

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/PRIVACY ACTS SECTION
COVER SHEET

SUBJECT: LOUIS ALLEN

FILE NUMBER: 44-24466

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

DATE: 2/11/64

FROM : Director, FBI

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SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
LOUIS ALLEN - VICTIM
CIVIL RIGHTS

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7C Agent _____ dated 2/6/64
at New Orleans.

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

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

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

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

E. ☐ Please advise whether you desire any further investigation.

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

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

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

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GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

Department advised on 2/1/64 victim, a Negro, shot to death at Amite County, Mississippi, and requested inquiry as to whether victim active in voter registration matters, whether autopsy performed and whether local authorities investigating. Also requested interview with [REDACTED] voter registration leader.

[REDACTED]

Civil Rights Division has been advised and desires no further investigation. Being furnished in writing to Assistant Attorney General Burke Marshall.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM NEW ORLEANS /44-2100/ 6-PAGES

Civil Rights

UNKNOWN SUBJECT; LOUIS ALLEN ~~DEATH~~ VICTIM, OR.

RE BUREAU TELEPHONE CALL FEB. ONE SIXTY FOUR.

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

NAACP, PIKE COUNTY, MC COMB, MISS.,

ADVISED FEB. ONE, SIXTYFOUR THAT ON SAME DATE HE RECEIVED A CALL FROM A
PERSON NAMED ~~Unknown~~ WHO ADVISED HE WAS ASSOCIATED WITH CORE, JACKSON
MISSISSIPPI. ~~Unknown~~ SAID HE HAD RECEIVED INFORMATION THAT VICTIM HAD BEEN
KILLED AND ASKED ~~Unknown~~ TO VERIFY DEATH. ~~Unknown~~ STATED TO ~~Unknown~~ HE
UNDERSTOOD VICTIM WAS ALLEGEDLY ACTIVE IN VOTER REGISTRATION, LIBERTY,
MISS. 8 676

~~Unknown~~ STATES HE HAS KNOWN VICTIM MANY YEARS AND HAS NEVER KNOWN
VICTIM TO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN ANY TYPE OF VOTER REGISTRATION ACTIVIT-
IES. ~~Unknown~~ STATES THERE ^{HAVE} BEEN NO VOTER REGISTRATION ACTIVITIES IN
AMITE COUNTY, MISS., FOR PAST ONE TO TWO YEARS. 7C

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ACCORDING TO THE FEB.TWO,SIXTYFOUR EDITION OF THE CLARION LEDGER AND JACKSON DAILY NEWS,JACKSON,MISS., THERE,APPEARED ON PAGE ONE AN ARTICLE CAPTIONED ~~QUOTE~~ "NEGRO MAN IS FOUND SHOT DEAD" ~~UNQUOTE~~. THIS ARTICLE BEARING DATELINE LIBERTY,MISS., ^{United Press International} /UPI/, CARRIES A STATEMENT BY ONE ED HOLLANDER, A PUBLIC RELATIONS MAN FOR CORE IN JACKSON WHO SAID HE KNEW OF NO PARTICIPATION IN ANY CIVIL RIGHTS DRIVE BY ALLEN.

[REDACTED] CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL /NEGRO/, LIBERTY, MISS., ADVISED FEB.ONE ,SIXTYFOUR HE HAS KNOWN VICTIM FOR THIRTEEN YEARS AND VICTIM HAS NEVER BEEN KNOWN TO ENGAGE IN ~~MAY~~ VOTER REGISTRATION ACTIVITIES, AMITE COUNTY, NOR TO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN ANY CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT. ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] VICTIM WAS A ~~QUOTE~~ "LOGGER" ~~UNQUOTE~~ AND SPENT MOST OF HIS TIME IN THE WOODS. [REDACTED] STATES THERE HAS BEEN NO VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE, AMITE COUNTY, SINCE NINETEEN SIXTYONE.

[REDACTED] ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN VICTIM FOR TWENTY YEARS AND HAS NEVER KNOWN VICTIM TO BE ACTIVE IN ANY TYPE OF VOTER REGISTRATION ACTIVITY. [REDACTED] STATES THERE HAS BEEN NO VOTER REGISTRATION ACTIVITY IN AMITE COUNTY FOR PAST ONE TO TWO YEARS.

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[REDACTED]
MISS., ADVISED FEB. ONE SIXTY FOUR THAT HE HAD KNOWN ALLEN FOR APPROXI-
MATELY NINETEEN YEARS AND THAT ALLEN AND FAMILY HAD [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] STATES THAT ALLEN WAS NEVER ENGAGED IN ANY TYPE VOTER REGISTRAT-
ION ACTIVITIES AND KNOWS OF NO SUCH ACTIVITY IN AMITE COUNTY FOR ABOUT
THE PAST TWO YEARS.

DR. WILLIAM D. BRIDGES, MD, LIBERTY, MISS., ADVISED FEB. ONE SIXTY-
FOUR THAT AT TWELVE THIRTY AM, FEB. ONE, SIXTYFOUR, HE RECEIVED A CALL FROM
SHERIFF DANIEL JONES, AMITE COUNTY, THAT A NEGRO HAD BEEN SHOT. THERE-
AFTER HE AND JONES PROCEEDED TO AREA OF SHOOTING AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE
DRIVEWAY OF LOUIS ALLEN. HE FOUND ALLEN LYING FACE DOWN UNDERNEATH
ALLEN/S LOGGING TRUCK AND IMMEDIATELY PRONOUNCED ALLEN DEAD. DR. BRIDGES
STATED NO AUTOPSY WAS PERFORMED AS CAUSE OF DEATH WAS OBVIOUSLY FROM
SHOT GUN WOUNDS IN HEAD. DR. STATES THERE WAS A LARGE OPENING IN THE
SKULL ABOVE THE LEFT EAR AND LEFT FOREHEAD AND HE COULD NOT DETERMINE
EXACT TIME OF DEATH, BUT THAT BY THE TIME HE EXAMINED ALLEN, HE BELIEVED
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b7c ALLEN DEAD AT LEAST TWO HOURS. DR. BRIDGES STATES THERE WAS BITS OF [REDACTED] BEHIND LEFT FRONT WHEEL INDICATING THAT VICTIM POSSIBLY SHOT UNDERNEATH TRUCK.

