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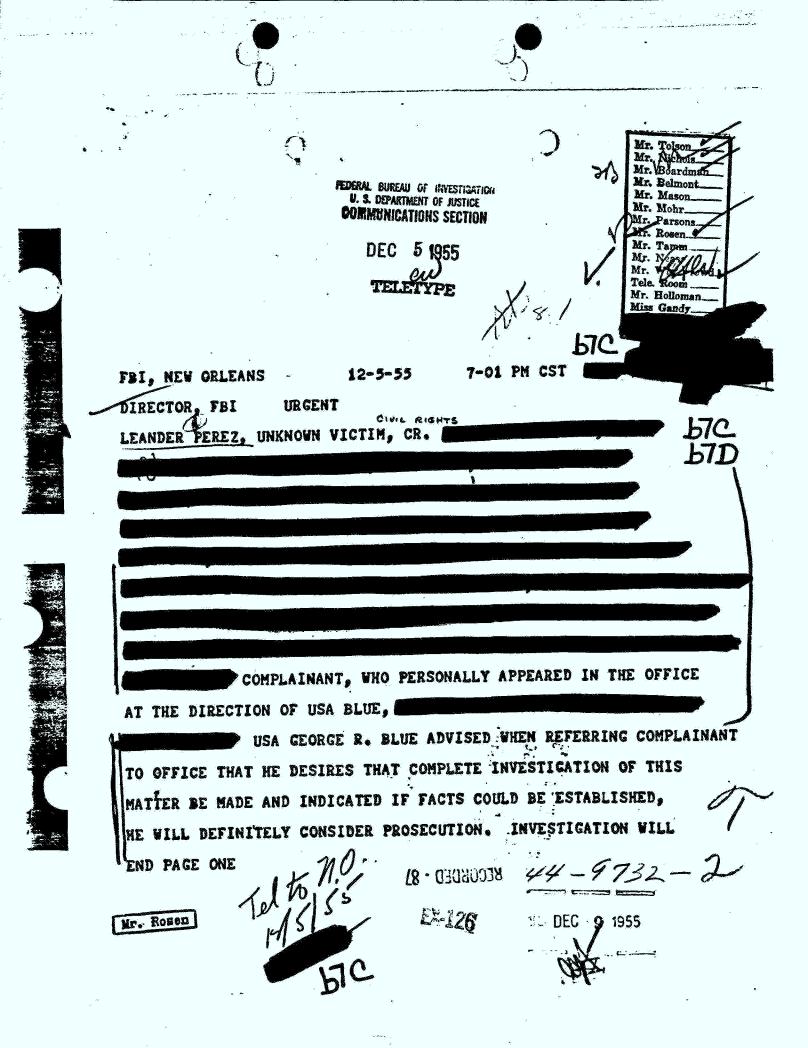
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Assistant Attorney General Warren Olney III

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This will confirm a conversation between Messrs. A. B. Caldwell, Chief, Civil Rights Section, Criminal Division, and Henry Putzel, Jr., attorney, Civil Rights Section, Criminal Division, and a representative of this Bureau on December 6, 1955.

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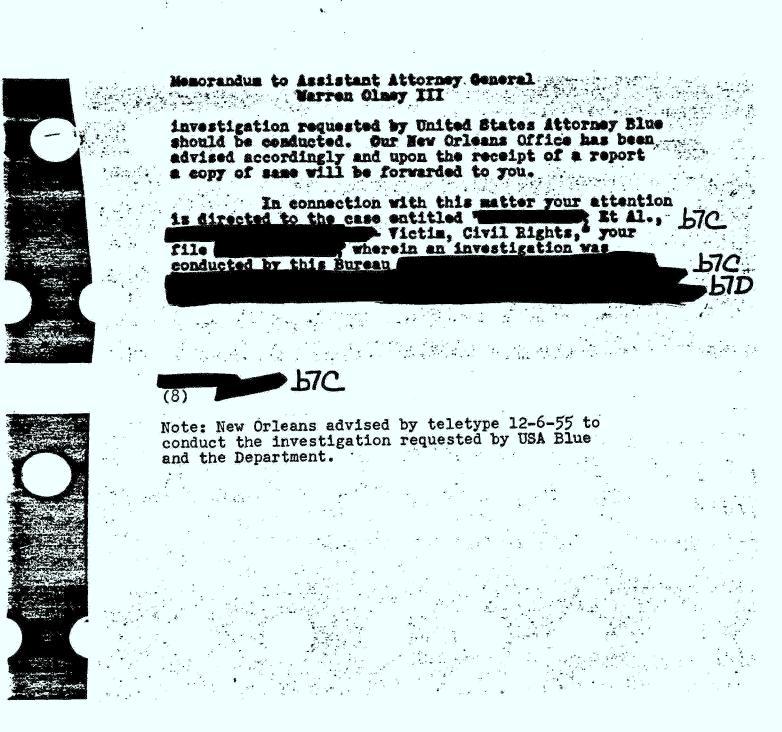




United States Attorney Blue advised a Special Agent of the New Orleans Office that he desired that a complete investigation of this matter be made and indicated that if facts could be established he would definitely consider prosecution.

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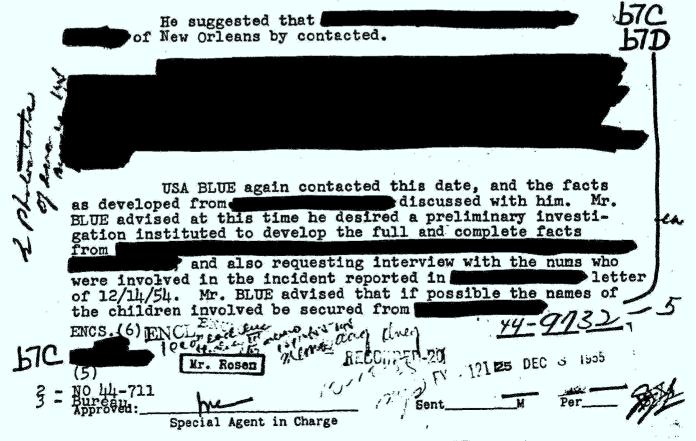
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USA GEORGE R. BLUE contacted 12/6/55, advised that he desired the facts obtained regarding subject PEREZ' possible violation of the CR statute by depriving individuals of Plaquemines Parish, and particularly the people of Belle Chase, Louisiana, their rights of freedom of religion, advised that in his opinion it would be necessary to show a definite abridgementof the rights of freedom of religion and not a possibility that PEREZ as District Attorney of Plaquemines Parish was enforcing the state segregation laws as they applied to white and colored people in the schools.



PAGE TWO NO 44-711 AIR-TEL TO DIRECTOR, 12/7/55 Mr. BLUE advised that at this time he desired the investigation to be confined to a preliminary stage, and at the conclusion of the above interviews he be furnished a services report in order that he might take up the entire matter-with the Department of Justice. For the information of the Bureau and the Department there is enclosed herewith two copies of letters of December 14, 1954, and April 18, 1955, and letter of April 26, 1955. With regard to the incident referred to in MS letter of April 26, 1955, Paragraph One, Mr. BLUE advised that he desired no inquiry conducted as this incident occurred in New Orleans and involves a discussion bio between PEREZ and In view of the fact that PEREZ is an elected official no other state official is being advised of the fact that this perliminary investigation is being conducted. UACB by 8:30 A.M., (CST), 12/9/55, 'will be interviewed at established and they will be interviewed. CHILES MR. ROSEN INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

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December 7, 1955.

Enclosed for your information is one Photostat each of letters dated December 14, 1954, April 18, 1955, and April 26, 1955, regarding captioned matter which were made available to our New Orleans Office by

United States Attorney George R. Blue Man sontacted by Special Agents of our New Orleans Office regarding the investigation to be conducted in this matter, stated that he desired the investigation to be conducted to determine whether subject Leander Perez violated the Civil Rights Statutes by depriving individuals of Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, and Belle Chasse, Louisiana, of their rights of freedom of religion. United States Attorney Blue stated in his opinion it would be necessary to show a definite abridgement of the right of freedom of religion and not a possibility that Peres as District Attorney of Plaquemines Parish was enforcing the state segregation laws as they applied to white and colored people in the schools.

United States Attorney Blue suggested that New Orleans, Louisians, be contacted regarding this matter. The information obtained from was discussed with United States Attorney Blue and he requested that a preliminary investigation be instituted to develop the full and complete and also requested that the muns who were involved in the facts from in his letter of December H incident reported by 1955, a Photostat of which is enclosed be interviewed. United States Attorney Blue also requested that if possible, the names of the children involved in the incident reported letter be secured from in For gran gon Enclo DEC 13 1955 COMM-FB

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United States Attorney Blue stated that he desired the investigation to be confined to a preliminary investigation and at the conclusion of the investigation and the submission of a report reflecting the interviews he requested, he would take up the entire matter with the Department.

Our New Orleans Office is conducting the investigation requested by United States Attorney Blue and upon the receipt of the report, a copy of same will be forwarded to you.



