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FOIPA Request No.: 1413530-001
Subject: AUSTIN, LOUIS

Dear John Greenewald:

The enclosed documents were reviewed under the Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA), Title 5, United States Code, Section 552/552a. Below you will find check boxes under the appropriate statute headings which indicate the types of exemptions asserted to protect information which is exempt from disclosure. The appropriate exemptions are noted on the enclosed pages next to redacted information. In addition, a deleted page information sheet was inserted to indicate where pages were withheld entirely and identify which exemptions were applied. The checked exemption boxes used to withhold information are further explained in the enclosed Explanation of Exemptions.

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17 pages were reviewed and 11 pages are being released.

Please see the paragraphs below for relevant information specific to your request as well as the enclosed FBI FOIPA Addendum for standard responses applicable to all requests.

- ☐ Document(s) were located which originated with, or contained information concerning, other Government Agency (ies) [OGA].
- ☐ This information has been referred to the OGA(s) for review and direct response to you.
- ☐ We are consulting with another agency. The FBI will correspond with you regarding this information when the consultation is completed.

Please refer to the enclosed FBI FOIPA Addendum for additional standard responses applicable to your request. **"Part 1"** of the Addendum includes standard responses that apply to all requests. **"Part 2"** includes additional standard responses that apply to all requests for records about yourself or any third party individuals. **"Part 3"** includes general information about FBI records that you may find useful. Also enclosed is our Explanation of Exemptions.

For questions regarding our determinations, visit the www.fbi.gov/foia website under "Contact Us." The FOIPA Request Number listed above has been assigned to your request. Please use this number in all correspondence concerning your request.

If you are not satisfied with the Federal Bureau of Investigation's determination in response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), United States Department of Justice, 441 G Street, NW, 6th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20530, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIA STAR portal by creating an account following the instructions on OIP's website: <https://www.justice.gov/oip/submit-and-track-request-or-appeal>. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within ninety (90) days of the date of my response to your request. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." Please cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so it may be easily identified.

You may seek dispute resolution services by contacting the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769. Alternatively, you may contact the FBI's FOIA Public Liaison by emailing foipaquestions@fbi.gov. If you submit your dispute resolution correspondence by email, the subject heading should clearly state "Dispute Resolution Services." Please also cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so it may be easily identified.



See additional information which follows.

Sincerely,



Michael G. Seidel
Section Chief
Record/Information
Dissemination Section
Information Management Division

Enclosure(s)

This is the first and final release of information responsive to your FOIPA request. This material is being provided to you at no charge. Duplicate copies of the same document were not processed.

Enclosed are cross-references that are identifiable with the subject of your request. Cross-references are defined as mentions of the subject of your request in files to other individuals, organizations, events, or activities. In processing the cross-references, the pages considered for possible release included only those pages that mention the subject of your request and any additional pages showing the context in which the subject of your request was mentioned.

A record that may be responsive to your Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request has been transferred to the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). If you wish to review these records, submit a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to NARA, Special Access and FOIA, 8601 Adelphi Road, Room 5500, College Park, MD 20740-6001. Please reference the file number 157-HQ-10504.

FBI FOIPA Addendum

As referenced in our letter responding to your Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request, the FBI FOIPA Addendum provides information applicable to your request. Part 1 of the Addendum includes standard responses that apply to all requests. Part 2 includes standard responses that apply to requests for records about individuals to the extent your request seeks the listed information. Part 3 includes general information about FBI records, searches, and programs.

Part 1: The standard responses below apply to all requests:

- (i) **5 U.S.C. § 552(c).** Congress excluded three categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIPA [5 U.S.C. § 552(c)]. FBI responses are limited to those records subject to the requirements of the FOIPA. Additional information about the FBI and the FOIPA can be found on the www.fbi.gov/foia website.
- (ii) **Intelligence Records.** To the extent your request seeks records of intelligence sources, methods, or activities, the FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of records pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(1), (b)(3), and as applicable to requests for records about individuals, PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(1), (b)(3), and (j)(2)]. The mere acknowledgment of the existence or nonexistence of such records is itself a classified fact protected by FOIA exemption (b)(1) and/or would reveal intelligence sources, methods, or activities protected by exemption (b)(3) [50 USC § 3024(i)(1)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that any such records do or do not exist.

