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**Captioned:**

**OBSCENE**

CENE  
dated November 8, 1967, at New Orleans.

LEANDER H. PEREZ, SR.;  
UNSUB NUMBER ONE, aka

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- VICTIM

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Page 6, paragraph 4, line 15 "shit"  
Page 7, paragraph 1, line 1 "son of bitch"  
Page 13, paragraph 4, line 12 "hell"  
Page 13, paragraph 4, line 18 "bastards"  
Page 14, paragraph 5, line 3 "hell"  
Page 14, paragraph 5, line 4 "damn"  
Page 14, paragraph 5, line 6 "sons of bitches"  
Page 15, paragraph 1, line 1 "son of a bitch"  
Page 18, paragraph 1, line 8 "bastards"  
Page 18, paragraph 1, line 8 "son of a bitch"  
Page 19, paragraph 2, line 4 "shit"

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Date: 12/5/67

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (44-3425) (P)

SUBJECT: RICHARD B. SOBOL, et al, VS.  
LEANDER H. PEREZ, SR., et al;  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA,  
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 67-243  
 CR

Re Bureau airtel to New Orleans, 11/22/67.

Enclosed herewith are five (5) copies of LHM concerning captioned matter. Three individuals mentioned are not being interviewed for the reasons stated, UACB.

[REDACTED]

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- 3 - Bureau (Enc. 5)  
 2 - New Orleans

ENCLOSURE 109

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1cc: AAG Civil Rights Division  
 Form 3-94 H, RE 400

1 cc CIVIL RIGHTS DIV. DEC 13 1967

C. C. Bishop

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

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Per \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE on 12/11/67: Matter discussed with Mr. Robert Moore of Dept on 12/11/67 by SA [REDACTED] in this memo not being interviewed and advised by [REDACTED]

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CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 67-243

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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In view of [REDACTED]'s association with defendant  
in captioned matter and other suits in Federal Court at  
New Orleans, as well as information from [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] no further efforts are  
being made to locate and interview [REDACTED] in this matter.

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[REDACTED] District  
Attorney Jim Garrison is conducting a controversial investigation  
into the assassination of President John F. Kennedy and it is  
not deemed advisable to contact any members of his staff at  
this time.

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December 13, 1967

**AIRTEL**

1 - Mr. [REDACTED]

TO: SAC, New Orleans (44-3425)  
FROM: Director, FBI

RICHARD B. BOBOL, ET AL. VS  
LEANDER H. PEREZ, SR., ET AL;  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA,  
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 67-243  
CIVIL RIGHTS

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ReNOairtel to Bureau 12/5/67.

This matter has been discussed with the Department, and as a result thereof, it will not be necessary for New Orleans to interview [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. You should, however, locate and interview [REDACTED] in accordance with previous instructions.

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**NOTE:** Department intervened in suit alleging Negroes not afforded equal legal representation thereby denying them equal protection of laws. As a result of the Department's intervention in the suit they requested the interviewing of 48 attorneys 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. Investigation was ordered.

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New Orleans set forth reasons why three attorneys  
should not be interviewed.

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Airtel

1 - Mr. [REDACTED]

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To: SAC, Chicago

From: Director, FBI

**RICHARD B. SOBOL, ET AL. VERSUS  
LEANDER H. PEREZ, SR., ET AL.;  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA,  
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 67-243  
CIVIL RIGHTS  
(OO: NEW ORLEANS)**

ReBuairtel to Jackson dated 11/22/67.

Enclosed for each office are two copies of Departmental memorandum dated 12/14/67.

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 the AAG, CRD, USDJ. Insure that all points outlined by the Department in its request are fully covered in connection with this interview.

You are to surep within three days of receipt of this communication, sending two copies of report to Bureau and two copies of report to New Orleans (one for USA).

Enclosures (2)

1 - SAC, New Orleans (Enc. 2) (Info)

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[REDACTED] (5) [REDACTED]  
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Department now requests that an attorney in Chicago be interviewed as it is alleged that he had several times unsuccessfully applied for admission to the Louisiana Bar during the 1940's.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE <b>NEW ORLEANS</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>NEW ORLEANS</b>	DATE <b>12/19/67</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>11/24 - 12/18/67</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>RICHARD B. SOBOL, ET AL., VERSUS LEANDER H. PEREZ, SR., ET AL.; EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA, CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 67-243</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>SA [REDACTED]</b>	TYPED BY <b>[REDACTED]</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>CIVIL RIGHTS</b>	

REFERENCE:

Bureau airtel to New Orleans, 11/22/67.  
New Orleans airtel to Bureau, 12/5/67.

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LEADS:NEW ORLEANS

AT ARABI, LOUISIANA. Will interview [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] as requested by Civil Rights Division, U. S. Department of  
Justice.

AT MERAUX, LOUISIANA. Will interview [REDACTED]  
and [REDACTED] as requested by Civil Rights Division.

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AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA. Will interview [REDACTED] b7C  
[REDACTED] in line with request of  
Civil Rights Division, U. S. Department of Justice.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

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

In some instances interview was conducted by only one Special Agent since only one Special Agent was available at the time of interview.

On December 18, 1967, OWEN FISS, Special Agent, Civil Rights Division, New Orleans, La., telephonically contacted the New Orleans Division and requested the results of contacts made to date of call be submitted and other remaining interviews be submitted at a later date.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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## Copy to:

1 - U. S. Attorney, New Orleans, Louisiana  
(Attention: OWEN FISS, Special Asst., Civil Rights  
Division, 333 St. Charles Ave.)

## Report of:

SA [REDACTED]

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Office:

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EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA,  
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 67-243

## Character:

CIVIL RIGHTS

## Synopsis:

Attorneys interviewed regarding civil rights and  
legal representation in Plaquemines Parish and elsewhere in  
Louisiana.

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DETAILS:AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA.Investigation in this case was predicated upon the  
following communication dated November 21, 1967, to Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation, from JOHN DOAR, Assistant  
Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, entitled, "RICHARD B.  
SOBOL, ET AL. V. LEANDER H. PEREZ, SR., ET AL., EASTERN  
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI.

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (44-1092)

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CIVIL RIGHTS  
OO: NEW ORLEANS

Re Director airtel to Chicago, New Orleans, San Francisco, and Springfield 12/21/67; with enclosed Departmental letter dated 12/20/67; Springfield telephone call to Chicago 12/26/67.

Enclosed for WFO is one (1) copy of referenced communication for their investigative assistance.

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AT WASHINGTON, D. C. Will attempt to locate and interview [REDACTED] as requested in Departmental letter [REDACTED]

- ENCLOSURE
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  - 1 - USA, New Orleans
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1cc: AAG, Civil Rights Division  
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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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AIRTEL

1 - Mr. [REDACTED]

To: SAC, New Orleans (44-3425)

From: Director, FBI

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

Re: Report of SA [REDACTED] dated  
12/28/67, at Chicago.

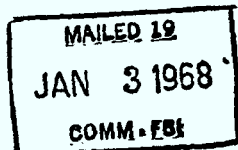
Do not interview [REDACTED] as Department has advised  
they have interviewed him.

Immediately complete all outstanding investigation  
and surep.

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NOTE: Chicago in a report advises that AUSA Archibald T.  
Le Cesne, [REDACTED] states that  
[REDACTED] is very knowledgeable regarding subject  
Perez and lead to interview him is being left to discretion  
of New Orleans. Mr. Robert Moore of Department on 1/3/68,  
advised not to interview [REDACTED] as the Department interviewed  
him. This being confirmed.

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TITLE OF CASE <b>RICHARD ROBERT B. SOBOL, ET AL, VERSUS LEANDER H. PEREZ, SR., ET AL; EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 67-243</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>SA [REDACTED] b7C</b>	TYPED BY <b>[REDACTED]</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>CIVIL RIGHTS</b>	

REFERENCE: CGairtel to Bu, 12/27/67.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

**[REDACTED] b7C** was advised investigation in this matter being conducted at the direction of the Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, U. S. Department of Justice.

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TITLE OF CASE <b>RICHARD B. SOBOL, ET AL versus LEANDER H. PEREZ, SR., ET AL EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA, CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 67-243</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>SA [REDACTED]</b>	TYPE <b>[REDACTED]</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>CIVIL RIGHTS</b>	

REFERENCES: Report of SA [REDACTED], Chicago dated 12/21/67.  
Bureau airtel to Chicago, New Orleans, San Francisco, and Springfield dated 12/21/67.  
Springfield telephone call to Chicago, 12/26/67.  
Chicago airtel to Director dated 12/27/67.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

All persons interviewed were advised that this investigation was being conducted at the specific request of the AAG, CRD, USDJ.

Assistant United States Attorney ARCHIBALD T. LE CESNE, Chicago, advised that [REDACTED] is a Negro attorney and is very knowledgeable regarding subject PEREZ. No lead is being set forth to interview him as Chicago is not aware whether or not he may have already been contacted. Leads to locate and interview him are being left to the discretion of the office of origin.

Case has been: Pending over one year ☐ Yes ☐ No; Pending prosecution over six months ☐ Yes ☐ No

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To: SACs, Chicago (Enclosures - 2)  
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RICHARD B. SOBOLE, ET AL. VERSUS  
LEANDER H. PEREZ, SR., ET AL.;  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA,  
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 67-243  
CIVIL RIGHTS  
OO: NEW ORLEANS

Enclosed for each office are two copies of a letter from the Department dated 12/20/67.

The New Orleans Office should contact [REDACTED] for any additional information he can furnish relative to the locations of Messrs. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and advise appropriate offices of any additional pertinent information developed. b7C

The Chicago, Springfield and San Francisco Offices should conduct any reasonable investigation to locate the individuals who may be respectively located within your divisions and interview them in accordance with the Department's request.

