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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. C. D. Brennan *cd*

- 1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. J. P. Mohr

DATE: 3/4/71 ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

FROM : G. C. Moore *gc*

- 1 - Mr. C. D. Brennan
- 1 - Mr. T. E. Bishop
- 1 - Mr. G. C. Moore

SUBJECT: WILLIAM RUSSELL, also known as
Bill Russell
RACIAL MATTERS

- 1 - Mr. R. D. Cotter
- 1 - Mr. J. F. Morrissey

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To request authority to discreetly determine extent of involvement of subject, former star professional basketball player, in Black Panther Party (BPP) or other black extremist or militant activities. (u)

Investigation of BPP has revealed that subject, former star of Boston Celtics professional basketball team, has been in contact with BPP leader, Huey P. Newton. Russell planned to do a television talk show with one feature, an interview with Newton. He also planned travel to Algiers for filmed interview with Eldridge Cleaver, fugitive BPP leader. Russell agreed to furnish copy of film to Newton and bring some things from Cleaver in exchange for Newton's approval. Newton considered Russell to be "alright" but "politically backward." Cleaver agreed to meeting with Russell. (u)

Russell is currently residing in Los Angeles and apparently preparing a television talk show for Los Angeles area. (u)

Intelligence Unit, Boston Police Department, advised Russell had reputation of being "an arrogant black" in that he generally refused white children his autograph in an abusive way. Boston newspaper in 1964 indicated Russell planned travel to Jackson, Mississippi, on 7/9/64 to conduct integrated basketball clinics during four-day tour as part of National Association for the Advancement of Colored People's Operation Mississippi at request of Charles Evers of Jackson branch of National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. In 10/59, Russell cooperative during FBI interview as victim in extortion investigation wherein he received an anonymous letter with racial overtones threatening his life. (u)

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Enclosure

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Memorandum to Mr. C. D. Brennan
Re: William Russell, also known as
Bill Russell

While the present rift between Newton and Cleaver seemingly rules out Russell's present use as a courier between the two, Russell has established an apparent working relationship with Newton which could be utilized opportunistically by the BPP for courier uses. He could also establish a similar relationship to Cleaver independent of Newton. In view of this and our continuing intensive investigation of all BPP aspects, investigation into Russell's background for any black extremist or militant involvement and ultimate interview is warranted. (S) (U)

ACTION:

If you approve, attached airtel will be directed to indicated offices to discreetly ascertain Russell's involvement in BPP or other black extremist or militant activities. You will be advised of developments. (u)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, WFO (157-3860) (RUC)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM FELTON RUSSELL, aka
Bill Russell
RM
(OO:LA)

DATE: MAR 23 1971

ReBStel to the Bureau dated 2/25/71, entitled, "BLACK PANTHER PARTY, INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, RM-BPP". (u)

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies and for Boston, Los Angeles and San Francisco are two copies each of an LHM captioned and dated as above, classified "~~Confidential~~" to protect the source. (u)

The representative of the FBI described in enclosed LHM is Special Clerk (SC) DAVID T. POWELL (u)

Passport photos of the subject are being obtained and will be forwarded to the Bureau and interested offices via routing slip. (u)

- 2 - Bureau (Enc. 8) ENCLOSURE
 - 2 - Boston (Enc. 2) (RM)
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D. C. 20535
MAR 23 1971

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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

WILLIAM FELTON RUSSELL, Also Known As
Bill Russell
RACIAL MATTERS

On March 9, 1971, a representative of the FBI, caused a search to be made of the files of the United States Department of State (USDS), Passport Office, Washington, D. C. (WDC), concerning William Felton Russell, also known as Bill Russell, and on March 15, 1971, a representative of the USDS, Passport Office, made available for review the passport file in the name of William Felton Russell. (u)

In the passport application, filed with the USDS Passport Agency, Los Angeles, California, dated May 28, 1968, it is shown that Russell was issued United States Passport Number J 652927 on May 29, 1968. (u)

Proposed travel was listed as departure from Miami, Florida, on June 2, 1968, via air, for a six-day business trip to San Salvador, Panama, and Nicaragua. The airline carrier was not listed on the application. (u)

The following description was listed for Russell on the application: (u)

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ENCLOSURE

WILLIAM FELTON RUSSELL

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Name: William Felton Russell
Date of Birth: February 12, 1934
Place of Birth: Monroe, Louisiana
Height: Six feet, nine inches
Hair: Black
Eyes: Brown
Occupation: Professional athlete
Marital Status: Married
Address: 701 Haverhill Street,
Reading, Massachusetts
Parents: ~~Mr. Mrs.~~ Charlie L. Russell, Date of
Birth May 18, 1912, at Monroe,
Louisiana: ~~Russell~~
Katie C. King, Date of Birth
1912, at Monroe, Louisiana
Spouse: Rose K. Swisher, born July 21,
1936, at Austin, Texas; married
~~Mrs William Felton Russell~~ December 9, 1956. ~~Russell~~

