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Cesar Chavez & United Farm Workers et al

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SUBJECT: United Farm Workers et al.

FILE: 44-52102
Memorandum

TO: Acting Director
   Federal Bureau of Investigation

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

SUBJECT: Unknown Subjects,
   Kern County Sheriff's Department,
   Teamster's Union;
   Frank Quintana, Helen Chavez,
   Teresa Alicia, Lila Mancha
   Xavier Villena, Xavier Villena
   Leonard Rodriguez - Victims
   Conspiracy Against Rights
   CIVIL RIGHTS

Community Relations Service officials have provided this Division with information that about 25 Teamsters assaulted the victims while they were picketing and while Sheriff's deputies stood by and allowed the assault.

Please interview the victims to determine what knowledge they have of the incident which occurred at the John Kovacovich ranch near La Monte, California.

Particularly determine how many Kern County Sheriff's deputies were present and what actions, if any, were taken by them from the time the Teamsters arrived until the time the Teamsters left the scene.

Victims' current addresses are: [Handwritten notes]
1. Helen Chavez, and

2. Frank Quintana can be reached through
   UFW Headquarters
   10913 Main Street
   La Monte, California
   805-845-3344

3. Teresa Alicia

4. Lila Mancha

5. Xavier Rivera

6. Leonard Rodriguez
TO: SAC, Sacramento

From: Director, FBI

RE: 57102

UNSUBS, KERN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, TEAMSTERS UNION; FRANK QUINTANA, HELEN CHAVEZ, TERESA ALICIA, LILA MANCHA, XAVIER RIVERS, LEONARD RODRIGUEZ - VICTIMS

CONSPIRACY AGAINST RIGHTS
CIVIL RIGHTS

Enclosed are two copies of a self-explanatory Departmental letter dated 7/11/73.

Complete the requested investigation in accordance with the provisions of Section 27, Volume II, Manual of Instructions, and swear within 21 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.

Advise all persons interviewed appropriate officials at the outset that this investigation is being conducted at the specific request of the U. S. Department of Justice.

Remarks:

Enc. (2)

SEE NOTE PAGE TWO...
Airtel to SAC, SC
RE: UNSUBS, KERN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT,
TEAMSTERS UNION, FRANK QUINTANA, ET AL. - VICTIMS

NOTE: The Department requests a limited investigation
concerning information by the Community Relations Service
officials that 25 teamsters assaulted the victims while
Sheriff's deputies stood by and allowed the assault.
This instructs SC to conduct requested investigation.
Memorandum

TO: Acting Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

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

DATE: JUL 13 1973

SUBJECT: Unknown Subjects,
Kern County Sheriff's Department,
Teamster's Union;
Frank Quintana, Helen Chavez,
Teresa-Alicia, Lila Mancha, Xavier Rivers,
Leonard Rodriguez - Victims;
Conspiracy Against Rights
CIVIL RIGHTS

Reference is made to my memorandum dated July 1, 1973.

This Division has received the attached letter and
telegram. [Redacted] writes that she was an eyewitness
to acts of terror committed against the United Farm Workers.
[Redacted] was telephoned by this Division and he said he
was an eyewitness to property of the farm workers being
damaged. He also said that he had the names of eyewitnesses
to beatings of the farm workers.

Please conduct the following limited investigation:

a) Interview [Redacted] and [Redacted] for details
of what they saw. Obtain from them names of other eyewitnesses
to violence against the farm workers and interview them for details.

b) Interview all victims of violence that might be
named for their version of what happened to them.
Dear attorney Earl Richardson,

We are writing you to cancel a request that you immediately launch an investigation of the organized acts of terror being committed by the Teapotomus Against the GNF. I have seen this with my own eyes — I'm a registered police officer and have been keeping in the Coachella Valley.

Please we beg you for the Fed. Stand against illegal growers and illegal growers' associates. Please don't let the results be made public. We know you have evidence. Sincerely in Justice and Peace.

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I have just returned from Coachella, California. I witnessed there that the Teamsters are seeking to destroy the United Farm Workers Union of Cesar Chavez through violence and intimidation. Please intervene and stop the violence and require secret elections so that the farm workers can have the union of their choice.

[Redacted]

UNION

004 03:49:02 06/27/73
ST-102

7/17/73

To: SAC, Sacramento

From: Director, FBI

RE: 57102-2

MR. DAVIS

UNSUBS; KERN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, TEAMSTERS UNION; FRANK QUINTANA, HELEN CHAVEZ, TERESA ALICIA, LILA MANCHA, XAVIER RIVERS, LEONARD RODRIGUEZ - VICTIMS CONSPIRACY AGAINST RIGHTS CIVIL RIGHTS

ATT.

Re: Buaiertel dated 7/13/73.

Enclosed are 2 copies of a self-explanatory Departmental letter dated 7/13/73, with enclosures.

Complete this limited investigation in conjunction with the request of the Department forwarded to you by airtel 7/13/73.

The Department advised that resides at 

The lead to interview her should be accompanied by any additional information in the possession of Sacramento at this time.

Enclosures (6)
Airtel to SAC, SC
RE: UNSUBS, KERN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT,
TEAMSTERS UNION, FRANK QUINTANA, ET AL. - VICTIMS

NOTE: The Department requested a limited investigation concerning information by the Community Relations Service officials that 25 teamsters assaulted the victims while Sheriff's deputies stood by and allowed the assault. This advises Sacramento that the Department has requested additional limited investigation concerning this matter.
NR 09 SC PLAIN
6:32 PM URGENT 7-25-73 ERD
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
LOS ANGELES
DETROIT
FROM: SACRAMENTO (44-542) (P) 2P

UNSUBS: KERN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, TEAMSTERS UNION; FRANK QUINTANA, HELEN CHAVEZ, THERESA ALICIA, LILA MANCHA, XAVIER RIVERS, LEONARDO RODRIGUEZ - VICTIMS. CONSPIRACY AGAINST RIGHTS - CIVIL RIGHTS.

RE BUREAU AIRTEL, 7-17-73.

FOR INFORMATION OF LOS ANGELES AND DETROIT, CAPTIONED AIRTEL FORWARD DEPARTMENTAL LETTER WITH ATTACHED LETTER FROM AND TELEGRAM FROM BOTH AND REQUESTED INVESTIGATION OF TERROR (60X) BEING COMMITTED BY THE TEAMSTERS UNION AGAINST UNITED FARM WORKERS. BOTH STATED THEY WERE EYE WITNESSES TO ACTS OF TERROR AND DAMAGE TO PROPERTY OF THE FARM WORKERS. KINDEL ALSO ADVISED

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CORRECT FOURTH LINE FIRST PARA SIX WORD IN XX TO KINDEL
HE HAD EYE WITNESSES TO BEATINGS OF THE FARM WORKERS.

THE CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION REQUESTED LIMITED INVESTIGATION AS FOLLOWS:

INTERVIEW [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] FOR DETAILS OF WHAT THEY SAW. OBTAIN FROM THEM NAMES OF OTHER EYE WITNESSES TO VIOLENCE AGAINST THE FARM WORKERS AND INTERVIEW THEM FOR DETAILS.

INTERVIEW ALL VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE THAT MIGHT BE NAMED FOR THEIR VERSION OF WHAT HAPPENED TO THEM.

FOR INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU, COACHELLA, WHICH IS REFERRED TO BY BOTH [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED], IS LOCATED IN RIVERSIDE COUNTY, COVERED BY THE LOS ANGELES DIVISION. THE APPARENT ALLEGATIONS REFERRED TO BY [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] OCCURRED IN COACHELLA AND ARE NOT PART OF CAPTIONED COMPLAINT.

LOS ANGELES AND DETROIT CONDUCT THE LIMITED INVESTIGATION REQUESTED BY CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT.

END

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NR 002 LA PLAIN
1129 AM URGENT 7-26-73 CXF
TO DIRECTOR
SACRAMENTO (44-542)
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-2545) (P) 2 P

UNSUBS: KERN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, TEAMSTERS UNION;
FRANK QUINTANA, ET AL - VICTIMS. CONSPIRACY AGAINST RIGHTS -
CIVIL RIGHTS.

RE SACRAMENTO TELETYPE, 7-25-73.
DEC 112 -4
RESIDENCE OF [REDACTED] TELEPHONICALLY
CONTACTED TO ARRANGE APPOINTMENT AND [REDACTED] STATED HIS WIFE
[REDACTED], AND WOULD NOT BE IN CONDITION TO BE
INTERVIEWED FOR POSSIBLY THREE WEEKS. HE WAS ADVISED OF NATURE
OF INVESTIGATION AND [REDACTED] STATED HE AND HIS WIFE HAVE
NOT BEEN TO COACHELLA IN APPROXIMATELY FIVE YEARS. HE AND HIS
WIFE SENT LETTERS TO SENATOR ALAN CRANSTON AND DEPARTMENT OF
JUSTICE BACKING CAUSE OF UNITED FARM WORKERS, HOWEVER, HE DENIED

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THEY HAD ANY INFORMATION REGARDING WITNESSING VIOLENCE AGAINST FARM WORKERS. STATED HE AND HIS WIFE COULD FURNISH NO INFORMATION WHATSOEVER CONCERNING THIS INVESTIGATION.

UACS, NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED.

FD-302 BEING FURNISHED SACRAMENTO

END

HOLD

DKS FBI HQ CLR
July 27, 1973
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

The Civil Rights Division of the Department has requested interviews of 6 complainants who are members of the United Farm Workers Union (UFWU) in Kern County, California. It is alleged they have been harassed and intimidated in connection with various boycotts and that local officers have not provided equal protection. This could involve violation of the Civil Rights Statutes.

The attached furnishes details of efforts to locate and interview the alleged victims and apparent lack of cooperation by the legal office of the UFWU to make them readily available. On 7/26/73, over 100 UFWU pickets appeared at the Bakersfield, California, Resident Agency, to make civil rights complaints in connection with this matter. Only one of the original 6 alleged victims was in the group. The pickets were accompanied by a member of the UFWU legal office and 2 employees of the Justice Department's Community Relations Service. Pickets were orderly and no known press coverage; interviews continuing.

Matter being discussed with the Department and instructions will be issued to Sacramento.
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

JUL 26 1973

8:41 PM MITEL 7-26-73 ERD
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SACRAMENTO (44-542) (F) 3P

UNSUBS. KERN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, TEAMSTERS UNION;
FRANK QUINTANA, HELEN CHAVEZ, ET AL - VICTIMS. CONSPIRACY AGAINST
RIGHTS, CIVIL RIGHTS, 001: SACRAMENTO.

RE BU AIRTEL DATED 7-13-73.

FOR INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU, JERRY COHEN, ATTORNEY
FOR THE UNITED FARM WORKERS UNION (UFWU), KEENE, CALIF. WAS
CONTACTED 7-17-73 TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR INTERVIEWS OF THE SIX
VICTIMS LISTED IN RE AIRTEL. HE ADVISED ARRANGEMENTS WOULD BE MADE
TO HAVE ALL SIX AVAILABLE ON 7-19 OR 7-20-73.

ON 7-20-73 EFFORTS TO RE CONTACT COHEN WERE UNSUCCESSFUL.
UFWU HQ AND IT WAS DETERMINED NO MESSAGES WERE LEFT BY COHEN.
ON 7-20-73, LEGAL OFFICE OF UFWU, LAMONT,
CALIF. WAS CONTACTED REGARDING AN INTERVIEW OF THE VICTIMS. TELLER
ADvised SHE WAS THE INDIVIDUAL WHO PROVIDED THE COMMUNITY RELATIONS
SERVICE WITH THE NAMES OF THE VICTIMS AND THE DETAILS OF THE
INCIDENT AT THE JOHN KOVACOVICH RANCH ON 6-28-73. SHE ADVISED
MOST VICTIMS WERE SCATTERED OR IN KERN COUNTY JAIL AND BEING ARRAIGNED
THE SAME DATE. SHE SUGGESTED INTERVIEWS FOR 7-23 OR 7-24-73.

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ON 7-23-73, [REDACTED] WAS RE-CONTACTED AND ADVISED SHE WOULD HAVE THE SIX VICTIMS AVAILABLE AT 2:00 PM 7-24-73, BUT INSISTED ON AT LEAST 15 OR 20 OTHER INTERVIEWS. SHE ALSO ADVISED ALL HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED NOT TO SUBMIT TO INTERVIEWS BY ANYONE EXCEPT THE UFWU LEGAL OFFICE. ON 7-24-73, [REDACTED] STATED SHE HAD BEEN UNABLE TO GATHER VICTIMS BECAUSE THEY WERE STILL SCATTERED. [REDACTED] SUGGESTED INTERVIEWS FOR 2:00 PM 7-25-73, BUT CONSENTED TO 12:00 NOON. ON 7-25-73, [REDACTED] STATED SHE HAD RECEIVED ORDERS TO MAKE THE VICTIMS AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW ON 7-26-73 AT 2:00 PM. SHE STATED THEY COULD NOT COME IN EARLIER BECAUSE THEY DID NOT GET OFF THE PICKET LINES UNTIL 12:00 PM. SHE STATED 15 TO 20 PERSONS WOULD BE IN FOR INTERVIEWS.

ON 7-26-73 AT 2:15 PM, [REDACTED] ACCOMPANIED BY GONZALO CANO AND BILL TALBERT OF THE COMMUNITY RELATIONS SERVICE OF THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT APPEARED AT THE BAKERSFIELD RA WITH OVER 100 UFWU PICKETS FOR THE PURPOSES OF MAKING STATEMENTS REGARDING CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLAINTS IN THE CAPTIONED MATTER.

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CORRECTED LINE 9 WORDS: SELLER
APPROXIMATELY HALF ARE NON-ENGLISH SPEAKING.

OF THE TOTAL NUMBER APPEARING, ONLY HELEN CHAVEZ, OF THE REQUESTED VICTIMS, APPEARED FOR AN INTERVIEW.

UFWU PICKETS CONDUCTED THEMSELVES IN AN ORDERLY MANNER AND THERE WAS NO KNOWN PRESS COVERAGE.

AT 4:40 PM, [REDACTED] ANNOUNCED THE UFWU HAD DECIDED [REDACTED] THEY WOULD NOT REMAIN FOR MORE INTERVIEWS, BUT WOULD RETURN AT ABOUT 8:00 AM, 7-27-73 TO CONTINUE INTERVIEWS OF THOSE NOT INTERVIEWED ON 7-26-73.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING. BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED.

END
UNSUBS: KERN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, TEAMSTERS UNION;
FRANK QUINTANA, HELEN CHAVEZ, TERESA ALICIA, LILA MANCHA,
XAVIER RIVERS, LEONARD RODRIGUEZ - VICTIMS. CONSPIRACY
AGAINST RIGHTS - CIVIL RIGHTS. CC: SACRAMENTO.

RE SACRAMENTO NITEL TO BUREAU 7-26-73.

CONTRARY TO STATEMENTS IN REFERENCED NITEL, LOCAL TELEVISION
COVERAGE WAS AFFORDED THE APPEARANCES OF UNITED FARM WORKERS (UFW),
PICKETS AT THE BAKERSFIELD RESIDENT AGENCY ON 7-27-73. NO
ADVERSE PUBLICITY DEVELOPED AND NO PUBLIC STATEMENTS ARE KNOWN
TO HAVE BEEN MADE BY UFW.

AT 7:50 A.M., 7-27-73, LEGAL DEPARTMENT, UNITED FARM WORKERS UNION (UFWU), LAMONT, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED
THAT UFWU PICKETS WOULD BE IN THE BAKERSFIELD RESIDENT AGENCY
WITHIN ONE-HALF HOUR TO CONTINUE GIVING STATEMENTS REGARDING...
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Captioned matter. Prior commitments on 7-27-73, by indicated that about 20 non-English speaking persons would be in for interview. At 8-24 a.m., and five UFW, including three who speak only Spanish, arrived and provided statements. None of the five who arrived today are the five outstanding victims for whom request has been made for interview.