You should not conduct any full scale fugitive-type investigation to locate these individuals. If reasonable efforts are unsuccessful in locating them for interview, submit letterhead memoranda setting forth your efforts to locate.

This should be completed within ten days of receipt of this airtel.

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TITLE OF CASE <b>RICHARD B. SOBOL, ET AL., VERSUS LEANDER H. PEREZ, SR., ET AL.; EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA, CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 67-243</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>SA [REDACTED]</b>	TYPED BY <b>[REDACTED]</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>CIVIL RIGHTS</b>	<b>BH</b>

REFERENCE: New Orleans report of SA [REDACTED] dated 12/19/67.

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LEADS:NEW ORLEANS

AT ARABI, LOUISIANA. Will continue efforts to interview [REDACTED] as requested by Civil Rights Division, U. S. Department of Justice.

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TITLE OF CASE <b>RICHARD B. SOBOL, ET AL VERSUS LEANDER H. PEREZ, SR., ET AL EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA, CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 67-243</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>SA [REDACTED]</b>	TYPED BY <b>[REDACTED]</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>CIVIL RIGHTS</b>	

REFERENCE: Bureau airtel to Chicago dated 12/18/67.

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LEADSCHICAGO

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will maintain contact with [REDACTED] and obtain copies of any documents he may have regarding his attempts to gain admission to the Louisiana Bar.

ADMINISTRATIVE

U.S. Attorney EDWARD V. HANRAHAN and AUSA ARCHIBALD T. LE CESNE were advised this investigation was being conducted at the specific request of the AAG, CRD, USDJ.

USA HANRAHAN was advised initially in regard to the Bureau's interview of [REDACTED]. He advised that he wished to be furnished a copy of the report, therefore, one copy is being designated for his office.

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Report of: SA [REDACTED] b7C  
Date: 12/22/67

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

Character: CIVIL RIGHTS

Synopsis: [REDACTED] interviewed  
12/21/67 and results set forth.

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DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Investigation in this matter was predicated upon receipt of the following letter from the U.S. Department of Justice dated December 14, 1967:



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Mr. Moore of the Department and SA [redacted] interviewed him. In a discussion between Mr. Robert Moore of the Department and SA [redacted] should not be interviewed as the Department interviewed him.

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		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>CIVIL RIGHTS</b>	

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**REFERENCE:** Report of SA [redacted] dated 12/21/67 at New Orleans.

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**LEAD:****NEW ORLEANS**

**AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA.** Will contact attorney [redacted] who is probably identical with [redacted] in regard to captioned matter.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

All persons contacted were advised that investigation was being conducted at the specific request of the Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D. C.

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Only one Agent was present during the interview of [REDACTED] which is set forth in the details, inasmuch as only one Agent was available at the time the interview was conducted.

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To: SAC, San Francisco (44-875)

From: Director, FBI

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

ReSFairtel to Bureau dated 1/3/68.

Department advised they have determined this  
date that [REDACTED] can be located at [REDACTED]  
telephone number [REDACTED]

Immediately interview [REDACTED] in accordance  
with previous instructions and surep same date,  
designating copy of report for USA, New Orleans, attention  
Mr. Owen Fiss.

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NOTE: Department intervened in suit alleging Negroes not  
afforded equal legal representation thereby denying them equal  
protection of laws. As a result of the Department's intervention  
suit, they requested the interviewing of attorneys to determine  
numerous items including their personal background, the extent of  
their law practice, the attorneys' willingness to represent  
Negroes in civil rights and constitutional issues. Investigation  
was ordered. Department advised 1/10/68, they have determined  
that [REDACTED] can be located at [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Department desires [REDACTED] to be interviewed.

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From: Director, FBI

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

ReNOairtel dated 1/5/68.

Enclosed are two Xerox copies of each exposed frame from film transmitted to the Bureau by referenced communication. Film is being retained at the Bureau.

You should immediately furnish the Xerox copies to Departmental Attorney Hugh Fleischer, Room 1723, Masonic Temple Building, New Orleans, Louisiana.

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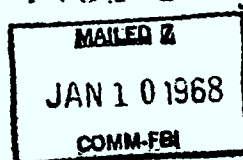
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URGENT 1-15-68

TO DIRECTOR 44-38137

FROM NEW ORLEANS

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

REMYTELCALL TODAY.

DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY HUGH FLEISCHER, AT NEW ORLEANS,  
 LOUISIANA, REQUESTED PHOTOS BE MADE TUESDAY, JANUARY 16 NEXT, BY  
 AGENTS OF RECORDS OF LOUISIANA BAR ASSOCIATION, NEW ORLEANS,  
 LOUISIANA, IN CONNECTION WITH CAPTIONED CASE.

ALSO REQUESTED ADDITIONAL PHOTOS BE MADE OF SIMILAR RECORDS  
 AT BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA, PROBABLY WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17 NEXT.

UACB, THESE REQUESTS WILL BE COMPLETED WITH

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From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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LEANDER H. PEREZ, SR., ET AL.  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA,  
CIVIL RIGHTS NUMBER 67-243  
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Attorneys as requested.

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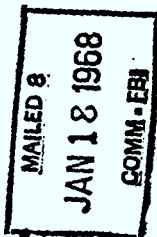
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From: Director, FBI (44-38137-20) *REC-16 44-38137-20 fd 217 to NO 1/23 &*

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

ReNO radiogram dated 1/15/68.

Department has confirmed request of their Attorney Hugh W. Fleischer at New Orleans to have Bureau Agents available at the Office of the Louisiana State Bar Association, New Orleans, at 9:00 a.m., January 16, 1968, for the purpose of photographing documents. A Department attorney will be present during the photographing. These photographs will be introduced into evidence in a trial beginning January 22, 1968.

Department is requesting three copies of these photographs in order that one copy may be provided to the Louisiana State Bar Association. Department has advised that the Louisiana State Bar Association has intervened in this case in behalf of the defendants, and in preface to the photographing of the documents of the Association, the Department agreed to furnish a copy of all photographs taken of the Bar Association records to them.

You should insure that all steps were taken to produce quality photographs in accordance with established procedures.

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NOTE:

Richard B. Sobol of Washington, D. C., who is not licensed as an attorney in Louisiana, has in the past represented Negroes and civil rights workers in that state. Because of this, Plaquemines Parish authorities arrested Sobol, charging him with the unauthorized practice of law. Sobol, by action in Federal court, is challenging this prosecution by Perez and Louisiana authorities.

The Department has intervened contending that the purpose of the prosecution by local authorities was to deter Sobol and other out-of-town attorneys from representing Negroes in Plaquemines Parish in cases involving constitutional and civil rights. Since Negroes are less able to secure adequate representation in such cases the Department contends this amounts to a denial of equal protection of the law guaranteed by the 14th Amendment.

The Department has requested investigation concerning attorneys licensed to practice in Plaquemines Parish, including their personal backgrounds and their willingness to represent Negroes. Recently, the Department made arrangements with the Louisiana Bar Association for the photographing of records concerning disbarment proceedings. These records are to be reviewed by the Department in preparing its case concerning discrimination against Negro attorneys or those willing to assist in the defense of Negroes and others on civil rights issues.

This matter discussed with Departmental Attorney Robert Moore on 1/16/68 and he advised the necessity of furnishing a copy to the Bar Association which was a result of an agreement between the Department and Bar Association representatives. Mr. Moore stated that the only way the Bar Association would permit the photographing of the records was a stipulation that they be provided with a copy and this would obviate the necessity of a court order. Time would not permit the obtaining of a court order according to Mr. Moore. Mr. Moore further advised that approximately 200 frames are involved in this photographing and this does not appear to be any reason for not furnishing an extra copy to the Department.



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TITLE OF CASE  <b>RICHARD B. SOBOL, ET AL. VERSUS LEANDER H. PEREZ, SR., ET AL; EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA, CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 67-243</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>[REDACTED] b7C</b>	TYPED BY <b>[REDACTED]</b>
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EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA  
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 67-243  
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Re Buairtel, 12/21/67.

Enclosed for the Bureau are ~~six~~<sup>4</sup> copies of LHM reflect-  
ing investigation conducted by the San Francisco Office.  
Enclosed for New Orleans are two copies of same.

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- 3 - Bureau (Encls. <sup>4</sup>5)
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  - 1 - San Francisco

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**C. C. BISTON**  
cc: AAG Civil Rights Division  
Form 6-94 (B) *RE:ccm*

1 cc CIVIL RIGHTS UNIT  
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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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ET AL, vs LEANDER H. PEREZ, SR.,  
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EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA  
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 67-243  
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35mm film.

Reel #1 has a developed test strip attached to the exterior of the box. This test was taken at various voltages and developed at 73° F for five (5) minutes in Dektol 1:1. The density obtained at seventy (70) volts was selected for the exposure of the two (2) reels. Reel #2 has several feet of exposed test for Mechanical Section use. This test was taken after completion of reel #2, and therefore is positioned on the outer portion of reel #2 as received by the Mechanical Section. This test was taken at seventy (70) volts.

Departmental Attorney HUGH FLEISCHER requested that this be handled expeditiously. He requested two (2) xerox copies be made of each exposed frame.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM NEW ORLEANS

ATTENTION MECHANICAL SECTION.

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EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA, CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 67-243;  
CIVIL RIGHTS.

RE NEW ORLEANS AIRTEL TO DIRECTOR, JANUARY 5 LAST.

DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY, HUGH FLEISCHER, ADVISED THIS DATE  
HE DESIRES THE REQUESTED XEROX COPIES OF PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN  
IN THIS MATTER TO BE FURNISHED TO HIM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FOR  
A REVIEW PRIOR TO TRIAL DATE OF JANUARY 22, NEXT.

FLEISCHER REQUESTED PHOTOGRAPHS BE SENT DIRECTLY TO HIM  
CARE OF USDJ, ROOM 1723, MASONIC TEMPLE BUILDING, 333 ST. CHARLES  
AVENUE, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, 70130.

