



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

# **VIOLA LIUZZO MURDER**

## **PART 10 OF 14**

**FILE NUMBER : 44-28601**

FBI

Date: 8/16/65

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-28601)  
FROM: SAC, MOBILE (44-1245)(P)  
RE: EUGENE THOMAS; ET AL;  
VIOLA LIUZZO, Aka; ET AL - VICTIMS  
CR - EL  
(OO: MOBILE)

Re Birmingham airtel to Bureau dated 7/9/65.

On 8/13/65, ARTHUR GAMBLE, Circuit Solicitor, Greenville, Ala., advised that transcript of the trial of COLLE LEROY WILKINS, wherein GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR. testified, is presently in the hands of the Department Of Justice in Washington, D.C., and, specifically, Departmental Attorney ST. JOHN BARRETT.

GAMBLE stated that if it was necessary the court reporter could possibly have another transcript prepared; however, it would necessitate some charges being assessed.

For the information of the Bureau, the San Francisco Office requested that they be furnished a copy of the testimony of GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., in order that he can review his previous testimony he gave in the May, 1965 WILKINS Trial for the forthcoming trial of Defendants WILKINS, THOMAS, and EATON.

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  - 1 - Birmingham (Info)(44-1236)
  - 1 - San Francisco (Info)(44-609)
  - 2 - Mobile
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*A. John Barrett  
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mtd 8/23/65  
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Special Agent in Charge

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The Bureau is requested to contact Departmental Attorney ST. JOHN BARRETT, obtain copy of testimony of GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., which testimony was recorded during the May, 1965 trial of COLLIE LEROY WILKINS, and forward same to San Francisco Division.

Information copies of this airtel are being furnished to San Francisco and Birmingham Divisions.

FBI

Date: 8/19/65

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-28601)

FROM: SAC, TAMPA (44-313)

EUGENE THOMAS, et al.;  
VIOLA LIUZZO, et al. - VICTIMS  
CR - EL

Re Tampa teletype 8/17/65.

Transmitted herewith for the Bureau and recipient offices are copies of the following news clippings which have appeared in the press in this division concerning the reported presence of GARY ROWE in Tampa:

- "Tampa Tribune" 8/19/65
- "Tampa Times" 8/18/65
- "St. Petersburg Times" 8/18/65

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- 3 Bureau (enc.-3) (RM)
- 1 SAC, San Francisco (personal attention) (44-609) (enc.-3) (RM)
- 1 SAC, Birmingham (personal attention) (44-1236) (enc.-3) (RM)
- 1 SAC, Mobile (personal attention) (44-1245) (RM) (enc.-3)
- 1 SAC, Savannah (personal attention) (enc.-3) (RM)
- 1 Tampa

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Approved: 56 AUG 20 Special Agent in Charge

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# Klan Lawyer Says FBI 'Spy' Living It Up in Tampa

The attorney for the Alabama Ku Klux Klan and for Collie LeRoy Wilkins charged with the murder of a white civil rights worker, said yesterday in Birmingham that an FBI undercover agent who testified against Wilkins has been located in Tampa.

Joseph F. Santolana, agent in charge of the Tampa FBI office said: "I don't know anything about it."

Pressed for further information, Santolana persisted he simply didn't know anything about it.

The undercover agent, Gary Thomas Rowe, 31, testified at Wilkins' trial last May that he was in the car when Wilkins and two other men fired on and killed Mrs. Violet Liuzzo of Detroit.

Mrs. Liuzzo, a civil rights worker, was driving a car in Lowndes County, Ala., returning a Negro from a civil rights demonstration in Selma.

Rowe was a surprise witness in the trial of Wilkins which ended in a hung jury because two of the jurors said they could not believe Rowe because he had said he had joined the Klan, taken Klan oaths of secrecy and was violating his oath by testifying at the trial.

A new trial for Wilkins is scheduled Sept. 27 in Haynesville, Ala.

Since the trial Rowe dropped out of sight.

Yesterday, Matt Murphy who defended Wilkins, said in Birmingham that Rowe had been located in Tampa — "living like a lord and roaming the sands, eating chicken and steaks — filet mignon."

Murphy also said six FBI agents were guarding Rowe round the clock and "costing the taxpayers \$180 a day."

Murphy said he has a suit against Rowe to be heard in a Jefferson County court Sept. 7 for the collection of back attorney fees.

Murphy did not explain how he received his information that Rowe was in Tampa.

Rowe testified he had been an undercover agent for the FBI for five years and had been paid by the government during that time, that his instructions were to infiltrate Klan and Communist groups.

It was pointed out by a federal employe yesterday that it would be a natural thing for the FBI to guard Rowe.

In the first place he is one of them and is a federal employe who might possibly be in danger of his life from members of the Klan.

Without Rowe's testimony the state of Alabama would not have as tight a case against Wilkins. Rowe was an eye-witness, riding in the car from which the shots were fired.

The FBI has been engaged in investigating civil rights violations for some time and the Justice Department, under which the bureau operates, is charged with enforcing civil rights laws under the 1963 Civil Rights Act.

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

1B The Tampa Tribune  
Tampa, Florida

Date: August 19, 1967

Edition:

Author:

Editor: James A. Glendin

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Submitting Office: Tampa

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MRS. LIUZZO



ROWE



WILKINS



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## Local FBI Head Mum on Talk Informer Here

Joseph F. Santoiana, special agent in charge of the FBI in Tampa, today said he "knew nothing" concerning reports FBI informer Gary Thomas Rowe was under heavy guard in Tampa.

Rowe originally had been accused, along with three other members of the Ku Klux Klan, with the slaying of a civil rights worker, Mrs. Viola Liuzzo, shortly after she took part in the March 25 Selma-Montgomery civil rights march.

Rowe testified against one of the accused men, klansman Col- lie Leroy Wilkins, and told the court Wilkins was the trigger man. The trial ended in a hung jury, and a new one is sched- uled for Sept. 27.

The report Rowe is in Tampa came from klan attorney Matt H. Murphy, who said six FBI men were guarding him around the clock.

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

4 The Tampa Times  
Tampa, Fla.

Date: August 18, 1965  
Edition:  
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Editor: Bennett DeLoach  
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# Informer Rowe Said In Tampa

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (UPI) — Matt H. Murphy, attorney for the Ku Klux Klan, said yesterday FBI informer Gary Thomas Rowe, who testified against a Klansman on trial for the murder of a civil rights worker, is in Tampa, Fla., under heavy guard.

(Murphy said six FBI agents were guarding Rowe around the clock "costing the taxpayers \$180 a day."

J. F. Santolana, special agent in charge of the FBI in Tampa, told the St. Petersburg Times, "I don't know anything about it."

Murphy said his suit against Rowe to collect a lawyer's fee has been set in Jefferson County Court Sept. 7. Rowe originally was accused with three Ku Klux Klansmen in connection with the murder of Mrs. Viola Liuzzo shortly after she took part in the March 25 Selma-to-Montgomery civil rights march.

However, it turned out Rowe joined the Klan to inform the FBI, and charges against him were dropped. Rowe testified at the Hayneville murder trial of Klansman Collie Leroy Wilkins that Wilkins was the triggerman.

The trial ended in a hung jury and a new trial was set for Sept. 27 in Hayneville. The two other accused Klansmen, Eugene Thomas and William Eaton, have yet to be tried. All three say they are innocent.

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

3 St. Petersburg Times  
St. Petersburg, Fla

Date: August 18, 1965  
Edition:  
Author:  
Editor: Courtland Anderson  
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Submitting Office: Tampa  
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8/25/65

1 - Mr. Hines

Airtel

To: SAC, Mobile (44-1245)  
From: Director, FBI (44-28601)

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

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Enclosed herewith is a copy of the transcript of the trial of Collie Leroy Wilkins, Jr., at Hayneville, Alabama, May 3, 1965.

Mr. Hines

Review this transcript and furnish those portions pertinent to the testimony of Gary Thomas Rowe to San Francisco pursuant to San Francisco's previous request. Mobile maintain the balance of the transcript in your office for possible use of Agents who may be called upon to testify at a future trial.

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Enclosure

2 - San Francisco (44-609)  
1 - Birmingham (44-1236)

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NOTE: In response to the request of the San Francisco Office that the informant be allowed to review his testimony in the previous trial of Collie Leroy Wilkins for the murder of Mrs. Viola Liuzzo, before he is called upon to testify at the retrial currently scheduled for 9/27/65. A copy of the transcript was obtained from Mr. St. John Barrett of the Civil Rights Division. Since Agents testified at the trial, Mobile will maintain the balance of the transcript in order that Agents who testified at the former trial may be able to review their testimony prior to testifying in a future trial in order to refresh their memories. Gary Thomas Rowe is our informant who has been relocated to San Francisco. Due to the death of Defense Attorney Matt Murphy, the retrial now scheduled for 9/27/65 will likely be postponed as a new defense attorney has not yet been named.

- Tolson
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- Casper
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- Conrad
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GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

This case concerns the murder of civil rights worker Viola Liuzzo near Selma, Alabama, 3/25/65. Matt Murphy was the defense attorney for three Klansmen, including Colle LeRoy Wilkins, who were charged with murdering Liuzzo. Matt Murphy was killed in an automobile accident near Tuscaloosa, Alabama, 8/20/65.

Art Hanes when mayor of Birmingham, was politically affiliated with Bull Connor, former Police Commissioner of Birmingham and extreme segregationist.

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URGENT 8-24-65 JGA

TO DIRECTOR 44-1285

FROM BIRMINGHAM 44-1236 (P) IP

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*Also known as*

*Civil Rights - Election Laws*

EUGENE THOMAS; ETAL; VIOLA LIUZZO, AKA; ETAL - VICTIMS. CR; EL.

DURING BRIEF CONFERENCE HELD EIGHT FORTYFIVE A.M., INSTANT, BETWEEN SA [REDACTED] BIRMINGHAM ATTORNEY ART HANES (FORMER <sup>U.S. ATTORNEY</sup> FBI AGENT AND FORMER MAYOR OF BIRMINGHAM), AND USA MACOL L. WEAVER CONCERNING ANOTHER CASE, ART HANES WAS OVERHEARD TO MENTION TO USA WEAVER THAT HE HAD BEEN APPROACHED TO DEFEND COLLIE LEROY WILKINS IN HAYNEVILLE, ALABAMA, NOW THAT MATT MURPHY IS DEAD. HANES STATED HE HAS GIVEN THIS MATTER A LOT OF CONSIDERATION AND BELIEVES THAT WILKINS IS ENTITLED TO A DEFENSE IN THIS MATTER. HE STATED FURTHER THAT HE HAD NOT AS YET DECIDED WHETHER HE WOULD DEFEND HIM AND HAS NOT AS YET MADE ANY PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT TO THAT EFFECT. THE ABOVE IS SUBMITTED FOR BUREAU'S INFORMATION.

AIRMAIL COPY TO MOBILE.

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Date: 8/28/65

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-28601)  
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1236) (P)  
SUBJECT: EUGENE THOMAS; ET AL.  
VIOLA GREGG LIUZZO, aka;  
ET AL - VICTIMS  
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(OO: MOBILE)

Re Mobile airtel to Birmingham dated 8/12/65, captioned "COLLIE LEROY WILKINS; RM", BH 157-1159.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination reflecting the feelings of ARTHUR GAMBLE, JR., Circuit Solicitor, Greenville, Alabama, regarding the revocation of WILKINS' federal probation.

Two copies of LHM are being furnished the Mobile Office. Copy of LHM is also being furnished the USA, Birmingham.

- (3) - Bureau (Enc. 8) ENCLOSURE
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51 SEP 7 1965 Special Agent In Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1400 - 2121 Building  
Birmingham, Alabama  
August 28, 1965

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

RE: EUGENE THOMAS;  
WILLIAM ORVILLE EATON;  
COLLIE LEROY WILKINS, JR.  
VIOLA GREGG LIUZZO - VICTIM  
LEROY JEROME MOTEN - VICTIM.

