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DATE: 4/9/90

FROM: Director, FBI

TO: SAC, ATLANTA (44A-AT-NEW)

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, DEKALB COUNTY POLICE DEPT;
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

[redacted] - VICTIM;
JOSEPH E. LOWERY - COMPLAINANT;
CIVIL RIGHTS
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Enclosed are two copies of a Department of Justice letter dated 4/6/90 requesting investigation in captioned case.

This request has been reviewed by the Civil Rights Unit, FBIHQ, and unless reasons exist to the contrary, you are to complete the requested investigation in accordance with the provisions of Section 44, Manual of Investigative Operations and Guidelines, and submit results within 21 workdays of the receipt of this communication.

Submit FD-610 within 5 workdays of receipt of this airtel.

Remarks:

[redacted]

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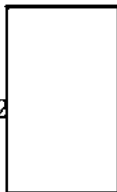
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Unknown Subjects, Dekalb County Police
Department, Atlanta, Georgia - Subjects;
[Redacted] - Victim; Joseph E.
Lowery - Complainant;
Civil Rights

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Attn: CRU, Rm. 1B948, TL254

[Redacted]
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

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Reference is made to the attached copies of correspondence from Joseph E. Lowery alleging that [Redacted] was physically abused by officers of the Dekalb County Police Department.

These allegations indicate possible violations of 18 U.S.C. §241 and §242. Accordingly, please conduct a preliminary investigation.

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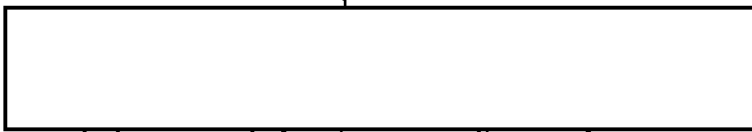
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President
Joseph E. Lowery

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*Justice Dept.
Yvonne Cook*

*Letter Faxed to
Atty. Gen. Thornburgh*

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Joseph E. Lowery

April 4, 1990

Honorable Richard Thornburg
U. S. Justice Department
U. S. Attorney General
Room 5111
10th and Constitution Avenues, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20530

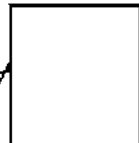
Dear Honorable Thornburg:

Urge immediate investigation of the shooting of [redacted] by DeKalb County Police. The question needs to be addressed why three police officers could not deal with a [redacted] year old lad without shooting him three times resulting in the amputation of his right leg and endangering the use of the other. Please investigate what may be a blatant case of excessive use of force by police officers against [redacted]

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Love and Justice,

Joseph E. Lowery
Joseph E. Lowery



JEL [redacted]

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
Attn: Criminal Investigative Division
Civil Rights Unit

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (44A-AT-64592) (P)

5/18/90

1. Title: (use additional page if necessary)

UNSUBS;

**DEKALB COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT,
DECATUR, GEORGIA;**

**[REDACTED] - VICTIM:
JOSEPH E. LOWERY - COMPLAINANT
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Re: **Bureau airtel to Atlanta dated 4/9/90**

- 2. Office of Origin File No: 44A-AT 64592 (include alpha)
- 3. Auxiliary Office File No: _____ (initial submission only)
- 4. initial submission _____ supplemental submission
- 5. Matter Type: (check more than one if applicable)
 - A. Brutality Law Enforcement Non-Law Enforcement
 - No Brutality Law Enforcement Non-Law Enforcement
 - B. Violence Racial Religious Other
 - C. ISS Matters Migrant Victim Other
 - D. Known/Suspected Extremist Group Klan Other _____

Use to describe above (check all applicable)

- Arson Injury Property damage
- Death No injury Cross burning

6. Date of incident unknown 7. Date of complaint 5/14/90

8. Synopsis of case:

Police officers shot [REDACTED] year old victim, causing amputation of leg/
injury to other leg.

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Case referred to FBIHQ from DOJ as result of letter from
JOSEPH E. LOWERY, SCLC, Atlanta, Ga.

