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SUBJECT: United Farm Workers et al.

FILE: 123-9333
WILLIAM BUCKELMAN ACTION DIRECTOR FBI NEW YORK AND PENNSYLVANIA WASHINGTON TO CLEVELAND


SEE NEXT PAGE FOR CLEAR COPY OF TEXT.
UNSUBS.; UNITED FARM WORKERS - VICTIMS. CIVIL RIGHTS;
CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964. CIVIL RIGHTS

THE FOLLOWING WIRE RECEIVED AT FBIHQ FROM

"I DEMAND THAT THE FBI INVESTIGATE THE CONSPIRACY OF
GROWERS AND TEAMSTERS TO VIOLATE THE CIVIL RIGHTS OF
CHICANOS AND PHILIPPINOS FARM WORKERS THE TEAMSTERS
ARE COMMITTING ACTS OF VIOLENCE AGAINST THE FARM
WORKERS WHO ARE STRIKING IN COACHELLA VALLEY TERRORS
HAVE INCLUDED ATTEMPTED MURDER ARSON BEATINGS AND
KIDNAPPING THE FBI FOUND NUMEROUS VIOLATIONS AGAINST
BLACKS DURING THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT THE FARM WORKERS
TELETYPE TO SAC'S SEATTLE, LOS ANGELES AND SACRAMENTO
UNSUBS; UNITED FARM WORKERS - VICTIMS

STRUGGLE IS PART OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT THIS ISSUE
SHOULD BE INVESTIGATED AS IT IS A MATTER OF NATIONAL
CONCERN."

THE FOLLOWING SIMILAR WIRE RECEIVED FROM [REDACTED]

"I DEMAND THAT THE FBI INVESTIGATE THE CONSPIRACY
OF GROWERS AND TEAMSTERS TO VIOLATE THE CIVIL RIGHTS
OF CHICANO AND PHILIPPINO FARM WORKERS. THE TEAMSTERS
ARE COMMITTING GRAVE ACTS OF VIOLENCE AGAINST UNITED
FARM WORKER MEMBERS. THE FARM WORKERS ARE NON-VIOLENT
AND REFUSE TO RETALIATE AGAINST THESE VIOLENT ATTACKS.
JUSTICE DEMANDS THAT THE FBI INVESTIGATE THIS MATTER OF
NATIONAL CONCERN."

ALTHOUGH ALLEGING CIVIL RIGHTS VIOLATIONS, THE ABOVE
COMMUNICATIONS ARE INSUFFICIENTLY SPECIFIC TO ENABLE
DETERMINATION AS TO WHAT ACTION, IF ANY, IS INDICATED
FOR THE FBI.

SEATTLE, IMMEDIATELY INTERVIEW ABOVE TWO CORRESPOND-
ENTS IN DETAIL AS TO THE SPECIFIC NATURE OF THE VIOLATIONS
ALLEGED IN ORDER TO PINPOINT WHETHER OR NOT THERE IS

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TELETYPE TO SACS SEATTLE, LOS ANGELES AND SACRAMENTO RE UNSUBS; UNITED FARM WORKERS - VICTIMS

FBI INTEREST. MAKE CERTAIN CORRESPONDENT UNDERSTANDS THAT MATTERS INVOLVING DISORDER AND PERSONAL SAFETY ARE WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND, IF INDICATED, APPROPRIATE LOCAL AUTHORITIES SHOULD BE ADVISED. SUTEL SUMMARY OF RESULTS OF ABOVE INTERVIEWS FOLLOWED BY DETAILED LHM WITHIN FIVE DAYS. RESULTS WILL BE FURNISHED TO CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT FOR DETERMINATION AS TO WHAT COURSE OF ACTION THEY DEEM NECESSARY. ADVISE CORRESPONDENTS THAT THIS WILL BE DONE.

LOS ANGELES AND SACRAMENTO SUTEL SUMMARY FOLLOWED BY LHM'S SETTING FORTH SUMMARY OF FACTS DESCRIBING NATURE OF CURRENT DISPUTE BETWEEN GROWERS, TEAMSTERS AND UNITED FARM WORKERS AS ALLEGED ABOVE.
NOTE: Two telegrams received FBIHQ 7/2/73, wherein correspondents, both of whom allege "Civil Rights" violations against Chicanos, Filipinos and United Farm Workers by farm growers and Teamsters in Coachella Valley (California). Contents of communications are nonspecific to determine whether or not violation within our jurisdiction is present and this communication is aimed at gathering necessary details and background from the field so the Department may be advised.
WILLIAM RUCKELHAUS ACTING DIRECTOR FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
10 AND PENNSYLVANIA
WASHINGTON DC 20535

I DEMAND THAT THE FBI INVESTIGATE THE CONSPIRACY OF GROWERS
AND TEAMSTERS TO VIOLATE THE CIVIL RIGHTS OF CHICANO AND PHILIPPINO
FARM WORKERS. THE TEAMSTERS ARE COMMITTING GRAVE ACTS OF VIOLENCE
AGAINST UNITED FARM WORKER MEMBERS. THE FARM WORKERS ARE NON-VIOLENT
AND REFUSE TO RETALIATE AGAINST THESE VIOLENT ATTACKS. JUSTICE
DEMANDS THAT THE FBI INVESTIGATE THIS MATTER OF NATIONAL CONCERN SINCERELY.

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[Signatures and notes]

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REC 26 173-9333-

7 JUL 8 1973
TO:        DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM:    SACRAMENTO (44-NEW) (P)

SUBJ: UNITED FARM WORKERS — VICTIMS, CIVIL RIGHTS;
      CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964.

IN 1963 THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR AND CONGRESS
OF INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZATION (AFL-CIO) FOUNDED THE AGRICULTURAL
WORKERS ORGANIZING COMMITTEE (AWOC) HEADED BY AL GREEN
AFL-CIO ORGANIZER, IN AN EFFORT TO ORGANIZE FARM WORKERS
UNDER A UNION. AT THAT TIME THE FILIPINO FARM WORKERS
WERE THE PRIMARY TARGET.

IN 1965 THAT AWOC CONDUCTED A SMALL STRIKE OF FILIPINO
WORKERS AND SOME MEXICAN LABORERS AT ARVIN, CALIFORNIA, WHICH
WAS SUPPORTED BY THE UNITED FARM WORKERS ASSOCIATION
(UFWA) HEADED BY CESAR CHAVEZ. IN 1965 THE UFWA ENTERED
INTO THE STRIKE, WHICH THEY CHANGED FROM A LABOR MOVEMENT
TO MORE OF A CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT, WHICH WAS IMMEDIATELY
SUPPORTED BY THE CIVIL RIGHTS WORKERS FROM THE SOUTH AND
AREAS SUCH AS BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA.

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THE UFWA WAS ORIGINALLY ORGANIZED BY PEOPLE WHO SPLIT FROM THE COMMITTEE SERVICES ORGANIZATION (CSO), A MEXICAN-AMERICAN ORGANIZATION DESIGNED TO FURTHER AND IMPROVE THE MEXICAN LIFE IN THE UNITED STATES. IT IS ALLEGED THE SPLIT WAS DUE TO THE FACT THE CSO WAS NOT MIENTANT ENOUGH. THE PERSONS FORMING THE NUCLEUS OF UFWA WERE ALLEGED TO BE GRADUATES OF THE SAUL ALINSKY SCHOOL OF INDUSTRIAL AREA FOUNDATION (IAF) OF CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. MUCH HAS BEEN WRITTEN ABOUT SAUL ALINSKY AND HIS SCHOOL DESIGNED TO TRAIN PEOPLE IN THE ORGANIZATION OF LABOR AND CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENTS.

IN 1965 THE AWOL AND THE UFWA COMBINED INTO THE UNITED FARM WORKERS ORGANIZING COMMITTEE (UFWOC) UNDER THE AFL-CIO.


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THE TEAMSTERS UNION, FOR SEVERAL YEARS, HAVE ALREADY ORGANIZED FARM WORKERS IN AGRICULTURAL ENTERPRISES ORIENTATED TOWARDS CYBERNIZATION, THE COMBINATION OF MAN AND MACHINE UTILIZED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SUCH AS TRUCK DRIVERS, OTHER EQUIPMENT OPERATORS, AND PRODUCE PACKING SHEDS. THE TEAMSTERS PRECIOUSLY SUPPORTED THE UFWOC WITH MEN AND MONEY UNTIL ABOUT THREE YEARS AGO. DURING THE PAST TWO OR THREE YEARS THE TEAMSTERS AND THE UFWOC, SINCE CHANGED TO THE UNITED FARM WORKERS UNION (UFWU) HAVE BECOME INVOLVED IN JURISDICTIONAL DISPUTES, WITH THE TEAMSTERS CLAIMING THE UFWU HAVE ATTEMPTED TO SIGN CONTRACTS WITH PACKING SHEDS AND CYBERNETIC ORIENTATED AGRICULTURAL ACTIVITIES, WHICH WAS ALREADY ORGANIZED UNDER THE TEAMSTERS. THE UFWU HAVE CLAIMED TEAMSTERS ORGANIZING ACTIVITY AMONG FIELD LABORERS.

THE GROWERS CLAIM THE UFWU WERE NOT SUFFICIENTLY ORGANIZED WITH HIRING MALLS, AND COULD NOT AND DID NOT FURNISH THE NECESSARY LABOR MANPOWER TO THE GROWERS WHEN END PAGE THREE
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NEEDED. THE TEAMSTERS HAVE BEGUN SINGING CONTRACTS WITH GROWERS, CLAIMING THEY ARE SUFFICIENTLY ORGANIZED TO FURNISH THE NECESSARY LABOR SUPPLY TO GROWERS. THIS IS THE NATURE OF THE JURISDICTIONAL DISPUTE IN A NUTSHELL.