ON FEB. ONE SIXTYFOUR, SHERIFF DANIEL JONES, AMITE COUNTY, LIBERTY, MISS., ADVISED THAT IN REPLY TO AN INQUIRY FROM HENRY ALLEN, SON OF LOUIS ALLEN AND A NEPHEW OF ALLEN, JOHN WESLEY HORTON, SHORTLY AFTER MIDNIGHT THAT DATE THAT THEY HAD DISCOVERED THE VICTIM/S BODY BY HIS LOGGING TRUCK, HE IMMEDIATELY INSTITUTED AN INVESTIGATION. ON ARRIVAL AT THE SCENE IN COMPANY WITH DR. BRIDGES, HENRY ALLEN AND HORTON, THEY FOUND THE BODY OF LOUIS ALLEN UNDER THE FRONT PART OF ALLEN/S TRUCK. IT WAS IMMEDIATELY OBVIOUS THAT ALLEN HAD MET DEATH AS RESULT OF POSSIBLY ONE OR TWO LOADS OF BUCKSHOT, ONE OF WHICH APPEARED TO HAVE TORN AWAY MOST OF THE LEFT SIDE OF ALLEN/S FACE. THE LIGHTS ON THE TRUCK WERE STILL ON AT THE TIME OF THE ARRIVAL AT THE SCENE AROUND TWELVE THIRTY AM, HOWEVER THE BATTERY IN THE TRUCK WAS VERY WEAK.

HE STATED EXAMINATION UNDER THE TRUCK REVEALED PIECES OF [REDACTED] SPATTERED AGAINST THE LEFT FRONT WHEEL OF THE TRUCK. THE TIRE ON THIS LEFT FRONT WHEEL WAS FLAT AND POSSIBLY
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PUNCTURED BY THE BUCKSHOT.

FURTHER INQUIRY BY SHERIFF JONES THROUGH THE VICTIM/S WIFE, ESTABLISHED THAT SHE HEARD THREE SHOTS SHORTLY AFTER EIGHT THIRTY PM, JAN. THIRTYONE, SIXTYFOUR. THIS TIME ESTABLISHED THROUGH A TV PROGRAM PLAYING ON VICTIM/S TV SET.

SHERIFF JONES STATED HE REMAINED AT THE SCENE ALL NIGHT, PROTECTING THE AREA AND CONDUCTING THOROUGH CRIME SCENE SEARCH AFTER DAYLIGHT. NO LATENT PRINTS WERE LIFTED OF PERTINENCE FROM THE TRUCK, NO TIRE MARKS, FOOTPRINTS, SHOTGUN SHELLS OR OTHER PHYSICAL EVIDENCE WAS FOUND.

SHERIFF JONES INDICATED THAT HE WAS CONTINUING HIS INVESTIGATION AND HAS NOT AS YET DETERMINED THE IDENTITY OF THE ASSAILANT OR ASSAILANTS. SHERIFF JONES STATED THAT CORONER/S INQUEST WAS HELD ON FEB. ONE SIXTYFOUR AT AMITE COUNTY, AND THE FINDINGS WERE THAT LOUIS ALLEN HAD MET DEATH FROM THE BLAST OF A SHOTGUN AT THE HANDS OF PERSON OR PERSONS UNKNOWN.

SHERIFF JONES STATED THAT HE HAD NO INDICATION THAT THE VICTIM
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HAS EVER BEEN ENGAGED IN ANY VOTER REGISTRATION MATTER IN AMITE COUNTY OR ANY OTHER CIVIL RIGHTS TYPE ACTIVITY. HE STATED IN FACT, THAT ALLEN HAS ONLY THIRD GRADE EDUCATION, WAS NOT HIMSELF A REGISTERED VOTER AND HAS NEVER ATTEMPTED TO REGISTER.

E.W. STEPTOE, PRESIDENT, AMITE COUNTY CHAPTER NAACP, LIBERTY, MISS., M ADVISED FEB. TWO SIXTYFOUR, THAT LOUIS ALLEN WAS NOT ACTIVE IN ANY VOTER REGISTRATION MATTERS AMITE COUNTY, STEPTOE STATES LAST VOTER REGISTRATION ACTIVITY IN AMITE COUNTY APPROXIMATELY TWO TO THREE YEARS AGO.

STEPTOE ADVISED THAT HE WAS CONTACTED ABOUT SIX PM FEB. ONE SIXTY-FOUR BY [REDACTED] HOWEVER [REDACTED] DID NOT TELL HIM THE PURPOSE OF HIS BEING IN LIBERTY AND STEPTOE HAS NO INFORMATION AS TO [REDACTED] CURRENT WHEREABOUTS. ACCORDING TO STEPTOE, [REDACTED] INDICATED HE WOULD STAY WITH STEPTOE ON THE EVENING OF FEB. ONE SIXTYFOUR, BUT NEVER RETURNED TO STEPTOE/S RESIDENCE. EFFORTS CONTINUING TO LOCATE [REDACTED]

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TO SAC NEW ORLEANS
FROM DIRECTOR FBI

UNKNOWN SUBJECT, LOUIS ALLEN DASH VICTIM. CIVIL RIGHTS.
REURTEL FEBRUARY THIRD, SIXTYFOUR.

DEPARTMENT REQUESTS THAT IN ADDITION TO DETERMINING
DETAILS OF VICTIM'S ARREST IN NOVEMBER, ONE NINE SIXTYTHREE
YOU ALSO INTERVIEW LOYDE CAIN FOR FULL DETAILS CONCERNING
VICTIM'S VISIT TO CAIN THE EVENING OF HIS DEATH SPECIFICALLY
COVERING WHETHER VICTIM INDICATED HE HAD BEEN THREATENED
OR OTHERWISE FEARED FOR HIS SAFETY. ALSO DETERMINE WHETHER
CAIN HAD PREVIOUSLY KNOWN OF VICTIM'S PLANS TO MOVE TO MILWAUKEE
AND WHETHER CAIN HAS KNOWLEDGE AS TO WHETHER VICTIM'S PLANNED
MOVE WAS KNOWN BY OTHER PERSONS. ALSO INTERVIEW VICTIM'S WIFE
[REDACTED] AS TO WHO HAD KNOWLEDGE OF VICTIM'S PLANNED MOVE TO
MILWAUKEE AND ALSO INQUIRE CONCERNING A REPORT RECEIVED BY
DEPARTMENT THAT THE VICTIM'S SON'S CAR WAS SHOT AT JANUARY TWO
FIVE LAST. SUTEL RESULTS. ADVISE ALL PERSONS INTERVIEWED
INVESTIGATION IS AT SPECIFIC REQUEST AAG BURKE MARSHALL, CRD, UNDJ.

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NOTE: Victim, a Negro, was killed by a shotgun in Amite County, Mississippi, night of 1/31/64. Department requested inquiry because he allegedly had been engaged in voter registration work. It has been established he was not engaged in voter registration work but was a witness before Federal Grand Jury in September, 1963, concerning an allegation that local officers had hit him in the jaw with a flashlight. Grand Jury returned a No Bill. Department is considering possibility that his death may be connected with his testimony before the Grand Jury but is limiting investigation at this time to the above. St. John Barrett, Civil Rights Division, is sending confirming memorandum.

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TO DIRECTOR-ATTENTION GENERAL INVESTIGATING DIVISION, CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION.

FROM NEW ORLEANS /44-2100/

UNKNOWN SUBJECT/LOUIS ALLEN DASH VICTIM. CIVIL RIGHTS.

RE NO TEL AND BUREAU TELEPHONE CALL 2-2-64.