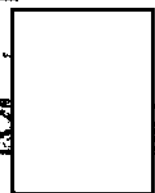
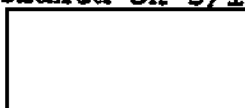
9. Significant case Yes No (if yes, provide reason) Attention of president of SCLC.
Shooting originally drew significant local media attention.

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Re Buairtel recieved at Atlanta on 5/14/90.

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2-Atlanta (44A-AT-64592)



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Memorandum



To : SAC, Atlanta (44A-AT-64592) ⁽¹⁰⁾ Date 5/18/90

From : SA [Redacted]

Subject : UNSUBS;
DeKalb Co. Police Dept.
Deerstar, Ga;
[Redacted] Victim;
JOSEPH E. LOWERY - Complainant
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On 5/17/90, Lt. [Redacted]
DeKalb Co. P.D., Internal Affairs
Division, advised that an exhaustive
internal investigation had been done
on this matter, and the resolution
was that the officers involved
acted properly. He agreed to provide
a copy of the investigative file,
but stated that it would take a
couple of days to assemble, ^{44A-AT-64592-}
as the file is voluminous.
Requires a major copying project.

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To : SAC, Atlanta (44A-AT-64592)(P) Date 5/18/90

From : SA [redacted]

Subject : UNSUB;

DeKalb Co. Police Dept.

[redacted] - VICTIM

JOSEPH E. LOWERY - COMPLAINANT

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This case involves the shooting, by DeKalb P.D. officers, of a [redacted] year old [redacted] named [redacted] on 3/23/90. The incident received a lot of media attention for several days.

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Investigative Assistant

At Journal/Constitution obtain copies of all newspaper articles pertaining to this incident.

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Atlanta lead

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To : SAC, Atlanta (44A-AT-64592) (P) Date 5/18/90

From : SA [redacted]

Subject : UNSUB;

DeKalb Co. Police Dept;

[redacted] - VICTIM

JOSEPH E. LOWERY - COMPLAINANT

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Lead assigned to SA [redacted]

U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation



In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Atlanta, Georgia

June 11, 1990

OFFICER [redacted]
DEKALB COUNTY, GEORGIA, POLICE DEPARTMENT;
[redacted] - VICTIM;
JOSEPH E. LOWERY -- COMPLAINANT;
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Enclosed for the review of the United States Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, is a copy of the Departmental Shooting Investigation prepared by the Internal Affairs Unit of the DEKALB COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT.

A review of this report indicates that the DEKALB COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT properly concluded that this was a justifiable shooting. Consequently, no independent investigation has been initiated by the FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION.

The report was provided on June 1, 1990, by Detective [redacted] Department of Public Safety, 4400 Memorial Drive Complex, Decatur, Georgia 30032, telephone [redacted]

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This inquiry was precipitated by correspondence from Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, copies of which are set forth herein.

- 3 - Bureau (Enc. 2)
- 1 - USA, Atlanta (Enc. 1)
- ① - Atlanta (44A-AT-64592)

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- SECRET
- CONFIDENTIAL
- UNCLAS E F T O
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Date 6/11/90

1 TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
 (ATTN: CID, CIVIL RIGHTS UNIT)
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 3 FROM : SAC, ATLANTA (44A-AT-64592) (C)
 4 SUBJECT: CHANGED
 OFFICER [redacted]
 DEKALB COUNTY, GEORGIA POLICE DEPARTMENT;
 [redacted] - VICTIM;
 JOSEPH E. LOWERY - COMPLAINANT;
 6 CR(A);
 7 OO: ATLANTA

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8 Title changed to reflect name of subject,
previously carried as UNSUB.

9 Reference Bureau airtel to Atlanta dated 4/9/90, and
10 Atlanta FD-610 dated 5/18/90.

11 Enclosed for the Bureau is two copies of an LHM regarding
12 a Departmental Shooting Investigation by the DEKALB COUNTY POLICE
DEPARTMENT, which is set forth as an enclosure thereto.

