

- (1) The right to publicly protest unlawful deprivation of the right of Negro citizens of Alabama to register to vote and to vote for candidates for federal office
- (2) The right to encourage and assist Negro citizens of Alabama in the exercise of their right to register to vote and to vote for candidates for federal office.
- (3) The right to peaceably assemble, publicly protest, and petition the Governor of the State of Alabama for redress of grievances on behalf of Negro citizens of Alabama, free from arbitrary interference by the State of Alabama.
- (4) The right to participate in a march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama, to present a petition to the Governor of Alabama in Montgomery, and to participate in the carrying out of a proposed plan for such march pursuant to an order entered on March 17, 1965, by the United States District Court for the Middle District of Alabama, in the case of WILLIAMS v. WALLACE, Civil Action #2181-N.
- (5) The right to travel to and from the State of Alabama and to use interstate highways and other instrumentalities of interstate commerce in and through Alabama

It was a part of the plan and purpose of the conspiracy that the defendants would harass, threaten, pursue and assault citizens of the United States in the area of Selma and Montgomery, Alabama, who were participating or had participated in, or who were lending or had lent their support to a demonstration march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama, pursuant to the plan, referred to above, that was approved by the order of the United States District Court for the Middle District of Alabama on March 17, 1965.

In violation of Section 241 of Title 18, United States Code.

A TRUE BILL



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Re: **FBI, Birmingham (44-1236)**

Date: **April 28, 1965**

Re: **EUGENE THOMAS; et al.;
MRS. VIOLA LIUZZO, aka;
et al., VICTIMS;
CR - EL**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **1244-28601-182**
Lab. No. **REC- PC-85691 GY**

Examination requested by: **Birmingham**

Reference: **Airtel 4/10/65**

Examination requested: **Firearms**

Remarks:

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

April 7, 1965

The following anonymous letter was sent to the Director from Paducah, Kentucky:

"Mr. Hoover:

Has it ever occurred to you that the Negro who was riding with Mrs --- might have shot her to make it look bad for the white folks of Alabama & Govenner Wallace? looks like you could see the way it turned out he guided the steering wheel and come out O. K himself. I cant say no more cause to many of the Negroes know to much.

one of the Marchers"

- MR. TOLSON _____
- MR. BELMONT _____
- MR. MOHR _____
- MR. DELOACH _____
- MR. CASPER _____
- MR. CALLAHAN _____
- MR. CONRAD _____
- MR. FELT _____
- MR. GALE _____
- MR. ROSEN _____
- MR. SULLIVAN _____
- MR. TAVEL _____
- MR. TROTTER _____
- MR. JONES _____
- TELE. ROOM _____
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- MRS. METCALF _____
- MISS SANDY _____

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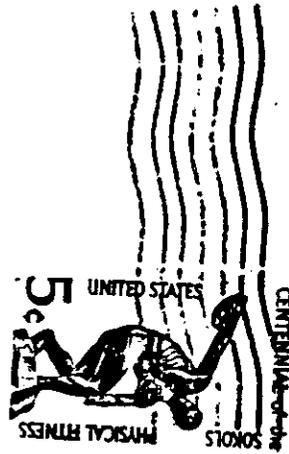
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Mr Hoover
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ANONYMOUS COMMUNICATIONS
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J. Edgar Hoover
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Washington D. C.



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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Mr. DeLoach	
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Mr. Casper	
Mr. Callahan	
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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 4-7-65

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: FULTON LEWIS, JR.
RADIO PROGRAM
WEDNESDAY, 4-7-65

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Mr. Lewis, in his radio program at 7 p. m., today, on WOL-Radio mentioned the FBI in connection with the killing of Mrs. Viola Liuzzo by members of the Ku Klux Klan. Although he did not come right out and say so, he inferred in his statements that the possibility existed that one of the individuals in the car containing the Klansmen was possibly an informant of the FBI. His basis for making such a statement was the "quickness" in which the FBI made the arrests in this case. He further noted that if the FBI did have an informant in this automobile, he raised the question of whether that person should have had at least the moral obligation to prevent this killing. Lewis went on to say that the situation might have been such that it was impossible for such an individual to prevent the killing.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

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- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen

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Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont *MB*

DATE: 4/7/65

FROM : A. Rosen *AR*

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

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

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SAC Ingram, Birmingham, furnished the following information which has been obtained from a quick review of the indictment:

The substance of the indictment is as follows: The indictment charges violation of Title 18, Section 241, USC. Those named in the indictment are Eugene Thomas, William Orville Eaton and Collie Leroy Wilkins, Jr. It is a one-count indictment which charges generally that beginning March 1 and continuing to on or about March 26, 1965, the three named individuals within the Middle District of Alabama, conspired together and with others unknown to injure, oppress, threaten and intimidate citizens of the United States in the vicinity of Selma and Montgomery, Alabama, in the free exercise and enjoyment of rights and provisions secured to them by the Constitution and laws of the United States.

The five rights denied are listed as:

- (1) The right to publicly protest the unlawful deprivation of the rights of Negroes to vote;
- (2) The right to encourage Negro citizens to register and vote;
- (3) The right of peaceful assembly;
- (4) The right to engage in the protest march from Selma to Montgomery, Ala.
- (5) The right to travel on interstate highways.

The indictment charges that it was part of the plan and purpose of the conspiracy to harass, threaten, pursue and assault citizens who had participated in the march from Selma to Montgomery.

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Memo to Mr. Belmont from A. Rosen
Re: Eugene Thomas, et al

The indictment does not mention the killing of Mrs. Liuzzo near Selma, Alabama, and does not mention the name of Mrs. Liuzzo. The indictment does not mention the name of Gary Thomas Rowe, Jr. who was originally arrested with the other three subjects.

No witnesses are listed in connection with the indictment. The warrant based on the indictment indicates that bail is to be fixed at \$50,000 each.

Any additional information obtained will be furnished to you.

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March 28, 1965

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The President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Mr. President,

I am a Senior in high school. And I am studying American Government. In class, we learned that the F.B.I. does not have the power or the right to arrest a man for murder, but can only come into the picture he crosses a state line, or if a Federal law has been broken. Yet, in Alabama, the F.B.I. has arrested four men for murder. Why are you allowing them to make illegal arrests? Do two wrongs make a right? Please sir, keep our Federal government honest. The local government is corrupt enough for both.

Sincerely,

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FED. BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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- Mr. Belmont
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CORRESPONDENCE

April 12, 1965

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter to the President was referred to this Bureau on April 6, 1965.

With respect to your inquiry, the murder of Mrs. Viola Liuzzo was a state violation. However, those responsible for this crime also violated her civil rights, which violation falls within the jurisdiction of the FBI. Therefore, I trust you will understand our investigative interest in this case.

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In connection with these matters, I am enclosing a copy of the remarks made by Senator Thomas J. Dodd on the Floor of the Senate on February 25, 1965, along with other material which I trust will be of assistance to you in learning of the true nature of the FBI's role in civil rights matters.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Remarks made by Senator Dodd on Floor of Senate, 2-25-65

Our Heritage of Greatness, 12-12-64

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U. S. News & World Report, 12-21-64

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FBI BIRMGHAM

3:53PM CST URGENT 4/12/65 WEP

TO DIRECTOR (44-28601)

FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1236)

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

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Case involves shooting of Mrs. Viola Liuzzo in Lowndes County, Alabama, night of 3-25-65. Four subjects arrested, one of whom is Bureau informant who gave data re shooting. One-count indictment returned which charges that generally 3 persons (Eugene Thomas, William Orville Eaton, and Collie Leroy Wilkins, Jr.) beginning 3-1-65, and continuing on or about 3-26-65, conspired together and with others unknown to injure, oppress, threaten and intimidate citizens of the U. S. in the vicinity of Selma and Montgomery, Alabama, in the free exercise and enjoyment of rights and provisions secured to them by the Constitution and laws of U. S.; that it was part of plan and purpose of conspiracy to harass, threaten, pursue and assault citizens who had participated in march from Selma to Montgomery. Indictment does not mention killing of Mrs. Liuzzo, nor does it mention her name or the informant's.