[REDACTED] INTERVIEWED TWO TWO SIXTYFOUR [REDACTED] INFORMED HE ARRIVED LIBERTY, MISS., AREA TWO ONE SIXTYFOUR FOR EXPRESS PURPOSE OF ATTENDING FUNERAL OF VICTIM AND TO DETERMINE IF HE COULD OBTAIN ANY INFORMATION THROUGH LOCAL CONTACTS CONCERNING REASON FOR SHOOTING.

[REDACTED] INFORMED HE HAD DEVELOPED NO INFORMATION AS TO BASIS FOR REASON FOR KILLING OR THAT IT WAS IN ANY WAY CONNECTED WITH VOTER REGISTRATION MATTERS. [REDACTED] STATES IT WAS HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT

IN JUNE NINETEENSIXTYTWO VICTIM HAD GONE TO THE AMITE COUNTY

COURT HOUSE, LIBERTY, MISSISSIPPI WITH OTHER NEGROES TO FILE AN APPLICATION TO VOTE IN AMITE COUNTY. HOWEVER DUE TO OTHER

NEGROES IN LINE AHEAD OF HIM WERE ALSO WAITING TO FILE APPLICATIONS

VICTIM WAS UNABLE TO FILE AN APPLICATION THAT DAY. [REDACTED] HAD NO INFO

THAT ALLEN HAD EVER RETURNED TO AMITE COUNTY COURTHOUSE TO FEB 4 1964

ATTEMPT TO REGISTER BUT DID KNOW THAT ALLEN WAS NOT A REGISTERED VOTER

[REDACTED] SAID HE HAD TALKED WITH VICTIMS WIFE, ELIZABETH AND

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SON HENRY, TWO TWO SIXTYFOUR AND NEITHER HAD ANY INFO INDICATING DEATH OF VICTIM WAS AS A RESULT OF ANY VOTER REGISTRATION ACTIVITY ON PART OF VICTIM OR WHO HAD KILLED VICTIM.

[REDACTED] SAID THAT MRS. ALLEN INFORMED THAT ALLEN FAMILY WAS TO LEAVE LIBERTY MISS., TWO ONE SIXTYFOUR FOR MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN WHERE VICTIM INTENDED TO GET JOB AS BULLDOZER OPERATOR. MRS. ALLEN INFORMED HIM THAT ON ONE THIRTYONE SIXTYFOUR ALLEN HAD CONTACTED A WHITE MAN TO GET A LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION.

b7c [REDACTED] SAID IT WAS PURELY CONJECTURE ON HIS PART BUT HE FELT THAT KILLING OF ALLEN WAS AS A RESULT OF VICTIMS INVOLVEMENT IN THE HERBERT LEE MATTER, LIBERTY, MISS., IN NINETEEN SIXTYONE/ BUREAU REFER TO CASE CAPTIONED EUGENE HUNTER HURST, JR.; HERBERT LEE DASH VICTIM, CR BUFILE FOUR FOUR DASH ONE EIGHT TWO NINE NINE./

[REDACTED] STATES THAT TO THE BEST OF HIS RECOLLECTION THE LAST CONCENTRATED VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE IN AMITE CO. MISS., WAS IN AUGUST NINETEEN SIXTYONE. [REDACTED] CLAIMED THAT ALLEN ATTENDED VOTER REGISTRATION MEETINGS DURING THIS PERIOD WHENEVER THESE MEETINGS WERE HELD BUT ONLY AS A SPECTATOR.

MRS. ELIZABETH ALLEN, VICTIMS WIFE LIBERTY MISSISSIPPI INFORMED TWO TWO SIXTYFOUR THAT VICTIM WAS NOT ACTIVE IN ANY MANNER IN VOTER REGISTRATION ACTIVITIES; WAS NOT A REGISTERED VOTER

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AND TO HER KNOWLEDGE HAD NEVER MADE ANY ATTEMPT TO REGISTER OR HAD EVER ATTENDED ANY VOTER REGISTRATION MEETINGS OR SPOKE OF SAME.

SHE STATED THAT VICTIM LEFT RESIDENCE ALONE ABOUT SEVEN PM ONE THIRTYONE SIXTYFOUR TO GO TO RESIDENCE OF LOYDE CAIN, RFD LIBERTY, A FORMER EMPLOYER, TO GET A LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FOR FUTURE EMPLOYMENT. VICTIM WANTED LETTER TO USE IN SECURING JOB AS BULLDOZER OPERATOR IN MILWAUKEE, WIS., SHE STATED ABOUT EIGHT THIRTY PM A FAVORITE TV PROGRAM CAME ON THE AIR AND SHE HEARD THREE SHOTS OUTSIDE HER RESIDENCE BUT DID NOT LEAVE RESIDENCE AND INVESTIGATE.

AT APPROXIMATELY TWELVE THIRTY AM TWO ONE SIXTYFOUR HER SON HENRY AND NEPHEW JOHN HORTON ARRIVED AT RESIDENCE AND TOLD HER VICTIM HAD BEEN SHOT.

MRS. ALLEN SAID SHE HAD NO INFORMATION AS TO WHO KILLED VICTIM OR REASON THEREOF. VICTIM HAD NEVER TOLD HER THAT HE HAD BEEN THREATENED BY ANYONE.

SHE SAID VICTIM AND OLDEST SON WERE PLANNING TO LEAVE ONE TWO ONE SIXTYFOUR BY TRAIN FOR MILWAUKEE, WIS. AND SHE AND THREE YEAR OLD DAUGHTER AND SON HENRY HAD PLANNED TO GO TO BATON ROUGE, LA. TO RESIDE TEMPORARLY WITH SISTER UNTIL VICTIM COULD FIND EMPLOYMENT AND SEND FOR THEM.

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SHE STATED VICTIM SINCE BEING RELEASED FROM AMITE CO. JAIL NOV. SIXTYTHREE HAD DECIDED TO MOVE AWAY FROM LIBERTY SINCE HE FELT HE WAS BEING QUOTE "PICKED ON" UNQUOTE. BY BEING QUOTE "PICKED ON" UNQUOTE SHE REFERED TO THE HERBERT LEE CASE IN NINETEEN SIXTYONE, HER HUSBAND BEING ARRESTED IN NINETEEN SIXTYTWO BY DEPUTY SHERIFF DANIEL JONES, NOW SHERIFF. /BUREAU REFER TO CASE CAPTIONED DANIEL JONES ET AL, LOUIS ALLENDASH VICTIM, CREL; BUFILE FOUR FOUR DASH TWO ZERO THREE FOUR ZERO/ AND ARREST BY JONES AGAIN IN NOV. SIXTYTHREE FOR INSF CHECK AND CARRYING CONCEALED WEAPON.