13 The internal affairs investigation was thorough and
14 conclusive, and appears to satisfy the request of DOJ, Civil
Rights Division. Consequently, no active investigation is being
15 conducted by the Atlanta Division.

16 REQUEST OF THE BUREAU

17 Forward one copy of LHM with enclosures to DOJ, Civil
Rights Division.

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Memorandum



To : SAC, ATLANTA (44A-AT-64592)

Date 6/7/90

From : IA [redacted]

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Subject : UNSUB;
DEKALB COUNTY, GEORGIA,
POLICE DEPARTMENT;
[redacted] - VICTIM;
JOSEPH E. LOWERY - COMPLAINANT;
OO: ATLANTA

re memo of SA [redacted] dated 5/18/90.

Contact with the Atlanta Journal/Constitution reference desk determined that articles regarding [redacted] were published on 3/25/90 page D-4, 3/30/90 page E-1, 3/31/90 page F-2, 4/4/90 page C-2, 4/21/90 page C-3, and 5/7/90 page B-4. It was determined that many of the public libraries maintain the papers for 30 to 60 days and prior to that they are maintained on microfilm.

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A review was conducted of the papers maintained at the Clayton County, Georgia, Public Library and the articles as indicated above were located and appropriate copies were obtained.

These articles were mounted on FD-350's and are attached.

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 THE ATLANTA JOURNAL/CONSTITUTION
 ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Date: March 25, 1990
 Edition: SUNDAY

Title: UNSUB (2) [REDACTED]
 OFFICERS, DEKALB COUNTY,
 GEORGIA, POLICE DEPARTMENT;
 Character: [REDACTED] VICTIM.

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Indexing:

Teen with knife shot by officer, police say

By Sandra McIntosh
 Staff writer

A 16-year-old DeKalb County boy was shot by police when he lunged with a butcher knife at two county officers, police said.

The boy, who was not identified because of his age, was shot in the legs and hip.

Police were called to the home on Kelly Lake Road about 11:30 p.m. Friday by the boy's mother, said DeKalb Sgt. P.E. Kelhofer. The mother told police

her son had been acting strangely recently and, when she called, he was sitting in his bedroom closet armed with a butcher knife and a stick, Sergeant Kelhofer said.

Two officers and a supervisor were called to the home, and as the officers tried to talk the boy out of his closet he lunged at the two nearest officers with his knife, Sergeant Kelhofer said.

One officer fired several rounds from his service revolver, striking the boy in the legs and hip. Police then subdued him,

Sergeant Kelhofer said.

The boy was taken to a local hospital, where he was listed in stable condition Saturday, Sergeant Kelhofer said. He is under constant police guard and is facing two counts of aggravated assault on a police officer, the sergeant said.

The unidentified officers were not injured in the incident, Sergeant Kelhofer said.

Internal affairs is reviewing the shooting.

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 THE ATLANTA CONSTITUTION
 ATLANTA, GEORGIA

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Date: March 30, 1990
 Edition: FRIDAY MORNING

Mom calls police shooting an injustice

By Sandra McIntosh
 Staff writer

The mother of a 16-year-old boy shot three times by DeKalb police last week said he panicked and threw a stick at them, but she claimed he didn't lunge at them with a knife, as police alleged.

"I know this looks like some wild, crazy kid who just went off," Bessie McKinney said. "But this is a good kid who made a bad mistake and is paying dearly for it."

Surgeons at Grady Memorial Hospital, where Abdul McKinney remains in the intensive care ward, told the McKinneys Wednesday that Abdul's right leg will have to be amputated below the knee because the bullet destroyed the arteries and the leg has no circulation. The surgery is scheduled for today.

He also was shot in the left leg and the abdomen, where the bullet lodged next to his spine.

Police have charged Abdul with two counts of aggravated assault against a police officer.

Mrs. McKinney called the police to her Kelly Lake Road home about 11:30 p.m. March 23 after her son, Abdul, locked himself in his bedroom with a knife. Police tried to talk to Abdul, who was crouched on the floor of his bedroom closet, but a report on the incident said that after 15 minutes Abdul threw the stick at officers, then lunged with the knife and was shot.

