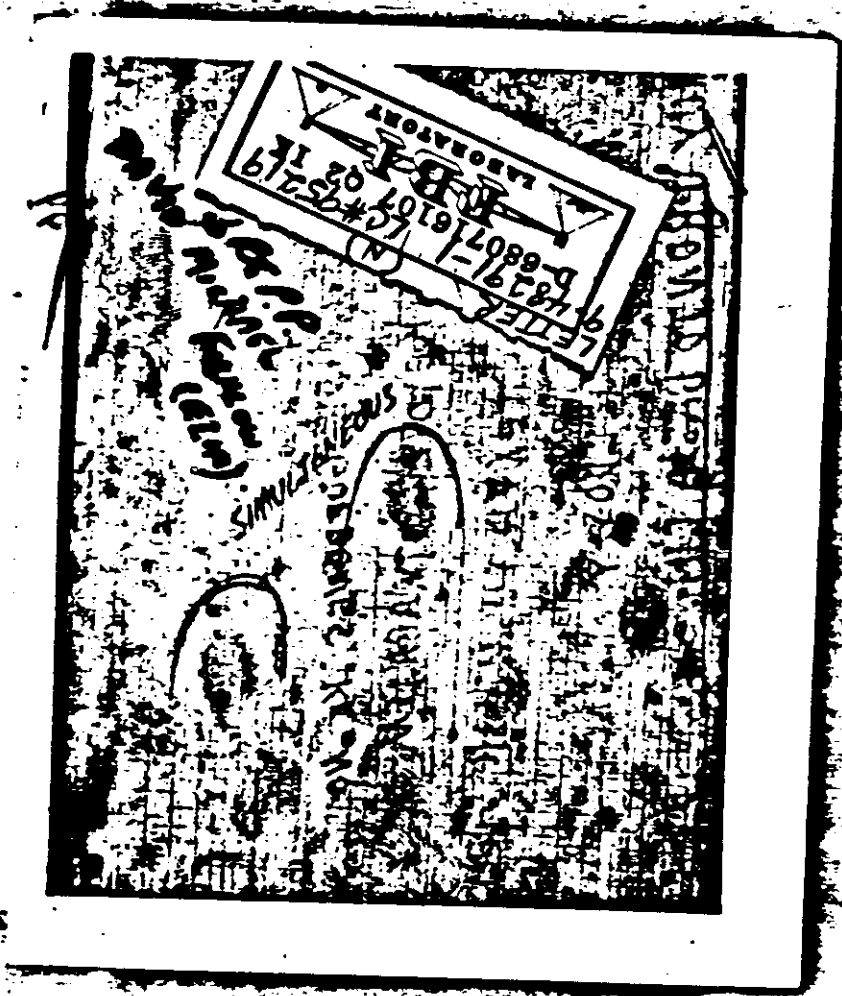


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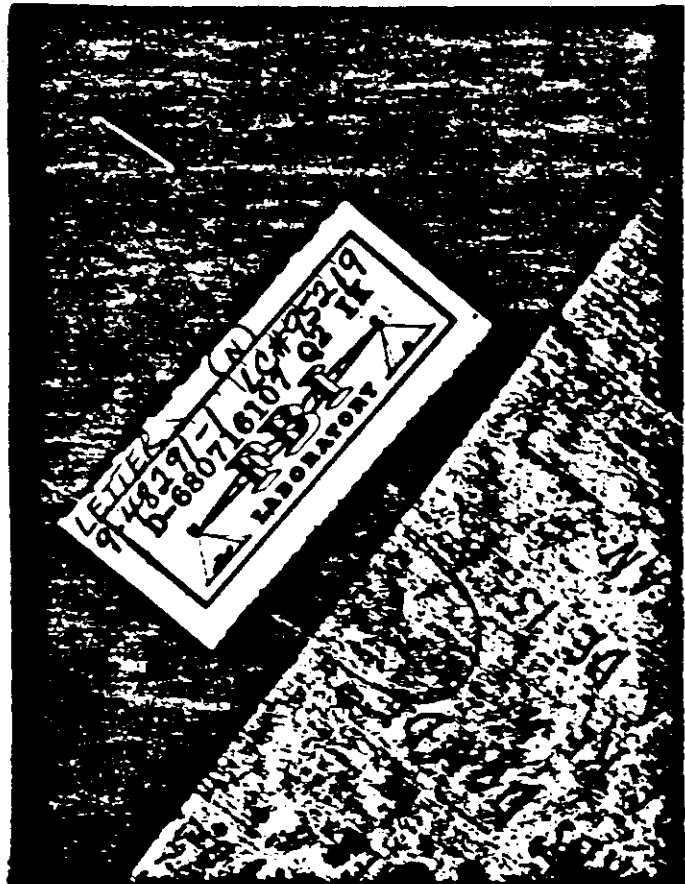
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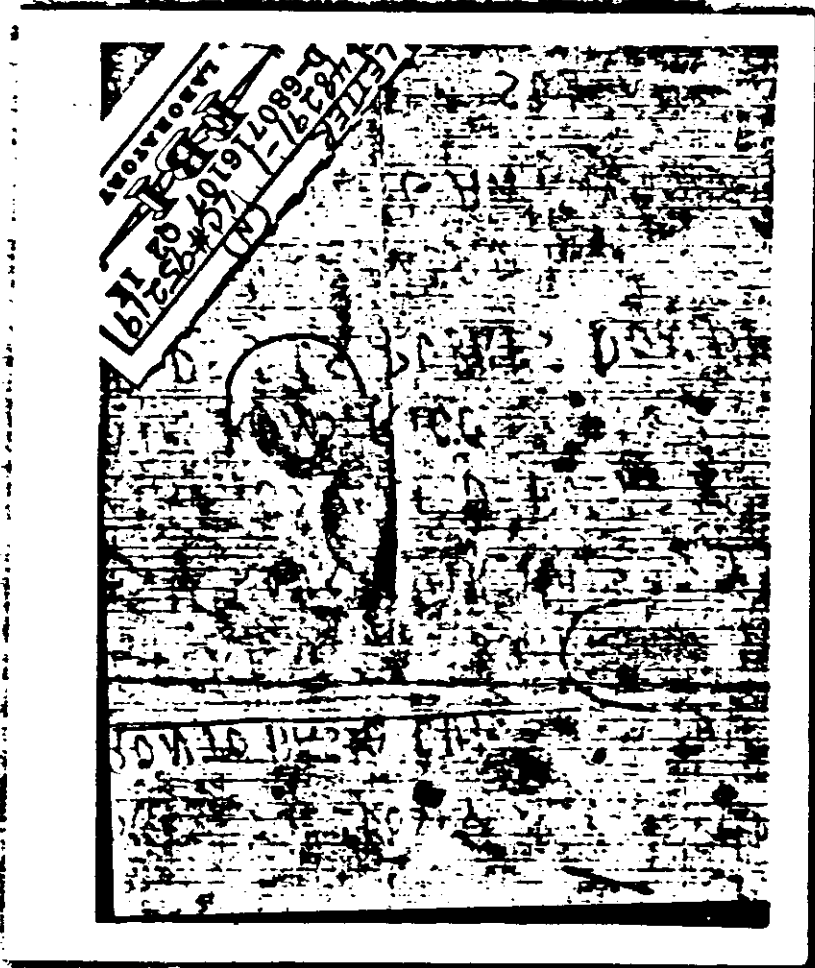
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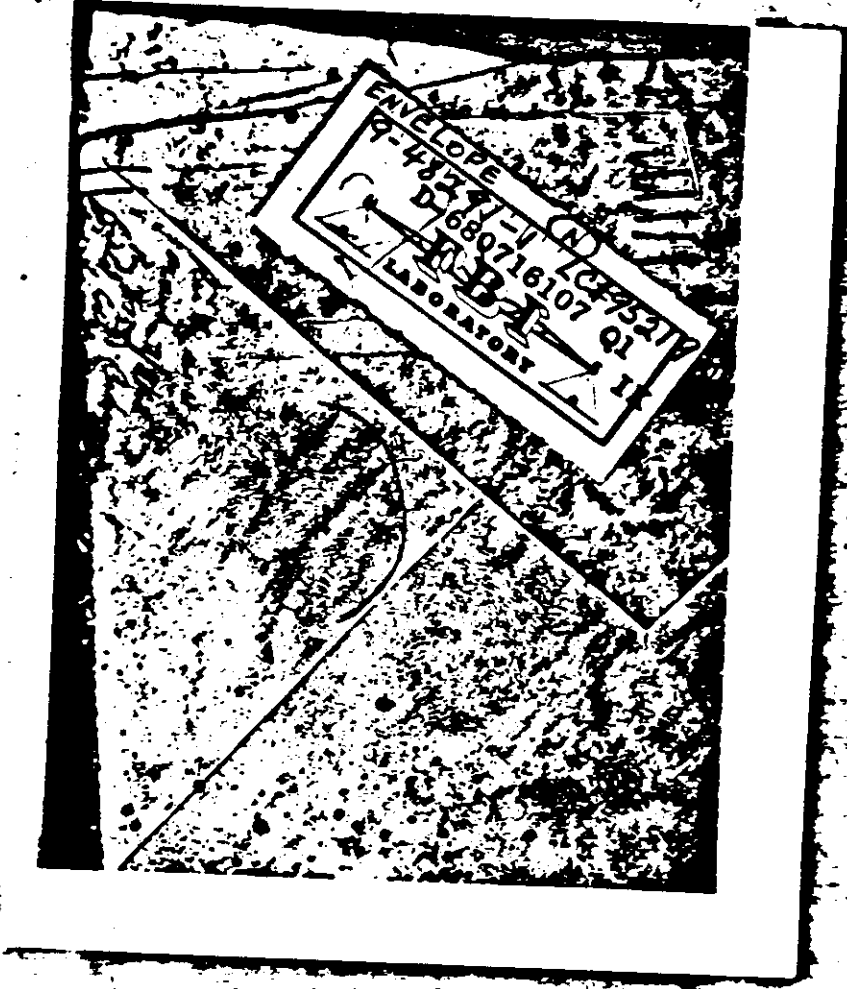


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"SR. CESAR CHAVES LINERSILLO
DE GUEBONES...."

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Latent devel'd back of
Q1, envelope addressed to
SR CESAR CHAVEZ

Latent developed on front of
Q2, one-page letter beginning

"SR. CESAR CHAVES, LIDERSILLO
DE GUEBONES...."

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Latents devel'd on back of
Q2, one-page letter beginning
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DE GUEBONES...."

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DE GUEBONES..."

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| REPORTING OFFICE SAN FRANCISCO | OFFICE OF ORIGIN SAN FRANCISCO | DATE 8/16/68 | INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 7/8/68 - 8/12/68 |
| TITLE OF CASE CHANGED UNSUB, aka Tirso P. Mellosa, Tirso P. Mevosa, Tirso P. Mellisa T.P.M. | | REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] | TYPED BY SIF |
| | | CHARACTER OF CASE EXTORTION | |

Title is marked "Changed" to reflect additional possible aliases of UNSUB.

REFERENCES: Sacramento airtel to Bureau, dated 7/11/68.
 Bureau letter to Sacramento, dated 7/19/68.
 San Francisco airtel to Sacramento, dated 7/26/68.
 Bureau letter to Sacramento, dated 7/31/68.
 Sacramento letter to San Francisco, dated 8/7/68.
 Bureau letter to Sacramento, dated 8/8/68.

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Accomplishments Claimed

Use has been: Pending over one year Yes No; Pending prosecution over six months Yes No

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ENCLOSURE

TO ALL OFFICES RECEIVING COPIES OF REPORT:

Translation from Spanish of obscene letter addressed to Mr. CESAR CHAVES, signed T.P.M. and envelope in which letter was received.

LEADS:

SACRAMENTO

AT DELANO, CALIFORNIA: 1. Will obtain for elimination purposes the finger and palm prints of Mr. TONY OREDAIN, Office Manager, United Farm Workers Organizing Committee, AFL-CIO. (UFWOC), 102 Albany Street, and any other individuals known by Mr. OREDAIN who may be members of the UFWOC who handled the letter and envelope in this matter.

2. Will forward finger and palm prints to Latent Fingerprint Section of Identification Division to be compared with latent fingerprints developed on envelope and letter submitted by Sacramento Division.

3. Will obtain finger and palm prints of Postmaster at Delano, California, and forward same as requested above.

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AT GILROY, CALIFORNIA: Will contact officials of UFWOC to determine if they have any suspects as to person or persons responsible for the letter sent to Mr. CESAR CHAVES in this case.

AT SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA: Will report results of investigation conducted.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, San Francisco (Enclosure 1)

Report of: [REDACTED] Office: SAN FRANCISCO
Date: August 13, 1968

Field Office File #: 9-2203 Bureau File #: 9-48291

Title: UNKNOWN SUBJECT

Character: EXTORTION

Synopsis:

Postmaster, Delano, Calif., on 7/8/68, furnished envelope addressed to Mr. CESAR CHAVEZ, Gilroy, Calif., postmarked San Jose, Calif., 6/27/68, and Gilroy, Calif., 6/28/68. Envelope has return address TIRSO P. MELLOSA, or MELVOSA, or MELLISA and then C: 29/110, or 1168, San Jose, California. He also furnished a letter which was enclosed in the envelope described which letter is written in Spanish, is undated, and obscene, and in part stated, "See how you like grenades or mortars because the machine gun makes too much noise and you may pass on to your better life...Scared." This letter was signed T.P.M. Victim at Delano, Calif., advised he has no suspects as to person who wrote letter. Latent Fingerprint Section, FBI Identification Division, advised one latent fingerprint of value developed on envelope and 7 latent fingerprints and one latent palm print developed on letter. AUSA, SF, advised he would authorize prosecution if Subject is located and admits writing and mailing the letter.

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ENCLOSURE

TO THE U.S. ATTORNEY

Translation from Spanish of obscene letter addressed to Mr. CESAR CHAVES, signed T.P.M. and envelope in which letter was received.

DETAILS:

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By communication dated July 11, 1968, the Sacramento Division advised that by communication received July 8, 1968, by the PostMaster at Delano, California, furnished one envelope addressed to SR. CESAR CHAVEZ, Gilroy, California, which envelope was postmarked at San Jose, California, June 27, 1968, and at Gilroy June 28, 1968. Postmaster also furnished handprinted letter in Spanish which was undated and addressed to SR. CESAR CHAVEZ and signed T.P.M. The Sacramento Division advised that the letter and envelope has been furnished to the Latent Fingerprint Section of the FBI Identification Division for examination and translation.

By communication dated July 19, 1968, the Bureau furnished the following translation of the letter and envelope received in this matter:

TRANSLATION FROM SPANISH

The envelope is addressed to:

Mr. CESAR CHAVEZ
Gilroy, California

and bears the notation:

Forward to Delano.

It is postmarked:

San Jose, California,
June 27, 1968, and
Gilroy, California
June 28, 1968

The return address reads:

TIRSO P. MELLOSA, or MELVOSA, or MELLISA
C: 29/100 or 1168
San Jose, California.

No date

Mr. CESAR CHAVES:

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Little leader of (obscene-see enclosure) who do not want to work or let other people work, I believe that very soon you will pass on to a better life. I do too want better wages and better housing if very soon you will be (obscene-see enclosure) your little mother? This is what you are looking for, and you will get it very soon, you billy-goat.

