order to prevent any illegal activity, violence or incidents of any kind. Among the instructions, they were told they should keep groups from congregating on any street corners or in the street.

He recalls that an hour or two after the marchers had reached the capitol area on Dexter Avenue, probably in the early afternoon, he was in the vicinity of the American Service Station located about two blocks from the capitol building on the north side of Dexter Avenue, when he observed a group of approximately four or five Negro men and another group of four or five rough-looking white men gathered on the corner of the service station property. These two groups were exchanging insults and harsh words and it appeared to him they were about to engage in a fight. He went over to this group, accompanied by a uniformed policeman, believed by him to be [Redacted] and ordered both groups to break it up and leave the area. Both the Negro and white groups immediately walked away in different directions and no further trouble was observed at that vicinity by him, although there were numerous people milling about, but not congregating in groups.

[Redacted] stated this incident was merely observed by him and he did not receive a call and no one sent him to this area for this specific incident.

To his knowledge no other incident of this nature occurred in this vicinity on March 25, 1965.

On 11/23/65 at Montgomery, Alabama File # MO 44-1245

by [Redacted] Date dictated 11/24/65

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 11/24/65

Observation of Alabama State Troopers warning ticket number 62506 reflected the following information:

The ticket was issued at 7:50 p.m., March 25, 1965 to DONALD E. BAENKER, 340 West Normal Parkway, Chicago, Illinois, for speeding. The ticket was issued eleven miles east of Selma on U. S. Highway 80. The vehicle being driven was a 1961 Volkswagen bus with Illinois license NH9810. The ticket was signed by RICHARD LAWRENCE. The ticket was issued by State Trooper [REDACTED]

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On 11/22/65 at Montgomery, Alabama File # MO 44-1245

by [REDACTED] SP Date dictated 11/24/65

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Date 11/24/65

71 [REDACTED] Alabama State Troopers, was interviewed at the Alabama Police Academy, Montgomery, where he was attending school. He stated he is attached with the Alabama State Troopers at Oneonta, Alabama, out of the Birmingham Division of the Alabama State Troopers. 71 [REDACTED] furnished the following information:

On March 25, 1965 he was on special assignment in Selma, Alabama. In the early nighttime of that date, he was patrolling at the Dallas County - Lowndes County line vicinity, when two men, driving a Corvette convertible stopped and talked to him. He stated these men identified themselves as being attached to Craig Air Force Base, Selma, Alabama, and were cadets from some foreign country, the identity of which he does not recall. These men told him they had observed a Negro man standing in the highway about three miles back toward Montgomery on U. S. Highway 80, and the man was waving his arms, apparently attempting to stop them. They almost hit this man and had to swerve to keep from hitting him. They did not see anyone else around and suspected he might be trying to rob them, but stated there was a possibility he had been involved in an accident.

He radioed the Selma State Troopers post and furnished this information to them and then proceeded about three miles east toward Montgomery on U. S. Highway 80, but seeing nothing unusual, he returned to his post of assignment and continued patrolling in the area of the county line. In about five to ten minutes he heard a dispatch on his radio to the effect that there had been a shooting in the same general area where the men had reported seeing the Negro; therefore, he proceeded immediately to the vicinity of Craig Air Force Base, where he spotted the convertible with the two men in it and stopped them. He had them repeat the information to him, got them to exhibit their identification cards, from which he copied their names, which were very

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by SA [REDACTED] 13 Date dictated 11/24/65

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difficult for him to understand when they were pronouncing them, and then he carried the names to the State Troopers Post, where he turned them over to the radio operator, telling him these were the men who previously furnished the information about the Negro man.

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On November 23, 1965 [redacted]
Alabama State Troopers, advised he had caused a check to be
made of the radio rooms in both Montgomery and Selma, and
no record of a transmission from Trooper [redacted] was located
pertaining to the contact by the two Craig Air Force Base
cadets on March 25, 1965.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 11/24/65

7c [redacted] Alabama State Troopers, advised the following is a report of the only accident occurring on the highway between Birmingham and Montgomery on the morning of March 25, 1965:

Accident investigation report number 02450; location of accident, 10.3 miles north of the city limits of Prattville, Alabama, on Interstate 65, 1500 feet north of intersection of U. S. Highway 31 and Interstate 65.