C. R. [Signature]

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Date: 3-29-65

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Belmont	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Casper	
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Conrad	
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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTENTION: Crime Records Division

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1236)

EUGENE THOMAS; ET AL.
VIOLA LIUZZO, aka - VICTIM;
LEROY JEROME MOTON - VICTIM.
CIVIL RIGHTS - ELECTION LAWS.

Enclosed are two copies of an article which appeared in "The Birmingham News" on March 28, 1965, quoting ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard of the United Klans of America, KKK, and MATT H. MURPHY, Jr., Klan lawyer. In this article these individuals have claimed that the FBI was attempting to frame him, SHELTON, and that promises had been made to subject GARY THOMAS ROWE, Jr., and that ROWE had been unduly detained before being permitted to see his attorney. It should be noted that all of these allegations by SHELTON and MURPHY have been made to news media and not to the Birmingham Office of the FBI. In response to inquiries from news media regarding these allegations, I have answered all with a "no comment" reply, as is pointed out in the article itself.

It is interesting to note that MURPHY, according to the article, admits that he is a Klan member. Experience has shown that both of these individuals will stoop to any tactics to try to embarrass and humiliate the FBI, as well as to jeopardize captioned case.

Any future accusations of these individuals or other Klan officials to the press will continue to be answered "no comment," as has been done in the past.

The above is for the Bureau's information.

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HINTS AT CONSPIRACY Klan is not guilty, Shelton declares

The Klan is not guilty. Imperial Wizard Robert M. Shelton declared angrily Saturday, hinting that the death of Mrs. Viola Gregg Luizzo, a white civil rights worker, could have been a put-up job.

Shelton, appearing in Birmingham for an announced press conference, also accused the FBI of trying to frame him in connection with the woman's death by bribing one of four men arrested and charged with violating her civil rights.

He said the men were offered up to \$100,000 and relocation in another state if they would say he "sent them to Montgomery."

Shelton refused to identify the four as Klansmen, though he said his organization had "made the arrangements" for their release and its lawyers would defend them.

IN RESPONSE to a question, Shelton apologized for using "damned" in saying President Johnson was a "damned liar" when the President linked the men arrested to the slaying and declared war on the Klan.

"I exclude the word 'damned' but the other part sticks," he said.

He said his organization had proof—which it would display at the "proper time"—that the Rev. James Reeb, who died after a Selma beating, was dying of cancer and "another disease" when he came to Alabama.

The Klan leader said the United Klans don't advocate violence and it was "distressing to witness this incident." (The death of Mrs. Luizzo). But he

refused to agree with Gov. George Wallace that the shooting was "an act of cowardice," saying "I don't know the conditions yet."

HOWEVER, HE declared that the FBI has already "established" that the four men arrested were "in no way connected with the death of the woman from Detroit."

Matt H. Murphy Jr., the Klan lawyer who also attended the press conference, said the constitutional rights of his clients were violated.

Murphy said he is a Klansman. He complained that Gary Tommy Rowe Jr., one of the four men arrested, was detained several hours before he was allowed to see him and that Rowe was offered 500 acres of land in Minnesota for a statement about the shooting and cooperation with Federal officers.

Everett Ingram, special agent in charge of the Birmingham FBI office, later said he had no comment on the allegations of Murphy and Shelton.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

10 BIRMINGHAM NEWS
BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

Date: 3-28-65
Edition: LATE FINAL
Author: UNKNOWN
Editor: JOHN W. BLOOM
Title: ROBERT M. SHELTON, IMPERIAL WIZARD OF THE KKK

Character:
or
Classification: BH 105-72
Submitting Office: BIRMINGHAM

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: **FBI, Mobile (44-1245)**

Date: **April 1, 1965**

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Re: **EUGENE THOMAS, et al.;
VIOLA LIUZZO, aka
Mrs. Anthony J. Liuzzo,
LEROY JEBOME MOTON, VICTIMS;
CR - KL**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **PC-85454 EX HB BV**
Lab. No. **PC-85455 EX
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Examination requested by: **Mobile and Birmingham**

References: *** see below**

Examination requested: **Firearms - Spectrographic - Microscopic**

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* Specimens Q1 through Q17 and K1 were collected in Montgomery, Alabama, on 3-26-65 and 3-27-65, and personally delivered to the FBI Laboratory by Special Agent M. E. Williams, on 3-28-65.

* Specimens Q18 through Q52 and K2 through K5 were transmitted to the Bureau by Birmingham airtel dated 3-27-65.

* Specimens Q53 through Q61 were transmitted to the Bureau by Mobile airtel dated 3-29-65.

* See also partial FBI Laboratory report dated 3-29-65, and Butels 3-29-65 and 3-31-65, setting forth results of Laboratory examinations in this case.

This report together with the Laboratory report of 3-29-65 sets forth the results of all examinations conducted with respect to the submitted specimens and confirms the information set forth in

- Tolson
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Butel 3-31-65, concerning the examination of the cartridge cases recovered on Highway 80, near the scene. No additional examinations are now pending with respect to these specimens; however, they are being temporarily retained in the FBI Laboratory pending advice as to their disposition.

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FBI BIRMGHAM

11:40AM CST URGENT 4/14/65 WEP
TO DIRECTOR (44-28601)
FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1236) (P)

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EUGENE THOMAS, ET AL; VIOLA LIUZZO, AKA, ETAL. - VICTIMS
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TO SAC BIRMINGHAM (44-1236)

FROM DIRECTOR FBI (44-28601)

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

REURTEL DATED APRIL TWELVE, SIXTYFIVE.

EXPLANATIONS IN THIS MATTER ALONG WITH YOUR
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION MUST BE
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TO BIRMINGHAM 44-1236

FROM DIRECTOR 44-28601 1P

EUGENE THOMAS, ET AL; VIOLA LIUZZO, AKA., ET AL
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Date: 4-8-65

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Via AIRTEL - AIR MAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1236)
EUGENE THOMAS, ET AL.
VIOLA LIUZZO, aka, ET AL - VICTIMS.
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Enclosed is a copy of the indictment and warrant pertaining to the above captioned matter.

These documents were obtained from the U. S. Marshal, Birmingham, Alabama, and are being submitted for the Bureau's information and completion of the Bureau's file.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA
EASTERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES MARSHAL
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
)
V.)
WILLIAM OSVILLE EATCH,)
COLLIE LEROY WILKINS, JR.,)
EUGENE THOMAS)

CR. NO. 11 731 - A
(15 USC 241)

Filed in open Court in the presence of the
Foreman and 17 other members of the
Grand Jury this 1st day of April 1955
at 4:30 o'clock P. M.

The Grand Jury charges:

COURT ONE
By R. C. Dobson Clerk
Deputy

Commencing on or about March 1, 1955 and continuing to on or about
March 26, 1955, WILLIAM OSVILLE EATCH, COLLIE LEROY WILKINS, JR., and
EUGENE THOMAS, within the Middle District of Alabama, conspired together,
with each other and with other persons to the Grand Jury unknown, to
injure, oppress, threaten and intimidate citizens of the United States in
the vicinity of Selma and Montgomery, Alabama in the free exercise and
enjoyment of certain rights and privileges secured to them by the
Constitution and laws of the United States, and because of their having
exercised such rights as follows:

- (1) The right to publicly protest unlawful deprivation of the right
of Negro citizens of Alabama to register to vote and to vote
for candidates for federal office.
- (2) The right to encourage and assist Negro citizens of Alabama
in the exercise of their right to register to vote and to vote
for candidates for federal office.
- (3) The right to peaceably assemble, publicly protest, and petition
the Governor of the State of Alabama for redress of grievances

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on behalf of Negro citizens of Alabama, free from arbitrary interference by the State of Alabama.

(4) The right to participate in a protest march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama, to present a petition to the Governor of Alabama in Montgomery, and to participate in the carrying out of a proposed plan for such march pursuant to an order entered on March 17, 1965, by the United States District Court for the Middle District of Alabama, in the case of Williams v. Wallace, Civil Action Number 2181-N.