REGARDING ARREST IN NOV. SIXTYTHREE INQUIRY WILL BE CONDUCTED TWO THREE SIXTYFOUR AND TELETYPE SUMMARY WILL BE SUBMITTED. 11

MRS. ALLEN SAID SHE HAD BEEN INTERVIEWED TWO TWO SIXTYFOUR BY [REDACTED] WHO DESCRIBED HIMSELF AS [REDACTED] WHO THROUGH- OUT THE INTERVIEW MADE MANY NOTES AND CLAIMED HE WAS GOING TO FURNISH A REPORT TO THE FBI. 7C

IT IS NOTED THAT DURING THE INTERVIEW OF [REDACTED] BY BUAGENTS TWO TWO SIXTYFOUR [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] LIBERTY, MISS., ADVISED
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TWO TWO SIXTYFOUR HE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF VICTIM BEING ACTIVE IN VOTER REGISTRATION MATTERS AMITE COUNTY AND THAT VICTIM WAS NOT A REGISTERED VOTER. HE STATED VICTIM MAY HAVE ATTENDED ONE VOTER REGISTRATION MEETING BUT ONLY AS A SPECTATOR. HE STATED THAT WHEN [REDACTED] NOT WORKING IN THE WOODS [REDACTED] AROUND IN THE LIBERTY AREA AS [REDACTED] HAD TOLD HIM ON ONE OCCASION, DATE NOT RECALLED, THAT HE FELT SAFE [REDACTED] HE STATED [REDACTED] NEVER EXPLAINED ANY BASIS FOR THIS STATEMENT. [REDACTED] RELEASE FROM JAIL IN NOV. SIXTYTHREE [REDACTED] HAD DECIDED TO MOVE EITHER TO MILWAUKEE OR CHICAGO, ILL., TO SEEK EMPLOYMENT AND SUBSEQUENTLY DECIDED TO LEAVE ON TWO ONE SIXTYFOUR.

VICTIM TOLD [REDACTED] AT SEVEN PM ON ONE THIRTYONE SIXTYFOUR THAT HE WAS GOING TO RESIDENCE OF LOYDE CAIN TO GET A LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION AND WOULD RETURN HOME BY EIGHT THIRTY PM. VICTIM THEN LEFT IN LOGGING TRUCK.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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HE ATTEMPTED TO [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] LEFT IMMEDIATELY AND [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] SAID HE DID NOT OBSERVE ANYONE IN THE VICINITY OF THE RESIDENCE NOR DID HE HAVE ANY INFO AS TO WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE KILLING OR THE REASON WHY THE VICTIM WAS KILLED.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
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DATE: February 3, 1964

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St. John Barrett, Civil Rights Division, advised on 2-2-64 that the Department had received information that Louis Allen, Amite County, Mississippi, a Negro who had been active in voter registration matters, had been killed. He requested we determine the nature and extent of Allen's voter registration activities, whether an autopsy was performed and whether local investigation is being conducted.

Daniel Jones, Sheriff, Amite County, Mississippi, advised that the victim's body was found on the night of 1-31-64. He immediately instituted investigation and proceeded to the victim's home with Dr. William D. Bridges. The victim's truck was at the gate to his home and the victim was lying under the truck. No autopsy was performed as it was obvious that the victim had met death as the result of being shot once or twice with buckshot. Most of the left side of the victim's face was torn away. The victim's wife told the Sheriff she had heard three shots shortly after 8:30 p.m. 1-31-64.

Sheriff Jones said that he arrived at the scene at 12:30 a.m., 2-1-64, and remained until after daylight to protect the crime scene. He found no tire marks, footprints, or other physical evidence and no latent prints of value were lifted from the truck. He is continuing his investigation.

Interviews with the Sheriff, members of the victim's family and acquaintances of the victim as well as voter registration workers indicate that the victim is not a registered voter, has never been active in voter registration work and there has been no voter registration activity in Amite County in the past two or three years.

1 - Mr. Mohr

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont
RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
LOUIS ALLEN - VICTIM

The victim planned to move to Milwaukee where he hoped to obtain work as a bulldozer operator; and on the evening of his death, he visited Loyde Cain, a former employer, for the purpose of obtaining a letter of recommendation.

In September, 1961, one Herbert Lee, a Negro who had allegedly been active in voter registration matters, was killed, in Liberty, Amite County, Mississippi, by Eugene Hunter Hurst, Jr., a Mississippi State representative. Investigation conducted at the request of the Department indicated that Hurst and Lee quarreled over a debt and Lee advanced toward Hurst with a tire iron just before the shooting. In August, 1962, the Department requested investigation of an allegation that Louis Allen had been beaten by a Deputy Sheriff for having previously stated that Lee was shot without provocation.

Allen advised in August, 1962, that he had not received any threat or intimidation as he had witnessed the killing of Herbert Lee but that [redacted] told him the Sheriff and several other men had talked about getting him because he had discussed the Lee shooting with the FBI. Allen's [redacted] denied having made such a statement. [redacted] had [redacted] that something might happen to [redacted] Allen and alleged that on 6-30-62 Daniel Jones, who was the Deputy Sheriff, and Layton Bates, Town Marshal, Liberty, Mississippi, came to his home and arrested him because he had talked to a Negro prisoner through the jail window and agreed to make a telephone call for her. At the time of arrest, he alleged he was struck on the jaw with a flashlight. This matter was presented to a Federal Grand Jury at Jackson, Mississippi, 9-11-62 and a no bill was returned.

Information has been received that Allen was arrested in November, 1963, on charges of writing a bad check and carrying a concealed weapon.

ACTION

1. The results of inquiry to date were discussed with St. John Barrett and John Murphy of the Civil Rights Division on 2-3-64 who observed that Allen was a witness when the civil rights

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case involving him as a victim was presented to the Federal Grand Jury in September, 1963, and if his death resulted from this fact, it would be a violation of the Obstruction of Justice Statute.

2. After conferring with Assistant Attorney General Burke Marshall, St. John Barrett requested that we ascertain details of the victim's arrest in November, 1963, and interview the victim's former employer whom he visited on the evening of his death. It is also requested we interview the victim's wife [redacted] to determine whether the victim's plans to move to Milwaukee were generally known. Mr. Barrett is sending a confirming memorandum and does not desire any further investigation at this time. 7C

3. Mr. Barrett also said the Department has received a report that a shot was fired at [redacted] on 1-25-64 and requested that [redacted] be interviewed in this regard. 7C

4. New Orleans has been instructed to comply with Mr. Barrett's request and to advise all persons interviewed that this investigation is at the specific request of Mr. Burke Marshall, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division.

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FBI Probe A-2 Into Negro's Slaying Set

The FBI last night launched an investigation into the shotgun slaying of a Negro in Liberty, Miss., who reportedly had been active in the civil rights movement and had once testified against a white man in a murder case.

The investigation was begun at the request of the Department of Justice to determine if there was any civil rights aspect to the murder the FBI said.

The dead man was identified as Louis Allen, a logger in his 50's. He was killed yesterday by a load of buckshot fired into his head at the entrance to his home. Coroner E. E. Belue said an inquest jury ruled the victim died at the hands of an unknown assailant or assailants.