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TITLE OF CASE <b>RICHARD B. SOBOL, ET AL VERSUS LEANDER H. PEREZ, SR., ET AL EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA, CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 67-243</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>SA [REDACTED] b7C</b>	TYPED BY <b>[REDACTED]</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>CIVIL RIGHTS</b>	

REFERENCES:

New Orleans airtel to Bureau, 1/5/68;  
New Orleans radiogram to Bureau, 1/9/68.

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LEAD:NEW ORLEANS

AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA: Will, upon receipt of Xerox copies of photos of selected records of Plaquemine Parish, Louisiana, Court House, furnish same to Justice Department Attorney HUGH FLEISCHER, at New Orleans, La.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED					None		ACQUIT-TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
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In view of the foregoing, as well as previous investigation conducted by the San Francisco Division, no further efforts are being made to locate [REDACTED] b7C

All persons contacted in this matter were advised that investigation was being conducted at the direction of the Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D. C.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1-USA, New Orleans

Report of: SA [REDACTED] b7C Office: NEW ORLEANS  
Date: 1/10/38

Field Office File #: NO 44-3425 Bureau File #: 44-37688

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

Character: CIVIL RIGHTS

Synopsis: Index of records photographed 1/4/68, at Plaquemine  
Parish, La., Court House, Pointe A La Hache, La.,  
set forth.

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DETAILS:

On December 29, 1967, Departmental Attorney HUGH FLEISCHER, stationed at New Orleans, Louisiana, telephonically contacted the New Orleans Office and advised that he wished photographs taken of selected records at Plaquemine Parish, Louisiana, Court House, Pointe A La Hache, Louisiana.



## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 1/5/68

Photographs were made of select records at the Plaquemine Parish Courthouse, Pointe A La Hache, Louisiana. The equipment used was a Recordak MRD-1, 35mm camera using Recordak AHU film expose same at 70 volts.

The records that were photographed were furnished by ALLEN LOBRANO, Clerk of Court, Plaquemine Parish, Louisiana. The records that were photographed were selected by HUGH FLEISCHER, Departmental Attorney, Department of Justice. The photographs were taken by SA [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED] Each photograph had a roll number and frame number appearing in the exposure. An index of the photographs taken is as follows: b7C

ROLL NUMBER ONEFrame Number

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Minute Book B

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Minute Book T

ROLL NUMBER TWOFrame Number

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Minute Book T (continued)

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On 1/4/68 at Pointe A La Hache, Louisiana # NO 44-3425

by SA [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED] b7C Date dictated 1/5/68

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Re New Orleans airtel to Bureau dated 1/5/68  
and Bureau airtel to New Orleans dated 1/10/68.

Enclosed are five (5) rolls of undeveloped Kodak  
Panatomic-X 35mm film. Also enclosed is one developed  
test strip.

For Mechanical Section information the test  
strip was developed at 70 degrees in dektol 1:1 for one  
minute. It is further noted that one of the enclosed  
undeveloped rolls of Panatomic-X has black tape on it.  
This roll, marked with tape, is a test roll for Mechanical  
Section use. All undeveloped films, including the test  
roll, were exposed at F11 for 1/60 of a second.

The Mechanical Section is requested to process  
the enclosed film and make two (2) Xerox prints each of  
approximately 125 exposures.

Departmental Attorney RAYMOND TERRY advised that  
this matter is going to trial on or about 1/22/68 and he  
requested expedite handling to have the prints delivered

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to the Departmental Attorneys in New Orleans in time for  
pre-trial analysis.

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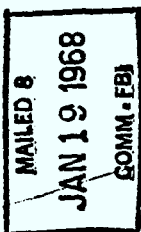
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## D.C. Attorney Within Bounds, La. Bar Says

An attorney for the Louisiana Bar Association said today he does not believe civil rights attorney Richard B. Sobol violated state law by practicing without a license.

The bar association has intervened against Sobol in a federal court suit in which Sobol is seeking an injunction against Plaquemines Parish authorities who have charged him with breaking the state law concerning legal practice.

But bar association attorney Cicero C. Sessions said the group took its action solely to preserve the constitutionality of the state law, and said he does not believe Sobol was in violation of it.

A THREE-JUDGE federal panel is hearing Sobol's request for an injunction, and resumed the hearing this afternoon after most of the morning was taken up with conferences between judges, attorneys and principals.

Sessions said there is no set length of time limiting the participation of a qualified visiting attorney as long as he is not a resident of the state. Testimony yesterday centered around the question of whether Sobol has become a Louisiana resident.

If he is a resident, he would have to pass the state bar exam in order to practice law. But Sessions said he did not believe Sobol was a resident at the time of his arrest.

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## Plaquemines Arrest Suit Quiz Continues

Attorney Robert F. Collins was cross examined by Plaquemines Parish counsel today in a three-judge federal courtroom. A hearing on a writ brought against the parish by a Washington, D. C., lawyer arrested a year ago for practicing law without a Louisiana license.

The plaintiff-lawyer, Richard B. Sobol, will also be a witness in the hearing, expected to last three days. The court is comprised of U.S. District Court of Appeals Judge Robert A. Ainsworth Jr., and District Judges Fred J. Cassibry and Frederick J. R. Heebe.

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He and his partners considered carefully before going into Plaquemines, he said. He said, "John Dowling told us the harassment would be different if we were there that Mr. Leander Perez would try to plant narcotics on us."

Dowling, an attorney, represents the Criminal Courts Bar Association in this case. In addition to the bar association, the U.S. Department of Justice and the Louisiana State Bar Association have intervened in the case.

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## Cite Non-La. Lawyer Needs In Rights Cases

Two New Orleans lawyers have testified in federal court that there is a need for out-of-state attorneys to handle Louisiana civil rights cases.

This was the testimony yesterday of Benjamin E. Smith and John Nelson, white attorneys who added that they have been harassed in connection with their handling of civil rights cases.

THE TWO were testifying in the case of Richard Sobol, a Washington, D.C., attorney active in civil rights work here for the past year and a half. Sobol has been staff counsel for the Lawyers Constitutional Defense Committee, a civil rights group.

Sobol is attacking on constitutional grounds the Louisiana law governing legal practice, and is suing Plaquemines Parish officials to prevent being prosecuted on a charge of practicing without a license.

A SPECIAL three-judge court, composed of Judge Robert A. Ainsworth Jr. of the United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals and District Judges Frederick J. R. Heebe and Fred Cassibry, is hearing the case.

Plaquemines officials had arrested Sobol last January as he left the parish courthouse. The attorney had been conferring with Judge Eugene Leon of the 25th Judicial District about an appeal for Gary Duncan, a Negro convicted of simple battery.

SMITH TOLD the court yesterday that he and his family have been harassed by hate letters and crank phone calls. He also claimed that Negroes and whites who are active in civil rights are generally unable to obtain competent legal aid in rural communities.

He testified that many Negroes distrust white lawyers, identifying them with law enforcement and management interests.

SMITH SAID that he has handled civil rights cases since 1954 in Alabama, Louisiana and Mississippi, adding that he is not licensed to practice in Alabama or Mississippi.

Nelson concurred with Smith's remarks and both of the men said that there is a need for Sobol's work in Louisiana.

The court recessed yesterday and will resume Monday. The case is expected to continue through next week.

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## No Protest Given on Role with Case Earlier--Sobol

### Objection Heard on Day of Sentencing, He Says

Civil rights attorney Richard Sobol, who is under a charge in Plaquemines Parish for practicing law without a license, claimed Tuesday that the judge before whom he defended a case never objected to his taking part until the day the defendant was sentenced.

The Washington D.C., attorney, who has been doing civil rights work here for about a year and a half, gave this testimony when he took the witness stand in his federal court case in which he is seeking to restrain his prosecution in Plaquemines.

He is also attacking the constitutionality of the Louisiana statute governing the rights of out-of-state attorneys to practice.

His case is being heard by a special three-judge court composed of Judge Robert A. Ainsworth Jr., of the United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals and District Judges Frederick J. R. Heebe and Fred J. Cassibry. The case will continue Wednesday at 10 a. m.

Sobol was arrested in the Plaquemines Parish courthouse on Feb. 21, 1967, after he had conferred with Judge Eugene Leon about bond for Gary Duncan, a Negro he had defended and who was found guilty of battery.

Sobol is chief staff counsel for the Lawyers Constitutional Defense Committee and his attorneys are seeking to show that he is in Louisiana on a temporary basis and that Louisiana licensed attorneys are not available to defend civil rights cases.

Duncan was charged with simple battery as a result of an incident which took place between two Negroes and four white youths near a recently desegregated public school in Plaquemines.

The LCDC attorney was called to the stand by his attorney, Alvin Bronstein as the afternoon session of court began.

Earlier in the day the court heard testimony from Sam Monk Zelden, a New Orleans attorney who was called out of turn by attorney Cicero C. Sisk, who is representing the Louisiana State Bar Association; The Rev. Albert J. McKnight, a Negro Catholic priest from Delcambre; and Duncan.

#### TRACES EXPERIENCE

Sobol testified that he is a graduate of the Columbia University law school and has been admitted to practice in New York, and the District of Columbia and before the Supreme Court of the United States, the District of Columbia Circuit Court, the United States Fifth Circuit, and the federal court for the Eastern District of Louisiana.

Under Bronstein's questioning he related his scholastic achievements and of much special effort in the field of constitutional law.

For a little over three years before coming to Louisiana, Sobol said, he was associated with a large Washington law firm.

He related that he was a volunteer attorney for the LCDC during August, 1965 and then returned here on Aug. 1, 1966 when he was employed as staff attorney for LCDC. At that time, he added, he left Washington on a leave of absence from the firm of Arnold and Porter and is expected to return to that firm.