The accident occurred on Thursday, March 25, 1965 at 10:00 p.m. The car involved was a 1965 Valiant sedan, 1965 Alabama license 1A-46470 and was driven by [redacted]

[redacted] Alabama. The report reflects the driver was driving at a speed of 80 miles an hour when a tire blew out, causing her to lose control and run off the road and turn over. The report reflected [redacted] year old Negro female, received injuries of the chest and shoulder, and the passenger, [redacted] year old Negro female, received bruises and scratches. Both were taken to the Prattville General Hospital and were treated. There were no other witnesses.

7c The accident was investigated by State Troopers [redacted] station at Prattville, Alabama. It reflects they were notified at 10:05 a.m., and arrived at the scene of the accident at 10:35 a.m. The date of the report is March 26, 1965.

7c [redacted] advised that [redacted] Alabama Department of Public Safety, is the proper person to subpoena for producing this accident report.

On 11/23/65 at Montgomery, Alabama File # MD 44-1245

by SA [redacted] **7c** 16 Date dictated 11/24/65

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The following investigation was conducted by
Special Agent [REDACTED] on November 22, 1965, at Selma,
Alabama:

[REDACTED] of [REDACTED] National Guard Armory,
Orrville Highway, advised they knew of no possible way to
verify that a 6X6 truck was located at the corner of Lawrence
Street in Selma, Alabama, on March 25, 1965. They pointed
out that trip tickets are only maintained a period of 60 days
to show movement of vehicles in any particular area.

The trip tickets which are kept by the Armory and
the National Guard units at the present time do not require
detailed information as to the movement of a vehicle, and if
a unit noted on the trip ticket, "to downtown area," this
would fulfill existing regulations and it could mean any
area in Selma.

They concluded that they have no personal re-
collection of any 6X6 truck being assigned to the area of
the churches - First Baptist Church and Brown's Chapel AME
Church - on March 25, 1965.

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Airtel

2 - Mr. McDonough

To: SAC, San Francisco (44-609)

From: Director, FBI (44-28601)

EUGENE THOMAS, ET AL;
VIOLA LIUZZO, AKA, ET AL - VICTIMS
CIVIL RIGHTS - ELECTION LAWS

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Enclosed is a post card addressed to Rowe which you should furnish to him.

Enclosure

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2-ENCLOSURE

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44-28601-651

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MAIL ROOM TELETYPE UNIT

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Dear Mr. Kowe,

I want to commend you on your courage and perseverance and on the great service you have done for the country. I have only a small conception of the difficulties involved but I am sure that many lesser men would have "cracked out."

Please accept my thanks.

Sincerely,

[Redacted signature]

[Redacted address]

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ENCLOSURE

NO POSTAGE
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UNITED STATES

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Mr. Gary Thomas Rowe
% Federal Bureau of
Investigation
Washington D.C.

Please Forward

44-28601-637

ENCLOSURE

December 31, 1965
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

Subjects Thomas, E. and Wilkins found guilty, U. S. District Court, Montgomery, Alabama, 12-3-65, in connection with the shooting of Mrs. Viola Liuzzo and released on bond pending appeal. Wilkins previously placed on one year and one day probation 11-16-64, for violation of Federal Firearms Act. Probation revoked.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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TELETYPE

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FBI BIRMINGHAM

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM BIRMINGHAM 44-1236

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Mohr	
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Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Conrad	
Mr. Felt	
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^{AND OTHERS} EUGENE THOMAS; ^{AND OTHERS} VIOLA LIUZZO; ^{Civil Rights} - VICTIMS. ^{Elect. Laws} GR - EL.

COLLIE LEROY WILKINS, ONE OF THREE SUBJECTS CAPTIONED ^{U. S. District Court} CASE APPEARED ~~4696~~, BIRMINGHAM TWO P.M., INSTANT DATE, BEFORE JUDGE CLARENCE W. ALLGOOD IN THE MATTER OF A REVOCATION OF PROBATION HEARING. WILKINS, THROUGH ATTORNEY ART HANES, OFFERED NO DEFENSE TO INDIVIDUAL CHARGES, AND JUDGE ALLGOOD REVOKED HIS PROBATION AND ORDERED HIM TO PRESENT HIMSELF TO THE ^{United States} U. S. MARSHAL AT NINE A.M., JANUARY FOUR, SIXTYSIX, TO BEGIN SERVING PREVIOUS SENTENCE OF ONE YEAR AND ONE DAY.

MOBILE ADVISED BY AIR MAIL.

