

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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LEANDER PEREZ, UNKNOWN VICTIM, CR. REURTEL TODAY. HOLD
INVESTIGATION IN ABEYANCE. MATTER BEING PRESENTED DEPARTMENT
DECEMBER SIX AND YOU WILL BE ADVISED.

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FBI, NEW ORLEANS

12-5-55

7-01 PM CST

DIRECTOR, FBI URGENT

LEANDER PEREZ, UNKNOWN VICTIM, CR. *CIVIL RIGHTS*

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] COMPLAINANT, WHO PERSONALLY APPEARED IN THE OFFICE AT THE DIRECTION OF USA BLUE, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] USA GEORGE R. BLUE ADVISED WHEN REFERRING COMPLAINANT TO OFFICE THAT HE DESIRES THAT COMPLETE INVESTIGATION OF THIS MATTER BE MADE AND INDICATED IF FACTS COULD BE ESTABLISHED, HE WILL DEFINITELY CONSIDER PROSECUTION. INVESTIGATION WILL

END PAGE ONE

Mr. Rosen

Tel to N.O. 12/5/55
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BE INSTITUTED UACB. BUREAU-S ATTENTION IS DIRECTED TO

PAGE FIVE OF THE REPORT OF SA [REDACTED] IN THE CASE *b7C*

ENTITLED [REDACTED] *b7C*

[REDACTED] - ^{Civil Rights} VICTIM, CR, IN WHICH [REDACTED] *b7D*

[REDACTED] ALSO

REPORTED THIS OR SIMILAR INCIDENT.

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CORRECTION LINE TWO WD ONE SH READ [REDACTED]

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CC: MR. ROSEN
~~MR. ROSEN~~
INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

December 7, 1955

Assistant Attorney General
Warren Olney III

Director, FBI

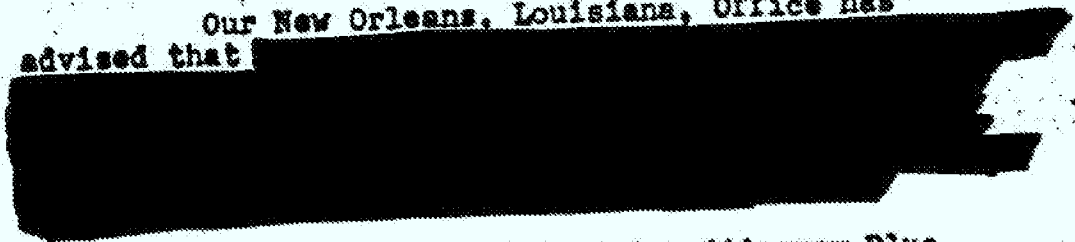
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This will confirm a conversation between Messrs. A. B. Caldwell, Chief, Civil Rights Section, Criminal Division, and Henry Putzel, Jr., attorney, Civil Rights Section, Criminal Division, and a representative of this Bureau on December 6, 1955.

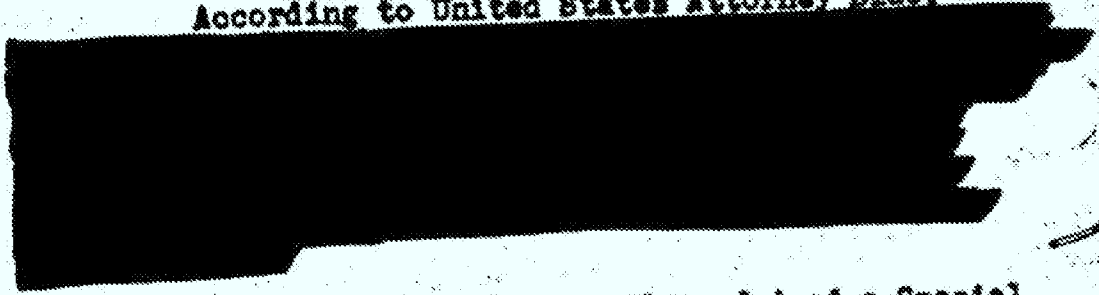
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Our New Orleans, Louisiana, Office has advised that



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According to United States Attorney Blue,



United States Attorney Blue advised a Special Agent of the New Orleans Office that he desired that a complete investigation of this matter be made and indicated that if facts could be established he would definitely consider prosecution.

Messrs. Caldwell and Putzel, after being furnished the above information, instructed that the

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Memorandum to Assistant Attorney General
Warren Olney III

Investigation requested by United States Attorney Blue should be conducted. Our New Orleans Office has been advised accordingly and upon the receipt of a report a copy of same will be forwarded to you.

In connection with this matter your attention is directed to the case entitled [REDACTED] Et Al., [REDACTED] Victim, Civil Rights, your file [REDACTED] wherein an investigation was conducted by this Bureau [REDACTED]

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Note: New Orleans advised by teletype 12-6-55 to conduct the investigation requested by USA Blue and the Department.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Boardman	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Mason	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Parsons	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tamm	_____
Mr. Nease	_____
Mr. Winterrowd	_____
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Mr. Holloman	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

FBI, NEW ORLEANS 12/7/55
Transmit the following Teletype message to:
DIRECTOR, FBI

AIR-TEL

LEANDER PEREZ, UNKNOWN VICTIM
CIVIL RIGHTS

ReButel, 12/6/55.