Kenedi was foolish to give you 50 thousand dollars. You got to living as a rich man late and so you became a redeemer of the poor where there are not any because every man who works here in the field earns from 15 do 20 dollars, which is enough and even more than enough, with something left over (obscene-see enclosure).

Thus, let us see which one of us--there is a hundred--will get to put an end to that association of (obscene-see enclosure). This is to hope that we are allotted the more plump ones!

See how you like grenades or mortars because the machine gun makes too much noise and you may pass on to your better life... Scared.

T.P.M."

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Washington, D. C. 20535

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REPORT of the IDENTIFICATION DIVISION LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

YOUR FILE NO.
FBI FILE NO.
LATENT CASE NO. **9-48291
95219**

August 8, 1968

TO: **SAC, Sacramento**

RE: **TIRSO P. MELLOSA;
CESAR CHAVEZ - VICTIM
EXTORTION**

REFERENCE: **Airtel 7-11-68**
EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: **Sacramento**
SPECIMENS: **Q1, envelope
Q2, one-page letter**

One latent fingerprint value developed Q1, Seven latent fingerprints and one latent palm print value developed Q2.

Latent fingerprints not identical fingerprints following individuals, one of whom may be identical victim:

- Cesar Estrada Chavez, FBI #428946F, born 3-31-27, in Yuma, Arizona
- Cesar Humberto Chavez-Sanchez, FBI #315318E, born 4-7-42, in Mexico
- Cesar Elias Chavez-Baca, FBI #298533D, born 9-12-26, in Mexico

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John Edgar Hoover, Director
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SAC, Sacramento

August 8, 1963

No palm prints are available in our Identification Division files for these individuals.

On basis information furnished, no fingerprint record located here for Tirso P. Mellosa.

Specimens enclosed.

Laboratory report separate.

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REPORT
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: SAC, Sacramento

July 31, 1968

Re: TIRSO P. MELJOSA;
CESAR CHAVEZ - VICTIM
EXTORTION
OO: San Francisco

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR NO. 2-New
FBI FILE NO. 9-48291
LAB. NO. D-680716107 IK

Reference Airtel dated 7/11/68

The material described below has been searched in the following file without effecting an identification: Anonymous Letter File

Copies have been added to this file for future reference.

The submitted material is temporarily retained.

MATERIAL SUBMITTED:

- Q1 Envelope postmarked "SAN JOSE, CALIF. PM 27 JUN 1963" and second postmark "GILROY, CA JUN 28 -PM 1968 95020," and addressed "Sr CESAR CHAVEZ G.A.S.A. GILROY, CAL. ("forward to Delano" written in).
- Q2 Accompanying one-page letter, hand printed, beginning "Sr. CESAR CHAVES, LIDERSILLO DE GUEBONES...."

Remarks:

Specimens Q1 and Q2 will be treated for latent fingerprints. The result of that examination and the disposition of the evidence will be furnished by separate report.

Translations of the letter, Q2, were furnished to your office and San Francisco with a letter dated 7/19/68.

② - San Francisco

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Date August 7, 1968

Mr. TONY OREDAIN, Office Manager, United Farm Workers Organizing Committee, AFL-CIO, (UFWOC), 102 Albany Street, Delano, California, advised as follows:

Approximately one month ago he received a letter at Post Office Box 130, Delano, the Post Office box used by UFWOC, which letter was addressed to CESAR CHAVEZ, Director of UFWOC, addressed to Gilroy, California, and forwarded to Delano. This letter was written in very poor Spanish and contained threats to the safety and well-being of Mr. CHAVEZ. The letter contained a postmark at San Jose, California and the name "TIRSO P. MELLOSA" appeared in the upper left corner of the envelope.

He read this letter at his UFWOC office and then exhibited it to BILL WHITMAN, UFWOC Controller. On the same date he returned it to the Post Office through an unknown postal employee, possibly the Postmaster in Delano, advising this postal employee that the letter contained threats. Approximately eight to ten days later an individual from the Post Office in Delano called and asked that someone be made available to translate the threatening letter. DAVID FISHELOW, Editor of the "El Malcriado", the UFWOC newspaper, obtained the letter from the Post Office, translated it, and returned it to the Post Office in Delano either the same day or the following day. This letter was never shown or mentioned to Mr. CHAVEZ.

Mr. OREDAIN stated that the name TIRSO P. MELLOSA is not familiar to him. He said he has no idea who prepared the above mentioned threatening letter. Mr. OREDAIN concluded by stating that he would advise Mr. CHAVEZ concerning this letter at his first opportunity.

On 8/1/68 at Delano, California File # SC 9-54
by SA [REDACTED] mdd Date dictated 8/5/68

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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The following investigation was conducted by SA
[REDACTED]

Attempts to contact Mr. CESAR CHAVEZ, Director of United Farm Workers Organizing Committee, AFL-CIO, (UFWOC), Mr. TONY OREDAIN, UFWOC Office Manager, or any of the UFWOC attorneys or other officials at 102 Albany, Delano, California on July 31, 1968, were negative.

The records of the [REDACTED] and the [REDACTED] were caused to be reviewed on July 31, 1968, and no record of the subject could be located.

The records of the [REDACTED] which covers the Delano area, were caused to be reviewed on August 5, 1968, and no record was located concerning the subject.

Further attempts to contact Mr. CHAVEZ on August 1, 1968, and August 2, 1968, at Delano were negative.

On August 5, 1968, Mr. CESAR CHAVEZ, Director, UFWOC, 102 Albany, Delano, advised that he had not been previously advised regarding the threatening letter in this matter. He said he had not been in favor of making an issue over threats to his safety, but that he had been overruled by his attorneys in that they insisted that such threats be reported by an official of the union to the proper authorities. Mr. CHAVEZ stated that the name of the subject in this matter is not familiar to him and he has no idea who may have written the threatening letter involved. He said that UFWOC has a large office at Gilroy, California, and that someone connected with the union there may be acquainted with, or know of the subject.

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On July 26, 1968, the facts in this matter were discussed with AUSA JERROLD M. LADAR, San Francisco, and he advised he would authorize prosecution of Subject in this case if Subject is located and he does admit writing and mailing the letter. Mr. LADAR advised that if on interview, Subject does admit preparing and mailing the letter, he should be taken into custody immediately and appropriate complaint will be filed thereafter. Further, Mr. LADAR stated that Subject, after complaint has been filed, will be afforded a medical examination.

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| REPORTING OFFICE SAN FRANCISCO | OFFICE OF ORIGIN SAN FRANCISCO | DATE 9/30/68 | INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 8/22 - 9/27/68 |
| TITLE OF CASE UNSUB, aka Tirso P. Melloso, Tirso P. Mevosa, Tirso P. Mellisa T. P. M.; CESAR CHAVEZ - VICTIM | | REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] | TYPED BY rt |
| | | CHARACTER OF CASE EXTORTION | |

REFERENCES: Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 8/16/68 at San Francisco.
Sacramento letter to Bureau dated 9/19/68.

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AT SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA: Upon receipt of results of examinations by FBI Laboratory of material submitted by referenced Sacramento letter, will again discuss this matter with USA, San Francisco, relative to prosecutive opinion.

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Case has been: Pending over one year Yes No; Pending prosecution over six months Yes No

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Copy to: 1 - USA, San Francisco

Report of: [REDACTED]
Date: 9/30/68

Office: SAN FRANCISCO

Field Office File #: 9-2203

Bureau File #: 9-48291

Title: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
CESAR CHAVEZ -
VICTIM

Character: EXTORTION

Synopsis: Officers of United Farm Workers Organizing Committee (UFWOC), Gilroy, California, can furnish no information which would identify any individual as TIRSO P. MELLOSA, nor can they suggest any suspects responsible for letter addressed to Mr. CESAR CHAVEZ, Gilroy, California, postmarked San Jose, California, 6/27/68, and Gilroy, California, 6/28/68. Other individuals active in the Mexican-American communities in the Gilroy and San Jose areas can furnish no suggestions regarding suspects responsible for this letter. No information identifiable with the name TIRSO P. MELLOSA located in files of [REDACTED]

and [REDACTED]

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DETAILS:

On August 22, 1968, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that she has resided in the Gilroy area for the past 25 years. She stated that the name TIRSO P. MELLOSA is not familiar to her and she further advised that she was aware of no individuals in the area who could be responsible for directing a threatening letter to Mr. CESAR CHAVEZ.

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On August 23, 1968, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], advised that he was not aware of any individual known as TIRSO P. MELLOSA. [REDACTED] further stated that he was not aware of any individual in the area of Gilroy and San Jose, California, who could be suspect in connection with the writing of a threatening letter to CESAR CHAVEZ.

[REDACTED] stated he would be alert for any information which would assist in identifying the responsible individual and in the event any information was learned, would immediately notify the FBI.

On September 23, 1968, [REDACTED] advised that he had developed no information which would assist in identifying the responsible individual in connection with his normal activities with the UFWOC and the EOC, during the past month.

[REDACTED] advised that she was not aware of any individual in the area who would be identifiable as TIRSO P. MELLOSA. [REDACTED] stated that she was not aware of any individual in the area whom she would suspect of writing a threatening letter to CESAR CHAVEZ.

On August 22, 1968, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that he was not familiar with any individual active in the Mexican-American community in the Santa Clara Valley area who would be identifiable with TIRSO P. MELLOSA. [REDACTED] further stated that he could suggest no individual in the area whom he would suspect as being responsible for writing a threatening letter to Mr. CHAVEZ.

[REDACTED] advised that there were nine EOC areas in the Santa Clara County, and he stated that he would endeavor to contact the individuals in charge of the various areas and make inquiry concerning the name TIRSO P. MELLOSA.

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On September 20, 1968, [REDACTED] advised that he had contacted the other eight EOC areas in the county and had developed no information disclosing that an individual by the name of TIRSO P. MELLOSA was known among individuals of the Mexican-American community.

On August 26, 1968, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] advised that he was not familiar with any individual by the name of TIRSO P. MELLOSA. [REDACTED] further advised that he was not cognizant of any individual in the area who might have considered suspect in connection with the threatening letter addressed to Mr. CESAR CHAVEZ. [REDACTED] volunteered to make inquiry among his contacts in the area in an effort to assist in identifying TIRSO P. MELLOSA.

On Sept. 20, 1968, [REDACTED] advised that he had been unable to find any individual in the area who had any knowledge which would assist in identifying MELLOSA.

On August 23, 1968, records of the following agencies were checked for the name TIRSO P. MELLOSA and the various possible spellings, and no information was developed which would assist in identifying this individual:

[REDACTED]
Checked by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Checked by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Checked by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Checked by [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
Checked by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Checked by [REDACTED]

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (9-48291)

DATE: 9/19/68

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FROM : SAC, SACRAMENTO (9-34) (RUC)

SUBJECT: UNSUB; aka-
Tirso P. Mellosa,
Tirso P. Mevosa,
Tirso P. Mellisa
T. P. M.
EXTORTION
OO: San Francisco

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Re Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 8/16/68,
at San Francisco, California.

Enclosed for the Bureau are five fingerprint cards
each containing finger and palm prints of DAVID MICHAEL FISHLOW;
ANTONIO CRENDAIN, aka Tony Credain; ROBERT S. SENINI; and
WILLARD JOHN WIDMAN.

FISHLOW is editor of "El Malcriado," newspaper of
the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee (UFWOC), AFL - CIO,
102 Albany, Delano, California. CRENDAIN is office manager of
UFWOC. WILLARD JOHN WIDMAN is Comptroller of UFWOC and his
prints were taken because CRENDAIN stated he had handled the
extortion letter in this matter. SENINI is the postmaster at
Delano, California.

None of the above individuals could recall any other
person handling the letter in question.

On 9/12/68, SENINI stated that the original extortion
letter was forwarded by him to the postal inspector in charge,
Post Office Department, San Francisco, California, 94101, on
6/29/68, with a copy to the postal inspector at Bakersfield,
California; and that this letter was returned to him about a

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week later with instructions that it be forwarded to the FBI. SENINI added that he had no idea who may have handled the letter at the post office department in San Francisco, California.

WISHLOW, ORENDAIN, WIDMAN and SENINI, all advised that they had no information as to the identity of the writer of the letter concerning this case.

The Bureau is requested to compare the enclosed prints with latent prints developed on the previously submitted extortion letter and envelope.



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Washington, D. C. 20537

REPORT of the IDENTIFICATION DIVISION LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

YOUR FILE NO. 9-34
FBI FILE NO. 9-48291-5
LATENT CASE NO. 95219

October 2, 1968

TO: SAC, Sacramento
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RE: UNSUB., AKA
TIRSO P. MELLOSA
TIRSO P. MEVOSA
TIRSO P. MELLISA
T. P. M.;
EXTORTION

REFERENCE: Letter 9-19-68
EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: Sacramento
SPECIMENS: Elimination major case prints of David Michael Fishlow, Antonio Mendez, Robert S. Serini, and Willard John Wickman

The latent palm print of value developed on letter designated Q2, which was previously submitted, has been identified as a palm print of Fishlow.

The latent fingerprints of value previously reported in this case are not identical with the fingerprints of Fishlow or the remaining three individuals.

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Specimens enclosed.

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DeLoach
Mohr
Bishop
Casper
Callahan
Conrad
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LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION WORK SHEET

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Reference No: 9-34
FBI File No: 9-48291
Latent Case No: 95219

Received: 9-27-68 krs

Answer to: SAC, Sacramento

Examination requested by: Addressee

Copy to: SAC, San Francisco (9-2203)

UNSUB; AKA

RE: TIRSO P. MELLOSA,
TIRSO P. MEVOSA
TIRSO P. MELLISA
T. P. M.
EXTORTION

Date of reference communication: Letter 9-19-68

Specimens:

Major case prints submitted for elimination purposes of;

DAVID MICHAEL FISHLOW
ANTONIO ORENDAIN aka TONY OREDAIN
ROBERT S. SENINI
WILLARD JOHN WIDMAN

Result of examination:

Examination by: [Redacted]
Evidence noted by: [Redacted]

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Memorandum

TO : Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: October 3, 1968

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FROM : Fred M. Vinson, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

SUBJECT: Investigation of Phone Calls
Threatening Life of Cesar Chavez

We have received a telegram from [REDACTED]

alleging that the lives of Cesar Chavez and his assistant, Dolores Huerta, have been threatened by anonymous phone calls. As you know, Mr. Chavez is engaged in a continuing effort to organize the migrant workers in California and the Southwest, and some episodes of violence have occurred during the course of his activities.

Please conduct a preliminary investigation into the nature and source of these anonymous phone calls in order to determine whether any of them have been transmitted in interstate commerce and thus constitute violations of 18 U.S.C. 875(c).

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SAC, San Francisco

October 7, 1968

Director, FBI **REC-63** 7-48811-6

1 - [REDACTED]

TIRSO P. MELLOSA;
CESAR CHAVEZ - VICTIM
EXTORTION
OO: SAN FRANCISCO

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Reurlet dated 8/16/68.

Enclosed is a self-explanatory letter from the Department dated 10/3/68.

Interview the victim concerning reported threatening anonymous telephone calls and conduct any logical investigation if a violation of Federal statute exists. This phase of the investigation should be incorporated into the captioned case.

NOTE:

By memo 10/3/68, Department advises that victim has received threatening telephone calls of an anonymous nature. The victim who is engaged in organizing migrant workers in the western part of this country has previously received a threatening communication and investigation is being conducted with regard to this communication.

