

Memorandum to Mr. Belmont
RE: LEANDER PEREZ, ET AL

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(2) The Special Agent in Charge is being instructed to contact ██████████ to insure there is no misunderstanding on his part that the Bureau delayed in handling this matter.

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Leander Perez, Et Al.

recontacted our office [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] and these two individuals,
Messrs. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]
were immediately interviewed on September 21, 1965.

[REDACTED]

The results of the interviews were furnished to
the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice
for consideration as to whether any Federal action is
warranted.

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Date: 10/7/65

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

TO: ^{10 217 70-10 13-1177C}
DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38844)

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (44-2737)

SUBJECT: LEANDER PEREZ SR.; ET AL
~~_____~~ ET AL. - VICTIMS
 CIVIL RIGHTS **b7C**

Re New Orleans airtel to Bureau, 10/6/65.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 8 copies of a self-explanatory letterhead memorandum.

One copy is also being furnished to the United States Attorney, New Orleans, Louisiana.

- 3 - Bureau (Encs. 8)
- 2 - New Orleans

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ENCLOSURE

REC-32

EX-100

44-30670-9

1cc: AAG Civil Rights Division
 Form 62-2 *WES/da 10/11/65*
 1 cc CIVIL RIGHTS UNIT

OCT 11 1965

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Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 9/20/65

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (44-new)

SUBJECT: UNSUB;
 UNKNOWN VICTIM
 PLAQUEMINES PARISH,
 LOUISIANA
 CIVIL RIGHTS
 (OO: NEW ORLEANS)

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On 9/16/65, [redacted] tele-

[redacted] phonically contacted this office and advised [redacted]

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[redacted] At that time [redacted] was requested to furnish further details as to the original source of the information in order that it might be reported to the Department of Justice.

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On 9/20/65 [redacted] recontacted this office by telephone and advised he now has complete details concerning the original information. Arrangements were made to interview [redacted] at length at his office at 10:30 a.m., 9/21/65, after which a preliminary investigation will be conducted and results reported to the Bureau.

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2-New Orleans
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*airtel to ND
9-23-65*
EX 109

G.C. [redacted]

Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____

9/23/65

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1 - Mr. [REDACTED]

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To: SAC, New Orleans

From: Director, FBI

MGT-47 EX 109

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UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
UNKNOWN VICTIMS; PLAQUEMINES
PARISH, LOUISIANA;

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] - COMPLAINANT

CIVIL RIGHTS

LEANDER OPEKEZ, Sr

Reurairtel 9/20/65 entitled, "Unsub; Unknown Victim,
Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, Civil Rights."

Unless [REDACTED] alleges brutality on the part of
authorities no further action should be taken other than
the interview with [REDACTED] and a letterhead memorandum
submitted suitable for dissemination. If [REDACTED] alleges
brutality, the alleged victims should be interviewed and if
allegations of brutality affirmed, preliminary investigation
conducted.

Immediately suairtel summary of results of
interview with [REDACTED] and action being taken.

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NOTE:

Reairtel indicated that [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] made complaint that [REDACTED]

- Tolson _____
- Belmont _____
- Mohr _____
- DeLoach _____
- Casper _____
- Callahan _____
- Conrad _____
- Felt _____
- Gale _____
- Rosen _____
- Sullivan _____
- Tavel _____
- Trotter _____
- Tele. Room _____
- Holmes _____
- Gandy _____

New Orleans advised arrangements were made to interview
[REDACTED] on 9/21/65, after which a preliminary investigation
will be conducted. New Orleans is being advised not to conduct
a preliminary investigation unless brutality is alleged.

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Date: 9/24/65

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	_____
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Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (44-2737)

UNSUB;
UNKNOWN VICTIMS;
PLAQUEMINES PARISH, LA.;

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] - COMPLAINANT

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ReBuairtel, 9/23/65.

Report of SA [REDACTED] submitted 9/22/65 showing LEANDER PEREZ as subject and UNSUB, aka [REDACTED] as subject.

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1-New Orleans
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Approved: 186 re Special Agent in Charge Sent _____ M Per _____

OCT 4 1965

FBI

Date: 10/6/65

Transmit the following in PLAIN TEXT
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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-30644)
FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (44-2737)
RE: LEANDER PEREZ, ET AL
[REDACTED] ET AL - VICTIMS
CIVIL RIGHTS

ReBuairtel 10/4/65.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] was personally contacted this date by SAC ROBERT E. RIGHTMYER, WHO was accompanied by ASAC J. T. SYLVESTER, JR.

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[REDACTED] fully understands that there was no delay by the FBI in handling this matter. The first victims which were available for interview by the New Orleans Office were available on 9/21/65; they were interviewed that date regarding the incident which happened the day before and report was submitted on 9/22/65.

[REDACTED] does not have other victims at this time and he has no further witnesses other than those which he listed on Exhibit 3 and Exhibit 4 as attachments to the letter to the President.

- 3 - Bureau
- 2 - New Orleans

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EX-11 (REC-11)

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

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10/15/65

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

We previously received and furnish to the Department allegations that

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Department in attached memorandum now requests we interview six specific persons who allegedly can furnish pertinent information and interview any others named by them who may have information; also interview five b7I persons who

as well as fully identify " Investigation being ordered. b7C

Although Perez is parish President he is not being advised of institution of investigation.

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1 - Mr. [REDACTED] **b7C**

To: SAC, New Orleans (44-2737)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861) **REC-19** 30670-13

b7C LEANDER PEREZ, SR., ET AL; **EX-117**
[REDACTED] ET AL - VICTIMS
INVOLUNTARY SERVITUDE AND SLAVERY

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Rerep of SA [REDACTED] dated 9/22/65,
bearing character Civil Rights.