USA GEORGE R. BLUE contacted 12/6/55, advised that he desired the facts obtained regarding subject PEREZ' possible violation of the CR statute by depriving individuals of Plaquemines Parish, and particularly the people of Belle Chase, Louisiana, their rights of freedom of religion, advised that in his opinion it would be necessary to show a definite abridgement of the rights of freedom of religion and not a possibility that PEREZ as District Attorney of Plaquemines Parish was enforcing the state segregation laws as they applied to white and colored people in the schools.

He suggested that _____ of New Orleans by contacted.

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2 photos taken of area in New Orleans

USA BLUE again contacted this date, and the facts as developed from _____ discussed with him. Mr. BLUE advised at this time he desired a preliminary investigation instituted to develop the full and complete facts from _____

_____ and also requesting interview with the nuns who were involved in the incident reported in _____ letter of 12/14/54. Mr. BLUE advised that if possible the names of the children involved be secured from _____

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Mr. Rosen

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Special Agent in Charge

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AIR-TEL TO DIRECTOR, 12/7/55

Mr. BLUE advised that at this time he desired the investigation to be confined to a preliminary stage, and at the conclusion of the above interviews he be furnished a report in order that he might take up the entire matter with the Department of Justice.

For the information of the Bureau and the Department there is enclosed herewith two copies of [REDACTED] letters of December 14, 1954, and April 18, 1955, and [REDACTED] letter of April 26, 1955.

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With regard to the incident referred to in [REDACTED]'S letter of April 26, 1955, Paragraph One, Mr. BLUE advised that he desired no inquiry conducted as this incident occurred in New Orleans and involves a discussion between PEREZ and [REDACTED]

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In view of the fact that PEREZ is an elected official no other state official is being advised of the fact that this preliminary investigation is being conducted.

UACB by 8:30 A.M., (CST), 12/9/55, [REDACTED] will be interviewed at [REDACTED] established and they will be interviewed.

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DC: MR. ROSEN
INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

MR. LEONARD FERRY, BREWSTER VICTIM
CIVIL RIGHTS

ENCLOSURES: SIX (6)
TO: BUREAU
FROM: NEW ORLEANS
BUFILE:
NEW ORLEANS FILE # 44-711

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by memo 1/7/68
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December 13, 1955

Assistant Attorney General
Warren Olney III

Director, FBI

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LEANDER PEREZ;
UNKNOWN VICTIM
CIVIL RIGHTS

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Reference is made to my memorandum dated
December 7, 1955.

Enclosed for your information is one Photostat
each of letters dated December 14, 1954, April 18, 1955,
and April 26, 1955, regarding captioned matter which were
made available to our New Orleans Office by [redacted]

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United States Attorney George R. Blue when
contacted by Special Agents of our New Orleans Office
regarding the investigation to be conducted in this
matter, stated that he desired the investigation to be
conducted to determine whether subject Leander Perez vio-
lated the Civil Rights Statutes by depriving individuals
of Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, and Belle Chasse, Louisiana,
of their rights of freedom of religion. United States
Attorney Blue stated in his opinion it would be necessary
to show a definite abridgement of the right of freedom
of religion and not a possibility that Perez as District
Attorney of Plaquemines Parish was enforcing the state
segregation laws as they applied to white and colored
people in the schools.

United States Attorney Blue suggested that
[redacted] New Orleans, Louisiana, be contacted
regarding this matter. The information obtained from
[redacted] was discussed with United States
Attorney Blue and he requested that a preliminary investi-
gation be instituted to develop the full and complete
facts from [redacted]
and also requested that the nuns who were involved in the
incident reported by [redacted] in his letter of December 2,
1954, a Photostat of which is enclosed, be interviewed.

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United States Attorney Blue also requested that if possible,
the names of the children involved in the incident reported
in [redacted] letter be secured from [redacted]

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FW JIP am [signature]

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Memorandum to Assistant Attorney General
Warren Olney III

United States Attorney Blue stated that he desired the investigation to be confined to a preliminary investigation and at the conclusion of the investigation and the submission of a report reflecting the interviews he requested, he would take up the entire matter with the Department.

Our New Orleans Office is conducting the investigation requested by United States Attorney Blue and upon the receipt of the report, a copy of same will be forwarded to you.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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12-14-55

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Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Boardman	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Mason	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Parsons	_____
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Miss Gandy	_____

DIRECTOR FBI

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LEANDER PEREZ, UNKNOWN VICTIM, CR. RE NEW ORLEANS AIRTEL
 DECEMBER TENTH LAST. DUE TO DELAY IN US MAIL SERVICE
 TO RESIDENT AGENCY, LEAD TO INTERVIEW [REDACTED] AND
 [REDACTED] LOUISIANA, NOT COMPLETED.