"I think the incident was handled wrong," said the Rev. John Talford, pastor of the Trinity Presbyterian Church, which Abdul attends with his mother. "The officer should have put down his gun and called a counselor."

The Rev. Talford said Abdul is "a very smart young man" who didn't create trouble. "I looked at him as being a real plus for the church and his community," he said.

Public Safety Department spokesman Chuck Johnson said the county has an Advance Situation Team that is trained to handle situations like the McKinney incident, but the team was not called to assist that night. Mr. Johnson said it is up to the responding officers to call the team.

Capt. A.R. King, head of the DeKalb Police Department's internal affairs unit, said his detectives are nearly through with the investigation and that the shooting appears justified. The officers, he said, tried their best to talk the boy into putting his weapon down and were surprised when he lunged at them after 15 minutes.

The manager of the Eckerd Drugs store where Abdul worked until January said Abdul got along with everyone. "He never had an angry sue. He was always happy and cheerful," said the manager, who because of company policy could not give her name. "He was a good employee, and he didn't seem like he'd hurt a fly."

Mrs. McKinney said when she asked Abdul, her only child, why he grabbed the knife and why he threw the stick at the police, he told her, "I don't know. I panicked, Mommy."

"He'd come in late and we'd argued and he took the knife into his room and locked the door," Mrs. McKinney said. "I was afraid he might hurt himself. He had never done anything like that before."

Mrs. McKinney said her son, an eighth-grader at McNair Junior High School, has never been in trouble with the law.

"The first thing they asked when they got here was, 'is he on drugs?' but the tests they did in the hospital all came back squeaky clean," Mrs. McKinney said. "He doesn't even smoke."

When police came to her home, Mrs. McKinney said, the officers tried to talk Abdul out, but when he wouldn't respond they became antagonistic, asking him if he was tough and telling him they were tougher.

"They asked me to leave the room, they said I wasn't helping, and right after I walked out I heard three or four shots," Mrs. McKinney said.

"In five generations of my family we've never had anything like this happen," she said. "We don't get arrested, we don't get shot by the police. We're a good family."

Staff writer Katie Long contributed to this article.

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 OFFICERS, DEKALB COUNTY,
 GEORGIA, POLICE DEPARTMENT; b6
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The ATLANTA JOURNAL/CONSTITUTION
ATLANTA, GEORGIA
Date March 31, 1990
Edition: Saturday

Title UNSUBS (2), [redacted]
OFFICERS, DEKALB COUNTY,
GEORGIA, POLICE DEPARTMENT;
[redacted] VICTIM.

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Classification: 44A-AT-64592
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DeKalb teen shot by police has his right leg amputated

A 16-year-old DeKalb County boy who was shot by police last week after he allegedly lunged at them with a knife was listed in stable condition Friday after his right leg was amputated below the knee.



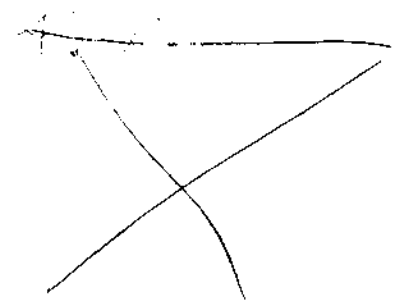
Abdul McKinney

Abdul McKinney of Kelly Lake Road had the surgery because the bullet destroyed the arteries and the leg had no circulation, officials at Grady Memorial Hospital said.

"He came through the surgery fine and is in satisfactory condition," said John Hester, a hospital night administrator.

Abdul also was shot in the left leg and the abdomen. He is charged with two counts of aggravated assault against a police officer. Police say he lunged at them with a knife March 23. The boy's mother says her son panicked and threw a stick at the officers, but did not lunge with a knife.

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Page C-3
The Atlanta Constitution
Atlanta, Georgia

Date: April 4, 1990
Edition: WEDNESDAY MORNING

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Lowery wants investigation of police shooting of teen

By Sandra McIntosh
Staff writer

The Rev. Joseph Lowery, head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, has asked Gov. Joe Frank Harris and U.S. Attorney General Richard Thornburgh to investigate the recent shooting of a 16-year-old by DeKalb County police.