His salary when he left Washington, the witness asserted, was \$24,000 a year and he took the position with LCDC for \$2,900 a year but has been raised to \$15,000 since he became chief staff counsel. He claimed that his contemporaries who are still with the Washington firm are making as much as \$32,000 a year.

#### DESCRIBES CASES

Bronstein placed into the record a number of credit cards

showing Sobol to be a resident of Washington, an automobile registration, and drivers licenses for Sobol and his wife for Washington and New Orleans.

Sobol said that he still maintains a checking account with a Washington bank and has never had a personal bank account here.

The civil rights attorney also testified that he has handled cases in Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama since taking the position with LCDC and has practiced in both federal and state courts in these states.

He described cases in many fields of civil rights law which he said he has handled. He said that no question of his right to practice was ever questioned.

Sobol asserted that he has never received a fee while with LCDC. "Indigency is not a requirement but it usually turns out to be a fact," he said.

He repeated testimony given by other witnesses so far in the case that Negroes and civil rights workers in Louisiana have no trust or confidence in local attorneys when it comes to civil rights matters.

The attorney claimed that he would not be able to do his work if he were restricted to one state. Bronstein contended that

state boundaries are meaningless in this type of work.

Recounting his connection with the Duncan case, Sobol said that his first contact with it was when Duncan's parents appeared at the office of the law firm of Collins, Douglas and Elie.

He asserted that he discussed the matter with Robert Collins, one of the partners in the firm and that he and Collins conferred with Duncan and his witnesses. With some "trepidation," he added, they decided to accept a Plaquemines case.

Sobol contends that throughout this case and others he was associated with the local law firm.

He asserted that in November of 1966, after taking the case, he met Judge Leon with Collins and was introduced by Collins as a Washington attorney.

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Asked by Bronstein if Judge Leon at this time objected to his participation in the matter, Sobol said "My recollection was that there was some assent by Judge Leon. I can't recall the words, it might have been just a shake of the head."

**QUESTION RAISED**  
He claimed that throughout further preliminary proceedings his appearances were never objected to by the court or anyone else.

Duncan was tried and convicted on Jan. 25, 1967, Sobol testified, and sentencing was set for Feb. 1, 1967.

At this time, the attorney testified, Judge Leon raised the question of Lolis Elie, a partner in the Collins, Douglas and Elie firm, being an assistant district attorney in Orleans Parish.

A state law went into effect Jan. 1, 1967, prohibiting anyone associated with a district attorney from taking part in criminal cases in Louisiana. Elie was an assistant prosecutor for a short time.

Sobol told the court that he attempted to convince Judge Leon that he did not think this applied in cases which were already in litigation but the judge said that he did not want anyone associated with the firm in the case.

It was after the Louisiana Supreme Court refused a writ in the Duncan case that Sobol said he went back to see Judge Leon about posting an appeal bond to the United States Supreme Court that he was arrested.

#### DUNCAN APPEALING

In all of his appearances before Judge Leon, Sobol said, he was never told not to appear without locally associated counsel.

Duncan's appeal is presently before the United States Supreme Court on the question of denial of a jury trial.

On cross examination Sidney W. Provensal, attorney for Leander H. Perez Jr., district attorney of Plaquemines, and Judge Leon, sought to show that Duncan was not properly defended by Sobol and that Sobol has had little experience in the trial of criminal cases.

Asked when he plans on leaving Louisiana, the Washington

attorney said that he has agreed to stay until Oct. 1, 1968 and that he is due back at his Washington firm after that date.

When Zelden took the stand he testified that he has practiced in many parishes of the state, including Plaquemines, and that he has many Negro clients.

He was then asked by Sessions if he would refuse to represent a Negro client in a case involving constitutional rights in a civil rights context. "I have never turned down a case of that character or any other case in which I thought a person needed help," he replied. "I would handle it to the best of my ability."

The attorney claimed that it is not true that Negroes generally have a distrust of white lawyers in Louisiana and answered in the affirmative when Sessions asked a series of questions concerning his opinion as to whether rights organizations such as the LCDC have inculcated and planted this feeling in the Negro population.

Questioned by Provensal, the witness said that he had been treated cordially in Plaquemines Parish and always "came away with all my parts."

Asked if he would return to Plaquemines to try a case, he said that he would "if my passport was still good."

#### JOKING-ZELDEN

On close examination Bronstein asked Zelden to explain his reference to the passport and coming away from Plaquemines with all his parts. Zelden replied that he was joking.

Zelden admitted that he has never handled cases involving charges growing out of the 1964 Civil Rights Act or the 1965 Voting Rights Act or the desegregation of schools or desegregation of public facilities.

Bronstein asked him if he knew any white lawyer in the state who would handle the type of case and Zelden answered "Offhand I can't name any but I think I do."

Zelden also said that he knows of no place in the state where a lawyer would not be available to Negroes.

The witness was then questioned by Owen Fiss, attorneys for the United States Justice Department about a case he (Zelden) handled about 20 years ago in Plaquemines involving

an election dispute. The questions were intended to refute Zelden's statement about not having had any trouble in the parish.

#### TELLS OF DEPUTIES

Zelden said that the case was before the Parish Democratic Executive Committee and at first he was opposed by Bruce Nunez, now a judge in Plaquemines, but during the hearing Leander H. Perez Sr., told Nunez to sit down and he would take over.

Zelden said that he was representing a group seeking to qualify in an election.

The witness then explained "I did not mean I had no difficulty. I meant not more than the usual difficulty."

Fiss asked "Do you recall leaving the courthouse that evening and being approached by a group of deputies?"

"Yes," Zelden said. "How many were there?" the government attorney asked.

"Five. As I came out it was dark. There were no other cars around and as I went to my car they got out of the car they were in," Zelden recounted.

Asked about the attitude of the deputies, he continued, "Let me say they didn't have any love or affection in their minds."

"Did they have any weapons?" Fiss asked.

#### 'JUST BLACKJACKS'

"No, just blackjacks," the attorney replied.

The government attorney then asked the witness if he said anything to the deputies and Zelden replied that he would not repeat what he said because there were ladies in the court.

"They had sinister motives and they finally changed their minds and let me leave," he said.

Father McKnight testified that he came to Louisiana in 1953 and has been stationed in Lafayette, Abbeville and Lake Charles in addition to his present assignment in Delcambre.

In answer to Bronstein's questions he described his involvement in civil rights work, particularly with the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and the war on poverty program.

The witness said that he has been successful in obtaining the services of white attorneys for regular legal work-but not for

cases relating to civil rights work.

#### OFFICE RAIDED

He testified that on April 5, 1967 the office of the cooperative organization was raided by the district attorney and the attorney who had handled the organization's routine matters was unavailable.

Father McKnight asserted that he was in Washington, D.C., at the time attending a poverty program meeting and one of the persons there suggested that he get in touch with Jack Nelson, a New Orleans attorney who is active in civil rights.

The priest told the court that through Nelson he obtained the services of Sobol and through Sobol's efforts the case was resolved satisfactorily. He said that the United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals restrained the prosecution through Sobol's efforts.

Father McKnight said that he has no confidence in local white lawyers and on cross examination by Provensal he testified that many of the Negro attorneys mentioned by Provensal were unacceptable to him.

He explained that he meant no discredit on the Negroes personally, but regarded the legal training they received in Louisiana inferior. He added that this is especially true of those who were educated at Southern University.



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# Negroes Can't Get Legal Help, Say Rights Leaders

## White Attorneys Afraid of Intimidation, Claim

Two Negro civil rights leaders testified Monday in federal district court that Negroes have been unable to receive legal help from white lawyers in their localities because the attorneys fear intimidation and harassment.

Their testimony came in the case of Richard B. Sobol, a Washington, D. C. attorney, who has been taking part in civil rights cases in Louisiana for the past three years as staff counsel for the Lawyers Constitutional Defense Committee, a civil rights lawyers group.

Sobol was arrested Feb. 21, 1967, on a charge of practicing law in Louisiana without a license as he was leaving the Plaquemines Parish courthouse after conferring with Judge Eugene Leon about an appeal for a Negro client who had been convicted of battery in connection with an incident near a recently desegregated school.

### THREE-JUDGE COURT

On trial before a special three judge federal court is a suit by Sobol in which he seeks to enjoin his prosecution on that charge.

He also asks that the Louisiana statute governing the practice of law by out-of-state attorneys be declared unconstitutional.

Hearing the case are Judge Robert A. Ainsworth Jr., of the United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals and District Judges Frederick J. R. Heebe and Fred J. Cassibry.

Witnesses who gave testimony concerning alleged difficulties on the part of civil rights workers in obtaining services from Louisiana licensed attorneys included A. Z. Young, president of the Bogalusa Voters League and Elmer C. Wyche, Tallulah, president of the Madison Parish Voters League and a member

of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in that parish.

### OTHER WITNESSES

Other witnesses during Monday's hearing included Gary Duncan, the client Sobol was representing in Plaquemines when he was arrested, and John P. Nelson Jr., a New Orleans white attorney who has been active in civil rights cases.

Nelson was examined during last week's proceedings but was called back to the witness stand at the beginning of court Monday to conclude his testimony. Young testified that civil rights activities were increased in Bogalusa in 1965 by the Voters League after the Ku Klux Klan began to intimidate and harass Negroes in the area.

He said that at that time the Congress of Racial Equality came into the picture and brought in out-of-state attorneys of the Lawyers Constitutional Defense Committee to handle suits for school desegregation, desegregation of public accommodations, and other types of litigation.

Young asserted that Negroes were not able to hire lawyers in Bogalusa and added, "I don't believe no lawyer in Bogalusa would have represented them."

### FEAR KKK CLAIM

Asked by Alvin Bronstein, Sobol's attorney, why he be-

lieved this to be true, Young said that the lawyers in Bogalusa fear the KKK.