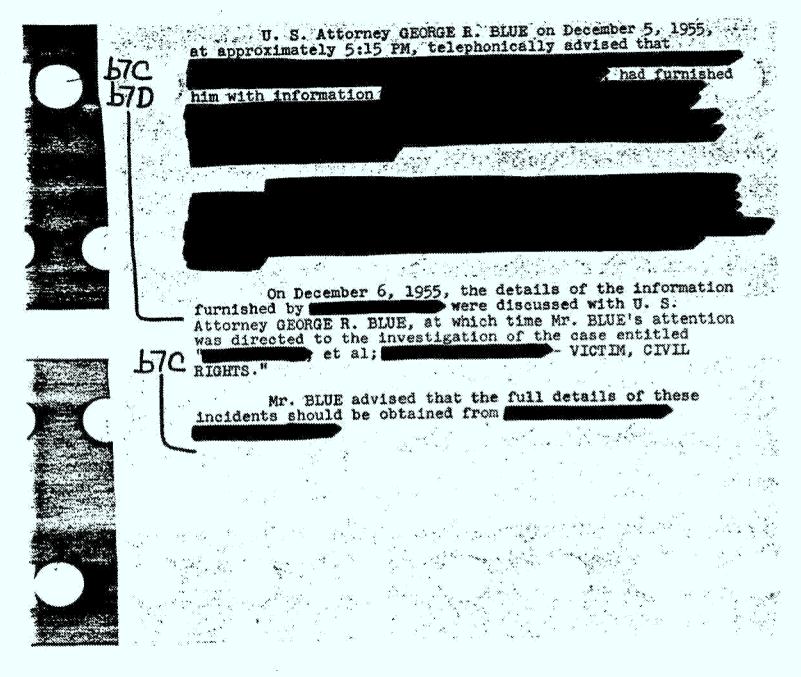
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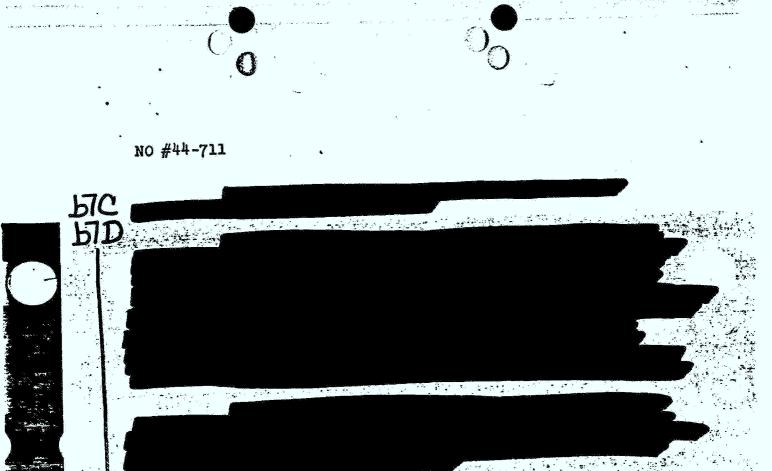
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On December 7, 1955, Assistant U. S. Attorney GEORGE R. BLUE was again contacted, making available the information received from the second at which time he advised that the Sisters involved in the incident and should be interviewed. He advised that he did not at this time believe that it would be necessary to interview in view of the fact that LEANDER PEREZ would not have any authority in the Parish of Orleans.

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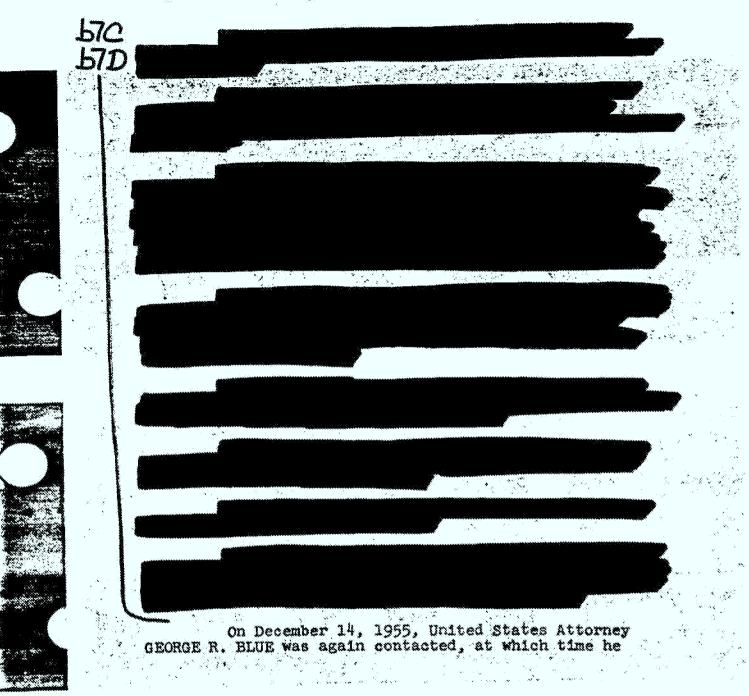
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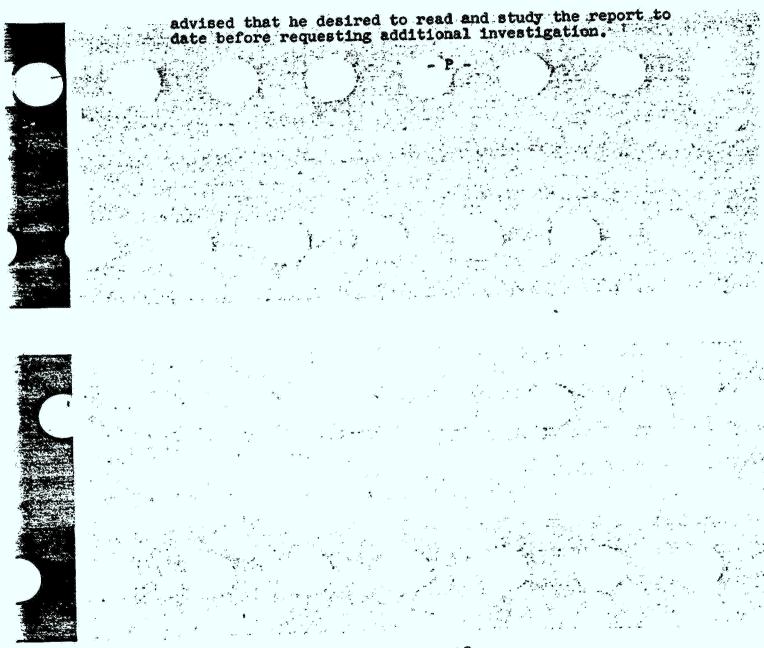
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LEANDER PEREZ, SR., is a well known and prominent individual in political circles in Plaquemines Parish in the State of Louisiana. He is a State Rights advocate, and extremely active in the maintaining of the segregation movement in Plaquemines Parish.

In view of the fact that this investigation was in its preliminary stages, it was not deemed advisable to notify any State official that the investigation was being conducted, and further it was not considered advisable to verify his election as District Attorney, Plaquemines Parish.

In the event investigation is reinstituted, it is believed that the Governor of the State of Louisiana will be the proper person to notify that investigation will be conducted.

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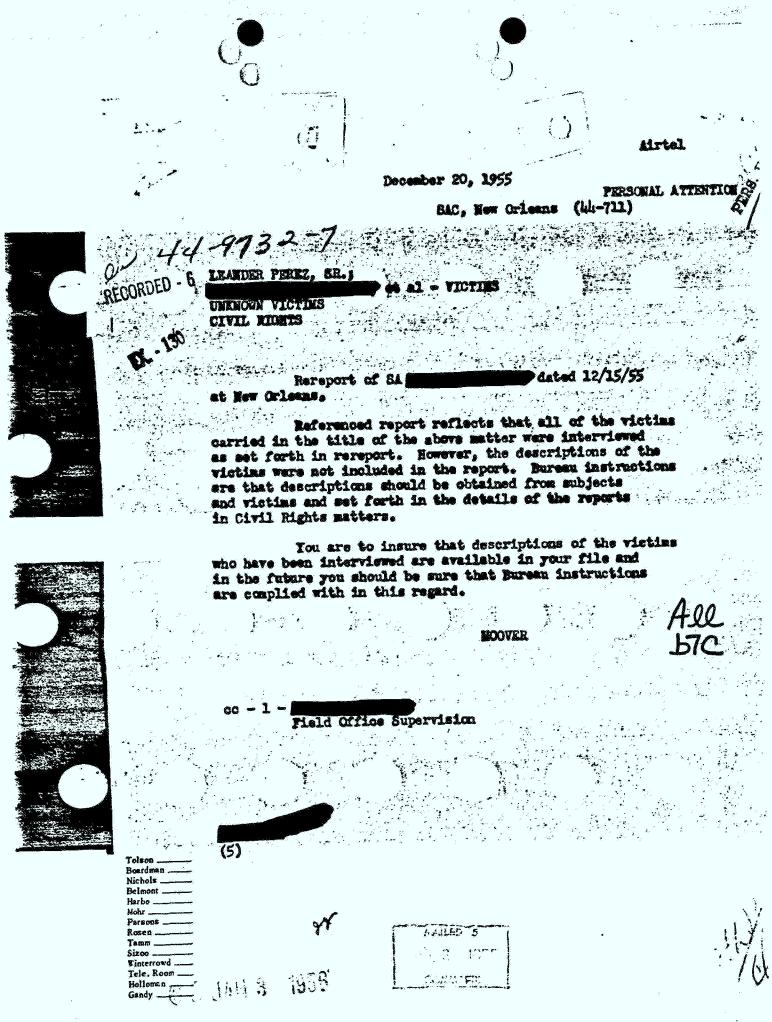
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Will maintain contact with USA GEORGE R. BLUE for his instructions as to additional investigation desired. <u>44-9932-32</u> REFERENCES: New Orleans teletype to Bureau 12-5-55; Bureau teletype to New Orleans 12-6-55; New Orleans airtel to Bureau 12-7-55; New Orleans airtel to Bureau 12-16-55; New Orleans teletype to Bureau 12-16-55; New Orleans teletype to Bureau 12-14-55.

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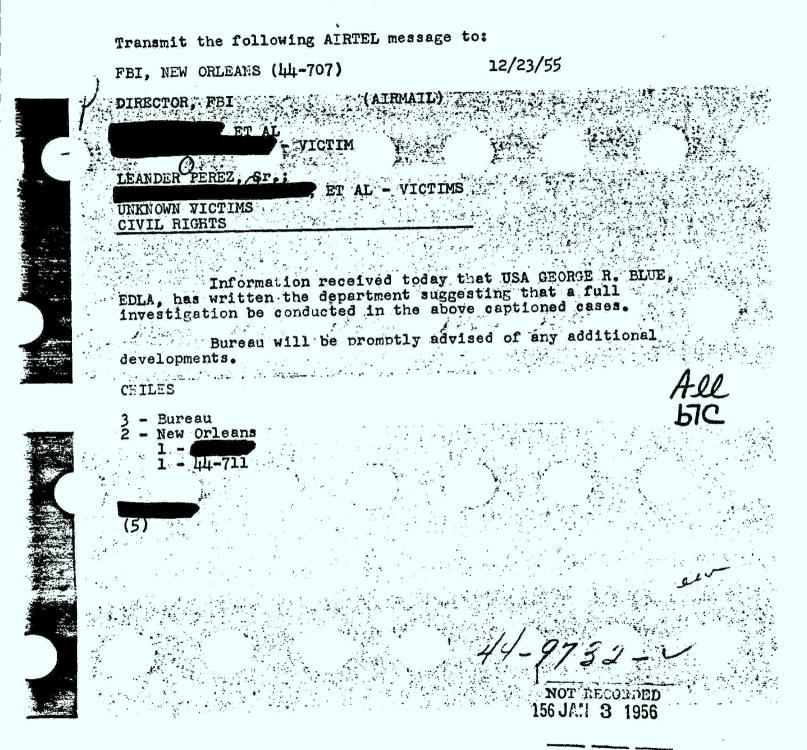
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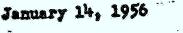
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Reurairtels 12/23/55. Bureau in receipt of memorandum from Department dated 1/12/56, together with copy of Department's letter to USA Blue of same date. Memorandum instructs as follows:

In the case a full investigation as requested in Department's memorandum of November 16, 1955, is to be conducted including pursuit of specific leads set forth therein.