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MR. DELOACH FOR THE DIRECTOR

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TO: SAC, San Francisco
FROM: Director, FBI (44-28601)

EUGENE THOMAS, ET AL.
MRS. VIOLA LIUZZO, AKA, ET AL. - VICTIMS
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The Department has advised that the House Committee on Un-American Activities plans to subpoena Gary Thomas Rowe to appear before the Committee in Washington, D. C., probably during January of 1966. This is in connection with the Committee's hearings concerning the various Klan organizations. The Department has advised that it does not know the exact nature of the testimony desired from Rowe.

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The Department has pointed out that the Committee does have the power to subpoena any individual in the United States and that the Department desires to cooperate with the Congressional Committee. The Department has requested that the informant be contacted and it be specifically ascertained whether or not Rowe is willing to appear before this Committee.

In this regard, it is the Department's opinion that he should be made available, however, you should not in anyway endeavor to influence the decision of Rowe either one way or the other. The Bureau should be advised of the informant's opinion so that the Department may be notified of his feelings no later than 12/29/65.

1 - Birmingham (44-1236)

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12-29-65

1 - Mr. McDonough
1 - Mr. Hines

To: SAC, San Francisco (44-609)
Birmingham (44-1236)

From: Director, FBI (44-28601)

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EUGENE THOMAS, ET AL;
VIOLA LIUZZO, AKA, ET AL - VICTIMS
CIVIL RIGHTS - ELECTION LAWS

Re Birmingham airtel 12-18-65 captioned [REDACTED]

The San Francisco Office should furnish the letter from Mr. Johnston, with attachments, to Rowe for his consideration. The decision as to accepting the settlement outlined is Rowe's alone.

Since the employment of Matt Murphy in this instance was in furtherance of Rowe's position as an informant, if Rowe requests that the Government provide him the necessary funds to handle the settlement as outlined by Mr. Johnston, you will furnish such funds.

You should obtain Rowe's decision in writing in a letter addressed to Mr. Johnston, with a copy to SAC, San Francisco, and have the Birmingham Office furnish the original letter to Mr. Johnston.

The San Francisco Office should handle immediately and advise the Bureau of developments.

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NOTE: See memo A. Rosen to Mr. Belmont dated DEC-28-1965 same caption, EJMJWH/mls. JOHNSTON'S ORIGINAL LETTER SENT TO SAN FRANCISCO BY BIRMINGHAM.

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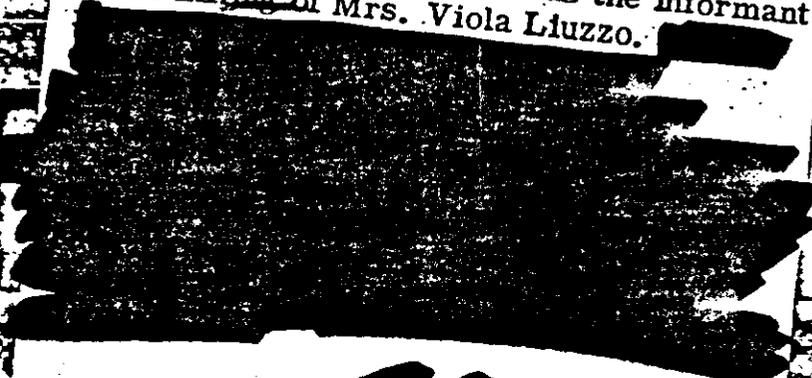
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GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

Gary Thomas Rowe was the informant
in the killing of Mrs. Viola Liuzzo.



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Letter advised 1/29/66

The Attorney General

December 29, 1965

Director, FBI

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Wick 10
- 1 - Mr. Resen 26
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. Hines

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**EUGENE THOMAS, ET AL.;
 MRS. VIOLA LIUZZO, ET AL. - VICTIMS
 CIVIL RIGHTS**

Gary Thomas Rowe, who testified for the Government in connection with the shooting of Mrs. Viola Liuzzo in Lowndes County, Alabama, March 25, 1965, has been contacted pursuant to the request of Mr. Kimon Zachos, your Special Assistant, on December 23, 1965, that we determine from Rowe whether or not he would be willing to appear before the House Committee on Un-American Activities.



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1 - Mr. Hines

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To: SAC, San Francisco (44-609)

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From: Director, FBI (44-28601) 650

EUGENE THOMAS, ET AL;
VIOLA LIUZZO, AKA, ET AL - VICTIMS
CR - EL

Re San Francisco airtel dated 12-30-65.