Enclosed herewith is a copy of a self-explanatory memorandum from the Department dated 10/14/65, requesting specific limited investigation.

Immediately institute the requested investigation and surep within five days of receipt of this communication setting forth therein it is a limited investigation.

Leander Perez, Sr., Parish President, should not be advised investigation is being instituted.

Enclosed memorandum should be carefully reviewed to insure that all phases of requested investigation are thoroughly covered. Investigation must be assigned to experienced mature Agent personnel.

Advise all persons contacted that investigation is being conducted at the specific request of Mr. John Doar, AAG, CRD, USDJ.

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Enc. [REDACTED] **b7C**
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[REDACTED] Investigation being ordered.

Although Perez is Parish President, he is not being advised of institution of requested investigation.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE NEW ORLEANS	OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEW ORLEANS	DATE 10/23/65	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 10/20 - 22/65
TITLE OF CASE "CHANGED" LEANDER PEREZ, SR., Parish President, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana; aka		REPORT MADE BY SA [REDACTED]	TYPE
[REDACTED]		CHARACTER OF CASE INVOLUNTARY SERVITUDE AND SLAVERY	

[REDACTED] aka [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED] - VICTIMS

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The title of this case is being marked changed so as to reflect the full name of [REDACTED] as subject; to add names of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] as victims; and to delete name [REDACTED] as victim.

REFERENCES

Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 9/22/65 at New Orleans.

APPROVED <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW
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Agency	1cc: AAG Civil Rights Division	
Request Recd.	Form 6-9-B [REDACTED]	
Date Fwd.	10/27/65	
How Fwd.	[REDACTED]	
By	60 NOV 4 1965	

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REFERENCE

Bureau airtel to New Orleans dated 10/18/65.

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NEW ORLEANS DIVISION

AT PORT SULPHUR, LOUISIANA

Contact [REDACTED] and interview [REDACTED]

ADMINISTRATIVE

All persons contacted in this investigation were advised that this investigation was being conducted at the specific request of Mr. JOHN DOAR, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, United States Department of Justice.

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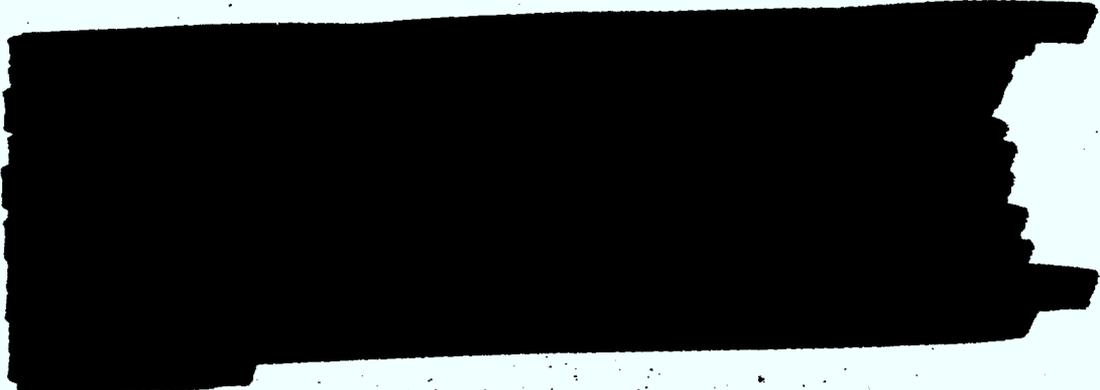
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ADMINISTRATIVE:

All persons contacted were advised that investigation was being conducted at the specific request of Mr. JOHN DOAR, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, United States Department of Justice.

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1 - Mr. [REDACTED] b7C

To: SAC, New Orleans (44-2737)
From: Director, FBI (44-30670-16) REC-19

b7C LEANDER PEREZ, SR., ET AL;
[REDACTED] ET AL - VICTIMS
INVOLUNTARY SERVITUDE AND SLAVERY

Reurairtel dated 10/7/65.

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Enc. [REDACTED] b7C

(4) NOTE: We previously conducted investigation at Department's request concerning allegations that [REDACTED]

b7D [REDACTED]
Department now requests an interview of one person who allegedly [REDACTED] investigation being ordered.

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REPORTING OFFICE NEW ORLEANS	OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEW ORLEANS	DATE 11/16/65	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 11/12, 15/65
TITLE OF CASE LEANDER PEREZ, SR., Parish President, Plaquemines Parish Louisiana;		REPORT MADE BY SA [REDACTED]	TYP [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] aka.		CHARACTER OF CASE INVOLUNTARY SERVITUDE AND SLAVERY	

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REFERENCES

Report of SA [REDACTED] at New Orleans dated 10/28/65.
Bureau airtel to New Orleans dated 11/10/65.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

Efforts were made to locate [REDACTED] on November 12, 1965 and he was out of town.

All persons contacted were advised that investigation was being conducted at the specific request of Mr. JOHN DOAR, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, United States Department of Justice.

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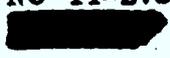
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November 6, 1967.

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

Complaint had been received that Leander H. Perez, Sr., long time rabid segregationist, and other individuals, harassed Federal Examiners and Observers in Belle Chase, Louisiana, in connection with 11/4/67 elections in Louisiana. Interviews conducted in connection with Voting Rights Act of 1965.

Attached sets forth results of inquiries. Civil Rights Division advised and no further investigation requested.