(5) The right to travel to and from the State of Alabama and to use interstate highways and other instrumentalities of interstate commerce in and through Alabama.

It was a part of the plan and purpose of the conspiracy that the defendants would harass, threaten, pursue and assault citizens of the United States in the area of Selma and Montgomery, Alabama who were participating or had participated in, or who were lending or had lent their support to a demonstration march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama, pursuant to the plan, referred to above, that was approved by the order of the United States District Court for the Middle District of Alabama on March 17, 1965.

In violation of Section 241 of Title 18, United States Code.

A True Bill:

/s/ Moreland Griffith Smith
Foreman

/s/ Ben Hardeman
UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

UNITED STATES MARSHAL
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

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R. C. Dohren,
Clerk, U. S. District Court,
Middle District of Alabama.

By R. C. Dohren
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No. 11,736-N

To any United States Marshal or any other authorized officer

You are hereby commanded to arrest Eugene Thomas and bring him forthwith before the United States District Court for the Middle District of Alabama

in the city of Montgomery to answer to an Indictment charging him with conspiring to injure, oppress, threaten, or intimidate any citizen in the free exercise or enjoyment of any right or privilege secured to him by the Constitution or laws of the United States, or because of his having so exercised the same as set out in the attached Certified copy of the Indictment.

In violation of Section 241, Title 18, U.S.C.

Dated at Montgomery, Alabama

R. G. Deason

Clerk.

on April 6, 1965

By

J. J. Darris

Deputy Clerk.

Bail fixed at \$ 50,000.00

RETURN

District of

Received the within warrant the

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and executed same.

By

*Insert designation of officer to whom the warrant is issued, e. g. "any United States Marshal or any other authorized officer"; or "United States Marshal for _____ District of _____"; or "any United States Marshal"; or "any Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation"; or "any United States Marshal or any Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation"; or "any agent of the Alcohol Tax Unit."

Resolution No. 866-65

By Mr. M. Morris Jackson.

WHEREAS, the entire Nation is justifiably proud of the prompt action of the Federal Bureau of Investigation which resulted in the immediate apprehension of the alleged perpetrators of the wanton murder of Mrs. Viola Gregg Liuzzo; and

WHEREAS, this is but another example of the efficient operation of this Organization which, throughout its history, has pioneered in scientific methods of criminal investigation; and

WHEREAS, the knowledge that the FBI is ready and able to use all its resources for the prevention of crime serves as a constant deterrent to those tempted to violate the rights and privileges of others and gives a sense of well-being to the citizens of this Nation; and

WHEREAS, this Council wishes to express the gratitude of this Nation for the constant surveillance provided by the FBI; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That Council hereby extends to the Federal Bureau of Investigation the appreciation of this Community for the efficient and skillful operation of the personnel of the Bureau and for its untiring efforts on behalf of the citizens of this Nation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of Council be and she hereby is requested to transmit a copy of this resolution to J. Edgar Hoover, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D. C.

Adopted March 29, 1965

James V. Stanton, President of Council

Mercedes Cotner, Clerk of Council

Approved by Mayor Ralph S. Locher

March 30, 1965

I, Mercedes Cotner, Clerk of Council of the City of Cleveland, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 866-65, adopted by the Council of the City of Cleveland, March 29, 1965.

WITNESS my hand and seal at Cleveland, Ohio, this Thirtieth day of March, 1965.


Mercedes Cotner
Clerk of Council of the City of Cleveland

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

FROM : A. Rosen

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

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

DATE: April 8, 1965

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I checked with Inspector Sullivan with reference to the personnel on special assignment at Selma. He advised me that he presently has nine men which he can release inasmuch as all investigation which he has instituted has been completed.

At the present time we have a number of cases which are pending in the Department for consideration as to the action the Department intends to take. For example, in the Liuzzo case the Department will probably be talking to the State's Attorney in the next day or so. Consequently, Sullivan should be available in the event he is needed in connection with the turning over of the evidence to state authorities. There are other matters which have been pending such as the march, assault on Reverend Reeb, etc. Any of these matters could require his presence there in the event the Department intends to proceed. Consequently, we feel he should be kept there for the time being. We will watch this on a daily basis so that any changes can readily be brought to the Director's attention.

If approved, we will release the nine Agents on special assignment starting tomorrow.(Friday, April 9, 1965).

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TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: April 6, 1965

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, ET AL. -
VICTIMS
CIVIL RIGHTS; ELECTION LAWS

Inspector Sullivan at Montgomery, Alabama, advised at 5:00 p. m. that the Grand Jury had not yet made a return in this case. According to Inspector Sullivan, the Grand Jury finished hearing witnesses today. Grand jurors took the matter under deliberation at 3:00 p. m. Washington time.

Sullivan advised he had received information that the jurors were as of 5:00 p. m., preparing their report which would be given to the court.

ACTION:

Sullivan is closely following this matter and will advise the Bureau of action taken by the Grand Jury.

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[Signature]

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TO SAC BIRMINGHAM (44-1236)

1 - Mr. Hines

FROM DIRECTOR FBI (44-28601)

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

REBUTEL APRIL THIRTEEN, SIXTYFIVE.

BUREAU IS NOT IN RECEIPT OF EXPLANATIONS AND YOUR
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION IN THIS MATTER.
ADVISE WHEN MATERIAL SENT AND METHOD OF TRANSMITTAL.
BY RETURN TEL.

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on 4/13/65 without fail.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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FBI WASH DC

1214PM URGENT 4-14-65 RPP

TO BIRMINGHAM (44-1236)

FROM DIRECTOR (44-28601) 1P

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

REBUTEL APRIL THIRTEEN, SIXTYFIVE.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: **FBI, Birmingham (44-1236)**

Date: **April 14, 1965**

Re: **EUGENE THOMAS;
ET AL;
VIOLA GREGG LIUZZO, AKA;
LEROY JEROME MOTON - VICTIMS;
CR - EL**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **174-35**
Lab. No. **PC-88633 CF LV**

Examination requested by: **Birmingham**
Reference: **Letter 4/8/65**
Examination requested: **Spectrographic - Microscopic**
Remarks:

The instant items of evidence were submitted under the caption "Eugene Thomas; et al., Viola Gregg Liuzzo, aka; Leroy Jerome Moton - Victims; CR - EL"; however, since these items were submitted for comparison with the materials in the GREENBOMBS case the attached Laboratory report carries the "GREENBOMBS" caption and the submitted items are listed as specimens Q76 through Q85 in order to maintain continuity in the specimen listing in the GREENBOMBS case.

Specimens Q76 through Q85 are being returned to your office under separate cover by registered mail.

- Enclosures (3) (2 Lab report)
- 1 - Birmingham (44-1236) Enclosure (Lab report)
- 1 - Bufile
- 1 - Mr. Rosen

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: **FBI, Birmingham**

Date:
FBI File No.
Lab. No.

April 14, 1968
174-38
PC-83633 CF 8V

Re: **GREENBOMBS**

Specimens received **4/7/68**

- Q76 Ski mask**
- Q77 Screwdriver**
- Q78 Yellow rug, 3' x 31"**
- Q79 Yellow rug, 3' x 21"**
- Q80 Roll of Tuck electrical tape**
- Q81 Roll of brown Arno tape**
- Q82 Pair of pliers-cutters**
- Q83 Pair of pliers**
- Q84 Pair of work gloves**
- Q85 Pink blanket**

Results of examination:

No significant foreign paints or other deposits were found on specimens Q76, Q77, Q78, Q79, Q82, Q83, Q84 or Q85 which could be associated with the medium green enamel and red-brown wax deposits on the GREENBOMB boxes previously submitted in this case.

No soil suitable for comparison purposes was found in the debris from Q78, Q79 and Q85. No pine needles were found on these specimens.

The black plastic electrician's tape, specimen Q80 is 1/2" wide and is therefore different from the 3/4" wide black plastic electrician's tape used on the eight unexploded bombs.

No tapes were found on the eight unexploded bombs which were comparable to the 1 1/2" wide brown plastic-coated cloth back adhesive tape, Q81.