THEY WILL BE INTERVIEWED TODAY AND REPORT SUBMITTED
DECEMBER FIFTEENTH.

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END AND PLS. ACK.--

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Mr. Rosen

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

NEW ORLEANS

REPORT MADE AT NEW ORLEANS	DATE WHEN MADE 12-15-55	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12/5,6,7,9, 14/55	REPORT MADE BY b7C [REDACTED]
TITLE CHANGED : LEANDER PEREZ, SR.; [REDACTED] - VICTIM; b7C [REDACTED] - VICTIM; [REDACTED] - VICTIM; [REDACTED] - VICTIM; UNKNOWN VICTIMS			CHARACTER OF CASE CIVIL RIGHTS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

[REDACTED]

USA desires to review the report before requesting additional investigation.

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DETAILS: The title of this case is marked **CHANGED** to reflect the names of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. The names of the children involved in this incident are not being carried as victims at this time.

*Label New Orleans
HJE 12-20-55*

1cc to Asst Dir from 12/19/55 HJE

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i>	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES 44-9732-7	RECORDED - 44 EX-130
COPIES OF THIS REPORT ② - Bureau (AMSD) 1 - USA, New Orleans 3 - New Orleans (44-711)	25 DEC 19 1955 <i>[Signatures]</i>	

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EXP. PROC.

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U. S. Attorney GEORGE R. BLUE on December 5, 1955,
at approximately 5:15 PM, telephonically advised that

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[REDACTED] had furnished
him with information [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

On December 6, 1955, the details of the information
furnished by [REDACTED] were discussed with U. S.
Attorney GEORGE R. BLUE, at which time Mr. BLUE's attention
was directed to the investigation of the case entitled
"[REDACTED] et al; [REDACTED] - VICTIM, CIVIL
RIGHTS."

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Mr. BLUE advised that the full details of these
incidents should be obtained from [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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On December 7, 1955, Assistant U. S. Attorney
GEORGE R. BLUE was again contacted, making available the
information received from [REDACTED] at which time he
advised that the Sisters involved in the incident and [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] should be interviewed. He advised that he did not
at this time believe that it would be necessary to interview
[REDACTED] in view of the fact that LEANDER PEREZ
would not have any authority in the Parish of Orleans.

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On December 14, 1955, United States Attorney
GEORGE R. BLUE was again contacted, at which time he

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advised that he desired to read and study the report to date before requesting additional investigation.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

LEANDER PEREZ, SR., is a well known and prominent individual in political circles in Plaquemines Parish in the State of Louisiana. He is a State Rights advocate, and extremely active in the maintaining of the segregation movement in Plaquemines Parish.

In view of the fact that this investigation was in its preliminary stages, it was not deemed advisable to notify any State official that the investigation was being conducted, and further it was not considered advisable to verify his election as District Attorney, Plaquemines Parish.

In the event investigation is reinstated, it is believed that the Governor of the State of Louisiana will be the proper person to notify that investigation will be conducted.

LEADS

NEW ORLEANS DIVISION

AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

Will maintain contact with USA GEORGE R. BLUE for his instructions as to additional investigation desired.

REFERENCES:

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December 20, 1955

SAC, New Orleans (44-711)

PERSONAL ATTENTION

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LEANDER PEREZ, SR.

UNKNOWN VICTIMS
CIVIL RIGHTS

cc a1 - VICTIMS

Rereport of SA [redacted] dated 12/15/55
at New Orleans.

Referenced report reflects that all of the victims
carried in the title of the above matter were interviewed
as set forth in rereport. However, the descriptions of the
victims were not included in the report. Bureau instructions
are that descriptions should be obtained from subjects
and victims and set forth in the details of the reports
in Civil Rights matters.

You are to insure that descriptions of the victims
who have been interviewed are available in your file and
in the future you should be sure that Bureau instructions
are complied with in this regard.

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D [REDACTED], ET AL - VICTIMS;

7) LEANDER PEREZ
UNKNOWN VICTIM

Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 12/15/55 at
New Orleans. *cc 8-1*
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You should maintain close liaison with the USA
concerning the above matter. In the event additional investigation
is desired by the USA, the Bureau must be immediately advised
and the investigation promptly conducted.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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AIR TEL

Transmit the following ~~radio~~ message to:

12/21/55

FBI NEW ORLEANS

DIRECTOR, FBI

LEANDER PEREZ, Sr.;
██████████ ETAL - VICTIMS
UNKNOWN VICTIMS
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Description of known victims being obtained for inclusion in subsequent report. Also, descriptions of any additional victims identified will be similarly included.

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Approved: *[Signature]*
Special Agent in Charge

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FBI, NEW ORLEANS (44-707)

DIRECTOR, FBI

(AIRMAIL)

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LEANDER PEREZ, Sr. ET AL - VICTIMS
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Information received today that USA GEORGE H. BLUE, EDLA, has written the department suggesting that a full investigation be conducted in the above captioned cases.

