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PERRY COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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August 31, 1984

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Hon. J. B. Sessions, III
United States Attorney
P. O. Drawer E
Rm. 311, United States Courthouse
Mobile, Alabama 36601

Re: Voting Fraud Investigation
Perry County, Alabama

Dear Mr. Sessions:

My office has received several complaints of irregularities in regard to the upcoming election on Tuesday, September 4, 1984. These complaints range from improper casting of absentee ballots to possible fraud in reidentification. The most serious allegations concern interference with the absentee balloting including fraudulent receipt and marking of ballots. The large number of absentee ballots requested by voters in this county, in excess of Six Hundred (600), with Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty-Seven (7,857) registered voters, creates the possibility that fraudulent absentee ballots may make a significant difference in the results of the election.

My staff has looked into the allegations and their reports indicate a need for an extensive investigation into the voting process in Perry County. My office does not have anywhere near the manpower to conduct such a large scale probe. Additionally, I feel it would be best that an independent agency from outside the county conduct the probe so as to avoid any possible hint of favoritism or partiality.

Therefore, please consider this letter to be an official, urgent request for all possible assistance in conducting this investigation. I can not over-emphasize the importance and the urgency of this request; for, without the help of your agency, my office cannot actually investigate all the allegations and possible ramifications. Without a through investigation, however, the result of this election will continue to be showered in accusations and acrimony.

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UNITED STATES ATTORNEY
Southern District of Alabama
Mobile, Alabama

August 31, 1984

My office staff has prepared reports specifying the evidence uncovered so far and these reports will be made available upon request to aid your evaluation of the seriousness of this situation. Please contact me with all possible dispatch regarding this case as time is of the essence.

Very truly yours,



Roy L. Johnson
District Attorney
Fourth Judicial Circuit
State of Alabama

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UNITED STATES ATTORNEY,
Southern District of Alabama
Mobile, Alabama

Hon. J. B. Sessions, III
United States Attorney
Southern District of Alabama
Mobile, Alabama

Attn: [REDACTED]
Assistant U. S. Attorney

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per FBI

RE: ALBERT TURNER;
SPENCER HOGUE, JR.;

ELECTION LAW VIOLATIONS;
MAIL FRAUD

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per FBI

Dear Mr. Sessions:

Enclosed are two copies of 21 FD 302
interview forms reflecting interviews of witnesses in
referenced matter. One copy is for United States
Attorney's Office and the extra copy is being made
available for Defense Attorneys. Also enclosed are
copies of FD 302 interview forms and [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] that had previously been furnished
to [REDACTED] from Assistant U. S. Attorney [REDACTED]
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Interview of Spencer Hogue dated
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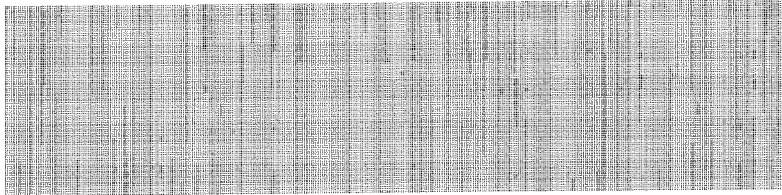
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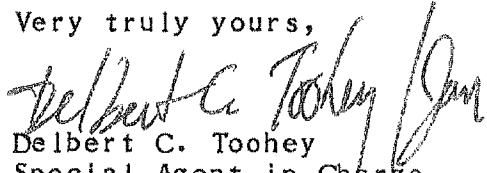
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Also enclosed are 33 subpoenas that have been served and executed.

The enclosed are the results of all the investigation conducted to date. As additional investigation is conducted and interviews received, the results will be forwarded to your office most expeditiously.

Very truly yours,



Delbert C. Toohy
Special Agent in Charge

Encs.



U.S. Department of Justice

*United States Attorney
Southern District of Alabama*

*305 United States Courthouse
Post Office Drawer E
Mobile, Alabama 36601*

June 14, 1985

Mr. Ken Bode
NBC News
4001 Nebraska Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20016

Dear Ken:

Pursuant to your request yesterday, I enclose a copy of the motion which this office has filed with the Court earlier today.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. B. Sessions, III".

J. B. Sessions, III
United States Attorney

JBS, III.lrn

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MEMO: Turner Fire

FROM: JBS, III

DATE: June 26, 1985

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Talked to [REDACTED] in the hall outside the United States Attorney's Office shortly before Court convened before 9:00 a.m. on June 26, 1985. He said to me that shortly before the fire, the lights blinked on and off in the house and without setting forth any details, he indicated that when he came out the car was engulfed in flames and he could not tell where it had started or whether it was in the utility room or not.