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4/15/65

1 - Mr. Hines

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To: SAC, Mobile

From: Director, FBI

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

To confirm Bureau call to Mr. Sullivan 4/15/65, the Department has advised after review of material from reports as submitted for consideration for use by the state in their prosecution of this matter that they did not desire material from the report of SA Joseph E. Connors dated 4/1/65 at Mobile and the three Detroit reports of SA Collier dated 3/31/65, 4/1/65 and 4/2/65 be furnished to the state. Department requested that the following material be furnished: report of SA Joseph E. Connors, Mobile, dated 3/30/65, Pages 4 and 5, Pages 26 through 65, Pages 67 through 119 and Pages 121 through 155; report of ASAC Robert Jensen, Birmingham, dated 3/30/65, Pages 4 through 77.

It is requested that this material be furnished to Departmental Attorney James Turner for delivery to Circuit Solicitor Arthur Gamble at Greenville, Alabama. Mr. Gamble will prepare a letter to the Department requesting that the information be made available for the state prosecution for murder. The material furnished to Gamble should be enclosed with an appropriate cover letter indicating it is being furnished in response to Gamble's request of the Department of Justice that we furnish results of our investigation in this matter for his use in the state's prosecution.

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NOTE: See memo Rosen to Belmont, 4/15/65, same caption. Above request was made by Mr. St. John Barrett of the CRD.

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TO : Mr. Rosen *RW*

DATE: April 14, 1965

FROM : C. L. McGowan *CLM*

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

SUBJECT: EUGENE THOMAS, ET AL;
MRS. VIOLA LIUZZO, ET AL - VICTIMS
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At 7:14 p. m. , 4-14-65, Departmental Attorney St. John Barrett advised Extra-Duty Supervisor T. W. Leavitt that he had talked with Circuit Solicitor Arthur Gamble who had requested the Department furnish such portions of investigative reports that would bear on state prosecution for murder. He stated that Gamble requested that he be furnished the reports tomorrow, 4-15-65, at Greenville, Alabama. St. John Barrett advised that the Department would like him to have these reports on 4-15-65. He stated that Gamble will prepare a letter to the Department requesting that the information be made available for state prosecution for murder and that the letter will be given to the Agent who furnishes him the reports.

Barrett advised he had reviewed material furnished by the Bureau and stated that Mobile report of 4-1-65, and three Detroit reports will all be omitted and not used. He stated he agreed that the following information set forth in Mobile report dated 3-30-65, should be included in data furnished Gamble: Pages 4 and 5, pages 26 through 65, pages 67 through 119, and pages 121 through 155. He further advised that in Birmingham report dated 3-30-65, of ASAC Jensen, pages 4 through 77 should be furnished.

Barrett stated that in addition to Agents already requested to appear before the grand jury, that the presence of SA [redacted] is also desired. He related that Gamble will contact Inspector Sullivan for the purpose of interviewing Agents. He stated that Gamble also desired to talk with SA Marion Williams of the FBI Laboratory before the grand jury session and that the only time he, Gamble, will be free will be Sunday afternoon or evening, 4-18-65. He requested that Departmental Attorney James Turner be advised as to whatever arrangements are made concerning SA Williams. SA [redacted] Laboratory Division, advised.

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Mr. Rosen to [redacted]
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Memorandum to Mr. Rosen
RE: EUGENE THOMAS, ET AL;

ACTION:

That Departmental Attorney Barrett's request be given appropriate consideration and necessary arrangements made to furnish Mr. Gamble with desired data.

FBI

Date: 4/14/65

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1236) - P -
SUBJECT: EUGENE THOMAS; ET AL;
VIOLA LIUZZO, aka; ET AL
- VICTIMS
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Division 0-1
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Enclosed to the Bureau are eight (8) copies of letterhead memorandum captioned United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (UKA).

Enclosed to Mobile are two (2) copies of this letterhead memorandum.



- 3 - Bureau (Enc. 8) (AM) (RM)
- 2 - Mobile (Enc. 2) (AM) (RM)
- 3 - Birmingham (2 - 44-1236) (1 - 105-722)

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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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**UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (UKA)**

Records of Superior Court of Fulton County, Georgia, reflect that this Klan organization was granted a corporate charter on February 21, 1961, at Atlanta, Georgia, under the name United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc.

A source advised on February 27, 1961, that United Klans was formed as a result of a split in U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. According to the source, the split resulted from a leadership dispute and United Klans has the same aims and objectives as the parent group. These are the promotion of Americanism, white supremacy and segregation of the races.

The first source and a second source advised in July, 1961, that United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc., merged with Alabama Knights, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. The merged organization established headquarters in Suite 401, the Alston Building, Tuscaloosa, Alabama. (The organization is directed by ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, and is the dominant Klan group in the South with units in several Southern States.)

Second source advised that at a meeting at Prattville, Alabama, on October 22, 1961, the U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, merged with the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

Third source advised on September 24, 1964, that the United Klans is currently an active organization, with Klaverns in several Southern states; that ROBERT M. SHELTON was re-elected Imperial Wizard on September 5, 1964, at a National Klonvocation in Birmingham, Alabama. The National Office remains in Suite 401, Alston Building, Tuscaloosa, Alabama.



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Birmingham, Alabama

April 14, 1965

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Title UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.,
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
(UKA)

Character RACIAL MATTERS

Reference Letterhead memorandum
dated and captioned as
above

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Assistant Attorney General

DATE: 4/19/65

FROM : CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION
Director, FBI

SUBJECT: EUGENE THOMAS; ET AL
VIOLA LIUZZO, AKA; ET AL
- VICTIMS
CIVIL RIGHTS

Reference is made to _____ memorandum dated _____
(your file _____).

There is enclosed one copy of ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~
~~XXXXXX~~ a letterhead memorandum dated 4/14/65
at Birmingham.

A. This covers the preliminary investigation and no further action concerning a full investigation will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

B. The investigation is continuing and you will be furnished copies of reports as they are received.

C. The investigation requested by you has now been completed. Unless advised to the contrary no further inquiries will be made by this Bureau.

D. Pursuant to instructions issued by the Department, no investigation will be conducted in this matter unless specifically directed by the Department.

E. Please advise whether you desire any further investigation.

F. This is submitted for your information and you will be advised of further developments.

G. This is submitted for your information and no further investigation will be conducted unless specifically requested by the Department.

H. This covers the receipt of a complaint and no further action will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

Enc. NOTE: Copies have also been furnished to Department of Army, Department of Navy, Department of Air Force, and the Internal Security Division of the Department of Justice.

FBI

Date: 4/15/65

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, ALBUQUERQUE (100-0)
SUBJECT: VIOLA GREGG LIUZZO-DECEASED
RACIAL MATTERS; INTERNAL SECURITY-C

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He stated that he happened to be in either the courthouse or city hall when he overheard a conversation between two policemen. He said one of the policemen had a number of documents in his hand and he asked the other policeman if the name on them looked familiar. From the rest of the conversation, informant advises, it appears the documents concerned the arrest of a man named LIUZZO at Port Arthur, Texas, in 1949. LIUZZO, it seems, was arrested along with about 15 other whites and Negroes for distributing communist literature in the colored section of Port Arthur. VIOLA GREGG LIUZZO is the Detroit, Michigan, housewife shot and killed at Lowndesboro, Alabama, on March 25, 1965.

Informant advised that the conversation between the two policemen was not for his ears, but that on the other hand they seemed unconcerned as to who heard them. He stated that one of them said that this should be reported to the FBI and the other one said something like, "We'd better think that over."

- ③ - Bureau (RM)
- 1 - Detroit (info) (RM)
- 2 - Houston (RM)
- 1 - Mobile (info)(RM)
- 3 - Albuquerque

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C. E. MICKY

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Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____

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[REDACTED] He stated he had no idea whether or not the policemen were kidding or mistaken. b7d

Information copies of this airtel are being furnished Detroit and Mobile.

HOUSTON AT PORT ARTHUR, TEXAS

Search files of PD and SO for any record which would substantiate the above information and advise interested offices of results.