In the Perez case you are to contact the USA and conduct such investigation as he may desire.

The case is to be handled immediately by mature and experienced Agent personnel with two Agents conducting all pertiment interviews. Report reflecting results is to reach Bureau not later than January 26, next

In the Perez case you should contact USA immediately and determine extent of investigation desired. Advise Bureau by airtel by January 18, 1956, as to extent of investigation and date it will be completed and report sent to Bureau. Two Agents should also be present at all pertinent interviews in this case.

Bureau should be advised of pertinent developments.

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When investigation is initiated, it is probable that political opponents of the PEREZ machine or the USA or members of his staff may make available to the press information concerning the investigation. Considering the prominence of the individuals involved, extensive publicity can be expected. Opponents of PEREZ, involved, extensive publicity can be expected. Opponents of PEREZ, HEBERT and ELLENDER will undoubtedly seize upon anything they can to exploit politically.

The Louisiana Democratic primary election will be held on 1/17/56. It appears likely that a "run-off" primary will be necessary, and, if so, this is generally held approximately thirty days later.

Another factor which should be noted in connection with these matters is that while PEREZ is a member of the Catholic Church, his interests are adverse to the stand against segregation in Catholic churches taken by Archbishop JOSEPH FRANCIS RUMMEL.

outset, will attend the Civil Rights school at the Seat of Government beginning Monday, 1/23/56. - DILLING he should stay cases are very closely related and case is but one of a series of incidents The PEREZ and which have occurred in the Belle Chasse, Plaquemine Parish, Louisiana Catholic church parish. Investigation in the effect be an investigation of the FEREZ case. For this reason, it is recommended by this office that they be investigated simultaneously case be deferred until such time and that investigation of the as the investigation in the PEREZ case is initiated. Investigation in the case will, of course, be deferred pursuant to Bureau instructions until the USA indicates the scope of investigation desired. Here again, the investigation of will, in fact, b an investigation of LEANDER PEREZ. This office will very closely follow the USA's office, and when he determines the scope of investigation desired in the PEREZ case, investigation will be initiated immediately.

Press inquiries and inquiries from the general public during the course of the investigation will be answered as follows: "An inquiry is being made at the specific instructions of Assistant Attorney General WARREN OINEY, III, of the Criminal Division, Department of Justice."

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Putzel, Jr., Civil Rights Section, Criminal Division, and a representative of this Bureau on January 16, 1956. United States Attorney Seorge R. Blue, New Orleans, Louisianz, has advised our New Orleans Office

that he is presently engaged in the trial of several important eases in the United States District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana, and will not have time to review, analyse and discuss these eases before January 19 or 20, 1956. Assistant United States Attorney M. Hepburn Many advised that the above matters have been handled by the United States Attorney personally, and he does not desire to issue any instructions regarding them until he has had the epportunity to review them with Mr. Blue. Many advised he did not anticipate being able to discuss these cases with Mr. Elue before the week beginning January 23, 1956. In view of the

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Memorandum to Assistant Attorney General Warren Olmey III

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Upon being furmished the above information, Mr. Caldwell advised that the investigation in the ease should be withheld until after discussion is had with the United States Attorney concerning the and Leander Peres matters.

For your additional information in connection with the above matters, our New Orleans Office has advised that Leander Perez, allegedly a nationally-known political figure, is allegedly the sponsor of Congressman F. Edward Hebert, First Congressional District of Louisians. Ferez allegedly is also close to United States Senator Allen J. Ellender, Nr.

You will be kept advised as to pertinent developments in the above matters.

NOTE: The New Orleans Office was advised by teletype dated 1/18/56, to withhold investigation in the second case until after discussion with the USA concerning the other two matters.