Mr. Arthur Gamble, Jr., Circuit Solicitor, Greenville, Alabama, who was the prosecuting attorney in the trial of Collie Leroy Wilkins, Jr. at Hayneville, Alabama, advised that he had discussed the matter concerning the revocation of Wilkins' probation with Assistant U. S. Attorney R. Macey Taylor while in Birmingham, Alabama, during the Alabama Bar Convention in July 1965. He stated it had been agreed that any federal action against Wilkins to revoke his probation at this time would possibly jeopardize any chance of a conviction in Lowndes County, Alabama.

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

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# Memorandum

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 8-24-65

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: ARTHUR J. HANES  
FORMER FBI AGENT  
FORMER MAYOR OF BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

The United Press International under dateline of August 22nd at Birmingham, Alabama, reported that the captioned was one of the pallbearers at the funeral of Matt H. Murphy, Jr., the Ku Klux Klan attorney who defended the three Klansmen accused of killing Mrs. Liuzzo on March 25, 1965.

The article reported that former Birmingham mayor Art Hanes was "near tears throughout the ceremony." It also speculated that Hanes may replace Murphy as Klan attorney and as such would defend the three Klansmen accused of murdering Mrs. Liuzzo at their new trial scheduled for September 27th.

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SUBJECT: EUGENE THOMAS, ET AL;  
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ReBuairtel 8/25/65.

The transcript of the trial of COLLIE LEROY WILKINS, JR. at Hayneville, Ala., 5/3/65 as mentioned in reairtel not received by Mobile. Please forward.

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-28601), BIRMINGHAM AND SAN FRANCISCO  
 FROM: MOBILE (44-1245) 2P

EUGENE THOMAS, ETAL. VIOLA LIUZZO, ETAL - VICTIMS. CR, EL.

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ON NIGHT SEPT. TWENTY LAST CIRCUIT SOLICITOR ARTHUR GAMBLE,  
 GREENVILLE, ALA., TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED SA SPENCER M. ROBB THE  
 RETRIAL OF COLLIE LEROY WILKINS HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY,  
 SEPT. TWENTYNINE NEXT.

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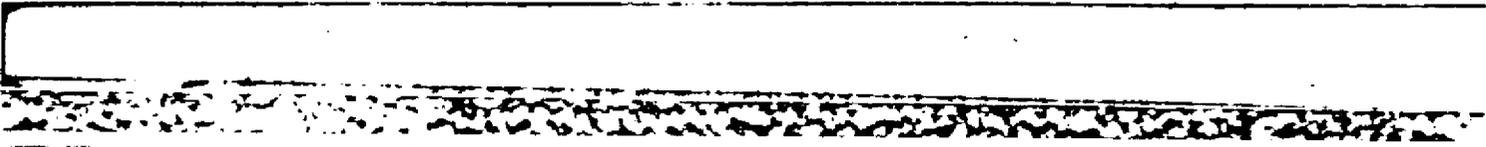
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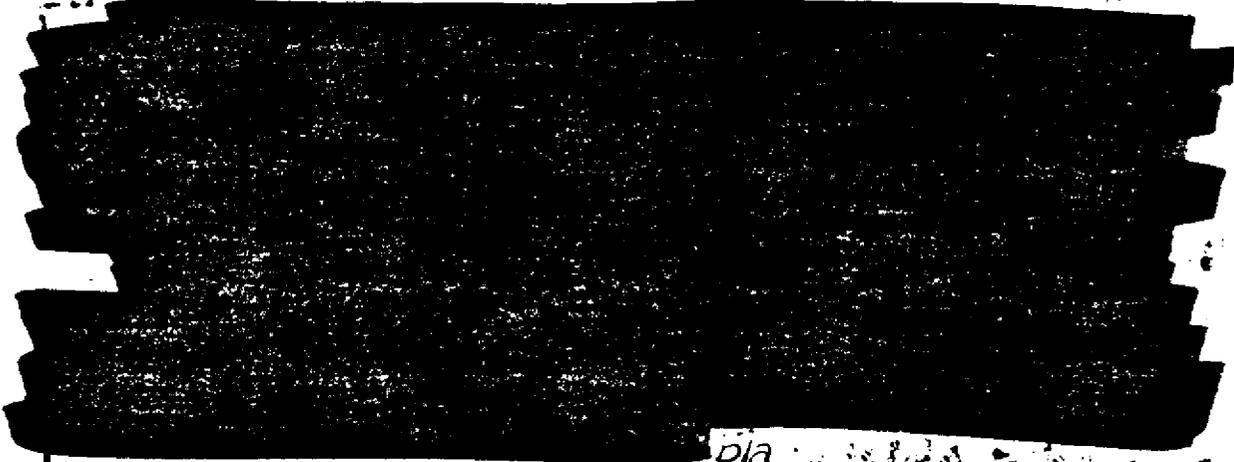
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URGENT 9-20-65 6:36 PM  
 TO DIRECTOR, BIRMINGHAM, MOBILE AND TAMPA  
 FROM SAN FRANCISCO 202049

*also known as*  
 EUGENE THOMAS; ET AL; VIOLA LIUZZO, AKA; ET AL - VICTIMS  
 ER - Et.

A SOUTHERN PAPER HAS PRINTED THAT DEFENSE ATTORNEY HANES  
 IS NOT GOING TO ASK FOR A TRIAL DELAY AND THAT TRIAL WILL  
 BEGIN SEPTEMBER 27, NEXT.



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If the intelligence contained in the above message is to be disseminated outside the Bureau, it is suggested that it be suitably paraphrased in order to protect the Bureau's cryptographic systems.

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URGENT

TO SACS, MOBILE, BIRMINGHAM AND SAN FRANCISCO  
FROM DIRECTOR FBI

1 - Mr. Hines

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

RE MOBILE TEL TO DIRECTOR, BIRMINGHAM AND SAN FRANCISCO  
SEPTEMBER TWENTY-ONE, SIXTYFIVE.

THE STATEMENT OF ALABAMA ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL JOE  
BRECK GANTT THAT HE IS ATTEMPTING TO GET A CONTINUANCE IN THE  
WILKINS CASE BUT DOUBTS THAT HE WILL BE SUCCESSFUL

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- Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
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NOTE: The state murder trial of Collie LeRoy Wilkins and possibly the other two subjects for the shooting of Viola Liuzzo has been set for 9/29/65, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Alabama Assistant Attorney General Gantt has advised that the state Attorney General's Office had taken over these two cases from the circuit solicitor Joe Gamble and would attempt to obtain a continuance in both cases but that he doubted if he would be successful in the Wilkins case. [REDACTED]

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- Mr. Mohr
- Mr. DeLoach
- Mr. Casper
- Mr. Callahan
- Mr. Conrad
- Mr. Felt
- Mr. Gale
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Sullivan
- Mr. Tavel
- Mr. Trotter
- Mr. Tele. Room
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- Miss Gandy

FBI SAN FRAN

4:44PM PDST URGENT 9-23-65 CAN  
 TO DIRECTOR (44-28601) AND MOBILE (44-1245)  
 FROM SAN FRANCISCO (44-609) 1P

EUGENE THOMAS, ET AL; VIOLA LIUZZO, AKA ET AL DASH VICTIMS  
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- Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_
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U 712 PM CST URGENT 9/23/65 TELETYPE VFP

TO DIRECTOR /44-28601/ BIRMINGHAM AND SAN FRANCISCO /44-600/  
FROM MOBILE /44-1245/

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

REBUTEL THIS DATE AND SF TEL THIS DATE.

JOE BRECK GANTT, ALA AAG THIS DATE ADVISED THAT HE IS STILL  
MOST ANXIOUS TO OBTAIN CONTINUANCE IN BOTH COLEMAN AND WILKINS  
CASES AND WILL HAVE NO DEFINITE KNOWLEDGE UNTIL AFTER MOTIONS  
ARE MADE AND RULED UPON NINE TWENTY SEVEN SIXTYFIVE IN CIRCUIT  
COURT IN HAYNEVILLE.

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BUREAU AND INTERESTED OFFICES WILL IMMEDIATELY BE ADVISED  
WHEN TRIAL DATE KNOWN.

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TO DIRECTOR, BIRMINGHAM AND TAMPA

FROM MOBILE /44-1245/

EUGENE THOMAS, ETAL; VIOLA LIUZZO, AKA, ETAL - VICTIMS;

CR EL.

REMOTEL THIS DATE

JOE BRECK GANTT, AAG, MONTGOMERY, ALA., ADVISES WILL NOT  
HAVE INFORMATION CONCERNING DATE WITNESSES NEEDED UNTIL  
SOMETIME DURING SEPT. TWENTYEIGHT INSTANT. BUREAU AND INTERESTED  
OFFICES WILL BE ADVISED.

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-28601), BIRMINGHAM (44-1236) AND

TAMPA (44-313)

FROM: MOBILE (44-1245)

EUGENE THOMAS, ETAL; VIOLA LIUZZO - VICTIM, ETAL; CRIMINAL

REMOVAL SEPTEMBER TWENTYSEVEN SIXTYFIVE.

AT CONCLUSION OF HEARING ON TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER

IN BOTH [REDACTED] AND INSTANT CASE HELD IN USDC, MONTGOMERY, ALA., THIS DATE, CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE RICHARD T. RIVES, WHO HEARD CASE IN ABSENCE OF JUDGE FRANK M. JOHNSON, JR., DENIED MOTION BY ACLU ATTORNEY FOR TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER. ATTORNEY GENERAL RICHMOND FLOWERS ADVISED IS STILL NOT CERTAIN EXACT DATE ROVE AND AGENT WITNESSES WILL BE REQUIRED, BUT STATED WILL ADVISE THIS AFTERNOON. BUREAU AND INTERESTED OFFICES WILL BE ADVISED IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIPT OF THIS INFORMATION.

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TO SAC BIRMINGHAM  
FROM DIRECTOR FBI

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

RETPTEL NINE TWENTY FOUR LAST

BIRMINGHAM INSURE PERTINENT INFORMATION RETEL  
FURNISHED MOBILE AND INSTRUCT MOBILE TO IMMEDIATELY  
ADVISE BUREAU AND TAMPA WHEN TRIAL DATE SET.

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- Belmont \_\_\_\_\_
- Mohr \_\_\_\_\_
- DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_
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GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

The trial of Collie LeRoy Wilkins  
for the shooting of Mrs. Viola Liuzzo  
3/25/65, is set for 9/29/65

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Hayneville, Alabama, on state indictments.

The Department will be advised of  
information in attached and their  
recommendation regarding furnishing our  
reports in the Coleman case will be  
followed.

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TO DIRECTOR, BIRMINGHAM AND SAN FRANCISCO  
FROM MOBILE 44-1245/

EUGENE THOMAS, ETAL. VIOLA LIUZZO, ETAL-VICTIMS; CR, ETAL.

REMOTEL THIS DATE.

AT FIVE TEN PM THIS DATE JOE BRECK GANTT, ASSISTANT AG,  
STATE OF ALA., TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED SA [REDACTED] THAT  
ON THIS DATE AG RICHMOND FLOWERS HAD RELIEVED CIRCUIT SOLICITOR  
ARTHUR GAMBLE OF HIS DUTIES AS PROSECUTOR IN THE CASES OF  
COLLIE LEROY WILKINS, ETAL, [REDACTED] IN  
LOWNDES COUNTY, ALA., AND HAD ASSIGNED THE PROSECUTION OF THESE  
TWO CASES TO GANTT. GANTT STATED HE IS GOING TO ATTEMPT TO GET  
A CONTINUANCE IN BOTH CASES BUT HAS DOUBTS OF BEING SUCCESSFUL  
IN GETTING CONTINUANCE IN THE WILKINS, ETAL CASE, ALTHOUGH EXPECTS  
CONTINUANCE IN [REDACTED] CASE. GANTT STATED DESIRES COPIES OF FBI  
REPORTS IN WILKINS, ET AL CASE, AS WELL AS [REDACTED] CASE. HE WAS

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CIVIL RIGHTS - ELECTION CASES

Attorney General

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ADVISED ALL INFORMATION WHICH COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE BY FBI  
WAS GIVEN TO GAMBLE IN WILKINS CASE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] GANTT STATED STATUS <sup>b7c</sup>  
OF WITNESSES FOR WILKINS CASE SHOULD REMAIN THE SAME AND IF  
CONTINUANCE GRANTED HE WILL IMMEDIATELY CONVEY INFORMATION TO  
FBI SO TRAVEL OF WITNESSES CAN BE STOPPED.

BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED OF ANY FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.

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Mr. Callahan	
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2:35 PM CST URGENT 9/29/65 FBW

TO: DIRECTOR (44-28601)

FROM: MOBILE (44-1245) PI

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

REBURAD, NINE TWENTYEIGHT INSTANT.

IN REGARD TO SUBPOENA DUCES TECUM ISSUED TO SA ROBERT  
L. FRYE MOTION TO QUASH AND HEARING WAS HELD INSTANT DATE  
AND MOTION TO QUASH WAS GRANTED. [REDACTED]

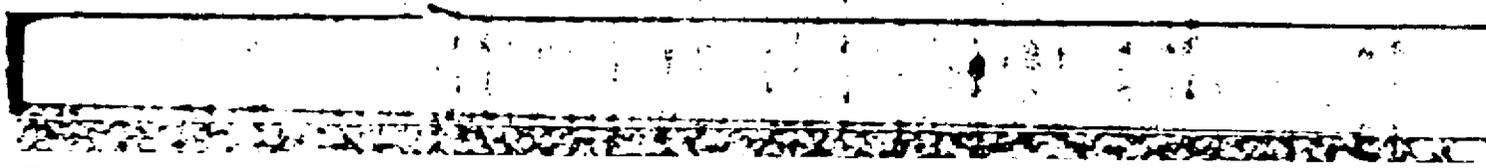
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Mr. Belmont	_____
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Mr. Casper	_____
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 TO BUREAU /44-28601/, BIRMINGHAM /44-1236/AND TAMPA /44-313/  
 FROM MOBILE /44-1245/

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

REMOTEL SEPTEMBER TWENTYNINE INSTANT.

CIRCUIT JUDGE THAGGARD, LOWNDES COUNTY ALA AFTER CONFERENCE  
 WITH PROSECUTION AND DEFENCE ATTORNEYS POST PONED TRIAL OF INSTANT  
 CASE UNTIL OCTOBER EIGHTEEN NEXT.

BUREAU AND BIRMINGHAM REQUESTED TO PROVIDE INSTRUCTIONS TO TAMPA.

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# Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (44-28601)

DATE: 10/5/65

FROM : SAC, Birmingham (44-1236) (P)

SUBJECT: EUGENE THOMAS; ET AL;  
VIOLA LIUZZO, aka;  
ET AL - VICTIMS  
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At regular weekly meeting of Eastview Klavern Number 13, United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, on September 23, 1965, which was attended by 17 members, including [redacted] the topic of the forth-<sup>b7d</sup> coming trial of COLLIE LEROY WILKINS was discussed from the floor.

Exalted Cyclops EUGENE REEVES stated he had recently received a summons to appear at the trial in Hayneville, Alabama. It was stated that ROBERT THOMAS, Great Titan, was also due to be there, but he did not say whether or not he had received an official summons.

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No further discussion on the trial was made at the Eastview Klavern meeting.

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Mr. Tolson	
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Mr. Bishop	
Mr. Casper	
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Conrad	
Mr. Felt	
Mr. Gale	
Mr. Rosen	
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VFP

TO DIRECTOR /44-28601/, ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM AND SAN FRANCISCO.  
FROM MOBILE /44-1245/

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

FOR INFORMATION OF BUREAU, CIRCUIT SOLICITOR ARTHUR E. GAMBLE, JR., GREENVILLE, ALA., CONFIDENTIALLY ADVISED ON OCTOBER ELEVEN, LAST, THAT JUDGE T. WERTH THAGARD HAD INSTRUCTED HIM TO BE PREPARED TO PROCEED WITH COLLIE LEROY WILKINS TRIAL ON OCTOBER EIGHTEEN, NEXT. <sup>SAID</sup> SIAD HAS BEEN REMOVED FROM THE CASE BY ALA. ATTORNEY GENERAL RICHMOND FLOWERS, BUT HE UNDERSTANDS THAT ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPRESENTATIVE PLANNING TO ASK FOR CONTINUANCE OF TRIAL IN VIEW OF LOCAL RACIAL SITUATION AND APPARENT CRITICISM OF HANDLING OF CASE INVOLVING THOMAS L. COLEMAN IN HIS SHOOTING OF JONATHAN DANIELS IN HAYNEVILLE, ALA.

ADDED IT IS HIS OPINION TRIAL SHOULD BE HELD AT THIS TIME. HE ANTICIPATES JUDGE THAGARD ORDERING HIM TO PROCEED WITH CASE AFTER REMOVAL OF THE STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL FROM CASE, AS HAPPENED IN COLEMAN TRIAL.

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HE ASKED THAT GOVERNMENT WITNESSES, INCLUDING GARY THOMAS ROWE, LAB EXPERT ~~VARION WILLIAMS~~, BIRMINGHAM FBI AGENTS WHO TESTIFIED IN PREVIOUS TRIAL, AND VOUCHER SECTION EMPLOYEE WHO TESTIFIED AS TO PAYMENTS MADE TO ROWE BE ALERTED FOR TRAVEL TO BE IN HAYNEVILLE ON OCTOBER NINETEEN, NEXT FOR TESTIMONY. HE SAID IF TRIAL IS HELD, MONDAY WILL BE TAKEN UP WITH SELECTION OF JURORS AND LOCAL WITNESSES IF TESTIMONY IS TAKEN ON THAT DATE. HE ALSO REQUESTED THAT LEROY MOTON, WHO IS PRESENTLY ON STAFF AT A FREEDOM SCHOOL IN CRAWFORDVILLE, GA, BE NOTIFIED TO BE AVAILABLE ON SHORT NOTICE FOR TRIAL. HE WILL MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR LOCAL FBI AGENT TO BE NOTIFIED ON MONDAY IF TRIAL IS TO PROCEED. BUREAU AND INTERESTED OFFICES WILL BE NOTIFIED IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIPT OF THIS INFORMATION.

ATLANTA DIVISION, LOCATE AND NOTIFY MOTON.

BIRMINGHAM AND BUREAU REQUESTED TO ALERT PERSONNEL. P.

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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OCT 15 1965

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3:51 PM CST RUGENT 10-13-65 DLR

TO DIRECTOR (44-28601)

FROM SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1236)

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

Mr. Tolson	_____
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Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
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ON THE AFTERNOON OF OCTOBER TWELVE, LAST, MR. PAUL JOHNSTON, ATTORNEY FOR GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., CALLED THE BIRMINGHAM OFFICE AND REQUESTED THAT ROWE CONTACT HIM BY PHONE SOMETIME NEXT WEEK IF ROWE IS IN ALABAMA FOR THE TRIAL OF COLLIE LEROY WILKINS.

JOHNSTON STATED HE WISHED TO DISCUSS FURTHER OFFER FROM WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE RE STORY ON ROWE.

UACB ROWE WILL BE INSTRUCTED TO TELEPHONE MR. JOHNSTON SOMETIME NEXT WEEK WHILE IN ALABAMA. ROWE WILL NOT REVEAL HIS SPECIFIC WHEREABOUTS AT THE TIME OF THE

AIR MAIL COPIES TO MOBILE AND [REDACTED]

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INVESTIGATOR RUFUS HEAD HAS ALSO BEEN SUBPOENAED BY DEFENSE AND HANES WAS OVERHEARD TALKING TO HEAD ON SEPTEMBER TWENTY-NINE, LAST, IN COURTHOUSE, HAYNEVILLE, ALA., REGARDING THIS PARTICULAR INFORMATION.

SA FRYE HAS HAD NO OTHER CONNECTION WITH CAPTIONED CASE, FROM AN INVESTIGATIVE STANDPOINT, AND ONLY HANDLED ADMINISTRATION OF CASE [REDACTED]

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Assistant United States Attorney

MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA

THIS MATTER WAS DISCUSSED WITH AUSA J. O. SENTELL, MDA, MONTGOMERY, ALA., TODAY IN ABSENCE OF USA BEN HARDEMAN, WHO IS UNAVAILABLE UNTIL OCTOBER SIXTEEN, NEXT.

United States Attorney

SENTELL STATED HE HAD PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED THE POSSIBILITY OF SA FRYE TESTIFYING WITH USA HARDEMAN, AND THEY HAVE NO OBJECTION TO TESTIMONY THAT IS COMPETENT AND RELEVANT; THAT SA FRYE [REDACTED]

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HOWEVER,

SENTELL POINTED OUT THAT IF HANES DESIRED PRETRIAL CONFERENCE

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United States Attorney's

WITH SA FRYE A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE USA'S OFFICE SHOULD BE  
PRESENT AT TIME OF CONFERENCE.

SUGGEST BUREAU BRING THIS MATTER TO ATTENTION OF DEPT.  
ATTYS. JAMES TURNER AND SAINT JOHN BARRETT, WHO HAVE HANDLED  
GOVERNMENT'S CASE IN THIS MATTER IN MDA IN COOPERATION WITH  
United States Attorney, DISTRICT OF ALABAMA  
USA, MDA.

Unless Advised to Contrary by Director

UACB, SA FRYE WILL APPEAR IN ANSWER TO THE SUBPOENA,  
HAYNEVILLE, ALA., OCTOBER EIGHTEEN, NEXT. P.

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Date: 10/13/65

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Via TELETYPE URGENT  
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TO DIRECTOR /AIRMAIL//44-28601/, ATLANTA, AND MOBILE /44-1245/  
FROM SAVANNAH /174-7/

EUGENE THOMAS; COLLIE LEROY WILKINS; ET AL; VIOLA GREGG LIUZZO,  
AKA.; ET AL - VICTIMS. CR EL.

RE MOBILE TEL, OCT. TWELVE, LAST.

[REDACTED]

ADVISED ON OCT. THIRTEEN, INST., THAT LE ROY MOTON LEFT *b7c*  
CRAWFORDVILLE, GA., ELEVEN P.M., OCT, ELEVEN, LAST, TO RETURN  
TO SCOPE HOUSE, FIVE SIX THREE JOHNSON AVE., ATLANTA, GA.  
MOTON PRESENTLY EMPLOYED AS COOK THERE.

ATLANTA, HANDLE.

AIRMAIL COPY INST. TEL TO BUREAU.

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Approved: 30 OCT 20 1965  
Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Mr. Belmont

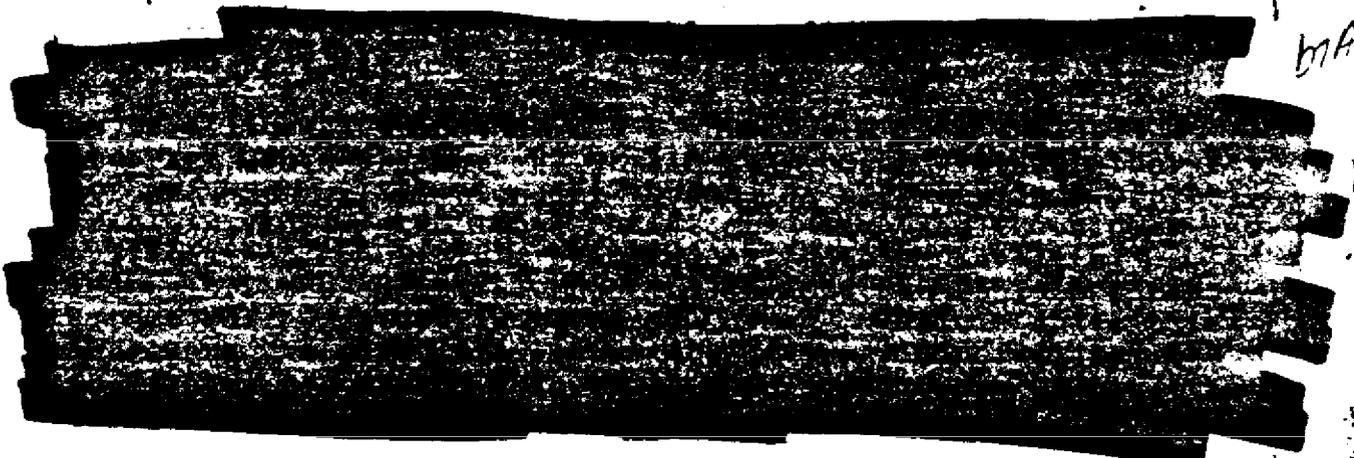
DATE: October 13, 1965

FROM : A. Rosen

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

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

The retrial of Collie Leroy Wilkins, Jr., for the murder of Mrs. Viola Liuzzo in Lowndes County, Alabama, on 3/25/65 is scheduled to take place in the Alabama Circuit Court, Hayneville, Alabama, 10/18/65. It will be recalled that when this case was first called for retrial on 9/27/65, Alabama Attorney General Richmond Flowers took over prosecution of the case from Circuit Solicitor Arthur E. Gamble, Jr., who tried the case initially in May, 1965. The initial trial resulted in a hung jury.