In Milwaukee, the dead man's brother, Morris Allen told the Associated Press that Louis had participated in civil rights activities and also had testified against a white man charged with the murder of a Negro. Morris Allen said his brother had been subjected to harassment by Mississippi authorities since testifying.

Sheriff Daniel Jone was quoted as saying he was not aware that Louis Allen had participated in civil rights activities and denied harassment of the victim.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Rosen *RW*

DATE: 2-1-64

FROM : C. L. McGowan *CLM*

SUBJECT: UNSUB;
MURDER OF LEWIS ALLEN
AMITE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
CR

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At 3:42 p.m. this date St. John Barrett, Civil Rights Section of the Department telephoned Weekend Supervisor [REDACTED] and advised that he learned that Lewis Allen, who was very active in the voter registration activities in Mississippi, was murdered and requested that the FBI conduct certain investigation and furnish the results to him on 2-2-64.

Barrett stated that he received a call from [REDACTED] CORE Office, Jackson, Mississippi, today informing that the body of Lewis Allen was found beneath Allen's truck parked at his, Allen's, residence with two bullet wounds in his head. He stated that funeral services are to be held for Allen on 2-2-64 at the Cooks Funeral Home, Gloster, Mississippi.

Barrett requested that the following investigation be conducted:

1. Determine the extent and nature of Allen's voter registration activities in the recent past.
2. Interview [REDACTED] connected with the [REDACTED] who is presently en route to Liberty, Mississippi, to attend Allen's funeral.
3. What local investigation is being conducted and the status thereof.
4. Was there an autopsy performed and the results thereof.

ACTION TAKEN:

SAC Harry G. Maynor, New Orleans was telephonically advised of the above request and was instructed to have this investigation conducted and to sutel completed by noon, 2-2-64.

1 - Mr. DeLoach

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Rosen *RV*

DATE: 2-2-64

FROM : C. L. McGowan *✓*

SUBJECT: UNSUB;
MURDER OF LEWIS ALLEN
AMITE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
CR

LOUIS ALLEN

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At 2:55 P.M. St. John Barrett telephonically advised that Burke Marshall, Assistant Attorney General, had just advised him that [REDACTED] was presently at the home of E. W. Steptoe, President, Amite County Chapter NAACP, Liberty, Mississippi, and had not yet been interviewed by the FBI concerning the shooting of Allen.

Barrett was previously advised that [REDACTED] had not been interviewed as efforts to locate him had been unsuccessful.

Barrett requested that Allen's wife [REDACTED] also be interviewed.

ACTION TAKEN:

ASAC Sylvester, New Orleans Office, was telephonically advised as to the Department's request to interview [REDACTED] Allen's wife [REDACTED] and to sutel.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

DATE: 2-6-64

FROM : Director, FBI

FILE COPY

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
LOUIS ALLEN - VICTIM
CIVIL RIGHTS

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

There is enclosed one copy of the report of Special
Agent _____ dated _____
at _____.

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

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

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

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

E. ☐ Please advise whether you desire any further investigation.

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

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

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

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NOTE:

There are attached for your information copies of the following material furnished by the U. S. Commission on Civil Rights relative to information concerning Louis Allen contained in its files:

- (1) Affidavit signed by Louis Allen dated July 31, 1962.
- (2) A copy of handwritten notes prepared by Mr. William H. Downs and Mr. Jack F. Govan, Staff Attorneys for the CCR, reflecting an interview of Louis Allen.
- (3) An intra-agency memorandum dated August 29, 1962, prepared by Downs and Govan covering their investigation of the shooting of Herbert Lee, which includes the interview of victim.

Copies of communications from our New Orleans Office covering the investigation requested by Messrs. Murphy and Barrett have previously been furnished to Mr. Barrett. No further investigation will be conducted unless requested and detailed report will be furnished upon receipt.

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TO SAC NEW ORLEANS
FROM DIRECTOR FBI

UNSUB; LOUIS ALLEN DASH VICTIM, CR.

REBUTEL FEB. THREE LAST. SUTEL RESULTS TONIGHT
INCLUDING INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM LOYDE CAIN AS TO EXACT
TIME OF ALLEN'S ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE FROM CAIN'S HOME,
WHETHER OTHER PERSONS WERE PRESENT OR AWARE OF ALLEN'S VISIT.

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TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: February 4, 1964

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT
LOUIS ALLEN - VICTIM
CIVIL RIGHTS

7C At 10:40 a.m., 2-3-64, [REDACTED] of the Star telephoned and asked if there had been any development in the investigation the FBI is making into the fatal shooting of Negro Louis Allen of Amite County, Mississippi. This is the case in which Assistant Attorney General Burke Marshall has asked for a limited FBI investigation into the facts of Allen's death the night of 1-31-64.

[REDACTED] was told the FBI had no comment to make as to the progress of the investigation.

1 - Mr. [REDACTED]

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TO : MR. D. J. BRENNAN, JR. *WOC*

FROM : MR. W. O. CREGAR *WOC*

SUBJECT: UNSUB: LOUIS ALLEN - VICTIM
CIVIL RIGHTS MATTER

DATE: February 3, 1964

The Civil Rights Section has requested Liaison to determine from the United States Commission on Civil Rights (CCR) any information the Commission might have recording interviews with victim. It will be recalled that victim witnessed the shooting of Herbert Lee on September 25, 1961, at Liberty, Mississippi.

On February 3, 1964, Mr. Howard Rogerson, Acting Staff Director, CCR, furnished the Liaison Agent the following:

- (1) Affidavit signed by Louis Allen dated July 31, 1962.
- (2) A copy of handwritten notes prepared by Mr. William H. Downs and Mr. Jack E. Govan, Staff Attorneys for the CCR, reflecting an interview of Louis Allen.
- (3) An intra-agency memorandum dated August 29, 1962, prepared by Downs and Govan covering their investigation of the shooting of Herbert Lee, which includes the interview of victim.

According to Mr. Rogerson, records of the CCR indicate victim never testified before a CCR hearing or before a hearing of the Mississippi State Advisory Committee. In furnishing this information to the Bureau, Mr. Rogerson advised that the CCR had no objection to the Bureau utilizing it for investigative leads in connection with the investigation surrounding the shooting of victim.

In the event the Bureau desires to interview Downs or Govan, neither of which are currently employed by the CCR, the following addresses are the latest available information regarding the whereabouts of Downs and Govan:

As of approximately one year ago, Jack E. Govan was residing at: [REDACTED]

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1-Mr. McGowan
1-Liaison
1-Mr. Cregar

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Memorandum from Mr. Cregar to Mr. Brennan
RE: UNSUB: LOUIS ALLEN - VICTIM
CIVIL RIGHTS MATTER

7C The CCR does not have an address on Downs but believes he could
be reached through his mother's address: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

ACTION:

The above should be directed to the Civil Rights
Section for their attention.

Bob

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM SAC NEW ORLEANS 44-2100

ATTENTION GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION . CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION.

UNKNOWN SUBJECT/ LOUIS ALLEN DASH VICTIM CR.

REBUTELS TWO THREE AND FOUR SIXTYFOUR.