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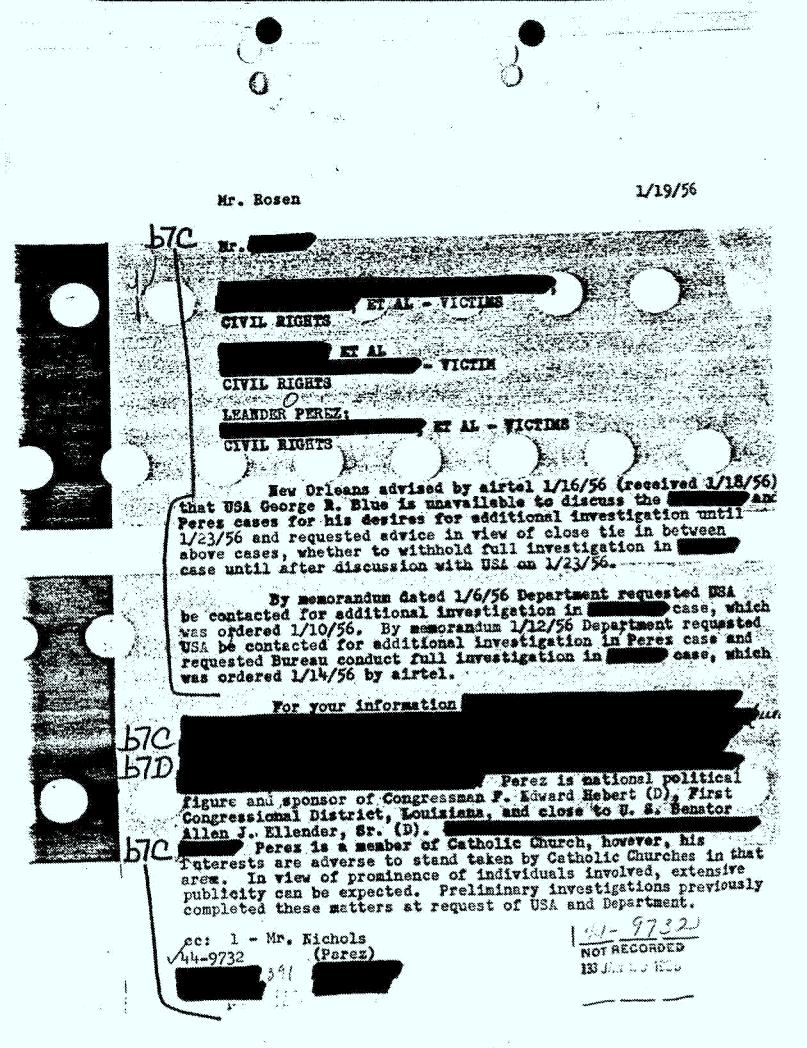
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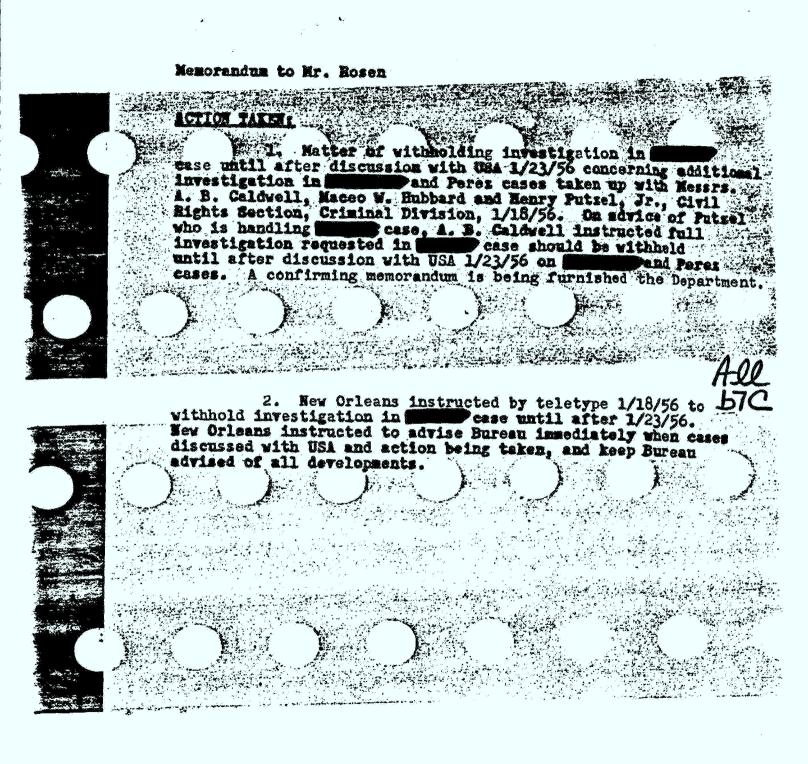
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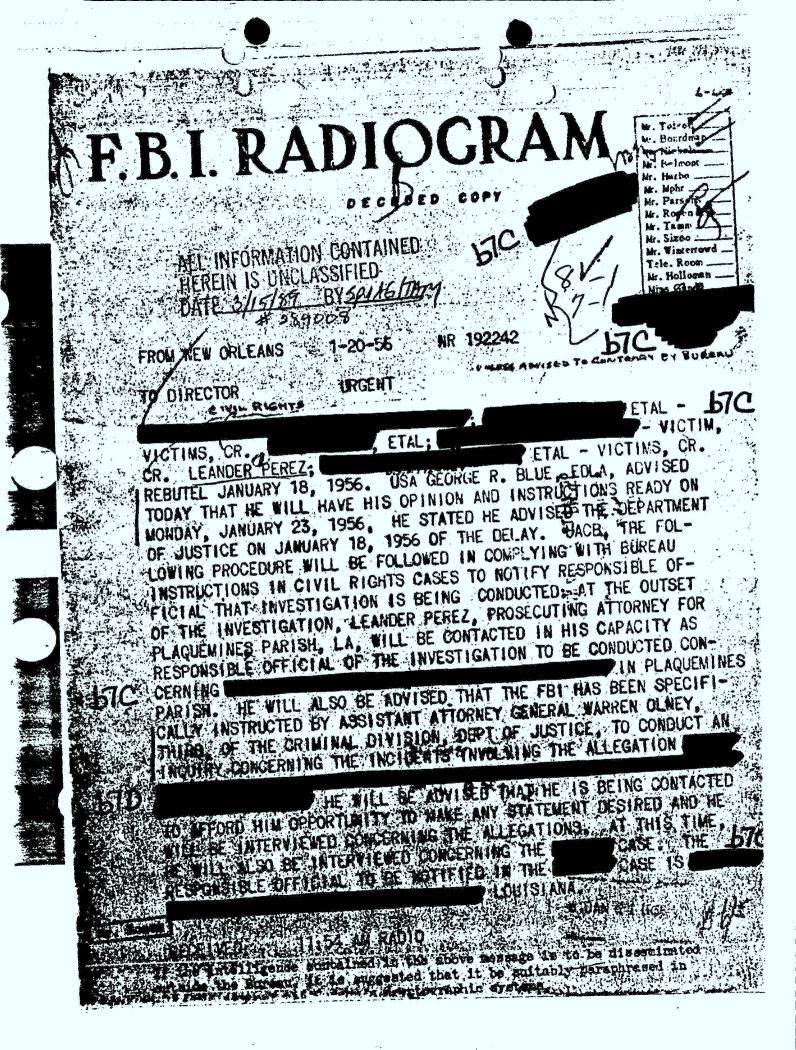
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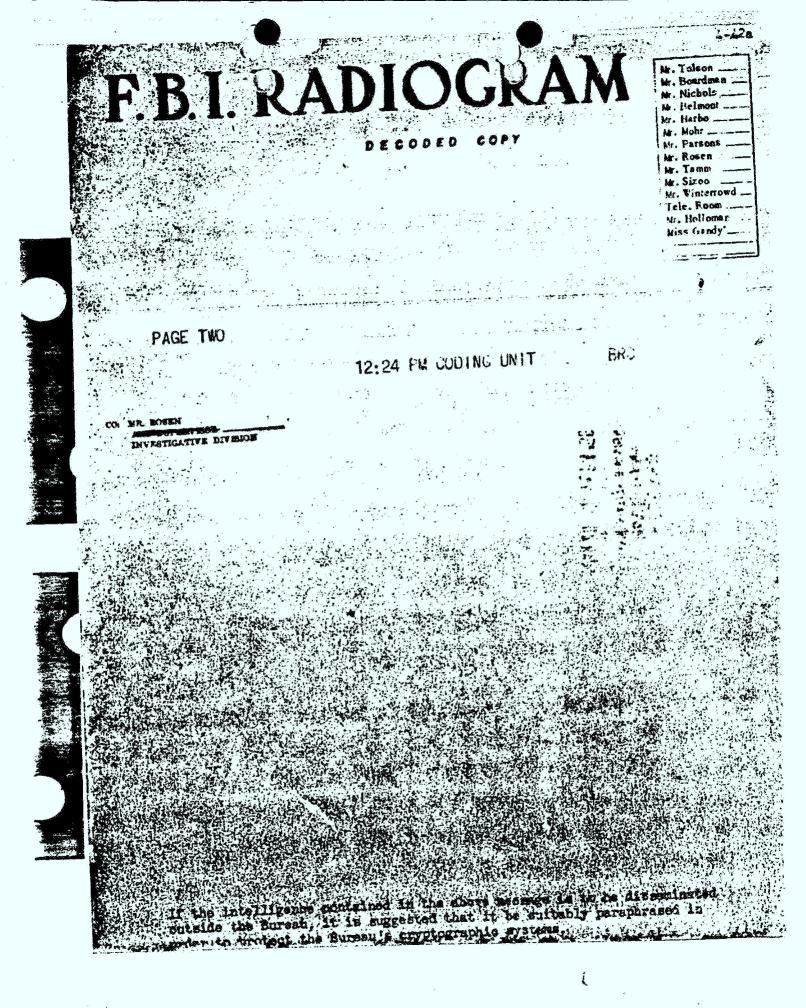
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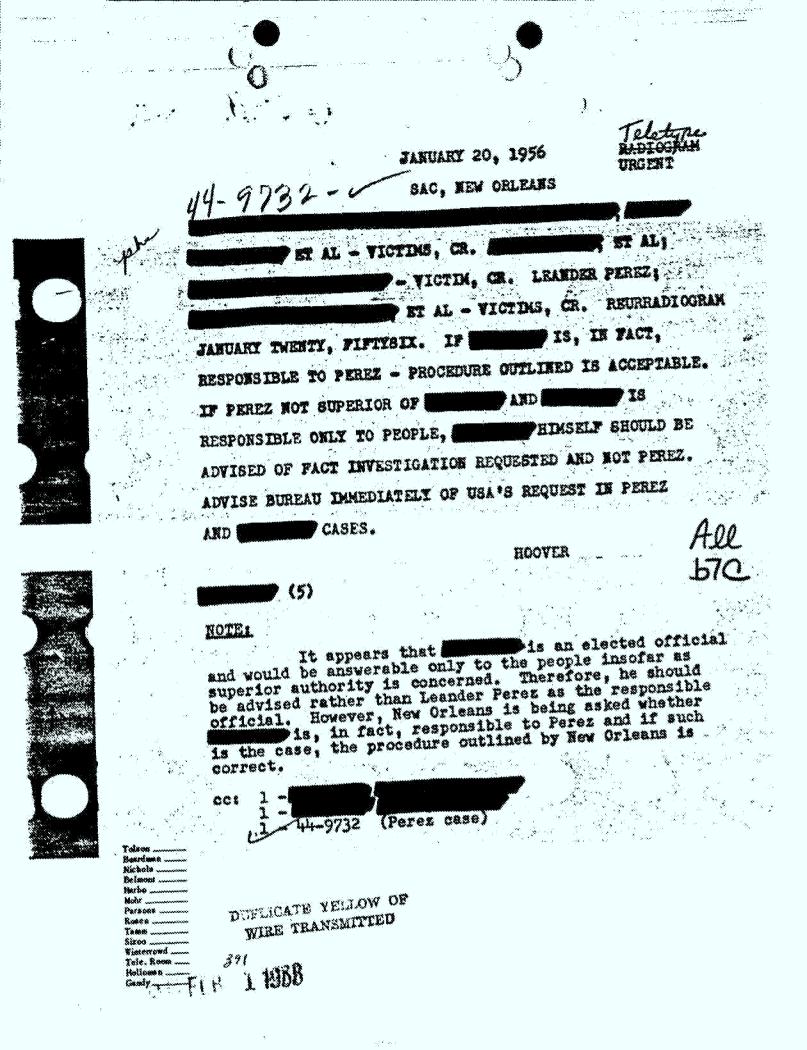
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Above issued on instructions of Mr. A.B. Caldwell, Chif, Civil Rights Section, Criminal Division, on 1/24/56. A confirming memorandum is being prepared.

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Memorandum to Mr. Rosen

#### ACTION TAKENS «

Upon receipt of information from New Orleans on 1/24/56 the above matters were immediately discussed with Messrs, A.B. Caldwell, Menry Putsel, Jr., and Maceo W. Hubbard, Civil Rights Section, Criminal Division on 1/24/56. Nr. Caldwell was asked whether he desired investigations be withheld in above matters in order to allow UEA to present to Federal Grand Jury or whether he desired investigations go forward. After discussion, Mr. Caldwell instructed that full investigations shoul (be conducted in the second and second cases and whatever additional investigation USA desires in the Perez case. Caldwell further requested that all pertinent witnesses in the civil suits now pending in the Pease be interviewed,

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1. Attached is a teletype dated 1/24/56 for the New Orleans Office instructing that office to conduct investigation in accordance with the Department's request as reflected above. New Orleans further instructed to sutel results of discussion with USA in Perez case and number of Agents to be used and days estimated to complete investigation in the and the cases and to keep Bureau advised of all pertinent developments. New Orleans further advised that all pertinent interviews should be conducted by two Agents.

2. Attached is a confirming memorandum to Mr. Olney for your approval and if approved same should be forwarded.

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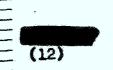
This will confirm a conversation between Messrs. A. B. Caldwell, Henry Putsel, Jr., and Macco W. Rubbard, Civil Rights Section, Criminal Division, and a representative of this Bureau on January 24, 1956.

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United States Attorney George R. Elue, New Orleans, Louisiana, has advised our New Orleans Office that he has written to the Department of Justice suggesting that the witnesses in the above matters be brought before the Federal Grand Jury in the Eastern District of Louisiana. He advised that he is now awaiting instructions from the Department in line with his letter and he desired no investigation by this Bureau until the Department replies either approving or disapproving his suggestion of presenting above/ matters to the Federal Grand Jury.



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Our New Orleans Office has been instructed to conduct the requested investigations in the and setters and to contact the United States Attorney in the Ferez matter for his views as to additional investigation. You will be furnished reports reflecting the results of investigations conducted when same are received from our New Orleans Office.

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Memorandum for Mr. Tolson from L. B. Nichols RE: LEANDER PEREZ, 1/20/56 ET AL - VICTIMS

# ADDENDUM: LBN 1/23/56

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On the late afternoon of 1/20/56, Congressman Hebert called. He stated he had talked to U. S. Attorney Blue who informed him that the Department was pushing the investigation of Perez; that he would see what he could do to prevent the investigation becoming involved in the run-off election on 2/21/56. Hebert raised the question with Blue as to whether Perez should come in and make his explanations. Blue told him that he thought this would be an excellent idea. Hebert talked to Perez. Perez told Hebert that he was going to call upon Bue and the FBI in New Orleans on Monday and furnish all information he has bearing upon the situation down there.