Bureau will be promptly advised of any additional developments.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Transmit the following AIRTEL message to:

FBI, NEW ORLEANS (44-707)

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Information received today that USA GEORGE R. BLUE, EDLA, has written the department suggesting that a full investigation be conducted in the above captioned cases.

Bureau will be promptly advised of any additional developments.

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Reurairtels 12/23/55. Bureau in receipt of memorandum from Department dated 1/12/56, together with copy of Department's letter to USA Blue of same date. Memorandum instructs as follows:

In the [REDACTED] case a full investigation as requested in Department's memorandum of November 16, 1955, is to be conducted including pursuit of specific leads set forth therein.

In the Perez case you are to contact the USA and conduct such investigation as he may desire.

The [REDACTED] case is to be handled immediately by mature and experienced Agent personnel with two Agents conducting all pertinent interviews. Report reflecting results is to reach Bureau not later than January 26, next.

In the Perez case you should contact USA immediately and determine extent of investigation desired. Advise Bureau by airtel by January 18, 1956, as to extent of investigation and date it will be completed and report sent to Bureau. Two Agents should also be present at all pertinent interviews in this case.

Bureau should be advised of pertinent developments.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Mr. Belmont	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Gurnea	
Mr. Hendon	
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Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Nease	
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Transmit the following ~~teletype~~ message to:

1/16/56

FBI NEW ORLEANS
DIRECTOR, FBI

ATTENTION: Assistant to the Director L. B. NICHOLS

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[REDACTED] - VICTIM
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ReBuairtel 1/10/56 in the [REDACTED] case, and Buairtel 1/14/56 in the [REDACTED] and PEREZ cases.

USA GEORGE R. BLUE advised he is presently engaged in the trial of several important cases in USDC, Eastern District of Louisiana, and will not have time to review, analyze and discuss these cases before Thursday, 1/19/56 or Friday, 1/20/56. Assistant USA M. HERBURN MANN advised these cases have been handled by the USA personally, and he does not desire to issue any instructions regarding them until he has the opportunity to review them with USA BLUE. MANN stated he did not anticipate being able to discuss these cases with Mr. BLUE before the week beginning 1/23/56.

Bureau attention is directed to the fact that LEANDER PEREZ a nationally-known political figure, is the sponsor of Congressman F. EDWARD HEBERT, First Congressional District of Louisiana. PEREZ is also extremely close to U. S. Senator ALLEN J. ELLENDER, Sr.

- 5 - Bureau (44-6770) (AIR MAIL)
- 3 - New Orleans [REDACTED] 44-711, [REDACTED]

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Special Agent in Charge

DIRECTOR, FBI
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When investigation is initiated, it is probable that political opponents of the PEREZ machine or the USA or members of his staff may make available to the press information concerning the investigation. Considering the prominence of the individuals involved, extensive publicity can be expected. Opponents of PEREZ, HEBERT and ELLENDER will undoubtedly seize upon anything they can to exploit politically.

The Louisiana Democratic primary election will be held on 1/17/56. It appears likely that a "run-off" primary will be necessary, and, if so, this is generally held approximately thirty days later.

Another factor which should be noted in connection with these matters is that while PEREZ is a member of the Catholic Church, his interests are adverse to the stand against segregation in Catholic churches taken by Archbishop JOSEPH FRANCIS RUMMEL.

SA [REDACTED], who has handled these cases from the outset, will attend the Civil Rights school at the Seat of Government beginning Monday, 1/23/56. — I think he should stay in N.O. and handle this m

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The PEREZ and [REDACTED] cases are very closely related and interwoven, and the [REDACTED] case is but one of a series of incidents which have occurred in the Belle Chasse, Plaquemine Parish, Louisiana Catholic church parish. Investigation in the [REDACTED] case will in effect be an investigation of the PEREZ case. For this reason, it is recommended by this office that they be investigated simultaneously and that investigation of the [REDACTED] case be deferred until such time as the investigation in the PEREZ case is initiated. Investigation in the [REDACTED] case will, of course, be deferred pursuant to Bureau instructions until the USA indicates the scope of investigation desired. Here again, the investigation of [REDACTED] will, in fact, be an investigation of LEANDER PEREZ. This office will very closely follow the USA's office, and when he determines the scope of investigation desired in the PEREZ case, investigation will be initiated immediately.

Press inquiries and inquiries from the general public during the course of the investigation will be answered as follows: "An inquiry is being made at the specific instructions of Assistant Attorney General WARREN OLNEY, III, of the Criminal Division, Department of Justice."

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CC: MR. ROSEN

INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

M. J. Nichols

Assistant Attorney General
Warren Olney III

January 23, 1956

Director, FBI

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[REDACTED] ET AL - VICTIMS
CIVIL RIGHTS
(Your Reference 44-32-190, MWH)
(Bureau File [REDACTED])

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[REDACTED] - VICTIM
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(Your Reference 44-32-252, MF)
(Bureau File [REDACTED])

LEANDER PEREZ;
[REDACTED] ET AL - VICTIMS
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(Your Reference 44-32-254, MF)
(Bureau File 44-9732)

Reference is made to your memorandum dated January 6, 1956, in the [REDACTED] matter, and also to your memorandum dated January 12, 1956, in the [REDACTED] et al, and Leander Perez matters.