Gamble asked that Government witnesses, including our informant Gary Thomas Rowe, our FBI Laboratory expert who handled examination of the murder weapon and our Voucher Section employee who can testify [redacted] be alerted for travel to be in Hayneville on 10/19/65. Gamble said he will notify the local FBI on Monday, 10/18/65, if trial is to proceed. The Government witnesses and Agents requested by Gamble to testify have been alerted, however, they will not undertake travel until notice is received on Monday, 10/18/65, that their testimony is actually needed on 10/19/65.

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont  
RE: EUGENE THOMAS, ET AL;

In connection with the upcoming trial, SA Robert L. Frye of the Selma, Alabama, Resident Agency, received a subpoena 10/12/65 commanding his appearance as a witness for the defendant Collie Leroy Wilkins on 10/18/65. From information available it is believed that defense attorney Arthur J. Hanes, who is former FBI Agent and adamant segregationist, had the subpoena issued in order to utilize SA Frye for the purpose of introducing information obtained

[REDACTED]

It is noted that Moton was the young Negro boy who accompanied Mrs. Liuzzo at the time of the shooting.

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The matter of the receipt of the subpoena by SA Frye was discussed with the U. S. Attorney's Office, Montgomery, Alabama, and the U. S. Attorney advised they have no objection to testimony of SA Frye that is competent and relevant.

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will be ~~has been~~ called to the stand to testify.

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ACTION

SA Frye will appear in answer to the subpoena as suggested by the Department and his testimony will be limited to that which is competent and relevant. This matter is being closely followed and you will be advised of developments.

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FBI MOBILE

7:40 P M CST 10/15/65 URGENT CCM

TO DIRECTOR, BIRMINGHAM AND SAN FRANCISCO  
FROM MOBILE (44-1245)

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

REBURAD, OCTOBER FIFTEEN, INSTANT.

JOE BRECK GANTT, ASSISTANT TO ATTORNEY GENERAL RICHMOND  
FLOWERS, ADVISED TODAY THAT HE IS REMOVING COUNTY SOLICITOR  
ARTHUR GAMBLE FROM TRIAL OF INSTANT CASE, AND THAT HE WOULD  
TRY THE CASE. WILL ASK FOR A CONTINUANCE, KNOWING THAT IT  
WILL BE DENIED, BUT HE WILL THEREAFTER TRY THE CASE.

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Mr. Tolson	
Mr. DeLoach	
Mr. Mohr	
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Date: 10/15/65

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
SAC, MOBILE (44-1245)

FROM : SAC, ATLANTA (44-1765)

SUBJECT : EUGENE THOMAS;  
COLLIE LEROY WILKINS;  
ET AL;  
VIOLA GREGG LIUZZO, aka;  
ET AL - VICTIMS  
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Re Mobile teletype 10/12/65 and Savannah teletype 10/13/65.

LEROY MOTON is presently living and working in the SCLC Freedom House, 563 Johnson Ave., Atlanta, Ga. He was advised to be available on short notice for trial, and he stated that he will notify the Atlanta FBI Office if he should do any travelling at all.

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GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

At 2:25 a. m. on 10/19/65, John Doar, Civil Rights Division, advised he received call from Dr. Rosen, Medical Committee for Human Rights, Selma, Alabama, advising that Mrs. Barbara Butler, who is associated with the committee, had not returned from trial of Collie Leroy Wilkins, Jr., on 10/18/65, as scheduled. Wilkins being retried on state murder charges in connection with shooting of Mrs. Viola Liuzzo in Lowndes County on night of 3/25/65. Trial taking place in Bayneville, Alabama.

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GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

The retrial of Collie Leroy Wilkins, Jr. for the murder of Mrs. Viola Liuzzo, is expected to commence in State Court, Hayneville, Alabama, on 10-18-65.

Departmental Attorney Turner, mentioned herein, is coordinating trial for the Government.

State Attorney General's Office plans to remove County Solicitor from trial and handle the prosecution.

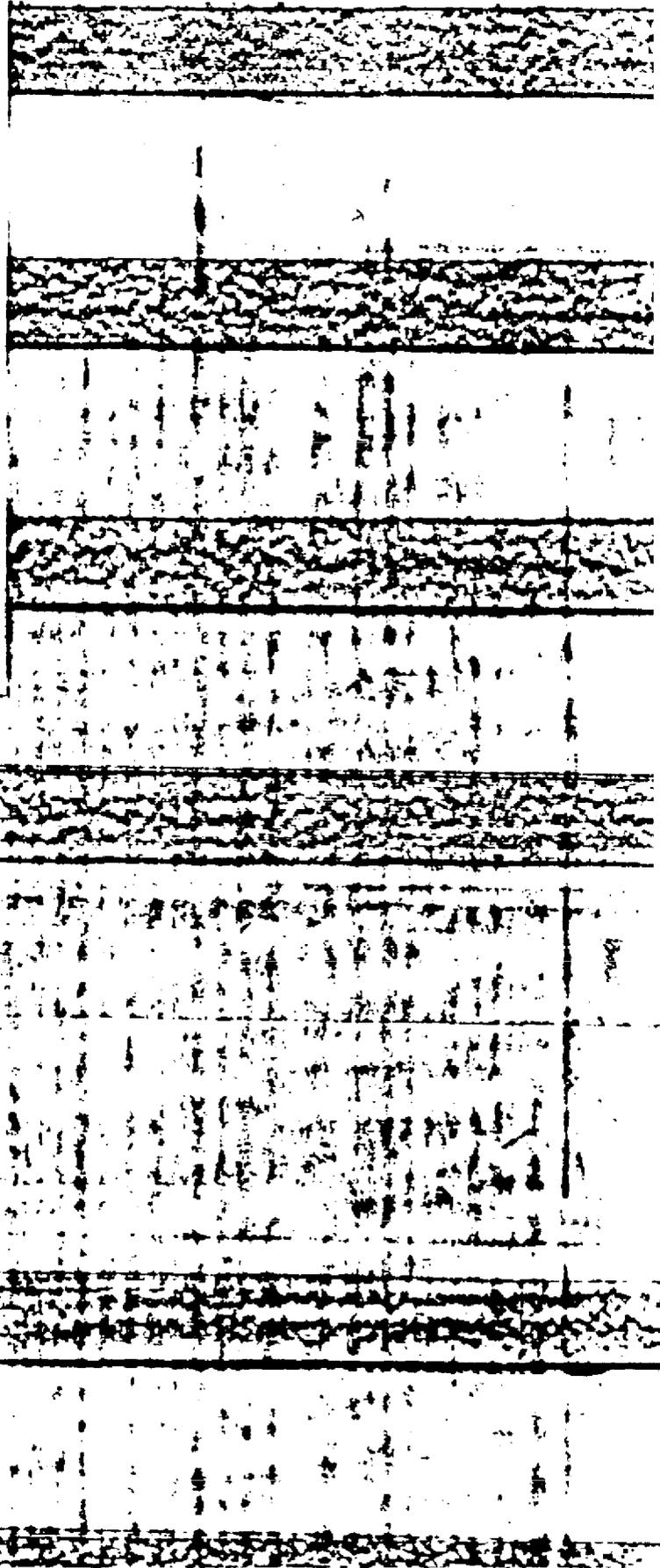
This matter is being closely followed.

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

DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY JAMES TURNER HAS MADE REQUEST FOR  
A CHECK OF THE INDICES OF THE JURY PANEL IN INSTANT CASE.  
HE STATES THE RESULTS OF THE INDICES CHECK WOULD BE ORALLY  
GIVEN TO THE PROSECUTOR OF INSTANT CASE IN THE EVENT IT IS  
ASKED FOR. THE INDICES CHECK INDICATES SOME NINE PERSONS LISTED  
ON THE VENIRE WHO HAD SOME CONNECTIONS WITH EITHER THE U.S. KLANS,  
UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, A CITIZENS COUNCIL, OR WERE AT ONE TIME  
UNDER INVESTIGATION. DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY ADVISES THAT HE WILL  
PROVIDE INFORMATION ONLY UPON EXPRESSED APPROVAL OF ASSISTANT  
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GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

This matter concerns the retrial of Collier Leroy Wilkins, Jr., on State murder charges in connection with the shooting of Mrs. Viola Luzzo in Lowndes County on the night of 3/25/65 which began in State Circuit Court, Hayneville, Alabama. Was initially tried on this charge in May, 1965, which resulted in a hung jury. Trial in this matter is being closely followed and you will be kept advised of developments.

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EUGENE THOMAS; ET AL; VIOLA GREGG LIUZZO, ANNA ET AL  
VICTIMS. BR. ET.

COURT BEGAN TODAY AT NINE AM EST. IN CAPTIONED  
MATTER AT HAYNEVILLE, ALA.

ENTIRE MORNING TAKEN UP WITH INTENSIVE QUESTIONING OF  
EACH JUROR ON VENIRE REGARDING THEIR FEELINGS CONCERNING  
CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVITIES, MEMBERSHIP IN SECRET ORGANIZATIONS,  
SUCH AS THE KU KLUX KLAN, AND THEIR SYMPATHIES REGARDING THE  
KILLING OF WHITES WHO SOCIALIZE AND ARE ACTIVE IN THE CIVIL  
RIGHTS MOVEMENT AND IF THEY COULD IMPOSE THE DEATH PENALTY  
IN THE EVENT OF A CONVICTION.

SIX NEGROES WERE ON JURY VENIRE AND TWO HAVE BEEN  
QUESTIONED AS OF NOON TODAY. THEY WERE QUESTIONED CLOSELY.

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MR. BELMONT FOR THE DIRECTOR

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BY DEFENSE COUNSEL ARTHUR J. HANES AND PROSECUTION COUNSELS  
JDE BECK GANTT AND STATE <sup>ATTORNEY</sup> ~~ATTY.~~ GENERAL RICHMOND FLOWERS.  
LINE OF QUESTIONING POSED BY DEFENSE SURROUNDED THEIR  
MEMBERSHIP IN NEGRO CIVIL RIGHTS GROUPS AND THEIR GENERAL  
FEELINGS REGARDING THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT. PROSECUTION  
QUESTIONS WERE POINTED AT DEVELOPING THEIR GENERAL  
QUALIFICATIONS AS JURY MEMBERS AND WHETHER THEY COULD  
IMPOSE THE DEATH PENALTY IN THE EVENT OF A CONVICTION.

ONE JURY MEMBER, CHARLES E. BENDER, WHO IS EMPLOYED  
BY GOLSON MOTOR <sup>COMPANY</sup> CO., FT. DEPOSIT, <sup>ALABAMA</sup> ALA., ADMITTED KLAN  
MEMBERSHIP " SOME TWELVE YEARS AGO."