The importance for interview of these five victims was stressed to she advised she felt the 15 or 20 witnesses who observed the incidents would suffice.

She advised that the current whereabouts of victim Xavier Rivers is unknown; however, he is somewhere in Texas.

The termination of this facet of the discussion, agreed as in the past, to bring the victims in.

At today's meeting, requested copies of statements from each interview for UFWU files, including notes from one end page two.
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INTERVIEW FROM WHICH NO STATEMENT WAS APPROPRIATE. HER REQUEST
WAS DENIED AND IT WAS TACTFULLY EXPLAINED THAT COPIES OF THE
STATEMENTS WOULD BE PROVIDED ONLY TO THE INTERVIEWEE ON HIS
SPECIFIC REQUEST. BECAME UPSET AND STATED THE FBI WAS
TOO WRAPPED UP IN RULES AND REGULATIONS, AND THAT, "NO ONE
HAS THE C告诉你 TO JUST GIVE IN TO ME". THEN SLAMMED THE
DOOR AND LEFT THE BAKERSFIELD RESIDENT AGENCY.

IT IS ALSO NOTED THAT ON 7-26-73, Brought in
PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN BY UFWU DURING CAPTIONED INCIDENT, BUT REFUSED
TO MAKE THEM AVAILABLE BECAUSE ALL COPIES ARE NECESSARY TO THEIR
FILES. NEITHER WOULD SHE PERMIT THEM OUT OF HER CUSTODY TO BE
Duplicated BY THE FBI.

ON 7-27-73, Advised she is now agreeable to providing
A COPY OF THESE PHOTOGRAPHS, AND WILL HAVE ONE COPY DUPLICATED
AND FURNISHED SOME TIME NEXT WEEK.

END PAGE THREE
ADDITIONAL INTERVIEWS ARE STILL IN PROCESS AND ARE EXPECTED TO CONTINUE IN THE BAKERSFIELD RESIDENT AGENCY; HOWEVER, THE NUMBER IS UNKNOWN BECAUSE NONE OF THE PREVIOUS COMMITMENTS BY UFWU HAVE MATERIALIZED ACCORDING TO ANTICIPATED PREARRANGED INTERVIEWS.

NO EFFORTS ARE BEING EXPENDED BY FBI AGENTS TO LOCATE THE FIVE VICTIMS, FOUR OF WHOM ARE MOST CERTAINLY LOCATED ON THE PICKET LINES, BECAUSE IT IS FELT TO DO SO WOULD BE TOTALLY UNDESIRABLE. AGENTS WILL CONTINUE TO ATTEMPT TO WORK THROUGH THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT OF UFWU, TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW THE CAPTIONED WITNESSES.

ADMINISTRATIVE. IT IS THE IMPRESSION OF THE INTERVIEWING AGENTS AT BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA, THAT THE INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE SUBMITTED TO INTERVIEW TO DATE, HAVE CONDUCTED THEMSELVES IN A GENTLEMANLY MANNER; HOWEVER, IT IS FELT THAT THEY ARE BEING USED BY UFWU LEGAL OFFICE, WHO HAVE BEEN MOST DIFFICULT TO DEAL WITH TO DATE.

BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED.

END

HOLD
MR 227 SC PLAIN

655 PM URGENT 7-31-73 WCH

TO DIRECTOR

FROM SACRAMENTO (44-542)

LABOR DISPUTE BETWEEN UNITED FARM WORKERS UNION AND TEAMSTERS

UNION, KERN COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, 7-31-73. CIVIL DISTURBANCE.

At 1:30 P.M., 7-31-73, the LEGAL DEPARTMENT, UNITED FARM WORKERS UNION (UFWU), LAMONT, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED SHE WANTS TO ALERT FBI THEY WILL BE FILING ADDITIONAL CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLAINTS AS SOON AS THEY CAN REGROUP THEIR PEOPLE. SHE ADVISED THAT SOME OF HER PEOPLE WERE BEATEN THIS MORNING BY KERN COUNTY SO DEPUTIES WHILE PICKETING AT GUITARRA RANCH ON EDISON ROAD NEAR HIGHWAY 58, EAST OF BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA.

A CONFRONTATION DEVELOPED AT THE WALBANDIAN RANCH ON PANAMA ROAD NEAR VINELAND BETWEEN THE TEAMSTERS UNION AND UFWU AND FIGHTS BROKE OUT. SHE ADVISED THE KERN COUNTY SO REFUSED TO ACCEPT COMPLAINTS ON THE SPOT OR TO RECOGNIZE CITIZENS ARREST MADE BY UFWU.

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CC - PHILLIP

INCL. IN JANUARY TO WHITE HOUSE AND ATTORNEY GENERAL. DATE
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[Redacted] ADVISED SHE HAD THE GOOD FORTUNE TO BE PRESENT AT BOTH SITES AND WAS MACE AT THE LATTER SITE WHILE TAKING PHOTOGRAPHS. ADDITIONALLY, SHE ADVISED UFWU WILL BE HOLDING A PRESS CONFERENCE IN FRONT OF THE KERN COUNTY JAIL APPROXIMATELY 2:00 PM.

AT APPROXIMATELY 2:45 PM, UFWU HELD PRESS CONFERENCE NEAR KERN COUNTY JAIL ENTRANCE, HEADED BY UFWU ATTORNEY [Redacted] . CONFERENCE WAS ATTENDED BY VARIOUS MEMBERS OF TELEVISION AND PRESS. [Redacted] STATED THIS IS SHAPING UP TO BE ANOTHER SELMA, ALABAMA, AND DEMANDED PRIVATE CITIZENS GO OUT TO OBSERVE ACTIVITIES OF THE KERN COUNTY SO TO FORCE THEM TO DO THEIR JOB. [Redacted] STATED THAT 38 UFWU PICKETS HAVE BEEN ARRESTED TODAY OF WHICH 16 HAVE BEEN BEaten.

EARLIER TODAY [Redacted] ADVISED THAT THE SHERIFF’S OFFICE HAS 236 COMMISSIONED OFFICERS, OF WHICH OVER 100 ARE ASSIGNED TO THE
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STRIKE DETAIL. ALL VACATIONS HAVE BEEN CANCELLED AND EFFORTS ARE BEING MADE TO CARRY ON BUSINESS AS NORMAL AS POSSIBLE.

STATED UFWU HAS BEEN PICKETING AT UP TO 15 DIFFERENT SITES TODAY AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN KERN COUNTY IN THE AREAS OF ARVIN, LAMONT, BAKERSFIELD, WASCO, AND DELANO, CALIFORNIA, WHICH SPANS A DISTANCE OF ABOUT 70 MILES. PICKETS AT EACH SITE VARY FROM ABOUT 30 TO 200. UFWU PICKETS IN KERN COUNTY TODAY ARE ESTIMATED TO BE IN EXCESS OF 2,100.

AS OF 2:00 PM, APPROXIMATELY 30 TO 35 UFWU PICKETS HAVE BEEN ARRESTED FOR VARIOUS CHARGES, INCLUDING TRESPASSING, ASSAULT, RESISTING, AND MALISCIOUS MISCHIEF.

ADvised that the Sheriff's Office is strained to the limit and 50 California Highway Patrol Officers have been requested through the Community Service Agency, Sacramento, California.

ADvised that during initial incident today at end page three
GUIMARRA RANCH ON EDISON ROAD, UFWU PICKETS ATTEMPTED TO PROVOKE
DEPUTIES INTO A SHOOTING. PICKETS ATTACKED WORKERS IN THE FIELD,
WHICH STARTED CONFUSION. AT THAT POINT, PICKETS THREW CHERRY
BOMB FIRECRACKERS INTO CROWD SIMULATING SHOOTING. ONE DEPUTY
SUFFERED A LACERATED ARM DURING THIS MELEE. ONE PICKET ATTEMPTED
TO STEAL GUN FROM ONE DEPUTY SHERIFF BUT WAS STOPPED BY ANOTHER
DEPUTY WHEN HE STRUCK HIM ACROSS THE ARM WITH HIS NIGHTSTICK,
CAUSING HIM TO DROP THE GUN IN THE ROAD; HOWEVER, THE PICKET
ESCAPED INTO THE CROWD.

ALSO ADVISED THAT IN TODAY'S ACTIVITIES, THE WINDSHIELDS
FROM TWO SEPARATE PATROL CARS HAVE BEEN BROKEN OUT BY PICKETS AND
TIRES SLASHED ON AT LEAST ONE PATROL CAR. ADDITIONALLY, DEPUTY
SHERIFFS WERE VICTIMS OF ROCKS THROWN BY NUMEROUS PERSONS ON
THE PICKET LINE. HE ALSO NOTED THAT TIRES WERE SLASHED ON
AT LEAST ONE PATROL CAR DURING YESTERDAY'S ACTIVITIES.

END

PO PLS HOLD
NR 005 SC PLAIN
8:44 PM NITEL 8-1-73 WCH
TO DIRECTOR
FROM SACRAMENTO (44-542)(P) 2P
KERN COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT, TEAMSTERS UNION; FRANK QUINTANA, ET AL DASH VICTIMS. CONSPIRACY AGAINST RIGHTS, CIVIL RIGHTS.

RE SACRAMENTO NITEL TO THE BUREAU, 7-30-73.

CONTACT WITH [REDACTED] USWU, LEGAL OFFICE, LAMONT, CALIFORNIA, ON 7-31-73, DISCLOSES THEY HAVE NOT YET LOCATED TERESA ALICIA, XAVIER RIVERA, AND LEONARD RODRIGUEZ.

ON 8-1-73, EFFORTS TO RECONTACT [REDACTED] WERE NEGATIVE BECAUSE OF HER OCCUPATION IN PICKET ACTIVITIES OF USWU.

TO DATE 25 USWU REPRESENTATIVES WHO OBSERVED ACTIVITIES AT THE JOHN KOVACEVICH RANCH ON JUNE 28, 1973 HAVE PROVIDED SIGNED STATEMENTS. OF THE 25 STATEMENTS THREE ARE VICTIMS.

AT PRESENT, USWU IS ENGAGED IN HEAVY PICKETING OF RANCHES IN FRESNO, TULARE, AND KERN COUNTIES. SPONTANEOUS VIOLENCE HAS OCCURRED AT VARIOUS PICKET SITES.

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IN VIEW OF THE CURRENT SITUATION AND THE UNSUCCESSFUL
ATTEMPTS OF USWU TO LOCATE THE THREE REMAINING VICTIMS, ACTIVE
EFFORTS ARE NOT BEING MADE TO LOCATE THE VICTIMS BY THE FBI.
HOWEVER THEY WILL BE INTERVIEWED IF THEY SHOULD APPEAR AT THE
BAKERSFIELD RA.

UACB, REPORT IS BEING SUBMITTED ON BASIS OF INVESTIGATION
CONDUCTED TO DATE WHICH WILL NOT INCLUDE THREE VICTIMS.

END

MSI FBHQ ACK 4 CLR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE        OFFICE OF ORIGIN        DATE        INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
SACRAMENTO              SACRAMENTO             8/6/73        7/17/73 - 8/2/73

TITLE OF CASE
CHANGED
UNSUBST; Kern County
Sheriff's Department, Teamsters
Union;
FRANK QUINTANA - VICTIM;
HELEN CHAVEZ - VICTIM;
TERESA ALICIA - VICTIM;
LILA MANCHA - VICTIM;
JAVIER RIVERA, aka
Xavier Rivers - VICTIM;
LEONARD RODRIGUEZ - VICTIM

REPORT MADE BY
[Blank]

CHARACTER OF CASE
CONSPIRACY AGAINST RIGHTS;
CIVIL RIGHTS

Title is marked changed to disclose correct
name spelling of Victim JAVIER RIVERA previously carried
as XAVIER RIVERS as determined through United Farm Workers
Union (UFWU).

REFERENCE: Bureau airtel to Sacramento, dated 7/13/73.
Bureau airtel to Sacramento, dated 7/17/73.
Sacramento nitel to Bureau, dated 7/25/73.
Sacramento nitel to Bureau, dated 7/26/73.
Los Angeles nitel to Bureau, dated 7/26/73.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED

ACQUIT-TALS

CASE HAS BEEN:
PEI.NDI.

APPROVED

DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW

2 - Bureau (Enc. 10)
1 - AUSA, Fresno (Enc. 5)
1 - Sacramento (44-542)

Agency
Request Recd.
Date Recd.
How Recd.
By

Dissemination Record of Attached Report
Notations

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Sacramento nitel to Bureau, dated 7/27/73.
Sacramento nitel to Bureau, dated 7/30/73.
Sacramento nitel to Bureau, dated 8/1/73.

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ENCLOSURES

TO BUREAU

Two (2) copies each of line photographs taken by UFWU photographer on 6/28/73.

LEAD

SACRAMENTO

AT BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA. Will report results of investigation from Detroit which was requested in referenced Sacramento nitel to Bureau, dated 7/25/73.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - AUSA, Fresno (Enc. 5)

Report of:
Date: 8/6/73

Field Office File #: 44-542

Title: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
Kern County Sheriff's Department,
Teamsters Union;
FRANK QUINTANA - VICTIM;
HELEN CHAVEZ - VICTIM;
TERESA ALICIA - VICTIM;
LILA MANCHA - VICTIM;
JAVIER RIVERA - VICTIM;
LEONARD RODRIGUEZ - VICTIM

Synopsis:

Twenty-five signed statements obtained from United Farm Workers Union (UFWU) pickets who witnessed and were part of altercation between UFWU and Teamsters Unions at John Kovacevich Ranch, 6/28/73, Lamont, California. Copies of also set forth. One deputy sheriff and one unarmed deputy were on duty at scene at time of altercation. Reinforcements responded to radio call for help by deputy when altercation started. All 28 teamsters who were on the scene submitted to arrest by Kern County Sheriff's Department and were booked into Kern County Jail. Four UFWU pickets were transported to Kern General Hospital, Bakersfield, California, for medical attention. Medical information set forth. AUSA, Fresno, California, desires no further investigation.

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ENCLOSURES:

TO AUSA, FRESNO

One (1) set of five photographs taken by
United Farm Workers Union (UFWU) photographer on 6/28/73, at the John Kovacevich Ranch on Wheeler Ridge Road near David Road, Lamont, California.

DETAILS:

This report contains the results of a limited investigation.

JERRY COHEN, Attorney for the United Farm Workers Union (UFWU), Keene, California, was contacted July 17, 1973, to make arrangements for interviews of the six captioned victims. He advised arrangements would be made to have all six available on July 19, or 20, 1973.

On July 20, 1973, efforts to recontact COHEN were unsuccessful at UFWU headquarters, and it was determined no messages were left by COHEN.

On July 20, 1973, [name redacted] Legal Office of UFWU, Lamont, California was contacted regarding an interview of the victims. [name redacted] advised she was the individual who provided the Community Relations Service with the names of the victims and the details of the incident at the John Kovacovich Ranch on June 28, 1973. She advised most victims were scattered or in Kern County Jail and being arraigned the same date. She suggested interviews for July 23, or 24, 1973.

On July 23, 1973, [name redacted] was recontacted and advised she would have the six victims available at 2:00 P.M., July 24, 1973, but insisted on at least 15 to 20 other interviews. She also advised all had been instructed not to submit to interviews by anyone except the UFWU legal office.
On July 24, 1973, [REDACTED] stated she had been [REDACTED] unable to gather victims because they were still scattered. [REDACTED] suggested interviews for 2:00 P.M., July 25, 1973, but consented to 12:00 noon.

On July 25, 1973, [REDACTED] stated she had received [REDACTED] orders to make the victims available for interview on July 26, 1973, at 2:00 P.M. She stated they could not come in earlier because they did not get off the picket lines until 12:00 noon. She stated 15 to 20 persons would be in for interview.


Approximately half were nonEnglish speaking.

Of the total number appearing, only HELEN CHAVEZ of the requested victims appeared for an interview.

At 4:40 P.M., [REDACTED] announced the UFWU [REDACTED] had decided they would not remain for more interviews but would return at about 8:00 A.M., July 27, 1973, to continue interviews of those not interviewed on July 26, 1973.