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1122PM URGENT 11-4-67

TO DIRECTOR

FROM NEW ORLEANS (44-NEW) 3P

CHANGED. LEANDER H. PEREZ, SR.: ^{LAST NAME UNKNOWN} [REDACTED] (LNU), ^{Unknown Subject} UNSUB NUMBER [REDACTED]

ONE; [REDACTED] - VICTIM; [REDACTED] - VICTIM; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] - VICTIM; [REDACTED] - VICTIM; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] - VICTIM; [REDACTED] - VICTIM; ENFORCEMENT OF

VOTING RIGHTS LEGISLATION NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN AND NINETEEN

SIXTYEIGHT LOUISIANA ELECTIONS, VOTING RIGHTS ACT OF

NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE, ^{Civil Rights} DR - ELECTION LAWS.

TITLE CHANGED TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL SUBJECT AND ADDITIONAL
VICTIMS.

RE NEW ORLEANS TELETYPE INSTANT DATE.

AT APPROXIMATELY EIGHT FORTYFIVE AM, INSTANT, PEREZ

APPEARED AT FEDERAL VOTERS EXAMINER'S AND OBSERVER'S OFFICE

AT REAR OF POST OFFICE, BELLE CHASSE, LOUISIANA ACCOMPANIED
BY [REDACTED] (LAST NAME UNKNOWN) AND UNKNOWN SUBJECT.

[REDACTED] LNU AND UNSUB. PEREZ IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS EITHER

TOM HICKS OR JIM HICKS. [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] PRESENT IN OFFICE.

PEREZ INQUIRED IF FEDERAL EXAMINER AND OBSERVERS WERE REGISTERING

PEOPLE TO VOTE. [REDACTED], FEDERAL EXAMINER EXPLAINED THAT

HE WAS ^{ONLY} ISSUING DUPLICATE CERTIFICATES TO REGISTERED VOTERS

TO REPLACE LOST CERTIFICATES. PEREZ BECAME ABUSIVE AND USED

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Bishop	✓
Mr. Casper	
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Conrad	
Mr. Felt	
Mr. Gale	
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PROFANITY. HE PICKED UP A LIST OF FEDERALLY REGISTERED VOTERS AND ASKED [REDACTED], [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] IF HE COULD SEE IT. THEY CONSENTED AND PEREZ EXAMINED IT. PEREZ PICKED UP AN ENVELOPE FROM THE [REDACTED]'S DESK WHICH CONTAINED COMPLETED REQUESTS FOR DUPLICATE CERTIFICATES. [REDACTED] TOOK THE ENVELOPE FROM PEREZ'S HAND AND TOLD PEREZ HE COULD NOT LOOK AT THIS. PEREZ THEN WENT BEHIND [REDACTED]'S DESK AND LOOKED INTO [REDACTED]'S OPEN BRIEFCASE. PEREZ THEN SHOOK TWO OTHER BRIEFCASES NEXT TO [REDACTED] AND STATED HE WAS "CHECKING FOR ARMS". PEREZ THEN PULLED OPEN THREE UPPER DRAWERS OF A FOUR DRAWER FILE CABINET AND SAID "WHERE IN HELL ARE THE MACHINE GUNS? I KNOW DAMN WELL THERE MUST BE SOME." AS PEREZ, [REDACTED], [REDACTED] (LAST NAME UNKNOWN) AND UNKNOWN SUBJECT, LNU, AND UNSUB LEFT OFFICE THEY ENCOUNTERED [REDACTED] NEGRO, WHO HAD COME INTO OFFICE TO OBTAIN DUPLICATE CERTIFICATE. PEREZ INQUIRED IF NEGRO WAS TO BE REGISTERED, BUT [REDACTED] AND UNSUB GUIDED PEREZ FROM SCENE. PRIOR TO GOING TO FEDERAL EXAMINER'S AND OBSERVER'S OFFICE PEREZ, [REDACTED] LNU, AND UNSUB NUMBER ONE WENT TO VOTING POLL LOCATED AT BELLE CHASSE FIREHOUSE. PEREZ REQUESTED [REDACTED] [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] TO IDENTIFY THEMSELVES, WHICH THEY DID. PEREZ WROTE DOWN

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THEIR NAMES AND MADE COMMENTS REFERRING TO THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION EMPLOYEES AS "JOHNSON'S BOYS", "FEDERAL SPYS", AND GENERALLY USED OBSCENE AND ABUSIVE LANGUAGE.

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[REDACTED] AND UNSUB LEFT AND WENT TO FEDERAL EXAMINERS OBSERVERS OFFICE AT POST OFFICE AS RELATED ABOVE. WHEN PEREZ LEFT EXAMINER'S-OBSERVER'S OFFICE HE RETURNED TO POLL AT WHICH TIME [REDACTED], [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] PRESENT. PEREZ DIRECTED COMMENTS TO [REDACTED] REQUESTING TO SEE HIS IDENTIFICATION AND MADE SIMILAR COMMENTS TO [REDACTED] AS HE HAD MADE TO OTHER FEDERAL OBSERVERS.

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ALL INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED BY ^{BUREAU AGENTS} ~~BU~~AGENTS AT U.S. POST OFFICE. United States Attorney
~~USA~~ ADVISED. REPORT FOLLOWS.

~~ECORR PAGE ONE LINE 18 SHOULD BE HE WAS ONLY ISSUING DUPLICATE CERTIFICATES TO REGISTERED VOTERS~~

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATION SECTION

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1-33PM URGENT 11-4-67 [REDACTED] IP TELETYPE

TO DIRECTOR

FROM NEW ORLEANS 44-NEW

LEANDER H. PEREZ, SR.; [REDACTED] (LNU); [REDACTED] VICTIM;

[REDACTED] VICTIM; ENFORCEMENT OF VOTING RIGHTS LEGISLATION
NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN AND NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT LOUISIANA ELECTIONS,

VOTING RIGHTS ACT OF NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE, CR - ELECTION LAWS.

