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Chicago 21, Illinois

Dear [REDACTED]

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This will acknowledge your recent communication to the Attorney General.

The matter with which you are concerned is one within the exclusive jurisdiction of the state. This Department is therefore without authority to take any action.

Sincerely,

BURKE MARSHALL
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

By:
JOHN L. MURPHY, Chief
General Litigation Section

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trial, soon

I am a father of seven children
and one grandson and I don't
want them to have their
father branded a criminal.
This is the first time in my
life I have ever been arrested
for any charge.

I beg you to do what ever
is in your power to see that
justice prevail.

I am not a minister I am
a Roman Catholic, that believe
that we are all brothers under
the fatherhood of God.

I am prepared to return to trial
in order to clear my record and
bring justice to the people. ~~Altho~~

Sunday 10 Feb 63

Hon Robert F Kennedy

Attorney General U. A. A.

Dear Sir.

On August 26, 1962. I was
arrested in Albany Ga, along
with 40 other Chicago ministers
and laymen. I posted a \$200 bail
so far only one minister, Rev
Anderson has been called to
trial he was found guilty
and had to post an additional
\$100 to appeal.

I feel that we are not
guilty of any of the charges
against us and at least we
should be given a fair

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The Children of
Mr. and Mrs. Roland J. Sibrice
request the honor of your presence
at a Reception on the occasion of their
Silver Wedding Anniversary
Saturday, the second day of March
nineteen hundred and sixty-three
at eight o'clock
Saint Carthage Hall
7320 South Yale Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Anniversary Mass
St. Carthage Church
nine-thirty o'clock in the morning

Lutheran Human Relations Association of America

VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY VALPARAISO, INDIANA



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March 1, 1963

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The Honorable Asa Kelley
Mayor of Albany, Georgia
City Hall
Albany, Georgia

My dear Mr. Mayor:

In the interest of decency, patriotism, and humanity, as well as the integrity of Albany and the good name of the State of Georgia, I am addressing myself to you.

As a respected citizen of my home community and one whose concern for people goes beyond that community, I responded to the call of citizens of Albany to come to your city and to identify myself as a fellow American citizen with those of your community who are convinced that unjust discrimination is being practiced against them. When trying, in a peaceful and orderly manner, to identify myself with those citizens of your city, and when standing in front of the city hall of your city, I, together with seventy-four other persons of similar concern, was arrested and in a most humiliating way frisked and put into jail. After six days of incarceration, \$200 bail money was paid for my release; the seventy-four persons jailed with me paid the same amount of bail money.

The arrest took place on August 28 and bail money was paid by all of us by September 3. Until this time not more than five persons have stood trial; and the bail money of all of us is still being retained.

Not only because I believe the arrest and imprisonment were unjust, but also because the evident procrastination of those in authority, whose responsibility it is to bring about a speedy trial, has caused hardship for all who were arrested and whose bail money is still being held, I wish to protest this evident injustice, and request that you use your office to help effect a fair trial for all of us,

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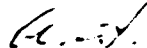
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The Honorable Asa Kelley, March 1, 1963 - Page 2

so that justice under the law may be had and the innocent be released of the heavy burden that has been placed upon them.

A copy of this letter is being sent to the Chief of Police of Albany as well as to the Attorney General of the United States.

Yours respectfully,



Andrew Schulze

AS:ms

CC: Attorney General Robert Kennedy ✓
Chief of Police Laurie Pritchett

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[REDACTED]
Union, New Jersey
March 12, 1963

President Kennedy
The White House
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:

I am thirteen years old,
I go to Temple Shalom Shalom
in Springfield, of which Rabbi
Israel S. Dresner is rabbi, and
I am writing to you because
I feel that an injustice is
being done.

This Friday our Rabbi
is going to Albany to stand
trial for the prayer pilgrim-
age he went on. When the
clergymen were arrested this
summer, they were praying in
public, on the streets. To me
this does not seem to be a
crime.

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Furthermore they were

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fighting for rights which
were granted almost one
hundred years ago in the
Emancipation Proclamation. I
should think that the Fed-
eral Government would have
done something by now ab-
out enforcing these much
needed laws instead of leav-
ing it to a private organ-
ization.