On July 27, 1973, six additional members of UFWU appeared in Bakersfield Resident Agency and provided signed statements. None of those who appeared were among the six requested victims.
On July 30, 1973, [redacted] made available [redacted] Victims FRANK QUINTANA and LILA MANCHA. She advised she had determined that XAVIER RIVERA had departed for Texas and his whereabouts are unknown. She also advised she had been unable to locate Victims TERESA ALICIA and LEONARD RODRIGUEZ; however, she will continue efforts to locate and bring them in for interview.

On July 31, 1973, [redacted] was recontacted at [redacted] which time she advised she had been unable to locate the victims.

On August 1, 1973, efforts to contact [redacted] at UFWU headquarters, Lamont, California, determined that [redacted] was working on the picket lines for UFWU.
made available the attached reports from his office which deal with an incident involving the Teamsters Union and the UFWU on Wheeler Ridge Road at the John Kovacevich Ranch near Lamont, California, on June 28, 1973.
was present at the picket site of John Kovacevich Ranch where the altercation developed between the teamsters and UFWU. Immediately after the teamsters attacked the UFWU pickets, went directly to the scene. As a result, all 28 teamsters were arrested within minutes and transported to the Kern County Jail.
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On July 26, 1973, [redacted] advised she has (b)(7)(C) a group of photographs taken by the UFWU photographer on the morning of June 28, 1973, at scene of captioned incident. She refused to provide any photographs.

On July 27, 1973, [redacted] advised she had provided pertinent photographs to the Kern County District Attorney's Office in Bakersfield and was agreeable to providing them to the FBI. She advised she could not let her copy out of her custody but would provide a copy during the following week.

On July 30, 1973, BILL SKINNER, Investigator, Kern County District Attorney's Office, Bakersfield, provided five negatives of photographs. SKINNER advised that a representative of UFWU had briefly loaned his office these five photographs for the purpose of copying with instructions to provide a copy to the FBI. SKINNER advised a copy had been made for the FBI but did not turn out thus he is providing the negatives made when the photographs were copied.

SKINNER advised his office will use these photographs to assist in identifying responsible parties at the assault on UFWU pickets on June 28, 1973.

AT BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA
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advised he wanted to furnish information as follows:

On June 27, 1973, [redacted] obtained information that 30 or so teamsters had come into the area and had gone to one of the picket lines at Roberts Farm on Malaga Road between DiGiorgio Road and Buena Vista Road. He also heard from a picket captain on the scene, [redacted] that [redacted] teamsters had torn down one of UFWU loudspeaker systems.

As a result of this, he became fearful of increased activity by the teamsters and went to [redacted] of the Kern County Sheriff's Office in Lamont, California, asking for protection and explaining to him about the teamsters coming into the area, of which he said he was aware.

[redacted] said he only had so many men to deploy and referred him to his superiors. Later the same day, he telephonically contacted [redacted] in Bakersfield and asked him for protection where they had pickets at ranches who had signed contracts with the teamsters. The sheriff said he does not have enough people to cover all of the picket lines, and [redacted] told him that was his problem. [redacted] said he did not have enough picket captains for the picket lines and that was [redacted] problem. The sheriff did not commit himself to anything but stated the UFWU wants protection, the growers want protection and the teamsters want protection. The sheriff said he did not have enough men to furnish protection to everyone, and this terminated the conversation.
stated he could not furnish any specific information regarding violent acts by the teamsters at the John Kovacevich Ranch on June 28, 1973, that he himself witnessed but felt the above information is pertinent.
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FBI/DOJ
On August 2, 1973, instant matter was discussed with Assistant U. S. Attorney (AUSA) THOMAS T. COURIS, Eastern District of California (EDC), Fresno, California. He advised he does not desire further investigation at this point. He also advised he does not feel this case has any prosecutive merit with respect to the Kern County Sheriff's Office.

COURIS advised he is desirous of receiving instant report and reviewing with regard to conspiracy by the Teamsters Union after which he will furnish his views directly to the Department of Justice.

COURIS further advised he does not feel that further efforts to locate and interview the three victims who have not appeared are warranted in view of the statements taken and the unsuccessful efforts to locate them to date.
On June 28, 1973, 28 individuals associated with the Teamsters Union were arrested by the Kern County Sheriff's Office and booked into the Kern County Jail, Bakersfield, California.

JOSEPH JOHNSON, Chief Investigator, Kern County District Attorney's Office, Bakersfield, advised on August 6, 1973, that due to the lack of cooperation in general by the UFWU, 17 of these individuals arrested had to be released without charge. At the present time, 11 Teamster members are still under charge, and cases involving six have been presented to a county grand jury; however, results of the grand jury's decision, if any, have not been made public. It is expected that five of the 11 will not be presented to a grand jury in the future and that five of the six cases presented will probably be dismissed resulting in only one indictment.
10 Enclosures to Bureau
Re: SC rpt of SA dated 8/6/73

SC FILE: 44-542

SUBJECT: UNSUBS; Kern County Sheriff's Department, Teamsters Union;
FRANK QUINTANA - VICTIM;
HELEN CHAVEZ - VICTIM;
TERESA ALICIA - VICTIM;
ET AL
CONSPIRACY AGAINST RIGHTS;
CIVIL RIGHTS
OO: SC
Memorandum

TO: Director
   Federal Bureau of Investigation

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

SUBJECT: Unknown Subjects,
          Kern County Sheriff's Department,
          Teamster's Union;
          Frank Quintana, Helen Chavez,
          Teresa Alicia, Lila Mancha,
          Xavier Rivers,
          Leonard Rodriguez - Victims
          Conspiracy Against Rights
          CIVIL RIGHTS

Reference is made to our memorandum dated July 11, 1973 to you. -

Officials of the Community Relations Service have provided this Division with the twelve attached affidavits from persons present during the incident.

Please conduct the following additional investigation:

1. Interview the following twelve persons to determine what actions, if any, were taken by Kern County Sheriff's Deputies and Delano Private Patrol Officers before, during and after the incident. In this connection, note that the attached affidavits of these victims detail specific knowledge of the actions of deputies and/or Delano Patrol Officers.

ENCLOSURE ATTACHED

1973-04
1. Kathleen Murga
2. Charlene Nicholle
3. Arnulfo Mancha
4. Salvador Monafrez
5. Salvador Monarrez, Jr.
6. Larryacus
7. David Tamez
8. Beatrice Morales
9. Mike Abapu
10. George Acosta
11. Alberto Blanco
12. Consuelo Blanco

Also determine if any of these twelve persons had conversations with police or deputies at the scene and ascertain details of those conversations.

2. Obtain copies of any police reports or arrest records arising out of this incident.

3. Determine what type of equipment Delano Private Patrol Officers are authorized to use, and what training, if any, they are required to receive before carrying such weapons.

4. Interview Marty Bozina for knowledge he has of the incident. In this connection note that Victims Alberto and Consuelo Blanco mention that Bozina arrived shortly before teamsters arrived and talked to law enforcement officials throughout the melee. Determine if Bozina had any prior knowledge that teamsters were coming to the ranch and if so ascertain how he came to know this.

5. Determine what Sheriff's Deputies and Delano Patrol Officers were present and interview them for knowledge they might have of incident.
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From: Director, FBI REC 74-4-14-7102 - 9

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Enclosed are two copies of a self-explanatory Departmental letter dated 8/15/73, with enclosures.

Complete the requested investigation in accordance with the provisions of Section . 27, Volume . 44, 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 preliminary.

Advise all persons interviewed appropriate officials at the outset that this investigation is being conducted at the specific request of the U.S. Department of Justice.

Remarks:

With regard to the interviews of the 12 persons listed on page 2 of the enclosed request, refer contained the interviews of numbers 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7; therefore, you do not have to conduct those interviews.

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RE: UNSUBS, KERN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

NOTE: CRD, USDJ, requested additional investigation of allegations that victims were assaulted by members of the Teamsters Union while deputies of the Kern County Sheriff's Office stood by. This request included the interview of 12 persons; however, 6 of these had previously been interviewed; therefore, Sacramento is being instructed not to conduct those again.
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TEAMSTERS UNION;
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THERESA ALICIA, LILA MANCHA,
XAVIER RIVERAS, LEONARD
RODRIGUEZ - VICTIMS

**REFERENCE:** Sacramento teletype to Bureau, 7/25/73.

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Title: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; KERN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, TEAMSTERS UNION; FRANK QUINTANA, HELEN CHAVEZ, THERESA ALICIA, LILA MANCHA, XAVIER RIVERS, LEONARD RODRIGUEZ - VICTIMS

Character Synopsis: CONSPIRACY AGAINST RIGHTS - CIVIL RIGHTS

advised he has no first-hand knowledge nor did he witness any incident at Coachella, California. furnished a copy of his report to the of Detroit.

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Six people from Michigan made up the CCMA Task Force that traveled to the Coachella Valley to understand the full implications of the Teamster-United Farm Worker dispute. The members of the Task Force were the following: Rev. Peter Dougherty, Catholic Campus Ministry, Eastern Michigan University; Pamela Lemecand, student, Wayne State University; Sr. Joan Tirak, Catholic Campus Ministry, Eastern Michigan University; Stephanie Dabrowski, student, Wayne State University; Marie Parker, student, Eastern Michigan University; Rev. Reymond Kinkel, Catholic Campus Ministry, Wayne State University.

On April 15, 1973, the Teamsters Union announced that it signed contracts with a majority of the table grape growers in the Coachella Valley (California). These growers produce 85% of the valley's table grapes. For the past three years these growers had been under contract with Cesar Chavez' United Farm Workers' Union. One of the first goals of our Task Force was to find out why the UFW was dumped and why the Teamsters were able to move in and take over as the field workers' representative.

Beginning of the Story

Last December at a convention of the American Farm Bureau, Teamster Pres. Frank Fitzsimmons proposed an alliance between organized labor and agribusiness to fight Chavez and "his revolutionaries" (NEWSWEEK, May 21, 1973). Incidentally, the Chavez-led UFW is 30,000 members strong.

Within months the Teamsters turned their attention to the table grape growers of California. Since this is a $200 million dollar a year industry, one can understand why the Teamsters would head in this direction.

For an overview as to where the table grape vineyards are in California, this three part division seems helpful:

A) Coachella Valley 10% of grape indus.
B) Arvin-Lamont 30% of grape indus.
C) Delano 60% of grape indus.

The UFW has called strikes in the Coachella Valley and the Arvin-Lamont area since most of the growers in these places have signed with the Teamsters. Right now almost 40% of the table grape industry has signed up with the Teamsters; contracts in the Delano area do not expire until the end of July, 1973.

At first the Teamsters concentrated on southern California's Coachella Valley. With the UFW contract due to expire on April 14, 1973, Teamster organizers went into the fields and by March 1, 1973, they proclaimed to the growers that they had more than 4,100 signatures of field workers who claimed they wanted to be represented by the Teamsters. They were saying, in effect, that they "decertified" the UFW union and established themselves (Teamsters) as the farm workers' representative in the table grape industry.

Some Problems with the Teamster Claims

Because of the above there are some serious problems with the latest Teamster move against the UFW.

A. There are serious questions about the legitimacy and authenticity of the signatures gathered by the Teamsters. NEWSWEEK's Peter Greenberg (May 21, 1973) discovered upon examining the signatures that many were remarkably similar. The UFW legal department is taking declarations under oath from many workers whose names appear on the Teamster petition.
This is the kind of evidence the UFW has in its legal case against the Teamsters.

A farmworker: "First off, I do not wish to be represented by the Teamsters and secondly, I never signed that petition. My name is there, but it is not my signature. I would never sign a petition like that. I am angered that someone else would put my name on a petition like that. I am and always have been a loyal "Chavista" and do not want the Teamsters at all." -- a worker from H & M Trennco.

The UFW will bring a legal case against the Teamsters, claiming that they forged many farm worker names to their so-called list of 4,100. Second, the UFW will show that the Teamsters used force to get people to sign a petition saying they wanted to be represented by the Teamsters Union.

It should be pointed out here that the growers are not completely free from blame. All the growers in the Coachella Valley, except Steinberg and Larson, signed with the Teamsters. Whether the growers who signed with the Teamsters cooperated in the above mentioned improper activity, we probably will never know. In the end we will see that all parties—growers, Teamsters and UFW—made mistakes.

As far as the UFW is concerned, no matter what the courts do, (justice grinds exceedingly slowly at times) the future of their union is at stake. They cannot wait for court decisions. Right now the Teamsters have 85% of the Coachella Valley table grape contracts. As tough Ralph Cotner of the Teamsters puts it: "We've got no reasons to leave. We got the workers...and we're gonna keep 'em." So, the UFW has called an all out strike boycott of Coachella Valley Teamster grapes. We will report later on about the present status of the strike and how effective it has been.

B. One last thing about Teamster statistics and techniques. NEWSWEEK (May 21, 1973) reported that by March 1, 1973, the Teamsters asserted they had more than 4,100 signatures of farm workers who maintained they wanted the Teamsters as their union. At that time, however, there were at that many field workers in the grape vineyards! To be certain of this, on June 20, 1973, we contacted Floyd Marlowe, Farm Worker Representative, Calif. Dept. of Human Resources Development. He said that on March 30, 1973, his records show that there were 500 farm workers in the grapes. Pre-harvest work of thinning was being done and hence not that many workers were in the Coachella Valley at that time.

How did the Teamsters get the 4,100 names they have on their list? No one seems to know and they are not telling. At this writing (June 22) Mr. Marlowe says there are 3,900 field workers in the grapes. There are 1,000 strikers. Hence there are approximately 4,900 farm workers in the Valley at this time. 1,000 of the 4,900 are UFW strikers; another 800 are UFW farm workers employed by Larson and Steinberg, the two growers in the Coachella Valley that signed with Cesar Chavez. That leaves 3,100 farm workers in the fields of growers with Teamster contracts. Are all these workers committed to the Teamsters? Increasingly we are finding by talking to "Teamster" farm workers that they need money. They are poor people and the grape harvest is one of the ways they can make some money to keep them going. Many support Cesar Chavez and the UFW. We cannot begin to speculate as to how the Teamsters got their figure of 4,100. But we do have some leads. The following declaration was given under oath:

I have been working for the Company for the last 6 years. Until Monday, the 16th of April, I worked under UFW contract. Two times the Teamsters came to our fields before the UFW contract expired. They asked me to sign a piece of paper whereby I would support the new Teamster contract. I told them I didn't want to sign because I was already represented by the union of Cesar Chavez. I saw that the majority of the other people who were working with me didn't want to sign.

On Monday, April 16, the UFW contract expired. The next day, our foreman, instead of sending us to work, told us to stay in the camp. He said that we would be paid that day even though we didn't work. A little bit later, the Teamsters arrived. Jerry ------- the boss of the camp, was there when we arrived. Out of the Teamster that I had to sign if I wanted to keep working. I didn't want to sign, but I
have a family. I worked there for six years and I was afraid if I lost my job there I wouldn't be able to find work anywhere else. So I had to sign. I think that a lot of people signed because they were also afraid of losing their jobs.

Because of this kind of confusion and deception, a poll of about 1,000 field workers in 31 fields in the Coachella Valley was taken on April 10, 1973. Floyd Marlowe estimates that there were between 1,700 and 1,600 field workers in the grapes at that time. Hence this poll of approximately 1,000 would seemingly be rather valid. A committee of 25 civic, religious and labor leaders helped to take this poll. Msgr. George Higgins, U.S. Catholic Conference, was a member of the committee. The results of the poll were as follows:

- 795 votes for UFW
- 80 votes for Teamsters
- 78 votes for no union

C. Some conclusions. From the foregoing the following conclusions seem warranted:

1) The UFW is the choice of the field workers.
2) The Teamsters through various means tried to make the public think that they are the choice of the field workers.
3) The Teamsters are the choice of the growers. Some theories as to why the Teamsters want to organize field workers and why the growers prefer the Teamsters will be dealt with later.
4) Bluntly, the growers want one union (Teamsters) and the field workers want another (UFW). The growers signed with the Teamsters without respect to the wishes of the workers. This is O.K. if we subscribe to the philosophy that the employer determines what union will represent the workers. However, if in this situation we use the model of organized labor the following would occur:
   a) A rival or raiding union (the Teamsters in this case) on claiming to represent the workers previously under contract with another union (UFW).
   b) Must have workers file for a "decertification" election in which through secret ballot, the workers determine the union of their choice.