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### February 2, 1956 Assistant Attorney General Warren Olney III Director, FBI T.R.A MINEN CIMS b1C CIVIL RIGHTS Your reference 144 Bureau file 44-9732 Reference is made to my memorandum January 25, 1956. Leander Perez, Prosecuting Attorney. Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, was interviewed on January 30, 1956, by Agents of our New Orleans Office. He denies any connection with the matter entitled Et Al: Civil Rights." 57D Perez advised that he has requested the investigation be discontinued at the Washington level and expects "FBI to be called off this investigation." The above is furhished for your information -and further details of the interview with Perez will be submitted when same are received from our New Orlean Office. **RECORDED-66** 921-X 8 31 COMM - FBI Telso FER 2 1956 Boarday Nichols MAILED Belmoost Department by memorandum, dated January 24, 1956, Harbo requested USA be contacted for desired investigation. USA requested full investigation. Matter is presently under investigation and Bureau deadline is set at 2/6/56. Mohr . Parsons Roses Tamm

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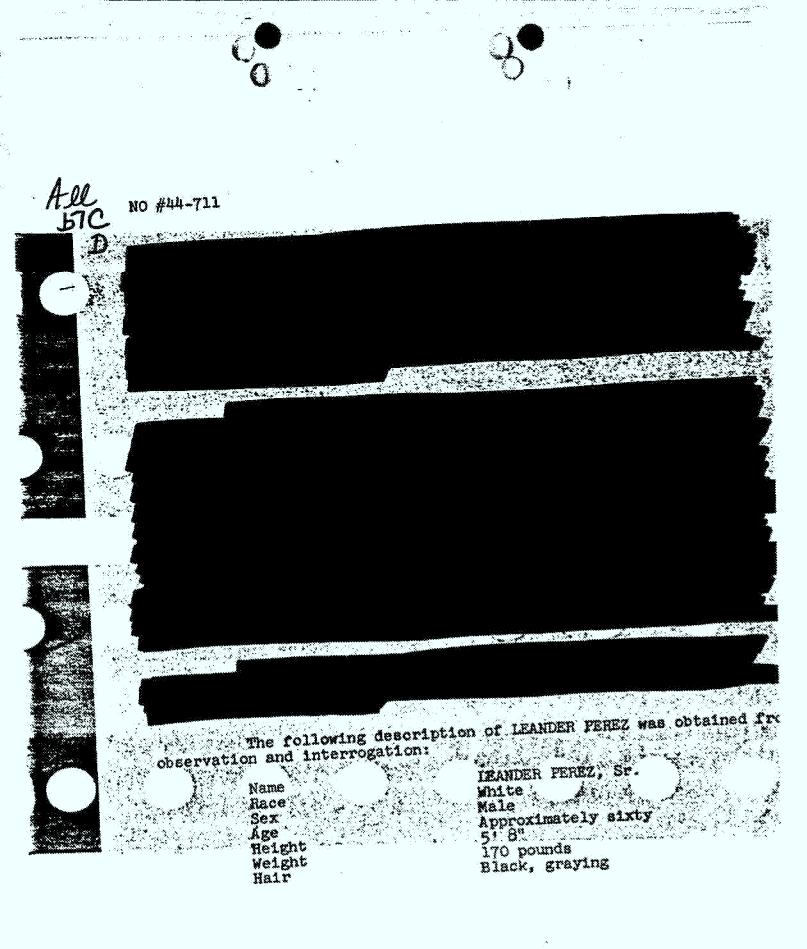
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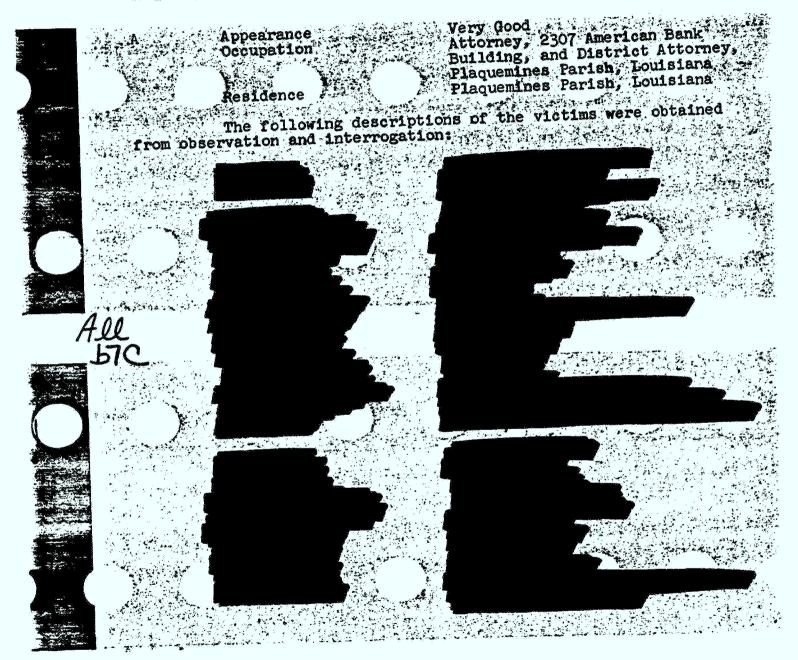
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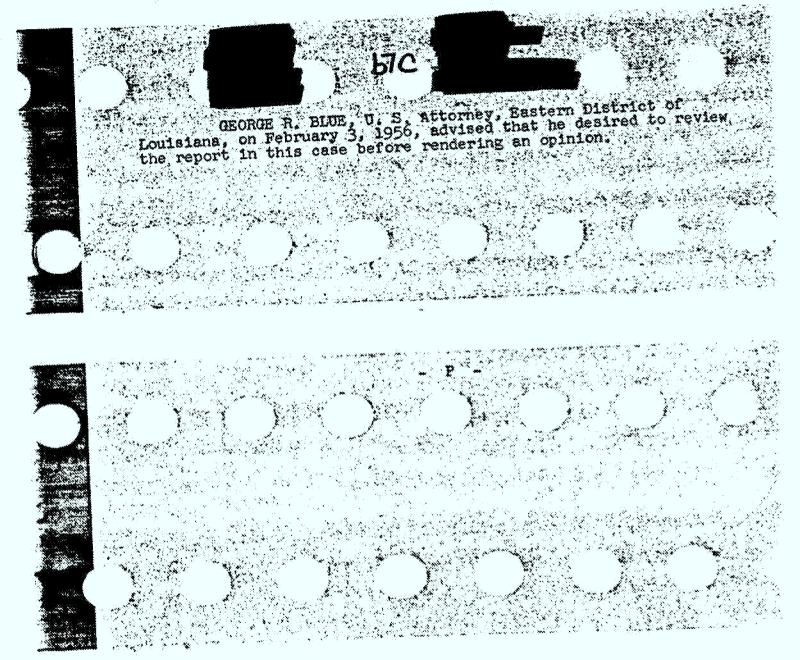
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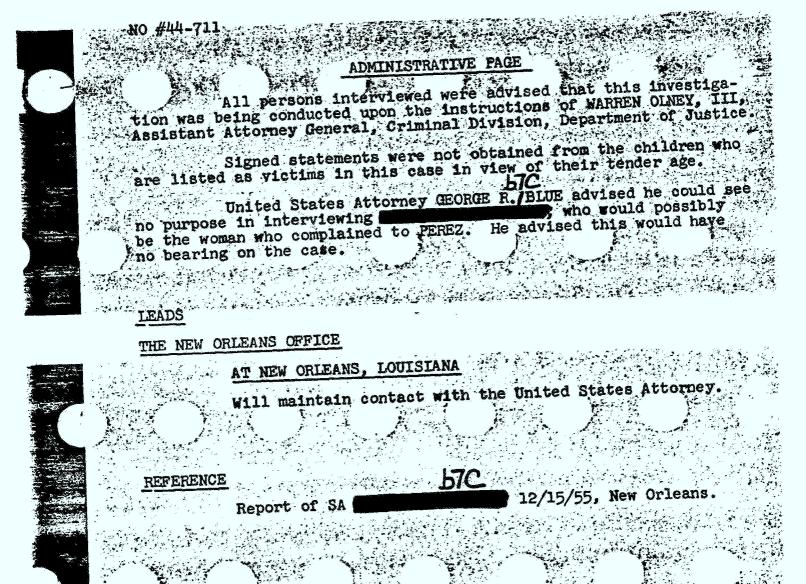
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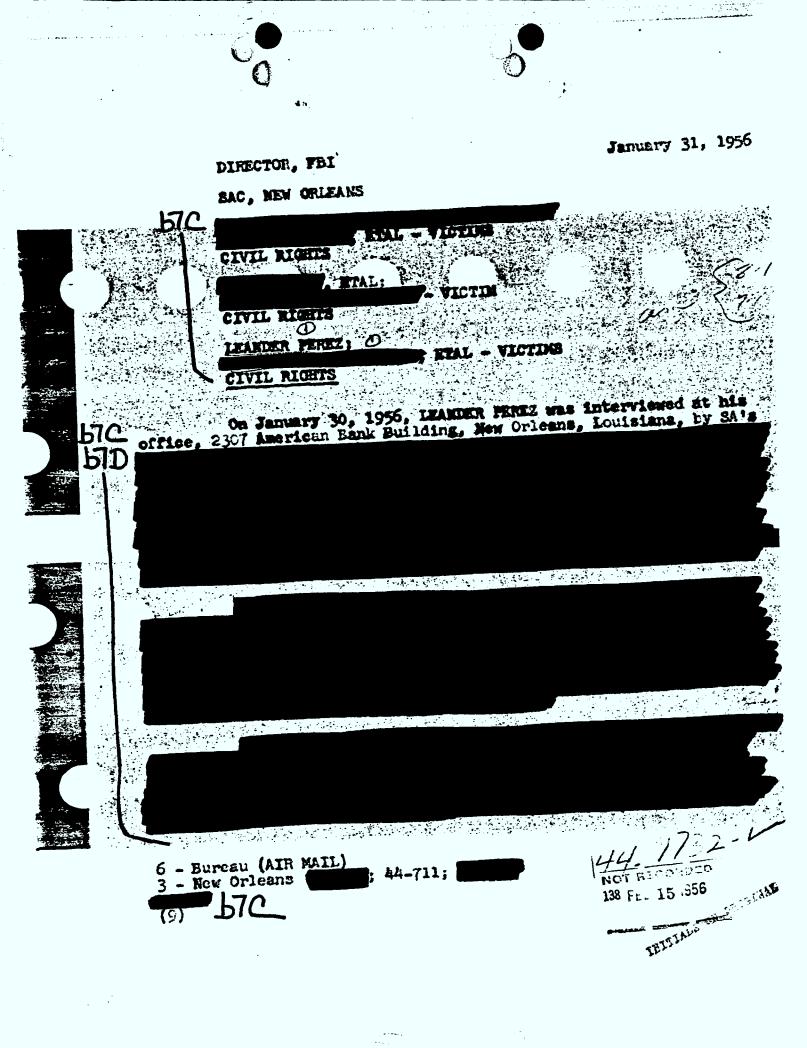