Last of all we can
not be sure that he will
get a fair trial because
there are many cases where
freedom riders have been
tried by prejudiced judges.
It is my hope that some-
thing will be done about
this injustice.

Yours truly,

[Redacted signature]

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[REDACTED]
Newark, New Jersey

Dear [REDACTED]

This will acknowledge your recent communication to the Attorney General.

We have given careful consideration to the information you furnished. However, since it does not disclose the violation of a federal criminal statute, this Department has no authority to take any action in the matter.

Sincerely,

BURKE MARSHALL
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

By:
JOHN L. MURPHY, Chief
General Litigation Section

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[REDACTED]
Newark, New Jersey
June 11, 1963

The Honorable Attorney General Robert Kennedy
Department of Justice
Constitution Avenue
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

On a recent broadcast from one of our local radio stations, a young female college student who was arrested for taking part in a racial demonstration in Albany, Georgia, delivered a first hand report as to how she was treated in jail.

She said she was frisked by a policeman before being put in a cell. During the night the policeman walked through and made insulting remarks and also asked her if he could come in her cell and "make love".

Procastination has prevailed too long. I urge you to put an end to this type of injustice.

Incidentally, this woman is white.

Sincerely yours,

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Dec. 12, 1961

**St. John Barrett, Second Assistant,
Civil Rights Division**

**Albany, Georgia, Terminal
Segregation (Rail).**

Shortly before noon on Sunday December 10, I received a telephone call from Special Agent [REDACTED] of the FBI, regarding a "freedom ride" from Atlanta to Albany, Georgia, on the Central of Georgia Railroad. The Bureau had been advised by a representative of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in Atlanta that a group of nine persons were leaving Atlanta by way of Central of Georgia at 10:00 a.m., December 10, enroute to Albany, where they would "test" the railroad terminal facilities.

In the evening of the same day [REDACTED] again telephoned me to advise that the nine "riders" on the Central of Georgia had arrived in Albany at 3:50 p.m. and had used the formerly "white" waiting room facilities without incident. After doing so the "riders" joined approximately 150 persons (presumably Negroes) on the street outside the terminal and with them proceeded to sing and demonstrate. Police officers ordered the demonstrators to disperse, and when they refused to do so, arrested several.

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Bus Inv. file
Mr. Caldwell
✓ Mr. Barrett

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The File

DATE: Nov. 29, 1961

J.K.H.
FROM : Jerome K. Heilbron, Attorney
Civil Rights Division

JKH:arg

SUBJECT: Telephone call to Donald Hollowell,
Attorney, Atlanta, Georgia

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On Tuesday, Nov. 28, 1961, I had occasion to talk to Dr. E. D. Hamilton, Albany, Georgia, relative to voting matters in Baker County, Georgia. In the course of that conversation I inquired about segregation in the Albany, Georgia, bus terminal. (This bus terminal is about a block away from Dr. Hamilton's office.)

Dr. Hamilton briefly told me that five Negro students had recently been arrested on breach of the peace charges when they entered what were formerly designated "white" facilities of the bus terminal. He said that there were no segregation signs in or about the bus terminal and that the signs forbidding segregation as required by ICC regulation were in prominent display. He told me that the trial of these students on breach of the peace charges was held on Monday, November 27, and that they were represented by Mr. Donald Hollowell, Attorney, of Atlanta, Georgia, who could fill me in on the details.

Mr. Hollowell's office is located at 859-1/2 Hunter Street, N. W., Atlanta, Georgia. His telephone number is JA 5-8372.

I had previously met Mr. Hollowell. He gave me the following information concerning the recent arrest of the above-mentioned Negro students:

Mr. Hollowell stated that three of the students went into what had formerly been the white waiting room and purchased three tickets to Tallahassee, Florida. This group of three students then went into what had formerly been the white restaurant and one of them sat down and placed an order for food. The order was accepted by the restaurant and was being prepared for this person when the three students were there-upon arrested and charged with breach of the peace.