The most remarkable thing to do now in the Coachella Valley is not to side with the Teamsters (we have 4,100 votes!); we should say categorically that we are on the side of the UFW (we have the support of the workers). Rather, to solve this whole problem there should be secret elections supervised by a third party. We feel from the facts we have seen the UFW would win, since they do have the support of the field workers. But this is not to say there is no dissatisfaction or opposition to Cesar Chavez by some field workers. However, we feel the majority of the workers are on his side.

5) A final conclusion about the pact the Teamsters have with the growers in the Coachella Valley. The contract was signed with little or no discussion with farm workers. Farm workers did not determine the content. Subsequently, they did not ratify the contract which was signed by the Teamsters and the growers. This clear indication that the issue in the table grape dispute of 1973 is essentially the same as the dispute in the late 60's. That is, whether or not farm workers can have a union of their own which is governed by the rank and file and not by a few outsiders and "big brothers" who feel they know what is best for the workers.

The Present Situation of the Strike in the Coachella Valley

Because of the circumstances surrounding the grower-Teamster pact, the UFW has called a strike-boycott of all Coachella Valley grapes picked by the Teamsters. There are about 1,000 UFW strikers, as was reported by the local press when our task force visited the valley. Floyd Marlowe, a State of California official, confirmed this figure and said there are 3,900 farm workers in the grapes; 500 of these are working under UFW contracts. That means that approximately 3,400 farm workers belong to the Teamster work force, a figure that is disputed by UFW officials. They claim that about 2,200 people are actually working under the Teamster contract. Numerous sources in Coachella have told us that 4,900 farm workers are needed at the peak of the grape season to bring in the harvest. At present, the growers are at the peak of their harvest and are Northwesting to these equations the fact that they don't have sufficient workers to do the job. However, the growers claim they are suf-
The following points must be kept in mind if one is to understand fully why the strike exists.

A. At the heart of the grower-Teamster UFW dispute is the question of the hiring hall. The UFW maintains that the hiring hall is essential in order to check grower exploitation of the farm worker.

The background on this issue has to do with the growers' practice of using a "labor contractor" to get the field workers to bring in the harvest. The UFW has always fought against the presence of the labor contractor (or its equivalent); thus the labor contractor vs. the hiring hall was the major bone of contention between the growers and the UFW.

How does the labor contractor operate in theory? Suppose a grower needs 200 field workers. Most likely he will have 4 labor contractors whose job it will be to get 50 workers to do the work in the fields. In this system many abuses can develop and have developed over the years.

In the past labor contractors would be paid a lump sum by the grower; the labor contractor would then pay the farm worker out of his pocket. Hence he could maintain the "power of the purse." He could ask for a payoff for giving someone a job as well as a percentage of the farm worker's wages. If a woman is asking for a job, she may have to do the labor contractor a "favor" or two. Labor contractors have been known to hire only young men (20 to 40 years of age) whom they could force to work fast and thus get the most out of the wages they pay. Thus women and older men would be discriminated against. Certainly there would always be the problem of the labor contractor hiring only his favorites.

To make sure that these abuses would cease the UFW has demanded in its contracts that there be a hiring hall; the workers receive jobs through a seniority system. A person's seniority in the UFW is determined according to how long one has been a member of the union.

Suppose a grower needs 200 workers to pick grapes. He would send this request to the UFW hiring hall in Coachella. The workers are then dispatched to the grower according to seniority. The grower will usually have a foreman for every 50 men whose task is to assign work and coordinate the efforts of the crew. He has no authority to hire. Growers complain that the hiring hall cannot work, and this they maintain, was the major reason why they refused to sign again with Cesar Chavez. The Teamsters did not push the idea of the hiring hall in their contract and so the growers signed with them. The deal the Teamsters made with the growers has been called in the media a "sweetheart contract." We can see exactly what this means in relation to the labor contractor. The Teamster-grower contract is a sweetheart deal in the sense that the union (Teamsters) has sold out the workers by negotiating a contract for the good of the employers and not the workers, e.g., labor contractor issue.

The UFW maintains that the Teamster "foreman" is the equivalent of the labor contractor, and hence there are the same old abuses creeping in. The growers on the other hand say there is no substance to this charge and that the role of the foreman is to provide field workers and coordinate work efforts.

B. To fight the growers and the Teamsters the UFW has been given $1.5 million for strike benefits by George Meany, AFL-CIO chief. Each person on strike is given $90 per week (the strike breakers in the fields are making about $120 per week). Those on strike do more than sit home and collect pay checks. All strikers meet at the local Coachella park at 4:30 a.m. daily. Picket captains group the strikers who then begin to set out in caravans of cars and buses to the fields of the growers. Their aim is to arrive at the entrances of the fields before the scabs, where the UFW strikers talk to them and encourage them to join the "huelga" (strike). Each picket line is equipped with a loud speaker and so throughout the morning UFW leaders talk to the workers in the fields, asking them to come out and join their brothers and sisters on the picket line. Work in the field ends around 11:00 a.m. or 12:00 noon. (The sugar content in the grapes is reduced with the 1150 temperatures, and therefore picking must end until the following day). After the work is done in the fields they are followed to the work camp by UFW representatives, and further
discussions about the strike take up the early part of the afternoon around 5:00 p.m. There usually is a strategy meeting in the park and then it is home for supper and early to bed—morning comes fast. When we left the Coachella Valley on June 23 the spirits of the strikers were high and they did not appear discouraged despite the obstacles that they were facing. C. Why do many remain in the fields and work, even though they know there is a Cesar Chavez-led strike?

It has been said that no strike among field workers could be successful and at times, perhaps the UFW wonders if this is true. Mexico is only an hour's drive from Coachella and so legal and illegal aliens can come up and make some quick money during the harvest time. These are poor people and are interested in making a buck; the fact that they are in the fields working does not necessarily mean they do not support Cesar Chavez. Also, it is no revelation to know that some of the last people who find out about exploitation are the exploited themselves. So, the liberation cause that some farmworkers support is not always understood by their fellow workers. As one person told us, "the poor want bread not ideology." Hence it is relatively easy for the growers and Teamsters to break the strike with people from Mexico. But as we left the Coachella Valley, two factors seem to indicate that the strike is taking its toll on the growers.

First, the UFW organizers claim that increasingly they hear that the people in the fields are ready to come out and join the strike. There have been a lot of complaints about how they have been treated by the Teamsters. Second, the growers are not getting a good price for their grapes and hence may just be breaking even; that indeed is not their goal! Here are some facts on this point. Growers consistently stated to us that it costs them about $7.00 to produce one lug of grapes (22 lb. box). A #1 box of perlettes (type of grape) was selling for $8.00 a lug when we left the Coachella Valley, according to Mr. Steinberg, a grower who signed with the UFW. However, a great deal of the grapes sent to market by the Teamsters are seconds; they are not high quality and hence they are not getting the #1 prices. UFW leaders told us that #2 perlettes are getting $7.00 and $7.50 per lug and if this is true the growers are not making any money—just break even. Four growers, Steinberg, Irani, Karahadian, and Keyan stated in the Riverside County Daily Enterprise June 13, that if prices go below $7.50 per lug they will lose money. All this is interpreted by the UFW as good news. They say grower problems are due to the fact that inexperienced pickers are working in the fields (the good ones are on the picket line): the grapes are being packed poorly; the vines were not thinned properly in the spring and so the growers are paying for it now in terms of quality grapes.

Recent Violence in Coachella

Cesar Chavez has long told his followers that they will win, but only if they stick to their principles of non-violence. In recent days this philosophy of the UFW has really been put to the test. During our last week in Coachella there were numerous minor scuffles and fights. Both sides were guilty of "disturbing the peace" to some degree. But on the whole Lt. Jack Reid, spokesman for the Riverside County Sheriff's office, said that the recent incidents had been generated by "unprovoked attacks" by Teamster security guards (N.Y. Times, June 27, 1973). We can attest to this last statement. The Teamster "goons" as the UFW strikers call them, were arrested for beating up a priest in a local cafe; fighting with local people at a neighborhood ice cream stand; kidnap and attempted murder; stoning the car Cesar Chavez was riding in. Surely, they have added to this list since we were in Coachella, fortunately, with no bruises.

What is so ironical is that recently the Teamsters have hired a public relations firm, Hoover-Gorin & Associates, for $1.3 million, to help them improve their image! Incidentally, one of the Teamster strong men beat up a representative from this firm while we were in Coachella. Apparently, money cannot buy everything.

Public relations firm notwithstanding, the Teamsters have an image all their own and it hangs out wherever they go. The L.A. Times (June 12, 1973) reported on the melee following the "letting out" ceremony by Bill Grant, organizer for the Western Conference of Teamsters. One
hundred twenty hefty, bearded men from L.A. are paid $67.50 per day to protect the interests of the Teamsters and the growers. In a press conference on June 19 Grami insisted all the "guards" were Teamsters on leave from their usual jobs to assist him with the problems in Coachella. Wherever they come from it is clear that they are the biggest joke that has hit Coachella for a long time. They would be funny except for the tragic results that keep happening from their continued presence. Some of their more brilliant statements include: "If you don't like it, ya want to make somethin' of it?" As we returned to Michigan we could only feel sorry for the poor people in this small desert town. They must live in this atmosphere of fear and intimidation for the next month until the harvest is over.

Conclusion

As we left the Coachella Valley we could not help but recall the words of an article about Einar Mohn, director of the Western Conference of Teamsters. Jane Kiley, of Graduate Theological Union (Berkeley) interviewed him for her dissertation on farm labor. Mohn said farm workers will not be able to take part in meetings for about two years (L.A. Times, April 26). In two years he expects more whites in the fields and this, he says, will make organizing farmworkers more feasible. Because of the present membership of the union he said it is difficult to have an effective union.

In conclusion, we can only say that the Teamsters have no business calling themselves a union of farmworkers. They could not possibly come to understand the needs of farmworkers, nor do they plan on representing them fairly when it comes to a showdown with the growers. Grapes produced under their contracts should make the ordinary person of conscience sick, when he knows the full extent of the oppression under which these grapes are harvested.

Because of this, we urge the members of CCMA to: 1) work with existing groups in your area to support the UFW boycott of grapes and lettuce; 2) see what can be done in your area to raise money for the UFW people on strike; send contributions to: United Farm Workers, La Paz, P.O. Box 62, Keene, California 93531; 3) consi-
ATTENTION COMMUNITY RELATIONS DEPARTMENT: BY RESOLUTION OF THE MEMBERSHIP WE SUPPORT REQUEST MADE BY UNITED FARM WORKERS UNION LEADER, MR CESAR CHAVEZ FOR FEDERAL INTERVENTION IN FARM WORKERS DISPUTE IN DELANO CALIFORNIA AREA. BOTH AN INVESTIGATION OF VIOLENCE AND PROTECTION OF WORKERS CIVIL RIGHTS ARE URGENT. OUR EXPERIENCE AND RESEARCH INDICATES LOCAL AUTHORITIES NOT ADEQUATE BECAUSE OF HISTORICAL, TRADITIONAL BIAS ON CLASS AND ETHNIC-RACIAL BASIS. PLEASE ACT SOON.

[Signature]

LEAGUE OF UNITED LATIN AMERICAN CITIZENS NORTHERN CALIFORNIA COUNCILS

REGINO MONIEST, DIRECTOR
RACHEL ARCE, DEPUTY DIRECTOR

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Aug 22 1973
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE
SACRAMENTO

OFFICE OF ORIGIN
SACRAMENTO

DATE
9/4/73

INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
8/27/73 - 8/30/73

TITLE OF CASE
UNSUBS;
Kern County Sheriff's Department,
Teamsters Union;
FRANK QUINTANA,
ET AL - VICTIMS

REPORT MADE BY
SA

CHARACTER OF CASE
CONSPIRACY AGAINST RIGHTS;
CIVIL RIGHTS

REFERENCE: Sacramento report of SA
Bureau airtel to Sacramento, 8/20/73.

LEADS:

SACRAMENTO:

AT BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA:

1.) Will maintain contact with Legal Department,
UFWU, Lamont, California, in effort to determine location of
AND for interview.

2.) Will report results of outstanding investigation in Detroit

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED
NONE

ACQUIT.

CASE HAS BEEN:
PENDING OVER ONE YEAR NO
PENDING PROSECUTION
OVER SIX MONTHS NO

APPROVED

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SPECIAL AGENT
IN CHARGE

COPY MADE:

2 - Bureau (44-57102)
1 - AUSA, Fresno
2 - Sacramento (44-542)

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

For information of Bureau, all copies of [text redacted] arising out of captioned incident were included in referenced report.
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1- USA, Fresno

Report of: SACRAMENTO

Date: September 4, 1973

Field Office File #: 44-542

Title: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
Kern County Sheriff's Department,
Teamsters Union;
FRANK QUINTANA,
ET AL - VICTIMS

Character: CONSPIRACY AGAINST RIGHTS;
CIVIL RIGHTS

Synopsis: Signed statements set forth of Delano Private Patrol has uniformed guards armed with .38 caliber weapons. They carry no other equipment and receive no training. Legal Department, UFWU, contacted in effort to locate and interview, and who has reportedly left the area.

DETAILS:

This report contains the results of a limited investigation.

On August 27, 1973, Legal Department, United Farm Workers Union (UFWU), Lamont, California, was contacted at Keene, California, and requested to provide and for interview. She advised she was attending a boycott conference at Keene, California, and did not know if she would have time to locate them, but would try.

On August 28, 1973, was recontacted, at which time she advised she had not had any opportunity to look for the witnesses because of the conference. She advised she did not know if she would be able to locate them because everyone is scattered since the picketing has stopped in the area.

On August 29, 1973, efforts to recontact were met with negative results.

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UNSUBS: KERN COUNTY
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ET AL. - VICTIMS
CONSPIRACY AGAINST RIGHTS;
CIVIL RIGHTS
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ReSCrep of SA dated 9/4/73. (57)C

In your next report in this case, change title and
include subjects, as well as

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UNITED FARM WORKERS UNION AND TEAMSTERS UNION CONFRONTATION
IN KERN COUNTY, CALIFORNIA. CIVIL RIGHTS.

RE LOS ANGELES AND SAN FRANCISCO NITEL, 8-31-73.
SA [REDACTED] AND SA [REDACTED] ARE
RETURNING TO LOS ANGELES AND SAN FRANCISCO, RESPECTIVELY, 9-14-73.

CURRENTLY PENDING CIVIL RIGHTS CASES CAN BE APPROPRIATELY
INVESTIGATED WITH AVAILABLE SACRAMENTO PERSONNEL. IF NEED
DEVELOPS FOR ADDITIONAL SPANISH SPEAKING AGENTS, THE BUREAU WILL
BE ADVISED.

END

HOLD
Memorandum

TO: Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

FROM: Henry E. Petersen
Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

SUBJECT: Request for Copies of Investigative Reports

The Criminal Division understands that Assistant Attorney General J. Stanley Pottinger of the Civil Rights Division has recently requested the Bureau to investigate criminal Civil Rights matters in Kern County, California, arising out of the dispute between the United Farm Workers of America and the International Brotherhood of Teamsters. Since certain of these matters may involve violations of criminal statutes over which the Criminal Division has jurisdiction, the Bureau is requested to forward to the Criminal Division copies of all investigative reports pertaining to the following matters:

1. Violence at the Cavokovich Ranch in Kern County, California. The Civil Rights Division requested an investigation into this matter on August 13, 1973 under the caption: UNSUBS, Kern County Deputies, Teamsters: Frank Quintana et al, victims;

2. Violence at the Guizarra Ranch, Kern County, California. The Civil Rights Division requested an investigation into this matter on August 22, 1973 under the caption: F.N.U. Cooper, Kern County Sheriff's Deputies: Lidia B. Manriques, victim; and

3. Violence at the Nalbandian Ranch in Kern County, California. The Civil Rights Division requested an investigation into this matter on August 30, 1973 under the caption: UNSUBS, Kern County Sheriff's Deputies: Erlene Cuerto, victim.
To: SAC, Sacramento

From: Director, FBI

RECONFRONTATION BETWEEN UNITED FARM WORKERS AND TEAMSTERS UNION,
KEARN COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
CIVIL RIGHTS

ReButelcall 9/17/73.