The witness testified that Bronstein, whose LCDC headquarters are in Jackson, Miss., was the first attorney brought to Bogalusa by James Farmer, national director of CORE, after a rights demonstration had been broken up by the KKK.

Young recited a number of rights cases which have been handled by attorneys of the LCDC and asserted that because of federal court injunctions which have been obtained by these attorneys con-

ditions in Bogalusa have changed and ~~right~~ workers are being given protection by the local police.

### 'BLACK POWER'

On cross examination by Sidney W. Provencal Jr., attorney for Plaquemines Parish officials, Young denied that he is a "Black Power" advocate.

"I am not a 'Black Power' advocate as such, but I believe in 'Black Power' up to a point," he said.

He also denied that he carried a pistol when he took part in a march from Bogalusa to Baton Rouge last summer when "Black Power" leader H. Rap Brown was scheduled to speak from the Capitol steps.

While being questioned by Cicero C. Sessions, attorney for the Louisiana State Bar Association, an intervenor in the case, Brown claimed that Sobol is "responsible for me and a lot of other Negroes not being dead or in Angola."

### NO NEGRO ATTORNEYS

Wyche, a barber by trade and active civil rights worker in the Madison Parish area since 1965, testified that there are no Negro attorneys in the parish and only six or seven white lawyers.

He testified that he approached two of the white attorneys in 1966 in connection with civil rights matters.

Both refused to handle the cases, he said, and one of them told him "if I do it these people in town will kill me."

The other said, "that would kill my practice in Tallulah," the witness added.

He said that his first contact with Sobol and Bronstein was when he was arrested and charged with burglary and assault in connection with his investigation of a civil rights complaint at a 24-hour truck stop in Tallulah.

### FIRST CONTACT

His first contact with LCDC lawyers, he asserted, was in 1965 when 61 civil rights workers were arrested for integrat-

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ing a restaurant. If it had not been for the LCDC they would not have had representation, he said.

When asked about the effect of Sobol's arrest on him, Wyche said, "It shook me up because if Mr. Sobol was found guilty and LCDC lawyers were restricted from practicing, the Negroes seeking equal rights would be in a bad fix because they would be unable to get Louisiana lawyers to handle civil rights cases." He added that it would "be about the end" of civil rights work.

Sobol's attorney is seeking to show that there are an inadequate number of Louisiana attorneys willing to do civil rights work and his opponents claim that Negroes are adequately represented by attorneys licensed to practice here.

Duncan, a resident of Boothville, described the incident which led to his arrest, claiming that he went to the assistance of his two nephews who were being harassed by four white youths.

#### SOBOL'S ASSISTANCE

He said that Sobol's assistance was obtained by his mother and father and that he never intended to get a lawyer from Plaquemines Parish "because all he would have done is to get me to plead guilty."

Duncan's conviction is now on appeal before the United States Supreme Court.

During his morning testimony Nelson told of his efforts to organize a Southern Lawyers Legal Defense Fund which he said would have allowed attorneys in the South to act independently without influence from any organization.

He asserted, on questioning by Bronstein, that it was his idea to develop a board to subsidize those attorneys who wanted to handle civil rights cases without interference from outside sources.

Nelson said that these efforts met with little success but later at a meeting of a local bar group he asked that the organization develop a symposium for attorneys to discuss "direct action and passive resistance" which he termed civil rights action.

#### DROPPED FROM GROUP

He said that this meeting was in December of 1963, and on the following day he was notified that he had been dropped from membership in the organization for being "out of step" with his dues.

Relating other efforts along these lines, the attorney asserted that after the 1964 Civil Rights Act was passed he went to Leon Sarpy, a former president of the Louisiana State Bar Association, to discuss a program for the bar to volunteer attorneys for civil rights work but heard nothing more about his suggestion.

He added that he then made no further efforts to involve Louisiana lawyers in civil rights matters.

"I realize that no lawyer has to handle a case, but I thought that the profession in Louisiana did not fulfill what I thought to be a responsibility to create an environment for a lawyer who wanted to take one of these cases without the fantastic pressures brought on him, particularly the white lawyer," Nelson asserted.

In answer to further questioning by Bronstein, Nelson voiced the opinion, based on what he said were discussions with Negroes and civil rights workers, that the average Negro in the state has no confidence in the merits of his cause and as a result the Negroes stay away from white lawyers when civil rights issues are involved.

He also expressed the opinion that Sobol's arrest in Plaquemines Parish would deter other white attorneys from handling similar cases in that parish and would also deter Negroes from seeking white attorneys.

Questioned under cross examination by Provensal, the attorney admitted that he has been treated cordially when he practices in Plaquemines and that white attorneys in the New Orleans area will raise all constitutional questions in defense of Negro clients.

But he added, "I do not know that they will raise issues of state action as it regards the Fourteenth Amendment."

He also claim that his efforts to form a Southern Defense Fund was not to enable lawyers to make fees but merely to provide a fund from which attorneys could receive out-of-pocket expenses.

He told Thomas M. Brahney Jr., an assistant state attorney general, that he wanted the organization to be composed of responsible Southern lawyers, deans of law schools and deans of the bar associations in order to let Negroes know that white lawyers are concerned.

#### ACCEPTS EXPENSES

Answering the questions of Sessions, Nelson said that he has never made a profit on civil rights cases he has handled but has accepted expenses.

He also admitted that he has never submitted to the House of Delegates of the Louisiana State Bar Association any proposal for an organization such as the type he described on his direct examination.

He added that in one instance he proposed that the bar set up a legal aid office in the Ninth Ward after Hurricane Betsy.

Nelson claimed that the LSBA

has refused to cooperate in the operation of the New Orleans Legal Assistance Corporation, an organization set up under auspices of the Office of Economic Opportunity, and added "the bar generally in Louisiana has abdicated any leadership in any way it affected the Negro's quest for equality."

He told the court that in his opinion the state bar has not actively opposed NOLAC but is not cooperating.

#### SIX LAYMEN ON BOARD

Asked by Sessions if this is not because the organization is under lay control, Nelson replied that as a matter of fact the organization is not under lay control, having six laymen out of 21 members on the board of directors.

Nelson charged that the idea of lay people on the board is "a cloak" the LSBA is using.

Sessions sought to show that in his evaluation Nelson has not taken into consideration any of the legal limitations on the LSBA's ability to do certain things.

The bar association's attorney placed into evidence a letter from John Pat Little, the

LSBA's president, stating that the association "cannot participate as it (NOLAC) is presently formed."

Sessions took the position that there are no other grounds for non-cooperation other than the laymen on the organization board.

Nelson said that the OEO has such regulations and that was the only way the organization could be set up. "It is my opinion that the state bar does not want the program," he asserted, adding that the bar could appoint 10 of the 21 board members.

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## Judge Defends La. Lawyers In Sobol Case

Judge Bernard J. Bagert of the Orleans Parish Criminal District Court changed seats today to testify to his confidence in Louisiana attorneys in a special three-judge Federal Court.

Testimony was given in the suit started by Richard B. Sobol, Washington, D. C., attorney who has been active in civil rights cases in Louisiana for the past year and a half. He is seeking to prevent his prosecution by Plaquemines Parish on a charge of practicing law without a state license.

SOBOL IS also attacking the constitutionality of Louisiana law regulating practice by out-of-state attorneys.

Bagert testified that lawyers in New Orleans are "well qualified, industrious and energetic" and added that he could "use all kinds of superlatives" in describing them.

He told the court that "certainly these lawyers raise all possible constitutional defenses in the case of Negro clients."

In answer to questions by Sidney W. Provensal, representing the Plaquemines officials, he said he treats all Negro attorneys with the same courtesy accorded white lawyers.

HE EXPRESSED the opinion that Negroes involved in civil rights cases could get representation by New Orleans attorneys.

Bagert was also asked if he thought a New Orleans attorney would take a position with the Lawyers Constitutional Defense Committee, an organization handling civil rights cases in the South, for \$15,000 a year. He replied, "Yes, the average lawyer does not make that kind of money."

Bagert testified he could require an out-of-state attorney to be accompanied by a qualified Louisiana licensed attorney throughout a trial in his court.

WIN J. Bronstein, representing Sobol, asked the judge if he had ever discussed the need for Negro representation in civil rights cases, and he answered, "No, not exactly."

Defendants in Sobol's suit are Leander H. Perez Sr., segregationist leader; Leander H. Perez Jr., district attorney, and Judge Eugene Leon, of the 25th Judicial District Court.

The suit is being heard by Circuit Judge Robert A. Ainsworth Jr. and District Judges Frederick J. R. Heebe and Fred J. Cassibry.

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# Leon Testifies in Sobol Case

Didn't Know Lawyer Not Licensed, He Says

Judge Eugene E. Leon of Plaquemines Parish testified Monday in federal court that when he was first introduced to Washington civil rights attorney Richard B. Sobol nothing was said to indicate that the attorney was not licensed to practice law in Louisiana.

The judge was one of the last witnesses called to the stand by Sidney W. Provensal Jr., attorney for the defense in a case brought by Sobol seeking to block his prosecution on a charge of practicing law without a license.

Sobol is also attacking the constitutionality of the Louisiana statute regulating the practice of law by out-of-state attorneys.

During the day's proceedings Provensal called 14 witnesses on behalf of his clients, Judge Leon, segregationist leader Leander H. Perez Sr., and Plaquemines district attorney Leander H. Perez Jr.

## TWO MORE TO CALL

Provensal told the court that he has two additional witnesses to call Tuesday who were not available Monday and will then rest his case.

The Louisiana State Bar Association has intervened in the matter on the side of the defendants in order to defend the constitutionality of the state statute and began the presentation of its case after Provensal used all of his available witnesses.