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April 1, 1965

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

I am writing to you to request information concerning the United Klans of America, Knights of the Ku Klux Klans. I am a sociology student and have chosen this topic for my thesis.

I would greatly appreciate any information that you could provide me with about the Klan, its members, its organization, etc. I am particularly interested in the four men held responsible for the murder of Mrs. Liunzo. Vici. Could you refer me to someone who would be able to provide facts about their life history, their schooling, their family background?

Thank you for your help and interest.

Very truly yours,

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April 20, 1965

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REC'D - READING ROOM
FBI
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Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of April 14th.

In regard to your inquiry, I would like to point out that information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy.

Enclosed is some material which I hope you will find of interest. You may wish to read "The FBI Story" by Don Whitehead which contains general background data regarding the organization you named and may be available at your local or school library.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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- Enclosures (5)
- Attorney General's List of Subversive Organizations
- "Our Heritage of Greatness"
- The FBI's Role in the Field of Civil Rights
- FBI Jurisdiction does not cover making evaluations
- The FBI... Guardian of Civil Rights
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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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FBI MOBILE

4-42 PM CST URGENT 4-16-65 JEB

TO DIRECTOR AND BIRMINGHAM
FROM MOBILE /44-1245/ 1P

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

REBUTEL TODAY.

SA MARION WILLIAMS SHOULD ARRIVE MONTGOMERY, ALA., ON THE
AFTERNOON OF APRIL NINETEEN, NEXT AND BE PREPARED TO TESTIFY TO
THE SAME EVIDENCE HE TESTIFIED TO PREVIOUSLY BEFORE THE FEDERAL
GRAND JURY.

BIRMINGHAM HAS ALREADY BEEN ADVISED THE AGENTS REQUIRED FOR
APPEARANCE BEFORE THE GRAND JURY WILL ARRIVE ON APRIL TWENTY, NEXT
AND THE CIRCUIT SOLICITOR WILL INTERVIEW THESE AGENTS PRIOR TO
THEIR APPEARANCE BEFORE THE STATE GRAND JURY ON THAT DATE.

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FBI WASH DC

BH WA DISC PLSNI •

cc: Mr. Connerch
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CALLER:
M.W. Williams
By: [Signature]

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PLAIN TEXT

1 - Mr. Hines
1 - Mr. Marion Williams

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URGENT

TO SACS, MOBILE
BIRMINGHAM

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI

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

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THE DEPARTMENT HAS ADVISED THAT PRESENCE OF SA MARION WILLIAMS OF THE LABORATORY, SAS LAWRENCE G. GETTINGS, EDWARD M. LAHEY AND NEIL P. SHANAHAN OF BIRMINGHAM DIVISION AND SA ARCH RILEY OF MOBILE DIVISION WILL BE REQUIRED FOR CONFERENCES PRIOR TO AND FOR TESTIMONY BEFORE THE STATE GRAND JURY ON APRIL TWENTY NEXT. UPON RECEIPT DETERMINE THROUGH CONTACT WITH CIRCUIT SOLICITOR GAMBLE

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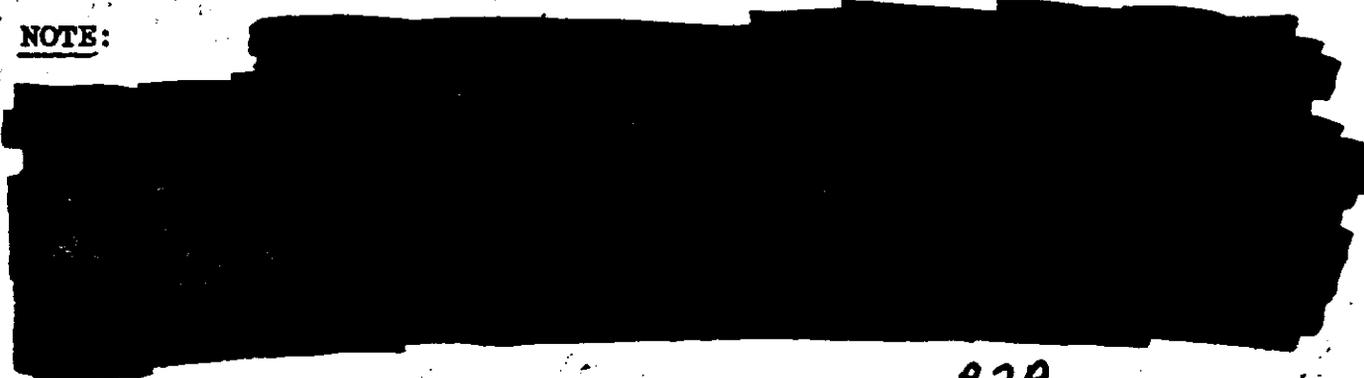
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TELETYPE TO MOBILI ND BIRMINGHAM
RE: EUGENE THOMAS, ET AL;

SPECIFICALLY WHEN THE AGENTS' PRESENCE WILL BE NEEDED INSURING
THAT AGENTS' TIME IS NOT UNNECESSARILY EXPENDED WAITING AROUND
FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS. WITH RESPECT TO
THE REQUESTED PRESENCE OF SA WILLIAMS, PROMPTLY ADVISE THE
BUREAU BY RETURN TEL THE EXACT TIME HIS PRESENCE IS ABSOLUTELY
REQUIRED AND THE ITEMS OF EVIDENCE HE WILL BE REQUIRED TO BRING
WITH HIM AND PRODUCE. IF ITEMS IN ADDITION TO THOSE PRODUCED
BEFORE THE FEDERAL GRAND JURY ARE DESIRED, SPELL OUT SPECIFICALLY
WHAT ADDITIONAL ITEMS ARE NEEDED. ADVISE BIRMINGHAM OF EXACT
TIME THE PRESENCE OF AGENTS OF THAT DIVISION ARE REQUIRED.

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TO : Mr. Rosen

DATE: April 22, 1965

FROM : C. L. McGowan

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

SUBJECT: EUGENE THOMAS, ET AL.
VIOLA LIUZZO, ET AL. - VICTIMS
CIVIL RIGHTS

The Birmingham Office has advised that three subjects were arrested by the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office on first degree murder charges. These subjects are Eugene Thomas, William Orville Eaton and Collie LeRoy Wilkins.

These individuals have been released on \$10,000 bond each. The bond, in the nature of real and personal property, was put up by Matt Murphy, the attorney, and Robert Creel, the Alabama Grand Dragon of the United Klans of America.

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Memorandum

- 1 - Mr. Conrad
- 1 - Office Room 7133
- 1 - Mr. Williams

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TO : Mr. Conrad *Jwe*

DATE: 4/22/65

FROM : R. H. Jevons

SUBJECT: EUGENE THOMAS, ET AL.;
 VIOLA GREGG LIUZZO, AKA.;
 LEROY JEROME MOTON, VICTIMS;
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7-Jevons

This case concerns the murder of Mrs. Liuzzo, a civil rights worker, near Selma, Alabama, on the evening of 3/25/65.

The facts in this case were presented to Lowndes County Grand Jury at Hayneville, Alabama, on 4/20/65, and 4/21/65. By previous arrangements perfected by Departmental Attorneys St. John Barrett and James Turner with Mr. Robert Flowers, Attorney General for the State of Alabama, and Mr. Arthur Gamble, Circuit Solicitor for Lowndes County, Alabama, several Agents of the Bureau including SA Marion E. Williams, FBI Laboratory, appeared before the Grand Jury and gave testimony.



At the time SA Williams departed from Montgomery, Alabama, the Grand Jury had not yet reported their findings in this case.

ACTION: For information.

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

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City of Cleveland

MERCEDES COTNER
CITY CLERK
CLERK OF COUNCIL

March 30, 1965

Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. [unclear]	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
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Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

(circle on yellow)

Dear Mr. Hoover:

By request of Councilman M. Morris Jackson, I am enclosing herewith a certified copy of Resolution No. 866-65, adopted by the Council of the City of Cleveland, March 29, 1965.