The enclosed Departmental letter dated 9/14/73, confirms reButelcall, wherein it was requested you submit an extra copy of any report prepared in each of the cases cited in the enclosed letter.

Enclosure
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE
Sacramento

OFFICE OF ORIGIN
Sacramento

DATE
9/21/73

INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
8/31/73 - 9/11/73

REPORT MADE BY
(Signed)

CHARACTER OF CASE
CONSPIRACY AGAINST RIGHTS
CIVIL RIGHTS

TEAMSTERS UNION;
FRANK QUINTANA,
ET AL - VICTIMS

Title is marked changed to identify subjects as
Case was previously carried
as UNSUBS; Kern County Sheriff's Department, Teamsters
Union; FRANK QUINTANA, ET AL - VICTIMS.

REFERENCE:
Sacramento report of SA,
Bureau airtel to Sacramento, 9/7/73.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED

CONVICT

ACQUIT

CASE HAS BEEN

PENDING OVER ONE YEAR

YES

NO

PENDING PROSECUTION

OVER SIX MONTHS

YES

NO

APPROVED

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Bureau (44-57102)

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1 - Sacramento (44-542)

Dissemination Record of Attached Report

Agency: 44-560

Request Recd: 9-28-73

Date Pwd: 8-4-73

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By: 5-10-73

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - Assistant U.S. Attorney, Fresno

Report of:
Office: Sacramento
Date: September 21, 1973
Field Office File #: SC 44-542
Bureau File #: 44-57102

NAME
DELANO, CALIFORNIA, PRIVATE PATROL;
TEAMSTERS UNION;
FRANK QUINTANA,
ET AL - VICTIMS

Character: CONSPIRACY AGAINST RIGHTS; CIVIL RIGHTS

Synopsis: Signed statements of [redacted] and [redacted] set forth. Legal Department, UFWU, advised 8/31/73 [redacted] has left and his whereabouts are unknown.

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DETAILS:

On August 31, 1973, [redacted] Legal Department, United Farm Workers Union (UFWU), Keene, California, was contacted regarding the interviews of [redacted] and [redacted] advised that [redacted] is currently residing in Keene, California, and she will make her available for interview. She advised that [redacted] resides in the Arvin-Lamont area; however, she does not know the address.

[redacted] advised that [redacted] "split" from the area several days ago and no one knows his
whereabouts. She advised she would recommend no further efforts be made to locate him.

On September 4, 1973, [redacted] telephonically contacted the Bakersfield Office of the FBI and advised that [redacted] would be available for interview at 2:30 P.M. that date and requested FBI Agents come to Keene, California, for the interview.
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In view of [REDACTED] recommendation regarding [REDACTED], no further efforts are being made to locate [REDACTED] unless specifically requested to do so by Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice. If he should appear for interview, a statement will be taken and results reported.
Memorandum

TO: Mr. Gebhardt

FROM: C. L. McGowan

DATE: 11/15/73

SUBJECT: DIRECTOR'S MEETING 11/14/73 WITH ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL J. STANLEY POTTINGER CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION REGARDING SIX CIVIL RIGHTS MATTERS

J. Stanley Pottinger, Assistant Attorney General (AAG) of the Civil Rights Division (CRD) of the Department met with the Director in the Director's Office late on the afternoon of 11/14/73. In attendance were Assistant Director Robert E. Gebhardt of the General Investigative Division and Acting Section Chief Joseph G. Kelly of the General Investigative Division's Civil Rights Section.

Pottinger stated he had primarily requested to see the Director as a matter of courtesy but in addition desired to furnish the Director with pertinent background information relating to certain requests he had made for investigation since he anticipated the Director might well receive inquiries from the White House and other sources concerning them.

He added that he had recently found it necessary to request Bureau investigations into a number of highly sensitive and delicate matters and he personally wanted to thank the Director for the outstanding cooperation which the FBI had extended to him and for the exceptional manner in which the Bureau had handled the investigations involved.

Pottinger then proceeded to discuss the delicate and sensitive investigations referred to above as follows:

1. The Pekin, Illinois, case
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Memorandum for Mr. Gebhardt
RE: DIRECTOR'S MEETING 11/14/73 WITH AAG J. STANLEY POTTINGER

4. Kent State

5. United Farm Workers

(This concerns our investigations of approximately 25 complaints basically concerning allegations the Kern Co., Calif. Sheriff's Office failed to take action in connection with physical confrontations between the United Farm Workers and the Teamsters Union during their violent jurisdictional dispute relating to which organization would represent the grape pickers in the Western States.)

CONTINUED - OVER
Memorandum for Mr. Gebhardt
RE: DIRECTOR'S MEETING 11/14/73 WITH AAG J. STANLEY POTTINGER

Pottinger expressed his appreciation to the Director for his authorizing the temporary assignment of two Spanish-speaking Agents to the Sacramento Office for the purpose of assisting in these investigations. According to Pottinger this action completely stilled the complaints and comments that the Department had received from representatives "on the Hill" relating to these cases.

6. Willowbrook State School
Memorandum for Mr. Gebhardt
RE: DIRECTOR'S MEETING 11/14/73 WITH AAG J. STANLEY POTTINGER

ACTION: For record purposes.

[Signature]
SUBJECT: United Farm Workers et al.

FILE: 44-58258
To: Director, FBI

ATTENTION:

From: SAC, SACRAMENTO (44-NEW)

Subject: UNSUB, SERGEANT OF KERN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA, 8/1/73 OR 8/2/73;

UNITED FARM WORKERS UNION, LAMONT, CALIFORNIA - VICTIM

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EID Bomb Threats Extremist Matters White Hate Black

Summary of Complaint: United Farm Workers (UFW), Keane, California, complained that an unidentified UFW female picket saw an overseer of KOVACOVICH Ranch near Lamont, California, throw a rock and hit one of his own trucks. When unknown Sergeant of the Kern County Sheriff's Office (KCSO) was asked to arrest overseer or to permit citizens arrest he refused. 44-58258-X

Also mentioned general lack of response by KCSO when UFW attempts to move police to act. Complains KCSO quick to act against UFW members.

ACTION: UACB:

No further action being taken and

LHM enclosed Copy furnished to USA

FD-376 (enclosure to LHM)

LHM being submitted Report being submitted

Preliminary Investigation instituted Limited investigation instituted

Approved: Special Agent in Charge

JAN 22 1974

Sent M Per
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, SACRAMENTO (44-NEW) (C)

UNSUB: SERGEANT OF
KERN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE,
BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA,
8/1/73, OR 8/2/73;
UNITED FARM WORKERS UNION,
LAKES T, CALIFORNIA
CR

Re FD-365 from Sacramento, 8/13/73.

Enclosed are four copies of LHM concerning
above matter.

Complaints re the Melbandian incident of
7/31/73, mentioned by (X) in attached LHM, are (X)
being reported under separate caption with (X)
and numerous others carried as victims, and with one
of the subjects being Kern County Sheriff's Office.
Another signed statement was prepared by (X) in
connection with that matter.

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8-31-73
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Bureau
Sacramento
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UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
SERGEANT OF KERN COUNTY
SHERIFF'S OFFICE,
BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA,
AUGUST 1, 1973, OR
AUGUST 2, 1973;
UNITED FARM WORKERS UNION,
LAMONT, CALIFORNIA

On August 13, 1973, [REDACTED], United Farm Workers Union (UFW), Keene, California, appeared in the Federal Bureau of Investigation Office, Bakersfield, California, and furnished the following signed statement:

"Bakersfield, Calif.
August 13, 1973

"I, [REDACTED], make the following voluntary statement to [REDACTED], Special Agent, F.B.I., Bakersfield, Calif.

[REDACTED]

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44-58258-X1

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SERGEANT OF KEARN COUNTY
SHERIFF'S OFFICE,
BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA,
AUGUST 1, 1973, OR
AUGUST 2, 1973;
UNITED FARM WORKERS UNION,
LAJONT, CALIFORNIA

"On either 8/1/73 or 8/2/73, I was present on a picket line consisting of 70 - 80 members of the United Farm Workers Union (UFW) on Wheeler Ridge Rd., about 200 feet south of David Rd. in the Lamont, Calif, area, at the Kovacovich Ranch. is an overseer of this ranch. This was at about 10:00 AM. A ranch truck was parked in a road leading into the grape vineyards facing & extending onto the shoulder of Wheeler Ridge Rd.

"I heard a thud which sounded like a rock hitting the side of the ranch truck. I did not see any objects of any kind coming from the direction of the picket line. Then a member of UFW, an unrecalled woman, came around the front of this truck & told me she had seen toss the rock. I went to the other side of this truck with this woman & talked to a Kern County Sheriff's Office Sgt. & told him that the rock had been thrown by . Both the woman & myself request the Sgt. to arrest but he refused. He asked why no arrest would be made & the Sgt. said the
UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
Sergeant of Kern County
Sheriff's Office,
Bakersfield, California,
August 1, 1973, or
August 2, 1973;
Unite;d Farm Workers Union,
Lemoore, California

woman had not seen throw the rock, further stating that he did not believe the woman. I specifically asked the Sgt. if we could make a citizens arrest & he said we could not. I knew that we could not go into the fields without permission.

"In my six weeks' experience on the picket lines, on numerous occasions I have seen the police arrest people for misdemeanors not committed in their presence, after the alleged wrongdoer was pointed out by a rancher, private guard, or Teamster -- the arrest of a photographer at Vernon's -- fingered by a guard at Vernon's -- leaps to mind. On the other hand, I have attempted to move the police to actions on half-a-dozen occasions -- with zero success.

"At this point, let me reemphasize my observation on the Nelbadian incident of July 31 -- see my declaration -- that the police made no arrests of Teamsters who attacked us, but on the contrary hauled away the victims -- typical of the unequal
UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
SERGEANT OF KERN COUNTY
SHERIFF'S OFFICE,
BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA,
AUGUST 1, 1973, OR
AUGUST 2, 1973;
UNITED FARM WORKERS UNION,
LANOFT, CALIFORNIA

and racist treatment the UFW has been
subjected to by the Sheriff's department of
Kern County.

"I have read this statement consisting
of this & two other pages and find it true
and correct.

"/s/ [Redacted] [Redacted]"

"August 13, 1973 Bakersfield, California

"Witnessed:
/s/ [Redacted] Special Agent, F.B.I. [Redacted]
Bakersfield, Calif., 8/13/73."
TO: Assistant Attorney General  
FROM: Director, FBI  
DATE: August 21, 1973

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT; 
SERGEANT OF KERN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, 
BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA, 
AUGUST 1, 1973 OR AUGUST 2, 1973; 
UNITED FARM WORKERS UNION, LAMONT, CALIFORNIA 
CIVIL RIGHTS

Reference is made to _______ memorandum dated ____________
(your file ________).

There is enclosed one copy of the report of Special Agent _______ at _______ 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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NOTE: The "Malbadorian incident" referred to by _______ in the attached memorandum is being reported under a separate caption.
To: SAC, Sacramento (44-New)  
From: Director, FBI

UNSUB, SERGEANT OF KERN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA, 8/1/73 OR 8/2/73; UNITED FARM WORKERS UNION, LAMONT, CALIFORNIA - VICTIM CR

Re: airtel 8/13/73.

SuLHM status investigation in this matter.
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, SACRAMENTO (44-562) (C)
SUBJECT: UNSUB; SERGEANT OF KERN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, BAKERSFIELD, CA.; 8/1/73 or 8/2/73; UNITED FARM WORKERS UNION, LAMONT, CA., VICTIM CR

Re: United Farm Workers Union

LHM submitted with cover airtel dated 8/15/73, and case in closed status.

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SUBJECT: United Farm Workers et al.

FILE: 44-59048
Memorandum

TO: The Director
FROM: D.W. Bowers
SUBJECT: CONGRESSMAN DON EDWARDS (D.-CALIF.)
COMPLAINTS RE HANDLING OF CIVIL RIGHTS CASES IN KERN COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

DATE: 8/24/73

Late on 8/23/73, Jerome Zeifman, Chief Counsel of the House Committee on Judiciary, called to advise me of a telephone conversation he had just had with Congressman Edwards. He said Edwards is currently in California and has spent considerable time in the Kern County area where there is a great deal of unrest in connection with labor activities involving grape pickers. Several individuals have been killed or injured during this labor unrest.

Zeifman said that Edwards is very concerned that the investigations of this situation are not being handled properly. He said Edwards specifically expressed his concern that the publicly stated policy of former Acting Director Gray to the effect that outside Agents would be sent in to handle civil rights cases is not being followed in this instance. He said Edwards feels a number of Agents should be sent into the area from other FBI offices and that they specifically should be Agents with Spanish speaking ability. He said Edwards had commented that he recently had some contact with the Phoenix FBI Office and had been highly impressed with the competency of the number of Spanish speaking Agents available there.

Zeifman advised Edwards has visited the FBI Resident Agency office in the area where this labor problem is centered expressing his concern over these cases and also has communicated directly with the Department of Justice about this matter. He said Edwards feels his expressions of concern have not generated the proper response and Edwards is now suggesting that he be allowed to convene his Subcommittee on Civil Rights and Constitutional Rights of the House Committee on Judiciary to conduct hearings in California concerning the handling of these cases. Zeifman said at Edwards' request he has discussed this matter with Pat McSweeney, Deputy Assistant Attorney General for Legislative Affairs in the absence of Assistant Attorney General Mike McKevitt, and that he expects a response from McSweeney. Zeifman said he was merely advising me as to that the FBI would be aware of this situation.

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Bowers to the Director (cont'd.)
Re: CONGRESSMAN DON EDWARDS
HANDLING OF CIVIL RIGHTS CASES
IN KERN COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

I told Zeifman that I was aware that Edwards had visited
the resident agency. I also told him that the adequacy of personnel
in the area has been considered by officials both in the field and
here in Washington. He was thanked for advising us of Edwards' comments.

This matter was discussed with McSweeney. He stated Edwards
has been constantly agitating regarding the Kern County situation.
He advised that Senator Hubert Humphrey (D.-Minn.) also has gotten
into the act and sent a telegram to the Attorney General urging that
a large force of personnel be sent into the area to handle the unrest
that has resulted from the labor dispute. McSweeney was advised that
a week ago we had inquired of the Sacramento FBI Field Office regarding
the adequacy of personnel to handle civil rights complaints growing
out of this situation in Kern County and were assured that there are
sufficient personnel in the area to take care of the matter, including
Spanish speaking Agents. He was advised that we have experienced
some delays in handling the necessary investigation because of an
uncooperative attitude on the part of attorneys representing the
United Farm Workers.

The Civil Rights Section of the General Investigative Division
advises we have had 23 civil rights cases referred to us as a result
of the situation in Kern County, about half of which are preliminary
types.

It is not new or unusual for Congressman Edwards to be
critical of the FBI with respect to the handling of civil rights
matters. He has done so consistently and with this situation being
in his home area, it is natural that he will make every effort to take
advantage of the publicity potential. Congressman Edwards does not
represent Kern County, however. Kern County is divided between two
congressional districts. One is represented by Congressman Robert B.
Mathias and the other by Congressman William M. Ketchum, both
Republicans.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.
MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CALLAHAN
MR. BAKER
MR. GEBBEARDT
MR. WALKER

UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS AND CHIEF DEPUTIES
CALIFORNIA, CIVIL RIGHTS MATTER

On August 26, 1973, I, Stanley Pottinger, Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Civil Rights Division, phoned me. He said they have received a number of calls in the Division about violations of civil rights in the Chavez case. In response to these, he wondered whether or not the following requests could be honored:

1. That we have Bureau agents assigned who could, in effect, form somewhat of a police type of mission. This would be agents who would be called into the area to do substantially the same that is being done by state officers and United States Marshals.