THE UFWU ARE CURRENTLY ENGAGED IN PICKETING FARMERS WHO HAVE SIGNED TEAMSTER CONTRACTS AND ARE UTILIZING TEAMSTER FIELD WORKERS. STATED THE UFWU CONTINUOUSLY COMPLAINS REGARDING PROTECTION OF THE PICKETS.

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STATES THERE HAVE BEEN ACTS OF VIOLENCE AND
VANDALISM BY BOTH THE TEAMSTERS AND UFWU WITH MEMBERS OF
BOTH UNIONS BEING ARRESTED FOR ASSAULT, CARRYING DEADLY
WEAPONS, VANDALISM AGAINST EACH OTHER, GROWERS
STATES THIS CAN BE DOCUMENTED.

THE KERN COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT HAS ISSUED INJUNCTIONS
ON APPEAL OF GROWERS AND TEAMSTERS UNION RESTRICTING UFWU
PICKET ACTIVITY. ONE JUDGE HAS BEEN QUOTED STATING
INJUNCTIONS WOULD NOT BE NECESSARY IF UFWU CONDUCTED THEMSELVES
TO NORMAL PICKETING ACTIVITY, WHICH THEY HAVE FAILED TO DO.
TEAMSTERS LINE UP IN THE FIELDS BETWEEN UFWU PICKETS AND
WORKERS IN THE FIELDS, WHICH RESULT IN CONFRONTATIONS.

UFWU IS ALSO CAUSING DISTURBANCES AT THE COUNTY JAIL IN
BAKERSFIELD BY LAYING IN THE LOBBY, ETC.

LHM FOLLOWING. AIRMAIL COPY TO LOS ANGELES AND SEATTLE.

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NOLD
MR 832 LA PLAIN
935PM HTEL 7-3-73 MAN
TO ACTING DIRECTOR
PHOENIX
SACRAMENTO
SEATTLE
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-2535) GP CP


RE: BUTEL TO SEATTLE, LOS ANGELES AND SACRAMENTO, 7-2-73.

THE FOLLOWING WAS FURNISHED BY

[Redacted] AND FROM NEWS MEDIA ACCOUNTS.

CESAR CHAVEZ, PRESIDENT, UNITED FARM WORKERS (UFW),

APL-CIO, UNTIL 4-15-73, HAD CONTRACTS WITH FARMERS AND COMPANIES GROWING TABLE GRAPES IN THE COACHELLA VALLEY, VICINITY INDIOS, TO REPRESENT THEIR WORKERS. ON 4-15-73, THE UPV CONTRACTS RAN OUT AND FOR THE MOST PART WERE NOT RENEWED BY THE GROVERS. THE GROVERS INSTEAD SIGNED CONTRACTS

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WITH THE TEAMSTERS UNION.

AS A RESULT A UNION JURISDICTIONAL DISPUTE HAS
ENSUED BETWEEN THE TEAMSTERS AND UFW, AFL-CIO. THIS DISPUTE
HAS RECEIVED NATIONWIDE PUBLICITY WITH GEORGE MEABERY, PRESIDENT,
AFL-CIO, PLEDGING ONE POINT SIX MILLION STRIKE FUND TO THE
UFW AND FRANK FITZSIMMONS, PRESIDENT OF TEAMSTERS ENGAGING
IN PUBLIC STATEMENTS.

CESAR CHAVEZ CALLED FOR A STRIKE OF THE GROWERS WHO
SIGNED WITH THE TEAMSTERS AND THIS STRIKE COMMENCED 4-16-73.
THE STRIKE HAS INVOLVED ACTIVE PICKETING OF THE GRAPE VINEYARDS
BY THE UFW AS WELL AS THE ORGANIZATION OR A NATIONWIDE
SECONDARY BOYCOTT ON GRAPES. CESAR CHAVEZ HAS TRAVELLED
TO WASHINGTON, D.C. WHERE HE HAS CONTACTED CONGRESSMEN
AND SENATORS. THE UFW REPORTEDLY HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH
U.S. SENATORS WALTER MONDALE AND EDWARD KENNEDY.

DURING THE INITIAL STAGES OF THE STRIKE A CIVIL COURT
ORDER WAS ISSUED BY INDIAN SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE FRED W. THENBY
WHICH DETAILED STRIKE PROCEDURES AND RESTRICTIONS ON PICKETS.
Six arsons, all unsolved in the Coachella Valley,
one involving a large packing ship owned by a grape grower
valued at $750,000; a $10,000 hay fire; the burning of a large
number of boxes used to pack grapes, and three car fires.

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REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COMMUNITY RELATIONS DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE IN LOS ANGELES AND SAN FRANCISCO HAVE BEEN IN THE COACHELLA VALLEY AND HAVE BEEN ON THE SCENE MONITORING STRIKE ACTIVITIES. THEY CONTINUE TO REMAIN IN CONTACT WITH THE RSO.

ALSO A FIVE MAN U.S. SENATE INVESTIGATING TEAM FROM THE SENATE LABOR COMMITTEE HAVE BEEN IN THE COACHELLA VALLEY, LOOKED INTO THE DISPUTE AND QUESTIONED WORKERS, GROWERS AND OFFICIALS OF BOTH UNIONS.

MOST OF THE GRAPE HARVEST IN THE COACHELLA VALLEY WILL BE CONCLUDED WITHIN APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEKS, HOWEVER, A SMALL AMOUNT OF PICKING BY INDIVIDUAL GROWERS MAY CONTINUE THROUGH JULY. MONDAY, 7-9-73, GRAPE PICKING IS DUE TO BEGIN IN THE ARVIN, CALIFORNIA AREA AND THE RSO ANTICIPATES MORE OF THE UFW STRIKERS AND TEAMSTERS WILL PROCEED TO THAT AREA AND TO THE MARICOPA COUNTY AREA IN ARIZONA.

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There have virtually been no incidents in connection with the strike since 6-30-73, and [redacted] believes the strike in the Coachella Valley is virtually over. They have returned [redacted]. The UFW is down to 350 pickets as of 7-3-73, and the Teamsters down to approximately 50-70 members. [redacted] believes the main strike activity in connection with this union jurisdictional dispute will now move to the Arvin, California, area and to Maricopa County, Arizona.

No known incidents of police brutality have been alleged in connection with the policing of the strike in the Coachella Valley.

On 4-28-73, 8 Coachella Valley Grape Growers were names as defendants in a $32,029,000 lawsuit filed in Superior Court, Indio, by the UFW. The lawsuit alleged that the growers "maliciously and without justification, entered into a conspiracy and a systemized campaign of terrorism, intimidation, threats, assaults, batteries and coercion to end page five"
FORCEFULLY PREVENT THE UFW "FROM EXERCISING THEIR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS OF FREE SPEECH AND EXPRESSION." THE SUIT, WHICH IS A CROSS-COMPLAINT TO LEGAL ACTION TAKEN BY THE GROWERS ASKS FOR ACTUAL DAMAGES OF $25,000 AND PUNITIVE DAMAGES TOTALING $2 MILLION.

CLOSE CONTACT IS BEING MAINTAINED WITH REGARDING THIS MATTER.

INFORMATION COPY FURNISHED PHOENIX INASMUCH AS THIS UNION JURISDICTIONAL DISPUTE APPARENTLY WILL MOVE TO THAT AREA.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

MR 8 PX PLAIN
935 PM 7-5-73 HETEL JRL
TELETYPED

TO ACTING DIRECTOR
LOS ANGELES (44-2933)
SACRAMENTO
SEATTLE
FROM PHOENIX (44-652) (P) (3)

UNSUB; UNITED FARM WORKERS-VICTIM; CR; CRA-1964

RE LA TEL 7-3-73.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION BUREAU AND INTERESTED OFFICES,
FOLLOWING INFO OBTAINED JULY 5, INSTANT FROM

GRAPE GROWERS CONTRACTS WITH UNITED FARM WORKERS UNION
IN MARICOTA COUNTY EXPIRED IN APRIL, 1973 AND WERE NOT RENEWED.
NO CONTRACT YET SIGNED BY GROWERS WITH TEAMSTERS UNION OR
ANYONE ELSE; PICKING PRESENTLY IN PROGRESS IN MARICOTA
COUNTY BEING DONE BY NONUNION LABOR. UFW PRESENTLY PICKETING
GROWERS LOCATED MARICOTA COUNTY NORTHWEST OF CITY OF PHOENIX
WITH ESTIMATED 150 PICKETS. PRINCIPAL GROWERS INVOLVED

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ON JUNE 29, 1973, UFW PICKETS CHASED PICKERS FROM
AND SET FIRE TO TRUCK. NO ARRESTS MADE. ON
JULY 3, 1973, COMPLAINT FILED BY GROWERS IN SUPERIOR COURT,
MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA 279173 AGAINST UFW FOR TEMPORARY
RESTRAINING ORDER, INJUNCTION, AND DAMAGES REGARDING
PICKETING OF GRAPE PICKERS. TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER
ISSUED.

CESAR CHAVEZ, HEAD OF UFW, ARRIVED IN PHOENIX THIS DATE.
NO TEAMSTER UNION MEMBERS OR OFFICIALS KNOWN TO BE INVOLVED
IN DISPUTE TO DATE.