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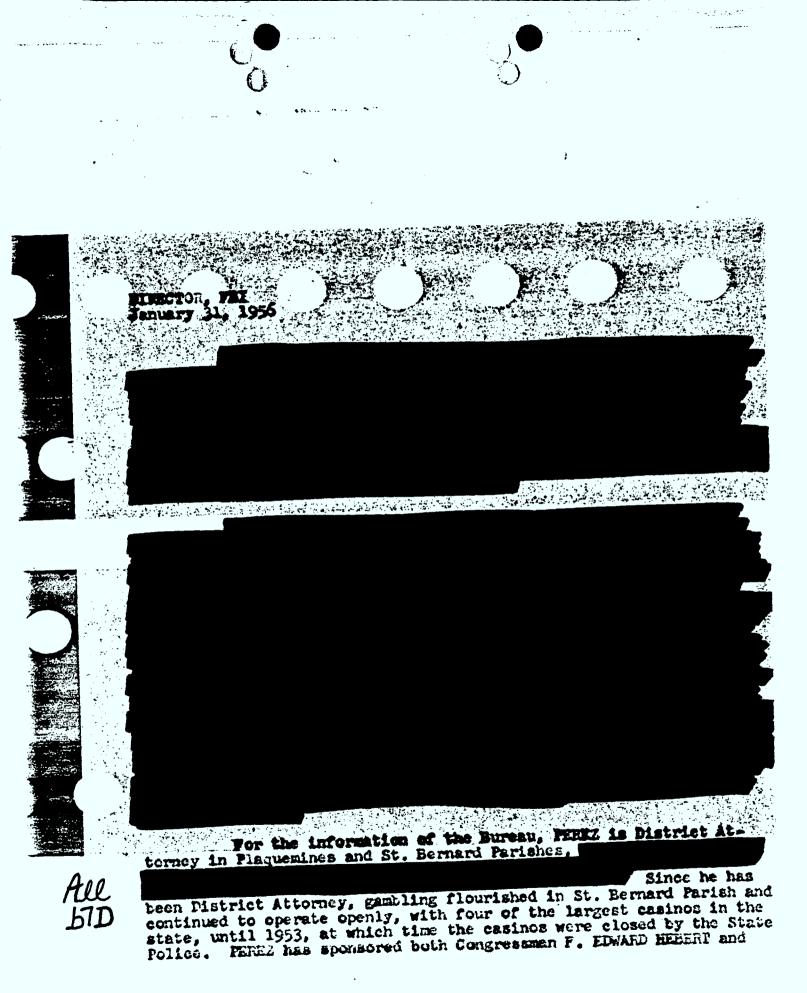
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During the interview with PEREZ, he stated that he has requested the investigation be discontinued at Washington level and stated that he expects the FBI investigation will be called off.

It is the impression of the Agents conducting the interview of IEANDER FEREZ that he is a man completely obsessed with his opposition of the Federal Government, the Supreme Court of the United States, and his opposition to any integration of the races. It is not felt that any purpose could or would be served in attempting to discuss these matters further with FEREZ. It was observed that he discuss these matters further with FEREZ. It was observed that he anything that is not in complete agreement with him is either a Communist or a Communist tool. Assistant Attorney General Warren Olney III

February 10, 1956

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Director, FBI 44-9132-6 AL - VICTINS CIVIL RIGHTS (Your Reference 144-32-190, MWR) • (Bureau File •• . ET ALI VICTIK . CIVIL RIGHTS (Your Reference 144-32-252, HP) (Bureau File LEANDER PEREZ: ET AL - VICTINS CIVIL RIGHTS

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Reference is made to my memorandum dated January 25, 1956, captioned as above.

On January 30, 1956, Leander Perez was interviewed at his office, 2307 American Bank Building, New Orleans, Louisiana, by Special Agents of our New Orleans Office.



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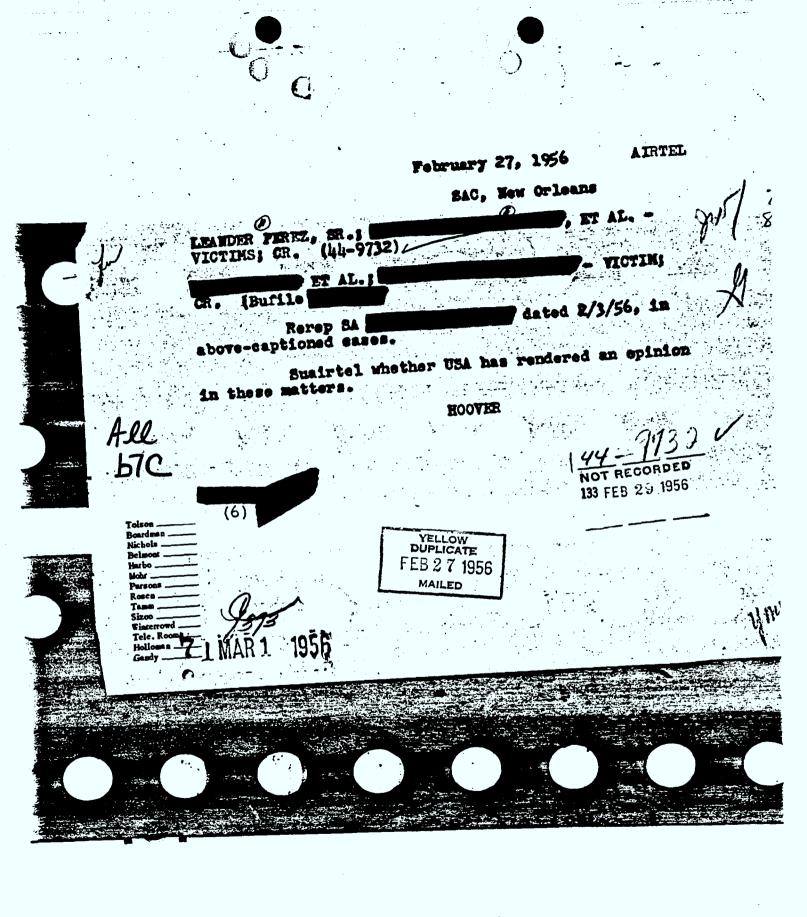
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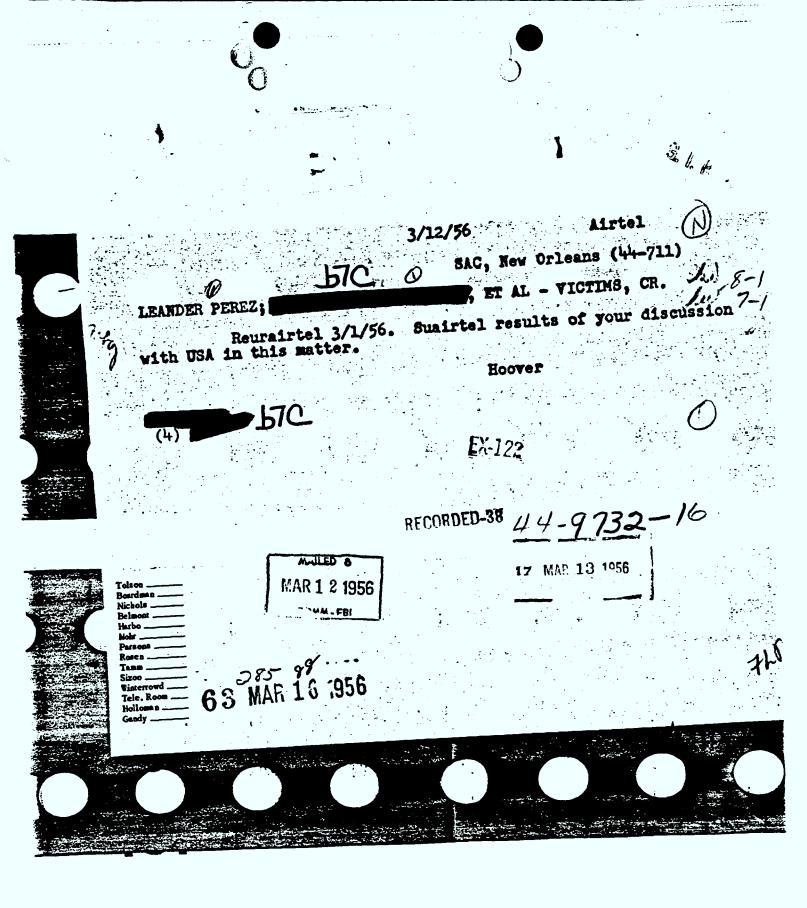
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Stop Narch 5, 1956 Assistant Attorney General Warren Olney III Director, FBI RECORDED - 51 LEANDER PERHZ ET AL, VICTIMS CIVIL RIGHTS (Your reference 144-32-254 HP) Reference is made to your memorandum of February 28 Eastern District of Louisiana, advised on March 1, 1956, that he is presently engaged in a trial of several important cases and he will not have an opportunity to render an opinion in this matter before Friday, March 9, 1956. The above is submitted for your information. 44-9732 Talsos FULLES - DEALESS **b**7C Boardman Nichols Belmont Harbo Ante (4) Derso MAILED II Tann Sizoo MAR 6 - 1956 Vinterrowd Tele. Roo COMM - FBI Hollo ROUP D. HYIT Gandy 3 1956192 8 MAR 1

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In the event the USA has expressed his views to the Department in this matter, you should obtain those views and immediately advise the Bureau. You should maintain close contact with the USA until his views are obtained in this matter.