2. It was requested that there be a more vigorous job done in the investigation of civil rights matters. Pursuant to this, it was felt that there should be more people from outside the state assigned to the investigation. It was also felt that there would be a need for more Spanish speaking agents on the site.

Mr. Pottinger then said he was of the opinion the first request should be denied. I told him I agreed with this and would not want to assign men for policing duties.

Insofar as the second matter is concerned, I told Mr. Pottinger I was generally of the opinion we should not interdict any appeal for the assignment of people to a matter just because they were from a local office of the FBI.

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Memorandum for Messrs. Callahan, Baker, Gebhardt, Walsh

August 27, 1973

I pointed out I, for example, had opposed a Bureau rule of many years ago that police officers who have become Agents should not be assigned to civil rights matters. This in effect spotlighted the background of an Agent and placed him in a separate and, therefore on occasion, undesirable category. In my mind the fact a man had served as a police officer should not mitigate against him and there was no reason to believe that just because of this, he would be softer or more sympathetic to the officers being investigated as possible violators.

I therefore said I would not want to give any consideration to the assignment of Agents at the site merely because they represented an "out-of-state" status.

I then pointed out, however, that I thought the addition of Spanish speaking Agents might be helpful for the obvious reason. In assigning people with this capability, we might at the same time be handling the matter of assignment of people from out of state and the two could be accomplished, in other words, by this one measure.

Mr. Pottinger said he had been informed that there were some Spanish speaking Agents available and it would not present too much of a problem. I informed him, therefore, he could speak with the Civil Rights Section and could inform them that I approved of a reasonable number of such assignments.

He indicated he felt this was a very agreeable position and that he would proceed in this direction.

As noted above, I set out my feelings about the assignment of Agents to civil rights investigations. I do not know the present rules in this regard. In view of this, I would like to have a memorandum outlining such policy in order that I might possibly consider revision in accordance with my personal observations.

Very truly yours,

Clarence M. Kelley
Director

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: Mr. Gebhardt
FROM: C. L. McGowan
DATE: August 28, 1973

SUBJECT: UNITED FARM WORKERS AND TEAMSTERS UNION CONFRONTATION IN KERN COUNTY, CALIFORNIA CIVIL RIGHTS

Reference is made to Director Clarence M. Kelley's memorandum dated 8/27/73, which among other things, discussed the necessity of assigning some Spanish-speaking Agents to work Civil Rights cases which have arisen within the Sacramento Division as a result of the confrontations between pickets of the United Farm Workers (UFW) and the Teamsters Union.

As background in this matter, on 8/17/73, a discussion was held with Mr. William L. Gardner, Deputy Chief, Criminal Section, Civil Rights Division (CRD), U. S. Department of Justice (USDJ), wherein Mr. Gardner mentioned that Mr. Robert Murphy, Chief, Criminal Section, CRD, USDJ, had received a phone call earlier that day from Democratic U. S. Congressman Donald Edwards, 10th Congressional California District, who had spent some time in the Kern County, California, area observing the strike situation involving the UFW and Teamsters Union. Mr. Gardner stated he had been informed by Mr. Murphy that Congressman Edwards stated he felt the Federal Bureau of Investigation was being hinded in its investigation of Civil Rights complaints by a lack of manpower and by a lack of Spanish-speaking Agents. On 8/17/73, a discussion was held with Assistant Special Agent in Charge (ASAC) Theodore P. Rosack, Sacramento Division, wherein ASAC Rosack stated at that time he felt he had sufficient personnel assigned to handle the investigations and that the two Spanish-speaking Agents then assigned in the area were sufficient to handle the work. He indicated that if a drastic increase in the number of cases occurred, he would reassess the manpower needs at that time.

On 8/24/73, ASAC Rosack advised he had been advised by Mr. William Briggs, Special Investigator, U. S. Senate Labor and Public Welfare Committee, who indicated he was in the Kern County area to investigate the acts of violence which had occurred.

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Memorandum to Mr. Gebhardt
RE: UNITED FARM WORKERS

occurred in connection with the UFW strike. Mr. Briggs requested ASAC Rosack meet with him on that day to discuss the FBI's posture with regard to the handling of the Civil Rights complaints. Mr. Briggs was referred to the CRD, USDJ.

On 8/24/73, Mr. William L. Gardner advised he was being sent by Assistant Attorney General J. Stanley Pottinger to the Kern County, California, area to confer with various individuals on the scene regarding the conditions and to inquire firsthand into the situation arising out of the UFW and Teamsters Union confrontations. On 8/28/73, a discussion was had with Mr. Gardner concerning his trip to the Kern County area and during this discussion, he indicated he had met with Caesar Chavez, UFW leader. During this meeting Chavez stated he felt more Spanish-speaking FBI Agents should be sent into the area to investigate the Civil Rights allegations as many involve itinerant Mexican-American farm workers who spoke only Spanish. Mr. Gardner was asked specifically if he intended to recommend in his report to Mr. Pottinger that additional FBI Agents be sent into the area to handle Civil Rights investigations. Mr. Gardner indicated that he would make no such recommendation, that he felt this assessment could only be made from within the concerned agency, and that it would be somewhat presumptuous for him to make such a recommendation. He did state, however, he personally believed that as a result of his discussion with Chavez and attorneys for the UFW, the number of Civil Rights allegations needing investigation would increase.

In referenced memorandum, Director Kelly expressed the opinion that if a determination were made additional Spanish-speaking Agents were needed to handle the Civil Rights cases, he would be agreeable to approving a reasonable number of such assignments.

ACTION: To assist in the investigation of the increasing number of Civil Rights cases occurring in the Kern County area, and to forestall any adverse public criticism, it is recommended that two Spanish-speaking Agents be temporarily assigned to the Sacramento Division from either the Los Angeles and/or San Francisco Divisions.

A separate memorandum regarding the Civil Rights policy of the Bureau is being prepared.
Memorandum

TO: MR. WALSH
FROM: J. J. O'CONNELL
DATE: 8/31/73

SUBJECT: UNITED FARM WORKERS AND TEAMSTERS UNION CONFRONTATION IN KERN COUNTY, CALIFORNIA CIVIL RIGHTS

Director Kelley's memorandum of 8/27/73 discussed the necessity of assigning some Spanish-speaking Agents to work Civil Rights cases which have arisen within the Sacramento Division as a result of the confrontations between pickets of the United Farm Workers and the Teamsters Union. By memo 8/28/73 from C. L. McGowan to Mr. Gebhardt it was approved that two Spanish-speaking Agents be temporarily assigned to the Sacramento Division from either the Los Angeles and/or the San Francisco Divisions to assist in the investigation of the above cases and to forestall any adverse public criticism.

SACs, Los Angeles and San Francisco were telephonically instructed to send one Spanish-speaking Agent to Sacramento with the period of assignment indefinite at this time, and that the Agents should report on Tuesday morning, September 4, 1973. They were advised to confirm Bureau telephone call by nitel to Sacramento and the Bureau, and that any additional details should be obtained from the Sacramento Office.

ACTION:
None. For information.

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1-Mr. Jackson
1-Mr. Hall

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Memorandum

TO: Mr. Callahan
FROM: R. E. Gebhardt

DATE: August 31, 1973

SUBJECT: CONFRONTATION BETWEEN
UNITED FARM WORKERS AND
TEAMSTERS UNION
KERN COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

There is attached a draft prepared by the Civil Rights Division of the Department. This draft is to be used in connection with Congressional inquiries to the Department and is to be furnished to the Public Information Office of the Department of Justice.

The draft was reviewed by the General Investigative Division. It is noted that on page 1 the draft stated, "To date, we have initiated more than a dozen investigations." In this connection, we have more than two dozen investigations going on at the present time; however, not all of these were initiated by the Department of Justice.

On page 2, lines 8, 9, and 10 read, "The Bureau has also agreed that, where appropriate, Special Agents who speak Spanish will be used in such investigations." It is to be noted that we already have two Spanish-speaking Agents assisting in these investigations and the General Investigative Division has recommended that two more be sent to assist.

It was suggested that lines 8, 9, and 10 be revised to read, "The Bureau, where appropriate, is utilizing Special Agents who speak Spanish in such investigations."

These suggested changes were discussed with Assistant Attorney General Stanley Pottinger of the Civil Rights Division. He agreed to adopt the language suggested for lines 8, 9, and 10 on page 2 and also indicated he would revise page 1 to relate that more than two dozen investigations have been initiated without differentiating as to who initiated them.

Mr. Pottinger expressed appreciation for the suggestions and stated this draft of his statement would be utilized for the purposes noted above.

ACTION: This is for record purposes.

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JAN 4 1974
TO: Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

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

SUBJECT: Unknown Subjects;
Unknown Victims
Summary Punishment
CIVIL RIGHTS

Conversations between U.F.W. legal aid,
Harriet Teller and Departmental Attorney Michael
James reveal that the U.F.W. Union has possession
of or access to films and still photographs showing
alleged violations of 18 U.S.C. 242 committed during
the course of U.F.W. - Teamster strife this summer.

Ms. Teller has agreed to make available to the F.B.I. the films, photographs and the persons who took

same.

Please contact Ms. Teller, and giving her at least
one days notice, arrange a time for agents to obtain
the films and pictures and interview the persons
responsible for taking same to determine where and
when they were taken and what they purport to show.

With regard to the films, the U.F.W.U. indicates
it may be able to give us a print of at least one of
those films. In any case, obtain copies of all the
films and photographs made available by Ms. Teller
and forward those copies to this Division.

EX-103
TO: SAC, Sacramento 44-59048-5

From: Director, FBI REG-11

CONFRONTATION BETWEEN UNITED FARM WORKERS AND TEAMSTERS UNION KERN COUNTY, CALIFORNIA EX-103

Civil Rights CO: SC

Enclosed are two copies of a self-explanatory Departmental letter dated 9/5/73.

Complete the requested investigation in accordance with the provisions of Section 27, Volume 11, Manual of Instructions, and report 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 preliminary.

Advise all persons interviewed appropriate officials at the outset that this investigation is being conducted at the specific request of the U.S. Department of Justice.

Remarks:

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NOTE: CRD, USDJ, requests UFW legal aid Harriet Teller be contacted for purpose of obtaining photographs and films depicting Civil Rights violations.
Memorandum

TO: Director
    Federal Bureau of Investigation

FROM: Henry E. Petersen
    Assistant Attorney General
    Criminal Division

SUBJECT: Request for Copies of Investigative Reports

DATE: September 14, 1973

The Criminal Division understands that Assistant Attorney General J. Stanley Pottinger of the Civil Rights Division has recently requested the Bureau to investigate criminal Civil Rights matters in Kern County, California, arising out of the dispute between the United Farm Workers of America and the International Brotherhood of Teamsters. Since certain of these matters may involve violations of criminal statues over which the Criminal Division has jurisdiction, the Bureau is requested to forward to the Criminal Division copies of all investigative reports pertaining to the following matters:

1. Violence at the Cavokovich Ranch in Kern County, California. The Civil Rights Division requested an investigation into this matter on August 13, 1973 under the caption: UNSUES, Kern County Deputies, Teamsters: Frank Quintana et al., victims;

2. Violence at the Guimarra Ranch, Kern County, California. The Civil Rights Division requested an investigation into this matter on August 22, 1973 under the caption: F.N.U. Cooper, Kern County Sheriff's Deputies: Lidia B. Manriques, victim; and

3. Violence at the Nalbandian Ranch in Kern County, California. The Civil Rights Division requested an investigation into this matter on August 30, 1973 under the caption: UNSUES, Kern County Sheriff's Deputies: Erlene Cuerto, victim.

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CONFRONTATION BETWEEN UNITED FARM WORKERS AND TEAMSTERS UNION.
KERN COUNTY, CALIFORNIA.
CIVIL RIGHTS.
Re: Butelcall 9/17/73.

The enclosed Departmental letter dated 9/14/73, confirms reButelcall, wherein it was requested you submit an extra copy of any report prepared in each of the cases cited in the enclosed letter.

Enclosure
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE
SACRAMENTO

OFFICE OF ORIGIN
SACRAMENTO

DATE
9/24/73

INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
9/11/73 - 9/24/73

TITLE OF CASE
CONFRONTATION BETWEEN UNITED FARM WORKERS AND TEAMSTERS UNION, KERN COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

REPORT MADE BY
SA [Redacted]

CHARACTER OF CASE
CR

REFERENCE:
Bureau airtel to Sacramento, 9/6/73.

LEADS:

SACRAMENTO

At Keene, California: Will continue efforts to contact [Redacted] Legal Aide, UFWU, and obtain photos and film which she previously agreed to make available to Departmental Attorney MICHAEL JAMES.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED

CONVICT.
FUG.
FINES
SAVINGS
RECOVERIES
ACQUIT.

CASE HAS BEEN:
PENDING OVER ONE YEAR [ ] YES [ ] NO
PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS [ ] YES [ ] NO

APPROVED BY
[Signature]

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

COPIES MADE:
3 - Bureau
1 - AUSA, Fresno
2 - Sacramento (44-579)

DISSEMINATION RECORD OF ATTACHED REPORT

Agency
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Request Recd.
9-23-73

Date Fwd.
9-25-73

How Fwd.
[Redacted]

By
[Redacted] 4 OCT 5 1973

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EX-103
1-AUSA, Fresno, California

SA [redacted]  Office: Sacramento 57c
September 24, 1973

Field Office File #: 44-579

Title: CONFRONTATION BETWEEN UNITED FARM WORKERS AND TEAMSTERS UNION, KERN COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

Character: CIVIL RIGHTS

Synopsis: Continuous efforts to contact [redacted] 57c Legal Aide, United Farm Workers Union, Keene, California, to obtain photographs and film negative to date.

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DETAILS:

The following contains the results of a limited investigation.

On September 11, 1973, [redacted] Attorney, Legal Department, United Farm Workers Union (UFWU), Keene, California, was contacted in an effort to locate [redacted] advised that [redacted] was gone for a few days and should return in approximately 10 days. [redacted] was advised that an appointment with [redacted] was needed in an effort to obtain photographs and film which she had previously mentioned she would provide to MICHAEL JAMES of the Department of Justice. [redacted] advised that it would be better to take this matter up with [redacted] on her return to Keene.
On September 12, 1973, ___ Legal Department, UFWU, Keene, California, was contacted in the absence of ___ in an effort to obtain photographs and film which she had previously agreed to provide to Departmental Attorney MICHAEL JAMES. ___ advised he is not acquainted with the circumstances of the request and advised that ___ is currently in New York and probably will not return to Keene, California, prior to September 20, 1973.

On September 19, 1973, ___ advised that ___ had returned to Keene, but was not in at present. A request was left for her to telephonically contact the FBI in Bakersfield as soon as practical. ___ did not return the telephone call that day and efforts were made to contact her on September 20, 1973. These efforts were also unsuccessful.

On September 21, 1973, inquiry at UFWU headquarters in Keene disclosed that ___ was attending a UFWU convention in Fresno, California, for the next three days, however, an exact point of contact could not be determined.

In the morning hours of September 24, 1973, an inquiry at UFWU, Keene, disclosed that ___ was not in and presumably was still in Fresno.

In the afternoon hours of September 24, 1973, an additional inquiry at UFWU, Keene, determined that no one would be in the Legal Office in Keene on September 24, 1973, however, they were expected to be back in operation on September 25, 1973.
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - AUSA, Fresno

Report of: SA Office
Date: OCT 2 1973 Sacramento

Field Office File #: 44-579

Title: CONFRONTATION BETWEEN UNITED FARM WORKERS AND TEAMSTERS UNION, KERN COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

Character: CIVIL RIGHTS

Synopsis: contacted at UFWU, Headquarters, Keene, California, 9/25/73, states she did not agree with Departmental Attorney to provide motion picture film to FBI, but only to representatives from Department Attorney MICHAEL JAMES' office. One additional set of still photographs obtained from - C -

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TO THE ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY, FRESNO, CALIFORNIA: One set of photographs consisting of seven photographs.