This will confirm a conversation between Messrs. A. B. Caldwell, Moses W. Hubbard and Henry Futzel, Jr., Civil Rights Section, Criminal Division, and a representative of this Bureau on January 18, 1956.

United States Attorney George R. Blue, New Orleans, Louisiana, has advised our New Orleans Office that he is presently engaged in the trial of several important cases in the United States District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana, and will not have time to review, analyze and discuss these cases before January 19 or 20, 1956. Assistant United States Attorney M. Hepburn Many advised that the above matters have been handled by the United States Attorney personally, and he does not desire to issue any instructions regarding them until he has had the opportunity to review them with Mr. Blue. Many advised he did not anticipate being able to discuss these cases with Mr. Blue before the week beginning January 23, 1956. In view of the

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Memorandum to Assistant Attorney General
Warren Olney III

close connection between the individuals involved in the above matters, Mr. A. B. Caldwell was advised of the above and asked as to whether the investigation as requested in the [redacted] case should go forward or be withheld until discussion with the United States Attorney concerning additional investigation in the [redacted] and Leander Perez matters.

Upon being furnished the above information, Mr. Caldwell advised that the investigation in the [redacted] case should be withheld until after discussion is had with the United States Attorney concerning the [redacted] and Leander Perez matters.

For your additional information in connection with the above matters, our New Orleans Office has advised that Leander Perez, allegedly a nationally-known political figure, is allegedly the sponsor of Congressman F. Edward Hebert, First Congressional District of Louisiana. Perez allegedly is also close to United States Senator Allen J. Ellender, Sr. [redacted]

You will be kept advised as to pertinent developments in the above matters.

NOTE: The New Orleans Office was advised by teletype dated 1/18/56, to withhold investigation in the [redacted] case until after discussion with the USA concerning the other two matters.

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JANUARY 18, 1956

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[REDACTED], [REDACTED], ET AL DASH VICTIMS, CIVIL RIGHTS;
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RIGHTS; LEANDER PEREZ; [REDACTED], ET AL DASH VICTIMS,
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INVESTIGATION IN [REDACTED] CASE UNTIL AFTER DISCUSSION USA IN
[REDACTED] AND PEREZ CASES, PER DEPARTMENT. IMMEDIATELY ADVISE
WHEN CASES DISCUSSED WITH USA AND ACTION BEING TAKEN YOUR
OFFICE. KEEP BUREAU ADVISED OF ALL DEVELOPMENTS.

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NOTE: Above instructions concerning withholding investigation
in the [REDACTED] case until after discussion with USA in the Perez
and [REDACTED] cases are on the instructions of Messrs. A. B. Caldwell
Maceo W. Hubbard and Henry Putzel, Jr., Civil Rights Section,
Criminal Division, on 1/18/56. A confirming memorandum is
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file in Leander Perez case - 44-9732

Mr. Rosen

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Mr. [REDACTED]

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LEANDER PEREZ;
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New Orleans advised by airtel 1/16/56 (received 1/18/56) that USA George R. Blue is unavailable to discuss the [REDACTED] and Perez cases for his desires for additional investigation until 1/23/56 and requested advice in view of close tie in between above cases, whether to withhold full investigation in [REDACTED] case until after discussion with USA on 1/23/56.

By memorandum dated 1/6/56 Department requested USA be contacted for additional investigation in [REDACTED] case, which was ordered 1/10/56. By memorandum 1/12/56 Department requested USA be contacted for additional investigation in Perez case and requested Bureau conduct full investigation in [REDACTED] case, which was ordered 1/14/56 by airtel.

For your information [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Perez is national political figure and sponsor of Congressman F. Edward Hebert (D), First Congressional District, Louisiana, and close to U. S. Senator Allen J. Ellender, Sr. (D). [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Perez is a member of Catholic Church, however, his interests are adverse to stand taken by Catholic Churches in that area. In view of prominence of individuals involved, extensive publicity can be expected. Preliminary investigations previously completed these matters at request of USA and Department.

cc: 1 - Mr. Nichols
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Memorandum to Mr. Rosen

ACTION TAKEN:

1. Matter of withholding investigation in [redacted] case until after discussion with USA 1/23/56 concerning additional investigation in [redacted] and Perez cases taken up with Messrs. A. B. Caldwell, Maceo W. Hubbard and Henry Putzel, Jr., Civil Rights Section, Criminal Division, 1/18/56. On advice of Putzel who is handling [redacted] case, A. B. Caldwell instructed full investigation requested in [redacted] case should be withheld until after discussion with USA 1/23/56 on [redacted] and Perez cases. A confirming memorandum is being furnished the Department.

2. New Orleans instructed by teletype 1/18/56 to withhold investigation in [redacted] case until after 1/23/56. New Orleans instructed to advise Bureau immediately when cases discussed with USA and action being taken, and keep Bureau advised of all developments.