RE BU APTTEL TO NO. TWO LAST. ON NOV. FOUR LAST [REDACTED] CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION,

NO, LA., TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED HE HAD RECEIVED REPORT FROM

[REDACTED] FEDERAL OBSERVER LOCATED AT BELLE CHASSE, PLAQUEMINE
PARISH, LA., POST OFFICE, THAT PEREZ HAD INTIMIDATED VICTIMS BY
CURSING AND SWEARING AT THEM.

ACCORDING TO [REDACTED], PEREZ ORIGINALLY APPEARED AT POST
OFFICE IN COMPANY WITH [REDACTED] LNU, CLAIMING TO BE TOM HICKS AND
ASKED TO REGISTER. PEREZ ADVISED HE COULD NOT REGISTER TODAY
AS ONLY DUPLICATE CERTIFICATES BEING ISSUED BY FEDERAL EXAMINER
[REDACTED] PEREZ, AT THIS POINT, USED PROFANITY AFTER ASKING TO SEE
THEIR CREDENTIALS.

VICTIMS AND AVAILABLE WITNESSES BEING INTERVIEWED. LHM TO
FOLLOW.

PEREZ NOT BEING INTERVIEWED IN [REDACTED] WITH PREVIOUS BU
INSTRUCTIONS. USA, NO. BEING ADVISED.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Assistant Attorney General
CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION

FROM : Director, FBI

DATE: November 14, 1967

SUBJECT: **LEANDER H. PEREZ, SR.; UNKNOWN SUBJECT NUMBER ONE, also known as**
UNKNOWN SUBJECT NUMBER TWO;

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UNKNOWN SUBJECT NUMBER ONE - VICTIMS
ENFORCEMENT OF VOTING RIGHTS LEGISLATION 1967 and 1968
LOUISIANA ELECTIONS
VOTING RIGHTS ACT OF 1965; CIVIL RIGHTS - ELECTION LAWS

Reference is made to by memorandum dated 9-8-67
(your file).

There is enclosed one copy of the report of Special Agent **b7C** dated 11/8/67 at New Orleans.

- 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.

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In a discussion between Mr. Barry Weinberg and Special Agent [REDACTED] on 11/5/67, Mr. Weinberg advised no further investigation should be conducted unless specifically requested.

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REPORTING OFFICE New Orleans	OFFICE OF ORIGIN New Orleans	DATE 11/8/67	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 11/4-6/67
TITLE OF CASE CHANGED LEANDER H. PEREZ, SR., aka Tom Hicks, Jim Hicks; UNSUB NUMBER ONE, aka UNSUB NUMBER TWO; [REDACTED] - VICTIM [REDACTED] - VICTIM [REDACTED] - VICTIM [REDACTED] - VICTIM [REDACTED] - VICTIM ENFORCEMENT OF VOTING RIGHTS LEGISLATION 1967 and 1968 LOUISIANA ELECTIONS		REPORT MADE BY	TYPED BY
		CHARACTER OF CASE VRA-65; CR - EL	

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Title is changed to clarify the number of UNSUBS and to add the aka Tom Hicks and Jim Hicks for LEANDER H. PEREZ SR. Also added is the aka of [REDACTED] for [REDACTED] - VICTIM

REFERENCES:

New Orleans teletypes to Bureau both dated 11/4/67.
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ADMINISTRATIVE:

Assistant U.S. Attorney, Eastern District of Louisiana, HARRY F. CONNICK was advised of the complaint on 11/4/67 by SA [REDACTED]

A limited investigation was conducted as the subjects were not interviewed per prior Bureau instructions regarding [REDACTED] and the two officers he represents. These instructions were set forth in Bureau teletype dated 10/26/64 captioned, [REDACTED] IDENTIFICATION MATTER," (NO File 62-3709) which states, "Fact that an investigator for [REDACTED] attempted to obtain records search on [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] under circumstances indicating no official use and the fact that no adequate explanation is forthcoming are the grounds for Bureau's refusal to have anything further to do with the two offices [REDACTED] represents. In all other matters this individual and his office should be dealt with at arm's length."

UNSUB, aka [REDACTED] is possibly identical with [REDACTED] aka, [REDACTED] who is a known assistant to [REDACTED]. Due to the limited investigation conducted, this identification has not been confirmed.

All persons interviewed were advised that this investigation was being conducted at the specific request of the Assistant Attorney General JOHN DOAR, Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - United States Attorney, New Orleans

Report of: SA [REDACTED]
Date: 11/8/67

Office: NEW ORLEANS

Field Office File #: 44-3395

Bureau File #:

Title: LEANDER H. PEREZ, SR.;
UNKNOWN SUBJECT NUMBER ONE, also known as [REDACTED]
UNKNOWN SUBJECT NUMBER TWO;

[REDACTED] - VICTIM
[REDACTED] - VICTIM

Character:

Synopsis:

ENFORCEMENT OF VOTING RIGHTS LEGISLATION
1967 AND 1968 LOUISIANA ELECTIONS

Character: VOTING RIGHTS ACT OF 1965; CIVIL RIGHTS - ELECTION LAWS

Synopsis: On 11/4/67 at approximately 8:20 a.m. LEANDER H. PEREZ, SR., [REDACTED] (last name unknown) and an unknown white male went to the voting poll located at the fire house, Belle Chasse, La. PEREZ had Federal Observers [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] identify themselves. PEREZ used profanities and abusive language expressing his feelings about the Federal Observers, JOHN DOAR, and the current Federal Administration. PEREZ, [REDACTED] and the unknown white male left the voting poll and went to the Federal Observer's-Examiner's Office located at the rear of the Post Office, Belle Chasse, La. PEREZ introduced himself to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] as "TOM HICKS" or possibly "JIM HICKS." PEREZ asked if the Federal Observers were registering people to vote. [REDACTED] explained that they were only issuing duplicate certificates for registered voters who had lost their original copy. PEREZ became abusive and used profanity. PEREZ examined a listing of Federally registered voters which was on [REDACTED]'s desk. PEREZ attempted to examine an envelope on [REDACTED]'s desk but [REDACTED] took it away from PEREZ. PEREZ looked in observers' briefcases and filing cabinet looking for