Enclosure

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Date: 10/14/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (9-48291)
FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (9-2203)(P)

TIRSO P. MELLOSA;
CESAR CHAVEZ - VICTIM
EXTORTION

OO: San Francisco

Rerep of SA [redacted] dated 9/30/68 at San Francisco and Bulet
to San Francisco, 10/7/68.

Enclosed for Sacramento is one copy each of referenced San Francisco
report, reBulet and self-explanatory letter from the Department
dated 10/3/68, which was enclosed with Bulet.

Investigation at San Jose, Calif., reveals Victim CESAR CHAVEZ,
Director, UFWOC, 102 Albany, Delano, Calif., can reportedly be
contacted at this location.

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SACRAMENTO

At Delano, Calif. Immediately interview Victim in ac-
cordance with Bureau instructions in reBulet.

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SAC, San Francisco

10/17/68

Director, FBI

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**TIRSO P. MELLOSA;
CESAR CHAVEZ - VICTIM
EXTORTION**

Re San Francisco report of SA [REDACTED] dated 9/30/68, and San Francisco letter dated 10/14/68.

Sacramento refer to Bureau letter dated 9/17/68 to Los Angeles entitled [REDACTED] Information Concerning."

For the information of San Francisco, Bureau letter of 9/17/68, advised that [REDACTED] called the Bureau at 9:55 p.m., 9/17/68 and identified himself: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] rambled aimlessly and alleged that he is being opposed in his political contest by the victim in local farm union squabbles and political activities. [REDACTED] alleged that Sanchez is in some way connected with the "Communist Regime and Communist Conspiracy". He further advised that he intended to write letters to political figures concerning the conspiracy.

San Francisco and Sacramento should consider [REDACTED] a logical suspect concerning captioned investigation.

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| TITLE OF CASE UNSUB, aka Tirso P. Melloso Tirso P. Mevasa Tirso P. Millisa T.P.M.; CESAR CHAVEZ - VICTIM | | REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] | TYPED sag |
| | | CHARACTER OF CASE EXTORTION | |

REFERENCES: Report of SA [REDACTED] at San Francisco, dated 9/30/68.

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LEADS:

SAN FRANCISCO

AT SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA. Will interview [REDACTED] concerning threatening telephone call on life of victim received at O'Connors Hospital, San Jose, during summer of 1968 at which time victim was patient.

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Case has been: Pending over one year Yes No; Pending prosecution over six months Yes No

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, San Francisco

Report of: [REDACTED]
Date: 11/25/68

Office: San Francisco, California

Field Office File #: 9-2203

Bureau File #: 9-48291

Title: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
CESAR CHAVEZ - VICTIM

Character: EXTORTION

Synopsis:

FBI Identification Division has identified palm print appearing on previously submitted letter as being identical with an associate of the victim. Other latent fingerprints developed on letter have not been identified to date. Victim re-interviewed 10/30/68, concerning anonymous threatening telephone calls. Victim advised that crank telephone calls are received almost daily at Office of the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee (UFWOC) AFL-CIO, Delano, California, and he further advised that a telephone threat on his life was received at O'Connor Hospital, San Jose, California, during the summer of 1968, at which time he was a patient in the hospital.

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DETAILS:

By letter dated September 19, 1968, the Sacramento Division, FBI, forwarded to the FBI Identification Division, Latent Fingerprint Section, five fingerprint cards each containing finger and palm prints of DAVID MICHAEL FISHLOW; ANTONIO ORENDAIN, also known as Tony Oredain; ROBERT S. [REDACTED] and WILLARD JOHN WEIDMAN.

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It is noted that FISHLOW is the editor of "El Malcriado", newspaper of the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee (UFWOC), 102 Albany, Delano, California. ORENDAIN is officer - manager of the UFWOC and WIDMAN is comptroller of UFWOC. SENINI is the Postmaster at Delano, California.

Investigation has determined that the above individuals had all handled the extortion letter in this matter.

By letter dated October 2, 1968, the FBI Identification Division, Latent Fingerprint Section, advised that in connection with elimination of major case prints of FISHLOW, ORENDAIN, WIDMAN, and SENINI, it had been determined that the latent palm print of value developed on the extortion letter previously designated Q2, had been identified as a palm print of FISHLOW.

It was further reported that the latent fingerprint of value previously reported in this matter were identical with the fingerprints of FISHLOW, ORENDAIN, and WIDMAN and SENINI.

By letter dated October 3, 1968, the Criminal Division, United States Department of Justice, advised that information had been received in the form of a telegram from [REDACTED],

alleging that the lives of CAESAR CHAVEZ and his assistant, DOLORES HUERTA had been threatened by anonymous phone calls.

Set forth is Sacramento FD 302, the interview of CAESAR CHAVEZ on October 3, 1968:

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 11/4/68

CESAR CHAVEZ, Director, United Farm Workers Organizing Committee (UFWOC), AFL-CIO, Delano, California, was interviewed at his residence, 1221 Kensington, Delano, and furnished the following information:

Since becoming a union leader, he has received two telephone threats, both of which occurred approximately two years ago. These calls were received at UFWOC headquarters located at 102 Albany, Delano, and both were from an unknown female who spoke English very rapidly with no detectable accent. Both telephone calls were apparently local calls and he believes they were both made by the same individual. During one conversation, the unknown female stated that he and UFWOC members were "Communists" and "we are going to get rid of all of you." During the other call, this unknown person said "What you guys need is a good lesson" and "We'll show you a little about violence." He has absolutely no idea who made the above described telephone calls and has no information indicating that either call was made from outside the state of California.

Crank telephone calls are received at UFWOC by his office workers almost on a daily basis from unknown individuals. His assistant, DOLORES HUERTA, may have received some of these calls. Mrs. HUERTA can be located at the UFWOC office at 182 21st Street, Brooklyn, New York, telephone 499-6612.

He was advised that a telephone threat on his life was received at O'Connors Hospital, San Jose, California, during the summer of 1968. This call was ~~supposedly received by a hospital receptionist and Dr.~~

On 10/30/68 at Delano, California File # SC 9-34

by SAs [redacted] & [redacted] Date dictated 11/1/68

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JEROME LACKNER, his attending physician, at that time, has the particulars concerning this matter. This call was also from an unknown female and was reportedly a local call. He could furnish no additional information concerning this matter.

He stated that he could not recall anyone by the name of CHARLES H. ELIA.

The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

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| Race: | Mexican |
| Sex: | Male |
| Date of Birth: | March 31, 1927 |
| Place of Birth: | Yuma, Arizona |
| Height: | 5'5" |
| Weight: | 150 pounds |
| Hair: | Black |
| Eyes: | Brown |
| Marital Status: | Married |

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REFERENCE: Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 11/25/68 at San Francisco.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, San Francisco

Report of: [REDACTED] Office: SAN FRANCISCO
Date: 1/28/69

Field Office File #: 9-2203 Bureau File #: 9-48291

Title: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
CESAR CHAVEZ - VICTIM

Character: EXTORTION

Synopsis:

[REDACTED], advised Victim under his medical supervision while hospitalized, San Jose during 9/68. [REDACTED] advised that he was concerned for physical safety of patient and at one time arranged for police guard of Victim while hospitalized, however, action was taken not as a result of any specific threat upon Victim, but due to doctor's concern for physical safety of Subject. AUSA, San Francisco, has recommended investigation be closed since all logical investigation has failed to identify UNSUB.

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DETAILS:

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date January 16, 1969

[redacted] advised that CESAR CHAVEZ was [redacted] hospitalized at San Jose during September, 1968. [redacted] stated that at the time of confinement in O'Connor Hospital, [redacted] was concerned for the physical safety of [redacted] patient.

[redacted] cognizant that CHAVEZ, as the leader of the organization, had received various threats to his person in the past. [redacted] stated that with this in mind when CHAVEZ was hospitalized [redacted] instructed hospital personnel that the patient was to have no visitors or contacts without first clearing with [redacted] and that under no circumstances was the specific room location of CHAVEZ to be revealed. In this regard, [redacted] as an additional precaution, frequently had CHAVEZ moved to different rooms and floors during his confinement from approximately September 8, 1968 to September 28, 1968.

[redacted] stated that several days subsequent to CHAVEZ's admittance to the hospital an incident occurred. [redacted] believed CHAVEZ's safety was in danger. [redacted] explained that [redacted] received a telephone call from the Admissions Office of the hospital. At approximately 2:00 a.m. one morning and was advised that the Receptionist at the hospital had just referred a call to the Admissions Office wherein an unidentified female had requested the room number for CHAVEZ. The caller reportedly stated that she was calling for a doctor, not further identified, who was scheduled for a consultation concerning CHAVEZ early that morning and desired the information so that the doctor would know to which room to report. [redacted] stated that an employee of the Admissions Office inadvertently furnished the room number to the caller at the time.

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On 1/13/69 at San Jose, California File # SF 9-2203

by S [redacted] ja 2 Date dictated 1/16/69

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[REDACTED] stated that as a result of the police activity the press, who were cognizant of CHAVEZ's hospitalization and were receiving daily releases concerning his condition, published articles reporting an alleged threat upon CHAVEZ. [REDACTED] stated that the publicity surrounding the incident was not in agreement with the facts of the matter and [REDACTED] noted that at no time was any communication containing any threat upon CHAVEZ received during his confinement.

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On January 20, 1969, the facts in this investigation were again discussed with Assistant United States Attorney JERROLD M. LADAR, San Francisco. Mr. LADAR recommended that no further investigative effort be expended in this matter since all logical leads in effort to identify Unknown Subject have been exhausted.

SUBJECT: United Farm Workers et al.

FILE: 44-43004

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UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
UNITED FARM WORKERS
ORGANIZING COMMITTEE - COMPLAINANT
CIVIL RIGHTS

There are enclosed to the Bureau four copies of a letterhead memorandum incorporating the request of Assistant U. S. Attorney PHILIP S. MALINSKY, a letter from one GUSTAVO GUTIERREZ of the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee, and some newspaper clippings from the local press in connection with a local labor matter.

It is the opinion of the Phoenix Office that any interviews conducted in this matter will inject the Bureau into a labor dispute now currently in progress in Arizona between the United Farm Workers Union and Arizona grape growers. In the absence of a clear-cut violation of the civil rights statutes, as set forth in a three-page letter from GUSTAVO GUTIERREZ, no interview with the latter individual will be conducted pending Bureau instructions. It is recommended that this matter be brought to the attention of the Civil Rights Division of the Department for a determination as to the action which should be taken.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Phoenix, Arizona
July 24, 1969

In Reply, Please Refer to
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RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
UNITED FARM WORKERS
ORGANIZING COMMITTEE - COMPLAINANT
CIVIL RIGHTS

Attached hereto is a request of Assistant United States Attorney Philip S. Malinsky, which is predicated on the complaint contained in a three-page letter from Mr. Gustavo Gutierrez, Arizona Representative of the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee. Pertinent newspaper clippings from the local press are also attached.

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United States Department of Justice

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

DISTRICT OF ARIZONA
FEDERAL BUILDING
PHOENIX 85025

July 18, 1969

Mr. John P. Mull, Jr.
Special Agent in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
P. O. Box 431
Phoenix, Arizona

Dear Mr. Mull:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter dated July 15, 1969, from Gustavo Gutierrez to this office. We request that Mr. Gutierrez be interviewed to ascertain if there may be a possible violation of 18 U.S.C. 242 or other federal law.

The charges contained in the letter are of a general nature and do not identify any law enforcement officials or other individuals by name. It is our desire to have more specific information concerning the events alleged in the letter, plus any additional grievances Mr. Gutierrez may be able to bring to your attention. Please submit the results of your interview of Mr. Gutierrez to us for consideration before conducting any further interviews or investigation.

Very truly yours,

RICHARD K. BURKE
United States Attorney

Philip S. Malinsky
PHILIP S. MALINSKY
Assistant U. S. Attorney

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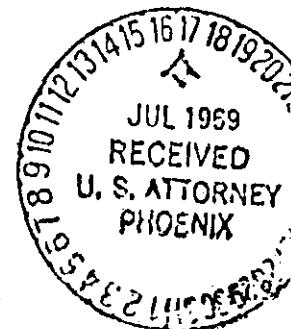


UNITED FARM WORKERS
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July 15, 1969

Dr. Richard K. Burke
United States Attorney
590 Federal Building
Phoenix, Arizona



Dear Sir:

The United Farm Workers Organizing Committee is conducting a strike at several grape ranches located in the general area west of Phoenix, Arizona. The strike began on June 17, 1969 and will probably continue until the grape harvest is finished. The purpose of this letter is to relate some of the actions of the Maricopa County Sheriff's Department during the strike and to request an investigation of this conduct.

While there has been no major single incident involving misconduct by the Sheriff's Department there has been a constant occurrence of small incidents which when viewed in their entirety establish a clear pattern of harassment of the strikers, organizers and pickets. This harassment by the Sheriff's Department infringes upon the civil liberties of those involved and represents a clear attempt by the police to intimidate all the farm workers, both actual union members and potential union members.

Some of the incidents which have occurred will now be described:

1. A Deputy Sheriff stood by idly while a ranch foreman "roughed up" a priest who works with the farm workers. The priest has his strike buttons torn off his shirt, his hat taken off, filled with grapes and run over by a tractor. The Deputy's explanation for refusing to act was that his department was "neutral" in this labor dispute. The priest was told that if he wanted to take action he would have to proceed on his own; and after he did file a complaint, the Sheriff's Department tried to persuade him to withdraw it. On another occasion when a foreman ripped a picket sign out of the hands of one of the pickets, a Deputy stood by idly.
2. A union member who went to work on a ranch one morning was followed into the fields by a Deputy who then told the foreman that the man was a union member and had been picketing. The Deputy then demanded the man's identification, although he had done nothing wrong, and interrogated him for no apparent reason.

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3. Under the guise of directing traffic the police waved the cars of workers into the fields of one of the struck ranches thereby preventing the pickets from talking to the workers in order to persuade the latter to join the strike.
4. The union members are constantly followed by the Sheriff's Department when they drive their cars anywhere and are constantly stopped by the deputies for no apparent reason or for minor traffic offenses which are tenuous at best. The union members are then required to show identification and answer questions. The police also sit in their cars outside the union offices during meetings and on other occasions.
5. After work one day a car load of union members was following a bus full of workers to talk to them about joining the union after the bus stopped. After following for a short distance the police got one car in front of the union members and one car behind them and then pulled them over. The police then requested all the union members to come down to the station where they were required to show identification and submit to interrogation. Again this action by the police was for no apparent reason and no one was charged. The obvious effect, of course, of the police action was to separate the union members from the bus and to prevent the union members from talking to workers in the bus when it reached its destination.
6. Several farm workers have been fired for signing union authorization cards which is a violation of Arizona law. The police, after investigating, admitted clear violations had occurred, but refused to proceed with any prosecution on the grounds that they were "neutral" in this labor dispute.
7. A Deputy went into the fields, obtained some grapes and came back to the picket line and ate them telling the pickets how good they tasted, virtually taunting the pickets. Although this act is of course not itself illegal it is very symbolic in this dispute and becomes quite meaningful in the context of the other acts.
8. A Deputy went up to some pickets on country dirt road and told them they had to walk twenty feet apart. When a picket responded that the law provided only that they not obstruct traffic, the deputy replied that the twenty foot rule was his "law" and if they wanted to get along with him they should obey his "law." On another occasion a Deputy told the pickets that they were not a union and therefore had no right to picket.
9. During the picketing one day, two Deputy Sheriffs each placed their cars at opposite ends of the picket line and drove slowly toward one another squeezing the pickets together until the pickets were finally forced to move to another location. Some of the pickets claim that they were actually physically pushed by the Deputies' cars. One woman became sufficiently frightened that she needed to be helped away from the scene.