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WERE THE ONLY ONES AT KINGS

RESIDENCE ON EVENING OF ONE THIRTYONE SIXTYFOUR. THEY WERE WATCHING

A HALF HOUR TV PROGRAM WHICH BEGAN AT SEVEN THIRTY PM CST ABOUT

HALF WAY THROUGH THIS PROGRAM THERE WAS A KNOCK AT THE BACK DOOR

WHERE [REDACTED] POKE TO ALLEN. [REDACTED] OVERHEARD ALLEN ASK

FOR A LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION BUT OVERHEARD NO ADDITIONAL CONVER

SATION AS HE RETURNED TO THE HOUSE

[REDACTED] STATED ALLEN APPEARED NORMAL AND GAVE NO

INDICATION OF BEING FRIGHTENED.

[REDACTED] RETURNED INTO HOUSE AT WHICH TIME [REDACTED]

INSTRUCTION FROM [REDACTED] WROTE A LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FOR ALLEN

[REDACTED] THEN WENT OUTSIDE AGAIN AND REMAINED FOR A FEW

MINUTES AND THEN RETURNED TO THE HOUSE AT THE SAME TIME AS THE TV

PROGRAM WHICH THEY HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN WATCHING CONCLUDED AT

EIGHT PM CST. ALLEN DID NOT INDICATE TO [REDACTED] THAT HE WAS

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PLANNING TO LEAVE LIBERTY, MISS.

[REDACTED] INFORMED THAT [REDACTED] HAD KNOWN ALLEN SINCE ALLEN WAS A SMALL BOY. UP TO ABOUT TEN YEARS AGO ALLEN HAD BEEN EMPLOYED [REDACTED] FOR SEVERAL YEARS IN CONNECTION WITH [REDACTED] LOGGING BUSINESS. SINCE THAT TIME ALLEN HAD WORKED PART TIME [REDACTED] AND FURTHER OVER THE YEARS [REDACTED] HAD LOANED MONEY TO ALLEN.

TWO OR THREE WEEKS AGO ALLEN DID SOME PART TIME WORK FOR [REDACTED] AND AT THIS TIME DID NOT INDICATE HE HAD ANY PLANS TO LEAVE LIBERTY. MISS., NOR DID ALLEN INDICATE THAT HIS LIFE HAD BEEN THREATENED BY ANYONE.

ONE THE EVENING OF JANUARY THREE ONE LAST ALLEN CAME TO [REDACTED] RESIDENCE AND SPOKE WITH [REDACTED], AT THIS TIME [REDACTED] WERE WATCHING A HALF HOUR TV PROGRAM WHICH BEGAN AT SEVEN THIRTY PM CST AND WAS ABOUT COMPLETED WHEN ALLEN ARRIVED. [REDACTED] STEPPED OUTSIDE THE BACK DOOR AND SPOKE TO ALLEN FOR A FEW MINUTES. THEREAFTER [REDACTED] CAME BACK INTO THE HOUSE AND TOLD [REDACTED] ALLEN WANTED A LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION TO SHOW HE WAS AN EXPERIENCED TRUCK AND BULL DOZER OPERATOR. AS ALLEN HAD TOLD HIM THAT ALLEN WAS GOING TO WORK FOR THE /HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT/.

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[REDACTED] WROTE THIS LETTER [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND SIGNED [REDACTED] 7C

THIS LETTER WAS DATED JANUARY THREE ONE, SIXTYFOUR AND ADDRESSED TO QUOTE TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN UNQUOTE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] TOOK IT BACK OUTSIDE WHERE HE REMAINED FOR A FEW MINUTES AND THEN RETURNED INSIDE THE HOUSE JUST AS THE TV PROGRAM HAD CONCLUDED AT EIGHT PM CST.

[REDACTED] DID NOT SEE ALLEN ON THIS OCCASION AND [REDACTED] MADE NO MENTION THAT ALLEN HAD EXPRESSED FEAR FOR HIS SAFETY.

[REDACTED] REMARKED ON TWO TWO SIXTYFOUR [REDACTED] AS IN A CONVERSATION WITH [REDACTED] IN LIBERTY, MISS [REDACTED]

NAME NOT RECALLED; COMMENTED THAT [REDACTED]

GLASTON, MISS. WAS ALLEGED TO HAVE REMARKED THAT TWO WEEKS PRIOR TO THE DEATH OF ALLEN, ALLEN HAD TOLD [REDACTED] THAT HE WAS IN TROUBLE WITH

SOME NEGRO MEN OVER WOMEN. [REDACTED] SAID THERE WAS NO FURTHER ELABORATION ON THESE ALLEGED STATEMENTS.

[REDACTED] STATED [REDACTED] WAS NOT AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW UNTIL MORNING OF TWO FIVE SIXTYFOUR DUE TO A DEATH IN THEIR

FAMILY. ARRANGEMENTS MADE TO INTERVIEW KING MORNING OF TWO FIVE SIXTYFOUR AND RESULTS WILL BE FURNISHED IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER.

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Mr. Rosen

DATE: February 3, 1964

FROM :

C. L. McGowan

SUBJECT:

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
LOUIS ALLEN-VICTIM
CIVIL RIGHTS

Howard University School of Law and a former member of the Commission on Civil Rights, telephonically contacted the Bureau this morning regarding the killing of Louis Allen, Negro, in Amite County, Mississippi.

Reported that Allen had been a witness to the killing of one H. Lee in Amite, Mississippi, a couple of years ago. Lee, a Negro, was killed by a white man. According to Allen furnished one version of the incident to the Sheriff's Office and the local police. Later Allen changed his story and furnished a substantially different version to a representative of the Commission on Civil Rights.

also advised that he had heard in connection with his work on the Commission that Allen had expressed the fear that he might be killed if what he told to the Commission never got out. He could not recall the identities of the Bureau or staff members of the Commission who had conferred with Allen. He advised that although he did not know why Allen was killed or any of the details concerning the incident, he desired to bring the above information to the Bureau's attention. He further pointed out that the details concerning Allen would be in the files of the Commission on Civil Rights.

ACTION:

Liaison Agent Cregar was furnished the above information and requested to contact the Commission for any information concerning victim Louis Allen, particularly any statements he made regarding his fears for his personal safety.

1 - Mr. Sullivan

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ELIZABETH ALLEN AN [REDACTED] WIFE [REDACTED]
VICTIM LOCATED AT SCOTLANDVILLE, LA., TODAY. BOTH MRS. ALLEN AND [REDACTED]

ADVISED THAT TO THEIR KNOWLEDGE ONLY IMMEDIATE MEMBERS OF VICTIM/S
FAMILY HAD KNOWLEDGE THAT VICTIM PLANNED TO GO TO MILWAUKEE, WIS.