LOS ANGELES, SACRAMENTO, AND SEATTLE REQUESTED TO ADVISE
PHOENIX IF INFO DEVELOPED ADDITIONAL MEMBERS UFW OR
TEAMSTER UNION MEMBERS COMING TO PHOENIX AREA TO PARTICIPATE
ABOVE SITUATION.

IN VIEW INFORMATION TEAMSTERS NOT INVOLVED, NO LHM
BEING SUBMITTED.

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BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED.

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MCOOL SA PLAIN
10:49PM WITEL 7/4/73 LPP
TO ACTING DIRECTOR
FROM SAN ANTONIO (P)

UNSUBS; UNITED FARM WORKERS - VICTIMS. CIVIL RIGHTS; CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964.

RE BUREAU WITEL 7/5/73.

COMPLAINANT CONTACTED TELEPHONICALLY 7/4/73 DECLINED PERSONAL INTERVIEW UNTIL HE COULD LEARN FROM HIS SOURCES HERE, WHO HAD VISITED CALIFORNIA, SOME SPECIFICS OF HIS GENERAL COMPLAINT IN WIRE TO BUREAU. HE WILL CONTACT FBI, SAN ANTONIO, 7/5/73, ACCORDINGLY.

COMPLAINANT UNDERSTANDS THAT MATTERS INVOLVING DISORDER AND PERSONAL SAFETY OF CITIZENS ARE WITHIN JURISDICTION OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

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COMPLAINANT WAS ADVISED THAT RESULTS WILL BE FURNISHED TO CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION OF DEPARTMENT FOR COURSE OF ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY IN ANY SPECIFIC COMPLAINTS HE MAY HAVE.

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7:42 PM MITEL 7-6-73 WEB
TO: ACTING DIRECTOR
FROM: SAN FRANCISCO (44-1348) 2 PAGES
UNSUBS: UNITED FARM WORKERS - VICTIM, CIVIL RIGHTS, CIVIL RIGHTS ACT 1964.

RE BUREAU MITEL TO SAN FRANCISCO, DATED 7-5-73.
ON 7-6-73, [redacted], ADVISED THAT
HE WAS CONCERNED BECAUSE HE FELT THAT LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT
COULD NOT CONTAIN THE VIOLENCE IN COACHELLA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, BETWEEN CESAR CHAVEZ'S UNITED FARM WORKERS UNION
AND THE TEAMSTERS UNION MEMBERS IN THE VALLEY. [redacted] SAID
THAT HE HAS NOT REVIEWED THE SITUATION PERSONALLY BUT THAT
HE HAS READ NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS OF THE ACTIVITIES AND HAVE
TALKED TO PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN THERE. HE SAID THAT THE
DISTURBANCES WERE BETWEEN THE TWO GROUPS MENTIONED AND
THAT LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL WERE NOT INVOLVED IN ANY ACTION
OF POLICE BRUTALITY. HE SAID THAT HE BELIEVES THE ALLEGED
VIOLENCE IS BY THE TWO GROUPS ONLY. HE DOES NOT HAVE ANY
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KNOWLEDGE THAT THE INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED CROSSED STATE LINES WITH THE INTENT TO RIOT OR CREATE DISTURBANCES.

STATED THAT HE WAS UNAWARE OF THE FBI'S JURISDICTION IN SUCH MATTERS. HE WAS ADVISED BY THE INTERVIEWING AGENT THAT CIVIL DISORDERS AND CIVIL UNREST ARE PROBLEMS OF LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT.

LMM TO FOLLOW.

END

HOLD
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SEATTLE (44-592) (RUC) IP

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; UNITED FARM WORKERS - VICTIMS; CIVIL RIGHTS; CIVIL RIGHTS ACT, 1964.

RE SEATTLE WITEL AND AIRTEL 7/6/73.

INTERVIEWED INSTANT AND ADVISED THAT HE DOES NOT KNOW OF ANY SPECIFIC ACTS OF CIVIL RIGHTS VIOLATIONS AGAINST CHICANOS OR FILIPINOS. FURTHER STATES HE IS NOT AWARE OF ANY CONSPIRACY ON PART OF TEAMSTERS OR GROWERS TO COMMIT ANY ACTS OF VIOLENCE, AND IS FURTHER NOT AWARE OF ANY ACTS OF MURDER, ARSON, BEATINGS OR KIDNAPPINGS.

STATES HE BECAME ALARMED WHEN NEWS MEDIA REPORTED ARMED STRUGGLES IN COACHELLA VALLEY WHERE HE CURRENTLY HAS RELATIVES RESIDING.

LHM FOLLOWS.

END

REC 7 FBIHQ RDR

9 JUL 10 1973
TO SACs LOS ANGELES (44-2533)
PHOENIX (44-852)
SACRAMENTO
SEATTLE

FROM ACTING DIRECTOR FBI

7/6/73

UNSUBS; UNITED FARM WORKERS - VICTIMS. CIVIL RIGHTS;
CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964.

FOR INFORMATION RECEIVING OFFICES, THE INVESTIGATION
BEING CONDUCTED AT BUREAU REQUEST UNDER ABOVE CAPTION
IS SPECIFICALLY AIMED AT GATHERING SUFFICIENT INFORMATION
FOR THE DEPARTMENT SO THAT A JUDGMENT CAN BE
MADE BY THEM AS TO THE VALIDITY OF CERTAIN CIVIL RIGHTS
VIOLATIONS ALLEGED BY RECENT CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE
FBIHQ.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES IS THE CURRENT LIMITED CIVIL
RIGHTS INQUIRY TO BE EXPANDED INTO A GENERAL INVESTIGATION
OF THE LONG-STANDING DISPUTE GOING ON BETWEEN
TELETYPE TO SACS, LOS ANGELES, PHOENIX, SACRAMENTO AND SEATTLE
RE UNSUBS; UNITED FARM WORKERS - VICTIMS

THE TEAMSTERS-GROWERS AND THE UNITED FARM WORKERS - PICKERS.

UNDER THE ABOVE CAPTION, YOU ARE TO SPECIFICALLY RESPOND TO BUREAU INQUIRY AND CONDUCT NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION. LEADS OUTSTANDING TO FURTHER FOLLOW THE PROGRESS OF THE LABOR DISPUTE AND TO REPORT ON THE ALLEGED MOVEMENT OF THE DISPUTE INTO THE PHOENIX AREA, AS SET FORTH IN PHOENIX TELETYPe 7/5/73, ARE TO BE IMEDIATELY DISCONTINUED AND NOT HANDLED AS PART OF THIS CIVIL RIGHTS MATTER. THIS CONFIRMS BUTELCAL TO PHOENIX 7/6/73, IN THIS REGARD.

SHOULD SOME SUBSTANTIVE VIOLATION OR RESPONSIBILITY UNDER BUREAU JURISDICTION BECOME EVIDENT DURING THE INSTANT LABOR DISPUTE, SUCH VIOLATION OR RESPONSIBILITY IS TO BE HANDLED SEPARATELY UNDER APPROPRIATE CAPTION AND NOT MADE A PART OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS INQUIRY PRESENTLY BEING MADE.
NOTE: In recent days, several communications have been received at FBIHQ asking for immediate FBI investigation into unspecified violations of civil rights of minority race members of United Farm Workers in Coachella Valley, California. Alleged violations are purportedly as a result of a labor dispute that has been going on in the area for almost ten years involving organizing efforts of the teamsters and the United Farm Workers. Our present interest in this matter is strictly limited to determining the validity of the alleged Civil Rights violations. We are closely coordinating with the Civil Rights Division. Offices involved have been responding to FBIHQ initiated inquiries but are expanding the matter beyond the area of immediate interest by advising that, "the matter (labor dispute) will be followed." Phoenix has carried the matter beyond the scope of Civil Rights interest by setting forth a lead for several offices to advise Phoenix regarding movement of the labor dispute into the Phoenix Division. This teletype is designed to get the captioned inquiry back on the intended Civil Rights track and to insure we do not become involved in an over-all investigation of the labor dispute under a Civil Rights caption. This was telephonically discussed 7/6/73, by SA with Phoenix Supervisor, which call is herein confirmed.
NR000 SE PLAIN
9:26 PM NITEL 7/6/73 DCA
TO DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM SEATTLE (44-592) 2P

UNSUB: UNITED FARM WORKERS - VICTIMS, CIVIL RIGHTS;
CIVIL RIGHTS ACT 1964.

RE BUREAU NITEL TO SEATTLE, 7/2/73.

TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED FOR PERSONAL APPOINTMENT ON 7/6/73
AT WHICH TIME HE RELATED THAT HE DID NOT HAVE TIME AND REQUESTED
TELEPHONIC INTERVIEW.

ON INTERVIEW, STATED THAT HE DOES NOT HAVE ANY
PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OF ANY CIVIL RIGHTS VIOLATIONS AGAINST CHICANO
OR PHILIPPINE WORKERS NOR DOES HE HAVE ANY PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OF
TEAMSTERS COMMITTING ANY GRAVE ACTS AGAINST THE UNITED FARM WOR-
KERS MEMBERS. STATES HIS INFORMATION WAS BASED ON TV AND RADIO
REPORTS IN THIS MATTER.

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DETERMINED THAT

SEATTLE HAS MADE ARRANGEMENTS WITH

TO HAVE HIM CONTACT THE FBI ON HIS ARRIVAL IN SEATTLE SO INTERVIEW MAY BE CONDUCTED.

SEATTLE WILL INTERVIEW [REDACTED] AND SUBMIT TELETEYPE SUMMARY AND LHM.