DURING THE AFTERNOON ADDITIONAL JURY MEMBERS WERE EXCUSED  
FOR EITHER NOT BELIEVING IN THE DEATH PENALTY, HAVING FIXED OPINION  
OR BEING A MEMBER OF THE AUXILLIARY POLICE FORCE.

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CENTRAL STANDARD TIME

COURT RECESSED AT THREE PM, GST, FOR A PERIOD OF FIFTEEN MINUTES AND DURING RECESS IT WAS OBSERVED THAT GRAND DRAGON, UKA, ROBERT GREEL WAS PRESENT IN COURTHOUSE SQUARE AND HE, WITH EUGENE THOMAS AND OTHER INDIVIDUALS WHO SEEMED TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH HIM, PASSED A FOOTBALL BACK AND FORTH WITH DEFENSE COUNSEL AIRTHUR J. HANES.

AFTER RECESS FURTHER QUESTIONING TOOK PLACE OF THE JURORS, AND AS OF FOUR FIFTEEN PM, CST ONLY TWENTYNINE MEMBERS OF THE JURY REMAINED. THE STATE CODE REQUIRES A TOTAL OF THIRTY MEMBERS TO BE ON VENIRE IN ORDER TO STRIKE A JURY. ADDITIONAL MEMBERS OF THE JURY BEING DRAWN BY JUDGE THAGGARD AND QUALIFYING TO RESUME NEXT DATE.

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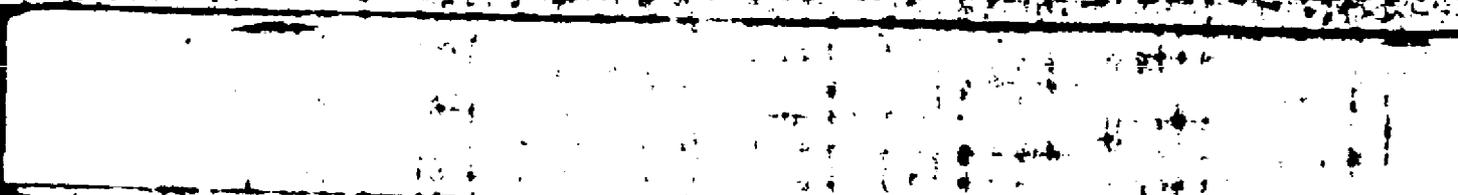
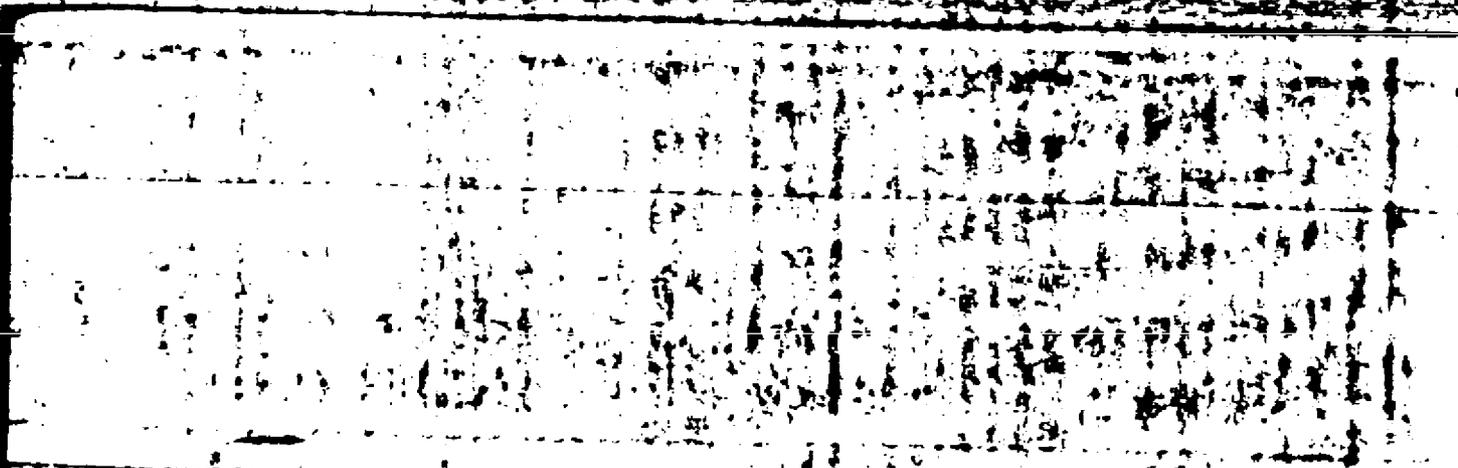
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Viola Liuzzo was the civil rights worker who was killed in Lowndes County, Alabama, 3/25/65. Collie Leroy Wilkins was one of three subjects charged by the State of Alabama with the murder and is to be retried by the state 10/18/65, following a hung jury in earlier trial in May, 1965.

Information furnished by Dept. Attorney Turner will be discussed with the Department and appropriate action taken.

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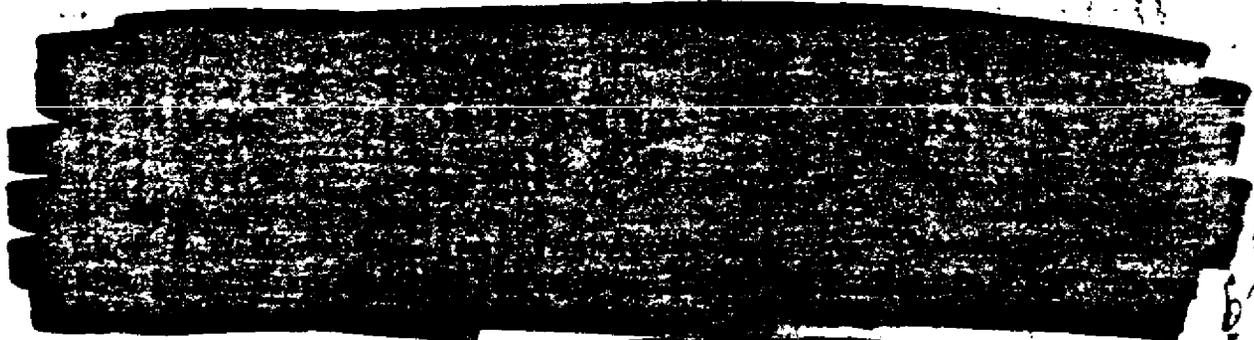
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EUGENE THOMAS,  
WILLIAM ORVILLE EATON,  
COLLIE LEROY WILKINS;  
VIOLA LIUZZO - VICTIM  
CIVIL RIGHTS - ELECTION LAWS

Mrs. Viola Liuzzo, civil rights worker, was shot and killed in Lowndes County, Alabama, on the night of March 25, 1965. The subjects Thomas, Eaton and Wilkins are under indictment by the State of Alabama on charges of murdering Mrs. Liuzzo. In May, 1965, Collie Leroy Wilkins was brought to trial on the indictment and, when the jury could not agree on a verdict, a mistrial was called. The retrial of Wilkins is scheduled to begin in the Circuit Court, Lowndes County, Alabama, on October 18, 1965.



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CIVIL RIGHTS ACT, 1964  
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REMOTEL TEN NINETEEN LAST.

ALABAMA SUPREME COURT THIS DATE DENIED ATTORNEY GENERAL'S  
PETITION IN CONNECTION WITH DISQUALIFICATION OF ELEVEN  
PROSPECTIVE JURORS. ATTORNEY GENERAL FLOWERS ADVISED AT  
TWELVE NOON, HE INTENDS TO PROCEED WITH TRIAL OF CASE THIS  
DATE. BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS. P.

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MR. BELMONT FOR THE DIRECTOR

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 ADD KLANSMAN, MONTGOMERY (UPI-104)

THE ALABAMA SUPREME COURT TODAY REJECTED A PLEA TO BAR 11 WHITE SUPREMACISTS FROM THE JURY IN THE MURDER TRIAL OF KU KLUX KLANSMAN COLLIE LEROY WILKINS AND ORDERED THE TRIAL TO PROCEED.

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UPI-104

(KLANSMAN)

MONTGOMERY, Ala. -- THE ALABAMA SUPREME COURT TODAY HEARD AND TOOK UNDER ADVISEMENT A PLEA BY STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL RICHMOND FLOWERS TO BAP "WHITE SUPREMACY" JURORS IN THE MURDER TRIAL OF KU KLUX KLANSMAN COLLIE LEROY WILKINS.

FLOWERS TOLD THE COURT THAT THE STATE COULD NOT GET A FAIR TRIAL WITH SOME OF THE WHITE MEN ON THE JURY WHO HAVE BEEN TENTATIVELY APPROVED AS PROSPECTIVE JURORS.

THE TRIAL ITSELF, FOR THE KILLING OF CIVIL RIGHTS WORKER MRS. VIOLA LIUZZO, HAS BEEN DELAYED IN HAYNEVILLE, ALA., SO THAT THE SUPREME COURT COULD HEAR FLOWERS' PLEA.

DEFENSE ATTORNEY ARTHUR HANES ASKED THE STATE HIGH COURT TO DENY FLOWERS' PETITION "SO THAT WE CAN GET ON WITH THE TRIAL OF THIS YOUNG MAN."

A SPEEDY DECISION BY THE COURT WAS EXPECTED. IF IT UPHELD FLOWERS' REQUEST, IT MEANS THAT THE TRIAL OF WILKINS FOR THE SLAYING OF MRS. VIOLA LIUZZO PROBABLY WOULD BE POSTPONED UNTIL NEXT SPRING.

CIRCUIT JUDGE T. WERTH THAGARD WAS WAITING IN HAYNEVILLE FOR A DECISION AND SAID IF HE COULD RESUME THE TRIAL BY 2 P.M. EDT HE WOULD GO AHEAD.

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# Letters to the Editor

Published letters are subject to condensation, and those not selected for publication will be returned only when accompanied by stamped, self-addressed envelopes. The use of pen names is limited to correspondents whose identity is known to The Star.

## 172 The Hayneville Trial

SIR: Attorney General Katzenbach's glib dismissal of the Coleman acquittal in Hayneville, Alabama, as "the price you have to pay for the jury system," adding that he didn't consider it "too high," is a shocking endorsement of an even more shocking travesty of justice. One can only hope that the Justice Department will look more deeply into the implications of such perverted judicial proceedings for social order and justice in Deep South communities.

Part of the price is already apparent in the sharp decline of Negro voter registration in Lowndes County—reduced from 80 to 20 a day since the August 20 slaying of Jonathan Daniels, Episcopal seminarian and civil rights worker in the Alabama black belt. The shooting, the speedy and predictable acquittal of the killer, and the many similar incidents in recent years are all parts of a pattern of deliberate terror, designed to frustrate the long-overdue efforts of the Federal government to incorporate the Negro into American life.

Jon Daniels and countless others will have died in vain unless a radical reform of the court system and law enforcement procedures is undertaken by this administration and the next session of Congress.

Bert H. Cooper, Jr.

SIR: The possibility that there may have been a miscarriage of justice in Hayneville, Alabama, is not nearly as frightening as the self-righteous bleating of a host of quasi-liberals (including many columnists) which has flooded the land. How can anyone claiming to be concerned with justice and the sanctity of our system of trial by jury, feel qualified to pass judgment on a man they have never seen in a courtroom they have never entered based on evidence they themselves did not hear?

GUILTY men often go free. It is unfortunate, but it certainly is more in keeping with our liberal system of justice, and does less harm to that system, than the attitude that a defendant and a trial can and should be condemned by proxy.