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The two other Negro students went into what had formerly been the white waiting room in order to purchase tickets but before they could purchase them they were arrested on breach of the peace charges. The police had not been called by either the terminal manager or the restaurant owner. The chief of police was watching the proceedings from outside the terminal and a detective in plain clothes was on the inside of the terminal. According to Mr. Hollowell, there was no large crowd inside the terminal but there was a crowd outside the terminal. There was no disturbance of any kind either before or after the arrests inside the terminal.

A report of the above-described incident was made by the terminal manager to his immediate superiors so that it might be reported to the ICC as required by the new regulations.

The trial of the breach of peace charges was held on Monday, November 27, 1961.

I requested of Mr. Hollowell (and he promised to write me immediately, airmail) more details, e.g., names of persons arrested, exact time of arrest, etc.

Mr. Hollowell advised me that he was aware of the registration problems in Baker County. I told him that the current Board of Registrars had promised full compliance with the law and that applications for registration were being accepted from Negro applicants. He stated that he had talked to Negro residents of Baker County who were interested in registering and that it was his understanding that they would make their applications to register by going to the registrar in small groups of from three to five individuals. He advised that he would notify me if there was any difficulty.

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[REDACTED], ALBANY, GA.

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Records Branch, Classification Section:

Please give this a specific file number. As far as we know, the first piece of mail on this subject is a memorandum to the file dated Nov. 29, 1961, by Jerome K. Heilbron, Attorney in the Civil Rights Division. Please remove that memo from general file 144-101-19M-0 and incorporate it in this new file. I would appreciate your calling me on Ext. 2174 to complete the number for our records.

Thanks.

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Civil Rights Division

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Police Enforcement of Racial
Segregation, Trailway Bus
Terminal and Central of Georgia
Railroad Terminal

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I am attaching two copies of a statement received in the mail by this Division from M. L. Hollowell, an attorney in Atlanta, Georgia. The statement recounts the arrest of five persons by the city police of Albany, Georgia, for using the facilities of the Trailway bus terminal in that city without racial segregation.

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I am also attaching two copies of an article from the December 11, 1961, edition of the Atlanta Constitution, reporting the arrest of eleven persons by the city police of Albany, Georgia, arising out of their use of the terminal facilities of the Central of Georgia Railroad without racial segregation.

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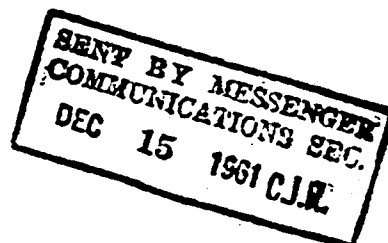
Please conduct a full investigation as to both these matters to include but not necessarily be limited to the following:

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1. Ascertain the physical layout of the terminal facility.
2. Ascertain the identity of the terminal operator, his principal employees and their respective functions and duties.
3. The identity of all common carriers who use the terminal.

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4. Copies of the carrier schedules showing scheduled stops at the terminal.
5. Obtain full details and interview all witnesses to the actions of the police towards victims. Also, ascertain the precise nature of the charges against victims and the disposition of these charges.
6. Determine the authority for the arrest of victims. If the authority is a statute or ordinance, obtain its citation.
7. Interview all available eye witnesses including Mr. Harvey Jackson, the Terminal Manager, who allegedly sold tickets to some of the victims and Mr. Minor with particular reference to the exact demeanor and conduct of the victim at the time of and prior to their arrest.
8. Ascertain from available eye witnesses details concerning the size, demeanor, racial composition, and action of any group of people in the vicinity of the terminals at the time of and shortly prior to victims' arrest.
9. Interview all police officers involved in arresting victims or who were present at the time of the arrest with particular reference to the factual basis for the arrest as well as the legal authority therefor.
10. Observe the terminals to ascertain whether or not Negroes are prevented from or otherwise interfered with if they attempt to use formerly "white" facilities and whether or not police officers are regularly stationed or present at the terminal.