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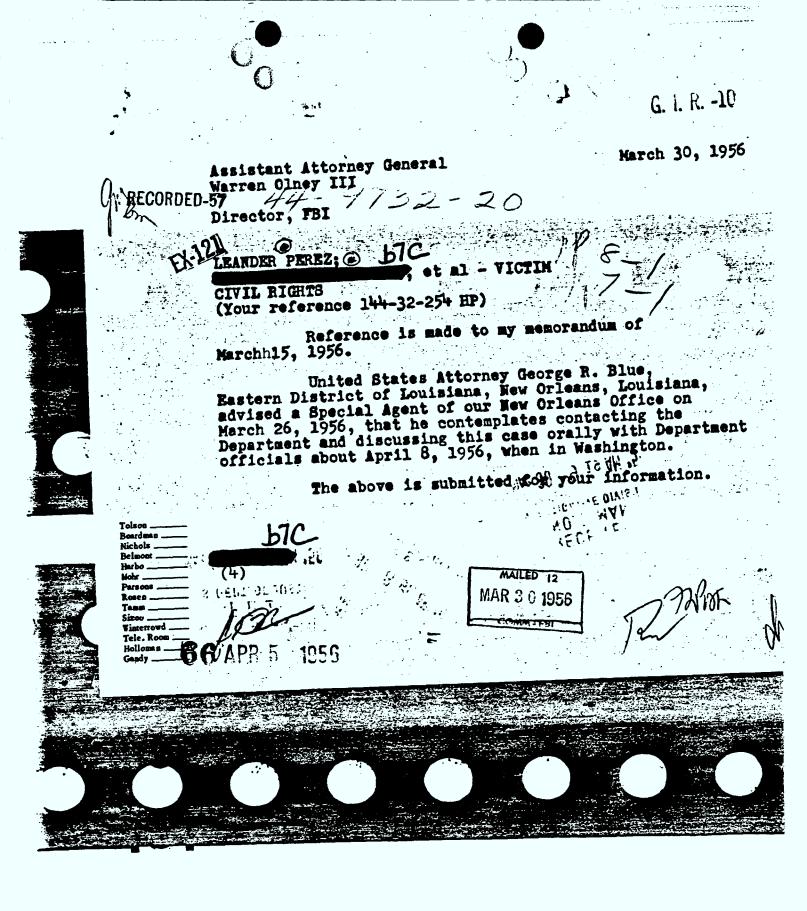
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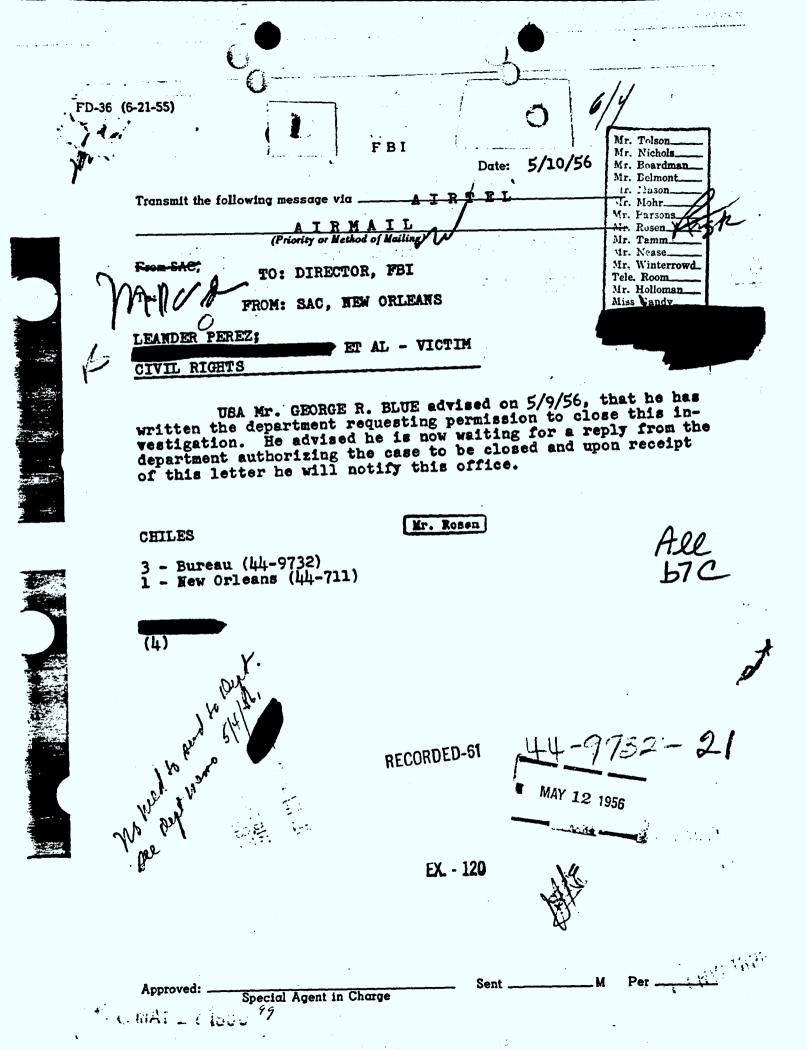
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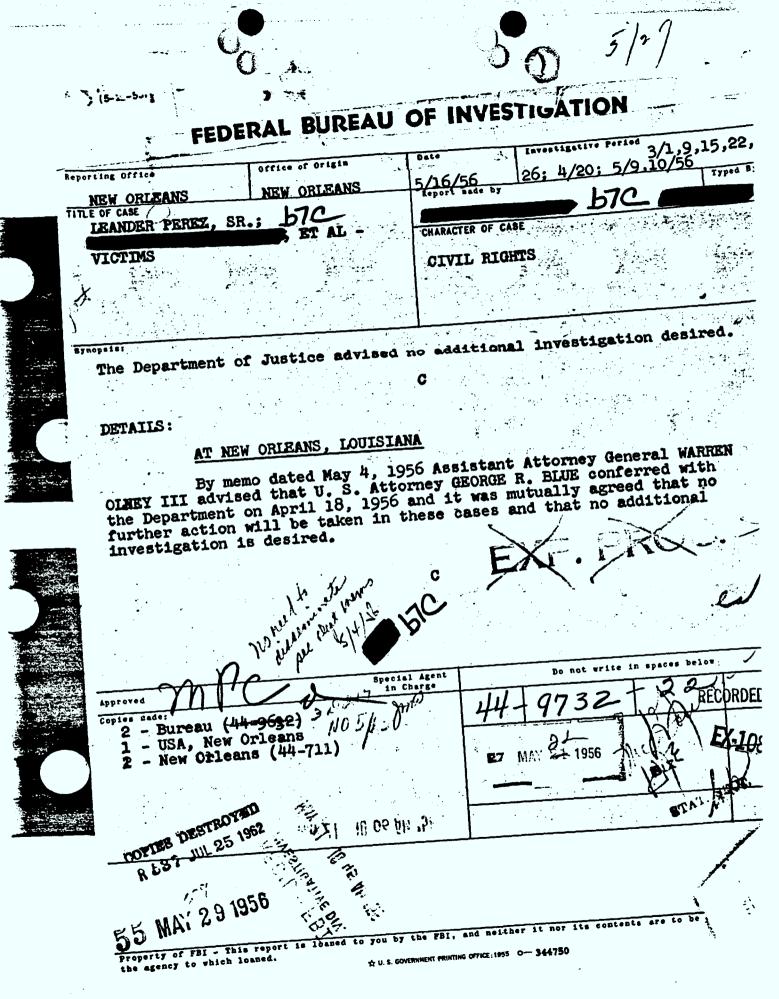
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NO 44-711 Contact was maintained with U. S. Attorney GEORGE R. BLUE, Eastern District of Louisiana, on March 1, 9, 15, 22, 26; April 20; May 9, 10, 1956, in an effort to obtain his opinion regarding this case. REFERENCES ЫC Report of SA the New Orleans, 2/3/56. New Orleans air-tel to Bureau, 5/10/56.

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appointment of a Negro pastor. The group of several hundred parishioners met at the Belle Chasse auditorium. The meeting of the Plaquemines Parish Cit-izens Council. The meetings followed the reading of a letter from Arch-bishop Joseph F. Rummel in church Sunday in which he spired" the movement toward de-threatened excommunication to segregation. Perez was a speak-the church. The archibishop's let; the church archibishop's let; the said the platform of the the archibishop's let; the said the platform of the the archibishop's let; the said the platform of the the archibishop's let; the said the platform of the the archibishop's let; the said the platform of the the archibishop's let; the said the platform of the the archibishop's let; the said the platform of the the archibishop's let; the said the platform of the the archibishop's let; the said the platform of the the archibishop's let; the archibishop's let; the said the platform of the the the 1920s with regard to racial church, -asking parishioners to issues." church, asking parishioners to issues." sign a statement of submission to He said the only way to com-LEANBER PERCES the archbishop's wishes.

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The statement was printed on by the Catholic Committee of the day masses and other services." The statement was printed on by the Catholic Committee of the cards enclosed in the letter from South named "Segregation in Catholic Schools." as containing

Fr. Meyer. Members of the congregation called the archbishop's letter "a book, which he called a per-threat" and said it was "up to verted composition," has been the people" to solve the threat. distributed among priests and Then wird they were They said they were "astound- nuns in the New Orleans area.

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a Negro priest to say mass. communication, particularly of the leaders, 'said the archbishop today.

He said however that the letter to parishippers from the Rev. Clement S. Meyer, S. M., pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Draft Resolutions parish, might have been interpreted as a threat of excommunication.

Father Meyer's parish includes the Belle Chasse. Jesuit Bend and Myrtle Grove areas.

#### Members Meet

Members of the parish met last night and voted unanimously to lies. present a resolution to their pastor, reiterating their stand against appointment of a Negro priest to the area.

They refused last October to allow a Negro priest to say mass in the mission chapel of St. Cecilia at Jesuit Bend.

The archbishop then refused to assign any priest to the mission until parishioners agreed to accept whoever was assigned.

This past Sunday. Father Meyer read from the pulpit a letter from the archbishop in which the prelate declared:

store services in the mission chapel of St. Cecilia . . . but we must first receive from your leaders an expression of sincere sorrow over the grevious offense which they committed by refusing to permit the Rev. Father Gerard Lewis to celebrate holy mass . . . and inciting you to re sit the lawful authority of th church . . ."

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That letter was followed by one from Father Meyer yesterday. in which the pastor asked his par-ishkoners to sign a statement. Here is part of the letter: This letter is not intended to Mr. Tolson

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. . . We are in danger of excommunication. This is a matter of our holy faith. It is a doc-Archbishop Joseph Francis trine to which all must submit. Rummel said today he did not else we come liable to the penalty ferensonal ex-communication.

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priest appointed to give us Sun-day masses and other services."

Members of the congregation who met in the Belle Chasse auditorium last night drew up a tentative resolution in which they said they are dedicated to the maintenance of segregation or the separatoin of races in all matters which affect their fami-

They said they must be unvielding against any effort made to desegregate or impose any person of the colored race upon them which would give him say spiritual, social or personal for tact with members of their fame: ilies.