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firearms At this time [REDACTED] a Negro, went to the Observer's-Examiner's Office in order to obtain a duplicate registration certificate. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] waited 15 minutes until PEREZ and his associates left and then he obtained his duplicate registration certificate. After PEREZ and his associates left the Observer's-Examiner's Office, they returned to the voting poll at the Belle Chasse fire house. Federal Observers [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], were present. PEREZ asked [REDACTED] for his identification and made comments to belittle the Federal Observers. PEREZ used profanity and abusive language directed at the Federal Observers and the current Federal Administration.

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TO USA

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DETAILS: This is a limited investigation.

This case was predicated on November 4, 1967, by a telephone call to the New Orleans Field Office from [REDACTED] State Coordinator, Civil Service Commission, New Orleans, Louisiana. [REDACTED] advised that he had received a report from [REDACTED] a Federal Observer located at Belle Chasse, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana Post Office, that LEANDER H. PEREZ, SR., had intimidated the Federal Observers by cursing and swearing at them. [REDACTED] advised that he had no first-hand knowledge of the incident.

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[redacted] was interviewed by Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, at which time he furnished the following signed statement:

"Belle Chasse, La.
November 4, 1967

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"I, [redacted], make the following free and voluntary statement to [redacted] and [redacted] who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"On November 4, 1967, I was working on official duty as a Civil Service Commission poll observer. I was working at the voting poll located at the Fire House, Belle Chasse, Louisiana.

"Sometime around 7:00 to 8:00 AM I recognized Leandre Perez in the company of one (1) other white males. Perez identified himself and asked [redacted] and myself for our identification. We showed our cards to Perez.

"Perez made several statements, calling us 'Johnson's Boys' and 'Federal Spys' and similar comments. I heard Perez use profanity, but I cannot state that it was directed directly at us.

"Perez left and in less than an hour he returned. At this time [redacted] was not present and another Civil Service Commission employee, [redacted] was present. Perez asked for [redacted]'s identification, and [redacted] showed it to him. Perez directed most of his comments at [redacted] and they were similar in nature to what he had said previously.

On 11/4/67 at Belle Chasse, Louisiana File # NO 44-3395

by SAs [redacted] and [redacted] 3 Date dictated 11/4/67

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[redacted] was interviewed at which time he furnished the following signed statement:

"11/4/67
Belle Chasse, La.

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"I, [redacted] hereby give the following free and voluntary statement to [redacted] and [redacted] who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. No threats or promises have been made to me to induce me to make this statement.

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[redacted] I can read, write and understand the English language.

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"On 11/4/67 I was stationed at the polling place located in the Fire Department building, Belle Chasse, La. I was acting as a Federal Voting Observer. About 8:20 A.M. a man, later identified as Leander Perez, entered the polling place. This man walked over to me and introduced himself as Leander Perez and asked to see my identification. I identified myself to Perez as a Federal voting observer and [redacted] and [redacted] who are also Federal Voting Observers identified themselves to Perez at this time. Perez stated that I and [redacted] and [redacted] were Federal Spies and he had absolutely no respect for us or our work. Perez then stated he would rather eat (obscene) than do this sort of spying. Perez then accused me, [redacted] and [redacted] of being part of a second reconstruction. Perez then shouted numerous obscene words, but I cannot recall the specific words. Perez then called John Doar a nealy

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by SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] Date dictated 11/4/67

mouthed (obscene). Perez then began talking about things that did not make sense but were directed as insults toward [redacted], [redacted] and myself and our work as Federal Observers. Perez made a statement to [redacted], an election commissioner working at the poll, that the Federal Voting Observers were not to sit at the record table. I also believe I heard Perez tell [redacted] that the Federal Election Observers were not to be allowed to go into the area where the voting machines are located. Perez made a statement to the effect that the Federal Voting Observers were not to step out of line in any way or impede the progress of the election and that he had no fear of the Federal Government. I can't recall Perez's exact words but this is what he meant. Perez then left the polling place accompanied by an individual known as [redacted]. I then left the polling place and walked over to the office being maintained by the Federal Voting Observers in the rear of the U. S. Post Office in Belle Chasse, La. to report the incident that took place at the polling place. I was in the office about five minutes when Perez entered the office accompanied by [redacted] and another unknown white male. [redacted] is a white male, [redacted]

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[redacted] I would recognize [redacted] if I saw him again. The other individual with Perez was a white, male, [redacted]

[redacted] I believe I could recognize this individual if I saw him again.

"Perez introduced himself as Leander H. Perez, a [redacted] gave an unrecalled title. I was in the company of [redacted] and [redacted] while in the office. Perez asked for the identification of [redacted] and [redacted] but not myself since he knew me from the polling place. Perez asked [redacted] if he was registering voters today. [redacted] replied no. Perez then started cursing and said many of the same things that he (Perez) said at the polling place, which I cannot specifically recall. Perez then picked up a brief case and shook it and said he was looking for a

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machine gun. Perez then commented that there were five Federal Voting Observers in Belle Chasse and he considered this number to be excessive. Perez was advised by [REDACTED] that there were six observers and he left the office.