The above described incidents comprise only a partial listing of the abusive acts of the Sheriff's Department. We are now in the process of compiling a more comprehensive and specific list of incidents involving police misconduct. The purpose of sending this letter in advance of the completion of our more detailed report is to obtain an investigation of these activities by the responsible governmental authorities as soon as possible. Since the harvest will be completed within a few weeks it is important that the action of the Sheriff's Department be investigated as quickly as possible.

We feel that the above described incidents as well as others clearly establish that the Sheriff's Department has not acted with neutrality in this dispute and has in fact been partial to the growers. Moreover the conduct when viewed in its entirety establishes a clear pattern of harassment and intimidation of farm workers who are attempting to exercise their constitutional rights of freedom of speech and freedom of assembly. There are also racial overtones since virtually all the farm workers are Mexican-American. Of course, another undesirable effect of the conduct by the Sheriff's Department is to undermine respect for the normal processes of government and to destroy any belief that people of all races, whether rich or poor, in fact receive equal justice under law in this country.

We urge that your agency as a responsible governmental authority investigate this matter and we feel that we are entitled to a speedy response to our complaints. We feel that this is really a very simple and appropriate request.

We will of course cooperate fully in any investigation. The address of our office is 9162 West Polk, Tolleson, Arizona. The telephone number is Area Code 602--936-4535.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,



Gustavo Gutierrez
Arizona Representative
UNITED FARM WORKERS ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

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The Grape Fraud

Arizonans who lend themselves to the so-called grape boycott are, whether they know it or not, being used. Their cause is an emotional one, but like so many emotional causes it is a compound of misinformation and agitation.

Careful inspection of the subject by responsible journalists and the American Farm Bureau Federation suggests that the boycott is fraudulent. Far from helping impoverished farm workers, the boycott drive is aimed at helping a handful of agitators who do not represent the workers at all.

The point is made clear in a Farm Bureau pamphlet, "The Truth About the Grape Boycott," which shows that in 1967 the "United Farm Workers" organization of Cesar Chavez had 1,973 dues paying members out of some 170,000 farm workers and 60,000-plus grape workers in California.

"Thus," the Farm Bureau notes, "the union represents 1.2 per cent of all farm workers, and no more than 3 per cent of all grape workers."

The grape boycott campaign is taking place precisely because of this weakness of the United Farm Workers in obtaining membership. Unable to get workers to join up voluntarily, Chavez' union is trying to force contracts on growers which would require union membership of their employes.

By this method the union can come up with a large coerced membership it cannot get through freedom of choice.

As columnist James Jackson Kilpatrick reported: "Out in the fields, the workers speak of the Chavez union with fear and contempt. They tell of threatening telephone calls at night, of repeated acts of vandalism and intimidation. They are fearful that the beleaguered growers, anxious to end the nationwide boycott, may yet sell them like so many heads of lettuce to the UFWOC, which thereafter would control when and where they worked."

That is what the boycott is about—a side of the picture which somehow does not get mentioned by the liberal luminaries who appear on those TV talk shows, speaking in reverential tones of the wonderful Cesar Chavez and the great struggle in which he and his union are engaged.

In this area, Safeway stores are the principal target. Their crime, apparently, is that they allow customers the right to determine whether they will buy grapes. And if there is one thing the grape boycotters cannot tolerate, it is the right of the individual to make up his own mind.

The anti-grape lobbyists have the right to boycott grapes from now until Judgment Day. But they have no right to coerce Safeway or any other grocery chain into refusing to sell grapes or any other products.

THE ARIZONA REPUBLIC

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Valley stores selling grapes to be picketed

By JESUS A. BARKER

With cries of "Viva la raza" (long live the race) still ringing in their ears, supporters of a farm workers union said yesterday they will launch picketing at noon today of Valley supermarkets selling California grapes.

The picketers will gather at the Santa Rita Center, 1017 E. Hadley, for lunch at 10 a.m. They will receive "instructions" at 11 a.m. for a half-hour and then go to their designated areas to start picketing Safeway stores, according to an announcement last night.

A rally at the center last night, ostensibly called to urge Mexican-Americans to unite for improvement in their civil rights and economic plight, turned instead into a launch vehicle for the picketing.

The rally was sponsored by the National Farm Workers Association, a group seeking the unionizing of all migrant farm workers.

The Rev. Frank Yohli, a priest at Sacred Heart Church, told the gathering the organizers want "no violence" but at the same time said that only through unity "can we gain social and economic justice for our people."

Cesar Chavez, the Californian who launched the move to unionize farm workers, was represented at the meeting by his older brother, Manuel, and by the Rev. Miguel Barreza, the music chronicler of the glories of Chavez.

Mr. Barreza, accompanying himself on the guitar, sang

several songs to the audience in Spanish. They were of the college "fight song" variety, urging unionization of the farm workers.

Manuel Chavez, who reportedly is here merely to urge support of the national boycott of California grapes, has not refuted suggestions his true mission is to have a showdown with Arizona growers, from whom the union will demand recognition. Here barely mentioned the boycott last night. Like the other speakers, he urged the unionization of migrants.

Manuel Rivera, an organizer from California, left doubts about his reasons for being in Arizona.

"We have gathered," he told the audience, "to continue our cause. The union is the only way to gain better wages, decent treatment and maybe even an education for our children."

X A mimeographed "information sheet" is to be given to the pickets today. It outlines procedures they are to use and notes a court decision which gives pickets rights on shopping center parking lots.

Arizona's grape crop is scheduled to be harvested next month. According to Chavez, the Arizona growers employ about 1,200 persons in the grape harvest.

Chavez sent telegrams to Arizona growers last week asking them to meet with him and other union officials, but said he has not received any replies.

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Grape Industry Pickets Cast Eyes On Arizona

By LOIS DOYLES

Arizona's grape growers— and pickers — are worried about reports that professional demonstrators, who have picketed California vineyards for years, might be eyeing the state's \$55 million crop.

Contacted by The Phoenix Gazette, Rex Lee, attorney representing the Arizona Grape Growers Association, confirmed that attempts have been made by the alleged labor representatives to meet with growers.

THE LATEST effort came last week, Lee said. He said

growers also received one telegram demanding that they meet with the picketers "for collective bargaining."

Grower response was to ignore the mandate "because they don't represent anybody," Lee explained.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture Crop and Livestock Reporting division lists the 1955 crop at 13,000 tons, selling at \$201 a ton.

The State Employment Commission said 1,500 persons picked grapes during the June-July season last year in

Maricopa, Pinal and Yuma counties.

Most of the workers are local, Lee said. Many are high school students picking up vacation money or families who go as a unit to earn a little extra.

HE SAID Arizona has 5,000 acres of vineyard, with most of the fruit the table variety.

"These workers get excellent wages," Lee declared. He said in most cases growers pay the minimum of \$1.65 per hour plus incentive payments which are "greatly in excess of \$1.55."

With working hours from about 5 a.m. to noon, the attorney said many "make considerably in excess of \$50 a day."

Chief fear of the pickers is that labor rabble rousers will come in and "interfere with a good thing."

"THE GROWERS have no fear of discussing policies with any bona fide representative of the workers," Lee emphasized.

The Phoenix Gazette
4-6-69

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

FILE COPY

TO : Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

DATE: July 29, 1969

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; UNITED FARM WORKERS ORGANIZING COMMITTEE -
COMPLAINANT
CIVIL RIGHTS

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

There is enclosed one copy of ~~the report of Special~~
~~Agent~~ a letterhead memorandum dated July 24, 1969
at Phoenix, Arizona.

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

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

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

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

E. Please advise whether you desire any further investigation.

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

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

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

Enc. NOTE: Pursuant to discussion between Mr. Charles W. Quaintance and SA [redacted] on 7-28-69, Gustavo Gutierrez, Arizona Representative, United Farm Workers Organizing Committee, will be interviewed for specific details.

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July 29, 1969

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EX-102

TO: SAC, Phoenix

FROM: Director, FBI

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UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
UNITED FARM WORKERS
ORGANIZING COMMITTEE - COMPLAINANT
CIVIL RIGHTS

Reurairtel and LHM dated 7-24-69.

In view of the allegations set forth in the letter from Gustavo Gutierrez dated 7-15-69, addressed to the United States Attorney at Phoenix, you should interview Gutierrez for specific details regarding any civil rights violations. Advise him that the interview is being conducted at the specific request of Assistant Attorney General Jerris Leonard of the Civil Rights Division.

Handle immediately and suLHM within five days of receipt of this airtel.

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NOTE:

Gutierrez, Arizona Representative of the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee, directed letter to the United States Attorney setting forth alleged civil rights violations by law enforcement officers in connection with a strike at several grape ranches located in the general area west of Phoenix, Arizona. Included in the allegations was a charge that a deputy sheriff stood by idly while a ranch foreman "roughed up" a priest who works with the farm workers. Gutierrez also advised that the incidents listed in his letter comprise only a partial listing and that they were in the process of compiling a more comprehensive and specific list involving police conduct. This was discussed with Departmental Attorney Charles W Quaintance on 7-28-69, who requested that Gutierrez be interviewed for specific details. That conversation is being confirmed in writing.

FBI

Date: 8/1/69

Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: *[Signature]* PHOENIX (62-1634) (P)

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UNITED FARM WORKERS
ORGANIZING COMMITTEE -
COMPLAINANT
CIVIL RIGHTS

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Re Buairtel 7/29/69.

Complainant GUSTAVO GUTIERREZ currently
in California and will not return until 8/4/69.
He will be interviewed on that date.

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Approved: 15
Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 8/5/69

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Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, PHOENIX (62-1634) (C)
SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
UNITED FARM WORKERS ORGANIZING
COMMITTEE - COMPLAINANT,
CIVIL RIGHTS

Re Phoenix airtel, 7/24/69.
Buairtel, 7/29/69.

There are enclosed herewith four copies of a letterhead memorandum setting forth the results of the interview with GUSTAVO GUTIERREZ at the latter's home at 309 Beck Avenue, Tempe, Arizona, on this date. The LHM is self-explanatory. Mr. GUTIERREZ advised that any further details would have to be obtained from the workers themselves.

Mr. GUTIERREZ commented parenthetically that his organizing committee has had the services of a legal committee of eight attorneys in the attached matter during the past ten days; that this "legal committee" referred to the activities of the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office as subtle harassment, but not concretely within the meaning of the civil rights statutes.

This LHM is submitted in a closed status for referral to the Department for its consideration as to the action that should be taken.

One copy of the LHM is being sent to the U. S. Attorney at Phoenix for his information.

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Approved: 5 AUG 20 1969 Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Phoenix, Arizona

August 5, 1969

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
UNITED FARM WORKERS ORGANIZING
COMMITTEE - COMPLAINANT
CIVIL RIGHTS

There is attached hereto the known details of a series of grievances on the part of the United Farm Workers against the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office. Mr. Gustavo Gutierrez, Arizona Representative of the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee, submitted the complaint in typewritten form, which has been photocopied as attached.

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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Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
UNITED FARM WORKERS ORGANIZING COMMITTEE
COMPLAINANT

"Tempe, Arizona
August 5, 1969

"I, Gustavo Gutierrez, the Arizona representative of the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee, desire to furnish the attached documentation to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. It is my understanding that the F.B.I. may have investigative jurisdiction over the matter which I here present. This information augments in detail the particulars which I gave to the U. S. Attorney, Richard K. Burke, at Phoenix by letter dated July 15, 1969. This latter letter was in the form of a complaint that the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office was engaging in activities that may be violations of the civil rights of the United Farm Workers who are engaged in a labor controversy with the grape growers in Maricopa County.

"/s/ Gustavo Gutierrez

"Witnesses: [REDACTED], F.B.I., Phoenix, Arizona
[REDACTED], FBI, Phoenix, Arizona"

Mel Huey (June 17, 1969)

The cars of the strikers were parked along the side of a dirt county road where we had been picketing. They were all facing in the same direction. When we decided to move to another field I stationed myself at the head of the chain of cars and began directing them to all turn off onto the side of the road where there was a kind of cul-de-sac so that they could all turn around with as little confusion and danger as possible. Gustavo Gutierrez was standing about in the middle of the cul-de-sac also directing traffic. At no time did any officer approach me and tell me that I was violating any law by standing in the road directing our cars. Shortly I heard Gus yell to me but I could not hear what he was saying. Lt. Lane was with him. He yelled again and again I couldn't hear him so I started to walk toward him to see what I wanted. When I was about half way to him Lt. Lane stopped me and told me I was under arrest. That was the first time I had been told that I could possibly have been violating any laws. As it was Lt. Lane had told Gus that I shouldn't have been there and that was why Gus yelled at me, but I never had a chance to find out what he wanted. I was then handcuffed and placed under arrest.

Note: At Mel's trial Dept. Robt Case Star, the arresting officer, testified that Huey was attempting to stop traffic, was an extreme traffic hazard, and had been warned several times to get out of the road. He also testified that he was blocking traffic at the time he was apprehended. However it was an out of the way dirt road and the only cars in the vicinity were those of the picketers and the sheriffs' vehicles.

Pauly Chavez (July 4, 1969) *PRIZ*

The sheriff stopped Joe, one of the strikers, on Cactus Lane. Mel and I were walking farther down Cactus Lane to go talk to other work crews farther down the road. The officer yelled to us when we were about 40 feet from them to "stop and don't go any farther." When he said this he was standing in the middle of the road with his hand on his gun. He told him we were just going farther down the road to picket and he again said "no." I then said in other words you're saying we can't picket. He replied "I just said stay there."

I asked him for his badge number and name and he said he'd give it to me when he finished. They kept Joe about 15 minutes and finally gave him a repair order. I asked the officer again for his name and number and he walked over to the other sheriff and asked him something. Then he turned to me and said "Forget it." I asked him what he said and he again replied "I said forget it." He then got in his car and left without giving me the information.

Pauly Chavez (July 7, 1969)

We were picketing the Santa Fe Railroad in the evening in an attempt to stop the train from going through to pick up grapes. Officer Fred Burrows (Badge # 250), of the Maricopa County Sheriffs Dept drove his car up on the pickets as they marked on public property. Officer C.M. Hoagluno (#357) drove his car up from the other side closing the gap resulting in the pickets having to move to the other side of the road. The Lt. in charge was J. Hill. This happened at 8:25 p.m.

Pauly Chavez (continued)

Due to this harrassment, Mrs. Andreas Gallegos who was almost hit by officer Burrows was so scared by this activity she almost fainted and had to be taken into a car for treatment. Mrs. Gallegos lives at 11520 N. 79th Ave. Mrs. Soledad Belarde was also pushed by one of the police cars. Altogether there were 3 patrol cars present, 11 officers and the paddy wagon.