11. Ascertain the policy of the terminal management with respect to racial segregation. Also, how long this policy has been in effect and what the previous policy was.
12. Determine who manages the food services at the bus terminal; ascertain their relationship to the carrier, and the racial policy with respect to service in the food facility.
13. Photographs of the terminal both exterior and interior showing the facilities.
14. Obtain copies of all local ordinances regarding segregation which might be applicable to the terminal facilities.
15. Determine whether the local officials have any general policy with respect to segregation or any specific policy with respect to segregation at terminal facilities. In this regard, ascertain whether or not local officials have made public statements on this subject and whether or not any directives or memoranda have been issued concerning such matters.
16. Obtain a diagram showing the location of the terminal with respect to other major points in the city such as police station, city hall, fire department, etc.
17. Follow the local developments in the trial of victims and keep the department advised.

REPORT OF FACTS TRAILWAYS BUS TERMINAL INCIDENT
ALBANY, GEORGIA

On November 22, 1961, at about 12:30 P. M., EVELYN TONEY, JULIAN CARSWELL, AND EDDIE WILSON, all of Albany, Georgia, and all of whom are Negro young people, entered the waiting room which has in the past been customarily used by white passengers. They purchased tickets to Tallahassee, Florida without difficulty. They then took seats on the benches for a few minutes. Then Eddie Wilson went into the cafe which is located in the Terminal Building and can be entered directly from the waiting room. He took a seat and placed his order. While his order was being prepared, Evelyn Toney and Julian Carswell came in and also took seats on the stools at the counter. Immediately after the latter two had taken seats, the Albany Police Chief, a Mr. Prichett, and Assistant Chief Lairsey, came in and asked all three young people if they might have a word with them outside. The three accompanied the two outside without comment. On the outside, the young people were asked their names and addresses. They were then told if they went back in, they would be arrested. The young people thanked the two officers and returned to the restaurant with the officers following almost immediately behind them. Immediately after the young people sat down, the assistant chief is alleged to have said, "Hear me good, you are now under arrest." At no time were the young people asked whether or not they were passengers or whether they had tickets to any particular destination.

It is interesting to note that at the trial, Mr. Harvey Hammondtree, Manager of the Bus Station Grill, corroborated generally the statements of the youngsters as to what actually transpired in the grill. He further testified that "nothing happened when they came in." He further stated that he did not call the police.

Chief Prichett testified in substance that he had received a call earlier to the effect that he should check on the bus

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terminal, in that some type of demonstration or trouble was anticipated. He further stated that he had parked his car adjacent to the terminal in a position where he could see into the waiting room; that he did not come into the waiting room until he saw the latter two young people go into the grill. That when he came into the waiting room and before he got to the grill, he was met by Hammondtree, who asked in an anxious manner, "What can I do, what can I do?" (Mr. Hammondtree did not testify concerning any such conversation.) The Chief further stated that there were fifty to one hundred people on the outside milling around the terminal, though there were not many people on the inside of the terminal; that at no time was there any threat of violence as such; however, that he arrested the three young people "because their presence tended to disrupt the peace and quiet of the lunchroom in the City of Albany." He further testified that at no time was the conduct of the young people in any way disorderly. He further said that he would arrest the mayor if he was in the bus terminal and in his, the Chief's opinion, the mayor's presence was tending to disrupt the peace and quiet of the terminal.

A Mr. _____, the Terminal Manager, testified that he sold the tickets to the three young people. That it was his policy to sell tickets to whomever might present themselves without regard to race or color. That this is and has been the policy since the first of November of this year. He also indicated that there were a substantial number of people milling around on the outside of the terminal, but did not testify that there was any rowdiness on the part of any of the persons who were allegedly milling around on the outside. On closer cross-examination, however, the terminal manager testified that after having sold the tickets to the three young people he continued to sell tickets back and forth at both the window facing the main waiting room which has heretofore been used by white, and the window facing the waiting room customarily used by colored passengers for a period of some ten minutes. He testified that he was continuously busy at both windows as there were eight to ten people in the respective lines. It is to be noted that if this was true, there would be little

opportunity for him to have been observing too much of what was going on outside the terminal.