Alexandria

William J. Smith

- The Washington Post and Times Herald \_\_\_\_\_
- The Washington Daily News \_\_\_\_\_
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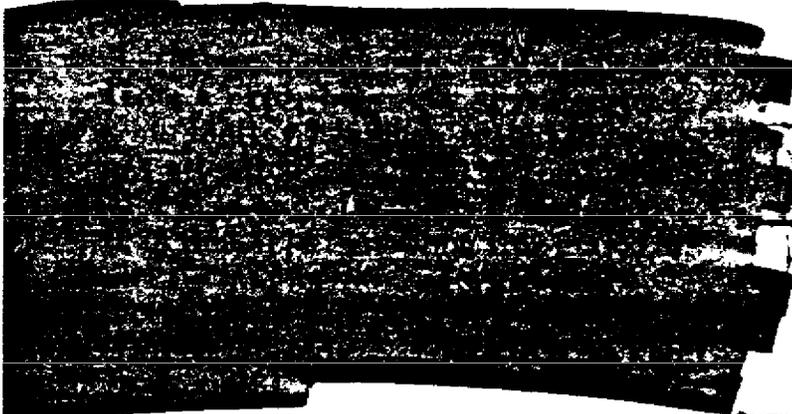
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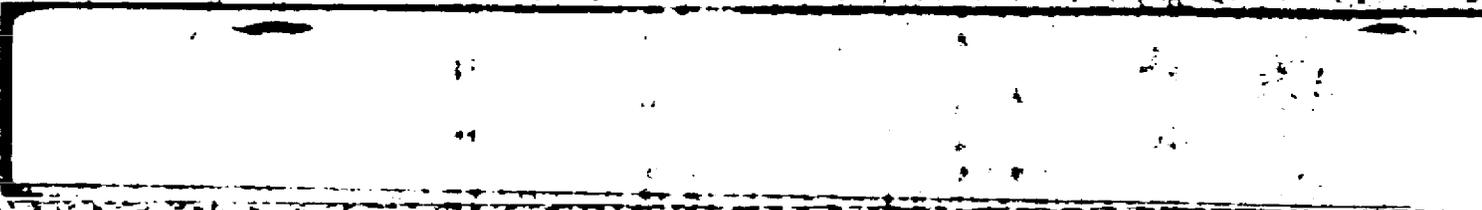
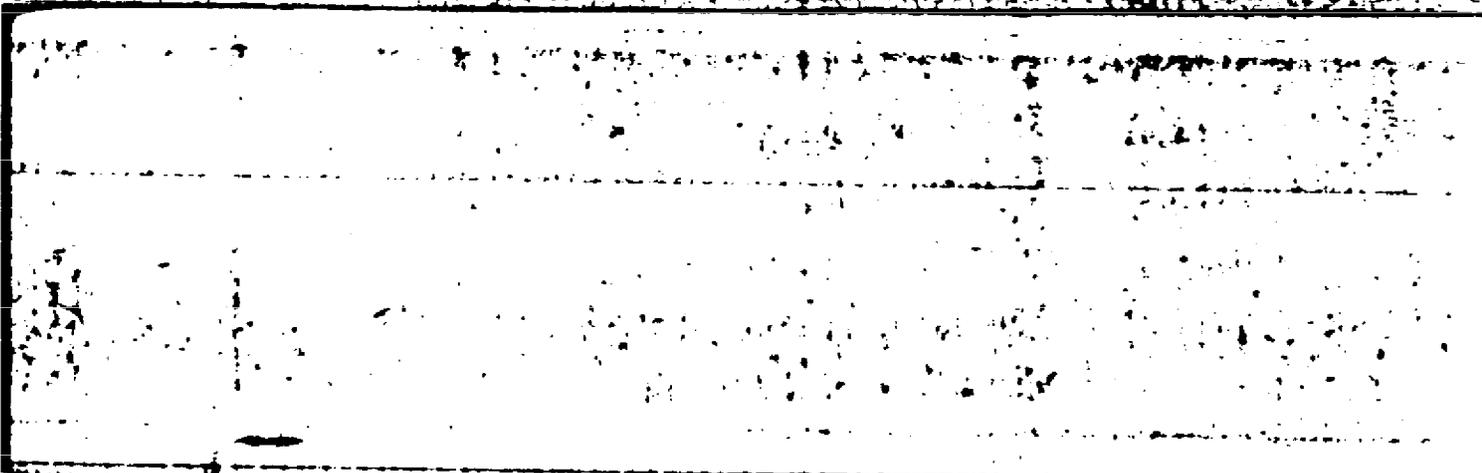
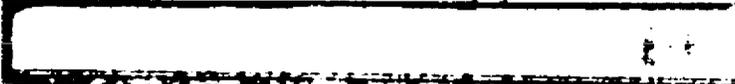
Gary Thomas Rowe is our informant who furnished the initial information leading to the identity of subjects responsible for shooting Mrs. Viola Luzzo and is a material witness expected to testify in the retrial of Collie Leroy Wilkins now set for 10/18/65.



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Information attached will be brought to the attention of the Department.

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ADVISED OF ANY ADDITIONAL DEVELOPMENTS. P.

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CC-ED. BOSTON

This case concerns the retrial of Collie Leroy Wilkins, Jr., in Alabama State Court charged with the murder of Mrs. Viola Liuzzo on the night of 3/25/65. Wilkins was originally tried in May, 1965, on this charge which resulted in a hung jury. Present trial began 10/18/65. We are closely following this matter and you will be kept advised of developments. Leroy Moton is the young Negro boy accompanying Mrs. Liuzzo at the time of the shooting.

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TRIAL AT HAYNEVILLE RESUMED AT ONE PM, THIS DATE.

STATE TROOPERS AND STATE INVESTIGATORS TESTIFIED TO FINDING OF VEHICLE AND BODY AND LEROY MOTON TESTIFIED.

COURT RECESSED AT FIVE ZERO FIVE PM.

ATTORNEY GENERAL FLOWERS ADVISED COURT HE EXPECTED TO REST STATE CASE BY TOMORROW AFTERNOON.

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FROM DIRECTOR, FBI

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AUTHORITIES ARE ADVISED OF THE INCIDENT INVOLVING VICTIM. ALSO  
ADVISE SECRET SERVICE AND LOCAL INTELLIGENCE GROUPS.

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NOTE: Barbara Butler, who attended trial of Collie Leroy Wilkins at Hayneville, Alabama, 10/18/65, alleged that while returning to Selma on the night of 10/18/65 in her Volkswagen was forced off of the highway by three white male teenagers who accused her of being an "outsider" and a "troublemaker" and verbally abused her. She also thought that one of the teenagers did something to her automobile as she could not get it started after the incident. She says she did not notify local authorities because she does not trust them.

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EUGENE THOMAS, ET AL., MRS. VIOLA LIUZZO, AKA, ET AL. -  
VICTIM, CR; EL.

RECGTEL TODAY.

IMMEDIATELY ADVISE MR. LIUZZO AND APPROPRIATE LOCAL  
AUTHORITIES OF ANONYMOUS THREAT TO KILL LIUZZO RECEIVED AT  
CHICAGO OFFICE TODAY.

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NOTE: This case concerns the retrial of Collie Leroy Wilkins, Jr., in  
State Court charged with murder of Mrs. Viola Liuzzo on the night of 3/25/65.  
Wilkins was originally tried in May, 1965, on this charge which resulted in a  
hung jury. Present retrial began 10/18/65. Retel sent to Bureau, Detroit and  
Mobile; advised Chicago Office received anonymous call from male individual  
stating, "Wilkins is innocent. If Wilkins gets convicted, I am going to get a  
bus tomorrow for Detroit and kill Liuzzo's husband." This teletype confirms  
instructions telephonically furnished Detroit Office by Extra Duty Supervisor  
R. H. Ash.

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

REMOTEL INSTANT DATE.

AT FOUR FORTYSEVEN P.M. CST INSTANT DATE THE JURY RETURNED  
A VERDICT OF NOT GUILTY.

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MR. BELMONT FOR THE DIRECTOR

OCT 25 1965

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10/22/65

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

This case concerns the retrial of Collie Leroy Wilkins, Jr., in State Court charged with the murder of Mrs. Viola Liuzzo on the night of 3/25/65. Wilkins was originally tried in May, 1965, on this charge which resulted in a hung jury. Present trial began 10/18/65.

Detroit Office telephonically advised to notify Mr. Liuzzo and appropriate local authorities of this threat.

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

158 AM CDST URGENT 10-22-65 BAA 22 1965

TO: DIRECTOR; DETROIT, MOBILE TELETYPE

FROM: CHICAGO (44-773)

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Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Belmont	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. DeLoach	
Mr. Casper	
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Conrad	
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also known as

EUGENE THOMAS; ET AL; MRS. VIOLA LIUZZO, AKA, ET AL - VICTIM

DVR Rights

CR; -EL. Election Law

RE CG TEL TODAY.

AT ONE THIRTY AM TODAY CHICAGO OFFICE RECEIVED ANONYMOUS CALL FROM MALE INDIVIDUAL, NO DEFINITE ACCENT, NO BACKGROUND NOISE STATING "WILKINS IS INNOCENT. IF WILKINS GETS CONVICTED, I'M GOING TO GET A BUS TOMORROW FOR DETROIT AND KILL LIUZZO'S HUSBAND". CALLER THEN HUNG UP. FOR INFO DETROIT SIMILAR CALL RECEIVED TEN TWENTY ONE LAST THREATENING TO KILL GARY ROWE. NO OTHER INFO FURNISHED BY CALLER.

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FBI CHICAGO

1257 AM CDST URGENT 10/22/65 AAA

TO: DIRECTOR AND MOBILE

FROM: CHICAGO (44-773)

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

GR; EL. *Edith Law*

AT ELEVEN FIFTY FIVE PM CDT TEN TWENTY ONE LAST CHICAGO OFFICE

RECEIVED AN ANONYMOUS TELEPHONE CALL FROM MALE INDIVIDUAL, NO  
 DEFINITE ACCENT, NO BACKGROUND NOISE STATING "IF WILKINS IS  
 CONVICTED, I AM GOING TO KILL GARY ROWE, FBI INFORMER. FIVE  
 OTHER MEN ARE GOING TO ALABAMA WITH ME TONIGHT TO DO THE JOB".  
 CALLER THEN HUNG UP. NOTED NO PREVIOUS CHICAGO CALLS OR OTHER  
 INFORMATION RE THIS MATTER.

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 AND SIXTH LINE NINETH WORD SHOULD READ FBI RPT FBI

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MR. BELMONT FOR THE DIRECTOR

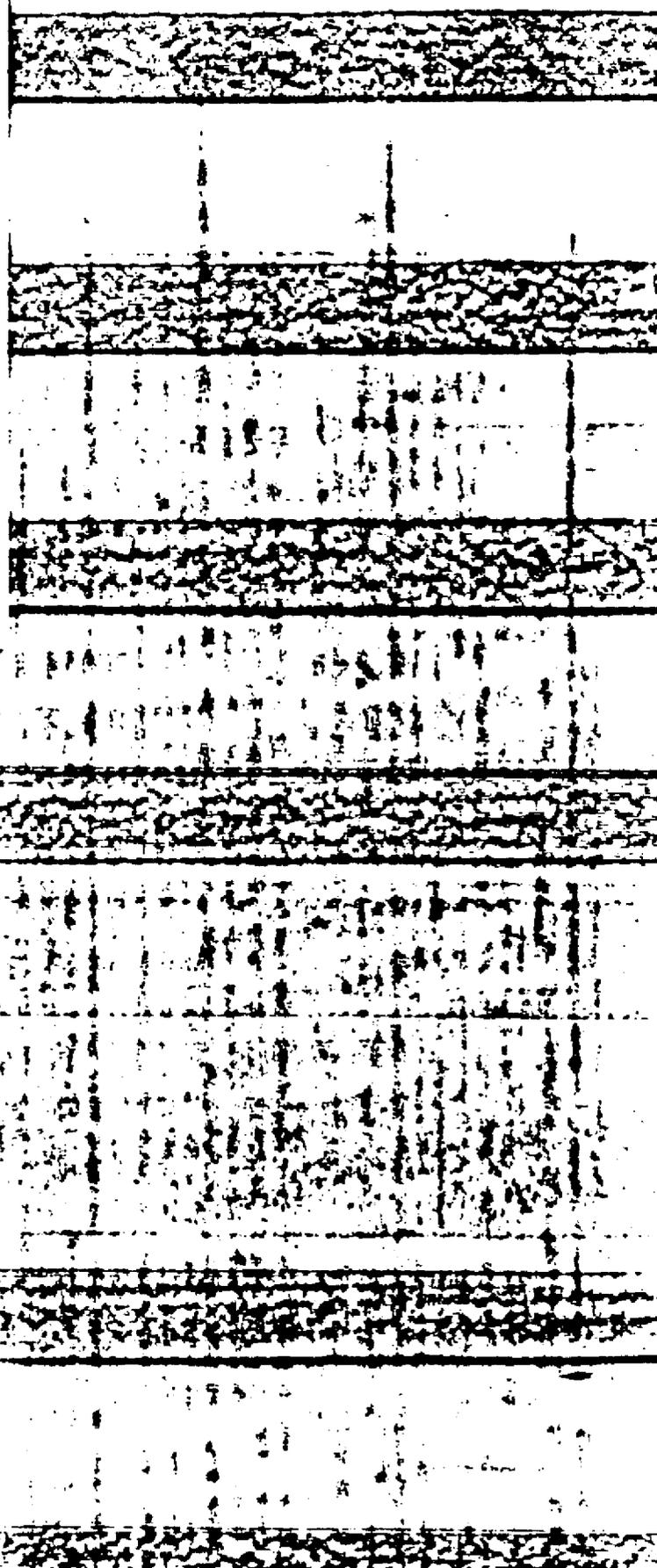
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GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM MOBILE /44-1245/