In the event of death or accident, it was requested
that his wife, Rose K. Swisher, be notified. (u)

701 Haverhill St.
Reading, Mass

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Date: 4/14/71

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL (REGISTERED)
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (157-6411) (P)
SUBJECT: WILLIAM FELTON RUSSELL, aka
RM
OO: Los Angeles

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Re Bureau airtel to Boston, et al, dated 3/5/71. (u)

For the information of the Bureau, contact with the following sources and informants on the dates indicated failed to reflect any indication of the captioned individual's involvement with the Black Panther Party or other extremist organizations and individuals in Los Angeles: (c) (u) *ds*

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Los Angeles Police Department

3/17/71

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 - 2 - Los Angeles
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Los Angeles, California

4/2/71

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On 3/5/71, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] advised that a black actor named BILL RUSSELL spoke and sang at the ANGELA DAVIS birthday party given on 1/29/71, by the Angela Davis Defense Committee at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 9550 Haskell Avenue, Sepulveda, California. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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Through additional sources Los Angeles is attempting to develop information regarding the captioned individual's involvement with extremist activities in Los Angeles and to determine if RUSSELL is identical with the individual of the same name seen at the ANGELA DAVIS birthday party. Upon development of positive information, a communication suitable for dissemination will be prepared with recommendations regarding additional investigation or interview. (u)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

San Francisco, California
April 13, 1971

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WILLIAM FELTON RUSSELL

A characterization of the Black Panther Party (BPP) is contained in the Appendix. (u)

member of The Black Panther Party
On February 21, 1971, a source who has furnished reliable information in the past, reported that John Seale, a functionary of the BPP at National Headquarters in Oakland, California, claimed that he had talked to Bill Russell, the basketball player, that date, and Russell claimed to have met Huey Newton, Supreme Commander and Minister of Defense of the BPP, on February 12, 1971. Russell was attempting to contact Newton. (u)

A second source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, reported on February 22, 1971, that Huey Newton related that he had been contacted that date by Bill Russell, the well-known basketball player. Russell claimed that he had a television show and desired to film an interview with Eldridge Cleaver in Algiers and was prepared to travel to Algiers that weekend or the following week. (u)

Russell was also agreeable to bringing back from Algiers, any tapes that had been prepared by Eldridge Cleaver, Minister of Information of the BPP. (u)

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WILLIAM FELTON RUSSELL

Newton went on to relate that Russell had wanted to interview Newton personally and he had suggested that Russell might travel to Oakland, California, on February 24, 1971, to see him. In any event Newton related that Russell had advised him that when he is criticized by people he should remember "you are doing what you think is right". Newton stated that he had communicated Russell's plans to Cleaver and Cleaver readily agreed to be interviewed by Russell and requested that Russell bring him a video tape editor if he journeyed to Algiers. Source reported that Newton was of the opinion that Russell was all right but was backward politically. (u)

The same source, on February 26, 1971, explained that Newton had related that he had not had a further meeting with Russell because Russell had been held up in the midwest because of snow. Source pointed out that on February 26, 1971, the split between Eldridge Cleaver and Huey Newton occurred. (u)

The same source, on April 1, 1971, further advised that Huey Newton claimed he had been contacted again by Bill Russell and he advised Russell that he, Newton, had had no further contact with Cleaver, that he no longer had Cleaver's telephone number, and that he had advised Russell that the trouble between himself and Cleaver could never be straightened out. Russell had inquired if it would interfere with his work and Huey stated he told the man it would not, that its only effect had been to take away the New York branch of the party and the Jersey City branch of the National Committee to Combat Fascism (NCCF). Russell had told Newton that he was then residing in Los Angeles at telephone number 654-9981. Newton stated that Russell had expressed admiration for David Hilliard, Chief of Staff of the BPP and wanted Newton to give him Russell's greetings. (u)

Other confidential sources who are familiar with some phases of BPP activity in the San Francisco, California, area reported they have received no information of any BPP activity on the part of Russell. (u)

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BLACK PANTHER PARTY (BPP),
also known as
Black Panther Party for Self Defense

~~C O N F I D E N T I A L~~

According to the official newspaper of the BPP; the BPP was started during December 1966, in Oakland, California, to organize black people so they can take control of the life, politics, and the destiny of the black community. It was organized by BOBBY G. SEALE, BPP Chairman, and HUEY P. NEWTON, Minister of Defense, BPP. (u)