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FROM NEW ORLEANS 1-20-56 NR 192242

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TO DIRECTOR URGENT
CIVIL RIGHTS

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VICTIMS, CR. [REDACTED] ETAL;

CR. LEANDER PEREZ; [REDACTED] ETAL - VICTIMS, CR.
REBUTEL JANUARY 18, 1956. USA GEORGE R. BLUE, EDLA, ADVISED
TODAY THAT HE WILL HAVE HIS OPINION AND INSTRUCTIONS READY ON
MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 1956. HE STATED HE ADVISED THE DEPARTMENT
OF JUSTICE ON JANUARY 18, 1956 OF THE DELAY. SACB, THE FOL-
LOWING PROCEDURE WILL BE FOLLOWED IN COMPLYING WITH BUREAU
INSTRUCTIONS IN CIVIL RIGHTS CASES TO NOTIFY RESPONSIBLE OF-
FICIAL THAT INVESTIGATION IS BEING CONDUCTED. AT THE OUTSET
OF THE INVESTIGATION, LEANDER PEREZ, PROSECUTING ATTORNEY FOR
PLAQUEMINES PARISH, LA, WILL BE CONTACTED IN HIS CAPACITY AS
RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL OF THE INVESTIGATION TO BE CONDUCTED CON-
CERNING [REDACTED] IN PLAQUEMINES
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CALLY INSTRUCTED BY ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL WARREN OLNEY,
THIRD, OF THE CRIMINAL DIVISION, DEPT. OF JUSTICE, TO CONDUCT AN
INQUIRY CONCERNING THE INCIDENTS INVOLVING THE ALLEGATION [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] HE WILL BE ADVISED THAT HE IS BEING CONTACTED
TO AFFORD HIM OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE ANY STATEMENT DESIRED AND HE
WILL BE INTERVIEWED CONCERNING THE ALLEGATIONS. AT THIS TIME,
[REDACTED] WILL ALSO BE INTERVIEWED CONCERNING THE [REDACTED] CASE. THE [REDACTED] b7C
RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL TO BE NOTIFIED IN THE [REDACTED] CASE IS [REDACTED]
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F. B. I. RADIOGRAM

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LEANDER PEREZ; ██████████ ET AL - VICTIMS, CR.

REURRADIOGRAM JANUARY TWENTYTWO, LAST. DEPARTMENT REQUESTS FULL INVESTIGATION IN ██████████ AND ██████████ CASES INCLUDING INTERVIEW OF ALL PERTINENT WITNESSES IN CIVIL SUITS NOW PENDING IN ██████████ CASE. DEPARTMENT REQUESTS USA BE CONTACTED FOR WHATEVER ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION DESIRED PEREZ CASE. SUTEL RESULTS OF DISCUSSION USA RE PEREZ CASE, NUMBER OF AGENTS TO BE USED AND DAYS ESTIMATED TO COMPLETE INVESTIGATION ██████████ AND ██████████ CASES. THESE MATTERS MUST BE ASSIGNED FOR IMMEDIATE PREFERRED ATTENTION AND PERTINENT INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED BY TWO AGENTS. KEEP BUREAU ADVISED OF ALL PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS.

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NOTE:

Above issued on instructions of Mr. A. B. Caldwell, Chief, Civil Rights Section, Criminal Division, on 1/24/56. A confirming memorandum is being prepared.

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Mr. Rosen

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For background the Department by memo 1/6/56 requested USA be contacted for additional investigation in [REDACTED] case which was ordered 1/10/56. By memo 1/12/56 Department requested USA be contacted for additional investigation in Perez case and requested Bureau conduct full investigation in [REDACTED] case which was ordered 1/14/56. Preliminary investigations previously completed in these matters at request of USA and Department. For your information in these matters, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Perez, Prosecuting Attorney

New Orleans advised by airtel 1/16/56 that the USA was unavailable to discuss the [REDACTED] and Perez cases for his desires as to additional investigation until 1/23/56 and requested advice in view of close tie in between above cases whether to withhold full investigation in [REDACTED] case until after discussion with USA on 1/23/56. The Department was advised on 1/18/56 that matter could not be discussed with USA until 1/23/56 and Department requested that no investigation be conducted in the [REDACTED] case until the desires of the USA are obtained in the Perez and [REDACTED] cases.

On 1/23/56 USA advised New Orleans Office that he had written to the Department suggesting that the witnesses in the above matters be brought before the Federal Grand Jury, Eastern District of Louisiana, and that he was awaiting departmental instructions and desired no investigation by this Bureau until reply received from Department.