Part 2: The standard responses below apply to all requests for records on individuals:

- (i) **Requests for Records about any Individual—Watch Lists.** The FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of any individual's name on a watch list pursuant to FOIA exemption (b)(7)(E) and PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(7)(E), (j)(2)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that watch list records do or do not exist.
- (ii) **Requests for Records about any Individual—Witness Security Program Records.** The FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of records which could identify any participant in the Witness Security Program pursuant to FOIA exemption (b)(3) and PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(3), 18 U.S.C. 3521, and (j)(2)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that such records do or do not exist.
- (iii) **Requests for Records for Incarcerated Individuals.** The FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of records which could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any incarcerated individual pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(7)(E), (b)(7)(F), and PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(7)(E), (b)(7)(F), and (j)(2)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that such records do or do not exist.

Part 3: General Information:

- (i) **Record Searches.** The Record/Information Dissemination Section (RIDS) searches for reasonably described records by searching systems or locations where responsive records would reasonably be found. A standard search normally consists of a search for main files in the Central Records System (CRS), an extensive system of records consisting of applicant, investigative, intelligence, personnel, administrative, and general files compiled by the FBI per its law enforcement, intelligence, and administrative functions. The CRS spans the entire FBI organization, comprising records of FBI Headquarters, FBI Field Offices, and FBI Legal Attaché Offices (Legats) worldwide; Electronic Surveillance (ELSUR) records are included in the CRS. Unless specifically requested, a standard search does not include references, administrative records of previous FOIPA requests, or civil litigation files. For additional information about our record searches, visit www.fbi.gov/services/information-management/foipa/requesting-fbi-records.
- (ii) **FBI Records.** Founded in 1908, the FBI carries out a dual law enforcement and national security mission. As part of this dual mission, the FBI creates and maintains records on various subjects; however, the FBI does not maintain records on every person, subject, or entity.
- (iii) **Requests for Criminal History Records or Rap Sheets.** The Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Division provides Identity History Summary Checks – often referred to as a criminal history record or rap sheet. These criminal history records are not the same as material in an investigative “FBI file.” An Identity History Summary Check is a listing of information taken from fingerprint cards and documents submitted to the FBI in connection with arrests, federal employment, naturalization, or military service. For a fee, individuals can request a copy of their Identity History Summary Check. Forms and directions can be accessed at www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/identity-history-summary-checks. Additionally, requests can be submitted electronically at www.edo.cjis.gov. For additional information, please contact CJIS directly at (304) 625-5590.
- (iv) **National Name Check Program (NNCP).** The mission of NNCP is to analyze and report information in response to name check requests received from federal agencies, for the purpose of protecting the United States from foreign and domestic threats to national security. Please be advised that this is a service provided to other federal agencies. Private Citizens cannot request a name check.

EXPLANATION OF EXEMPTIONS

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552

- (b)(1) (A) specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and (B) are in fact properly classified to such Executive order;
- (b)(2) related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency;
- (b)(3) specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than section 552b of this title), provided that such statute (A) requires that the matters be withheld from the public in such a manner as to leave no discretion on issue, or (B) establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld;
- (b)(4) trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential;
- (b)(5) inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency;
- (b)(6) personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;
- (b)(7) records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the production of such law enforcement records or information (A) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, (B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, (C) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, (D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of confidential source, including a State, local, or foreign agency or authority or any private institution which furnished information on a confidential basis, and, in the case of record or information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation, or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, information furnished by a confidential source, (E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law, or (F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual;
- (b)(8) contained in or related to examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of an agency responsible for the regulation or supervision of financial institutions; or
- (b)(9) geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552a