END

WA HOLD
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (44-2330)(P)

RE: UNSUBS; UNITED FARM WORKERS - VICTIMS CIVIL RIGHTS; CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964

1) 73-9225-4 ReSanitèl, 7/4/73; and Bunitel, 7/4/73.

Complainant on re-contact telephonically 7/11/73, stated that he had obtained some specifics of his wire complaint to the Bureau in this matter.

stated that he was presently drafting a letter to the FBI locally at San Antonio setting forth details of what he had learned through inquiry among his sources.

Upon receipt of letter, it will be furnished to the Bureau as an LHM.

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Approved: 978
Special Agent in Charge
58 JU72574


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UNITED FARM WORKER'S UNION; TEAMSTER'S UNION - INFORMATION CONCERNING.

RE BUREAU NITEL TO LOS ANGELES, PHOENIX, SACRAMENTO, AND SEATTLE DATED 7/6/73. RE BUREAU AIRTTEL TO SACRAMENTO DATED 7/13/73.

SINCE 6:00 AM 7/18/73, APPROXIMATELY 400 ARRESTS MADE OF MEMBERS OF UNITED FARM WORKER'S UNION (UFWU) PICKET LINES, BY KERN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, NEAR LAMONT, CALIFORNIA AREA.

ARRESTS MADE SUBSEQUENT TO VIOLATION OF INJUNCTIONS ISSUED BY KERN COUNTY SUPERIOR COURTS RESTRICTING PICKETING ACTIVITIES BY UFWU.

MASS VIOLATIONS OF THE INJUNCTIONS PLANNED, WITH ALL NEWS MEDIA FURNISHED ADVANCED NOTICE BY UFWU, WHO PUBLICLY STATED THE PURPOSE OF THE VIOLATIONS WERE TO TEST INJUNCTIONS.

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REG 3 173-9333-2

55 JUL 30 1973
NO REPORTED CONFRONTATIONS BETWEEN UFWU AND TEAMSTERS.
NO ALLEGED VIOLATIONS REPORTED OF FEDERAL LAW OVER WHICH THE FBI HAS JURISDICTION.

ABOVE FURNISHED FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY IN VIEW OF CR COMPLAINTS MADE IN SACRAMENTO CASE, AS SET FORTH IN RE BU AIRT.

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TJI FBI WASHDC CLR
July 11, 1973

William De. Ruckelshaus
Acting Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Mr. Ruckelshaus:

I urge you as Acting Director of the F.B.I. to investigate recent developments in the dispute between the Teamsters and the United Farm Workers in California's Coachella Valley.

The violence of the strike has so escalated over the past month that a federal investigation is certainly in order. The eye-witness accounts from those working in the Valley, as well as accounts of others in the area, are ample evidence that the Teamsters have unleashed a violent attack on the United Farm Workers. If the present situation continues to grow worse, we will have many more people injured or perhaps killed.

I look to the Department of Justice, and particularly the F.B.I., to uphold the law. The tactics that have been used in the strike are without question against the law. I hope that you will prove that no one, not even the Teamsters, is beyond the law. As a Christian who is incensed by the injustice of the situation, I urge you to send investigators to Coachella.

Thank you for your immediate consideration of this matter.

Sincerely yours,
July 20, 1973

Dear [Blank]

Your communication of July 11th addressed to former Acting Director William D. Ruckelshaus has been received. Based upon the information you furnished and, in the absence of an indication that a Federal law within our jurisdiction has been violated, we have no authority to conduct an investigation.

Sincerely yours,

C. M. Kelley
Director

NOTE: Bufiles disclose no record identifiable with [Blank]. Reply coordinated with the Accounting and Fraud and Criminal Sections of the General Investigative Division.
FBI
Date: 7/9/73

Transmit the following in
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Vic
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(Air Mail)
(Priority)

TO:
ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM:
SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-2533)(P)

RE:
UNSUB:
UNITED FARM WORKERS - VICTIMS
CR; CIVIL RIGHTS ACT 1964

/73-9333-4/

Re Los Angeles teletype to Bureau 7/3/73.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are five copies
of an LHM captioned as above.

Enclosed for Phoenix, Sacramento and Seattle
are two copies each of above LHM for information purposes
and to assist in investigation being conducted by those
divisions. One copy of the LHM is designated for the USA
at Los Angeles.

On 7/3/73, USA WILLIAM D. KELLER advised the
Los Angeles Division his office had received an inquiry
concerning the above strike from the U. S. Department of Justice.

The information contained in the LHM was furnished
by the persons indicated to SAC, Los Angeles.

The confrontation between the United Farm Workers
and the Teamsters, as described in the LHM, is a union
jurisdictional dispute and no further action is being taken
by Los Angeles at this time, UACB.

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This case will be maintained in a pending status
pending receipt of results of investigation requested of
Seattle and Sacramento by the Bureau.

- Bureau (Enc. 1)
- Phoenix (Enc. 2)
- Sacramento (Enc. 2)
- Seattle (Enc. 2)
- Los Angeles

Jul 13, 1973

The following information was furnished by

The United Farm Workers (UFW), an affiliate of
the AFL-CIO, for a number of years under their President
Cesar Chavez, attempted to organize the grape pickers
and obtain labor contracts with the grape growers in the
Coachella Valley, Indio, California, as well as other
areas in the State of California. Grape growers and
producers were struck and a nationwide boycott of grapes
was organized by Cesar Chavez. On April 15, 1970, the
UFW made its first big breakthrough when Mr. Chavez signed
labor contracts with virtually all of the large grape
growers in the Coachella Valley.

On April 15, 1973, these contracts expired and
for the most part were not renewed with the UFW. Instead
63 percent of the growers in the Coachella Valley signed
contracts with the International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

As a result a union jurisdictional dispute
ensued between the UFW, AFL-CIO and the International
Brotherhood of Teamsters. Cesar Chavez called for a
strike against the Coachella Valley grape growers who
had signed with the Teamsters and this strike commenced
April 16, 1973. Grape vineyards were picketed and the
UFW announced the organization of another nationwide
secondary boycott against grapes produced by growers
who signed with the Teamsters.

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nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the
FBI and is leased to your agency; it and its contents

[Handwritten notes]
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; 
UNITED FARM WORKERS - VICTIMS 
CIVIL RIGHTS; CIVIL RIGHTS ACT 1964

This strike received nationwide publicity and 
Cesar Chavez traveled to Washington, D.C. for the 
anounced purpose of contacting Congressmen and such 
Senators as Edward Kennedy. George Meany, President 
of the AFL-CIO, announced that his union was backing its 
union affiliate, the UFW, with a 1.6 million dollar 
strike fund and Frank Fitzsimmons, President, International 
Brotherhood of Teamsters, made public statements defending 
the position of his union.

During the initial stages of the strike a civil 
court order was issued by Indio Superior Court Judge 
Fred Metheny which detailed strike procedures and restrictions 
on pickets.

The "Press Enterprise", Riverside, California, 
in an article on Page B-1 in its issue of April 28, 1973, 
reported that eight Coachella Valley grape growers were 
named defendants in a $32,025,000 lawsuit filed in Superior 
Court, Indio, by the UFW on April 27, 1973.

The lawsuit alleged that the defendants "maliciously 
and without justification, entered into a conspiracy and 
systemized campaign of terrorism, intimidation, threats, 
assaults, batteries and coercion to forcefully prevent" 
the UFW from exercising their Constitutional rights of 
free speech and expression.

According to the article the suit was a cross-
complaint to earlier legal action taken by the growers 
and asked for actual damages of $25,000 plus exemplary 
and punitive damages totaling 32 million dollars.
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS:
UNITED FARM WORKERS - VICTIMS
CIVIL RIGHTS; CIVIL RIGHTS ACT 1964

According to an article on Page 1 of the Coachella Valley Sun, Coachella, California, captioned "Senate Investigators Leave, New Suit Filed in Grape Strike", in its issue dated May 3, 1973, a five-man investigating team from the United States Senate Labor Committee arrived in the Coachella Valley to look into the dispute. They left the valley after about three days of questioning officials of both unions, workers, and growers. According to this article, Gene Mittleman, Republican Minority Counsel for the Community, commented that the investigation was at its beginning, not the end, and reports of their findings were not appropriate yet.

Representatives of the Community Relations Division of the Department of Justice in Los Angeles and San Francisco also arrived in the Coachella Valley and monitored on the scene activities of the strike. They continue to remain in contact with the RCOE.
On June 4, 1973, the actual picking of the grapes began and the UFW had 50+ pickets on the line while the Teamsters fielded 90 Teamster guards which they said had been brought in to protect the farm workers from the UFW pickets. At the height of the strike the UFW had in excess of 1,000 pickets on the picket line and the Teamsters had as many as 250 to 350 Guards. By Court order, the UFW pickets were instructed not to form their picket line closer than 60 feet from the grovers property line and the Teamsters were to stay behind the property line. MCSO deputies were stationed in between the two factions. During the week of June 4 - 9, 1973, rumors circulated on the picket line that meetings in progress between George Meany of AFL-CIO and Frank Fitzsimmonns were being held to mediate the strike. Other rumors were that the AFL-CIO was bringing in " heavies" including "hit men" from Las Vegas and members of the Seafarers Union, an AFL-CIO affiliate. The Teamsters and Seafarers reportedly are arch rivals and considered the potential for violence extremely high. On June 8, 1973, an AFL-CIO
national leadership task force of six ranking members of the Executive Council, including Paul Taylor, President of the Seafarers Union, arrived in the Coachella Valley. This coincided with rumors that members of the Seafarers Union would be in the valley in large numbers to support the UFW activity and tension was high in Teamster ranks.