Very truly yours,

Mercedes Cotner
Mercedes Cotner
City Clerk
Clerk of Council

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Miss Mercedes Cotner
Clerk of Council of the
City of Cleveland
Cleveland, Ohio

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Dear Miss Cotner:

I received your letter of March 30th, with enclosure, and want to thank you and, through you, the members of the Council for the Resolution approved on March 30, 1965, concerning our investigation of the murder of Mrs. Viola Liuzzo.

Your generous remarks and expression of confidence mean a great deal to me and you may be assured my associates join me in expressing appreciation.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Miss Cotner was written in Oct., 1964, in connection with a Petition sponsored by Councilman Jackson concerning racial strife in Cleveland.

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The case against Eugene Thomas, William Orville Eaton and Collie LeRoy Wilkins, Jr., in connection with the murder of Mrs. Viola Liuzzo is currently being presented to a Lowndes County Grand Jury. [REDACTED] has in the past been known to be sympathetic with Klan activities in Birmingham. Attorney Matt Murphy is a Klan attorney who represents the three subjects. The Grand Jury has not yet made a return of an indictment.

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TO DIRECTOR AND MOBILE

FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1236)

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
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Mr. Callahan	✓
Mr. Conrad	✓
Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Evans	✓
Mr. Gale	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Sullivan	✓
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Miss Holmes	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

Birmingham
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EUGENE THOMAS; ET AL . VIOLA LIUZZO, AKA; ET AL. CR EL.

Civil Rights - Education
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[REDACTED] TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED THAT HE HAD RECEIVED A MESSAGE AT HIS OFFICE DURING HIS ABSENCE, REPORTEDLY FROM MATT MURPHY, JR., ATTORNEY, WHO IS REPRESENTING THE THREE SUBJECTS, EUGENE THOMAS, WILLIAM ORVILLE EATON AND COLLIE LEROY WILKINS, JR. [REDACTED] SAID THE MESSAGE WAS AS FOLLOWS, MURPHY SAID HE KNEW THE WHEREABOUTS OF THE THREE SUBJECTS AND WHEN THE GRAND JURY RETURNED AN INDICTMENT, IF SUCH WERE DONE, HE WOULD MAKE THOMAS, EATON AND WILKINS AVAILABLE. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT HE TELEPHONICALLY PASSED THIS INFORMATION ON TO ALABAMA ATTORNEY GENERAL FLOWERS OFFICE AND HE IN TURN WAS INFORMED THAT THEY DID NOT ANTICIPATE THE GRAND JURY MEETING IN HAYNEVILLE TO RETURN AN INDICTMENT TODAY, BUT WOULD PROBABLY DO SO TOMORROW MORNING SOMETIME.

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NO WIL XXX WILL BE ADVISED

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MR. BELMONT FOR THE DIRECTOR

TU P CC-MR. ROSENF - 7/10/65

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April 21, 1965

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

This matter relates to murder of civil rights worker, Mrs. Viola Liuzzo, between Selma and Montgomery, Alabama, on 3/25/65. Rowe, a Bureau informant, was present along with three others during murder. Data supplied by Rowe led to identity of other three subjects and circumstances surrounding Mrs. Liuzzo's death.

Case against Eugene Thomas and two other subjects being presented to State Grand Jury. Washington Post 4/21/65 reports Rowe testified that he was FBI informant and reporters were forcibly prevented from interviewing Rowe. The field has been instructed to submit details of any Agents' encounter with press and determine how press learned of Rowe's informant status.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM MOBILE /44-1245/

B. Tolson

M. J. ...

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

Civil Rights Section

GARY THOMAS ROVE APPEARED AS WITNESS BEFORE LOUNDES COUNTY GRAND JURY IN THE CAPTIONED MATTER BETWEEN TWO AND FOUR PM INSTANT. FOLLOWING HIS APPEARANCE ARTHUR GAMBLE, CIRCUIT SOLICITOR, ADVISED ROVE MADE EXCELLENT WITNESS, THAT HE HAD NO OPPORTUNITY TO EVALUATE HIS IMPRESSION ON GRAND JURY AT THE TIME OF THE CONFERENCE, BUT FELT THAT SOME OF THE JURORS MIGHT ENTERTAIN SOME DOUBTS AS TO ROVE-S VERACITY IN SOME AREAS.

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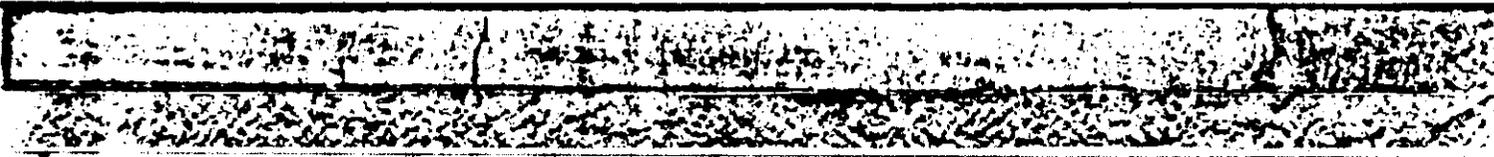
NONE OF THE BUREAU WITNESSES HAD PRECEDED ROVE IN THE GRAND JURY THEREFORE, THE DATA NECESSARY FOR CORROBORATION OF HIS TESTIMONY HAD NOT BEEN PRESENTED TO THE GRAND JURY AT THE TIME OF ROVE/S APPEARANCE.

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FOUR BUREAU WITNESSES REMAIN TO TESTIFY, SA/S NEIL SHANAHAN, EDWIN LEAHY AND LAWRENCE GETTINGS OF THE BIRMINGHAM

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MR. BELMONT FOR THE DIRECTOR



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DIVISION AND LABORATORY EXAMINER MARION WILLIAMS. LEROY NOTON, THE NEGRO WHO ACCOMPANIED LIUZZO AT TIME SHE WAS SHOT, WAS THE NEXT WITNESS TO FOLLOW ROWE.

GAMBLE INDICATED THAT GRAND JURY WOULD CONTINUE TO HEAR TESTIMONY AND PROBABLY WOULD NOT COMPLETE ITS WORK OR REPORT PRIOR TO APRIL TWENTYONE, NEXT. IF TRUE BILLS ARE RETURNED, HE STATED NO PUBLICATION WOULD BE MADE OF THE INDICTMENTS UNTIL THE SUBJECTS HAVE BEEN ARRESTED.

NO DIFFICULTIES WERE EXPERIENCED IN HANDLING ROWE/S APPEARANCE. PRESS WAS PRESENT AT THE COURTHOUSE AND IT IS NOT CERTAIN AT THIS POINT WHETHER THEY WERE AWARE THAT ROWE HAD BEEN BEFORE THE GRAND JURY.

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CC-MR. ROSEN + *Mr. Conrad*

CALLER:

M. Whitman
BY *see Time 7/9/11*

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 4/23/65

FROM : *N4* SAC, HOUSTON (100-10146) (RUC)

SUBJECT: VIOLA GREGG LIUZZO - DECEASED
RACIAL MATTERS; IS - C

RE: Albuquerque airtel to the Bureau,
dated 4/15/65.

Enclosed for the Bureau, Mobile, and Albuquerque
are copies of Houston airtel to Detroit, dated 3/31/65,
entitled "ANTHONY JOHN LUCIO, Aka., Tony Lucio, SM - C."

Detroit is requested to determine if ANTHONY
JOHN LUCIO is identical to the husband of captioned subject.

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- ② - Bureau (Encl. 1) (RM)
- 2 - Albuquerque (Encl. 1) (RM)
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- 1 - Detroit (Info.) (RM)
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- 1 - Houston

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3/31/65

AIRTEL AIR MAIL - REGISTERED

TO: SAC, DETROIT
FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (100-0)
SUBJECT: ANTHONY JOHN LUCIO,
Aka., Tony Lucio
SM -

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The above is furnished for the information of Detroit.

No further investigation being conducted by Houston.

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SAC, Houston (100-10146)

5/10/65

Director, FBI (44-28601) *28*

- 1 - Mr. McGowan
- 1 - Mr. Harrell

VIOLA GREGG LIUZZO - DECEASED
RACIAL MATTERS; INTERNAL SECURITY - C

ReHOlet 4/23/65.