"Perez in my opinion impeded the smooth operation of the Federal Voting Observation Team in Belle Chasse, La. by destroying any possible rapport with the Election Commissioners at the polling place. Since Perez did instruct [REDACTED] to restrict the movement of the Federal Voting Observers, he (Perez) impeded the recording of the names of the individuals that voting which the Department of Justice has instructed the Federal Voting Observers to obtain. I do not feel Perez interfered with my physical function as a Federal Voting Observer while he (Perez) was in the polling _____.

"I have read this statement consisting of this page and 3 additional pages and I sign it because it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I have initialed all corrections and each page of this statement.

"/s/ [REDACTED]

"Witness:

/s/ [REDACTED], Special Agent, New Orleans, La., 11/4/67
/s/ [REDACTED], Special Agent, FBI, New Orleans, La., 11/4/67"

The following description was obtained from observation and interview:

Name
Race
Sex
Born
Age
Height
Weight
Hair
Eyes
Occupation

[REDACTED]
White
Male

[REDACTED]
Investigator, U. S.
Civil Service Commission

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[redacted] was interviewed by Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, at which time he furnished the following signed statement:

"Belle Chasse, La.
November 4, 1967

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"I, [redacted] make the free and voluntary statement to [redacted] and [redacted] who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"On November 4, 1967 I was working on official duty as a U. S. Civil Service Commission Poll Observer. I was working the voting poll located at the Fire House, Belle Chasse, Louisiana. My assignment was to record the names & races of the voters as the Commissioner called them off. I was sitting in a chair & writing the information on a pad supported on my knees.

"At approximately 8:30 to 9:00 A.M., three (3) white males came into the voting poll. I recognized one of them as Leandre Perez but I did not recognize the other two males.

"Perez identified himself by name & gave some title referring to president of parish voters or something similar to this. Perez requested that [redacted], [redacted] and myself identify ourselves. We were the only Civil Service Commission employee present (to my knowledge) and we showed him our identification cards. Perez wrote our names down.

"Perez made several statements poking fun at us. Perez stated to me, 'Would you please stand up to show

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respect.' He added something to the effect of 'if not for me, at least show respect for your friends.' I replied, 'Yes Sir' and I stood up.

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Perez left with the two (2) males & later returned, again with the two (2) males. At this second appearance, [redacted], another Civil Service Commission employee, was also present. Perez asked [redacted] to identify himself, and he did so. Perez made some more comments similar to his first appearance, but this time directed more to [redacted].

"During both of the above appearances of Perez, he used profanity freely, directed to us and the current Federal Administration. I was not really paying attention to Perez as I was attempting to comply with my instruction regarding recording the names and races of voters.

"It was difficult to comply with my duties before Perez arrived as it was difficult to hear the names as they were called off. Perez interfered and impeded my official duty, inasmuch as he made it more difficult to hear the names and he interrupted my writing with his requests for identification and by having me stand.

"Perez and the two (2) males left and as they left Perez made a statement to the effect of 'You boys watch your step' [redacted] boysbbe careful.'

"I have read this 3 page statement and it true, complete and correct. I have initialed the other 2 pages and I sign this below.

"/s/ [redacted]

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"Witnesses:
/s/ [redacted] Special Agent, FBI, New Orleans,
La., 11/4/67.
/s/ [redacted] Special Agent, FBI, New Orleans,
La., 11/4/67."

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[REDACTED] was interviewed at which time he furnished the following signed statement:

"Belle Chasse, La.
Nov. 4, 1967

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"I, [REDACTED], make the following free and voluntary statement to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] who have identified themselves as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"This morning (November 4, 1967) I was on official duty at the Federal Examiners Office, at the rear of the Post Office, Belle Chasse, Louisiana, functioning as a Federal Examiner in Plaquemines Parish under the 1965 Voting Rights Act.

"At approximately 8:45 AM three (3) white males came into the office. I recognized one (1) male as Leandre Perez. One of the other men was later referred to as [REDACTED] by Perez. I did not recognize the third man. As the men entered the office, Perez said 'I am Tom Hicks' or possibly he referred to himself by saying 'I am Jim Hicks'. Perez then asked 'Are you people registering people to vote today?' I replied that 'We are not, we are only issuing duplicate certificates in care of lost certificates.' Perez said, 'Like (obscene) you are, you're registering people to vote and you know it.' Perez acted as if he was counting the three (3) Federal people in the office who were myself, [REDACTED], and [REDACTED]. Perez then said, 'There are (3) three more across the street and that makes six (6) of those Federal (obscene) here.' Perez stated that he was the chairman of the Democratic Committee and that he would not stand for any interference

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with the polls in the parish. Perez picked up my list of Federally registered voters and asked if he could see it. I told him he could see it and that there was another list at the polling place, and at any time he wished to see it, he could do so. I stated that as the examiner I issued duplicates for lost certificates and that the persons name had to be listed in the above book or I did not issue a duplicate. Perez stated that I was a liar and that he knew better.

"Perez picked up an envelope from my desk which contained three (3) completed requests for duplicate certificates. [redacted] who was standing next to me took the envelope from Perez's hand and I took it from [redacted]. I told Perez he could not see this.

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"Perez inquired as to why we were here and a discussion evolved about the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Perez inquired about our credentials and wanted to see them. [redacted] stated that Perez was on Federal property and although there was no obligation to show them to him, he [redacted] would do so. We all held out credentials so that Perez could see them and he wrote our names down. He asked us about our home towns and we all told him and he wrote this down also.

"Perez then got up and went around behind my desk and looked inside my briefcase which was on the floor, open, against the wall. He then shook two other briefcases next to mine and stated he was 'checking for arms'.