The Rev. Lowery said his office sent the requests Tuesday asking that the shooting of Abdul McKinney be investigated as an "obvious case of excessive force." Abdul was shot three times and the lower part of his right leg had to be amputated.



Abdul McKinney

"Three trained police officers should have been able to deal with one teenager without shooting him even if he did have a knife," the Rev. Lowery said.

The DeKalb County police department refused to discuss the shooting with anyone from the SCLC, the Rev. Lowery said. "They don't want to talk to us, but

they should have to talk to someone," he said. "Someone besides them needs to look into this shooting."

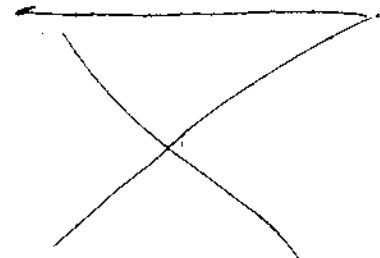
Abdul was shot in his bedroom March 23 after his mother, Bessie McKinney, called the police to her home. Abdul and Mrs. McKinney argued and the teenager took a knife and locked himself in his room, his mother said. When she heard him throwing things in his room, she became concerned and called police.

Two officers and a supervisor responded. After speaking with them about 15 minutes, the police said, Abdul threw a stick at one officer and lunged at a second with the knife. Officer S.C. Nelsen fired three shots, hitting Abdul in both legs and the abdomen. Abdul admits to throwing the stick, but told his mother he had put the knife down before he was shot.

The county's Advance Situation Team, which is trained to such situations, was not called to the scene. Capt. A.R. King, head of the police internal affairs unit said last week that the shooting appeared justified. He said the officers tried their best to talk Abdul out and were surprised when he lunged at them with the knife.

Title: UNSUB (2), [redacted]
OFFICERS, DEKALB COUNTY, Ga.,
POLICE DEPARTMENT; ABDUL b6
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or
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Submitting Office: Atlanta

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Page C-3
The Atlanta Constitution
Atlanta, Georgia

Date: April 21, 1990

Edition: Saturday Weekend

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DeKalb NAACP wants citizens group to investigate police

By Robert Anthony Watts
Staff writer

Alleging last month's shooting of a 16-year-old black youth was an act of police brutality, the DeKalb NAACP called on county officials Friday to establish a citizens review panel to investigate complaints against the police.

"We feel strongly that all our black youth aren't bad and this was a senseless shooting that could have been avoided," said Pat Jones, president of the DeKalb branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

"We get so many complaints against police brutality in DeKalb County and we feel this [citizens review] board could help investigate these complaints," she said.

Abdul McKinney, a student at McNair Jr. High School, had his right leg amputated after being shot three times in his bedroom March 23 by DeKalb County police.

Ms. Jones, speaking at a news conference, called on DeKalb police to drop assault charges against the youth and urged county Public Safety Director Thomas E. Brown to publicly advise county residents on how best to handle confrontations like the one that led to Abdul's shooting.

Director Brown could not be reached for comment Friday. DeKalb Chief Executive Officer Manuel Maloof was out of town and unavailable for comment on the NAACP's proposal.

Abdul and his mother, Bessie McKinney, had argued that night and the teenager took a knife and locked himself in his room, Ms. McKinney said. After hearing the youth throwing things in his room, the mother became concerned and called police.

Two officers and a supervisor responded.

After speaking with them about 15 minutes, police said, Abdul threw a stick at one officer and lunged at a second with the knife. Officer S.C. Nelsen fired three shots, hitting Abdul in both legs and the abdomen.

Abdul admits throwing the stick, but told his mother he had put the knife down before he was shot. The county's Advance Situation Team, which is trained for such situations, was not called to the scene.

Abdul, charged with two counts of aggravated assault against a police officer, faces two more operations to remove bullets in his left leg and from near his spine, his mother said Friday.