Detroit discontinue investigation set out in
referenced letter.

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TO: Mr. Belmont *AB*

DATE: 4/22/65

FROM: A. Rosen *ARM*

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

SUBJECT: EUGENE THOMAS, *o*
 WILLIAM ORVILLE EATON,
 COLLIER LEROY WILKINS, JR.;
 VIOLA LIUZZO - VICTIM
 CIVIL RIGHTS; ELECTION LAWS

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Inspector Sullivan called at 2:50 p. m. today. He advised information had been received from [redacted] that a secret indictment had been returned and that three individuals had been named in the indictment, all charged with first degree murder. Jackson did not reveal the identity of the three individuals but there is no question but what the individuals named are identical with the individuals in the caption of this memorandum. *b7c*

According to [redacted] Solicitor Arthur *b7c*
 Gamble and the Sheriff of Lowndes County, were en route at the present time to Birmingham, Alabama, where they expect to take the three individuals named in the indictment into custody.

Submitted for information.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM MOBILE 144-1245/

EUGENE THOMAS; ET AL . . . VIOLA LIUZZO, AND ET AL OR EL

CIVIL RIGHTS, ELECTION LAWS

PRESENTATION OF STATE CASE TO LOWDES COUNTY GRAND JURY
COMPLETED FOUR TWENTY ONE SIXTYFIVE. GRAND JURY SCHEDULED TO
REPORT FOUR TWENTY TWO SIXTYFIVE. RESULTS OF DELIBERATION NOT
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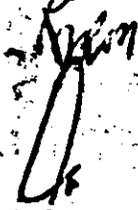
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Grand Jury scheduled report in open court on 4/22/65.

Press reports indicate Lowndes County Grand Jury on 4/21/65 voted to return three murder indictments in the 3/25/65 slaying of Mrs. Viola Liuzzo. Under Alabama law the names of those indicted may be released only after the arrest of the defendants and the arrest cannot be made until the indictments have been returned in open court.

Eugene Thomas, Collie Leroy Wilkins, Jr., and William Orvill Eaton are the subjects involved.

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This case involves the murder of Mrs. Viola Liuzzo in Lowndes County, Alabama, on the night of 3-25-65. Three subjects were indicted by a State Grand Jury on 4-22-65 for first degree murder. Gettings' appearance is absolutely necessary for trial which, according to State Circuit Court Judge will take place at the next term beginning 5-5-65. Appropriate instructions to the field will be issued, as soon as the trial date of captioned case can be definitely established.

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FBI BIRMGHAM

1120 AM CST URGENT 4-23-65 WCR

TO DIRECTOR, MILWAUKEE AND MOBILE

FROM BIRMINGHAM /44-1236/ /P/ 2P

EUGENE THOMAS, WILLIAM ORVILLE EATON, COLLIE LEROY WILKINS, JR.,
 GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.; VIOLA GREGG LIUZZO - VICTIM; LEROY JEROME
 MOTEN - VICTIM. CIVIL RIGHTS - ELECTION LAWS
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SPECIAL AGENT

SA LAWRENCE G. GETTINGS, BIRMINGHAM DIVISION, HAS BEEN ADVISED
 TO BE IN MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN, APRIL THIRTIETH NEXT AS A NECESSARY
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 THIRTYONE DASH EIGHT NINE TWO SIX ZERO, CASE CAPTIONED "JOHN EDWARD
 DAVIS, ~~AKA~~ ^{ALSO KNOWN AS}; ROSE MARIE DAVIS, AKA; ERNEST HURD, ETAL - VICTIMS;
~~WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT~~ ^{PROSTITUTE} WSTA; ~~ITAR~~ - PROSTITUTION; MISPRISION OF FELONY." AUSA FRANKLYN M.
 GIMBLE, EDW, MILWAUKEE, HAS ADVISED THESE CASES WILL BE TRIED IN
 FEDERAL DISTRICT COURT AT MILWAUKEE ON MAY FOUR AND FIVE NEXT.

IN REGARD TO CASE CAPTIONED "EUGENE THOMAS, ETAL; VIOLA GREGG
 LIUZZO; LEROY JEROME MOTEN - VICTIMS" SA GETTINGS ARRESTED EUGENE
 THOMAS, OBTAINED STATEMENT FROM THOMAS AT TIME OF ARREST, AND
 OBTAINED EVIDENCE FROM THE PERSON OF THOMAS IN SEARCH CONDUCTED

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MR. BELMONT FOR THE DIRECTOR

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UNDER ARREST. SA GETTINGS HAS TESTIFIED BEFORE FEDERAL GRAND JURY AT MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, AND THE LOWNDES COUNTY GRAND JURY AT HAYNEVILLE, ALABAMA, AND INDICTMENTS HAVE BEEN ISSUED IN THIS CASE.

IT IS PRESENT UNDERSTANDING IN BIRMINGHAM DIVISION THAT EUGENE THOMAS, WILLIAM ORVILLE EATON AND COLLIE LEROY WILKINS WILL BE TRIED FOR MURDER IN LOWNDES COUNTY COURT, HAYNEVILLE, ALABAMA, MAY THREE NEXT AND SA GETTINGS WILL BE CALLED AS NECESSARY WITNESS.

MOBILE REQUESTED TO ADVISE BUREAU, BIRMINGHAM AND MILWAUKEE IF TRIAL DATE HAS BEEN FIRMLY SET FOR MAY THREE NEXT AND IF SA GETTINGS WILL BE NECESSARY WITNESS.

MILWAUKEE WILL ADVISE AUSA FRANKLYN M. GIMBLE, EDW, AT MILWAUKEE.

BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO ADVISE WHICH TRIAL SA GETTINGS IS TO APPEAR FOR IN EVENT THERE IS A CONFLICT OF TRIAL DATES.

MOBILE ADVISED SEPARATE.

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Via AIRTEL _____ AIRMAIL _____
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TO : Director, FBI
FROM : SAC, Mobile (44-1245)(P)
SUBJECT: EUGENE THOMAS, ET AL;
VIOLA LIUZZO aka;
ET AL - VICTIMS
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Re Birmingham to the Bureau 4/14/65.

On 4/19/65 SA [redacted] furnished appropriate information contained in the letterhead memorandum which accompanied reairtel, to Col. AL LINGO, Director, Alabama Department of Public Safety, Montgomery, Ala. Information contained in reairtel concerning [redacted].

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- 1 - Birmingham (Info)
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Approved: [Signature]

Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 4/23/65

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TO: Director, FBI (9-NEW)

FROM: SAC, Philadelphia (9-NEW) (C)

SUBJECT: UNSUB; Mrs. WILLIAM J. FARRELL,
nec FRANCES MELVIN - VICTIM
EXTORTION

UNSUB; Mrs. WILLIAM P. FARRELL,
nec HELEN ROMAYNE LIUZZO - VICTIM
EXTORTION

UNSUB; PATRICK THOMAS LIUZZO -
VICTIM
EXTORTION

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Re Detroit teletype to Philadelphia this date captioned 'UNSUB; JOSEPH LIUZZO - VICTIM; CARMELLA LIUZZO - VICTIM; EXTORTION'.

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- 4 - Bureau
 - 3 - 9-NEW
 - 1 - 44-WILLIAM ORVILLE EATON; EUGENE THOMAS ROWE; COLLIE LEROY WILKINS, JR.; MRS. VIOLA GREGG LIUZZO - VICTIM; CIVIL RIGHTS
- 1 - Mobile (44-WILLIAM ORVILLE EATON; EUGENE THOMAS ROWE; COLLIE LEROY WILKINS, JR.; MRS. VIOLA GREGG LIUZZO - VICTIM; CIVIL RIGHTS)
- 6 - Philadelphia
 - 2 - 9-NEW (UNSUB; Mrs. WILLIAM J. FARRELL - VICTIM; EXTORTION)
 - 2 - 9-NEW (UNSUB; Mrs. WILLIAM P. FARRELL - VICTIM; EXTORTION)
 - 2 - 9-NEW (UNSUB; PATRICK THOMAS LIUZZO - VICTIM; EXTORTION)

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Prior to receipt of referenced teletype, investigation as set forth below was conducted.