- (d)(5) information compiled in reasonable anticipation of a civil action proceeding;
- (j)(2) material reporting investigative efforts pertaining to the enforcement of criminal law including efforts to prevent, control, or reduce crime or apprehend criminals;
- (k)(1) information which is currently and properly classified pursuant to an Executive order in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy, for example, information involving intelligence sources or methods;
- (k)(2) investigatory material compiled for law enforcement purposes, other than criminal, which did not result in loss of a right, benefit or privilege under Federal programs, or which would identify a source who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(3) material maintained in connection with providing protective services to the President of the United States or any other individual pursuant to the authority of Title 18, United States Code, Section 3056;
- (k)(4) required by statute to be maintained and used solely as statistical records;
- (k)(5) investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability, eligibility, or qualifications for Federal civilian employment or for access to classified information, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(6) testing or examination material used to determine individual qualifications for appointment or promotion in Federal Government service the release of which would compromise the testing or examination process;
- (k)(7) material used to determine potential for promotion in the armed services, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished the material pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence.

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and research of John Greenewald, Jr., creator of:

The Black Vault

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Date: 7/13/62

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (157-NEW) (RUC)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF
NAACP; (FNU) MARTIN, COLONS - PEOPLE
SOLICITATION TO ARMED ACTIVITY,
ATLANTA, GA.
INFORMATION CONCERNING; RACIAL MATTERS

(OO: ATLANTA)

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 7/12/88 BY SP8 BJS/plo

On 7/11/62, LOUIS AUSTIN, editor, "Carolina Times", a Durham, N. C. weekly newspaper, advised SA RUFUS H. POWELL he has been active in and a leader of NAACP work for many years. AUSTIN had on 7/11/62, received a visit from [redacted] a former resident of Durham, N. C. who is now residing in Fresno, Calif. [redacted] had been to Atlanta, Ga. as a delegate to the convention of the NAACP held there 7/2 through 8/62. She had engaged in picketing activity carried on there. At one of the meetings a selected group of young NAACP members was surreptitiously invited to attend a meeting led by (FNU) MARTIN in Atlanta. She was one of those invited and she attended. She learned that MARTIN was a Negro, male and former U. S. Army Officer from Atlanta, Ga. He told those gathered he had asked for this meeting for younger members of the NAACP to inform them there was a group who had arms available to it and was seeking their support. AUSTIN said [redacted] was distraught and very apprehensive about personal involvement in any revelation with this type of splinter movement within the NAACP. She had sought AUSTIN's advice about what to do about the information she had.

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AUSTIN stated he had agreed to protect her identity, but his personal anxiety over the potential for trouble which this information indicated prompted him to seek to arrange an interview between [redacted] and the FBI. AUSTIN's offer was accepted when such arrangements could be set up.

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On 7/12/62, AUSTIN advised he had tried to contact [redacted] prior to her return to Fresno, but had learned she had taken a plane to return home. He stated he was making every effort to discover [redacted] home address which he would furnish as soon as located.

On 7/13/62 AUSTIN advised [redacted] address was [redacted] [redacted] AUSTIN requested that discretion be used in arranging for a contact with [redacted] inasmuch as he had violated her confidence to him in revealing her identity, and any assurance possible that her identity might be protected by the FBI should be given to her.

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AT FRESNO, CALIFORNIA

UACB, Will obtain date, location and details of alleged meeting of the NAACP Splinter Group in Atlanta and make appropriate dissemination if allegations are substantiated.

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January 10, 1962

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (80-1170)
RE: ~~1~~ "THE CAROLINA TIMES"
NON-DAILY NEWSPAPERS
NEWS MEDIA CONTACT

Re SAC Lets 61-61 and 61-64.

NAME OF PAPER: "THE CAROLINA TIMES"
PUBLISHER: LOUIS AUSTIN
EDITOR: LOUIS AUSTIN
ADDRESS 436 E. Pettigrew St. (Post Office Box 307)
Durham, N. C.

Has been met _____ YES ☒ NO _____

Should receive Bureau material on a continuing basis:

YES _____ NO ☒ _____

This is all-Negro newspaper. He would be interested in crime statistics and Director's speeches and releases. His paper editorializes the news with a racial bias.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (88-1170)
CAROLINA TIMES, LOUIS E. AUSTIN,
PUBLISHER, DURHAM, N. C.,
4/25/64
PUBLIC RELATIONS MATTERS

Enclosed is a copy of an editorial appearing in the 4/25/64, issue of the "Carolina Times," a Durham, North Carolina, Negro weekly newspaper published by LOUIS E. AUSTIN.

[redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, is subject of the following files:

[redacted]
[redacted] These individuals were removed from the Security Index in March, 1946.

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Additional background information concerning AUSTIN was furnished to the Bureau by Charlotte letter to the Director, 1/26/59, captioned "COMMITTEE TO COMBAT RACIAL INJUSTICE; IS-SWP", Charlotte file 100-9416, BU file 100-429903.

As of Sept., 1960, the name L. E. AUSTIN, North Carolina, appeared on stationary of the Southern Conference Educational Fund as a member of the Board of Directors.

As of March, 1964, AUSTIN was listed as a subscriber of "The Worker".

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Date: 5/14/63

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Via AIRTEL REGISTERED MAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
SAC, NEW YORK
SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE [REDACTED] (RUC)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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(OO: NEW YORK)

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5/22/63 JSP/hw
Remarks: Pg 2, #4, 1.10
11 shd b "The Carolina Times"
Pg 7, #9, 1. shd b TRUD.
Bu cc's corrected.

Note to Charlotte: 4 ur futr
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is 2 assist in routing of
mail only, d shd not be
included in commune prepare
4 dissemination.

[REDACTED]
IS - R (RADIO MOSCOW)
(OO: NEW YORK)

State, [REDACTED] USIA, RAO, AAG

by 0-14 5-21-63
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[REDACTED]
IS - R (SELSKAYA JIZN)
(OO: NEW YORK)

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Re Washington Field airtel to Director, 4/8/63, and
Charlotte airtels to Director, 4/16/63 and 4/19/63.

Enclosed for the Bureau, New York, and Washington
Field are 10 copies, 4 copies, and 3 copies respectively, of
LHM concerning captioned matter.

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- 4 - New York (Encls. 4) (RM)
- 3 - WFO (Encls. 3) (RM)
- 3 - [REDACTED]

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Information from Mrs. ORA P. NICHOLS, Durham, N. C., was furnished to SA RUFUS H. POWELL. Information from WILLIAM ARTHUR JACKSON, Durham, N. C., was furnished to SA RUFUS H. POWELL. Information from Mr. LOUIS E. AUSTIN, Durham, N. C., was furnished to SAs RUFUS H. POWELL and CHARLES S. MILLER. Information from Mrs. MILES MARK FISHER, Durham, N. C., was furnished to SA POWELL.

Information from Mr. THOMAS N. BROWNLEE, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, was furnished to SA CARMON J. STUART.

Information from Chief A. A. MAUNEY, Monroe, N. C., Police Department, was furnished to SA ROBERT M. STEVENSON.

Information from Mrs. BRIAN RANDALL, Asheville, N. C., was furnished to SA STANLEY C. SETTLE. Information from United States Park Ranger ROLEN was furnished to SA JOHN D. LAY.

The source referred to in the details of enclosed LHM is [REDACTED] the original information is located in [REDACTED]

It is to be noted that during the time subjects were in Durham, N. C., the Easter Holidays were in progress and contacts with established sources by SA RUFUS H. POWELL at Duke University and University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, N. C., determined that subjects had not been observed at these locations. It is to be noted that the tobacco factories in the vicinity of Durham, N. C., and the Chambers of Commerce for Durham and Chapel Hill, N. C., were closed during this period.

The following established sources were alerted concerning subjects' appearance in the vicinity of Asheville, N. C. No information was received from these sources indicating any activity by the subjects:

PETE GILPIN
Asheville Citizens Times

GEORGE CRUMBLEY, Manager
Battery Park Hotel
Asheville, N. C.