No information can be located in Bureau files identifiable with [redacted] No arrest record can be located for [redacted] by name check and birthdate in the Identification Division.

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- 1 - Birmingham (44-1236)(info)
- 1 - Tampa (44-313)(info)

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Date: 12/27/65

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL - REGISTERED
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI **[REDACTED]** **7d B2**

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (170-14)(P)

CONF. INFO.

[REDACTED] **7d B2**

GARY THOMAS ROUE

Re Birmingham airtel, 12/18/65, which states that Motion to Revive has been made in the former lawsuit of MATT MURPHY, JR., against the informat.

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- 3 - Bureau (AMRM)
- 1 - San Francisco
- JGC/evs 1 - BH (170-9)(Info)
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Approved: _____

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Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 1/6/66

FROM : A. Rosen

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. McGowan
- 1 - Mr. Hines

SUBJECT: ^① EUGENE THOMAS, ET AL.
 MRS. VIOLA LIUZZO, AKA. ET AL. - VICTIM
 CIVIL RIGHTS

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As you are aware, Chief Marshal James McShane initially made an appointment with Mr. DeLoach at 3:00 P. M. on 1/4/66 which he failed to keep. His secretary subsequently called and stated that McShane had found it necessary to confer with the House Committee on Un-American Activities and that he would make an appointment for the morning of 1/5.

For your information, this appointment was made; however, McShane again failed to keep the appointment. On the afternoon of 1/5/66 at 2:45 P. M., Jack Cameron of McShane's office called on Mr. DeLoach and told him McShane was home sick.

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May I take this opportunity to again thank you for the wonderful spirit of cooperation which you and your Department have always displayed toward the Committee on Un-American Activities, and particularly to me as its current chairman.

With kind personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,



Edwin E. Willis
Chairman

FBI

Date: 1/6/66

Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

TO: Director, FBI (44-28601)
FROM: SAC, Birmingham (44-1236) (P)
SUBJECT: EUGENE THOMAS;
ET AL;
VIOLA GREGG LIUZZO, aka;
ET AL - VICTIMS
CR - EL

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Re Bureau radiogram to Birmingham, Mobile,
San Francisco, and Tampa, dated 12/30/65.

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3-San Francisco
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2-Birmingham
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Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

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RADIOGRAM

URGENT

TO SAC SAN FRANCISCO AND BIRMINGHAM
FROM DIRECTOR FBI (44-28601)-666

1 - Mr. Hines

EUGENE THOMAS, ET AL; VIOLA GREGG LIUZZO, AKA, ET AL -
VICTIMS, CIVIL RIGHTS - ELECTION LAWS .

RE BIRMINGHAM AIRTEL TO THE BUREAU ONE SIX, SIXTYSIX.

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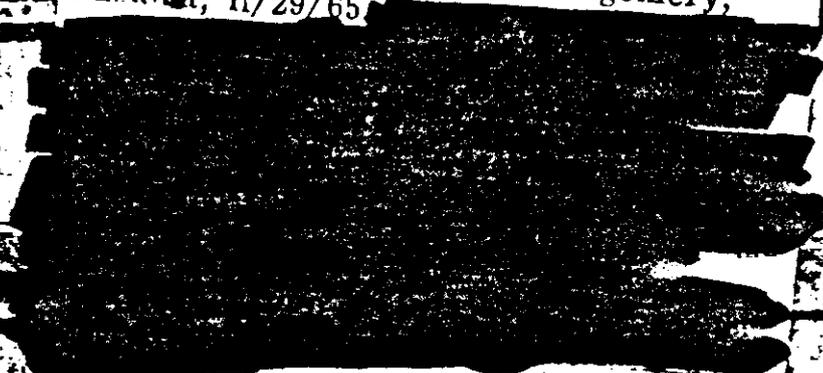
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GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

Trial of subjects on Federal civil rights
indictment growing out of shooting of
Mrs. Viola Liuzzo, 3/25/65, scheduled to
begin U. S. District Court, Montgomery,
Alabama, 11/29/65.