The federal court case is an outgrowth of Sobol's arrest in Pointe a la Hache on Feb. 21, 1967, after he had conferred

with Judge Leon about an appeal for Gary Duncan, a Negro client who had been convicted of simple battery.

During the course of the trial Alvin Bronstein, attorney for Sobol, and Owen M. Fiss, an attorney for the United States Justice Department, have sought to show that there is a need for out-of-state attorneys who will handle affirmative civil rights cases because Louisiana's white attorneys generally will not take such cases and Negroes and others engaged in civil rights work have little confidence in most white attorneys.

The case is being heard by Judge Robert A. Ainsworth Jr. of the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals and District Judges Frederick J. R. Heebe and Fred J. Cassibry.

## CHIEF STAFF COUNSEL

Sobol is chief staff counsel for the Lawyers Constitutional Defense Committee, an organization handling civil rights litigation mainly in the Southeastern states.

Judge Leon testified that before the federal court suit was filed against him he had never heard of the LCDC and at the time Sobol first appeared before him in the Duncan case he had no idea how long the attorney had been in Louisiana.

He also told the court that no matter how the present case turns out he will recuse himself in the event Sobol is tried in Plaquemines on the unauthorized practice of law suit.

## INTRODUCED TO SOBOL

Judge Leon told of being introduced to Sobol when the Duncan charges were first prosecuted by Robert Collins, a New Orleans Negro attorney.

He also claimed that Duncan's alleged altercation with two white youths took place about a half mile from the Buras school and could be called a civil rights case or linked with school desegregation.

Provensal's last witness of the day was Leander H. Perez Jr., who testified that in his opinion the Duncan case did not involve civil rights and "as far as I'm concerned we have never had a civil rights case in Plaquemines Parish."

Under questioning by Provensal the district attorney claimed that he never heard about Duncan until Jan. 25, 1967, the day the case was being tried before Judge Leon. He said that he went into the courtroom and asked his assistant, Darryl Burbrig, to see the file.

Provensal offered the testimony of Judge Leon and the younger Perez to supplement

testimony they have already given by way of depositions.

## ATTORNEYS CALLED

Earlier in the day Provensal called seven attorneys to the stand and each testified substantially that they would represent Negroes in criminal cases and urge all possible constitutional defenses. They asserted that they would do the same if the cases arose out of civil rights activities.

Cross examining these witnesses, Bronstein brought out these attorneys have never handled what he termed affirmative civil rights cases brought under provisions of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Voting Rights Act of 1965, or to desegregate schools or public facilities.

The attorneys who testified in this way included Edward M. Baldwin, G. Wray Gill, Nathan Greenberg, Bernard Horton, Edward A. Wallace, Gilbert V. Andry III and George Ehrmig.

Another of Provensal's witnesses was Luke Petrovich, an attorney and member of the Plaquemines Parish Commission Council.

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1961 to represent a Negro charged with rape in Plaquemines and claimed that he raised the constitutional question of systematic exclusion from the jury of Negroes. He termed it an unpopular case in Plaquemines Parish.

Bronstein sought to show on cross examination that Petrovich and an associate, John Slavich, took the case to the Louisiana Supreme Court and then to the United States Supreme Court where writs were denied. Later the conviction was upset in the federal courts after attorney John Dowling brought out issues not raised by Petrovich and Slavich, testimony revealed.

Bronstein asked Petrovich if he were not an official of the parish would he take a case from the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People to desegregate rest rooms in the parish courthouse.

"I would have to think about it," he answered.

Asked if he is a close associate of Leander H. Perez Sr., Petrovich said, "I think so, yes."

George M. Leppert, a New Orleans attorney was called to the stand by Cicero C. Sessions, one of the attorneys representing the state bar. Leppert said that although he now is engaged mainly in brief writing for other attorneys, he has never had any hesitation about handling cases for Negroes. He also claimed that in his opinion Negroes have confidence in white attorneys.

The LSBA's only other witness of the day was Thomas O. Collins Jr., executive counsel for the association.

He claimed that the association has no restrictions or restraints on Negro members attending the LSBA's annual convention in Biloxi and any such restriction would be contrary to association policy.

The location of the convention in Biloxi has nothing to do with segregation, he asserted.

The witness explained that until recently New Orleans was the only city with convention facilities large enough for the meeting and that the association has experienced difficulty getting New Orleans members to participate fully in business meetings when it is held in the city.

Collins testified that he knows of no other instance since 1965 when he took the position other than the Sobol case in which an attorney has been charged with unauthorized practice.

He also claimed that there is no discrimination in the admission of members to the LSBA.

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## Plaquemines Rights Defense Peril--Lawyer

A Negro attorney testified before a special three-judge federal court today he would go to Plaquemines Parish to defend civil rights workers, but with "qualms and reluctance."

"I wouldn't rush down there," John Jones of East Baton Rouge said. "I know its reputation. But I would go. Dying for a cause in Plaquemines Parish is like dying for a cause anywhere."

JONES TOOK THE stand in a suit instituted by Richard B. Sobol, Washington, D. C., attorney to block prosecution by Plaquemines Parish on a charge of practicing law in Louisiana without a state license. He has been active in civil rights litigation in the state for the past year and a half as chief staff counsel for the lawyers Constitutional Defense Committee.

He also is attacking the constitutionality of the state law regulating practice by out-of-state attorneys.

JONES TESTIFIED that disbarment proceedings were filed against him by the East Baton Rouge School Board after he represented Negro children in a school desegregation movement.

Asked if he considered the filing of charges as harassment and intimidation, Jones replied that he did. "It certainly hurt my practice," he said.

O. M. FISS, U.S. Department of Justice attorney intervening on behalf of the plaintiff, queried Jones as to whether the representation of the Louisiana Bar Association Committee on Ethics and Grievances had told him that if he pleaded guilty to the charges of soliciting business and creating strife, he would receive only a reprimand. He said that was true but he had refused.

NEW ORLEANS ATTORNEY John Cummings also took the stand and testified that he has had no experience with a lack of confidence by Negroes of white lawyers in the state. He said he takes personal injury cases primarily and that about 20 per cent of his clients are Negroes.

The suit, which is in its third week, is scheduled to be completed today.

THE PLAINTIFF is seeking to establish the need of out-of-state attorneys for adequate representation for civil rights workers in litigation. The defense maintains there is sufficient and qualified legal aid available in the state.

The three-judge panel yesterday heard President John Pat Little of the Louisiana State Bar Association deny that the association has refused to cooperate in a federally sponsored program of legal aid to Plaquemines residents.

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# Claims Rights Cases Blocked By 'Outsiders'

The presence of out-of-state attorneys has helped prevent prosecution of civil rights workers in Louisiana, a Washington, D. C. lawyer testified today.

Richard B. Sobol, a civil rights attorney, took the stand today in his federal district court suit to enjoin Plaquemines Parish authorities from prosecuting him for practicing law without a license.

HE WAS questioned by Cicero Sessions, attorney for the Louisiana Bar Association, which has intervened on behalf of the defense. Sobol said "those persons who might prosecute a civil rights worker are less likely to do so if they know those individuals will have adequate representation."

Sobol said under questioning he sent telegrams to television stations asking equal time to answer Gov. John J. McKeithen's criticism of civil rights marchers in Bogalusa last year.

SESSIONS ALSO delved into the matter of the funding of Lawyers Constitutional Defense Committee, which has sent lawyers into the South since 1964.

Sobol said he knew of foundations, including the Ford and the Field foundations, which had contributed but that he had no access to lists of all donors.

Alvin J. Bronstein, Sobol's attorney, objected to the question being pursued into the list of individual donors because if Louisiana contributors appeared there might be reprisal against them in the state.

THROUGH AGREEMENT of the attorneys for both sides and the judges, individual names were not requested.

Asked if LCDC would hire competent Louisiana lawyers to represent clients in civil rights cases, Sobol replied the organization would certainly do so if one were willing to take the case.

Previous testimony had been heard that white lawyers in the state will not generally take such cases and that many Negro attorneys are not acceptable due to inadequate training.

SOBOL, UNDER questioning today, said the inferior education of Negro attorneys, particularly in the South, is recognized and that he has been requested by the Education Test Services, which has headquarters in Princeton, N. J., to conduct workshops for Negro law students in the state.

Sobol told the court yesterday that Judge Eugene Leon of Plaquemines Parish did not object to his practice before him until Gary Duncan, Negro, whom he was defending at the time of his arrest in 1967, was sentenced. Duncan was charged and later convicted of battery in a school desegregation altercation.

THE CIVIL RIGHTS attorney said that the firm of Collins, Douglas and Elie of New Orleans accepted the case with some "trepidation" after he had consulted with a partner of the firm.

Sobol said he was arrested Feb. 21, 1967, in the Plaquemines Parish courthouse after he had conferred with Judge Leon about an appeal bond to the U.S. Supreme Court for Duncan.

Sidney W. Provensal, attorney for Leander H. Perez Jr., Plaquemines Parish district attorney, and Judge Leon cross-examined Sobol in an attempt to show he has had little experience in trying criminal cases.

EARLIER SOBOL explained his background under questioning by his attorney, Alvin Bron-

Sobol said that for more than three years before coming to Louisiana he was associated with a Washington, D. C., law firm and had been a volunteer attorney for the LCDC during August 1965. He said he returned to Louisiana in August 1966.

While working for the Washington firm of Arnold and Porter he said he had a \$24,000-a-year salary. When he joined LCDC he made \$2,900 a year. His salary has been raised to \$15,000 since he became chief counsel, he said.

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# Bar President Denies Refusal

## Says Policy Favors Aid for Indigent Program

The president of the Louisiana State Bar Association denied Tuesday in federal court that the association has refused to cooperate in a federally sponsored program of legal aid for the indigent.

John Pat Little of New Orleans took issue with testimony given earlier in the case of civil rights attorney Richard B. Sobol, claiming that the association's policy is to assist in the establishment of such a program throughout the state but that so far it has serious objections to the organization of the program.