On June 16, 1973, when no Teamster guards were present, UFW pickets entered two fields and began chasing workers which resulted in a number of fights. In one field the pickets were led by UFW Team Captain and seven arrests were made. Another UFW Team Captain named told the RCSO he intended to lead his picket line which had grown to 450 pickets into the field, however, he was prevented from doing so. Cesar Chavez arrived on the line thereupon and no further field entries occurred and the picketing became orderly.

On June 18, 1973, at 4:20 AM UFW pickets totaling 837 arrived in the Indio farm labor camp and blocked the entrance so none of the workers could leave for the fields. An unoccupied car was burned and at about 4:40 AM approximately 25 Teamster organizers headed by William Branham, Sr., Chief Organizer for the Western Conference of Teamsters arrived. Half the UFW pickets entered the camp and if Teamster workers attempted to leave for their jobs UFW pickets blocked their path, kicking and striking workers with flag sticks.

At approximately 5:00 AM, informed law enforcement personnel on the scene that rocks had been thrown by the UFW. It was then determined that had received a head injury and was bleeding profusely. was treated at a local hospital. He had apparently been hit by a rock or other such object.
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS:
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CIVIL RIGHTS; CIVIL RIGHTS ACT 1964

On June 20, 1973, a UFW force of 950 pickets moved into the small community of Mecca, California, located south of Indio, sealing off the town by blocking roads and harassing the grape workers in their vehicles and homes. This activity prevented workers from going to work for a period of time.

In connection with this incident efforts were made to block the road and for the first time (the RCSO personnel were subject to attack. With UFW pickets on both sides of the road,"barbs" shaped out of nails were scattered on the roadway and the tires of the Sheriff's Office vehicles were flattened.

The same date 30 to 40 UFW pickets entered a field and when RCSO units arrived they were upon a violent confrontation. There were about ten Teamster guards and about 50 UFW pickets present. Three Teamsters had been badly beaten and they pointed out

According to the Teamsters throughout the strike had orders not to resist arrest by law enforcement personnel and whenever a Teamster was arrested he immediately stopped fighting and passively submitted to the arrest.

The incidents on June 19 and 20, 1973, particularly the assaults on greatly agitated the Teamster rank and file.
On Saturday morning, June 25, 1973, about 450 UFW pickets assembled at an apricots field and picketed about 30 workers working in the field who normally were employed by the growers during the apricot harvest. About 100 Teamsters arrived on the scene and formed two lines. One UFW line and one Teamster line bulged forward, contact was made, and a fight ensued. Someone in the other line of Teamsters yelled that a rock had been thrown and a fire erupted the venter of the area after which the Teamsters moved out in unison toward the pickets. Numerous fights ensued with both sides using wooden clubs and irrigation pipe found at the scene, as weapons. Within one minute the Teamsters had swept the field clear of pickets. A short time later, about 100 Teamsters attacked approximately 50 UFW pickets in the field area. The incident was recorded on video tape and the local enforcement agencies arrived and 11 arrests (six Teamster and five UFW) were made.

The tactics being used by the UFW when they scaled off the city of fences and the Inyo Farm Labor Camp apparently were having a reducing effect on the workers as was the utilization of bull hoses on the strike line by the UFW.

The "one whip" technique hurt the farm labor competitors having a reducing effect on hiring workers in others.
The Teamsters apparently felt that the UFW intimidation and harassment of the workers was deteriorating the Teamsters position. This apparently caused a major policy change on the part of the Western Conference of Teamsters. Information over the weekend of June 21-22, 1973, that such a policy change had been accomplished at the Joint Council level.

The above describes a typical incident in the asparagus field on Saturday, June 23, 1973, as alleged to be an example of this strategy session. To implement the policy, the Teamsters Union would continue to build its manpower to a total of 200 guards by June 25, 1973, and then move in coordinated groups to UFW picket locations. The Teamsters according to the plan would attack the UFW pickets in bursts of violence to last 30 to 60 seconds. Principal objects of attack would be UFW leaders. During the afternoon and evening striking unions of Teamsters would move the Southern California area performing "vice visits" patrol, camp visits and house visits, both on UFW and Teamsters leaders. According to this information, the Teamsters intended to escalate the violence until Thursday, June 27, 1973, when they expected that the UFW would continue the pressure and leave the area. If the AFL-CIO called in "helmet", it was the Teamsters plan to in turn call in sufficient additional manpower to sustain the activity.
The Teamsters were arrested and the rest left the area.

Following the above incident, the Teamsters set up picket lines at various locations, and Cesar Chavez was present on the line. The Teamsters brought in about 100 men to surmount of the UFW.

The Teamster Field Captain, the lieutenant, that they had called off the strike because of the camera and new media at the scene.
The entire strike situation remained volatile during the period June 28-29, 1973, and the HCOB committed heavy manpower in riot gear forming a line between the two unions. At no time did the Teamsters attack; however, there were several occasions when one or two Teamsters bolted through the lines and physically assaulted pickets.

The "Daily Enterprise", Riverside, California, in its issue dated June 30, 1973, on Page B-1 in an article captioned "Teamster Official Blamed For Ordering Violence" stated that Dave Bradley and Barry Magtague, two representatives of Teamster President Frank Fitzsimmons, said that both of them had personally faced violence from Ralph Cotner. Bradley and Magtague, both of Las Vegas, were sent into the valley by Fitzsimmons "to be his pipeline for information and to handle Teamster public relations."

The article indicated that there was apparently a power struggle going on between the national Teamster organization and the Western Conference of Teamsters.

The article stated that Leo Gribbs, who had worked for the Teamsters in the Coachella Valley, and who had been fired by Ralph Cotner, June 18, 1973, had stated that Ralph Cotner was responsible for the violence on the part of the Teamsters.

As a result of the above confrontation between the UAW and the Teamsters, many fights and assaults on the picket lines occurred during the strike.

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estimates that the grape picking in
the Coachella Valley will be largely concluded in approximately two weeks with a small amount of picking continuing through July by individual growers. On January 9, July 9, 1973, picking is scheduled to begin in the Arvin, California area
and it is anticipated that most of the UFW strikers and supporters will proceed to that area and to Maricopa County
in Arizona.
The "Daily Enterprise" dated July 5, 1973, in an article on Page 3-1 captioned "Workers Pull Out Custer; Cite Better Law Enforcement" stated that William Grant, Director of the Western Conference of Teamsters Agricultural Workers Organizing Committee, said on July 4, 1973, that his union "will immediately withdraw all guards from agricultural areas being picketed by the UFW union.

"We are leaving," Grant said, "because we believe that local law enforcement agencies have realized the need for increasing their forces to the point where their protection appears adequate."

"Known incidents of police brutality have been reported or alleged in connection with the policing of this strike in the Coachella Valley by the RPD, Indio Police Department or Coachella Police Department."
July 11, 1973

Dear Mr. [Name Redacted]

Unknown Subjects;

United Farm Workers - Victim.

I am sorry for the slight delay in responding to your request of July 6, 1973 for further information on illegal attacks on the United Farm Workers in the Coachella Valley of California.

I had sent a telegram on June 29, 1973 to Mr. William Ruckelshaus, Acting Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation in Washington, D.C., requesting an investigation of these attacks against the United Farm Workers, which were then being reported in the daily press.

In response to your request for further information, I have learned of the following incidents in late June:

1. June 21, 1973: A citrus ranch foreman, mistaken by Teamster "organizers" for a farmworker, was run off the road, pulled from his pickup, beaten, and stabbed. His attackers were apprehended in the act of dumping him into the Salton Sea by Riverside County Sheriffs.

2. June 22, 1973: Teamsters or Teamster agents set fire in a midnight attack to the house trailer of Francisco Ciego, a migrant farmworker from Texas.

3. June 22, 1973: Teamsters or their agents driving a flat bed truck forced a United Farm Worker driven car off the road and smashed it with large rocks in front of Sheriff's deputies who arrested them for felonious assault.

4. June 23, 1973: Over 200 Teamster-hired agents ambushed a group of striking United Farm Worker Members and Riverside County Sheriffs with baseball bats, ice picks, and chains, sending several to the hospital. All but 18 escaped arrest by the sheriffs.

5. June 25, 1973: A car with United Farm Worker members inside was forced off the road, the women thrown to the side, while Teamster-hired agents attacked the men with clubs.

6. June 25, 1973: Roving gang of 50 or more Teamster agents attacked farmworkers as well as some United Church of Christ clergymen who witnessed the attacks.

Page 1 of 1
The above incidents all took place in the Coachella Valley of California.

Local law enforcement authorities are obviously aware of these incidents, but I would hope and, in fact, urge that the Federal Bureau of Investigation carry out a field investigation of these attacks in order to insure that those persons who are violating the legal and constitutional rights of U.S. citizens are apprehended and stopped as soon as possible.

Yours Truly,

[Redacted]

cc: Mr. William Buckleyman, Acting Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D.C.

enclosure: Copy of Telegram to Mr. Buckleyman
June 29, 1973
REQUEST IMMEDIATE AND THOROUGH FIELD INVESTIGATION OF ILLEGAL TERRORISM REPORTED DAILY IN NEWSPAPERS AGAINST MEMBERS OF THE UNITED FARM WORKERS IN COACHELLA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA. VERY URGENT BECAUSE CITIZEN'S CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS ARE BEING VIOLATED.

YOUR AGENCY HAS A LEGAL OBLIGATION AND DUTY TO PROTECT CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS OF THE UNITED FARM WORKERS IN CALIFORNIA. PLEASE RESPOND TO

173-9333-15

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI

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

DATE: 7/3/73

SUBJECT: UNSUBS;
UNITED FARM WORKERS - VICTIMS
CIVIL RIGHTS
CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964

Re Sacramento tel to Bureau dated 7/3/73.