"Perez then pulled open (3) three upper drawers of our four (4) drawer file cabinet and said 'Where in (obscene) are the machine guns? I know (obscene) well there must be some.' At some time during this encounter, Perez referred to us as 'Federal (obscene)' and he stated that,

'That (obscene) up there is wanting to raise taxes so he can send more of you down here.'

"As Perez and his party left he encountered a Negro male, [redacted] and said something to him, but I did not understand what was said. [redacted] came into the office to obtain a duplicate certificate. When Perez left our office he was heading in the direction of the polls at the fire station.

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"To my knowledge Perez did not impede or interfere with the operation of the office regarding my duties as Federal Examiner.

"I have read this 3 page statement and it is true, complete and correct. I have initialed the other 2 pages and I sign this below.

"/s/ [redacted]

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"Witnesses: [redacted] /s/ [redacted] Special Agent, FBI, New Orleans, Louisiana, 11/4/67
[redacted] /s/ [redacted] Special Agent, FBI, New Orleans, Louisiana, 11/4/67."

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The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

Name
Nickname
Sex
Race
Date of Birth
Place of Birth
Nationality
Residence
Telephone Number

[redacted]
None
Male
White

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[redacted] was interviewed at which time he furnished the following signed statement:

"Belle Chasse, La.
"11/4/67

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"I, [redacted], hereby make the following free and voluntary statement to [redacted] and [redacted] who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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[redacted] I can read, write, and understand the English language.

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"At approximately eight fifty (8:50) AM, Nov. 4, 1967, while on duty at the Federal Voting Examiners Office located on the loading dock of the United States Post Office, Belle Chasse, Louisiana, three white males entered the office where I was on duty as [redacted] of the Reserve Federal Voting Rights team. The oldest of these three men identified himself as Tom Nicks and asked if people were being registered to vote at this office. I recognized the individual who identified himself as Tom Nicks to be Leander Perez. I immediately got up from my chair and greeted this individual as Mr. Perez.

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"At this time Mr. Perez asked me and [redacted] who was working with me 'What are you doing here?' 'Are you registering people to vote here?' Perez was repetitious in asking if people were being registered to vote and berated both myself and [redacted] and [redacted]

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[REDACTED] another Federal Voting Observer, who was present in the office, for being present in the Parish. At this point Perez identified himself as being chairman of the Democratic Committee of the Parish and stated they did not need the Federal Voting Observers in the Parish interfering with their elections. Perez used such words as Federal Spies and (obscene) being sent by that (obscene) in Washington. Perez was very disjointed in his remarks and depended on a running comment from one of the other men that entered the office with him. By this I mean it appeared that Perez would have run out of things to say without help from this other man. Several times in his continuous barrage Perez asked the question, 'Who are you and where are you from?' without actually waiting for an answer. Perez then demanded to see my and **[REDACTED]**'s credentials. At this point I reminded Perez that he was in my office and on Federal property but that I did not mind showing him my identification since in the course of my duties I might be going into the voting places. Perez removed his glasses, sat down at the table, took out some paper and made a ceremony of copying my name and title from my credentials, by this I mean he was very deliberate in the manner in which he repeated my name aloud as he wrote it down. Perez went through the same procedure with **[REDACTED]**

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"Perez then got up and reached for a list of Federally registered voters and said, 'I suppose I cannot look at this.' **[REDACTED]** informed Perez that there was no objection since it was identical to other lists furnished to the Parish officials. Perez showed no more interest in the list but reached for an envelope which was also laying on the table and which contained information pertinent to the voters rights program. At this point I reached across the table and also took hold of the envelope, preventing Perez from

extracting a document from the envelope. Perez was trying to remove one document which was sticking out of the envelope. Perez and I had no physical contact. When I took hold of the envelope, Perez immediately released it and stepped around the table, looked into one open briefcase and shook another briefcase. He then opened one drawer of the filing cabinet in the office and closed it immediately with the comment that he was looking for arms. Perez asked 'What's the matter, don't you have any arms, where are your machine guns, what kind of people are you anyway?'

"At several points throughout Perez's conversation he stated that he did not appreciate the presence of Federal Observers and stated on one occasion that he would rather pick (obscene) with the chickens than be a Federal Observer. Perez demanded to know how many Federal Observers were present and commented that Federal Observers were a waste of the taxpayers' money. Perez referred to one of the men with him as [REDACTED] was a white male. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] made a statement to Perez that there were at least four Federal Observers because he saw one relieve [REDACTED] at the polling place located at the fire station prior to coming to the office.

"At this point Perez stated he was going back to the polling place to find out who [REDACTED] was referring to. Perez then turned and left the office through the open door. I observed a Negro man standing just outside the door. I went over and invited this Negro man into the office. At this point Perez asked of no one in particular

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'What's he doing here. Is he going to be registered? I want to know.' The Negro man was coming through the door and Perez turned around as if to follow. The two men with Perez took hold of Perez and walked him around the edge of the building.

"The other individual with Perez was a white male, [redacted]

[redacted] I would be able to recognize Perez and the two men with him if I were to see them again or to see photographs of these men. Perez and the two men were in the office, ten to fifteen minutes, Perez impeded the operation of the office because I felt he had no legitimate reason to be in the office and his presence prevented and interrupted consultations of [redacted] and myself. I do not know if Perez's presence in the office stopped the Negro male I previously referred to from entering the office sooner. Perez did not actually interfere in the actions of any of the men present in the office.

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"I have read this statement consisting of this page and five additional pages. I have initialed each page and all corrections and no threats or promises have been made to me to induce me to make this statement. I sign this statement because it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

"Witnesses: [redacted] /s/ [redacted], Special Agent, FBI, New Orleans, La. 11/4/67
[redacted] /s/ [redacted], Special Agent, FBI, New Orleans, La. 11/4/67."