Mrs. Andreas Gallegos (July 7, 1969) *AP 17* her account of same incident

We were walking on the picket line. The sheriffs parked their cars on either side of the tracks and the pickets had to walk between the two cars. Each sheriff moved his car approximately four feet from the tracks so that the 25 - 30 of us present were supposed to march between that space. As they moved their cars closer, they came up against the people, actually touching them with their cars. I became so upset by the sheriffs' actions that I had to be taken away when I felt I was becoming ill. I was then unable to continue picketing for the remainder of the time the pickets were there. We then moved the picket line to the other shoulder of the road.

Carolina Rosales *AP 17*

Even though in three solid weeks of picketing there have been no arrests except for the first day when two men were arrested for supposedly blocking traffic (see above account of Mel Huey) the sheriffs have brought out their paddy wagone just about every day. Often they back it up right next to the picket line and open the door. Other time they park it directly across the street from the picketers or drive it slowly back and forth past the picket line. Also I have frequently seen officers go into the fields to get grapes from the ranchers and then return to their cars to eat them.

Elias Talavera (July 1, 1969) *AP 17*

While picketing at the Bodine ranch, one of the ranch supervisors who I saw several time inside the ranch during the day, drove his Buick Riviera with a smashed rear up to the sheriff parked outside and gave him a thermos bottle. Pauly also saw this same man bring the sheriff a thermos earlier in the day.

Pauly Chavez (July 6, 1969)

I was distributing leaflets with Tony Mendosa at the corner of Cotton and Olive. I had asked two plain clothes men who were there if it would be all right. They said it would be all right if I didn't obstruct traffic. We continued to do so and the plainclothesmen watched us. Then Lt. Land drove around the corner, stopped his car and came up to me. He shouted at me "Get out of the goddamn road" I said that I wasn't on the road but on the shoulder. He then repeated "Get out of the goddamn road."

Elias Talavera (July 4, 1969) *AP 17*

Pauly and I were standing by the side of the road picketing. Officer Pitts who was parked nearby called Pauly over to his car and said "Listen Buster, I'm going to tell you once and only once not to throw things at passing cars. The next time I tell you anything I'll be advising you of your rights." I had been with Pauly the whole time and nothing had been thrown at any time. The passing car that occasioned this warning had been one of our own anyway.

Caroline Rosales (Jun. 8, 1969)

*M. M. also heard
Lt. Lane*

We thought we spotted Coach Arney from Peoria in the fields but weren't sure it was him because of his glasses and beard. So we called him on the P.A. system. He looked at us but we still weren't sure it was him. About 50 yards frp, is were Ed Estfan and another striker. Lt. Lane who was near Ed called one of the foremen over and told him on his own initiative that the strikers had recognized Arney and that if they didn't want him harassed should move him farther back into the fields. Ed Estfan heard this conversation and the officer's recommendation was totally unsolicited. This happened at the Boswell Ranch.

*See Estfan
See 6-11*

Usually when we ask for clarification from any of the sheriffs about whether or not we can do something lawfully then are very aloof and accusing in their attitude. The officers usually let you know that they think they are doing us a favor for letting us picket, park on county roads, and even blow our auto horns.

(June 18, 1969) Caroline (continued)

On the second day of the strike we had our sound car on one side of the road with the speaker on the other with the cord lying flat across the road. One of the sheriffs told us we couldn't lay anything across the road. We asked him what law said we couldn't. He stammered and then said it's just against the law. Then we talked to our lawyers and they went over and talked with the police and after that they said nothing about the cord

That same day we walked along the railroad tracks that ran adjacent to Boswell's field so we could talk to the workers who were farther in the field. The police then came to us on their own initiative and ordered our people off the tracks. Our lawyers then told them that the tracks were railroad property and that the sheriffs had no jurisdiction to order us off but that the railroad would have to do so. We then stayed there about half the morning until a representative from the railroad came and ordered us off the tracks.

Note: I believe attorneys Wilks and Ely were the men involved in the above incidents and should have more information on them.

Lupe Mandoza

I was going to join the picket line at Waddell Rd & Cotton Lane where there is a 4-way stop at that intersection. I came to a stop then pulled thru the intersection to park my car alongside the road. There was a sheriff parked on Cotton Lane facing north near the stop sign. He got out of his car and walked over to me. He claimed I had stopped too far past the stop sign on Waddell road and asked for my license. Then Fr. Robert, one of the picketers came over and asked the sheriff why he was questioning me when only a few minutes earlier when one of the worker's driving from the camp had gone right through the stop sign right in front of the officer he had done nothing about it. The officer claimed he didn't see any violation. He was going to give me a ticket until Fr. Robert came up and questioned him about the other car. Since the other man was going to work he didn't bother him, but since he saw I was a striker he wanted to find something wrong.

Elias Talavera (July 8, 1969; 10 a.m.) Arakelian Ranch

We were standing together talking to the workers who had come to the edge of the field to listen to us when a police car driven by officer Schultz (Badge 162) car 11933 passed us, came to a sudden stop, and backed up almost hitting several of us. He came so close we had to move to keep from being hit since he was backing up pretty fast. He yelled very loudly at us asking us what we were doing. His voice was very angry. I (Maria) was frightened with the whole incident. I (Estella) had to warn the others to jump aside to avoid being hit. We told him that we were just talking to the workers.

The Schultz went over to Elias telling him that he had just received a call saying that there was trouble in that area and that when he saw the group of picketers he knew he had found it. Elias related that absolutely nothing had happened in this vicinity and that the officer was almost violent and outraged with the picketers.

Fr. Robert Corriell June 27, 1969 Tal-Wi-Wi Ranch
APIL

When Ted Calded, Bill Soltero and I approached 2 sheriffs to complain about Wilbur Buslong removing my huelga button and hat and refusing to return them to me he said "Why don't you wait for Lt. Lane to come back" We insisted he take action so finally after hesitating he complied by taking the information, entering the grape field, and removing my hat from the road where it had been smashed by the tractor. Then a Mexican Detective from the sheriffs department was sent out to discourage me from filing a complaint against Bushlong. He asked if my action would "hurt or help" the cause, etc. He concluded "Well if you still want to file go down to the county attorney. Once again at the County they tried to dissuade me from filing even to bringing "religion" into the issue by saying "What would God do in this case?" I insisted they press charges which they finally did.

Note: at this trial on July 17 in the Peoria Justice Court JP Skrubellis of Wickenburg found Mr. Bushlong not guilty since he claimed there was so much noise in the area from the strikers that the peace had already been breached by their actions and Mr. Bushlong's activity could not therefore constitute a breach of the peace.

Joe Guevara *APIL*

One day when we finished picketing at Bodine, one of the sheriffs followed me all the way to our office in Tolleson. This was a distance of about 20 miles. He never stopped until we got to the office. Even there he said nothing to me because he had no cause to follow me in the first place.

Joe Guevara (July 10, 1969) 5 a.m.

I was leaving El Dorado's fields by one of the middle dirt roads when one of the sheriffs (Officer Young or Malone) followed me about one mile. He finally stopped me and asked for identification. I gave it to him. At that time another officer came and asked my name. As soon as I told him my name he told me I was under arrest. As far as I know the arresting officer never saw me in the field. Then Lt. Lane came and talked to the officers. They then took me to Tal-Wi-Wi Ranch where they put me in a paddy wagon where I waited about 2 hours. When we got Peoria I was handcuffed to another man. At that time they let him go to talk to his lawyer. The officer then said to me "I won't lock the handcuffs again but if you run!";

"I'll just shoot you in the head" I don't know if O was serious. I guess he was just trying to frighten me.

Alberto Romero

ARIZ

One morning I drove with Gustavo to Litchfield from Arakelian Ranch to buy a newspaper and make a phone call. One of the sheriffs followed us all the way into Litchfield. He then waited while we made the call and then followed us all the way back.

Mel Huey

ARIZ

Gus and I and four others in the car were following the bus of contractor Rosales which goes to El Mirage and Surprise. We followe them for about four miles when on Waddell Rd one of the sheriffs cars got in front of us and deliberately tried to slow us down so we would lose the bus. Then in El Miragethe sheriff got in front of us and the El Mirage patrol car behind us. They stopped us and said we couldn't follow and "harass" the people like that. They took all our identification. Gus said that we had a right to talk to the people and their homes. Then we left and tried to catch the bus again on Grand Avenue. Then the same police car stopped us again and said one of the sheriffs wanted to talk to us at the police station in El Mirage and asked us to follow him there. We went to the police station but there was no sheriff. They asked us our names and addresses again and then told us to leave. They actually had noting to talk to us about but only wanted to preven us from following the bus which we had a right to do.

On another occasion Albert Torres and a few other men who had been on strike with us decided to bo back to work at Sikes Ranch where there was no strike at the time. The sheriffs spotted them on the road and followed them all the way into the ranch. There the sheriff deputy went to the foreman and told him that these men had been on strike and had been picketing.

Mel (July 12)

I saw a dirt clod thrown from inside the field hit a striker's car. The striker went and complained to the sheriff who indifferently replied "I don't know who threw it." No effort was made ti investigate the incident or to speak to a foreman to prevent further incidents.

Connie Matta & Mellie Renteria (July 12, 1969

ARIZ

We were driving to get water and as I passed throughg the other group of picketers I honked to them. Officer McCloskey heard me and then came after me with his lights blinking. I stopped. He came and asked me for my license and I told him I didn't have it with he. He asked my name and address and called in to see if I had a license and they told him yes. Then I asked him why he stopped me. He said because there was a law against honking horns. I told him we had been doing it since the beginning of the strike and the officers never said anything before. He said the rule started yesterday morning. Then I said they hadn't told us about that rule. Mellie then said that the police were just harassing the people on strike. He said he was on nobody's side. I then asked him why they didn't do anything when

the people in the ... is threw rocks at us. Then he ... "Listen girl . I can give you two tickets, one for honking and one for talking back to an officer and could arrest you too." So I said go ahead. Then Gus was coming and McCluskey said to me if those guys come I'm going to tell them to leave and if they don't leave they're going to be thrown in jail. When Gus asked what we had done , McCluskey wouldn't tell him anything. He just told him to leave and go back and join the other people.

Alfredo Gutierrez (July 12, 1969) continuation of above incident

We saw a sheriff stop a car down the road with two girls in it who were strikers. So Gus and I drove down to see why they had stopped the car. When we got out of the car the officer with the girls said get back in your car and get out of here. Gus asked him why and he said I'm conducting official business here and I don't want you interfering. I asked him if we could wait in our car. He said "I'm telling you to get out of here" Then I asked how far we had to go. He said I'll tell you in about 30 seconds. Then another patrol car drove up. Right then, McCloskey, the officer questioning the girls told us we were under arrest and said put your hands on the car. We asked him why we were under arrest and he said for disobeying a lawful order. They they searched us, handcuffed both of us behind our backs. Then Lt. Lane came and asked why McCloskey had arrested us and he told him. Lane said OK. Then the paddy wagon came and Lane told the driver to take him (pointing to Gus) right in. McCloskey then said to me "I'll teach you that when I give you an order I mean it; I'll teach you respect for an officer." They then handcuffed us together and put us in the paddy wagon.

Juan Alvarez *AP 12*

We were the last car out from the picket line and one of the sheriffs stopped us. The only reason he gave us was he claimed our license plate was dirty. He wouldn't allow us to ask any questions and became very defensive when we did ask him some. He kept Bert and I about 15 minutes checking our identification and telling us how well he knew the law. He called Bert a "hippie" and even made him show identification even though he was only a passenger in my car and the alleged reason for stopping was the dirty plate.

Another thing that is very obvious is that Lt. Lane, the officer in charge of the sheriffs is always very defensive whenever you ask him questions.

Jim Kutkowski July 15, 1969 5:15 a.m. *AP 12*

We started setting up the picket line around 5 a.m. and while we were doing so Lt. Lane came over to Gus and warned him about making too much noise with the P.A. system or that the family across the street would file a complaint. Gus had to leave for a while and about 11 minutes later Raul Gallegos began using the system to say huelga to the workers in the fields. He had not said it more than three or four times when Lane came over and asked if he had talked with Gus about using the system. During this time one of the foremen had driven up in his pickup (FGN 7321) and was having an obviously friendly conversation with Lane. Lane then told Raul that if he didn't stop using the system the man next door would file a complaint, and all the picketers would be named in it and he implied they all would be arrested. After this the owner of the ranch joined Lane and the foreman and continued the friendly conversation. The owner then went over and talked with the man in the house who Lane said had threatened to make the con-

One of the ranch's cropdusters was at this time dusting a nearby field and circling right over the picketers and the house in a noisy fashion and making much more noise than all the picketers and PA system together (Cropduster #N45280) At the group of picketers about 1/4 mile away one of the sheriffs went up and took the names and addresses of all the picketers and warned them about using the small hand megaphone (which couldn't even be heard at the houses involved because I stood in the road in front of the house and could hear nothing from the other group. When asked why he was taking names the officer said a complaint had been filed. If asked if it had been filed that morning he did not reply. Lt. Lane said that the complaint had not yet been filed but would be if we used the PA system. Lane himself said to me that if he lived in that house he would file a complaint just for being there and shouting to the workers and that he would have each member of the household file a complaint against each one of the strikers.

Around 6:15 the jets at Luke Field about 1 mile away started firing up their engines and again you could hardly hear the strikers above the roar of the engines.

Later Lt. Lane said "Those damn Filipinos already went into the field so I don't care what they do. I know what I would do if I lived there."

Jim Rutkowski (July 1, 1969)

Around 6 a.m. I was picketing at an entrance to Bodine Ranch with Elias Talavera and George. The main body of picketers had moved to another entrance about 1/2 mile away. Officer E.C. Price was sitting in his car parked on the opposite side of the road. A small panel truck pulled up and parked about 30 feet behind Price and four Anglo teen-age boys got out and started into the field at the entrance where we were picketing. I walked up to them and asked if they had come to work there. They stopped and answered yes they had. I asked if they knew there was a strike going on. They looked confused so I asked if they knew what a strike was. One of the boys answered "no" So I pointed to the body of picketers and told the boys they were grape workers who had left the field and started to explain further. At that time Price came across the road and stepped right between me and the boys. He did not wait to listen but immediately asked them "Did you boys come here to work" They said yes. He then nodded to one of the guards inside the gate and said sternly "That's the man you want to see" The boys obviously took this as an order and immediately walked over to the guard who directed them further into the field.

I then asked Price why he had come over and frightened the boys away. He answered that there was no law against him coming to listen to what I said. I told him again that I was only talking to the boys and that he had no right to order the boys into the field. I again asked him why he did it. He became defensive and said he didn't have to answer any questions and returned to his car.

Alberto Gallindo (June 26) *ARI2*

At about 10 a.m. I was asked by 4 high school students who had walked out of J.G. Boswell Ranch if I couldn't help them get their paychecks. The standard policy has been to contact Lt. Lane and he would go through the appropriate procedures of contacting the rancher. The boys told me Lt. Lane was going to meet them at 10 a.m. and as he hadn't arrived yet I took one student over to officer Pitts and Stanley and explained the situation. I then asked if they couldn't call Lt. Lane. They said there was no way for them to contact

him and that we should go meet him at the ranch. I explained that he wanted to meet the kids first and that once someone went on strike they had to be escorted by a sheriff to get their money otherwise they could be arrested for trespassing. I again asked if they couldn't call Lt. Lane on their radio. Officer Pitts then said in a loud voice "Furk You" I then asked his partner (who was standing by him) if he'd heard what Pitts had said. Stanley replied "I didn't hear a word."