Enclosed for the Bureau are original and 5 copies of LHM.

It is noted some of the information contained in referenced teletype is not being set forth in the LHM as it is felt it should not be disseminated without further documentation.

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2 - Bureau (Enc.)
2 - Sacramento

ENCLOSURE

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan
In 1963 the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organization (AFL-CIO) founded the Agricultural Workers Organizing Committee (AWOC) headed by AFL-CIO organizer Al Green. At this time the Filipino farm workers were the primary target.

In 1965, the AWOC conducted a small strike of Filipino workers and some Mexican laborers at Arvin, California, which was supported by the United Farm Workers Association (UFWA), headed by Cesar Chavez. In September, 1965 the UFWA entered into the strike with the AWOC, receiving support from various civil rights workers.

The UFWA was originally organized by people who split from the Committee Services Organization (CSO) a Mexican-American organization designed to further and improve life of the Mexican-American in the United States.

In late 1965 the AWOC and UFWA combined into the United Farm Workers Organization Committee (UFWOC) under the AFL-CIO.

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In 1966 and 1967 many growers of farm produce signed labor contracts with the UFWOC, which contracts are expiring in 1973. The UFWOC had previously concentrated their organizing activity toward the hand laborers, grape pickers and like. The teamsters union, for several years, have already organized farm workers in agricultural enterprises orientated towards cybernization, the combination of man and machine utilized in agricultural products, such as truck drivers, other equipment operators and produce packing sheds.

The teamsters union previously had supported the UFWOC with men and money until about three years ago. During the past two or three years the teamsters and UFWOC, since changed to the United Farm Workers Union (UFWU), have become involved in jurisdictional disputes with the teamsters claiming the UFWU have attempted to sign contracts with packing shed and cybernetic orientated agricultural activity, which was already organized under the teamsters. The UFWU have claimed teamster organizing activity among field laborers.

The growers claim the UFWU has not been sufficiently organized with hiring halls, and could not and did not furnish the necessary labor manpower to the growers when needed.

The teamsters have begun signing contracts with growers, claiming they are sufficiently organized to furnish the necessary labor supply to growers.
Members of the teamsters union line up in the fields between UFWU pickets and teamster workers in the fields, which result in confrontations.
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (44-592) (P)

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; UNITED FARM WORKERS - VICTIMS CIVIL RIGHTS; CIVIL RIGHTS ACT 1964

Re Seattle nitol to Bureau, 7/6/73.

Enclosed herewith to the Bureau are an original and five copies of an LHM which is self explanatory. Also enclosed is one copy each for Los Angeles and Sacramento. Referenced nitol pointed out that who also sent a letter in this matter to FBI HQ was in Eastern Washington State recruiting farm labor and would be interviewed on his return to Seattle. was advised by who conducted this investigation that matters involving civil disorder and personal safety are within the jurisdiction of local authorities. He was further advised any complaints that he made would be furnished to the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice.

ENCLOSURE

ST-102
1 - Los Angeles (44-2533) (Encl. 1) (Info)
1 - Sacramento (Encl. 1) (Info)
2 - Seattle

JUL 20 1973
LEADS:

SEATTLE

AT SEATTLE, WASHINGTON:

Will interview
July 6, 1973

UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
UNITED FARM WORKERS - VICTIM
CIVIL RIGHTS; CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964

The following wire was received at Headquarters of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Washington, D.C. from [redacted]

"I demand that the FBI investigate the conspiracy of growers and teamsters to violate the civil rights of Chicano and Philippino farm workers. The Teamsters are committing grave acts of violence against the United Farm Worker members. The farm workers are non-violent and refuse to retaliate against these violent attacks. Justice demands that the F.B.I. investigate this matter of national concern."

Attempts were made on July 5, 1973, to contact with negative results.

On July 6, 1973, [redacted] was telephonically contacted at his residence, [redacted] telephone number for the purpose of making an appointment for a personal interview. [redacted] at this time stated that he did not have time for a personal appointment and requested that the matter be handled telephonically.

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TO: ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (44-1348) (C)

SUBJECT: UNSUBS;
United Farm Workers - VICTIMS
Civil Rights;
Civil Rights Act of 1964

RE San Francisco nitel to the Bureau, dated 7/6/73.
Bureau nitel to San Francisco, dated 7/5/73.

Enclosed for the Bureau are six (6) copies of an LEM, pertaining to the above captioned subject, and the interview of [redacted].

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TRANSMIT THE FOLLOWING IN PLAINTEXT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (44-592) (RUC)

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
UNITED FARM WORKERS - VICTIMS
CIVIL RIGHTS - CIVIL RIGHTS ACT 1964

Re Seattle airtel and nitel to Bureau, 7/6/73.

Enclosed herewith to the Bureau are six copies of an
LHM concerning interview of [REDACTED], which is self-explanatory.
Also enclosed herewith to Los Angeles and Sacramento is one copy
of LHM on interview of [REDACTED] when contacted on July 9, 1973, by SA [REDACTED], was advised that matters involving civil disorder
and personal safety are within the jurisdiction of local
authorities. He was further advised that any complaints that he
made would be furnished to the Civil Rights Division of the
Department of Justice.

Inasmuch as [REDACTED] advised that they did not have any specific complaints, no
further investigation is being conducted by Seattle, UACB.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (44-2330) (RUC)
RE: UNSUBS; UNITED FARM WORKERS - VICTIMS CIVIL RIGHTS; CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964
OO: LA

ResAirtel to Bureau 7/11/73.

Enclosed are four copies for Bureau and two copies for Los Angeles of an LHM showing letter from complainant in this matter at San Antonio, as well as telegram which he sent to Acting Director RUCKELSHAUS, 6/29/73. Two copies of LHM are being enclosed to Los Angeles in light of that office's interest in these matters.

This matter is being RUC'd to Los Angeles.

ST-102

1 - Bureau (Encs. 4) ENCLOSURE
2 - Los Angeles (Encs. 2)
1 - San Antonio

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PAS PK WILLIAM HICKELSFORD
ACTING DIRECTOR FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON DC
REQUEST IMMEDIATE AND THOROUGH FIELD INVESTIGATION OF ILLEGAL
TERRORISM REPORTED IN NEWSPAPERS AGAINST MEMBERS OF THE
UNITED FARM WORKERS IN COACHELLA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA. VERY URGENT
BECAUSE CITIZEN'S CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS ARE BEING VIOLATED.
YOUR AGENCY HAS A LEGAL OBLIGATION AND DUTY TO PROTECT CONSTITUTIONAL
RIGHTS OF THE UNITED FARM WORKERS IN CALIFORNIA. PLEASE RESPOND TO

[Redacted]
Mr. William D. Ruckelshaus  
Acting FBI Director  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C. 20535  

Dear Mr. Ruckelshaus:

Recently I visited the Coachella Valley in California as a part of ___________ seeking by our presence to make some difference in the violence erupting in that area. We found a very tense situation with Teamster-hired guards engaged in constant taunts and provocations.

I would certainly urge an investigation by your Department of this situation which I understand is now spreading to other areas of California.

Sincerely yours,

(Delayed in transcription)
July 31, 1973

Dear [Name],

Your communication of July 23rd to Mr. Ruckelshaus has been received and was referred to me. Based upon the information you furnished and, in the absence of an indication that a Federal law within our jurisdiction has been violated, we have no authority to conduct an investigation.

Sincerely yours,

[Name]
Clarence M. Kelley
Director

NOTE: No record of correspondent in Bufiles. Reply coordinated with the Civil Rights Section of the General Investigative Division.
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PMS MR WILLIAM RUCKELSHAUS

ACTING DIRECTOR FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON DC

REQUEST IMMEDIATE AND THOROUGH FIELD INVESTIGATION OF ILLEGAL TERRORISM REPORTED DAILEY IN NEWSPAPERS AGAINST MEMBERS OF THE UNITED FARM WORKERS IN COACHELLA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA. VERY URGENT BECAUSE CITIZEN'S CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS ARE BEING VIOLATED.

YOUR AGENCY HAS A LEGAL OBLIGATION AND DUTY TO PROTECT CONSTITUTION RIGHTS OF THE UNITED FARM WORKERS IN CALIFORNIA. PLEASE RESPOND TO

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10 JUL 5 173
TO SAC SAN ANTONIO
FROM ACTING DIRECTOR FBI

UNSUBS; UNITED FARM WORKERS - VICTIMS. CIVIL RIGHTS;
CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964.

THE FOLLOWING WIRE RECEIVED AT FBIHQ FROM

"REQUEST IMMEDIATE AND THOROUGH FIELD INVESTIGATION
OF ILLEGAL TERRORISM REPORTED DAILY IN NEWSPAPERS
AGAINST MEMBERS OF THE UNITED FARM WORKERS IN
COACHELLA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA. VERY URGENT BECAUSE
CITIZEN'S CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS ARE BEING VIOLATED.
YOUR AGENCY HAS A LEGAL OBLIGATION AND DUTY TO
PROTECT CONSTITUTION RIGHTS OF THE UNITED FARM WORKERS
IN CALIFORNIA."

SEE NOTE PAGE 3 . . .
TELETYPE TO SAC SAN ANTONIO
RE UNSUBS; UNITED FARM WORKERS - VICTIMS

FOR INFORMATION SAN ANTONIO, ABOVE IS ONE OF SEVERAL
SIMILAR WIRES RECEIVED FBIHQ IN RECENT DAYS.