Miss Bertha Gober, a student at Albany State College, testified that she came into the terminal building about four o'clock on the same afternoon. She further testified that before she could get to the window in the main waiting room, she was apprehended by Assistant Police Chief LAIRSEY. That he told her that she should go to the window on the "colored" side. When she asked him, "Why?" he told her that he just thought it would be better. She again asked, "Why?" He then told her that if she didn't go to the other window, he would arrest her. When she refused to go, he placed her under arrest and took her to the chief's car which was outside. She was then taken to jail. Some short time later, Blanton Hall, also a student at Albany State College, entered the main waiting room and was also unable to purchase a ticket by virtue of his being apprehended prior to reaching the window. It was the assistant chief who made the apprehension. The discussion between Hall and the assistant chief was similar to that of Miss Gober and the assistant chief. Thus, upon the refusal by Hall to go to the other window, he too was arrested.

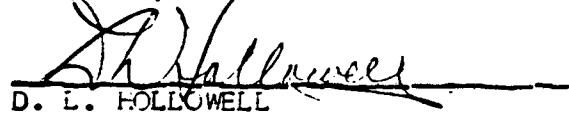
A Mister Minor, who is the dean at Albany State College and who testified for the City, said that he had come down to the terminal to see the students off as it was the last day before Thanksgiving and school was out for the holidays. He testified that there were about nine hundred students at Albany State College of which perhaps more than fifty per cent lived in the state of Georgia. That a majority of those living in Georgia, lived outside of the City of Albany. That most of them were poor students and utilized bus transportation in traveling to and from their respective homes. He stated that there were somewhere between one hundred and one hundred fifty people around the outside of the terminal as against a figure of two to four hundred recited by the chief and assistant chief. He further testified that the larger number of persons on the outside of the terminal were Negroes - predominantly students. That he had talked to

when Hall went inside, a number of students came up to the window and door and looked in. He stated that there was no incident between or among students, nor were there any incidents between Negro and white persons, nor among the white persons themselves. That there was no rowdiness on the parts of any of the people who were around the terminal.

After argument, the judge fined each of the Negro young people \$100.00 and gave each of them a suspended 15 days. Certiorari bonds have been filed for all of said defendants, and it is anticipated that petition for certiorari will be filed within the legal period of thirty days.

Perhaps, it should be mentioned that Miss Gober and Mr. Hall have been suspended by the College authorities. As a results, we have filed a petition with the president for an immediate hearing on their ex parte suspension.

Respectfully Submitted


D. L. HOLLOWELL

D. L. HOLLOWELL, Esq.
859 1/2 Hunter St. N.W.
Atlanta 14, Georgia

C. B. KING, Esq.
221 So. Jackson St.
Albany, Georgia

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EAST WILLISTON, L. I., N. Y.

Sunday,

#9344

Mr. R. Kennedy
Att General of U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Kennedy,

I am very alarmed at what is happening
in Albany Georgia.

The authorities there, will soon have
thousands of Negroes in jail.

I can imagine the conditions that they
are being held under, as the facilities
most be deplorable.

Besides, certainly they should have the
right to demonstrate peacefully.

Can you not use your offices to help
relieve the situation quickly?

Yours truly,
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U. S. Sen. Ed Kennedy
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Kennedy:

Did go to church this morning after listening
on Dem. & Christian radio. The Negro were corrected
during singing hymns with Christmas spirit in
their hearts.

Let me say that the dear Secretary has also
more than just sent a telegram to you saying
that Chief Justice Warren took command
of the situation.


That is the matter with our American people.
Just because these wonderful people. Men and women
the town square in Albany, Ga. Center in which
11 Freedom Riders were being tried for attempting to use
"white" waiting rooms they had them off the list.
266 Adults + 61 juvenile kids. I can't seem to understand
some one way back in time so many days had a grudge
against the colour people + put it along from
one generation to another. Big how I should like to
say my bones on all these ignorant people
+ hate to mention in writing what is in my mind
to say else.

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Please Mr Kennedy what is it

we can do to get American to realize
these people are kind, lovable and
certainly as human as our
white people

Thank you very much for sending the
letter & want to thank your entire family
A Very Merry Christmas & a
Happy, Healthy & Contented
New Year. God Bless all
Washington

Sincerely yours


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ROUNDUP IN GEORGIA Albany, Ga., police herd Negroes in alley. Of 400 who marched to protest trial of "Freedom Riders."