DETAILS:

On September 25, 1973, United Farm Workers Union (UFWU), Keene, California, telephonically contacted the FBI at Bakersfield, California, in response to an earlier telephone call.

was advised of the department's request to contact her and obtain photographs and films taken during the UFWU-Teamster strife this summer, in accordance with an arrangement made between and Department Attorney MICHAEL JAMES.

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.
advised her agreement with MICHAEL JAMES was that a representative from the office of JAMES would come to Keene and secure the motion picture film. She advised she would not provide the motion picture film to the FBI because this was not her agreement with JAMES.

advised she has already provided all still photographs in her possession to the FBI.

advised that the photograph which she left at the FBI office in Bakersfield, California, on August 30, 1973, were taken by who is no longer working for them. She advised she does not know his whereabouts, but will advise FBI in Bakersfield if she can determine his location.

was advised that the FBI would like to interview him regarding the taking of these photographs if he can be located.

explained that these seven photographs were taken during the incident at Guimara Ranch, Panama Road and Fairfax Road on August 7, 1973. She explained that these pictures show the unnecessary force used by the Kern County Sheriff's Department in arresting UFWU pickets.

She advised the only person in these seven photographs that she was able to identify is who has blood on her shirt.

If provides the location of he will be interviewed and Department of Justice provided a report of the results.
United Farm Workers Union, Keene, California, left a group of seven photographs in the Bakersfield, California, Resident Agency of the FBI. She left a note on the photographs as follows: "Incident at Giumarra Ranch, August 7, 1973, Panama & Fairfax. 7 photographs." The photographs were not further identified.
NR 019 LA PLAIN
4:27PM NITEL 8-31-73 BMK
TO DIRECTOR
SACRAMENTO
FROM LOS ANGELES (44- ) 1P

UNITED FARM WORKERS AND TEAMSTERS UNIONS CONFRONTATION
IN KERN COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, CIVIL RIGHTS.

REBUCAL TO LOS ANGELES, 8-31-73 AND LOS ANGELES
TELCAL TO SACRAMENTO, 8-31-73.

PURSUANT TO REQUEST OF BUREAU SA______
A SPANISH SPEAKING AGENT, WILL REPORT TO BAKERSFIELD,
CALIFORNIA, ON TUESDAY, 9-4-73. TO ASSIST IN THIS MATTER
SA______ WILL BE DRIVING LOS ANGELES BUREAU CAR.

END
Memorandum

Clarence Kelley
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

FROM: Stanley Pottinger
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

SUBJECT:

Attached hereto is a copy of a letter I received from Congressman Don Edwards, which I thought may be of interest to you.
Mr. J. Stanley Pottinger  
Assistant Attorney General  
Civil Rights Division  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C. 20530

Dear Mr. Pottinger:

Thank you very much for your letter of September 4 describing work being done by the Department of Justice concerning possible violations of federal criminal law in activities involving the United Farm Workers in California. I sincerely appreciate the information you provided me.

I am sure you know that I am concerned with the situation in California, not only what has taken place during the past month but also the serious implications for the future. I spent several days in the Bakersfield-Delano area during the height of the tensions.

I observed the good work being done by the Community Relations Service, observed the United Farm Workers picketing at several vineyards, talked to local police and press, and attended the two funerals.

As explained to Mr. Murphy, I was disappointed not to find Chicano Special Agents in the Bakersfield F.B.I. office. The Dailullah funeral was thought important enough by the Catholic Church for Bishop Flores of San Antonio to travel at church expense to California. The only Agent I saw at the Bakersfield F.B.I. office taking statements in Spanish was not, in the opinion of my Chicano assistant, appropriately fluent in Spanish.

For many years in civil rights cases a major criticism of Justice Department involvement has been the use of locally assigned F.B.I. Agents to investigate allegations of criminal conduct of local police. From my experience in the Bureau I know that a harmonious relationship with the local police is essential to doing a good job for the F.B.I. This has always resulted in enthusiastic investigations by the locally.

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assigned Agents and a strong feeling on the part of minority citizens that the F.B.I. is in league with the police. That this problem is well understood by the F.B.I. was made clear a few months ago by the F.B.I. Acting Director who said his policy in these civil rights cases would always be to send in outside Agents. Perhaps this was done and is being done in Fresno-Tulare-Kern Counties, but that is not the appearance of what is being done, and sometimes appearance is as important as action.

My last comment is to again stress the importance of these cases you are investigating. I am personally convinced that widespread violations of Federal criminal law took place and will take place again if the Justice Department does not face up to its responsibilities, unpleasant as they may appear. As I told Mr. Murphy on the telephone from Delano, lives could have been saved in the early sixties if Bull Connor had been arrested for his clear violations of Federal law. The same kind of illegal runaway police activity is taking place in California today, and I sincerely believe the Justice Department has an important and responsible role to fill.

The purpose of this letter is not, however, to give my personal views on the farm situation in California but is to thank you for your courteous communication and to express my appreciation for your keeping the Subcommittee informed.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Member of Congress

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11/29/73

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

The attached concerns a letter from Congressman Don Edwards (Dem. - Calif.) dated 9/17/73, directed to Mr. J. Stanley Pottinger, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, U. S. Department of Justice, which was forwarded by Mr. Pottinger to this Bureau by memorandum dated 11/27/73. In his letter Congressman Edwards expresses disappointment of the lack of Spanish-speaking Agents assigned to work Civil Rights cases in the Kern Co., California, area which arose out of confrontations between members of the United Farm Workers (UFW) and the Teamsters Union.

It is noted Congressman Edwards makes reference to a visit he made to our Bakersfield, California, Resident Agency, during late 8/73, and as a result of this visit he made his observations. At that time the Sacramento Division had two Spanish-speaking Agents assigned to assist in receiving Civil Rights complaints from UFW members. Constant contact was maintained with the Sacramento Division regarding the situation that existed in the Kern Co. area and as the number of Civil Rights allegations received increased, two additional Spanish-speaking Agents from other field divisions were temporarily assigned to the Sacramento Division to further assist the handling of these complaints. Both the Sacramento Division and FBIHQ felt the number of Spanish-speaking Agents assigned to that area was sufficient to handle the number of cases received. In view of this, it is felt no constructive purpose would be served in contacting Congressman Edwards with regard to the personal opinions he expresses in his letter of 9/17/73.

TMG/pwl
SUBJECT: United Farm Workers et al.

FILE: 44-60006
On Wednesday, March 27, 1974, this Division was contacted telephonically by Jerry Cohen, counsel in California for the United Farm Workers Union (tel. 805-822-5571). Cohen related that he had been contacted by a person who provided the fictitious name of "Fred Schwartz". Schwartz purported to have information that three people had at numerous times over the past several years broken into various United Farm Worker Union offices in California, as well as the offices of other organizations assisting the UFWU and their activities, including SNCC and the Saul Alinsky Organization. Cohen received the impression that Schwartz was an attorney and was representing one of the persons responsible for the break-ins. Schwartz wanted $35,000 for evidence he would provide linking numerous California growers to these break-ins. Cohen met with Schwartz on Monday, March 26, 1974, in Bakersfield to discuss the matter further. Schwartz provided Cohen with brief glimpses of materials in his possession purporting to have been seized from offices broken into. Schwartz also provided a list of such places, including a UFWU office in Delano called Filipino Hall. Cohen related that Filipino Hall was in fact the object of an armed robbery last year and that the crime had never been solved. Among the
materials taken at that time were financial records of the union and records relating to certain of their activities covered by the Norris-LaGuardia Labor Act. Schwartz further related that there were checks in existence which would establish a financial link between the alleged thieves and the growers. Cohen further related that Schwartz was extremely anxious to raise the $35,000, as his "client" was supposed to be charged this week with fraud by unknown prosecuting authorities. As the above information indicates a possible violation of Title 18, U.S.C. §241 involving interference with the rights of United Farm Worker Union members and workers under the Norris-LaGuardia Labor Act, please conduct the following limited investigation:

Interview Attorney Jerry Cohen for full details of his contacts to date with Fred Schwartz. In the event Schwartz recontacts Cohen, which Cohen feels is inevitable, arrange with Cohen to be informed of the location of the meeting to take place between Cohen and Schwartz. Establish a surveillance of that meeting and attempt to ascertain the identity of Schwartz. Following the meeting please reinterview Cohen for full details of the conversation. Assuming Schwartz can be identified by photographs, fingerprints or in some other manner, please inform this Division of the results of the interview with Cohen and the identification of Schwartz in order for us to determine what further investigation, if any, is warranted. Also, please do not inform local law enforcement authorities of the meeting between Cohen and Schwartz at this time.
This will confirm the telephone conversation of Wednesday, March 27, between William L. Gardner, Deputy Chief of the Criminal Section of this Division, and Supervisor [REDACTED] of your Bureau.
To: SAC, Sacramento (44-625)

From: Director, FBI

UNSUB: JERRY COHEN,
UNITED FARM WORKERS,
BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA -
VICTIM
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Redatelcall 3/27/74.

Enclosed are two copies of a Departmental
letter dated 3/23/74, which confirms their request for
investigation furnished to your office via reRedatelcall.

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TMG:sab (4)
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3-22 PM URGENT 3-28-74 WCH
TO DIRECTOR

ATTN: CIVIL RIGHTS SECT, GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION
FROM SACRAMENTO (44-625)(P) 5P

UNSUB: JERRY COHEN, UNITED FARM WORKERS, BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA - VICTIM. CIVIL RIGHTS.

RE SACRAMENTO NITEL TO BUREAU, MARCH 27, 1974.

JERRY COHEN, CHIEF COUNSEL, UNITED FARM WORKERS (UFW), KEANE, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED AS FOLLOWS ON MARCH 28, 1974:

ON MARCH 21, 1974, HE RECEIVED TELCALL FROM ONE FRED SCHWARTZ SUPPOSEDLY FROM SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA. SCHWARTZ SAID HE HAD VALUABLE INFORMATION TO SELL CONCERNING BREAK-INS OF UFW OFFICES AND OTHER BUSINESSES AND RESIDENCES. MEETING WAS SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 25, 1974. COHEN MET SCHWARTZ AT 3:00 P.M., MARCH 25, 1974, AT HILTON HOTEL BAR, BAKERSFIELD. AT THIS MEETING SCHWARTZ HAD FILE OR FOLDER END PAGE 1

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ABOUT 1 INCH THICK WHICH HE SAID CONTAINED STOLEN UFW OR UFW-RELATED DOCUMENTS. DOCUMENTS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS ACCESSIBLE TO SCHWARTZ REPORTEDLY TAKEN IN VARIOUS ROBBERIES OR "FROM INSIDE" UFW BY AN INFORMANT AT DIRECTION OF 2 CALIFORNIA GROWERS, ONE WITH LAST NAME D'ARRIGO WHO IS IN LETTUCE AND GRAPE GROWING BUSINESS IN SALINAS, FRESNO, AND IMPERIAL VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, AND ANOTHER, NAME NOT GIVEN, WHO WAS LARGE GRAPE GROWER IN DELANO, CALIFORNIA. SCHWARTZ CLAIMS TO REPRESENT MAN WHO IS TO BE INDICTED MARCH 29, 1974, FOR FRAUD AT UNKNOWN LOCATION AND REFERRED TO THIS MAN AS HIS CLIENT, INDICATING AT TIMES MORE THAN ONE PERSON WAS INVOLVED IN BREAK-INS. SCHWARTZ EXHIBITED HANDWRITTEN LIST OF PAST "ROBBERIES" WHICH INCLUDED \[\text{(redacted)}\] NONE OF ABOVE HAVE BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH UFW DURING PAST 5 YEARS.

ALSO INDICATED AS PAST TARGETS OF "ROBBERIES" WERE STUDENT

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NON-VIOLENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE OF SAN FRANCISCO, FILIPINO HALL AT DELANO (THIS HALL WAS VICTIM OF ARMED ROBBERY DURING ABOUT 1968 AT WHICH TIME SOME UFW PAPERS STOLEN), AND CATHOLIC CHURCH OFFICE, CITY NOT RECALLED.

SCHWARTZ HANDED COHEN TWO SMALL DATE BOOKS CONTAINING NAMES BUT WOULD NOT PERMIT CLOSE EXAMINATION. DOCUMENTS HE WAS ALLOWED TO REVIEW CONTAINED INNOCUOUS INFORMATION.

INDICIMENT OF SCHWARTZ'S CLIENT FOR FRAUD SUPPOSEDLY TO TAKE PLACE MARCH 29, 1974, AND $25,000 NEEDED TO GET OUT OF TROUBLE.

SCHWARTZ ASKED COHEN TO PAY $35,000 FOR ALL DOCUMENTS AND INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO HIM. COHEN SAID HE HAD NO INTENTION OF BUYING STOLEN UFW PROPERTY AND LEFT SCHWARTZ WITH IMPRESSION UFW WOULD NOT PAY ANY MONEY AND THAT IF HE FELT CRIME HAD BEEN COMMITTED HE MIGHT REPORT MATTER TO AUTHORITIES.

SCHWARTZ SAID JOHN HARMEY, CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLYMAN FROM LOS ANGELES AREA, WAS AWARE OF STOLEN MATERIAL AND WAS USING INFORMATION
FOR POLITICAL GAIN BUT GAVE NO MORE SPECIFICS CONCERNING THIS MATTER. SCHWARTZ MENTIONED CALIFORNIA COUNCIL OF GROWERS BUT DID NOT ELABORATE AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THIS ORGANIZATION INVOLVED. SCHWARTZ CLAIMED HE HAD APPROACHED DELANO GROWER WHOSE NAME HE DID NOT DEVULGE WITH PROPOSITION TO SELL INFORMATION BUT WAS REJECTED. SCHWARTZ PLANNED NEXT TO CONTACT [REDACTED]. SCHWARTZ SAID HIS CLIENT WOULD POSSIBLY DESIRE TO MEET COHEN AND THAT HE WOULD CONTACT COHEN ON OR ABOUT MARCH 29, 1974. COHEN IS WILLING TO ACCEPT OFFER OF ANOTHER MEETING AND PROMISED TO IMMEDIATELY ADVISE FBI OF ANY FURTHER CONTACT.

COHEN DESCRIBED SCHWARTZ AS WHITE MALE IN MID-40S, 6 FEET 2 INCHES, 215 POUNDS, DARK HAIR, EYES UNKNOWN, DEEP VOICE, NO NOTICEABLE MARKS, WHO CHAIN-SMOKED CAMEL CIGARETTES AND WAS DRESSED IN SPORT COAT AND TIE.

COHEN ADVISED [REDACTED] HAD BEEN CONTACTED BY SCHWARTZ AND SUBSEQUENT TO ABOVE INTERVIEW AT KEANE, COHEN CONTACTED RESIDENT AGENCY END PAGE 4
IN BAKERSFIELD AND ADVISED CALLED HIM MARCH 28, 1974, AND SAID HE HAD MET SCHWARTZ IN BURLINGAME, CALIFORNIA. SCHWARTZ TOLD HIM THAT PAYOFFS HAD BEEN MADE IN AMOUNTS $2,000 EACH. COHEN TOLD TO CALL FBI IN BAKERSFIELD, BUT AT PRESENT TIME SUPPOSEDLY EN ROUTE TO SAN JOSE AREA TO PERSONALLY INVESTIGATE MATTER.