Enclosures

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cc - Mr. Nichols
cc - [REDACTED]
cc - 44-9732 (Perez)

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Memorandum to Mr. Rosen

ACTION TAKEN:

Upon receipt of information from New Orleans on 1/24/56 the above matters were immediately discussed with Messrs. A.E. Caldwell, Henry Putney, Jr., and Maceo W. Hubbard, Civil Rights Section, Criminal Division on 1/24/56. Mr. Caldwell was asked whether he desired investigations be withheld in above matters in order to allow USA to present to Federal Grand Jury or whether he desired investigations go forward. After discussion, Mr. Caldwell instructed that full investigations should be conducted in the [redacted] and [redacted] cases and whatever additional investigation USA desires in the Perez case. Caldwell further requested that all pertinent witnesses in the civil suits now pending in the [redacted] case be interviewed.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Attached is a teletype dated 1/24/56 for the New Orleans Office instructing that office to conduct investigation in accordance with the Department's request as reflected above. New Orleans further instructed to sutel results of discussion with USA in Perez case and number of Agents to be used and days estimated to complete investigation in [redacted] and [redacted] cases and to keep Bureau advised of all pertinent developments. New Orleans further advised that all pertinent interviews should be conducted by two Agents.

2. Attached is a confirming memorandum to Mr. Olney for your approval and if approved same should be forwarded.

Assistant Attorney General
Warren Olney III
Director, FBI

January 25, 1956

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[REDACTED], et al. - VICTIMS
CIVIL RIGHTS
(Your Reference 144-32-190, MMH)
(Bureau File [REDACTED])

[REDACTED] et al. - VICTIM

CIVIL RIGHTS
(Your Reference 144-32-252, MP)
(Bureau File [REDACTED])

LEANDER PEREZ, [REDACTED], et al. - VICTIMS

CIVIL RIGHTS
(Your Reference 144-32-254, MP)
(Bureau File 44-9732)

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Reference is made to my memorandum dated
January 23, 1956, in the above matters.

This will confirm a conversation between
Messrs. A. B. Caldwell, Henry Putzel, Jr., and Naceo W.
Hubbard, Civil Rights Section, Criminal Division, and
a representative of this Bureau on January 24, 1956.

United States Attorney George R. Blue,
New Orleans, Louisiana, has advised our New Orleans
Office that he has written to the Department of Justice
suggesting that the witnesses in the above matters be
brought before the Federal Grand Jury in the Eastern
District of Louisiana. He advised that he is now
awaiting instructions from the Department in line with
his letter and he desired no investigation by this
Bureau until the Department replies either approving
or disapproving his suggestion of presenting above
matters to the Federal Grand Jury.

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Memorandum to Assistant Attorney General
Warren Olney III

Upon being furnished the above information and after discussion by Messrs. Caldwell, Putzel and Hubbard of these matters, Mr. Caldwell instructed that full investigations should be conducted in the [redacted] and [redacted] matters and that the United States Attorney should be contacted for whatever additional investigation he desires in the Perez case. Mr. Caldwell further requested that all pertinent witnesses in connection with the civil suits now pending in the [redacted] matter be interviewed.

Our New Orleans Office has been instructed to conduct the requested investigations in the [redacted] and [redacted] matters and to contact the United States Attorney in the Perez matter for his views as to additional investigation. You will be furnished reports reflecting the results of investigations conducted when same are received from our New Orleans Office.

NOTE: New Orleans Office has been instructed by teletype 1/24/56, to conduct investigation and contact the USA in accordance with Department instructions,

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: Jan. 20, 1956

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: LEANDER PEREZ; [redacted] et al - VICTIMS
CIVIL RIGHTS

Tolson	✓
Boardman	✓
Nichols	✓
Belmont	✓
Harbo	✓
Mohr	✓
Parsons	✓
Rosen	✓
Tamm	✓
Sizoo	✓
Winterrowd	✓
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Holloman	✓
Gandy	✓

b7C LEANDER PEREZ; [redacted]

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Congressman Hebert (D., Louisiana) returned from New Orleans where he went for the elections on Tuesday. He told me on Thursday that he had had a long talk with Perez and has him quieted down. He does not think from what Perez has told him that Perez is involved in any of these civil rights cases.

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[redacted]
Eddie inquired if we made any additional investigation if we would interview Perez. I told him that we obviously would. He stated that he had told Perez himself that if Perez had not done anything improper as he claimed, that Perez should take the initiative and call at the Bureau and offer his cooperation and furnish such information as he has.

Eddie Hebert told me that they have a run-off election February 21, which would include candidates for the state legislature, judge and other local offices and he obviously is trying to avoid having any publicity stirred up.

I told Eddie I had occasion to look into the matters we previously discussed and the situation was exactly as I told him I thought that it was; namely, that both instances we had merely acknowledged we were making an inquiry. With reference to the Jesuit Bend case, the first publicity started from an announcement by the Department and then both the United States Attorney and the SAC confirmed we were making an inquiry.

cc: Mr. Boardman

Mr. Rosen

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Memorandum for Mr. Tolson from L. B. Nichols
RE: LEANDER PEREZ, [REDACTED]
CIVIL RIGHTS

1/20/56

ET AL - VICTIMS

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ADDENDUM: LBN [REDACTED] 1/23/56

On the late afternoon of 1/20/56, Congressman Hebert called. He stated he had talked to U. S. Attorney Blue who informed him that the Department was pushing the investigation of Perez; that he would see what he could do to prevent the investigation becoming involved in the run-off election on 2/21/56. Hebert raised the question with Blue as to whether Perez should come in and make his explanations. Blue told him that he thought this would be an excellent idea. Hebert talked to Perez. Perez told Hebert that he was going to call upon Blue and the FBI in New Orleans on Monday and furnish all information he has bearing upon the situation down there.