Seeing that I'd get no cooperation I crossed the road. Approximately 15 minutes later Lt. Lane appeared and I explained the incident. He shook his head and then took the kids to get their checks. Lt Lane made no attempt to speak to his subordinates. This is a typical example of the lackadaisical and contemptuous attitude of the Maricopa County Police Dept toward the strikers.

On another occasion I asked another sheriff why he didn't stop the teen age truckdrivers who were obviously underage and driving trucks of grapes on county roads. He only told me "if we enforced every law out here you guys couldn't even picket since the law says that county roads can be used for no other purpose except moving vehicles. I told him that I would question the constitutionality of stopping us but I wouldn't hesitate stopping minors from driving 1½ - 2 ton vehicles on county roads without a license.

Juan Alvarez

Right after the arrest of Gustavo Gutierrez and Alfredo we started moving the picketers to another field. As our line of cars was moving along the road we passed a patrol car and the sheriff inside stuck his arm out the window waving a pair of handcuffs to all the strikers in the passing cars.

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FILE: 44-51593

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FBI

Date: 1/27/72

Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, WFO (44-869)(RUC)

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
CAESAR CHAVEZ - VICTIM
CIVIL RIGHTS ACT - CONSPIRACY
(OO:SC)

Re WFO teletype to Director and Sacramento, 1/26/72.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 5 copies of an LHM captioned and dated as above.

Enclosed for information of Sacramento are two copies of same LHM in view of Kern County, California, being in Sacramento territory. Enclosed for information of San Francisco are two copies of same LHM in view of regional offices of U.S. Treasury, ATFD, being located in San Francisco.

Investigation at WDC conducted by SAs [redacted] and [redacted]

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It is noted that in relation to STEPHAN I. SCHLOSSBERG's intentions to see the Assistant Attorney General in Charge of the Civil Rights Division, he advised he would try to make an appointment either on 1/27/72, 1/28/72, or 2/3/72.

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- ② - Bureau (Enc. 5)
- 2 - Sacramento (Enc. 2) (Info)
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It is further noted that of the group interviewed at WFO, only COHEN and SHEARS possess direct information in this matter. Complete signed statements not obtained from them at WFO due to the tightness of their schedule and most of their evidence being in California.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D.C. 20535

January 27, 1972

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

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CIVIL RIGHTS ACT - CONSPIRACY

On January 26, 1972, E. J. Moran, Administrative Assistant to the President of the United Auto Workers (UAW), telephonically contacted the Washington Field Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) to arrange an appointment to register a complaint of a murder plot to kill Caesar Chavez, prominent spokesman for farm labor workers in California. He advised UAW assistance had been requested by the United Farm Workers (UFW) organizing committee in presenting this matter. An appointment was made and at 4:00 p.m., Stephen I. Schlossberg, General Counsel, UAW, Detroit, Michigan; Jerry Cohen, Chief Counsel, UFW, Delano, California; Paul Schrade, Western Region Director, UAW, Los Angeles, California; and Larry S. Shears, former informant for the United States Treasury Department, Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Division (ATFD), Bakersfield, California, appeared at the Washington Field Office and provided the following information:

Richard D. Pedigo
In an undercover capacity, Shears was acquainted with Richard Daryl Pedigo, caucasian male, date of birth, August 9, 1947, residence 508 Castro Lane, Bakersfield, California, whom he described as a narcotics peddler and arson hit man. In the summer of 1971, Pedigo asked Shears for his assistance in murdering Chavez, for which Pedigo had received a \$30,000 contract, allegedly from farmers in the Delano, California, area. Shears went along and provided information to ATFD in this regard. Pedigo was subsequently arrested by the Kern County Sheriff's Department, California, for arson and sale and possession of dangerous drugs, before the plot was carried out. The contract money was allegedly returned to the Delano farmers and the feeling is that the contract has been let to someone else. Schlossberg intends to personally contact the United

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States Assistant Attorney General in Charge of the Civil Rights Division to request an investigation along the lines of previous FBI Civil Rights investigations of attempts to kill and the killing of persons prominent in Civil Rights activities. The feeling of the group is that local authorities in California are too closely tied politically to the Delano farmers to conduct a thorough investigation of the alleged plot to kill Chavez. They feel that Chavez has become an international spokesman for minority groups and a before the fact investigation would be better than an after the fact attempt to identify the murderers.

Schlossberg feels that the FBI is the only agency capable of handling this investigation and that jurisdiction is available under Title 18, United States Code, Section 241. He also indicated that ATFD is in possession of evidence which, if not handled properly, would be detrimental to this case.

Cohen was advised in December, 1971, by ATFD that their case is closed in this matter and the group feels this matter was mishandled by ATFD and the local authorities.

Cohen furnished the attached copies of an ATFD voucher and check showing a \$500 payment to Shears for "information and evidence necessary to identify Richard Pedigo and those persons who are providing Pedigo the funds to arrange the arson and murder of Caesar Chavez."

[REDACTED] states that approximately \$22,000 was in the icebox at Pedigo's residence at the time of the search and arrest, but Pedigo's mother claimed the money was hers and she was allowed to keep it. The group feels that this was probably some of the contract money and has been returned to the Delano farmers.

Cohen also made available a copy of the official transcript of a preliminary hearing on September 14, 1971, in Pedigo's narcotics case in which it is revealed that an ATFD

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Agent disclosed Shears identity as an informant in the Pedigo matter after Shear had been promised by ATFD that this would not be done.

Schlossberg advised that the UAW, as well as UFW, has offered a \$10,000 reward for information leading to the conviction of those involved in the alleged conspiracy.

Shears has in his possession, in California, numerous tape recordings of conversations between himself and others involved. Cohen is having transcripts of these recordings made.

Since Shears identity as an informant has been made public knowledge, he is fearful of being harmed. He recently found five sticks of dynamite wired under the dashboard of his automobile.

All members of the group were leaving WDC shortly, but provided the following addresses as to where they could be located:

Stephen I. Schlossberg
800 E. Jefferson Avenue
Detroit, Michigan 48214
Phone: (313) 926-5216

Jerry Cohen
P.O. Box 130
Delano, California 93205
Phone: (805) 725-9726 (Office)
(805) 725-8278 (Home)

Larry S. Shears
425 Fairfax
Bakersfield, California
Phone: (805) 366-5491

Larry Shears

Further information for...
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Paul Schrade
1927 W. 9th Street
Los Angeles, California 90006
Phone: (381-2346)

W. J. ...
Cohen advised that Chavez resides and maintains his office at Keene, located about 23 miles southeast of Bakersfield, California. He said Delano is about 30 miles north of Bakersfield, and indicated that Bakersfield, Keene and Delano are located in Kern County.

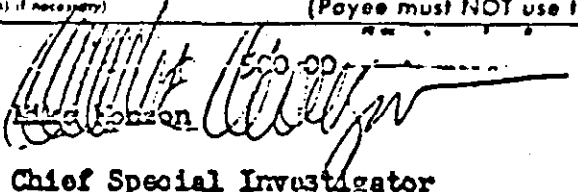
Schlossberg and Schrade advised they have no personal knowledge concerning this matter. Schrade stated he is concerned about the possibility of a tragedy in this matter since ~~he~~ he had the misfortune to be with the late Senator Robert F. Kennedy when he was assassinated. Schrade said he and several others were wounded, Schrade having been shot in the head.

The group was advised that the facts would be brought promptly to the attention of the Civil Rights Division for a determination as to the action which should be taken.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

FILE COPYTO : Assistant Attorney General
CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION

DATE: 1/28/72

FROM : Director, FBI

ATTENTION: Mr. MurphySUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
CAESAR CHAVEZ - VICTIM
CIVIL RIGHTS ACT - CONSPIRACY
OO: SCReference is made to _____ memorandum dated _____
(your file _____).There is enclosed one copy of ~~the report of Special-~~
Agent a memorandum dated 1/27/72
at WFO.

- A. This covers the preliminary investigation and no further action concerning a full investigation will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.
- B. The investigation is continuing and you will be furnished copies of reports as they are received.
- C. The investigation requested by you has now been completed. Unless advised to the contrary no further inquiries will be made by this Bureau.
- D. Pursuant to instructions issued by the Department, no investigation will be conducted in this matter unless specifically directed by the Department.
- E. Please advise whether you desire any further investigation.
- F. This is submitted for your information and you will be advised of further developments.
- G. This is submitted for your information and no further investigation will be conducted unless specifically requested by the Department.
- H. This covers the receipt of a complaint and no further action will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

Enc. NOTE: Pursuant to the request of Mr. Murphy on 1/27/72, to SA
[REDACTED] no investigation is being conducted of this matter. 333

Memorandum

TO : Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: FEB 7

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FROM : David L. Norman
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

SUBJECT: Unknown Subjects
Caesar Chavez - Victim
Interference with Rights
CIVIL RIGHTS

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| Mr. Tolson | _____ |
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[Signature]*

Please refer to your memorandum dated January 28, 1972, at Washington, enclosing a letterhead memorandum dated January 27, at Washington. Your January 28 memorandum is captioned:

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Please interview Jerry Cohen for additional details concerning the alleged plot to kill victim. Cohen is supposed to have tapes and copies of information he received from Larry S. Shears. Please obtain copies of same.

The allegation of a plot to kill the victim, if true, could constitute a violation of 18 U.S.C. 245(b)(4)(B).



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TO: SAC, Sacramento
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2/9/72

FROM: Director, FBI 44-51593-2

- 1 - Mr. Rosen
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UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
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44-515-134

ReWFO airtel to Bureau 1/27/72.

Enclosed are two copies of a self-explanatory Departmental letter dated 2/7/72.

Complete the requested investigation in accordance with the provisions of Section 27, Volume II, Manual of Instructions, and surep within 5 days of the receipt of this communication.

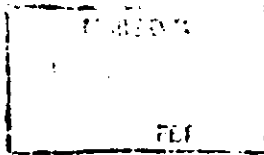
State in the first paragraph of the details of your report that it contains the results of a limited investigation.

Advise all persons interviewed that this investigation is being conducted at the specific request of Mr. David L. Norman, Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Civil Rights Division, U. S. Department of Justice.

Enclosures (2)

1 - SAC, WFO (Enclosure)

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NOTE: See cover memorandum McGowan to Bates dated 2/9/72, captioned as above.

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TO : Mr. Bates

DATE: 2/9/72

- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Bates
- 1 - Mr. McGowan
- 1 - Mr. Lee
- 1 - Mr. Felt
- 1 - Mr. Bishop

FROM : C. L. McGowan

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
 CESAR CHAVEZ - VICTIM
 INTERFERENCE WITH RIGHTS
 CIVIL RIGHTS

This involves receipt of complaint by our Washington Field Office (WFO) on 1/26/72 from various representatives of United Auto Workers (UAW) Farm Workers Union (FWU), Delano, California, and one Larry S. Shears, former informant for the U. S. Treasury Department, Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Division (ATFD). Shears in undercover capacity had reportedly been requested in summer of 1971, by Richard Daryl Pedigo, California hoodlum to assist in murdering Cesar Chavez, well-known California minority group labor organizer. According to Shears, Pedigo was allegedly paid \$30,000 by Delano, California, farmers for the contract but was arrested by local authorities on arson charges before plot completed, and money returned. However, \$22,000 was found in Pedigo's house at the time of his arrest but this money was claimed by Pedigo's mother and she was allowed to keep it. According to UAW and FWU representatives one Jerry Cohen, General Counsel, FWU, Delano, California, allegedly has additional details of this plot.

UAW and FWU representatives advised our WFO that they intended to contact David L. Norman, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division (CRD), Department, and request an investigation along the lines of previous FBI civil rights investigations because of their belief that Chavez has become an international spokesman for minority groups.

The above information was furnished to CRD on 1/28/72, and by memorandum dated 2/7/72 the CRD requests that Jerry Cohen, previously mentioned, be interviewed as the allegation of a plot to kill Chavez, if true, could constitute a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 245 (prohibits interference with Federally Protected Activities).

Enclosure *sent 2-9-72*

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McGowan to Bates memorandum
RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
CESAR CHAVEZ - VICTIM

ACTION:

Attached for approval is an airtel to SAC, Sacramento, instructing that investigation requested by CRD be conducted. Sacramento has previously been furnished with background in this matter. Any persons contacted will be advised investigation is at request of Assistant Attorney General David L. Norman, CRD, U. S. Department of Justice.

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Date: 2/11/72

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Via AIRTEL _____ AIRMAIL _____
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM *JH* SAC, SACRAMENTO (44-443) (P)
SUBJECT: UNSUBS
CESAR CHAVEZ - VICTIM
INTERFERENCE WITH RIGHTS
CIVIL RIGHTS

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Re Bureau airtel to Sacramento, 2/9/72.

On 2/11/72, JERRY COHEN, Chief Counsel, United Farm Workers Organizing Committee, Delano, California, advised tape recordings concerning LARRY SHEARS are in the possession of JACK LEVY (not further identified) in San Francisco, California, and he, COHEN, and LEVY would make all information received from SHEARS available to the FBI in Bakersfield on 2/15/72. COHEN stated it would not be practical to collect all of the information available prior to that time.



advised on 2/9/72, that attempts were recently made by their office and the Kern County Sheriff's Office (KCSO) to take a detailed statement from LARRY S. SHEARS, which statement

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was started; however, after a lunch break and before any real pertinent information was obtained, SHEARS stated his attorney had advised him against making any further information available.

The interview was then discontinued. SHEARS told [REDACTED] he, SHEARS, had not made any real money out of "this deal" (referring to the alleged CHAVEZ death plot), but he had been furnishing details to JACK LEVY (not further identified), and LEVY "is the guy who's writing the book." KCDA and KCSO have been and are continuing a joint investigation of the alleged plot.

In view of the delay in meeting with COHEN and the mailing time from Bakersfield to Sacramento that will be necessary to forward any material obtained for transmittal to the Bureau, the five day Buded will not be met, and Sacramento will make every attempt to surep by 2/18/72.

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Date: 2/16/72

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: *J.H. [unclear]* SAC, SACRAMENTO (44-443)
SUBJECT: UNSUBS;
CESAR CHAVEZ - VICTIM
INTERFERENCE WITH RIGHTS
CIVIL RIGHTS

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Re Sacramento airtel to Bureau, dated 2/11/72. Bureau airtel to Sacramento, dated 2/9/72 and WFO airtel to Bureau, dated 1/27/72.

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Enclosed for information of San Francisco are two copies each of referenced airtels dated 2/11/72 and 2/9/72, and two copies of Departmental Memorandum from AAG DAVID L. NORMAN, dated 2/7/72, captioned as above.

On 2/15/72, JERRY COHEN, Chief Council, United Farm Workers Organizing Committee (UFWOC), Delano, California and JACQUES LEVY, 4226 Mount Taylor Drive, Santa Rosa,

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California, telephone (916) 442-0609 a writer by profession, appeared in Bakersfield, California RA, Sacramento Division. LEVY said he plans to write a book concerning death plot against CESAR CHAVEZ (UFWOC) Director. COHEN has allowed LARRY SHEARS to furnish 20 cassette tapes concerning this matter to LEVY and LEVY made available 10 of these cassettes to FBI, in addition to 374 pages of typed and written information.