The bar president sought to refute the previous testimony of Richard Buckley, executive director of the New Orleans Legal Assistance Corporation which began operations here in January.

Little was called as a witness in the special three-judge case in which Sobol, chief staff counsel for the Lawyers Constitutional Defense Committee, is seeking to enjoin his prosecution in Plaquemines Parish on charges of unauthorized practice of law.

### STATUTE ATTACKED

The civil rights attorney from Washington D.C., is also asking the federal court to declare unconstitutional the Louisiana statute governing the practice of law by out-of-state attorneys.

Sobol was arrested Jan. 21, 1967, in the Pointe-a-la-Hache courthouse while making arrangements for a bond to be posted for a Negro client who had been convicted of simple battery.

Defendants in federal court include segregationist and former head of the Plaquemines Parish Commission Council Leander H. Perez Sr., district attorney, and Leander H. Perez Jr.,

and Judge Eugene H. Leon of the 25th Judicial District which includes Plaquemines.

During the trial Sobol's attorney, Alvin Bronstein, has sought to show that there is a need in Louisiana, particularly in the rural parishes, for out-of-state attorneys to handle affirmative civil rights cases. The United States Department of Justice, represented by Owen M. Fiss, is an intervenor in the case on the side of Sobol.

### DEFENSE CLAIM

The defendants, represented by Sidney W. Provensal Jr. and the Louisiana State Bar Association, which has intervened in an effort to defend the state statute, have attempted to show that Louisiana attorneys are available in adequate numbers and are competent to defend Negroes and civil rights workers.

Sobol's client in Plaquemines, Gary Duncan, was arrested in connection with an altercation with four white attorneys are available in adequate numbers and are competent to defend Negroes and civil rights workers.

Sobol claims that it was connected with school desegregation in the parish.

Judge Leon testified Monday that he did not consider the Duncan a civil rights case. It was inadvertently reported in The Times-Picayune that the judge considered it a civil rights matter.

When Little was called to the stand by Cicero C. Sessions, an attorney for the LSBA, he summarized the position of the state bar on legal aid and said that the association has never carried on such a program itself but has encouraged it on a local level.

### PROBLEM IN PROGRAM

He asserted that there has been some problem getting the program started in some of the rural parishes where there are few attorneys.

Little asserted that the recent federally sponsored legal aid program follows more or less the same pattern in that it is

set up on a local basis.

The witness also claimed that previous legal aid programs in the various parishes of the state have not been limited to any race or particular class of litigation but has been open to all indigents, including Negroes involved in criminal cases arising out of civil rights work.

Little testified that the LSBA has objected to the program sponsored by the Office of Economic Opportunity because of the composition of its board of directors, the eligibility standards for clients, the type of service to be rendered and because it takes only a majority of the board to hire a director but three fourths to fire him "which looks like sealing somebody into a job."

### INFLUENCE ON BOARD

He claimed that the board of the organization would be influenced by laymen and not attorneys and that this would not be in the best interest of the beneficiary. He added that the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the American Civil Liberties Union are represented on board.

With reference to the eligibility requirements, Little said that "slum landlords and others who ride around in big automobiles" could technically qualify for legal aid because their "earned" income could be less than \$50 a week.

Last witness of the day called by Sessions was Edward F. Glusman, Baton Rouge, chairman of the LSBA's committee on the Unauthorized Practice of the Law.

He testified that when the committee first became aware of the facts of the Sobol matter through Provensal it met and after hearing Provensal request that it intervene in the lawsuit to support the position of the Plaquemines district attorney it concluded that the district attorney had already taken action and no useful purpose would be served by intervening in the case.

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### 'PRIVATE FIGHT'

"We thought it was a private fight between Sobol and Perez," he asserted.

Questioned further by Sessions he said that had there been no charges filed and only a complaint by Provensal and Perez the committee, in his opinion, would have investigated the case and probably taken some action.

Later, he continued, when the Justice Department intervened and about 55 others filed amicus curiae briefs on the side of Sobol, the committee felt that the state statute was under direct attack and it was recommended to the LSBA's House of Delegates that the organization intervene.

Others called by Sessions included William F. Wessel, a representative of the New Orleans Criminal Courts Bar Association, and Floyd Reed, a New Orleans attorney, both testifying that in their opinions Negroes could receive adequate representation from local attorneys.

### BAR EXAMINATIONS

Another witness was Frank McLoughlin, chairman of the LSBA's bar examinations committee who told of the mechanics of administering the examinations. He said that at no time is the race of an applicant known to the examiners.

Provensal rested his case after calling Judge Bernard J. Bagert, presiding judge of Criminal District Court, to the witness stand.

Judge Bagert testified that he considered New Orleans area attorneys well qualified in criminal law and added that he could "use all types of superlatives" to describe their competence.

He asserted that in his opinion they would urge all possible constitutional defenses for Negroes and would have no hesitation in handling cases for Negroes or unpopular cases.

The judge added that in his opinion attorneys who practice in criminal court would represent Negroes who may be charged with crimes growing out of civil rights activities.

### STAFF COUNSEL

The witness also testified that

in his opinion there are a number of attorneys in New Orleans who would take the position of LCDC staff counsel for the \$15,000 annual salary which Sobol has testified that he is paid. The maximum salary paid the head of the Legal Aid Bureau here is \$7,000, he added.

If an out-of-state attorney attempted to practice in his court, Judge Bagert said, he would need to produce some qualification and would have to be associated with local counsel. The local attorney would also have to be present for the trial of the case, he asserted.

The judge was asked by Provensal if in his opinion Negroes have confidence in local white attorneys and the answer was "Positively."

Cicero C. Sessions, the LSBA attorney, then called Bascom D. Talley Jr., a Bogalusa attorney and former president of the bar association to the stand.

He claimed that he has represented Negroes "every time they have asked me," and when asked to estimate what percentage of his practice involves Negro clients he asserted "our books are desegregated and I can't tell."

He testified that as long as he has been an attorney the courts of Washington and St. Tammany Parishes have furnished counsel for indigent defendants and recently an Indigent Defendant Board was established for the Twenty-Second Judicial District.

He contended during his testimony that since civil rights demonstrations began in Bogalusa in the spring of 1965 Negroes have been able to get local attorneys to represent them but "the representation by local lawyers was meager because there was an abundance of counsel available on or before the arrests."

Talley said that he was active from 1962 to 1965 in a civic capacity to ease tensions between whites and Negroes.

"My position is that if you get a license to practice law you're only worth it if you abide by the law. I had a pragmatic economic reason to urge a dialogue between the races

... if intelligent whites talk to intelligent Negroes you've got

no problem ... I was spectacularly unsuccessful," he asserted.

### NO NEED SEEN

He said that he sees no need for "out-of-state attorneys because if Negroes choose local representation they can get it.

During his examination Talley made reference to his being the object of "a few bricks and crosses," and when asked by Bronstein to explain the reference, he said that it stemmed from an attempt by about 35 people to start a dialogue between whites and Negroes in the Bogalusa area "to eliminate the trouble you get on both sides when you get irresponsible people trying to run your community."

Talley was asked by Bronstein if he has represented Robert Hicks and A. Z. Young, two Bogalusa civil rights leaders, and he responded that he has in general legal matters but gets none of their civil rights business. "I think Mr. Elie's firm handles all that," the attorney added, referring to Lolis Elie, a member of the firm of Collins, Douglas and Elie, New Orleans Negro attorneys.

In other references to Hicks and Young, the Bogalusa attorney said "Both of them know that my view is that everybody should comply with the law. I don't like extremism no matter what color is it. A. Z. told me CORE will furnish all the lawyers he needs so I said 'why don't CORE get you the money.'"

This was in reference to Talley's testimony that on one occasion Young came to him to obtain money.

### NO NAMES GIVEN

Asked specifically which lawyers in the Bogalusa area would represent Negroes, Talley refused to name anyone and said that he would not do so "because of my respect for my brother lawyers."

He added, "But I believe there are several in Washington Parish. When a defendant is in need of counsel all constitutional issues would be raised."

Bronstein asked the witness if in June, 1965, he would have brought an injunction suit

against Bogalusa officials for Young and Hicks as was done by out-of-state attorneys.

"Not for Young and Hicks because they were just as lawless as some of the whites," Talley said, but added that he thought about bringing such an action on another basis.

Dean Antonio Papale of the Loyola University School of Law testified that the law school was desegregated in the fall of 1954, and since that time there has been no distinction made as to race in admission policies.

Sessions sought to show that the scarcity of Negro attorneys is not just a local problem but a national one.

### STUDY DESCRIBED

The dean described a study made by the American Association of Law Schools on the subject and said that it was not made with any particular state or region in mind.

He said that it disclosed that some law schools make concessions in admissions for Negroes because of disadvantages in cultural and educational background.

He described a program at the University of Mississippi's summer session in which Negroes are admitted who do not meet the university's minimum standards for the law school and are put through one course. If they do well in that course they are admitted to the regular law course. He said that the program has been "very fruitful."

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38137)

DATE: 2/16/68

FROM : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (44-3425) (C)

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

Re New Orleans report of SA [REDACTED] dated 12/29/67, and San Francisco report of SA [REDACTED] dated 1/12/68. b7C

In view of the fact that all investigation requested by Departmental Attorneys, New Orleans, La., has been completed as well as photographs requested furnished the Department, this matter is being placed in a closed status in New Orleans, and no further action is contemplated by this division.

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# Rights Deposition Shows Perez

By Jack Nelson  
Los Angeles Times

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 28 — Hollywood could hardly come up with two more appropriate adversaries — Alvin J. Bronstein, 39, handsome, dark-haired civil rights attorney from New York, and Judge Leander H. Perez Sr., 76, of Plaquemines Parish, La., a distinguished-looking, gray-haired political boss and old school segregationist.