UACB, SACRAMENTO WILL FOLLOW PREVIOUS INSTRUCTIONS SET FORTH BY BUREAU TO COVER ANY MEETING BETWEEN SCHWARTZ AND COHEN AND ATTEMPT TO DISCREETLY DETERMINE IF SCHWARTZ WAS REGISTERED AT HILTON HOTEL IN BAKERSFIELD. IN VIEW OF ABOVE INFORMATION BEING RATHER NON-SPECIFIC, IT IS NOT FELT ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION SHOULD BE CONDUCTED AT THIS TIME.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (ATTN: CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION, GEN. INVEST. DIV.)
SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (44-1413)
FROM: SAC, SACRAMENTO (44-625) (P) 1P

JEROME JOSEPH DUCOTE, AKA: JERRY COHEN; UNITED FARM WORKERS, KEANE, CALIF. - VICTIM: CR; 00: SC.

RE SACRAMENTO TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU AND SAN FRANCISCO, APR. 3, 1974.

SUBJECT TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED BAKERSFIELD RA APR. 3, 1974, THAT HE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO CONFER WITH HIS ATTORNEY UNTIL APR. 6, 1974, AND WOULD THEREAFTER MAKE APPOINTMENT TO BE INTERVIEWED BY FBI IN BAKERSFIELD. SUBJECT STATED HE DOES NOT DESIRE TO BE CONTACTED AT SAN JOSE.

SUBJECT WILL BE INTERVIEWED WHEN AND IF HE MAKES HIMSELF AVAILABLE.

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PAN FBI HQ

5 APR 17 1974
To:        DIRECTOR, FBI

ATTEN: CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION, GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

From:  SAC, SACRAMENTO (44-625) (P) 1P

UNSUB: JERRY COHEN, UNITED FARM WORKERS, BAKERSFIELD, CALIF.

VICTIM: CIVIL RIGHTS.

RE BUREAU TEL CALL FROM SUPERVISOR [REDACTED] TO ASAC, SACRAMENTO, MAR. 27, 1974.

JERRY COHEN, CHIEF COUNSEL, UNITED FARM WORKERS (UFW), CONTACTED TODAY AT UFW HEADQUARTERS IN KEANE, CALIF., AND ADVISED HE WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER AT 10:00 A. M., MAR. 28, 1974.

COHEN SAID NO MEETING WITH FRED SCHWARTZ HAS BEEN ARRANGED TO DATE, BUT SCHWARTZ IS SUPPOSED TO RECONTACT HIM MAR. 29, 1974.

BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED OF RESULTS OF COHEN INTERVIEW BY TELETYPewriter.

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EX-113
March 28, 1974

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

This concerns a new Civil Rights investigation to be conducted by our Sacramento Division involving United Farm Workers (UFW) in California.

On 3/27/74, Mr. William L. Gardner, Civil Rights Division, U. S. Department of Justice, advised he had been contacted by attorney Jerry Cohen, UFW, Bakersfield, California, who advised he, in turn, had been contacted by a Fred Schwartz who allegedly represented one of three persons responsible for a number of burglaries of UFW offices in California during the past year. Schwartz offered to sell to the UFW certain documents and literature obtained during these robberies for a sum of $35,000 and indicated persons conducting robberies reported to John Harmer, a California State legislator and to the California Council of Growers. Cohen had delayed responding to Schwartz's offer and arranged to have Schwartz recontact him 3/29/74.

Department requested investigation be conducted under possible violation Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 241, involving a conspiracy to deny UFW rights guaranteed by labor law statutes. They requested Cohen be interviewed for full details; attempts be made for Agents to observe future meetings between Cohen and Schwartz; that Cohen be interviewed immediately following meeting with Schwartz; and attempts be made to identify true identity of Schwartz. They requested no dissemination of information be made to local authorities at this time.

Sacramento Division was advised to conduct the requested investigation. The attached advises attempts to contact Cohen 3/27/74 negative; however, he will be available for interview 3/28/74. They have been instructed to submit summary of Cohen's interview. Matter being followed closely and you will be kept advised of pertinent developments.

[Signature]

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TO SAC'S SACRAMENTO (44-625)
SAN FRANCISCO
FROM DIRECTOR FBI

UNSUB: JERRY COHEN, UNITED FARM WORKERS, BAKERSFIELD,
CALIFORNIA - VICTIM; CIVIL RIGHTS OO: SC.

RESCTEL TO BUREAU AND SAN FRANCISCO MARCH 31, 1974.

THIS MATTER DISCUSSED WITH THE DEPARTMENT AND THEY
REQUESTED INVESTIGATION CONTINUE TO FULLY IDENTIFY FRED
SCHWARTZ, ALSO KNOWN AS, CHARLES SCHWARTZ, THE INDIVIDUAL
WHO MET WITH CHIEF COUNSEL JERRY COHEN, UNITED FARM WORKERS
(UFW) AT BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA, MARCH 25, 1974, AND
MARCH 31, 1974.

SACRAMENTO AND SAN FRANCISCO EXPEDITE EFFORTS TO
IDENTIFY SCHWARTZ. ONCE HE IS PROPERLY IDENTIFIED, SUTEL
SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION AND FOLLOW WITH LHM CONTAINING
FULL DETAILS THIS INVESTIGATION. ONCE IDENTIFIED, NO ATTEMPT
SHOULD BE MADE TO INTERVIEW INDIVIDUAL KNOWN AS SCHWARTZ
UNLESS ADVISED TO THE CONTRARY BY THE BUREAU.

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TELETYPETO SACs, SC, SF
RE: UNSUB; JERRY COHEN - VICTIM

BUFFILES INDICATE JACK PANDEL, PANDEL AND SONS, BOX 2
BOX 368, DELANO, CALIFORNIA, AND MARTIN ZARINOVICH
JASMINE VINEYARD, POST OFFICE BOX 1959 DELANO REPRESENTING
SOME 30 GROWERS APPEARED IN THE BAKERSFIELD RESIDENT AGENCY
ON AUGUST 20, 1973, AND FILED A CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLAINT
ALLEGING THE CIVIL RIGHTS OF THE GROWERS HAD BEEN VIOLATED
BY THE UFWU.

BASED UPON INFORMATION FURNISHED, IT IS NOT KNOWN IF
THESE INDIVIDUALS ARE IDENTICAL TO THOSE PERSONS
DESCRIBED IN RESCTEL. BUFFILES CONTAIN NUMEROUS REFERENCES
TO A CHARLES AND FRED SCHWARTZ; HOWEVER, DUE TO THE NUMBER
OF REFERENCES AND THE LACK OF MORE SPECIFIC INFORMATION,
NO ATTEMPT WAS MADE TO REVIEW THESE REFERENCES.
NOTE: This concerns a limited Civil Rights investigation being conducted by our Sacramento Division, pursuant to a Departmental request, into alleged break-ins of UFW offices and an attempt by one Fred Schwartz to sell documents taken during these break-ins to the UFW for a sum of $35,000. By teletype 3/31/74, SC Division advised Schwartz met with victim 3/31/74 and offered to sell documents taken during course of 16 break-ins for a total of $25,000. These break-ins occurred during 1966 - 1970 and documents allegedly have been in possession of House Un-American Activities Committee in the past. Schwartz named 3 major California growers as having hired individuals to do break-ins and indicated documents taken were periodically reviewed by military intelligence and other unknown agencies. He claimed 2 persons currently being paid "hush money," one in Mexico and one in Spain, and that periodically Agents of Army Intelligence or CIA send money to these two individuals through one of the three California growers. Schwartz refused victim close examination of documents, but stated he was a former policeman and desired to write book about matter. On 4/1/74, Mr. William L. Gardner, CRD, advised investigation should continue to fully identify Schwartz and once identified, information developed during investigation should be furnished to appropriate local and Federal authorities. This instructs SC and SF to expedite investigation to identify Schwartz and to sue HM results. indicates growers' Jack Pandol and Martin J. Zabinovich filed CR complaint with our SCO 8/73, alleging rights of growers had been violated by UFW workers.
TO DIRECTOR
LOS ANGELES
SAN FRANCISCO (44-1413)
FROM SACRAMENTO (44-625) (P) 2 P

CHANGED. JEROME JOSEPH DUCOTE, AKA FRED SCHWARTZ; JERRY COHEN,
UNITED FARM WORKERS, KEENE, CALIFORNIA - VICTIM, CR.

TITLE CHANGED TO SHOW IDENTITY OF SUBJECT AND CORRECT LOCATION
OF UNITED FARM WORKERS (UFW) OFFICE AS KEENE, CALIFORNIA. TITLE
FORMERLY CARRIED AS "UNSUB, JERRY COHEN, UNITED FARM WORKERS,
BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA - VICTIM, CR."

RE SC AND SF TELLETYPES TO THE BUREAU, APRIL 1, 1974.

SUBJECT, WHITE MALE, BORN JUNE 28, 1929, GULFPORT, LOUISIANA,
SSN 571-20-3939, WAS CONTACTED BY BUAGENTS AT BAKERSFIELD, APRIL 2,
1974, AND ADMITTED HIS IDENTITY AS SET FORTH ABOVE. HE ALSO
ADMITTED CONTACTING SA [REDACTED] ON TELEPHONE APRIL 1, 1974,
USING NAME OF FRED SCHWARTZ TO ARRANGE FOR MEETING THE FBI,
BAKERSFIELD, ON APRIL 4, 1974. SUBJECT DECLINED TO DISCUSS DETAILS.

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OF MATTER AT HAND UNTIL HE CONVERS WITH HIS ATTORNEY, SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA, BUT DID FURNISH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION RE HIS RECENT ACTIONS UNDER THE NAME OF FRED SCHWARTZ:

DURING THE PAST FOUR YEARS HE HAS BEEN SELF-EMPLOYED IN PUBLIC RELATIONS BUSINESS. DURING SAME TIME HE AND OTHERS WERE ENGAGED IN GATHERING INTELLIGENCE FOR CERTAIN CALIFORNIA GROWERS, MAINLY CONCERNING UFW. HE IS NOW "BOXED IN" BECAUSE OF SUCH ACTIVITIES AND IS IN DEBT IN AMOUNT OF $20,000 RE PAST LOAN, WITH PRESSURE BEING EXERTED FOR REPAYMENT. IN CONNECTION WITH LOAN, DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, SAN JOSE, NOW CONTEMPLATING CRIMINAL FRAUD CHARGES AGAINST HIM AND ANOTHER MAN WHO HE DESCRIBED AS HAVING NINE CHILDREN. HE WOULD NOT ELABORATE ON ABOVE, BUT SAID HE INTENDS TO KEEP APPOINTMENT WITH SA ON APRIL 4, 1974, AND MAY HAVE ATTORNEY WITH HIM.

UACB DUCOTE WILL BE INTERVIEWED ON APRIL 4, 1974, IN PRESENCE OF ATTORNEY IF NECESSARY.

LOS ANGELES DISCONTINUE INVESTIGATION REQUESTED IN REFERENCED SACRAMENTO TELETYPE.

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7-15 PM URGENT 4/1/74 RRH
TO DIRECTOR
LOS ANGELES
SAN FRANCISCO
FROM SACRAMENTO (44-625) (P) 5P

UNSUB: JERRY COHEN, UNITED FARM WORKERS (UFW), BAKERSFIELD, CALIF. - VICTIM; CR.

RE BUREAU TELETYPING TO SACRAMENTO APR. 1, 1974.
FOR INFORMATION OF SAN FRANCISCO, ONE FRED SCHWARTZ, WHITE MALE, AGE 45 TO 50; 6 FT. 1 IN., TO 6 FT. 2 INS.; 215 LBS., GRAY HAIR, HAD A PRE-ARRANGED MEETING WITH VICTIM COHEN, CHIEF COUNSEL, UFW, AT BAKERSFIELD, CALIF., MAR. 25, 1974, AND OFFERED TO SELL CERTAIN DOCUMENTS FOR $35,000. ANOTHER MEETING TOOK PLACE MAR. 31, 1974, AT BAKERSFIELD BETWEEN COHEN AND SCHWARTZ, WHICH MEETING WAS OBSERVED BY BUREAU AGENTS AND ASKING PRICE WAS REDUCED TO $25,000. THESE DOCUMENTS OFFERED BY SCHWARTZ SUPPOSEDLY RELATE TO CALIF. GROWERS WHO PAID FOR BREAK-INS OF UFW OFFICES AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS IN 1960'S.

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SCHWARTZ WAS OBSERVED BY AGENTS TO LEAVE MAR. 31, 1974, MEETING IN 1974 BUICK, CALIF. LICENSE 814 JZH, AND PROCEEDED TO HILTON INN, BAKERSFIELD. CAR IS REGISTERED TO NATIONAL CAR RENTAL, CARE OF SAN LUIS OBISPO. HILTON RECORDS REFLECT DUCOTE, REGISTERED WITH SAME LICENSE NUMBER MAR. 30, 1974, AND DUE TO CHECK OUT APR. 1, 1974.

FOR INFORMATION OF BUREAU, SACRAMENTO INADVERTENTLY REFERRED TO FRED SCHWARZ AS CHARLES SCHWARTZ IN TELETYPE OF MAR. 31, 1974.

PHOTOS TAKEN DURING FISUR OF MAR. 31, 1974, BEING DEVELOPED.

ON EVENING OF MAR. 31, 1974, COHEN SAID SCHWARTZ TELEPHONED AND COHEN TOLD HIM UFW BOARD WOULD NOT PAY. COHEN THEN, OF HIS OWN VOLITION, TOLD SCHWARTZ HE HAD BEEN IN CONTACT WITH CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION OF USDJ REGARDING THIS MATTER AND WAS ADVISED TO TELL SCHWARTZ TO CONTACT FBI.

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CALIF. DMV RECORDS REVEAL DRIVER'S LICENSE PHOTO REPRODUCING SECTION UNDER REPAIR UNTIL APR. 2, 1974; HOWEVER, THERE ARE DRIVER'S LICENSES LISTED FOR JERRY DUCOTE, [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] BOTH BEING CURRENT DRIVER'S LICENSES. THESE RECORDS DESCRIBED DUCOTE, [REDACTED] COHEN ADVISED ON APR. 1, 1974, HE RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL AT 3:00 P.M. FROM SCHWARTZ WHO SAID HE NEEDED IMMEDIATE CASH OF $600 TO $1,000 FOR BAIL, AND IN RETURN, IS WILLING TO SIGN STATEMENT IMPLICATING CERTAIN CALIF. GROWERS IN 16 BURGLARIES. SCHWARTZ SAID BOND WAS BETWEEN $6,000 AND $10,000 AND SAID, "WE NEED BAIL BAD". HE SOUNDED VERY DESPERATE AND MENTIONED ONE OF PERSONS INVOLVED IN BURGLARIES HAD NINE CHILDREN. COHEN SAID HE CONFERRED END PAGE THREE
WITH UFW DIRECTOR CAESAR CHAVEZ CONCERNING WHAT COURSE TO TAKE, AND CHAVEZ TOLD HIM TO "ASK THE FBI". COHEN HAS RECOMMENDED NO MONEY BE PAID SCHWARTZ BUT EXPECTS FURTHER CONTACT FROM SCHWARTZ.

PRETEXT CALL TO HILTON INN SWITCHBOARD 3:45 P. M., APR. 1, 1974, INDICATES DUCOTE STILL REGISTERED.

AT 4:20 P. M., APR. 1, 1974, AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS FRED SCHWARTZ CONTACTED SA (REDACTED) AT BAKERSFIELD RA AND ADVISED HE HAD BEEN IN CONTACT WITH COHEN, THAT COHEN HAD TALKED TO SENATOR KENNEDY'S OFFICE, WHO WOULD MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR HIM, SCHWARTZ, TO FURNISH INFORMATION TO FBI. SCHWARTZ DECLINED TO DISCUSS MATTER ON TELEPHONE AND MADE APPOINTMENT TO APPEAR AT BAKERSFIELD RA 9:30 A. M., APR. 4, 1974.

ABOVE DMV DESCRIPTIONS INDICATE THAT NEITHER DUCOTE NOR (REDACTED) IDENTICAL TO UNSUB; THEREFORE, BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO ADVISE IF THIS MATTER SHOULD BE PURSUED TO EXTENT OF OPENLY CONTACTING END PAGE FOUR