EUGENE SMITH
Manager and Editor
Southern News, a Negro newspaper

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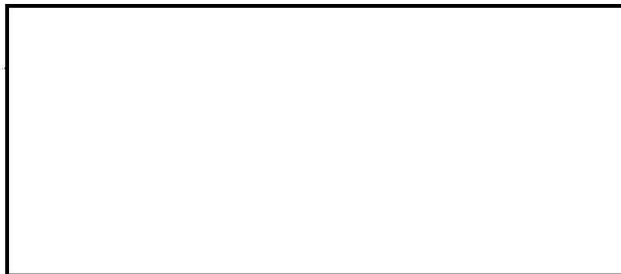
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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

*In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.*

**Charlotte, North Carolina
May 14, 1963**



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The following individuals and organizations will be characterized in the Appendix to this memorandum:

JAMES JACKSON

Dr. ALBERT E. PERRY, JR.

WOODROW WILSON

**ROBERT FRANKLIN WILLIAMS, RICHARD CROWDER and
"Daily Worker"**

Committee to Aid the Monroe Defendants (CAMD)

Monroe Defense Committee (MDC)

AT DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

On April 16, 1963, Mrs. ORA P. NICHOLS, Manager, Holiday Inn, Hillsboro Road, stated Mr. G. KUZENETSOV, who gave his address as North Riverside Drive, New York City, registered at her motel for himself and two other individuals at 6:49 P.M., April 14, 1963. The three individuals checked out at 9:35 A.M., April 15, 1963. While there they made three telephone calls, all of which were local. The numbers were 383-7871; 383-3042; and 682-2913.

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All of those in the party occupied one room and there was no visitor to that room to her knowledge.

On April 16, 1963, WILLIAM ARTHUR JACKSON, Bellhop, Holiday Inn Motel, Hillsboro Road, Durham, North Carolina, advised that on April 14, 1963, three Russians had registered there and occupied a room overnight until the morning of April 15, 1963. JACKSON advised that during the Russians' stay at the motel, they did not receive any visitors at their room.

According to the February, 1963 Durham Telephone Directory, the numbers provided by Mrs. NICHOLS are listed in their respective order to L. E. AUSTIN, 509 Dunbar Street, Durham, North Carolina; Reverend MILES M. FISHER, 1219 Fayetteville Street; and "The Carolina Times," 436 East Pettigrew Street, Durham, North Carolina.

On April 16, 1963, Mr. LOUIS E. AUSTIN, Editor, "The Carolina Times," a weekly newspaper of Durham, North Carolina, advised that at approximately 10:00 A.M., on April 15, 1963, an individual who subsequently identified himself as a representative of Russia, telephoned AUSTIN at his home and asked for an interview. He told Mr. AUSTIN that Mr. AUSTIN's name had been referred to him by someone in New York City. AUSTIN said he did not remember the name of this individual, but it was one whose identity he had not heard of before. Mr. AUSTIN agreed to meet the caller at his office at "The Carolina Times" and subsequently met three Russians at about 10:30 A.M., the same date. They all provided Russian names to Mr. AUSTIN, which he said he was unable to pronounce or remember. He referred to them by their first names, given to him as [REDACTED]

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He noted that they were driving a fairly late model medium priced automobile, color either greenish blue or gray.

He also noted [REDACTED] had with him a tape recorder and that [REDACTED] carried a camera. He never saw [REDACTED] take pictures of the places visited but [REDACTED] recorded approximately five minutes of the conversation which they had with Mr. AUSTIN in his office.

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RE: [REDACTED]

The conversation pertained to race relations in the Durham, North Carolina, area and the progress of the Negro in Durham. Mr. AUSTIN advised them that progress had occurred in North Carolina, but that more progress was needed. They asked him about the sit-in movements in this vicinity and he replied that he had personally picketed the Sears Department Store in Durham supporting the high school students who had picketed the area seeking more prominent employment of Negroes in that store.

The Russians indicated that they were not well aware of the specific program of racial advancement in Durham, North Carolina. There was a casual mention of the church segregation issues in Durham, but they expressed no great interest in this.

Mr. AUSTIN said that he talked favorably to them about the freedom the Negro has in the area to picket and to pursue their rights in the courts of this country.

Mr. AUSTIN could not remember specifically the questions asked which were recorded on tape. He recalled that only two or three questions were posed for him, and they were generally questions on racial matters.