Mr. Tolson	/
Mr. DeLoach	/
Mr. Mohr	/
Mr. Bishop	/
Mr. Casper	/
Mr. Callahan	/
Mr. Conrad	/
Mr. Felt	/
Mr. Gale	/
Mr. Rosen	/
Mr. Sullivan	/
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EUGENE THOMAS, ET AL; VIOLA LIUZZO, AKA, ET AL - VICTIMS

Legal Rights Election Laws  
CR - EL

also known as

RETRIAL OF COLLIE LEROY WILKINS PROCEEDED TODAY WITHOUT INCIDENT. TESTIMONY WAS HEARD FROM DR. PAUL SHOFFEIT, STATE TOXICOLOGIST AND <sup>SPECIAL AGENTS</sup> EVELAND, RILEY, LAHEY, GETTINGS, SHANAHAN AND MAURICE ROW. ALL TESTIFIED AS IN PREVIOUS TRIAL. SA ROBB TESTIFIED TO THE FACT THAT COL. AL LINGO, THEN DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY, HAD REQUESTED ASSISTANCE IN THE CASE.

[REDACTED SECTION]

SA MARION WILLIAMS IS THE ONLY REMAINING WITNESS FOR THE STATE AND IS TO TESTIFY IN A.M. TEN TWENTY TWO NEXT.

JUDGE THAGGARD COMMENTED CASE WILL PROBABLY GO TO JURY LATE TOMORROW AFTERNOON.

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MR. BELMONT FOR THE DIRECTOR

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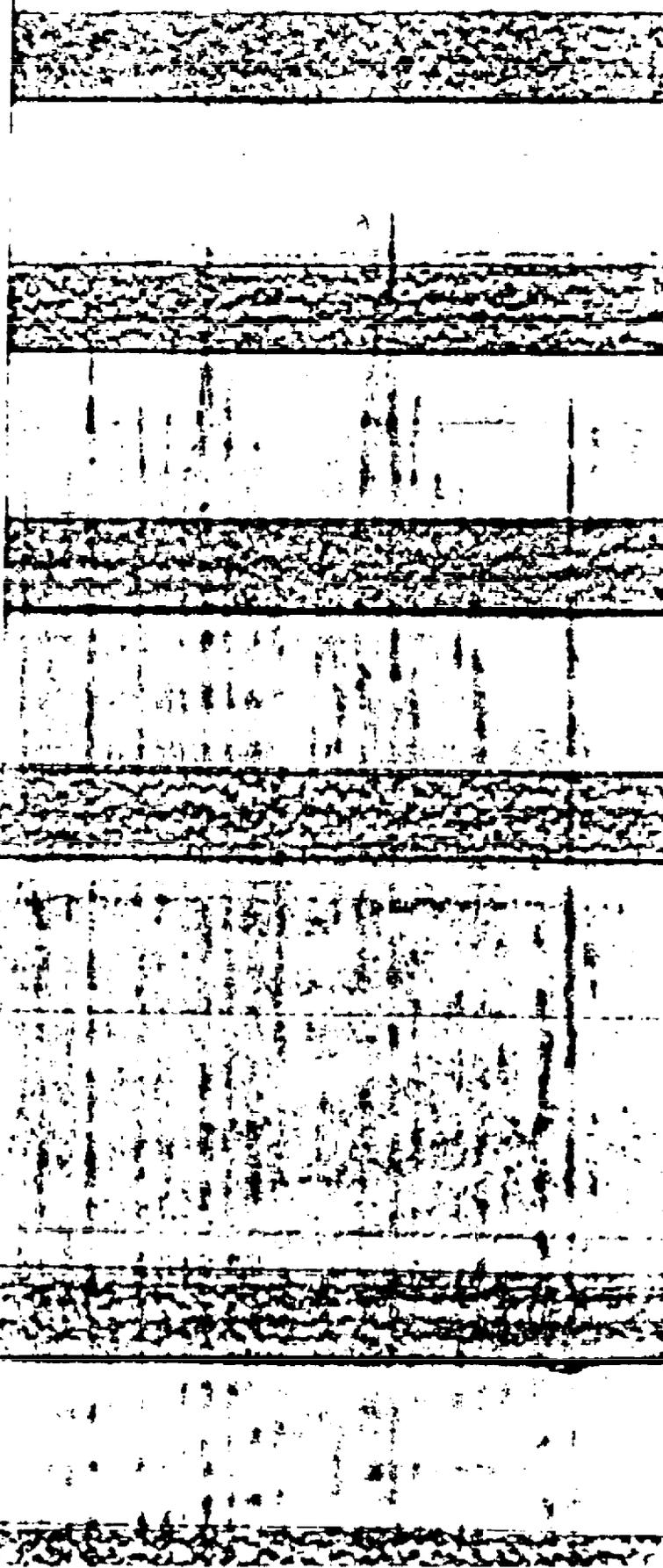
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GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

This matter concerns the retrial of Collie Leroy Wilkins, Jr. in State court charged with the murder of Mrs. Viola Liuzzo on the night of 3/25/65. Wilkins was originally tried in May, 1965, on this charge which resulted in a hung jury. Present trial began 10/18/65. Wilkins was found not guilty 1 hour and 47 minutes after the jury received the case on 10/22/65.

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TO DIRECTOR /44-28601/

FROM MOBILE /44-1245/

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Mr. Tolson	
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 EUGENE THOMAS, ET AL. VIOLA LIUZZO, AKA ET AL. VICTIMS  
 Civil Rights Election Laws  
 OR - EL.

REBHTEL TO BUREAU OCT. TWENTYTWO INSTANT.  
 TRIAL RECONVENED TODAY AT NINE AN EST IN  
 HAYNEVILLE, ALA. FIRST WITNESS TO TESTIFY WAS LABORATORY  
 EXPERT MARION WILLIAMS WHO TESTIFIED RELATIVE TO BALLISTICS  
 EXAMINATION AND EXAMINATION OF AUTOMOBILE. AFTER COMPLETION  
 OF WILLIAMS' TESTIMONY THE STATE RESTED CASE TEN FIFTEEN AM  
 CST. THE DEFENSE CALLED TEN WITNESSES WHICH WERE WITNESSES  
 TO DISCREDIT TESTIMONY OF EYEWITNESSES LEROY MOTON AND GARY  
 THOMAS ROWE.

AS OF ELEVENTHIRTY AM CST THE DEFENSE RESTED.  
 COURT RECONVENED ONE PM CST WITH OPENING SUMMATION BY  
 STATE ATTY JOE BECK GANTT. GANTT REVIEWED THE EVIDENCE  
 SUBMITTED IN THE CASE AND REFERRED TO THE KILLING AS.

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MR. BELMONT FOR THE DIRECTOR

" COLD BLOODED MURDER ."

DEFENSE ATTY ARTHUR J. HANES POINTED OUT VARIOUS DISCREPANCIES IN TESTIMONY OF LEROY MOTON AND GARY THOMAS ROWE, WHICH HE STATED WERE THE STATE'S MAIN WITNESSES IN CASE. HE ALSO REFERRED TO ROWE AS A "JUDAS GOAT" AND CALLED DEFENDANT WILKINS THE "SCAPE GOAT" AND ENDED HIS SUMMATION BY REFERRING TO THE CASE AS THE "PARABLE OF TWO GOATS" AND CONTENDED THAT WILKINS WAS NOT GUILTY AND SHOULD VOTE FOR THE SCAPE GOAT.

ATTY GENL FOR STATE OF ALABAMA RICHMOND FLOWERS GAVE FINAL SUMMATION BY POINTING OUT ALSO THE CASE WAS A "COLD BLOODED MURDER ." HE POINTED OUT THAT TESTIMONY GIVEN BY ROWE WAS WELL CORROBORATED BY CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE SUBMITTED AND ALSO THE WITNESSES FOR THE DEFENSE CORROBORATED ROWE'S TESTIMONY. FLOWERS BECAME EMOTIONAL AT THE END OF HIS SUMMATION AFTER TELLING JURY HISTORY OF HIS FAMILY AND OF GRANDFATHER WHO WAS A PRIVATE IN THE CONFEDERATE ARMY AND DESCRIBED A "TRUE VERDICT ." HE STATED TO THE JURY THAT IF THEY DID NOT BRING BACK A VERDICT OF GUILTY THEY WOULD TEAR THE DEFINITION OF A TRUE VERDICT OUT OF THE ALA. CODE AND HE

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EMPHASIZED HIS WORDS BY RIPPING PAGES OUT OF THE ALA. CODE  
AND SLAMMING THEM TO THE FLOOR.

CIRCUIT JUDGE I. WERTH THAGARD FINISHED HIS CHARGE TO  
THE JURY AT APPROX. THREE PM CST AND AT THE PRESENT TIME  
THE JURY IS DELIBERATING.

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FBI

Date: 10/22/65

- Mr. Belmont
- Mr. Mohr
- Mr. DeLoach
- Mr. Casper
- Mr. Callahan
- Mr. Conrad
- Mr. Felt
- Mr. Gale
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Sullivan
- Mr. Tavel
- Mr. Trotter
- Tele. Room
- Miss Holmes
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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_ (Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-28601)

FROM: SAC, DETROIT (44-643)(RUC)

EUGENE THOMAS, Et Al;  
 Mrs. VIOLA LIUZZO, aka,  
 Et Al - VICTIM  
 CR - EL  
 (OO: Mobile)

Re Bureau and Chicago teletypes today.

Mr. ANTHONY LIUZZO and Executive Lt. TIMOTHY HUTCHERSON, Special Investigations Bureau, PD, Detroit, Mich. were both advised this AM of anonymous threat to kill LIUZZO received at Chicago Office this date.

Mr. LIUZZO advised he has his own armed guard at his residence from 9:00 PM to 5:00 AM each evening and is also aware he is receiving protection from Detroit PD.

Lt. HUTCHERSON stated he would immediately notify the 14th Precinct, Detroit PD, of this additional data as this precinct is affording coverage with regard to LIUZZO's residence.

- 3 - Bureau
- 1 - Chicago (Info)(44-773)
- 2 - Mobile (44-1245)
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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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# Memorandum

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Belmont	_____
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TO : Mr. Conrad *JWC*

1 - Mr. Conrad  
DATE: 10/25/65

FROM : R. H. Jevons *JWC*

1 - Office, Room 7133  
1 - Mr. Williams  
1 - Mr. Herndon

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

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

In the first trial in this case which was held in May, 1965, the jury was unable to reach a verdict. In connection with the second trial which was held at Hayneville, Alabama, last week, Alabama Attorney General Richmond Flowers assisted by Mr. Joe Gantt presented the State's case before Judge T. Werth Thagard. The defendant Wilkins was represented by Mr. Arthur Hanes, a former Special Agent. SA Marion E. Williams testified concerning his examination of the automobile in which the victim was killed and to the results of Laboratory examinations of the bullets, bullet fragments, cartridge cases and gun recovered in connection with this investigation.