BOTH STATED THAT HENRY CRAWFORD ALLEN HAS NOT BEEN SHOT AT BY
ANYONE AT ANY TIME. THEY STATED THEIR FIRST KNOWLEDGE OF ANY
REPORTED SHOT BEING FIRED AT VICTIM/S SON/S CAR WAS CONTAINED IN

THE FEB. TWO, LAST, ISSUE OF THE BATON ROUGE STATE TIMES NEWSPAPER.

MRS. ALLEN FURNISHED A CLIPPING OF THE ARTICLE CAPTIONED QUOTE

"MISS. POLICE PROBE DEATH OF NEGRO UNQUOTE. WHICH IS DATED LINE AT
LIBERTY, MISS., AND DISTRIBUTED BY THE AP. THIS ARTICLE STATES

IN PART THAT ED HOLLANDALE, COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER, STUDENT
NONVIOLENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE, JACKSON, MISS., CHARGED THAT
QUOTE "ALLEN/S SON RECENTLY HAD HIS CAR SHOT AT WITH BUCKSHOT

UNQUOTE. WHEN ASKED WHY HOLLANDALE SAID THIS [REDACTED]
HE DID NOT KNOW.

DURING INTERVIEWS OF MRS. ALLEN [REDACTED] IT
WAS DETERMINED THAT ABOUT THREE WEEKS AGO VICTIM RECEIVED LETTER
FROM BROTHER, MORRIS ALLEN, MILWAUKEE, WIS., INFORMING THAT IF
VICTIM WOULD COME TO MILWAUKEE, MORRIS WOULD BUY A GAS STATION
FOR VICTIM TO OPERATE.

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THEREAFTER, VICTIM ORIGINALLY PLANNED TO LEAVE FOR MILWAUKEE ON JAN. TWENTYFIVE, LAST, HOWEVER, ON JAN. TWENTYTWO, LAST, VICTIM'S MOTHER DIED, AND AS A RESULT VICTIM HAD TO SPEND MONEY SAVED FOR TRIP TO MILWAUKEE ON FUNERAL EXPENSES. NO ONE OTHER THAN IMMEDIATE FAMILY HAD KNOWLEDGE VICTIM PLANNED TO LEAVE ON JAN. TWENTYFIVE, LAST.

ON JAN. TWENTYNINE, LAST, VICTIM TOLD THEM HE WAS LEAVING FOR MILWAUKEE ON FEB. ONE, LAST, BY TRAIN FROM MC COMB, MISS. AGAIN ONLY MEMBERS OF IMMEDIATE FAMILY WERE AWARE OF THIS DATE.

b7C [REDACTED] STATED THAT ON JAN. THIRTYONE, LAST [REDACTED] VICTIM CONTACTED TWO INDIVIDUALS HE HAD PREVIOUSLY WORKED FOR OVER TEN YEARS AGO TO GET A LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION REGARDING HIS BEING ABLE TO OPERATE A BULLDOZER. IN NEITHER INSTANCE DID [REDACTED] INFORM PERSONS CONTACTED THAT HE WAS LEAVING LIBERTY, MISS., AREA, AND HE WAS UNSUCCESSFUL IN GETTING THESE LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION.

ATTEMPTS CONTINUING TO LOCATE LLOYD KING, NOT LOYDE CAIN AS INDICATED IN RETEL, IN THE VICINITY OF LIBERTY, MISS.

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*cc to Barnett CRD
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cc Mr. Rosen

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FROM NEW ORLEANS /41-2100/

UNKNOWN SUBJECT; LOUIS ALLEN DASH VICTIM. CIVIL RIGHTS.

RE NEW ORLEANS TEL FEB. FOUR SIXTY FOUR.

LLOYD KING, ROUTE ONE, LIBERTY, MISSISSIPPI ADVISED TODAY
THAT ON EVENING OF JAN. THIRTY ONE LAST, HE [REDACTED] AND

[REDACTED] WERE ONLY PERSONS AT RESIDENCE, ALL WERE WATCHING
A TV PROGRAM WHICH BEGAN AT SEVEN THIRTY PM AND WHICH WAS
HALF COMPLETED AS A COMMERCIAL WAS BEING SHOWN WHEN THERE
WAS A KNOCK AT THE BACK DOOR. THEREFORE KING BELIEVES THE
TIME WAS SEVEN FORTY FIVE PM.

[REDACTED] WENT TO THE BACK DOOR AND RETURNED ADVISING
LLOYD KING THAT LOUIS ALLEN WANTED TO SEE HIM. KING STATES HE AND
[REDACTED] WENT OUT ON BACK PORCH [REDACTED] STOOD TO ONE SIDE AND
REMAINED ONLY A MINUTE OR SO AND THEN WENT BACK INTO THE HOUSE.

ALLEN WAS ALONE AND TOLD KING HE, ALLEN WANTED A LETTER OF
RECOMMENDATION. ALLEN EXPLAINED HE DID NOT SEEM TO BE GETTING

AHEAD IN HIS LOGGING BUSINESS

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AND AS A MATTER OF FACT, WAS QUOTE GOING BACKWARD UNQUOTE.
AS A RESULT, ALLEN WAS THINKING OF SEEKING OTHER EMPLOYMENT
AS A TRUCK DRIVER OR BULLDOZER OPERATOR AND FELT THAT IS HE,
ALLEN, HAD A LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION SHOWING HE HAD EXPERIENCE
IN THE OPERATION OF THIS EQUIPMENT, IT WOULD AID HIM IN GETTING
A JOB.

KING SAID HE ASKED ALLEN IF ALLEN HAD A PROMISE OF
A JOB AND ALLEN REPLIED HE DID NOT, BUT THAT HE MIGHT SEEK
EMPLOYMENT WITH THE QUOTE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT UNQUOTE. ALLEN
D D
SIS NOR STATE WHERE HE WAS GOING TO SEEK THIS EMPLOYMENT OR
WHEN HE WAS GOING TO SEEK THIS EMPLOYMENT.

KING THEN WENT BACK INTO HIS HOUSE WHERE HE HAD [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] N FOR ALLEN AND [REDACTED]

AFTER [REDACTED] FINISHED THE LETTER, KING RETURNED TO
THE BACK PORCH AND GAVE IT TO ALLEN. ALLEN THEN LEFT AND
WALKED TOWARDS HIS TRUCK AND KING WENT BACK INTO THE HOUSE
WHERE HE OBSERVED THAT THE TV PROGRAM HE HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN
WATCHING HAD JUST CONCLUDED AND THEREFORE IT WAS EIGHT PM.

KING SAID HE DID NOT OBSERVE ANY STRANGE VEHICLES
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IN OR AROUND HIS RESIDENCE AND AT NO TIME DURING THE VISIT DID ALLEN GIVE ANY INDICATION HE WAS SCARED OR THAT HIS LIFE HAD BEEN THREATENED OF THAT HE OTHERWISE FEARED FOR HIS SAFETY.