There was no comment made by the Russian interviewers concerning police action in the race relations matter, nor were questions asked seeking comments on the attitude of the United States Government in this field of interest.

The Russians indicated they wished to meet a Negro tobacco worker leader. Mr. AUSTIN provided them the name of Mr. BURCH COLEY of [REDACTED], Durham, North Carolina.

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Mr. AUSTIN said, however, that apparently they did not contact Mr. COLEY during that afternoon since Mr. AUSTIN was with Mr. COLEY during the balance of the day in matters concerning church work.

The three travelers indicated that they intended going to Winston-Salem, North Carolina, but did not state the purpose

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of their visit there nor the identity of any individuals they expected to contact. They indicated that they expected to leave Durham on the evening of April 15, 1963.

Mr. AUSTIN said that the Russians asked for back copies of "The Carolina Times" and were given six issues of various back copies of the newspaper. They also asked for a subscription to that newspaper, and Mr. AUSTIN stated that he was going to provide them with that subscription at the regular subscriber's rate charged by the newspaper. He said he saw no pictures taken, and he had no information that they had gathered any literature while in Durham, North Carolina.

On April 16, 1963, Mrs. MILES MARK FISHER, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Durham, North Carolina, provided the following information:

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Her home had been contacted on April 15, 1963, by a Russian whose name sounded to her like LUIGI. He wished to talk to her husband, the Pastor of the White Rock Baptist Church in Durham, North Carolina, and asked to come to her residence. She agreed to the interview and was met at about 3:00 P.M., by three Russians whose names she did not remember. One of them, however, said that he was a representative of the Radio Moscow. They explained to her that they were traveling through the south, were staying at the Holiday Inn in Durham, and were proceeding that day on to Winston-Salem. The purpose of their visit was to study conditions in the south.

Mrs. FISHER gave them a history of the Baptist Church in reply to the question of one of the visitors about racial segregation in the churches in the south. She pointed out that there was a colored church and a white church within the Baptist denomination in the south but the Baptist denomination as a whole was complete. She explained the history of the split of the Baptist Church over slavery. She also traced the history of the Methodist Church and their northern, southern and central denominations that subsequently were consolidated.

She explained to them that Durham, North Carolina, was unique in that it was known as the economic capital of the black

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how long they had been in the United States, and they stated that they were stationed in New York City but did not say how long they had been in this country. They were asked why they had elected to contact Reverend FISHER and they answered that JAMES JACKSON, who was an Editor of the Daily Worker in the past had recommended that they contact Reverend FISHER. She pointed out that JAMES JACKSON is a distant cousin of hers, and further that her husband, MILES MARK FISHER, is known for having done historical research on religion.

She volunteered that the visitors apparently expected Mrs. FISHER to be critical of the governmental process of this country, and they did not find any evidence of this criticism which disappointed them. She stated this was her own estimate and the conclusion was not reached from any comments which the Russians made themselves.

The Russians told her that they had visited the North Carolina College and had driven with Mr. LOUIS AUSTIN of Durham looking over the housing projects for Negroes in Durham.

AT WINSTON-SALEM, NORTH CAROLINA

On April 22, 1963, Mr. THOMAS M. BROWNLEE, Executive Vice President, Winston-Salem Chamber of Commerce, advised that on April 16, 1963, he had been contacted by two Russian newspapermen about whom there subsequently was some local newspaper publicity. Mr. BROWNLEE advised that he does not recall the names of these individuals and that during his conversation with them a third companion remained outside his office waiting in an automobile. Mr. BROWNLEE stated that the two newspapermen explained to him that they were making a tour of the country and wished to visit various types of industrial plants. He stated that they did not seem to have any particular type of plant in mind and they explained to him that a letter was supposed to have been written to his office by the United States Information Agency arranging for their visit. Mr. BROWNLEE advised that he informed these newspapermen that no such letter had been received and they did not seem to be surprised to learn of this. Mr. BROWNLEE stated that his office had arranged for these individuals to visit the Bahnsen Company plant.

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