The 20 cassette tapes (of approximately 20 minutes duration on each side) are numbered 1 through 40 (2 numbers to each tape). LEVY furnished copies of tapes numbered 1 through 12 and 17 through 24. He said tapes numbered 13 through 16 and 25 through 40 would be copied and made available to FBI at Santa Rosa, California on 2/23/72 or 2/24/72. He suggested telephone call be made to him at Santa Rosa, California 2/23/72 regarding matter. LEVY has requested that these tapes be copied and copies returned to him as soon as possible.

Sacramento intends to request Bureau to make 2 copies each of tapes furnished by LEVY on 2/15/72, 1 copy for office of origin and 1 copy would be sent San Francisco for return to LEVY.

Sacramento will surep 2/18/72.

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SAN FRANCISCO

AT SANTA ROSA, CALIFORNIA

Make telephone contact with JACQUES LEVY, 4226 Mount Taylor Drive, telephone 542-0609 on 2/23/72.

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arrange to obtain tapes described above and surep with tapes immediately, with request to Bureau to make 2 copies of each tape, 1 for return to LEVY and 1 for office of origin.

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TO: SAC, Sacramento (44-443)

2/17/72

FROM: Director, FBI

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Matter regarding furnishing copies of tapes and other material obtained in this matter to USA Brewster Q. Morgan, EDC, Sacramento, California, discussed with Mr. Frank Allen, Attorney, CRD, Department, who concurs with Brewster's request for same. Allen advised if only one copy of tape available, furnish same to Bureau for delivery to CRD for its review and advise USA of this procedure. Allen requested any other material, documents, etc. obtained that can be duplicated, should be furnished to USA in form suitable for dissemination. UACB do not transcribe any tape(s) obtained.

This confirms instructions in Bucall.

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NOTE:

Conversation with Allen on 2/17/72, set forth above being confirmed in writing.

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- Casper _____
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NOTE:

This will also serve to confirm conversation between Mr. Frank Allen of your Department and Supervisor [REDACTED] on 2/17/72, at which time Mr. Allen advised that if only one copy of tapes available, furnish same to Civil Rights Division (CRD) for review before taking any further action. Enclosed are 10 cassette tapes and one copy of 374 pages of typed and written material. As noted on page 4 of attached report of SA [REDACTED] dated 2/18/72, at Sacramento, Mr. Jacques Levy who furnished the 10 cassette tapes has requested the tapes be returned to him as soon as possible. You may desire to return these tapes to Mr. Levy directly upon completion of your review. Other tapes described by Mr. Levy on page 3 of attached report will be furnished to you upon receipt at the Bureau.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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| REPORTING OFFICE SACRAMENTO | OFFICE OF ORIGIN SACRAMENTO | DATE 2/18/72 | INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 2/11 - 15/72 |
| TITLE OF CASE UNSUBS CESAR CHAVEZ - VICTIM | | REPORT MADE BY S. [REDACTED] | TYPED BY kdw |
| | | CHARACTER OF CASE INTERFERENCE WITH RIGHTS CIVIL RIGHTS | |

REFERENCE:

Sacramento airtel to the Bureau dated 2/16/72.

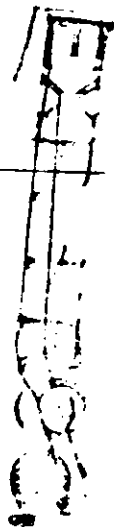
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ENCLOSURES:

TO THE BUREAU (12)

Two copies of 374 pages of typed and written material and 10 cassette tapes, all concerning captioned matter. All tapes and one copy of 374 page document are for transmittal to the Department.

*2 cts. enclosed are Sacramento
typed & 374 page document*



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APPROVED: *[Signature]* SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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- 1 - USA, Sacramento (Enc.1)
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ADMINISTRATIVE:

The Bureau is requested to make two copies of each enclosed cassette tape, one for the office of origin, and one to be returned to San Francisco for delivery to JACQUES LLVY, 4226 Mount Taylor Drive, Santa Rosa, California.

No additional inquiry is necessary in the Sacramento Division regarding this matter at this time. This case will be closed after San Francisco completes investigation requested in referenced airtel and copies of tapes are received from the Bureau.

One copy of this report is furnished the United States Attorney at Sacramento at the direction of FRANK ALLEN, Deputy Chief, Criminal Section, Civil Rights Division of the Department. One copy is also being furnished San Francisco in view of outstanding investigation there as requested in referenced airtel.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - United States Attorney, Sacramento (Enclosure 1)

Report of: SA [REDACTED] Office: Sacramento
Date: January 18, 1972

Field Office File #: SC 44-443 Bureau File #:

Title: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
CESAR CHAVEZ -
VICTIM

Character: INTERFERENCE WITH RIGHTS
CIVIL RIGHTS

Synopsis: JERRY COHEN, Chief Counsel, United Farm Workers Organizing Committee (UFWOC), Delano, California, and JACQUELS LEVY, writer from Santa Rosa, California, appeared at the Bakersfield, California, Office of the FBI 2/15/72 and made available 10 cassette tapes and 374 pages of information concerning a death plot against UFWOC director CESAR CHAVEZ. Additional tapes will be furnished by LEVY at Santa Rosa.

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ENCLOSURES FOR THE U.S. ATTORNEY, SACRAMENTO

Enclosed are 374 pages of typed and written material concerning titled matter.

DETAILS:

These are the results of a limited investigation.

On February 11, 1972, JERRY COHEN, Chief Counsel, United Farm Workers Organizing Committee (UFWOC), Delano, California, advised that tape recordings concerning LARRY SHEARS are in the possession of JAC LEVY in San Francisco, California, and he, COHEN, and LEVY would make all information previously received from SHEARS available to the FBI in Bakersfield, California, February 15, 1972.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date of transcription 2/18/72

JERRY COHEN, Chief Counsel, United Farm Workers Organizing Committee (UFWOC), Post Office Box 130, Delano, California, telephone (805) 725-9726, appeared in the office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at Bakersfield, California, with an individual he introduced as JACQUES LEVY and advised as follows:

All tape recordings and transcripts concerning the death plot against CESAR CHAVEZ, UFWOC Director, are in the possession of LEVY, who has been transcribing them. These tapes were originally obtained from LARRY SHEARS, former informant for the Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Department of the United States Treasury Department. Mr. LEVY has not transcribed and/or copied all of the tapes involved but will do so in the near future and they will be made available to the FBI.

According to COHEN, many of the tapes or parts of the conversations on tapes by SHEARS and others are not necessarily pertinent to this matter, but are being made available in any event. Many of the tapes involve telephone conversations recorded by SHEARS. COHEN admitted that it was at times very difficult if not impossible to interpret the meaning of some of the conversations or the identities of the individuals involved.

COHEN stated that he had no additional information of possible value in this matter at this time.

Interviewed on 2/15/72 at Bakersfield, California File # SC 44-443
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 SA [REDACTED] CNS:kdw Date dictated 2/18/72

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 2/18/72

JACQUES LEVY of 4226 Mount Taylor Drive, Santa Rosa, California, telephone (707) 542-0609, a writer by profession, appeared in the office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at Bakersfield, California, with JERRY COHEN, Chief Counsel for the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee (UFWOC) and furnished the following information:

Twenty cassette tapes have been made available to him by LARRY SHEARS, former informant for the Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms Department (ATFD) of the U.S. Treasury Department, upon instructions of JERRY COHEN. These tapes are of approximately sixty minutes duration each, thirty minutes to the side and most concern the death plot against CESAR CHAVEZ, UFWOC Director. The tapes contain conversations, some telephonic, between SHEARS, ATFD agents, and other individuals. On many of the tapes, no dates are mentioned, nor is SHEARS or others identified by name or otherwise. As a result, it is extremely difficult to properly understand the purposes of some of the conversations.

He also mentioned that many conversations on the tapes are apparently not pertinent to the matter at hand.

Since recordings are on both sides of each cassette tape, he has numbered the twenty tapes one through forty (two numbers to each tape). He made available to SA [REDACTED] ten cassette tapes numbered one through twelve and seventeen through twenty-four. He will have copies of ten additional tapes, numbered thirteen through sixteen and twentyfive through forty made by February 23 or February 24, 1972, and will make these tapes available to the FBI at Santa Rosa, California. He suggested that he be telephoned on February 23, 1972, before being personally contacted concerning the matter.

Interviewed on 2/15/72 at Bakersfield, California File # SC 44-443
 by SA [REDACTED] & SA [REDACTED] - 3 -
 CNS:kdw Date dictated 2/18/72

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Mr. LEVY stated that tapes numbered twenty-nine through forty are considered by him to be very pertinent to this matter.

He also made available 374 pages of typed and hard written information he has compiled concerning the CHAVEZ death plot. He said these are conversations involving SHEARS and others, some taped transcriptions, information from the news media, numerous pieces of miscellaneous information, and a summary of some of the tape recordings.

LEVY stated that his main involvement in this matter was to eventually write a book concerning the death plot.

LEVY requested that the ten cassette tape recordings made available and all tapes furnished to the FBI in the future be copied and returned to him as soon as possible.

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TO: SAC, Sacramento (44-443)

2/28/72

FROM: Director, FBI (44-51593)

1 - [REDACTED]

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Rerep of SA [REDACTED] dated 2/18/72, at Sacramento and Buairtel 2/17/72.

For your information, the ten cassette tapes and 374 pages of typed and written material have been furnished to the CRD, Department for their review. In regards to your request to make additional copies of the cassette tapes, this is being held in abeyance pending review by CRD to determine whether the contents are pertinent to this matter to require copies be made of same. In the event the CRD determines they are not pertinent to this inquiry, the tapes will be returned to your office for delivery to Mr. Levy. Any additional tapes submitted will be handled in the same manner.

A review of the 374 pages of typed and written material particularly pages 107 and 362 indicates your office has had prior contacts with Larry Shears, the informant in this matter. Shears refers to having been in contact with Agent [REDACTED]

By return mail, furnish Bureau complete details of Agent [REDACTED] contacts with Shears and any other information in your files regarding Shears.

Insure prior contacts with Shears were properly handled. If not properly handled, obtain explanations and include recommendations for any administrative action.

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Airtel to SAC, Sacramento

NOTE:

This is the matter involving alleged plot to assassinate Cesar Chavez, well-known California group labor organizer. At the request of CRD, Department, we are conducting a limited investigation. CRD requested we obtain tapes and other material in possession of one Jerry Cohen, Chief Counsel, United Farm Workers (UFW) of which Chavez is the leader. Tapes and materials obtained by our Sacramento Office and have been furnished to CRD for their review. Only one copy of ten cassette tapes available and pursuant to CRD, they were furnished directly to CRD along with 374 pages of typed and written material. Tapes and written material obtained from Jacques Levy, a free-lance writer who interviewed one Larry Shears, the original source of the plot against Chavez. Levy's interview with Shears was taped and later partially transcribed on 374 pages. Based on Levy's interview with Shears, various officials of United Auto Workers (UAW) and UFW contacted our WFO and requested an investigation. Results of interviews with these officials furnished CRD which subsequently requested a limited investigation, namely, to obtain the aforementioned tapes and written materials available in this matter. Tapes sent to CRD directly at their request and not reviewed by Bureau. Copy of written materials (374 pages) which appear to be a transcription of aforementioned tapes was reviewed. The 374 pages basically reflect interview that Levy, Cohen and his associates had with Shears, a former informant for Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Division (ATFD), U. S. Treasury Department during December, 1971, as a result of Shears revelations to a local television station, Delano, California, area during August, 1971. Shears revealed to the TV station that a plot was underway to kill Chavez and that ATFD, and local authorities were aware of it but took no action. The transcription of the interview of Shears by Levy included conversations Shears taped of individuals he alleged were involved in the plot and also his telephonic contact with several agents of ATFD and local and state authorities (police). The transcription is a rambling, disjointed account of Shears' contact with ATFD and his associates. Levy's efforts to pin down Shears for concrete evidence were fruitless. The tape recordings Shears made of conversations he had with several individuals he alleged were involved in the plot were worthless as no mention or admission by these individuals were made. Shears only reply to Levy when this point was raised was "the implication is there" or "these guys talk in a different language not easily understood by the average person." Shears' allegations concerning the plot appear to be a complete fabrication and obviously the result of refusal by ATFD to pay him any additional money unless he could produce additional information of the plot against Chavez. Shears, in the transcription, alludes to having contact with an FBI Agent [REDACTED] (Bakersfield, California) in a vague manner; however, in view of the unreliability and unpredictability of Shears, Sacramento being instructed to resolve the reference to Agent [REDACTED]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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| REPORTING OFFICE SAN FRANCISCO | OFFICE OF ORIGIN SACRAMENTO | DATE 2/29/72 | INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 2/23/72 |
| TITLE OF CASE UNSUB; CESAR CHAVEZ - VICTIM | | REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] | TYPED BY ER |
| | | CHARACTER OF CASE INTERFERENCE WITH RIGHTS CIVIL RIGHTS | |

REFERENCE:

Report of SA **[REDACTED]** SC, 2/18/72.

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ENCLOSURE: To Sacramento - 1 copy of transcription of tapes 1-40 furnished by JACQUES LEVY.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

The ten cassette tapes made available by JACQUES LEVY are being forwarded to the Bureau under separate cover, with the request that the Bureau make two copies of each tape, one for the office of origin and one to be returned to San Francisco for delivery to JACQUES LEVY, 4226 Mount Taylor Drive, Santa Rosa, California.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 USA, San Francisco

Report of: [REDACTED]

Office: SAN FRANCISCO

Date: 2/29/72

Field Office File #: 44-1218

Bureau File #:

Title: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
CESAR CHAVEZ - VICTIMCharacter: INTERFERENCE WITH RIGHTS
CIVIL RIGHTSSynopsis: ~~JACQUES LEVY, 4770 Mount Taylor Drive~~, made available
on 2/23/72, ten cassette tapes concerning captioned
by LARRY SHEARS, and transcription copy of each tape.

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Date 2/28/72

JACQUES LEVY, 5225 Mount Taylor Drive, made available cassette tapes of LARRY SHEARS numbered 13 and 14, 15 and 16, 25 and 26, 27 and 28, 29 and 30, 31 and 32, 33 and 34, 35 and 36, 37 and 38, and 39 and 40, along with one copy of a type-written transcription for tapes 1 through 40.

LEVY advised that these tapes were numbered for identification and are not in chronological order as they were made.

Copy of transcription of tapes furnished by LEVY is attached.

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On 2/23/72 at Santa Rosa, California File# SC 44-443
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by [REDACTED] Date dictated 2/23/72

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

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

FILE COPY

TO : Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

DATE: 3/3/72

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: UNSUBS;
CESAR CHAVEZ - VICTIM
INTERFERENCE WITH RIGHTS
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Reference is made to my memorandum dated 2/23/72
(your file _____).

There is enclosed one copy of the report of Special
Agent _____ dated 2/29/72
at San Francisco.

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

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

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

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

E. Please advise whether you desire any further investigation.

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

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

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

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NOTE:

Tapes mentioned in note of referenced memorandum and attached report are enclosed. Copies of transcription mentioned in attached report being obtained from our Sacramento Office and will be forwarded to you upon receipt at the Bureau. No copies of tapes being made by the Bureau pending review of same by your Department which is in accordance with conversation between Mr. Frank Allen of your Department and Supervisor [REDACTED] on 2/17/72, as mentioned in referenced memorandum.