[REDACTED] Pennsylvania State Police (PSP), Dunmore, Pa., afternoon 4/22/65 telephonically advised that Mrs. WILLIAM J. FARRELL, [REDACTED], Carbondale, on 4/22/65 advised PSP anonymous call received by her that date from unidentified male asking if she were related to the Mrs. LIUZZO who was murdered in Selma, Ala. When she told him she wasn't, he asked her for identity of the Mrs. FARRELL who was related and claimed to have said to her that "You better tell me where the right Mrs. FARRELL lives or your life will be in danger."

Mrs. FARRELL also determined from Mrs. WILLIAM P. FARRELL, [REDACTED] Carbondale, sister-in-law of Mrs. VIOLA LIUZZI, that she also had received a similar call.

FLANAGAN states both women informed Carbondale Police of receipt of calls and that that agency was presently investigating the matter.

JAMES LIUZZO, Route 106, Carbondale, on 4/22/65, telephonically advised the Philadelphia Office that his sister Mrs. WILLIAM P. FARRELL, and PATRICK LIUZZO, [REDACTED] Carbondale, had both received harassing telephone calls similar to the above.

Mrs. WILLIAM J. FARRELL, nee Frances Melvin, [REDACTED] Carbondale, afternoon of 4/22/65, advised SA JOHN W. REINHARD as follows:

At between 11:15 a.m. and 11:30 a.m., 4/22/65, she received a call from an unidentified male having a harsh, unfamiliar voice asking if she were the Mrs. FARRELL related to the "woman murdered in Selma, Ala." When she said she wasn't, he then asked, "Do you know which Mrs. FARRELL is related to her?" She then told him, "No, I don't know which FARRELL family it is. Why?" Caller then said something to the effect that he had to get in touch with Mrs. FARRELL and that if she didn't help, her life and her family's lives would be in danger. She then asked who the man was, after which he said, "Never mind who it is," and hung up.

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No nationality or sectional accent was noted in voice of caller and call presumed by victim to have been local in origin.

She then called the Carbondale Police and the PSP to report the call.

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Mrs. WILLIAM P. FARRELL, nee HELEN ROMAYNE LIUZZO, [REDACTED], Carbondale, (telephone 282-2433), sister-in-law of Mrs. VIOLA LIUZZO (deceased), provided the following information concerning two calls received by her:

At 10:10 a.m., 4/21/65, a man with harsh, deep voice called her home and asked if she were the Mrs. FARRELL related to the woman murdered in Selma, Ala. When she asked, "Who is this?" caller said, "Never mind who this is. I'll ask the questions." She then said, "I won't give you any information until I know who I am talking too." Caller then said, "If I were you, I would give me the information." She then hung up. Telephone rang very often remainder of 4/21/65 but was not answered.

No nationality or sectional accent noted in voice of caller, who appeared to be attempting to disguise his voice. Victim is of the opinion calls were local in origin.

At 11:05 a.m., 4/22/65, another call was received by her from unidentified male whom she believes to be the same caller as 4/21/65. Caller asked, "Mrs. FARRELL, Are you the same Mrs. FARRELL related to the woman murdered at Selma?" She then asked caller, "Now come on. Is this a joke or are you the same jerk who called me yesterday?" Caller answered, "No, this isn't a joke. I am out to get you unless you tell me!" She then told him, "You better not bother me. My phone is tapped," which she realized was not true and she should not have said. Caller then said, "Well, you don't have to worry about me calling you anymore," and either "I am out to get you," or "I am coming to get you. I want to

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know if you are related to her." She then hung up and immediately called the Carbondale Police.

[REDACTED]

PATRICK THOMAS LIUZZO, first cousin of Mrs. WILLIAM P. FARRELL, [REDACTED] Carbondale, on evening of 4/22/65 advised SA REINHARD as follows:

At 11:30 a.m., 4/22/65, unidentified male caller called him at his home and asked if he were "related to the girl killed in Alabama." When he asked the caller who he was, the caller repeated the question. When he asked again who the caller was, the caller said, "You better be," and hung up. Voice of caller had no nationality or sectional accent and appeared to be muffled. Caller believed by victim to have secured his name from the Carbondale Telephone Directory.

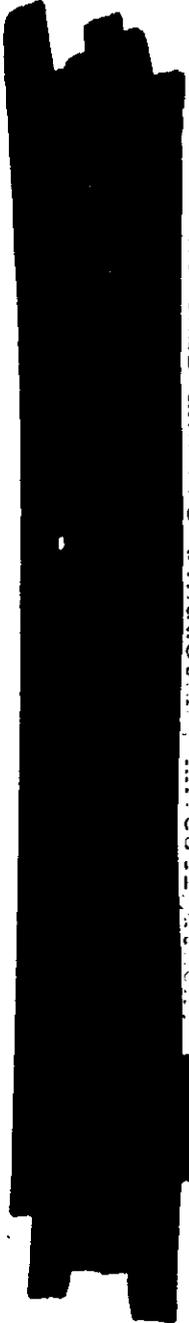
LIUZZO immediately called the Carbondale Police regarding the call.

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JOSEPH THOMAS LIUZZO, [REDACTED] Carbondale, telephone 282-4297, on 4/23/65 advised that harassing-type telephone calls had been received by both he and CARMELLA LIUZZO, 28 Green Street, Carbondale, on 4/22-23/65. LIUZZO states that these calls have involved calls at odd hours of the day and night in which when they are answered by either him or CARMELLA, there is no party on the line and that it appears to be a dead line. LIUZZO concluded that neither he nor CARMELLA have received any threatening calls or calls in which the caller has said anything. In view of this, no further action is being taken with regards to JOSEPH or CARMELLA LIUZZO.

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THOMAS SCAIRO, Chief of Police, Cambridge, Pa.,
afternoon of 4/22/65, advised his office had been advised
instance call and was conducting investigation



A copy of this report is being provided the Mobile
Office since it relates to Mrs. VIOLE LUIZZO, Victim in the
above-cited case.

Due to no further action being taken by this Office
although close liaison being maintained with Cambridge
Police for purposes of their investigation into the above-
mentioned action.

For dissemination to Department of Justice
containing the above information is in preparation and
will be forwarded with separate communication.

April 23, 1965

TELETYPE

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1 - Mr. Brown

TO SACS BIRMINGHAM
MILWAUKEE
MOBILE

FROM DIRECTOR FBI

EUGENE THOMAS, WILLIAM ORVILLE EATON, COLLIE LEROY
WILKINS, JR., GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.; VIOLA GREGG LIUZZO - VICTIM
LEROY JEROME MOTEN - VICTIM. CR, EL. OO, MOBILE.

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GETTINGS BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR TRIAL OF THIS CASE. COUNTY ALABAMA. MILWAUKEE SHOULD CONSIDER POSSIBILITY
USING ANOTHER WITNESS FOR TRIAL OF CASE CAPTIONED "JOHN EDWARD DAVIS, ET AL." AT MILWAUKEE. ALL OFFICES KEEP BUREAU PROMPTLY

ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS MATTER.

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

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NOTE: Captioned case involves murder of Mrs. Viola Gregg Liuzzo, Lowndes County, Alabama, 5/3/25/65. Three subjects indicted by state grand jury for first degree murder and according to state circuit court judge, trial will begin 5/5/65. BH advised SA Lawrence G. Gettings of BH Division has been advised to be in Milwaukee, Wisconsin as a necessary witness on 4/30/65 for trial of case captioned "John Edward Davis, Et al., WSTA; ITAR, Prostitution; Misprision of Felony". AUSA Gimble, Milwaukee, advises case will be tried 5/4-5/65 at Milwaukee. Trial of subjects in captioned case also tentatively scheduled for 5/3/65 at Hayneville, Alabama. Bureau advice requested in which trial Gettings is to testify. MO attempting to definitely establish trial date for captioned case. Gettings needed to testify to arrest and search of subject Thomas and recovery of murder weapon.

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- Trotter _____
- Tele. Room _____
- Holmes _____
- Gandy _____

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