The official newspaper, called "The Black Panther," regularly states that the BPP advocates the use of guns and guerrilla tactics in its revolutionary program to end oppression of the black people. Residents of the black community are urged to arm themselves against the police who are consistently referred to as "pigs" who should be killed. (u)

The newspaper, in its issue of September 7, 1968, had an article by the then Minister of Education, GEORGE MURRAY. This article ended with the following: (u)

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DAVID HILLIARD, in the "New York Times," issue of December 13, 1969, was quoted as follows: "We advocate the very direct overthrow of the government by way of force and violence." (u)

In the issue of April 25, 1970, the BPP newspaper had an article by Minister of Culture EMORY DOUGLAS as follows: (u)

"The only way to make this racist US government administer justice to the people it is oppressing, is...by taking up arms against this government, killing the officials, until the reactionary forces...are dead, and those that are left turn their weapons on their superiors, thereby passing revolutionary judgement against the number one enemy of all mankind, the racist U.S. government."

The BPP Headquarters is located at 1046 Peralta Street, Oakland, California. Branches of the BPP, and Committees to Combat Fascism, under control of the BPP, have been established in various locations in the USA (u)

APPENDIX

~~C O N F I D E N T I A L~~

Date 4/12/71

To: Director

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 ASAC _____ aka Bill Russell
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Attached are five copies of passport photograph of the subject.

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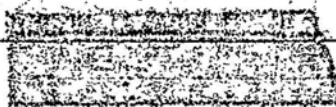
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WILLIAM FELTON RUSSELL, aka
Bill Russell

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WILLIAM FELTON 5/29/68

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO :DIRECTOR, FBI

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DATE: 5/10/71

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FROM :SAC, BOSTON (157-234) (RUC)

SUBJECT:WILLIAM FELTON RUSSELL, aka
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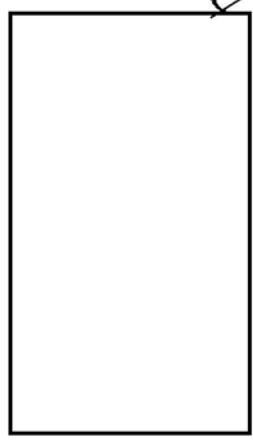
Re Bureau airtel to Boston, 3/5/71 (u)

Enclosed for the Bureau are 8 copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above. Two copies each of this LHM are being furnished Los Angeles, San Francisco and WFO. (u)

Confidential source mentioned in this LHM is: (u)

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Other confidential informants referred to in this LHM are as follows: (u)



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Should any information regarding subject come to the attention of the Boston Office, this information will be furnished to the Bureau. (u)

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- 2 - San Francisco (Encs. 2) (RM)
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Boston, Massachusetts

May 10, 1971

WILLIAM FELTON RUSSELL, also known as
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A characterization of the BPP is attached as an appendix to this memorandum. (u)

Source said Russell claimed he had a Television Show and desired to film an interview with Eldridge Cleaver of the BPP who is presently living in exile in Algiers. Eldridge Cleaver is the Minister of Information of the BPP and is a fugitive from justice. (u)

Russell was also agreeable to bringing back to the United States from Algiers any tapes that had been prepared by Eldridge Cleaver. During the month of March, 1971, confidential informants in the Boston area who have furnished reliable information in the past, and who are familiar with racial activities in the Boston area, advised that they could provide no information concerning the subject. (u)

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ON 3-1-79

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ DATE: 5/26/71

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (157-6411)(P)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM FELTON RUSSELL, aka
RM
OO: Los Angeles

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Re San Francisco letter and letterhead memorandum to the Bureau dated 4/13/71, and Los Angeles airtel to the Bureau dated 4/14/71. (u)

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On 4/29/71, [redacted] advised [redacted] He described RUSSELL as a person who sometimes changes his position on a daily basis. He said on one day RUSSELL would be complimentary toward an organization like the Black Panther Party and the next day he would criticize them. He stated RUSSELL could not be considered a radical nor did he know of any radical organization in which he was a member. (u)

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On 5/3/71, [redacted] advised the subscriber to Los Angeles telephone number 654-9981 was WILLIAM RUSSELL, 1285 North Sweetzer Avenue, Number 111, Los Angeles. (u)

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On 5/10/71, [redacted] viewed a photo of the captioned individual and stated he was not identical to the BILL RUSSELL who spoke and sang at the ANGELA DAVIS birthday party given on 1/29/71. (u)

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A review of the files of the FBI Identification Division, Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation, Sacramento, California, and Department of Motor Vehicles, Division of Driver's Licenses, Sacramento, California, failed to reflect any information regarding RUSSELL. (u)