They faced each other across a conference table, Bronstein with a legal pad loaded with questions, Perez puffing on a cigar and peering through light-rimmed glasses. From their encounter emerged a story of one man's iron-fisted domination of a parish (county) government for more than 40 years — a story of his influence on Louisiana politics and his unyielding opposition to the Federal Government in the civil rights movement.

Bronstein was taking a deposition from Perez for use in a Federal court suit challenging the right of Plaquemines and the State officials to prohibit out-of-state lawyers from representing Negroes and civil rights workers in Louisiana courts. The trial of the case before a three-judge court resumes here Monday.

After the taking of the deposition, another civil rights attorney commented, "You have to disagree with Perez almost completely, but you can grudgingly admire his blunt talk. He's honest about his bigotry."



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Bronstein, formerly chief counsel of the Lawyers for Constitutional Defense Committee and now a fellow at the Institute of Politics at Harvard University Kennedy School of Government, began the questioning of Perez by introducing himself and the plaintiff in the

case. Richard B. Sobol, Sobol is a young civil rights attorney from Washington and New York who had been arrested in Plaquemines Parish for "unauthorized practice of law." "Soboloff and Bronstein," Perez snorted, "it sounds like Russian to me."

Perez not only acknowledged but boasted of his political powers. He was elected Plaquemines' first judge in 1920 and later became district attorney, and president of the Parish Council—posts now held by his sons.

Perez, a millionaire and perhaps the parish's wealthiest landowner, declared he had set up the parish's fiscal policy and Plaquemines had the lowest tax rate in the State. He has made the parish's law, interpreted it and enforced it.

For two decades he has directed the Plaquemines Democratic Executive Committee and he often has had control or strong influence over the state committee. He says he has "written hun-

dreds of bills for the Legislature" and calls himself the legislators' "unofficial adviser."

As Parish Council president, Perez pushed through an order prohibiting demonstrations of more than 14 people without a permit. He proudly noted that no one has applied for a permit "and we have not had any such demonstrations."

Bronstein asked Perez about the Council's purchase of an old fort (Ft. St. Phillip) on the Mississippi River for use as a stockade to imprison any civil rights workers who might venture into Plaquemines.

"Yes, of course," was the reply, "because we felt that our jails were not large enough to accommodate the large number of demonstrators . . . that visited other places. So we prepared for them."

To reach Pointe a la Hache, the parish seat, by one route it is necessary to cross the Mississippi by ferry. Bronstein asked Perez if he had once told someone, "If Martin Luther King comes in, we'll guarantee his transportation across the river—part way that is."

"Possibly," Perez said. "Hey, are you defending Martin Luther King? Is he one of your idols?"

At another point, Bronstein asked about the adoption of a parish ordinance requiring that itinerant workers be fingerprinted.

"There was an influx of many hundreds . . . thousands of itinerant laborers. There were a number of undesirable characters and criminals who drifted into the parish as a result, especially one incident where a young woman was raped and attempted murder was committed . . ."

Bronstein asked if Perez

believes the council "has the power to enact an ordinance requiring the fingerprinting and mugging or registering of lawyers who come into the parish."

"That's entirely different," Perez said. If we found a lawyer with a criminal record we would handle him, sir, just as we handle itinerant workers . . .

"So, if you are a member, for instance, of the American Civil Liberties Union or any Communist organization, regardless of whether the Federal Government attempts to protect you, we would make it very inconvenient for you in the Parish of Plaquemines."

Bronstein: "Suppose I told you that . . . Mr. Sobol is an out-of-state lawyer and is affiliated with the American Civil Liberties Union?"

Perez: "My answer would be that he belongs to an atheistic, Communistic organization, and in my community he would not be a good American, but just a rat," Perez said.

Suppose Sobol made a civil rights talk to a Negro audience in Plaquemines Parish, Bronstein asked.

Perez: "If I saw him agitating unthinking Negroes to disturb the peace I'd handle him personally, as a man. Yes, I'd stop him. Try and see, Mr. Sobol . . ."

Bronstein inquired about Perez's confirmation with two Negro attorneys from New Orleans who went to Plaquemines to represent several Negroes arrested there. Perez replied that he told the attorneys they could represent the Negroes, "but I said if they came down to start any trouble, I'd take care of it."

"Didn't you in fact suggest they get out of town?" asked Bronstein.

"I told them to use their

own judgment," Perez replied and went on to explain their judgment was to leave town. (According to an attorney's testimony during the Sobol case trial, the two attorneys found, upon arriving in Plaquemines Parish, that their clients had already been tried, convicted and sentenced.)

Had not Perez once urged Plaquemines citizens to refuse to cooperate with the FBI, which was investigating civil rights violations?

"Yes," he retorted. "At one time the secret police were knocking on doors. and I told the people . . . to tell them to go to hell. It was none of their business. Yes, we resent the Federal interference in our local government. Absolutely. It's un-American. It's unlawful. It's dictatorial. It's oppressive."

Did Perez believe civil rights legislation was part of the Communist conspiracy?

"That is correct, no doubt."

about that. Of course it is. I read a Zionist book report, well, a few years ago. It was a secret book report. I got a copy of it in Washington where the Zionists boasted of spending hundreds of thousands of dollars to gain influence in Washington, where the Zionists got full credit for the Black Monday (school desegregation) decision of the U.S. Supreme Court. They wine and dined and gave presents to the judges of the Supreme Court, strictly improper..."

Perez finally declared that Bronstein had strayed far afield in his questions and said, "With a mind as pigmented as yours, as limited, and with the ideologies that undoubtedly you have, I'm impressed that it's not the proper legal principles."

When Bronstein thanked him for the deposition and said goodbye, Perez replied: "Don't thank me. I'm not thanking you."

Bronstein: "Your manners are no concern of mine."

Perez (shucking his coat as if preparing for combat): "What? ... You're not questioning your manners. Don't get personal."

S. W. Provensal, a Perez aide: "Judge, he's not questioning your manners. He knows better than that."

Perez, apparently pacified: "I guess he does. One thing I demand is respect."

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# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Marshall  
FROM : P. F. O'Connell

DATE: SEP 14 1973

SUBJECT: RICHARD B. SOBOL; ET AL  
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(SUBVERSIVE CONTROL)

Re SAC letter 67-47, 8/10/67.

In regards to referenced SAC letter, the following-  
listed individuals are being suggested and background data  
submitted for the Rabble Rouser Index:

[REDACTED]  
LEANDER H. PEREZ, SR.  
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NAME

LEANDER H. PEREZ, SR.

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Male

ALIASES

RACE

White

DATE & PLACE OF BIRTH

Approximately 75 years of age

NATIONALITY

American

ORGANIZATION AFFILIATION

PEREZ was formerly the District Attorney of Plaquemines and St. Bernard Parishes, Louisiana.

POSITION IN ORGANIZATION

PEREZ is presently the Assistant District Attorney in Plaquemines and St. Bernard Parishes, Louisiana.

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5'10"

WEIGHT

180 pounds

HAIR

Grey

EYES

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CHARACTERISTICS

FBI #

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RESIDENCE

Plaquemines Parish,  
Louisiana

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PEREZ was formerly the District Attorney for Plaquemines and St. Bernard Parishes, Louisiana, from 1924 until December, 1960, when he resigned in order for his son LEANDER H. PEREZ, JR., to replace him. He is now Assistant District Attorney in the same Parishes and is referred to as Plaquemines Parish's "political boss." PEREZ is a staunch segregationist who has traveled throughout Louisiana and, on occasion, outside the state of Louisiana preaching segregation.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: November 29, 1967

FROM : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10204)

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Information on [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] whose names are included in the Rabble Rouser Index (RRI) of this office is current.

The Bureau has previously been advised that [REDACTED] has been deleted from the RRI of the New Orleans Office.

The following names are now also deleted from the RRI of the New Orleans Office:

- (1) LEANDER H. PEREZ, SR.  
(has retired)
- (2) [REDACTED]  
(inactive; present whereabouts unknown) and
- (3) [REDACTED]  
(inactive).

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- (1: [REDACTED])
- (1: [REDACTED])
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From: Director, FBI (157-7782)

RABBLE ROUSER INDEX  
(RACIAL INTELLIGENCE SECTION)

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Reference is made to your letter dated November 29, 1967.

In accordance with your recommendation the name of Leander E. Perex, Sr., has been deleted from captioned index in view of his retirement.

Insufficient basis for the removal of the names of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] from this index has been given by you; therefore, their names are not being removed at this time.

Both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] are the subjects of current name check requests; therefore, a succinct resume of their activities together with biographic data should be submitted to the Bureau under individual captions by December 14, 1967. You should thereafter comply with the instructions contained in SAC Letter 67-66 (G) dated September 12, 1967, and submit reports in the cases of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] within 30 days.

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LEANDER H. PEREZ

1806 COMMERCE BUILDING  
NEW ORLEANS, LA. 70112

January 18, 1968

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
9th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Would you please advise me of the total number of FBI Agents  
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Very truly yours,

  
LEANDER H. PEREZ

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L. H. PEREZ AND SONS  
COUNSELLORS OF CIVIL LAW  
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Mr. Leander H. Perez  
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New Orleans, Louisiana 70112

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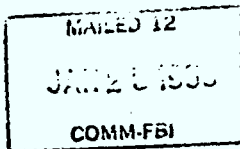
Dear Mr. Perez:

Mr. Hoover received your letter dated  
January 18th and asked me to inform you that as of  
January 23, 1968, the FBI had 6,679 Special Agents.

Sincerely yours,

*Helen W. Gandy*

Helen W. Gandy  
Secretary



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be made over Miss Gandy's signature and that the figure cannot be  
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testified to the number of Special Agents.

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CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 67-243

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