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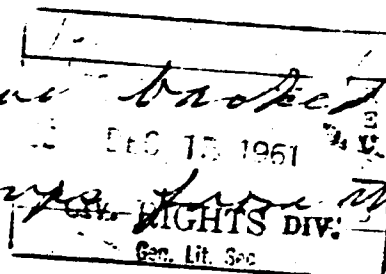
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And a host of attractive Southern wear

Attny General
Robert Kennedy
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

There are laws and
courts to handle such
situations. But of course
you and your brother
get more publicity this
way.

You have noted
these groups have the



first or they wouldn't
have.

You and your brother
"black" at all groups
that dare to disagree
with you or criticize
you, you call them
fanatics - but these
groups, under your
protection and with
your backing - the
ones that are doing

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the real harm and
damage to this Nation,

are never brought to
task by you - You run
to their protection, encourage
their lawlessness.


You Kennedy continue
to "Run with the fox
and ride with the
hounds."

And what a mess
of our Country and
the world, you're

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making.

Heart sick,



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LT GENERAL ROBERT KENNEDY, DEPT OF JUSTICE

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THE ARREST OF THE NEGRO CHILDREN IN ALBANY IS A DISGRACE TO
DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SHOULD PETITION
THEIR RELEASE AND PROTECT THEIR RIGHT OF PEACEABLE ASSEMBLY

FRIENDSHIP BAPTISH CHURCH [REDACTED]

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PLEASE PROTECT NEGROES WRONGLY ARRESTED ALBANY, GEORGIA. ALSO
FREEDOM RIDERS ARRESTED DECEMBER 10TH WITHOUT DEPARTMENT ACTION
DECISION SUPREME COURT NOT ENFORCED

[REDACTED] (AMERICAN WHITE) [REDACTED] ANGELES

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A LLN353 PD ATLANTA GA 13 705P EST

ATTORNEY GENERAL OF UNITED STATES ROBERT F KENNEDY

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REQUEST IMMEDIATE FEDERAL INTERVENTION IN ALBANY GEORGIA AND
ILLEGAL MASS ARREST BY THE ALBANY POLICE DEPARTMENT. THESE
MASS WHOLESALE ARRESTS MUST BE STOPPED

CHARLES MOORE, CHAIRMAN STUDENT NON VIOLENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE
JAMES FOREMAN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.

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Reverend R. J. Ellis, President
Baptist Ministers Conference of
Los Angeles and Southern California
10101 Avalon Boulevard
Los Angeles, California

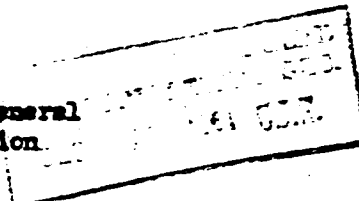
Dear Reverend Ellis:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your telegram dated
December 13, 1961, concerning the arrest of Freedom Riders
in Albany, Georgia.

This matter is presently receiving the attention of
the Department of Justice.

Sincerely,

MURKE MARSHALL
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division



cc: Records ✓
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HONOREBLE SIR WE ARE SERIOUSLY CONCERNED OVER THE RECENT ARREST
OF NEGRO YOUTH FREEDOM RIDERS IN ALBANY GEORGIA IT IS HARDLY
CONCEIVABLE THAT A DISTASTEFUL UNDEMOCRATIC INCIDENT COULD
OCCUR IN A PROGRESSIVE AMERICA WE VOICE A STRONG PROTEST AGAINST
THIS DISGRACEFUL ACT OF THE AUTHORITIES OF ALBANY WE APPEAL
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF ALL THESE YOUTHS

BAPTIST MINISTERS CONFERENCE OF LOS ANGELES AND SOUTHERN
CALIF 500 MINISTERS REV P J ELLIS PRESIDENT REV A E WILLIAMS
SECRETERY 10101 AVALON BLVD LOS ANGELES CALIF.

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A AYA104 PD ALBANY GA 14 104P EST

ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES

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PLEASE DO SOMETHING ABOUT THE UNREST IN ALBANY GA

HARLEM BARBER SHOP.