Los Angeles will recontact [redacted] for additional information regarding RUSSELL. (u)

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- 1 - San Francisco (157-6396)(Info)(RM)
- 1 - Los Angeles

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DATE: 6/25/71

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (157-6411)(P)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM FELTON RUSSELL, aka
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OO: Los Angeles

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Re Los Angeles letter to the Bureau dated 5/26/71.(u)

[redacted] has been unable to develop additional information regarding RUSSELL to date. Upon obtaining positive information from [redacted] this matter will be brought to a logical conclusion. (u)

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

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DATE: 8/27/71

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (157-6411)(C)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM FELTON RUSSELL, aka
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OO: Los Angeles

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Re Los Angeles letters to the Bureau dated 5/26/71
and 6/25/71. (u)

For the information of the Bureau, [redacted] has
been unable to provide information indicating RUSSELL is
actively involved with extremist organizations in the Los
Angeles area. (S) (U)

Inasmuch as investigation has failed to develop
significant information regarding RUSSELL's activities and
he does not meet the criteria for inclusion on the Security
Index, this matter is being closed without further communi-
cation. If RUSSELL becomes involved with extremist activi-
ties in the future, this matter can be reopened and appro-
priate investigation conducted. (S) (U)

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November 27, 1973

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BILL RUSSELL

Bill Russell Summary

D.P.O. 3, February 12, 1934, in Monroe, Louisiana, formerly a professional basketball player for the Boston Celtics, has not been the subject of an investigation by the FBI. (u)

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However, the central files of this Bureau reveal that on February 25, 1971, a confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised that Bill Russell, former star player for the Boston Celtics, planned to do a television show and go to Algiers to obtain a filmed interview with Eldridge Cleaver, then Minister of Information for the Black Panther Party. On January 22, 1971, Russell explained his objective to the Minister of the Black Panther Party, Huey Newton, who agreed providing Russell made available a copy of the film to Newton and return some "other things" from Cleaver. There is no indication in our files that Mr. Russell is a black extremist or is involved in black extremist activities. (u)

(105-165706; 157-21130)

The central files of this Bureau, including the records of our Identification Division, contain no additional pertinent information concerning the captioned individual based upon background information submitted in connection with this name check request. (u)

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BILL RUSSELL

September 30, 1974

SUMMARY

William Felton Russell

Captioned individual, who you advised was born February 12, 1934, at Monroe, Louisiana, and currently resides in Seattle, Washington, was one of three professional basketball players named in a possible sports bribery investigation conducted by the FBI in 1966. Russell was named as betting \$11,000 on the Philadelphia team to win the basketball game with the Boston Celtics in November, 1966. Of the \$11,000 sum, either \$2,000 or \$3,000 was bet by Russell for Boston teammate Sam Jones. The bet placed by Russell resulted in his loss. Players betting on a game or games in which they are involved did not constitute a violation of the Sports Bribery statute at the time and further inquiry did not establish prosecutable evidence during the basketball season against the captioned individual and other wagering professional players. (u)

Our files also reveal that, in 1964, the captioned individual, whose full name is ^{AKA} William Felton Russell, was named in a Boston, Massachusetts, "Globe" newspaper article as flying to Jackson, Mississippi, on July 7, 1964, to "conduct integrated basketball clinics" in a four-day tour through Jackson, Canton, Meridian, and Clarksdale, Mississippi, as part of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People's (NAACP) "Operation Mississippi." Russell was reported as going at the request of Charles Evers of the NAACP, and intending to take part in rallies and participate in demonstrations if asked to do so by Evers. (u) (157-6-33-1887)

In 1971, a reliable source at the Boston, Massachusetts, Police Department advised that Russell was not known to participate in the black militant movement in the past but had the reputation of being "an arrogant black" because Russell generally refused in an abusive way to give his autograph to white children. (u) (105-165706-84-855 p.3)

On February 25, 1971, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Bill Russell planned a television show by going to Algiers to obtain a filmed interview with Eldridge Cleaver, then Minister of Information for the Black Panther Party (BPP). On January 22, 1971, Russell explained his objective to the Minister of the BPP,

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Huey Newton, who agreed but providing Russell made available a copy of the film to Newton and return some "other things" from Cleaver. As late as February, 1972, BPP leader Bobby Seale was being sought for a television appearance on "The Bill Russell Show" produced in Los Angeles, California. (S) (U)
(105-165706; 157-21130; 157-25359)

The central files of the FBI, including the files of the Identification Division, contain no additional pertinent information concerning captioned individual based upon background information submitted in connection with this name check request. (W)

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