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1/17/66

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

Information in attached teletype furnished to St. John Barrett, Civil Rights Division, on 1/15/66. He stated Department has no objection to [redacted] contemplated contact with Hanes. *b7c*

Hanes' information has no merit.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

JAN 25 1966

TELETYPE
1/15/66

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FBI MOBILE

1:42 PM CST URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR (44-28601) AND BIRMINGHAM (44-1236)

FROM: MOBILE (44-1245)

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
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Miss Holmes	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

^{and others} EUGENE THOMAS, ~~ET AL.~~ ^{and others} VIOLA GREGG LIUZZO, ~~ET AL.~~ - VICTIMS.

^{Civil Rights, Election Law, Office of Origin}
CR, ~~ET.~~ MOBILE.

ON THIS DATE, [REDACTED] SOUTHERN BELL b7c

TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH CO., TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED BUREAU AGENT
 AT MONTGOMERY, ALA., ART HANES, BIRMINGHAM ATTORNEY WHO REPRESENTED
U. S. District Court
 DEFENDANTS DURING TRIAL AND CONVICTION ~~USDC~~, MONTGOMERY, TOLD
 HIM THURSDAY AFTERNOON HE HAD INFORMATION FROM A HIGHLY RELIABLE
U. S. District Court
 SOURCE THAT THE ~~USDC~~ ROOM IN MONTGOMERY HAD BEEN "BUGGED" DURING
 THE TRIAL OF THE THREE DEFENDANTS DECEMBER, LAST AND THE PROCEED-
 INGS WERE MONITORED IN ROOM TWO ZERO ONE TIN THE TELEPHONE COMPANY
 BUILDING ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE U. S. POST OFFICE AT MONTGOMERY.
 HANES TOLD HIM SEVERAL ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERALS WERE OBSERVED
 GOING IN AND OUT OF THE PHONE COMPANY BUILDING THROUGHOUT THE DAY
 FOR THE PURPOSE OF MONITORING THE PROCEEDINGS. HANES STATED HIS
 INFORMATION WAS THAT PARTS OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE U. S. COURT
 ROOM WERE TAPED AND LATER BROADCAST FOR THE CANADIAN BROADCASTING
 SYSTEM. HANES ADVISE [REDACTED] SEC. 50-DIRECTOR SINCE THE RULE HAD BEEN INVOKED b7c

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*EXCLUSION OF WITNESSES.

MR. DELOACH FOR THE DIRECTOR

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OF THE VERDICT SINCE WITNESSES MAY HAVE HEARD THE CANADIAN BROADCAST.

b7c [REDACTED] ADVISED HE WAS AWARE THAT BUREAU PERSONNEL AND U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE PERSONNEL UTILIZED PHONE COMPANY EQUIPMENT IN ROOM TWO ZERO ONE DURING ONE DAY OF THE TRIAL FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECORDING A TELEVISION TAPED INTERVIEW DURING WHICH COLLIE LEROY WILKINS WAS INTERVIEWED AT GREAT LENGTH BY A REPORTER OF THE CANADIAN BROADCASTING CO. [REDACTED] ADVISED HE DID NOT RECALL THIS b7c AT THE TIME HANES RELATED THE ABOVE TO HIM; HOWEVER, AFTER TALKING TO MONTGOMERY PHONE COMPANY PERSONNEL, HIS RECOLLECTION WAS REFRESHED. [REDACTED] STATED THAT UNLESS HE IS ADVISED TO THE CONTRARY b7c BY MONDAY, JAN. SEVENTEEN, NEXT, HE INTENDS TO CONFRONT HANES WITH THE EXACT NATURE OF THE ACTIVITY AT THE PHONE COMPANY DURING THE TRIAL.

THE BUREAU WILL RECALL THAT DURING THE TRIAL OF THE THREE DEFENDANTS IN MONTGOMERY, DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS, ST. JOHN BARRETT ^{Assistant Attorney General} AND ~~AS~~ JOHN DOAR LEARNED OF A TAPED INTERVIEW BY A CANADIAN BROADCASTING CO. REPORTER OF WILKINS AND REQUESTED THE BUREAU TO LOCATE THE TAPE AND HAVE IT TELEPHONICALLY TRANSCRIBED IN MONTGOMERY IN ORDER THAT IT COULD BE INTRODUCED INTO THE TRIAL.

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RECORD. THE INTERVIEW WAS TAPED THROUGH THE COOPERATION OF THE SOUTHERN BELL TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH CO. IN MONTGOMERY, ~~██████████~~

~~██████████~~ TORONTO; HOWEVER, EFFORTS BY THE ^{DEPARTMENT} DEPT. OF JUSTICE TO INTRODUCE THE CONTENTS INTO THE TRIAL RECORD WERE UNSUCCESSFUL. THIS ACTION IS UNDOUBTEDLY WHAT HANES LEARNED OF THROUGH SOME UNKNOWN SOURCE.