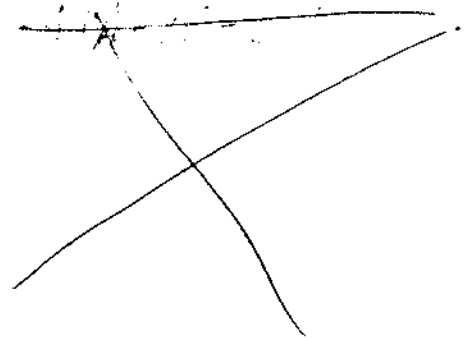
Earlier this month, the Rev. Joseph Lowery, head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, asked Gov. Joe Frank Harris and U.S. Attorney General Richard Thornburgh to investigate the shooting.

Ms. Jones said the county NAACP is asking the U.S. Justice Department and the GBI to conduct an inquiry into the incident.

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DeKalb teen home for first time since officers shot him

Abdul McKinney, the 16-year-old who had his right leg amputated after being shot three times by DeKalb County police, returned home Sunday for the first time since the March 23 incident.

"We had a very brief homecoming party for Abdul and then he went to bed," said his mother, Bessie McKinney. The student at McNair Junior High School suffers from muscle spasms and pain and there is a possibility of two more operations to remove a bullet lodged near the base of his spine and one in his leg, according to Mrs. McKinney.

The shooting occurred at the McKinney home on Kelly Lake Road. The son argued with his mother and after displaying a knife, locked himself in his room. His mother called DeKalb police. Two officers and a supervisor responded.

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The youth is charged with two counts of aggravated assault against a police officer.

Bob Harrell

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4901 SOUTH ROYAL ATLANTA DRIVE,
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Dear 

I am in receipt of the copy of the material which you sent recently to the Cobb County Chapter of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, concerning, among other things, a conversation you and I had following a presentation I made to the Ben Hill United Methodist Church in August of this year. The representations contained in your letter to the Cobb County Chapter of the SCLC concerning the meeting between you and I, are inaccurate. One thing I did tell you at that meeting, and which I reiterate here, is that if you have evidence that federal laws, including federal civil rights statutes, have been violated, bring them to my attention or to the attention of the FBI, which is responsible for investigating such violations, and we will certainly be happy to look into them. Your characterization of our discussion, in your letter, is simply not accurate.

If there is something specific that you would like us to look into, alleging specific violations of federal law you believe may have occurred, I will be happy to review them and forward them to the FBI for review, if they have not already done so. If you wish this done, please send me a letter, and succinctly outline the specific evidence which you have or which you are aware of that would indicate violation of federal civil rights statutes.

With kind regards, I am,

Very truly yours,


ROBERT L. BARR, JR.
UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

cc: FBI Atlanta Field Office

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✓ TO: SAC, Atlanta (9A-AT-62983) (SQ7) (P)

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As discussed in referenced telephone call, FBIHQ recognizes the sensitivity of this matter. However, after a review of Atlanta's LHM and cover airtel, FBIHQ believes this matter should first be presented to the local United States Attorney's Office (USAO). Once this initial presentation has been accomplished, Atlanta may request involvement of the Department of Justice if so desired.



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To: HONORABLE ROBERT L. BARR, JR, ATLANTA, GEORGIA
(Name and Address of USA)

From: [Redacted] ATLANTA
(Name of Official in Charge and Field Division) (Signature of Official in Charge)

RE: REVEREND JOSEPH LOWERY, SCLC, ATLANTA
(Name of Subject) Age Sex

You are hereby advised of action authorized by AUSA [Redacted]
(Name of USA or AUSA)

on information submitted by Special Agent SA [Redacted]
(Name) (Date)

(Check One)

- Request further investigation
- Immediate declination
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- Presentation to Federal Grand Jury
- Filing of information
- Other

For violation of Title 18, USC, Section(s) 875

Synopsis of case: A memorandum dated 10/16/89, which detailed the facts of this matter, was provided to your office on 10/27/89.

On 11/13/89, AUSA [Redacted] advised [Redacted]

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