ALTHOUGH ALLEGING CIVIL RIGHTS VIOLATIONS, THE ABOVE
COMMUNICATION IS INSUFFICIENTLY SPECIFIC TO ENABLE
DETERMINATION AS TO WHAT ACTION, IF ANY, IS INDICATED FOR
THE FBI.

IMMEDIATELY INTERVIEW ABOVE CORRESPONDENT IN DETAIL
AS TO THE SPECIFIC NATURE OF THE VIOLATIONS ALLEGED IN
ORDER TO PINPOINT WHETHER OR NOT THERE IS FBI INTEREST.
MAKE CERTAIN CORRESPONDENT UNDERSTANDS THAT MATTERS
INVOLVING DISORDER AND PERSONAL SAFETY OF CITIZENS ARE
WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

SUBMIT SUMMARY OF RESULTS OF INTERVIEW WITH
FOLLOWED BY DETAILED LHM WITHIN FIVE DAYS. RESULTS
WILL BE FURNISHED TO CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION OF THE DEPART-
MENT FOR DETERMINATION AS TO WHAT COURSE OF ACTION THEY
DEEM NECESSARY. ADVISE CORRESPONDENT THAT THIS WILL BE
DONE.
NOTE: Telegram, one of several recently received FBIHQ in recent days, from [redacted] alleges violations of unspecified constitutional rights and requests immediate FBI investigation. Allegations purportedly involve "illegal terrorism" against members of United Farm Workers in Coachella Valley, California. Contents of communication not sufficiently specific to determine whether or not violation within our jurisdiction is present. Personal interview with correspondent is necessary and field is instructed accordingly.
Clarence Kelley  
Director, FBI  
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:

I urge an immediate investigation of organized violence and denial of Constitutional rights by the Teamsters against the Farm Workers Union in the Coachella Valley, Riverside County, California. Unless local law enforcement does more federal intervention may be necessary. I hope you will give this matter your urgent attention.

Sincerely,

San Jose, Cal.

Friday, June 20, 1973

[Handwritten notes and markings]
TO SAC SAN FRANCISCO
FROM ACTING DIRECTOR FBI

UNSUBS; UNITED FARM WORKERS - VICTIMS. CIVIL RIGHTS;
CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964.

THE FOLLOWING LETTER RECEIVED AT FBIHQ FROM

"I URGE AN IMMEDIATE INVESTIGATION OF ORGANIZED
VIOLENCE AND DENIAL OF CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS BY THE
TEAMSTERS AGAINST THE FARM WORKERS UNION IN THE
COACHELLA VALLEY, RIVERSIDE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA.
UNLESS LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT DOES MORE FEDERAL
INTERVENTION MAY BE NECESSARY. I HOPE YOU WILL GIVE
THIS MATTER YOUR URGENT ATTENTION."

SEE NOTE PAGE 3 . . .
TELETYPES TO SAC SAN FRANCISCO
RE UNSUBS; UNITED FARM WORKERS - VICTIMS

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FOR DETERMINATION AS TO WHAT COURSE OF ACTION THEY
DEEM NECESSARY. ADVISE CORRESPONDENT THAT THIS WILL BE
DONE.
NOTE: Correspondent by letter alleges unspecified violence and denial of constitutional rights of Farm Workers Union in Coachella Valley, California. This is one of several communications with similar complaint received FBIHQ in recent days. Contents of communication not sufficiently specific to determine if alleged violation within our jurisdiction. Personal interview is necessary and field is instructed accordingly.
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, SACRAMENTO (44-541) (C)

SUBJECT: UNSUBS;
UNITED FARM WORKERS - VICTIMS
CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964

Re Sacramento nitel to Bureau, dated 7/3/73.

In view of the fact that the Bureau has been apprised of background information relating to the United Farm Workers-Teamsters struggle in Kern County, California, through prior communications in this matter, Sacramento considers the above matter closed, UACB.
SUBJECT: United Farm Workers et al.

FILE: 126-69
Domestic Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 8-15-68

The attached pertains to an incident wherein Union officials and others complained of lack of police protection. Allegedly, the Union official announced on television that he had asked the Attorney General for Marshals to police a parade.

Copies of attached furnished Inter-Division Information Unit of the Department and the Attorney General.

WLS: lrb

176-69
WASHINGTON 3
3201 F Street
GRANBENT 8/14/68 CLV
DIRECTOR PLAINTEXT
FROM SACRAMENTO 100-197 2P

(ufwoc)

UNITED FARM WORKERS ORGANIZING COMMITTEE, AFL-CIO,
DELANO, CALIFORNIA. INFORMATION CONCERNING.

ON THE EVENING OF AUGUST THIRTEEN BLAST ROUTINE ACCIDENT
AND ASSAULT MATTER INVOLVING TWO MALE MEXICANS INVESTIGATED
SHERIFF'S OFFICE
BY SO AND CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL, DELANO, CALIF. BLANK
COULD NOT BE PLACED AND BOTH PARTIES RELEASED PENDING FURTHER
INVESTIGATION. SHORTLY THEREAFTER DELANO PD OFFICERS WERE
CALLED TO RESIDENCE OF ONE OF SUBJECTS IN ACCIDENT. CESAR
CHAVEZ, DIRECTOR, UFWOC, AND ABOUT TWENTYFIVE OTHERS MET
OFFICER, BERATED PD AND COMPLAINED OF LACK OF POLICE PROTEC-
TION. OFFICERS EXPLAINED ACCIDENT MATTER NOT IN THEIR
JURISDICTION AND LEFT.

LATER IN THE EVENING, UFWOC PICKETS APPEARED AT DELANO
POLICE STATION AND REMAINED UNTIL ONE A.M. TODAY PROTESTING

END PAGE ONE.

SEP 18 1968
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MR. DELOACH FOR THE DIRECTOR
SC 100-197

PAGE TWO.

LACK OF PROTECTION FOR UFWOC MEMBERS. PICKETS RETURNED TO
POLICE STATION TODAY AND AS OF TWO P.M. ABOUT TWENTYFIVE
PICKETS REMAINED, INCLUDING CHAVEZ.

CHIEF OF POLICE

COP, DELANO PD, LEARNED CHAVEZ APPEARED ON TV STATION
LAST NIGHT AND SAID HE HAD ASKED ATTORNEY GENERAL CLARK FOR
U. S. MARSHALS TO POLICE PROPOSED UFWOC LABOR DAY PARADE AT
DELANO, WHICH PARADE IS TO INVOLVE TWENTYFIVE TO THIRTY THOU-
SAND UNION MEMBERS AND SYMPATHIZERS. UFWOC HAD PREVIOUSLY
APPLIED FOR PARADE PERMIT AT DELANO AND PERMIT DENIED. NO
VIOLENCE INVOLVED.

ARMY, AIR FORCE AND NAVY
SECRET SERVICE, FBI AND OMI ADVISED.

MEMO

ABOVE IS FOR INFO AND LHH FOLLOWS.

END.

LRC

FBI WASH DC

COPY SENT AG AND IDIV.

X- Keller

CC: MR. BISHOP
Memorandum

TO: Assistant Attorney General
   Criminal Division
FROM: Director, FBI

DATE: August 20, 1968
       Attn: Mr. J. J. Heilbron
       Room 2110 Justice Building

SUBJECT: UNITED FARM WORKERS ORGANIZING COMMITTEE
         AFL-CIO, DELANO, CALIFORNIA
         INFORMATION CONCERNING
         ANTIBIOTIC LAWS

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

There is enclosed one copy of _____

Teletype _______________ dated 8/14/68
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 in-
   quiries will be made by this Bureau.

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

E. [] Please advise whether you desire any further in-

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

G. [X] 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. This will confirm the conversation between_______
   and SA _______ on 8/19/68. This matter
   Enc. 1 was taken under advisement and no investigation was requested.

57 AUG 20 1968
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FAGH: SAC, SACRAMENTO (100-197)

SUBJECT: UNITED FARM WORKERS ORGANIZING COMMITTEE APL - CIO
DELANO, CALIFORNIA
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Re Sacramento teletype to Bureau 6/14/68.

Enclosed herewith are four copies of a LHM pertaining to captioned matter.

Confidential to Army, Navy and Air Force

LAND: Intelligence and Secret Service.

SACRAMENTO

At Bakersfield, California

Will follow situation at Delano and report any positive results.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HERIN IS UNCLASSIFIED

EX-DATE 2/17/62 BY SP-8 RTJ dacq

REC 27, 176-69-2

25 AUG 1968
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Sacramento, California

August 14, 1968

UNITED FARM WORKERS ORGANIZING COMMITTEE AFL-CIO,
DELANO, CALIFORNIA

Kern (X)(C)

County Sheriff's Office (KCSO), Bakersfield, California, advised that during the late evening of August 13, 1968, officers of the KCSO Substation at Delano, California, and the California Highway Patrol investigated a hit and run and assault matter involving Kern County and California. Each party accused the other and both were released pending further investigation.

Chief of Police Delano Police Department (X)(C), advised that his Department first became aware of the above matter after the incident when DPD officers were called to the residence on the evening of August 13, 1968. At this time Cesar Chavez, Director, United Farm Workers Organizing Committee AFL-CIO (UFWOC), Delano, California, and about 25 other persons, including (X)(C), were present. Chavez berated the officers for lack of police protection and demanded some action concerning the matter. The officers explained the accident matter was outside the jurisdiction of the DPD and left.