The State rested following SA Williams' testimony on the morning of 10/22/65. The case went to the jury that afternoon. After approximately 1 hour and 45 minutes of deliberation, the jury found the defendant not guilty.

**ACTION:**

For information.

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1 - Mr. Belmont  
1 - Mr. Rosen

1 - Mr. M. A. Jones, Room 4284

*JWC*

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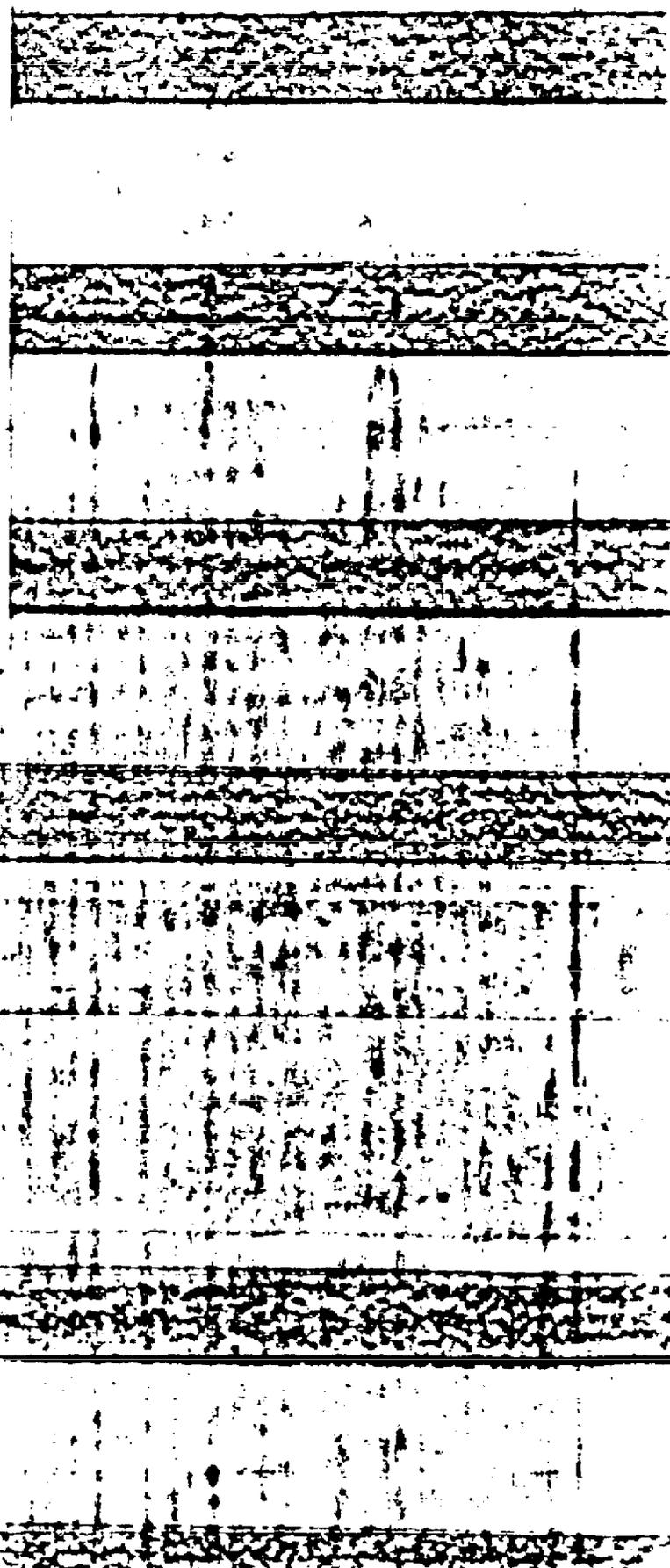
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**GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION**

Alabama Attorney General Richmond Flowers, mentioned in attached, handled the prosecution of the retrial of Collie Leroy Wilkins, Jr., in State Court, who was charged with the murder of Mrs. Viola Biuzzo on the night of 3/25/65. Wilkins was acquitted on 10/22/65.

Civil Rights Division being advised.

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

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7:59 PM CST 10/23/65 URGENT CCM

TO DIRECTOR (44-28601)

FROM MOBILE (44-1245)

EUGENE THOMAS. ET AL. VIOLA LIUZZO, AKA ET AL VICTIMS. - ET.

ON THIS DATE ALABAMA ATTORNEY GENERAL RICHMOND FLOWERS TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED SA SPENCER H. ROBB AND ADVISED THAT DURING AFTERNOON OF THIS DATE WHILE ATTENDING FOOTBALL GAME AT AUBURN, ALA., AN UNIDENTIFIED MALE TELEPHONED HIS HOME AND SPOKE TO THE MAID, ASKED IF FLOWERS AND WIFE WERE HOME AND WHEN MAID ADVISED THEY WERE AT BALL GAME MAN SAID "THIS WOULD BE A GOOD TIME TO BOMB THE HOUSE, YOU HAD BETTER GET OUT OF THERE". FLOWERS ADVISED THAT HE HAS NOTIFIED THE MONTGOMERY, ALA. PD OF ABOVE AND WANTED THE FBI TO BE COGNIZANT OF MATTER.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE AND U. S. SECRET SERVICE BEING ADVISED.

L-H-M FOLLOWS.

BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED OF ANY DEVELOPMENTS.

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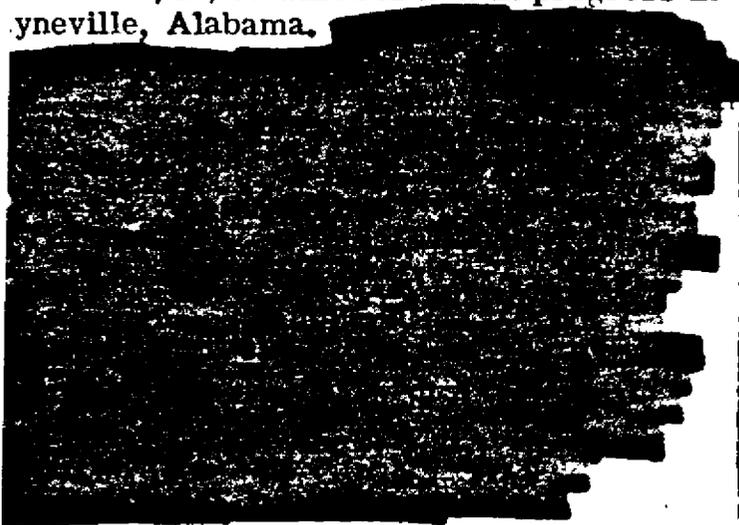
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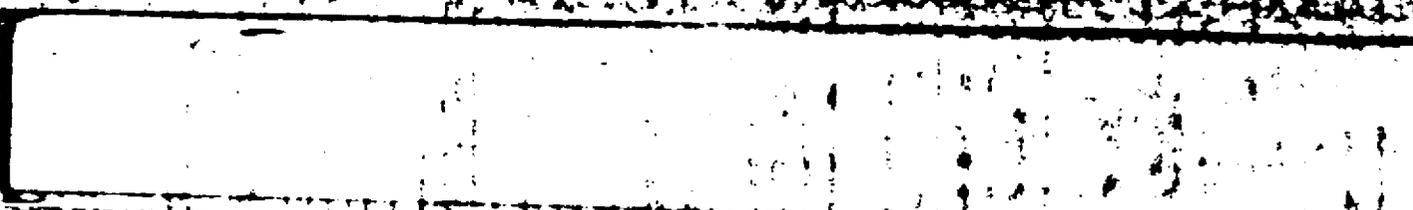
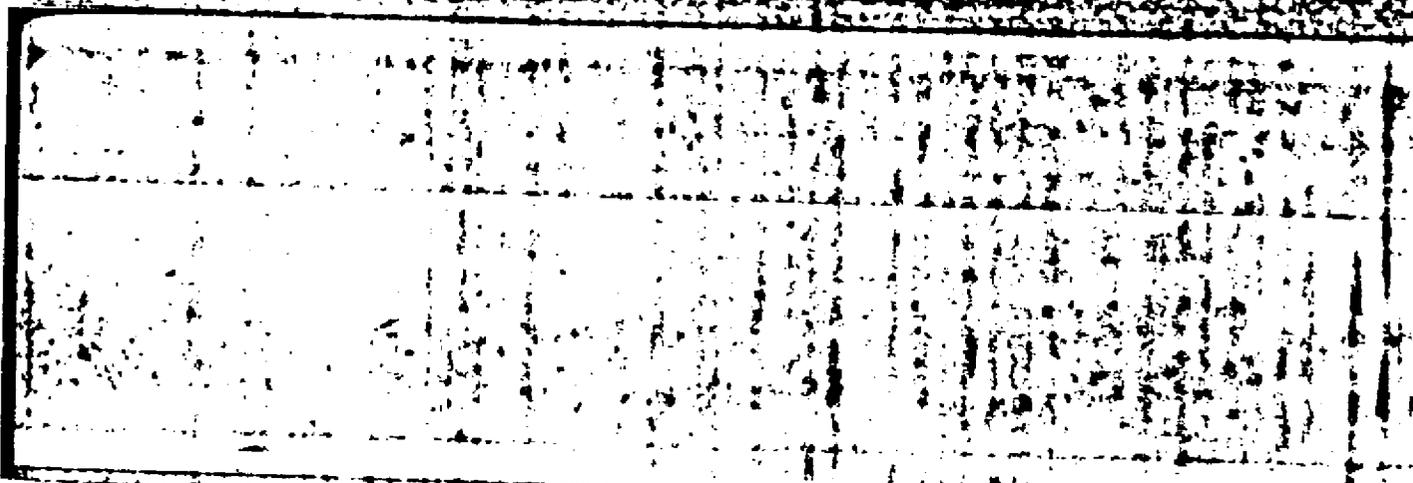
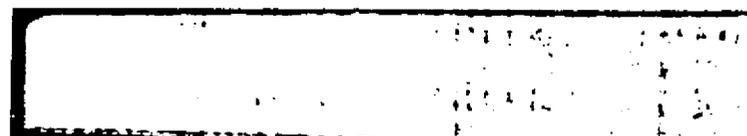
This matter concerns the trial of Collie  
Roy Wilkens on charges of shooting Viola  
Luzo on 3/25/65 which is now in progress in  
Troy, Alabama.



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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

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TO : Mr. Belmont *dlr*

DATE: October 18, 1965

FROM : A. Rosen

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

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

In connection with the trial of Collie Leroy Wilkins for the murder of Mrs. Viola Liuzzo by the State of Alabama which began today in Circuit Court, Hayneville, Alabama, Gary Thomas Rowe, Jr., our informant, is expected to be a major witness. The state prosecutor has requested that an employee of our Voucher Unit appear and testify as to expenditures made to Rowe and in his behalf from the time he became an FBI informant to date. The same testimony was requested and authorized in the initial trial of Wilkins in May, 1965. *(AS OF 10-20-65 - THIS TRIAL IS AT A STANDSTILL - PENDING HEARING ON A PETITION*

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OBSERVATIONS:

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont  
RE: EUGENE THOMAS, ET AL;

ACTION:

If approved, our Voucher Unit employee will be instructed to appear and testify to these miscellaneous expenses as above stated.

*[Handwritten signatures and initials: JPM, JMC, and others]*

ADDENDUM: JPM:DW 10/20/65

Maurice Row, Supervisor of the Voucher Unit of the Administrative Division, will testify in this case. Mr. Row's section has custody of all of the documents as well as the accounts concerning payments to informants. He has testified previously and is well qualified to handle this assignment. He has already departed for Hayneville, Alabama.

*[Handwritten signature: JPM]*