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Memorandum

TO : ~~St. John Barrett~~ The File

FROM : St. John Barrett
Second Assistant
Civil Rights Division

DATE: December 14, 1961

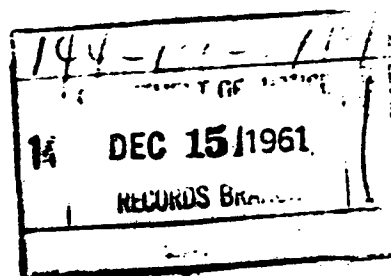
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SUBJECT: Albany, Georgia, Terminal
Segregation (Trailways Bus)

Around noon today I received a telephone call from [REDACTED] of the FBI. He advised that this morning about 30 or 40 Negroes went to the Trailways Bus Terminal in Albany. Some of the group of Negroes sought to use the terminal restaurant but were "not afforded service." A police officer took nine of the Negroes to the police station, where they were questioned and then released.

[REDACTED] advised that the local court was due to reconvene at 1:00 p.m. today.



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A LLS306 PD ATLANTA GA 14 538P EST
ATTORNEY GENERAL ROBERT KENNEDY

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RESPECTFULLY URGE THAT FEDERAL GOVERNMENT INVOKE ITS AUTHORITY
IN ALABAMA ^{Georgia} GEORGIA TO RSTORE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS OF CITIZENS
OF THAT COMMUNITY

STUDENT OF FACULTY OF THE ATLANTA UNIVERSITY CENTER

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UNITED STATES ATTORNEY GENERAL ROBERT KENNEDY
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SINCERELY TRUST FEDERAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR CIVIL RIGHTS WILL
BE MANIFESTED PROMPTLY IN THE TRAGIC ALBANY SITUATION WHERE
ATTORNEYS AND FAMILIES CANNOT LOCATE YOUNG PEOPLE IMPRISONED
FOR SEEKING THEIR CIVIL RIGHTS

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ROBERT KENNEDY

US ATTORNEY GENERAL WASHDC

IF YOU ARE INCAPABLE OF UPHOLDING THE LAW AS PERTAINS TO COMMUNIST
REGISTRATION AS DIRECTED BY OUR LAWS THEN I SUGGEST YOU GET
OFF THE SOUTHS BACK AS PERTAINS TO YOUR SOCALLED RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

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A LLC75 PD ATLANTA GA 14 1103A ST
ATTORNEY ROBT KENNEDY
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RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT YOU INVESTIGATE AND ACT IN ALBANY
GEORGIA JAILING OF NEGROS FROM ALBANY IN SURROUNDING COUNTY
JAILS WITHOUT PERMITTING RELATIVES OR ATTORNEYS TO DISCOVER
THEIR WHEREABOUTS THE YOUNG PEOPLE ARE IN GRAVE DANGER AT THE
HANDS OF BIASED SHERIFFS WHERE DEMONSTRATED TIME AND AGAIN
COMPLETE DISREGARD FOR THE RIGHTS OF NEGRO

REV SAMUEL W WILLIAMS PRESIDENT ATLANTA BRANCH NAACP.

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ATTORNEY GENERAL ROBERT KENNEDY

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IMPERATIVE THAT FEDERAL GOVERNMENT INTERVENE IN ALBANY GEORGIA
WHERE LOCAL AUTHORITIES ARE VIOLATING CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS
OF HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE IN THAT CITY

HOWARD ZIMM CHAIRMAN DEPT OF HISTORY SPELMAN COLLEGE.

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The Honorable Robert F. Kennedy,
Attorney General
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Kennedy:

I urge you to intervene to free our fellow citizens
who have been unjustly imprisoned in Albany, Georgia.

South African techniques of mass arrests should not
be tolerated. Americans peacefully pursuing their legitimate
rights should not be jailed.

In the event you do not act, I personally intend to
petition the United Nations Committee on Human Rights to
consider this matter.

Respectfully,

[Redacted Signature]

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STRONGLY PROTEST JAILING OF SCORES OF ALBANY GEORGIA NEGRO
CITIZENS WHO ARE BEING SPIRITED AWAY TO PLACES UNKNOWN AND
DENIED ALL CONTACT WITH THEIR FAMILIES AND WITH LEGAL COUNSEL
RESPECTFULLY URGE IMMEDIATE INVESTIGATION AND PROMPT RELEASE

CARL HOLMAN EDITOR ATLANTA INQUIRER 953 HUNTER ST NW ATLANTA
GA.