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b7D [redacted] was interviewed by Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, at which time he furnished the following signed statement:

November 6, 1967
New Orleans, Louisiana

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b7D "I, [redacted] make the following free and voluntary statement to [redacted] and [redacted], who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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b7D "On November 4, 1967, I was on official duty as [redacted] Observer, assigned to voting poll at the fire station, Belle Chasse, Louisiana. I am employed by the U.S. Civil Service Commission, and working as a Federal Observer under the provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

"At sometime around 10:00 am - 11:00 am, on November 4, 1967, LEANDER PEREZ and two white males, unknown to me, came into the voting poll. I recognized PEREZ and I had seen him on two or three previous occasions.

"PEREZ stated to me that he had missed me before and he asked me for my identification. I showed him my observer's identification card and he wrote my name down. PEREZ made several comments that I believe were made to belittle the federal observers. He made comments such as, 'Will JOHNSON buy enough votes in Texas to re-elect himself?' and PEREZ referred to us as 'JOHNSON's boys.'

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"PEREZ stated to all present that we (the federal observers) were not allowed to go to the poll book or 'over there' referring to the voting machine area.

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[redacted] had already made a statement to us (federal observers) previously that was similar to PEREZ's statement.

"The other federal observers present at this time were [redacted] and [redacted]. I was assisting [redacted] by listening for names of voters as they were called off by one of the commissioners. [redacted] did the actual writing and I was concentrating of hearing the names being called. When PEREZ was present he interfered with my official duties as I was unable to assist [redacted] in recording voter's names.

"At the time the polls closed the list of voters we had compiled was 53 (fiftythree) less than the total number of names of people that had voted. This is the first time I have ever worked in my capacity as a federal observer where our totals did not match the totals for the number of votes cast. I contribute this directly to PEREZ's impudence of the official duties of the federal observers.

"I have read this 1 page statement and it is true, complete, and correct. I sign this statement below.

"/s/ [redacted]
Investigator USCBC

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"/s/ [redacted], Special Agent, FBI, New Orleans, La., 11/6/67.
"/s/ [redacted], Special Agent, FBI, New Orleans, La., 11/6/67."

The following description of [redacted] was obtained: b7C

Name
Nickname
Sex
Race
Date of Birth

[redacted]
Male
White
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[redacted] was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents and voluntarily furnished the following information:

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[redacted] advised that he is [redacted] Federal Observer assigned to observe voting procedures at Belle Chasse voting poll located at the fire house, Belle Chasse, Louisiana, for the state primary, November 4, 1967.

[redacted] advised that he was not present during any of the alleged visits of LEANDER H. PEREZ, SR., on November 4, 1967, to the voting poll at the fire house, Belle Chasse, Louisiana.

[redacted] advised that the following Civil Service Commission personnel were assigned to duty at Belle Chasse on November 4, 1967:

FEDERAL OBSERVERS

- Captain
- Co-Captain
- Senior Observer
- Observer
- Observer
- Observer

[redacted]

FEDERAL EXAMINER

Examiner

[redacted]

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TO : Mr. DeLoach *DL*

DATE: November 22, 1967

FROM : A. Rosen *AR*

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SUBJECT: RICHARD B. SOBOL, ET AL., VERSUS
LEANDER H. PEREZ, SR., ET AL.;
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA,
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 67-243
CIVIL RIGHTS

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Mr. Richard B. Sobol, an attorney licensed to practice law in the District of Columbia and New York, represents Negroes and civil rights workers in the State and Federal courts in Louisiana for the Lawyers Constitutional Defense Committee. Mr. Sobol was arrested by the Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, authorities, charging him with the unauthorized practice of law. Sobol has brought civil suit challenging this action.

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Department has filed a motion to intervene in this case in the Eastern District of Louisiana, New Orleans, motion granted on 11/1/67. The Government's complaint in intervention alleges that Negroes in Plaquemines Parish are less able than white persons to secure adequate legal representation, thereby denying them equal protection of the laws as provided under the Fourteenth Amendment of the Constitution.

The attached request from the Department involves the interviewing of 18 Negro attorneys and 30 white attorneys in Louisiana to determine numerous items including their personal background, the extent of their law practice and the attorneys willingness to represent Negroes in civil rights and constitutional issues.

ACTION:

The investigation requested by the Department is being ordered.

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To: SAC, New Orleans

From: Director, FBI

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11/21/67

Enclosed are two copies of Departmental memorandum dated 11/21/67.

Conduct the requested investigation in accordance with Section 27, Manual of Instructions, advising all persons contacted that investigation is being conducted at the specific request of AAG John Doar, CRD, USDJ. Insure that all points outlined by the Department in its request are fully covered in connection with these interviews.

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You are to complete the investigation and submit a report to reach the Bureau by December 22, 1967.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

DATE: December 13, 1967

FROM : Director, FBI

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Reference is made to your memorandum dated 11/21/67
(your file 71-32-4).

There is enclosed one copy of ~~the report of Special~~
Agent a memorandum dated 12/5/67
at New Orleans.

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 in-
quiries will be made by this Bureau.

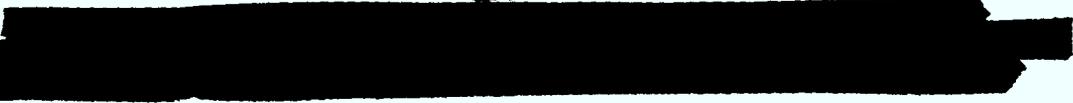
D. Pursuant to instructions issued by the Depart-
ment, no investigation will be conducted in this matter unless
specifically directed by the Department.

E. Please advise whether you desire any further in-
vestigation.

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 re-
quested 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.

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