Chief (X)(C) stated UFWOC pickets appeared at the Delano Police Station at about 10:00 p.m., on August 13, 1968, and remained until about 1:00 a.m., on August 14, 1968, protesting what they claimed to be lack of police protection for UFWOC.

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.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 2/17/82 BY SPB TJD 48 ENCLOSURE

176-69-2
members in Delano, California. The pickets returned on August 14, 1968, and as of 2:00 p.m., August 14, approximately 25 pickets including Chavez remained at the police station.

Chief stated he had learned that Chavez appeared on an unknown television station in Los Angeles, California, during the evening of August 13, 1968, at which time he made the announcement he had requested Attorney General Ramsey Clark to furnish a sufficient number of United States Marshals to police the proposed Labor Day UFWOC Parade at Delano, California. Chief stated Chavez had previously applied for a parade permit through the City of Delano in connection with the contemplated UFWOC parade, to consist of 25,000 to 30,000 union members and sympathizers on September 2, 1968. This permit was denied by the City of Delano merely because they did not feel his Department could safely cope with the proposed number of participants in the parade due to the limited manpower situation on his forces. He said circumstances indicate that the above mentioned picketing was planned in advance in view of Chavez's appearance on television in Los Angeles, California.

Chief stated there has been no violence involved and he expects none at this time.
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, SACRAMENTO (100-196)
SUBJECT: UNITED FARM WORKERS ORGANIZING COMMITTEE
AFL-CIO
DELANO, CALIFORNIA
MATTER CONCERNING

Re: Sacramento teletype and airtel to Bureau dated 8/14/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and four copies of a Letterhead Memorandum dated and captioned as above which is being submitted for information.

Copies of this memo have been furnished to Army, Navy and Air Force Intelligence Agencies in Sacramento, California, and the U. S. Secret Service, Sacramento, California.

Sacramento will continue to follow Delano situation and any unusual incidents will be reported.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 8/17/68 BY SEP 880

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2 - Sacramento (100-196)
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AGENCY: FBI, J. 101, SAC, ACD
ACSI, OSI, S.S

HOW FILM:
DATE FILM:
BY:

REC'D 176-68-3
25 AUG 28 1968

C. C. Bishop
SEP 18 1968
Approved: Special Agent in Charge

Sent M. P.
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Sacramento, California

August 16, 1968

UNITED FARM WORKERS ORGANIZING
COMMITTEE
AFL-CIO - DELANO, CALIFORNIA

On August 15, 1968, Delano ( Confidential) California Police Department (DPD) advised that the picketing of the DPD by members of the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee of Delano continued until night of August 14, 1968, with union members shouting, playing loud music and at times becoming quite belligerent. The picketing resumed at 7:00 a.m. on August 15, 1968, with approximately 100 persons participating, however, shortly before 9:30 a.m. all pickets left to attend a Congressional hearing being held at Delano High School regarding the living conditions of the farm workers. ( Confidential) said the only violence occurred on the evening of August 14, 1968, when an elderly woman was struck by a rock which was thrown from the area of the picket line.

Assistant United States Attorney Richard V. Boulger, Fresno, California, telephonically contacted the Bakersfield, California Resident Agency on August 15, 1968, and stated that he had received a telephone call from the Department of Justice in Washington to the effect that the Attorney General had received information from Cesar Chavez, Director of the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee, to the effect that one ( Confidential) of the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee had been forced off the road in Delano by a car driven by one ( Confidential) during the evening of August 14, 1968, or morning of August 15, 1968.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HERIN IS UNCLASSIFIED

DATE 11/7/62 BY SECRETARY 176-69-3

ENCLOSURE
Inquiry at the offices of the Delano Police Department, Kern County Sheriff's Office, Delano, and the California Highway Patrol, Bakersfield, California, which covers the Delano area, revealed no information reported concerning the incident described by Mr. Boulger with the exception that on the night of August 14, 1968, an [REDACTED] requested of the Delano Police Department that her residence be patrolled because of some problems with her boy friend and Mr. Boulger was so advised.

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.
SUBJECT: United Farm Workers et al.

FILE: Cross References
June 28, 1973

Mr. Clarence M. Kelley, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Dept. of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20538

Dear Sir:

My office has received a request concerning the dispute between the United Farm Workers Union and the Teamsters-Growers in California.

May I express my opinion that the potential for violence inherent in such a situation should be contained with a minimum of disruption to the free exercise of the civil rights of the individuals involved. Yet, by the same token, positive steps should be taken to assume that the rights of the parties are not being infringed upon by the other parties.

The picture in this morning's issue of the Washington Post indicates that violence is taking place in the Coachella Valley. Such conduct most certainly has a chilling effect upon the exercise of freedom of speech by those involved.

On behalf of my constituents who have expressed their concern, I am requesting that you exercise your appropriate jurisdiction in this matter in assuring that such civil rights are not infringed upon.

Please inform me of your course of conduct in this matter.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Floyd K. Haskell
United States Senator

July 17, 1973
July 5, 1973

REC 3944-0 - 25482

Honorable Floyd K. Haskell
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Haskell:

Your letter of June 28th to Mr. Kelley has been referred to me. In reply, I must advise you that based upon the information you furnished and, in the absence of an indication that a Federal law within our jurisdiction has been violated, we have no authority to conduct an investigation.

I regret being unable to be of assistance to you in this instance.

Sincerely yours,

William D. Ruckelshaus
William D. Ruckelshaus
Acting Director

1 - Denver
1 - Congressional Services Office

NOTE: We have had prior limited cordial correspondence with Senator Haskell.

RCD: mks (6)

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MAIL ROOM       TELETYPE UNIT
TO: Assistant Attorney General
   Civil Rights Division

FROM: Director, FBI

SUBJECT: ET AL; UNKNOWN VICTIMS, POSSIBLE VIOLENCE BETWEEN UNITED FARM WORKERS (UFW) AND TEAMSTERS, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA, CIVIL RIGHTS

Reference is made to memorandum dated ____________ (your file ____________). There is enclosed one copy of the report of Special Agent ____________ dated ____________. You are requested to report to me as to the disposition of the case.

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

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

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

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

E. ☐ Please advise whether you desire any further investigation.

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

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

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

Enc. NOTE: This confirms the 7/30/73, conversation between Mr. Robert Murphy and Supervisor T. M. Gardner wherein Mr. Murphy, after being advised of the contents of the attached, stated he felt there was no Civil Rights violation; however, desired a copy of the attached be forwarded him for review.

8/10 1973

EX-105

REC 30

44-0-25 753

NOT RECORDED

AUG 3 1973
FBI

Date: 8/14/73

Transmit the following in
(TYPE IN PLAIN TEXT OR CODE)

Via AIRTEL AIRMACE (Priority)

To: Director, FBI

ATTENTION:

From: SAC, SACRAMENTO (44-NEW) CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION
GENERAL INVEST. DIV.

Subject: UNSUB;
TEAMSTERS UNION;
UNITED FARM WORKERS UNION - VICTIM

CR EL DIH CRA-64
PA PE PF E

EID Bomb Threats Extremist Matters
White-Hate Black

Summary of Complaint:

On 8/13/73, [Redacted], Legal Department, United Farm Workers Union (UFWU), Lamont, California, furnished copy of joint signed statement of [Redacted] and [Redacted] executed 8/3/73, and stated she desired it be furnished Civil Rights Division of USDC. Statement alleges that [Redacted] and [Redacted] were hitchhiking one night in Bakersfield, California, and were picked up by three unknown Teamster members. During conversation, Teamsters said they were going to "knock some Wetbacks' heads in", "going to make some other Wetbacks work in the fields in the sun so they would get strokes and die", and "they had been sent here" after some big meeting.

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

Sent M Per
SUMMARY OF COMPLAINT (Continued):

These Teamsters told [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] to watch the news the next day because there was going to be violence and heads busted open.
To: Director, FBI
ATTENTION:

From: SAC, SACRAMENTO (44-NEW) CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION
GENERAL INVEST. DIV.

Subject: UNSUB, Deputy of Kern
County Sheriff's Office,
7/31/73, at Mosesian Ranch near
Bakersfield, California;
UNITED FARM WORKERS UNION - VICTIM

CR EL DIH CRA-64
PA PE PF E
EID Bomb Threats Extremist Matters
White Hate Black

Summary of Complaint:

On 8/13/73, Legal Department,
United Farm Workers Union (UFWU), Lamont, California,
furnished copy of signed statement of
executed 8/2/73, and stated she desired it be furnished
Civil Rights Division of USDC. This statement advised
that on 7/31/73, at a field of Mosesian Ranch near
Bakersfield, California, there were approximately 200
pickets and 20 Deputy Sheriffs. One of Mosesian's
workers came out of fields to talk to pickets, and
deputy said "Get back. Get back to work." This worker
went back.

ACTION: UACB:
No further action being taken and
LHM enclosed Copy furnished to USA
FD-376 (enclosure to LHM)

Bureau LHM being submitted
Sacramento Report being submitted
Preliminary investigation instituted
Limited investigation instituted

Approved: Sent M Per
Special Agent in Charge
SUMMARY OF COMPLAINT (Continued):

It is assumed that complaint is that Sheriff's deputy, by ordering farm worker back to fields, implied that he was not allowing Union members to converse with said worker.
From: Special Agent in Charge
To: Director, FBI
Subject: U-P Pioneer, SACRAMENTO, CA (44-565) (C)

Attached to this are (4) copies of a letter captured above.

Sent to Sacramento, CA (44-565) to Bureau, 8/24/73.

Enclosed are (6) copies of an FBI captured as

Date: 8/20/73

FB1 (Type in place of code)