*Do you as FBI is
concerned we must go
right ahead in the investigation
& allow no delay to arise.*

[Signature]

[Initials]

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Boardman	
Mr. Belmont	
Mr. Mason	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Parsons	
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Mr. Winterrowd	
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Mr. Holloman	
Miss Gandy	

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DIRECTOR, FBI URGENT CIVIL RIGHTS

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[REDACTED] ET AL, [REDACTED] VICTIM, CR. LEANDER

PEREZ, [REDACTED] ET AL, VICTIMS, CR. REBUTEL

JANUARY TWENTYFOUR LAST. FULL INVESTIGATION WILL BE IMMEDIATELY INSTITUTED IN ALL THREE CAPTIONED CASES. INVESTIGATION IN [REDACTED] CASE WILL BE INSTITUTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED IN DEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM DATED NOVEMBER SIXTEEN, FIFTYFIVE. INVESTIGATION IN [REDACTED] CASE WILL BE INSTITUTED BY FIRST CONTACTING THE TWO ATTORNEYS HANDLING CIVIL CASES TO DETERMINE THE FULL NAMES AND PRESENT ADDRESSES OF THE PLAINTIFFS. REVIEW OF FILES USDC, NEW ORLEANS, FAILS TO REFLECT LOCAL RESIDENCE OTHER THAN PLAQUEMINES PARISH. FORTY INDIVIDUALS ARE LISTED AS PLAINTIFFS IN [REDACTED] CASES. ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION WILL INCLUDE INTERVIEWS WITH LEANDER PEREZ AND SUBJECT [REDACTED]. PEREZ [REDACTED] WILL BE NOTIFIED [REDACTED] INVESTIGATION BEING INSTITUTED. IN

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U. S. ATTORNEY

PEREZ CASE INVESTIGATION OUTLINED BY USA CONSISTS OF INTERVIEW WITH PEREZ, IDENTIFICATION AND INTERVIEW OF COLORED CHILDREN WHO WERE EJECTED FROM CHURCH, RE-INTERVIEW WITH [REDACTED] TWO AGENTS ARE HANDLING THE CURRENT PHASES OF THIS INVESTIGATION AND AS SOON AS FULL SCOPE OF INVESTIGATION IS DETERMINED, PARTICULARLY LOCATION AND IDENTITY OF PLAINTIFFS IN [REDACTED] CASE, AMOUNT OF ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL ASSIGNED AND ESTIMATED DATE OF COMPLETION WILL BE FURNISHED BY TELETYPE.

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Assistant Attorney General
Warren Olney III

February 2, 1956

Director, FBI

LEANDER PEREZ; ET AL - VICTIMS

CIVIL RIGHTS
(Your reference 144-32-254, HP)
(Bureau file 44-9732)

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Reference is made to my memorandum dated
January 25, 1956.

Leander Perez, Prosecuting Attorney,
Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, was interviewed on
January 30, 1956, by Agents of our New Orleans Office.
He denies any connection with the matter entitled
" [REDACTED] Et Al; [REDACTED] - Victim,
Civil Rights." [REDACTED]

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Perez advised that he has requested the
investigation be discontinued at the Washington level
and expects "FBI to be called off this investigation."

The above is furnished for your information
and further details of the interview with Perez will
be submitted when same are received from our New Orleans
Office.

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NOTE:

Department by memorandum dated January 24, 1956,
requested USA be contacted for desired investigation.
USA requested full investigation. Matter is presently
under investigation and Bureau deadline is set at 2/6/56.

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Reporting Office NEW ORLEANS	Office of Origin NEW ORLEANS	Date 2/3/56	Investigative Period 1/25, 26, 28, 30; 2/1, 2, 3/56
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The following description of LEANDER PEREZ was obtained from observation and interrogation:

Name	LEANDER PEREZ, Sr.
Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	Approximately sixty
Height	5' 8"
Weight	170 pounds
Hair	Black, graying

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GEORGE R. BLUE, U. S. Attorney, Eastern District of Louisiana, on February 3, 1956, advised that he desired to review the report in this case before rendering an opinion.

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All persons interviewed were advised that this investigation was being conducted upon the instructions of WARREN OLNEY, III, Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice.

Signed statements were not obtained from the children who are listed as victims in this case in view of their tender age.

United States Attorney GEORGE R. BLUE advised he could see no purpose in interviewing [REDACTED] b7C, who would possibly be the woman who complained to PEREZ. He advised this would have no bearing on the case.

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THE NEW ORLEANS OFFICE

AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

Will maintain contact with the United States Attorney.

REFERENCE

Report of SA [REDACTED] b7C 12/15/55, New Orleans.