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ROBERT KENNEDY

JUSTICE DEPT WASHDC

STUDENTS ARRESTED IN ALBANY GEORGIA FOR ATTEMPT TO USE TRAILWAYS
FACILITIES ON INTEGRATED BASIS UNDERSTAND AFFIDAVITS FILED
WITH ICC AT ATLANTA AND JACKSONVILLE. WHEN IS JUSTICE DEPARTMENT
GOING TO MOVE?

ROBERT HABER STUDENTS FOR DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY.

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Robert Kennedy, Attorney General
Washington, D.C. 20535

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION		D
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE		
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Dear Sir:

In this country we have
freedom of assembly — why
did they arrest 500 people
in Albany, Alabama for
disturbing disorderly conduct
when they said their prayers
on the steps of their church.

What could be more orderly
conduct than saying one's
prayers.

Sincerely,

New York 62, N.Y.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The File

DATE: December 15, 1961

FROM : Theodore R. Newman, Jr., Attorney
Constitutional Rights Unit

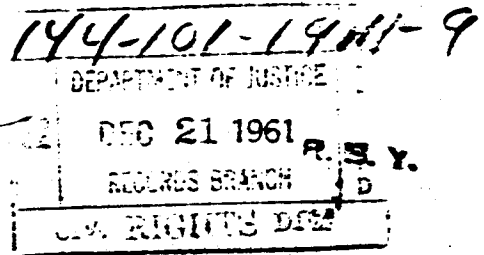
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SUBJECT: Albany, Georgia, Terminal Segregation
(Central of Georgia)

The Bureau advised that they had received the following information from SAC, Atlanta:

[REDACTED] was interviewed concerning the incident terminal. Hayden stated that he was present in the terminal with James R. Foreman and some other persons. Foreman was going to the ticket counter to inquire about a ticket to Jacksonville, Florida. [REDACTED] ordered them to leave the waiting room.

James R. Foreman, Executive Director of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee and Bernard Scott Lee of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference were interviewed. They state that nine persons arrived on the train from Atlanta. Foreman went to the ticket counter and inquired about a train to Jacksonville, Florida. Three police were present including [REDACTED]. Lee states that he was told by a policeman to go to the other side of the station. He was then ordered to leave the terminal. They went about three-fourths of a block toward cars which were awaiting them. They were then arrested.



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December 20, 1961

TMH

Mr. J. Francis Pohlhaus
Counsel, Washington Bureau
National Association for the
Advancement of Colored People
100 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Pohlhaus:

This is in reply to your telegram urging immediate action under the civil rights statutes in regard to colored citizens in Albany, Georgia, who, you state, were being denied access to lawyers and relatives.

M/12/20
I followed the situation at Albany closely. You are no doubt aware that an arrangement was worked out so that those arrested for participation in the demonstrations have been released. However, I would be grateful if you would supply any details you have which would suggest any violations of federal law in connection with the temporary imprisonment of the demonstrators.

Sincerely,

BURKE MARSHALL
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

cc: Records
Chrono
Mr. Murphy

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BURKE MARSHALL, ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL

CIVIL RIGHTS DIVN DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE WASHDC
COLORED CITIZENS WHO ARE BEING SUBJECTED TO MASS ARREST IN
ALBANY, GEORGIA ARE BEING DENIED ACCESS TO LAWYERS AND COMMUNICATION
WITH RELATIVES. PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OF MANY PRISONERS IS UNKNOWN.
ARREST AND SUBSEQUENT TREATMENT CONSTITUTES DENIALS OF BASIC
CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS. URGE IMMEDIATE ACTION BY DEPARTMENT
OF JUSTICE UNDER CIVIL RIGHTS STATUTES

J FRANCIS POHLHAUS COUNSEL WASHINGTON BUREAU NAACP.

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ATTORNEY GENERAL ROBERT F KENNEDY

US CAPITOL WASHDC
REQUEST PROSECUTION OF ALBANY CITY POLICE FOR VIOLATION OF
ICC RULING

CHARLES MCDEW CHAIRMAN JAMES FOREMAN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR STUDENT
NON VIOLENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE.

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