Special Agent in Charge

SAG, BIRMINGHAM, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED OF ABOVE. ABOVE BEING FURNISHED TO BUREAU FOR REFERRAL TO BARRETT OR DOAR. BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED OF FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.

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GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

Victim, Viola Liuzzo, wife of a female civil rights worker, was shot in Lowndes County, Alabama, 3/20/65. State prosecution unsuccessful on one subject and outstanding on other two subjects. Federal Civil Rights prosecution successful on all three subjects.

Automobile of victim was in custody of state authorities as evidence. We never had custody of automobile and it was not used in Federal trial. It does not appear reasonable that automobile available for public sale if title remains with Liuzzo family.

Crime Records Division was advised. Civil Rights Division of Department is being advised.

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9:10 PM URGENT 1/16/66 C W H

TO DIRECTOR (44-28601) AND BIRMINGHAM (44-1236)
FROM DETROIT (44-643) (RUC) IP

EUGENE THOMAS, ET AL; MRS. VIOLA LIUZZO, AKA, ET AL - VICTIM

Civil Rights Election Laws
C.R. -E.L.

FOR INFORMATION.

ANTHONY LIUZZO, VICTIM'S HUSBAND, ADVISED INSTANT DATE SENSATIONAL
ADVERTISEMENT APPEARED ONE FIFTEEN LAST BIRMINGHAM NEWS OFFERING
~~NINETEEN~~ ^{OLDSMOBILE AUTOMOBILE} ~~SIXTYTHREE~~ ^{OLDS} IN WHICH VICTIM KILLED FOR SALE FOR THREE
THOUSAND ~~FIVE~~ HUNDRED DOLLARS, "WITH BULLET HOLES INTACT - IDEAL
TO BRING IN CROWDS."

LIUZZO CONTACTING ATTORNEY.

PRESS INQUIRIES DETROIT BEING ANSWERED QUOTE NO COMMENT UNQUOTE.

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MR. DELBACH FOR THE DIRECTOR

51 JAN 25 1966

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Bufile	Status of Case P	Submitting Office Birmingham	File # 44-1236
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Title and Character of Case
EUGENE THOMAS et al;
VIOLE LIUZZO et al, aka, VICTIM
CR-EL

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Date Property Acquired 3-26-65	Source From Which Property Acquired Authorized search of the residence of EUGENE THOMAS at 1519 12th Ave North, Bessemer, Ala.
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Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit Gun Vault	Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same Evidence
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- Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same
1. One Newport Model CN Double Barrelled sawed off shot gun, SN T 70594
 2. One box Peters twelves gage extra long range shells.
 3. One Revelation twelve gage shotgun shekl.
 4. One box twelve gage shotgun shells containing 21 shells.
 5. One box Peters 38 caliber ammunition containing ten rounds.

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Title and Character of Case

EUGENE THOMAS, et al
VIOLA LIUZZO, aka; LEROY JEROME MOTON - Victims
CR, EL.

Date Property Acquired	Source From Which Property Acquired
3-26-65	WAYNE THOMAS, 1519 12th Avenue, North, Bessemer, Ala

Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit	Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same
GUN VAULT	Evidence

Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same

- .38 cal. S & W Revolver, SN 418827
- 6 rds. .38 cal. ammunition taken from above revolver.

*3-27-65 sent to FBI Lab, REA
11-30-65 Item 2 only returned*

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Title and Character of Case

EUGENE THOMAS, etal
VIOLA LIUZZO, aka; LEROY JEROME MOTON - Victims
CR, EL

Date Property Acquired	Source From Which Property Acquired
3-26-65	EUGENE THOMAS, 1519 12th Avenue, North, Bessemer, Ala

Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit	Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same
GUN VAULT	Evidence

Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same

- 8 rds. .38 cal. ammunition, as follows:
 - 3 - R-P .38 special
 - 1 - Rem-Umc .38 special
 - 2 - Peters .38 special
 - 1 - R-P .38 special (brass casing, flat nose)
 - 1 - Federal .38 special (brass casing)

- 1 pocket knife, Tree Brand. *returned 2-1-66 to Eugene Thomas*

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