KING SAID THAT IF ALLEN HAD ANY SUCH FEARS HE BELIEVED ALLEN WOULD HAVE TOLD HIM AS IN THE PAST, ALLEN HAD ON OCCASIONS COME TO KING FOR ADVICE AND THAT KING CONSIDERED HIMSELF TO BE PROBABLY ONE OF THE CLOSEST FRIENDS ALLEN HAD EVEN THOUGH KING WAS WHITE. AT NO TIME DID ALLEN INDICATE DURING THIS VISIT IN ANY MANNER THAT HE WAS LEAVING THE LIBERTY, MISSISSIPPI AREA. THE CITY OF MILWAUKEE WAS NEVER MENTIONED. KING SAID THAT PRIOR TO THIS CONTACT HE HAD LAST SEEN ALLEN AROUND CHRISTMAS TIME NINETEEN SIXTY THREE IN LIBERTY. AT THIS TIME, ALLEN DID NOT MENTION OR GIVE ANY INDICATION HE WAS THINKING OF LEAVING LIBERTY, MISSISSIPPI OR THAT HE FEARED FOR HIS SAFETY.

KING SAID NO INFORMATION HAD EVER COME TO HIS ATTENTION FROM ANY SOURCE THAT ALLEN PLANNED TO LEAVE LIBERTY. KING SAID HE DID NOT KNOW IF ALLEN WAS CURRENTLY RUNNING AROUND WITH ANY WOMEN. HOWEVER, ABOUT THREE YEARS AGO, HE OBSERVED ALLEN IN THE COMPANY OF A NEGRO WOMAN WHO WAS NOT ALLEN/S WIFE.

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KING AT THIS TIME REMARKED TO ALLEN THAT THE WOMEN DID NOT LOOK LIKE ALLEN/S WIFE TO WHICH ALLEN REPLIED THAT THE WOMAN WAS NOT HIS WIFE AND REQUESTED KING NOT TO MENTION THIS TO ANYBODY.

KING FURTHER ADVISED THAT A FEW YEARS PRIOR TO THIS ALLEN USED TO COME [REDACTED] TO VISIT ANOTHER NEGRO GIRL WHO WAS EMPLOYED BY [REDACTED] KING SAID THAT OVER THE YEARS IT WAS HIS IMPRESSION THAT ALLEN WAS FOND OF WOMEN, HOWEVER THE ABOVE WERE THE ONLY TWO SPECIFIC INSTANCES KING COULD RECALL.

REPORT FOLLOWS.

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REPORTING OFFICE NEW ORLEANS	OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEW ORLEANS	DATE 2/6/64	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 2/1 - 5/64
TITLE OF CASE UNSUB LOUIS ALLEN - VICTIM		REPORT MADE BY SA [REDACTED]	TYPED BY SW
		CHARACTER OF CASE CR	

REFERENCES:

Bureau telephone call to New Orleans, 2/1, 2/64.
 Bureau teletypes to New Orleans, 2/3/64.
 New Orleans teletypes to Bureau, 2/2, 3, 4, 5/64.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

It is noted that during the interview [REDACTED] on 2/2/64 by Bureau Agents [REDACTED] was evasive and reluctant to furnish specific details concerning his interviews with victim's wife, Mrs. ELIZABETH ALLEN, and [REDACTED] although every effort was made to secure such details from [REDACTED]

It is also noted that on 2/2/64 during the interview with Mrs. ELIZABETH ALLEN, she informed that she had been interviewed on 2/2/64 by [REDACTED] who described himself as an attorney, who throughout the interview made many notes and claimed he was going to furnish a report to the FBI.

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

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Copy to: 1 - U. S. Attorney, Jackson, Mississippi

Report of: SA [REDACTED] Office: NEW ORLEANS

Date: FEBRUARY 6, 1964

Field Office File No.: 44-2100 **7C** Bureau File No.:

Title: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
LOUIS ALLEN - VICTIM

Character: CIVIL RIGHTS

Synopsis:

Victim found shot to death at entrance to driveway of home near Liberty, Miss., on 2/1/64. According to individuals who knew victim, victim not engaged in any voter registration activities. Sheriff DANIEL JONES advised no physical evidence found at scene, nor suspects developed, however, investigation continuing. Victim's wife advises she heard three shots outside of residence at 8:30 p.m. on 1/31/64. Victim's wife and [REDACTED] state that victim planned to leave Liberty, Miss., area 2/1/64 for Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to seek employment. Neither could furnish any basis for killing, but that since victim's release from Amite County Jail, 11/63, victim would not travel to Liberty, Miss., but did not relate why he was scared to go to Liberty. Wife and [REDACTED] inform that victim's plans to leave Liberty only known to members of victim's family. Victim told wife reason he was leaving Liberty was that logging business was bad and also because victim felt that he was being "picked on." According to wife and [REDACTED] victim had originally intended to go to Milwaukee on 1/25/64, however, due to death of mother of victim, had spent money saved for mother's funeral expenses. Investigation determined that during the day of 1/31/64, victim went to Gloster, Miss., to secure letter of recommendation, but was unsuccessful. Thereafter, victim left residence at about

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7:00 p.m., 1/31/64 and drove alone to residence of LLOYD KING, a former employer, arriving at 7:45 p.m. KING gave victim a letter of recommendation. Victim did not appear frightened and gave no indication he was leaving Liberty to KING and victim left KING's residence at 8:00 p.m.

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DETAILS:

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This investigation is predicated upon receipt of telephonic information from Mr. ST. JOHN BARRETT of the Department on February 1, 1964, to the FBI at Washington, D. C. Mr. BARRETT informed that [REDACTED] of the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), Jackson, Mississippi, had contacted him and informed that LOUIS ALLEN had been shot.

According to [REDACTED] ALLEN was active in voter registration matters in Amite County, Mississippi.

Mr. BARRETT requested that investigation be conducted to determine the following:

1. Extent and nature of ALLEN's voter registration activities in the past.

2. Interview [REDACTED] who reportedly is en route to Liberty, Mississippi to attend ALLEN's funeral.

3. What local investigation is being conducted and the status thereof.

4. Was an autopsy performed and if so determine the results.

1Date 2/6/64

[redacted] Pike County Chapter, NAACP, who resides in the [redacted] was telephonically contacted to determine if he knew of the whereabouts of [redacted] stated that he had not been contacted by [redacted] nor did he know if [redacted] was in the Liberty, Mississippi, area.

b7C In addition, [redacted] advised that, on February 1, 1964, he had received a telephone call from a person by the name of [redacted] first name unknown. [redacted] stated he was associated with the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) in Jackson, Mississippi. [redacted] said he had received information that LOUIS ALLEN had been killed and asked [redacted] to verify ALLEN'S death. [redacted] told [redacted] that it was his understanding that ALLEN was allegedly active in voter registration matters in Liberty, Mississippi.

[redacted] informed that he had known LOUIS ALLEN for many years and had never known ALLEN to have been involved in any type of voter registration activity. [redacted] said there has been no voter registration activity in Amite County, Mississippi, for the past one to two years.

On 2/1/64 at McComb, Mississippi File # 44-2100

by SA [redacted] b7C SCR Date dictated 2/4/64