Airtel

TO: SACs, Sacramento (44-443)
San Francisco (44-1218)

3/3/72

FROM: Director, FBI (44-51593) - 7

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CESAR CHAVEZ - VICTIM
INTERFERENCE WITH RIGHTS
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Rerep of SA [REDACTED] dated 2/29/72, at
San Francisco, and reBuairtel dated 2/28/72.

SC If not already done, promptly furnish Bureau with two copies
of transcription of tapes 1 - 40 sent as enclosure to rerep for dissemination
to CRD and one copy for Bufiles. Insure USA, Sacramento also receives
— copy of same.

Tapes mentioned in rerep being furnished directly to CRD,
Department, for their review and no copies of same being made by Bureau
unless specifically requested by Department.

Any inquiries received from Mr. Jacques Levy regarding his
tapes should be answered to the effect the tapes are being reviewed by CRD
and upon completion of same and/or request of CRD that copies be made
by Bureau, they will be returned to Levy at earliest date, either directly by
CRD or through the Bureau.

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Date: 3/10/72

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Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-51593)

FROM: SAC, SACRAMENTO (44-443) (P)

SUBJECT: UNSUBS;
CESAR CHAVEZ - VICTIM
INTERFERENCE WITH RIGHTS
CIVIL RIGHTS

Re report of SA [redacted] dated 2/29/72 at San Francisco, and Bureau airtel dated 3/3/72.

Enclosed for the Bureau are two (2) copies each of transcription of Tapes 1 - 40, which were sent as enclosures to referenced report to Sacramento.

These copies are being sent for dissemination to CRD, and one copy for Bureau files. The United States Attorney, Sacramento, has been provided a copy of these transcripts.

Any inquiry received from Mr. JACQUES LEVY regarding his tapes will be answered as set forth in referenced Bureau airtel.

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Special Agent in Charge

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Airtel

TO: SAC, Sacramento (44-443)

3/13/72

FROM: Director, FBI (44-51593) - 9

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UNSUBS;
CESAR CHAVEZ - VICTIM
INTERFERENCE WITH RIGHTS
CIVIL RIGHTS

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Reurairtel 3/10/72, and Buairtel 2/28/72.

One copy of transcription of tapes 1 - 40 has been furnished to CRD. A review of the transcription, specifically that segment under caption, "Tape 5" and "Cassette 13" refers to contact with Agent [REDACTED]

By return mail, furnish Bureau complete details of Agent [REDACTED] contact with Shears and/or clarification of remarks made under aforementioned captions.

Insure prior contacts with Shears were properly handled. If not properly handled, obtain explanations and include recommendations for any administrative action.

If not already done, immediately respond to instructions set forth in reBuairtel.

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Airtel to SAC, Sacramento

NOTE:

This is the matter involving alleged plot to assassinate Cesar Chavez, well-known California group labor organizer. At the request of CRD, Department, we are conducting a limited investigation. CRD requested we obtain tapes and other material in possession of one Jerry Cohen, Chief Counsel, United Farm Workers (UFW) of which Chavez is the leader. Tapes and materials obtained by our Sacramento Office and have been furnished to CRD for their review. Only one copy of ten cassette tapes available and pursuant to CRD, they were furnished directly to CRD along with 374 pages of typed and written material. Tapes and written material obtained from Jacques Levy, a free-lance writer who interviewed one Larry Shears, the original source of the plot against Chavez. Levy's interview with Shears was taped and later partially transcribed on 374 pages. Based on Levy's interview with Shears, various officials of United Auto Workers (UAW) and UFW contacted our WFO and requested an investigation. Results of interviews with these officials furnished CRD which subsequently requested a limited investigation, namely, to obtain the aforementioned tapes and written materials available in this matter. Tapes sent to CRD directly at their request and not reviewed by Bureau. Copy of written materials (374 pages) which appear to be a transcription of aforementioned tapes was reviewed. The 374 pages basically reflect interview that Levy, Cohen and his associates had with Shears, a former informant for Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Division (ATFD), U. S. Treasury Department during December, 1971, as a result of Shears revelations to a local television station, Delano, California, area during August, 1971. Shears revealed to the TV station that a plot was underway to kill Chavez and that ATFD, and local authorities were aware of it but took no action. The transcription of the interview of Shears by Levy included conversations Shears taped of individuals he alleged were involved in the plot and also his telephonic contact with several agents of ATFD and local and state authorities (police). The transcription is a rambling, disjointed account of Shears' contact with ATFD and his associates. Levy's efforts to pin down Shears for concrete evidence were fruitless. The tape recordings Shears made of conversations he had with several individuals he alleged were involved in the plot were worthless as no mention or admission by these individuals were made. Shears only reply to Levy when this point was raised was "the implication is there or "these guys talk in a different language not easily understood by the average person." Shears' allegations concerning the plot appear to be a complete fabrication and obviously the result of refusal by ATFD to pay him any additional money unless he could produce additional information of the plot against Chavez. Shears, in the transcription, alludes to having contact with an FBI Agent [redacted] (Bakersfield, California) in a rogue manner; however, in view of the unreliability and unpredictability of Shears, Sacramento being instructed to resolve the reference to Agent [redacted]

By airtel dated 3/10/72, Sacramento furnished a transcription of tapes 1 - 40 in this matter. The tapes are again a rambling account of conversations Shears had between various Federal, state and local officials and his cronies. The conversations Shears taped provide little or no information of a plot against the life of Cesar Chavez. No one on any of the tapes furnishes any information of a positive fashion that would indicate a plot ever existed except in the mind of Shears. Parts of transcription captioned "Tape #5" and "Cassette 13" refer to conversations Shears had with Agent [REDACTED] (FBI) concerning information Shears had about a possible deserter - fugitive but no mention is made of Chavez plot. In view of unreliability and unpredictability of Shears, this is being clarified as set forth in this communication to Sacramento.

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Date: 3/13/72

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| Miss Holmes | _____ |
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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-515953) ⁷

FROM: SAC, SACRAMENTO (44-443) (P)

SUBJECT: UNSUBS
CESAR CHAVEZ - VICTIM
INTERFERENCE WITH RIGHTS
CIVIL RIGHTS

Re Bureau airtel dated 2/28/72. ⁴⁴⁻⁵¹⁵⁹⁵³⁻⁷

Referenced airtel requested the Bureau be furnished complete details of Agent [redacted] contacts with LARRY SHEARS, the informant in captioned matter. Agent [redacted] has furnished the following information:

On 6/21/71, LARRY SHEARS telephonically contacted the FBI Resident Agency, Bakersfield, California, and talked to SA [redacted]. SHEARS was in a very excited, emotional state, and stated that his life was in danger, as the California State Bureau of Narcotics, for whom he had been operating as an informant, had "blown him" as an informant. SHEARS stated he did not know who he could turn to for help, inasmuch as he did not trust the Kern County Sheriff's Office, for whom he had also been operating as an informant.

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In view of the foregoing, it appears that contacts with SHEARS were properly handled and no administrative action should be taken concerning SA [REDACTED]

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Date: 3/15/72

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-51593)
FROM: SAC, SACRAMENTO (44-443) (P)
SUBJECT: UNSUBS;
CESAR CHAVEZ - VICTIM
INTERFERENCE WITH RIGHTS
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Re Bureau airtel to Sacramento dated 3/13/72,
and Sacramento airtel to the Bureau dated 3/13/72.

Referenced Sacramento airtel sets forth
clarification of contact between SHEARS and Special
Agent [REDACTED]

It is noted that [REDACTED] with whom SHEARS
had numerous conversations, is an ATF Agent assigned to
Bakersfield, California, whose office is in close
proximity to the FBI Resident Agency.

There was no contact with SHEARS by an FBI
Agent as possibly inferred in the conversation between
SHEARS and [REDACTED] in "Tape 5".

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Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 6/8/72

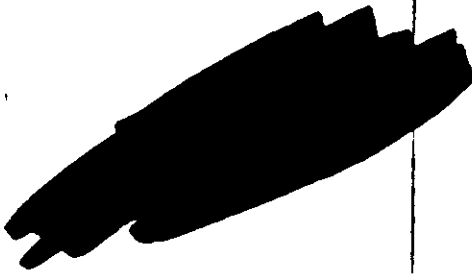
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Via AIRTEL _____
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TO: ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (44-51593)

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (44-1218) (RUC)

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
CESAR CHAVEZ - VICTIM
INTERFERENCE WITH RIGHTS
CIVIL RIGHTS



Re Bureau airtel to Sacramento dated 3/3/72.

Enclosed for the Bureau are two copies, and for Sacramento one information copy of an LHM.

For information of Bureau, San Francisco has not been in recent contact with JACQUES LEVY and has not received any more tapes or examination results of a Polygraph test on SHEARS.

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Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Memorandum

TO : Acting Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: MAR 9 1973

FROM : J. Stanley Pottinger
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

JSP:FDA:TWH:bbg
DJ 144-11E-95

SUBJECT: Unknown Subject
Cesar Chavez - Victim
Interference with Rights
CIVIL RIGHTS

EXP. PROC. 35 MAR 13 1973

On February 28, 1973, Jerry Cohen, counsel for the United Farm Workers advised that he had filed suit on behalf of the United Farm Workers against certain lettuce growers and teamster union in the United States District Court in San Francisco, California, under Sherman Antitrust Act and 42 U.S.C. 1983. He stated that there were allegations of discrimination on the basis of race made in the complaint and there would be issues turning upon this question which would be litigated.

Please obtain copies of all pleadings filed in this matter in the district court, and if possible, obtain a copy of the clerk's docket sheet.

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TO: SAC, San Francisco
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Date 3/15/73

From: Director, FBI 44-51573-13

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CESAR CHAVEZ - VICTIM
INTERFERENCE WITH RIGHTS
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Enclosed are two copies of a self-explanatory Departmental letter dated 3/9/73.

Complete the requested investigation in accordance with the provisions of Section 27,
Volume II, Manual of Instructions, and surep within 14
days of the receipt of this communication.

State in the first paragraph of the details of your report that it contains the results
of a limited investigation and underscore the word limited
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Advise all persons interviewed
 appropriate officials at the outset that this investigation is being conducted
at the specific request of the Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Civil Rights Division,
U. S. Department of Justice, referring to him by name as well as title.

Remarks:

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- Mr. Hennigan _____
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Airtel to SAC, SF
RE: UNSUB; CESAR CHAVEZ - VICTIM

NOTE: CRD, USDJ, advised that attorneys for the United Farm Workers Union had filed suit on behalf of the Union against lettuce growers and Teamsters Union in USDC, SF, and further alleged discrimination on the basis of race in the complaint of this suit. The Department requested copies of all pleadings filed and a copy of the clerk's docket sheet.

FBI

Date: 4/2/73

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TO: ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (44-51593)

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (44-1218)

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ReBuairtel 3/27/73.

Enclosed for the Bureau are two copies, and for Sacramento three copies, of amended page 1 of report SA [REDACTED] SF, 3/23/73, as requested in reairtel.

SF copy corrected.

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REFERENCE:

Bureau airtel to San Francisco, 3/15/73.

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ENCLOSURE: To the Bureau -

A legal-size folder containing a copy of all pleadings in the matter entitled CESAR CHAVEZ etal vs. FRANK FITZSIMMONS, etal, Civil 73-0009, USDC, SF, plus a copy of the Clerk's Docket Sheet, affixed in the file.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

For the information of Sacramento, previously designated office of origin in this matter, the enclosures designated for the Bureau were obtained based on the following memo from J. STANLEY

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POTTINGER, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Section,
U. S. Department of Justice:

"On February 28, 1973, Jerry Cohen, counsel for the United Farm Workers advised that he had filed suit on behalf of the United Farm Workers against certain lettuce growers and teamster union in the United States District Court in San Francisco, California, under Sherman Antitrust Act and 42 U.S.C. 1983. He stated that there were allegations of discrimination on the basis of race made in the complaint and there would be issues turning upon this question which would be litigated."

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 USA, Sacramento

Report of: [REDACTED]

Office: SAN FRANCISCO

Date: 3/23/73

Field Office File #: 44-1218

Bureau File #: 44-51593

Title: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
CESAR CHAVEZ - VICTIMCharacter: INTERFERENCE WITH RIGHTS;
CIVIL RIGHTS

Synopsis: [REDACTED] USDC, SF, California, made available a copy of the action entitled CESAR CHAVEZ, et al vs. FRANK FITZSIMMONS, et al, Civil 73-0009, plus the Clerk's Docket Sheet.

- RUC -

DETAILS:

This report contains the results of a limited investigation.

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

On March 23, 1973, [REDACTED] Office of the Clerk of the U. S. District Court, made available a copy of his entire file entitled CESAR CHAVEZ, et al vs. FRANK FITZSIMMONS, et al, civil 73-0009, as well as a copy of the Clerk's Docket Sheet.

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

Copy to: 1 USA, Sacramento

Report of: [REDACTED]
Date: 3/23/73

Office: SAN FRANCISCO

Field Office File #: 44-1218

Bureau File #: 44-51593

Title: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
CESAR CHAVEZ - VICTIM

Character: INTERFERENCE WITH RIGHTS;
CIVIL RIGHTS

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DETAILS:

This report contains the results of a limited investigation.

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

On March 23, 1973, [REDACTED] Files, Office of the Clerk of the U. S. District Court, made available a copy of his entire file entitled CESAR CHAVEZ, et al vs. FRANK FITZSIMMONS, et al, Civil 73-0009, as well as a copy of the Clerk's Docket Sheet.

[REDACTED] was advised this material was being obtained at the specific request of J. STANLEY POTTINGER, Assistant Attorney General of the Civil Rights Division, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D.C.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division
Acting

FROM : Director, FBI

DATE: 4/30/73

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT; CESAR CHAVEZ - VICTIM
INTERFERENCE WITH RIGHTS
CIVIL RIGHTS

Reference is made to my memorandum dated 4/16/73
(your file _____).

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

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

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

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

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

E. Please advise whether you desire any further investigation.

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

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

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

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AIRTEL

3/27/73

To: SAC, San Francisco (44-1218)

From: Acting Director, FBI (44-51593) - 1 - [REDACTED]

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CESAR CHAVEZ - VICTIM
INTERFERENCE WITH RIGHTS;
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ReSFrep of SA [REDACTED] dated 3/23/73.

By return mail, submit appropriate number of amended page 1 of rerep deleting the statement mentioning J. Stanley Pottinger, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, U. S. Department of Justice. You are referred to Section 27, Volume II, Manual of Instructions, Item D(6) which in essence states that details of a report should contain no reference to the Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division. Dissemination of rerep being held in abeyance pending receipt.

1 - SAC, Sacramento (44-443)

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AIRTEL

4/24/73

To: SAC, Sacramento (44-443)
From: Acting Director, FBI (44-51593)

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CESAR CHAVEZ - VICTIM
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ReSFrep of SA [REDACTED] 3/23/73.

Advise status of this case your office.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Acting Director, FBI (44-51593)

DATE: 4/27/73

FROM : SAC, Sacramento (44-443) (C)

SUBJECT: UNSUB
CESAR CHAVEZ - VICTIM
INTERFERENCE WITH RIGHTS
CIVIL RIGHTS

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Reurairtel to Sacramento 4/24/73.

This case was closed in the Sacramento Office by memorandum on 7/19/72.

Sacramento did not receive a copy of Bureau airtel to San Francisco dated 3/15/73 and since no leads were set forth for Sacramento in the report of SA [REDACTED] dated 3/23/73, at San Francisco, this case was not reopened and remains in a closed status.

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