District attorney Leader Perez spoke and said a book published by the Catholic Committee of the South and distributed among priests and nuns contained "Communistic brain-washing."

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## Negro Priest Matter

Archbishop Joseph Francis Rummel said Wednesday he did not threaten recalcitrant parishioners nesday it was never intended to date to raise souls to the dignity of in Plaquemines parish with excommunication.

His remarks came after a mass meeting Tuesday night of parishioners of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, whose several hundred members balked at the appointment of a Negro priest to assist with mass-€5.

Members of the Catholic parish who spoke at the meeting expressed the opinion that the archbishop had threatened expommunication in a letter which he directed be read in the church last Sundav.

The archbishop said the letter "was written in the spirit of con-ciliation rather than to antagonize."

And he said that the parishioners mail have seen that a letter by the Rev. Clement Meyer, S. M., pastor of the church, was a threat.

Father Meyer on Monday said in a letter to church members that we are in danger of excommunication" and that "there is a grave danger that if we do not respond to the archbishop's letter of last Sunday, the severest penalty of the church will be meted out to all of us."

#### Letter Made Public

Archbishop Rummel Wednesday made public the letter he had prepared for the members of the congregation of Belle Chasse and the affiliated missions of Jesuit Bend and Myrtle Grove.

Archbishop Rummel said there are no threats contained in the letter, but it had, rather, the church's estimate of priesthood.

In the letter the archbishop said, "we have no desire or intention to appoint a Negro priest permanently in your area, but we must receive your assurances that, if we find it necessary to send such a priest to give you the blessings of

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Sunday mass or other services, you and major seminaries; when the will receive him with the rever-bishop lays his hands upon them ence and confidence which are due and anoints the min the Sacrament BY ARCHBISHOP to his holy office as a priest of becomes another Christ, sharing The archbishop halted services at the priesthood of Christ and gifted

Prelate Releases Letter on tailed services at Belle Chasse and to His Apostles.

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#### **Only Available Priest**

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At Tuesday's meeting, held in eral parishioners declared they did fects in your soul by harboring colnot intend to sign the cards. And or prejudices! they voted almost unanimously to present a resolution to their pastor reiterating their stand against the appointment of a Negro pastor.

#### Text of Letter

Following is the text of Archbishop Rummel's letter to the congregation of Belle Chasse and affiliated missions at Jesuit Bend and Myrtle Grove:

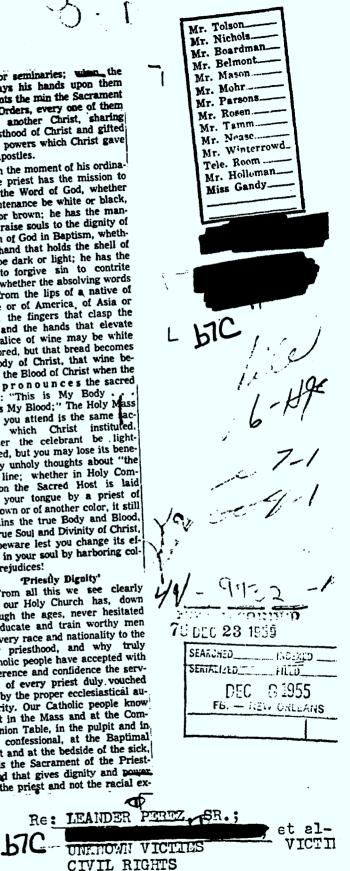
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"Holy Mother Church selects worthy young men of every nation, every race and every color who give signs of a priestly vocation in the qualities of mind and heart that are essential in a true priest of God. With equal solicitude she trains and educates all candidates without exception over a long periou of twelve years in the minor

his countenance be white or black, Archbishop Rummel said Wed yellow or brown: he has the manhearts whether the absolving words come from the lips of a native of "Father Lewis was the only Europe or of America, of Asia or available priest we had to send at Africa; the fingers that clasp the the time," the archbishop said, bread and the hands that elevate "It was Father Lewis or nobody at the chalice of wine may be white that time. And we felt that the or colored, but that bread becomes wish for a mass was superior to the Body of Christ, that wine becomes the Blood of Christ when the Father Meyer, in his letter Mon- priest pronounces the sacred day, asked parishioners to sign an words: "This is My Body . . . enclosed card addressed to the This is My Blood;" The Holy Mass archbishop in which stated: "In conformity with the teach-ing of the church on the dignity of the priesthood and the dignity of the human person I regret the offenses committed in our communications in the line of the the communication of the the human person I regret the first whether in Hole Communications and the offenses committed in our communications in the line of the the the teacher is the the the human person I regret the first whether in Hole Communications in the teacher in teacher in the teacher in teacher i munion the Sacred Host is laid upon your tongue by a priest of pointed to give us Sunday mass your own or of another color, it still remains the true Body and Blood, the true Soul and Divinity of Christ, the Belle Chasse auditorium, sev- but beware lest you change its ef-

#### Priestly Dignity'

"From all this we see clearly why our Holy Church has, down through the ages, never hesitated to educate and train worthy men of every race and nationality to the holy priesthood, and why truly Catholic people have accepted with reverence and confidence the services of every priest duly vouched for by the proper ecclesiastical au-"Once more we appeal to you in thority. Our Catholic people know the spirit of charity to consider that in the Mass and at the Comto the priest and not the racial ex-



pression of his countenance or the hearts. Only in this way can all color of his hands. This truly Cath of you look forward to the holy olic understanding of the priestly feast of Christmas with confidence dignity was demonstrated at a that "the peace among men of great religious function in Washing-good will" about which God's holy ton only two weeks ago. Our illus-angels sang over the plains of trious Apostolic Delegate, who is Bethlehem, when Christ the Savior Italian by birth, celebrated the was born, will be your true Christ-Solemn Mass marking the golden mas gift. Unless you right the jubilee of his Ordination to the wrong that has been done to your Holy Priesthood. In the beautiful colored brethren, to Father Lewis, chapel of Trinity College there to religion and to Christ Jesus, were present almost two hundred who came into the world to save Bishops and Archb is h o p s with ALL men without exception. You many Monsignori and priests; in the sanctuary six Cardinals occupied equal thrones; four of these were our own American Cardinals, the fifth was a native of India and the sixth was of Chinese birth. This same Catholic mindedness shows itself here in our own Archdiocese of New Orleans, even in the churc es of smaller towns, where socalled colored priests are received with respect when they celebrate Holy Mass, hear confessions, white or mixed congregations.

Asks for Expression

"From all this you will understand why we appeal again to you, our dearly beloved sons and daughters in Christ, to accept the Catholid mind and attitude towards the priests who may be sent to minister to you. It is our earnest desire to restore services in the mis-sion chapel of St. Cecelia in Jesuit Bend and to increase the number of masses in Belle Chasse and Myrtle Grove, but we must first receive from your leaders an expression of sincere sorrow over the grievous offense which they committed by refusing to permit the Rev. Father Gerard Lewis to celebrate Holy Mass in Jesuit Bend on Sunday, Oct. 2, and by inciting you to resist the lawful authority of the church. We must further receive evidence that you, the devoted parishioners, regret what has happened and that you are willing to accept the services of any priest whom we consider it necessary to send. We have no desire or intention to appoint a Negro priest permanently in your area, but we must receive him with the reverence and confidence which are due to his holy office as a priest of

#### Asks Open Minds

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"We trust that you will receive this appeal of your shepherd in Christ, peaking to you in the charity of Christ and out of a heart that has a deep concern for your souls. In the same spirit of charity we plead with your leaders to open their minds to truth and to let jusice and charity take the place of atred and prejudice in their,

cannot expect to have peace and true happiness on Christmas day. Remember the words of Jesus: 'If thou art offering thy gift at the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother has anything against thee, leave thy gift before

the altar and go first to be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift." "Let us unite in prayer during this Advent Season, especially on preach the Word of God and per- the feast of and during the ocform other priestly services for tave of the Immaculate Conception of the ever Blessed Virgin Mary. the Queen of Peace, that by God's grace you may see the Catholic way to true peace in the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood

oi all men. "In the hope that we may soon hear favorably from you we pray that peace of Christ Jesus may descend upon you and abide always with you and all your loved dies and upon every home in your area, colored and white."

Text of Fr. Meyer's letter follcws:

"This letter is not intended to antagonize. We are facing the very serious danger of losing the privilege of receiving the Sacraments, of Christian burial and other privileges of the church. We are in danger of excommunication.

"Through frequent communications from Our Beloved archbish-

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#### Probe Completed At Jesuit Bend

Investigation of the Jesuit Bend incident involving a Negro priest has been completed and turned over to the justice department in Washington, the FBI in New Orleans disclosed today. 3.2

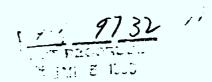
If there was a violation of the priest's civil rights, the justice department will ask US District Attorney George Blue to prosecute the case in federal district court here, said FBI officials.

The Negro priest was rebuffed last October by parishioners as he prepared to say mass at St. Cecilia's mission in Jesuit Bend in Plaquemines parish.

They refused to allow him to say mass and demanded that Archbishop Joseph Francis Rummel send them another priest. The archbishop has pointed out that he did not intend to assign a Negro priest permanently to the mission, but insisted that parishioners accept whatever priest is sent there.

When inhabitants of the area reaffirmed their decision to rejett any Negro priest, the arthbithop suspended masses at the mission.

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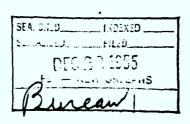
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N a commendable display of good com-I mon sense the Orleans Parish School Board last week brushed aside an attempted "road block" of citizens of the community interested in discussing the problems of desegregation in a calm and intelligent way in a public school auditorium. By a 4 to 1 vote a citizens group was permitted by the Board to schedule a series of public forums on desegregation of schools. The first public forum was held last Thursday night at Rabouin School Auditorium. The Rev. Allen Hackett, pastor of the Pilgrim Congregational Church of St. Louis, spoke on how that community prepared itself for racial integration in the

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structive views on how a more mature com- "know how" in the field of human relamunity met the problem. After the sicken- tions and a statesmanlike press that helped ing daily dose of claptrap from guberna- prepare the "climate" for acceptance of torial candidates "knuckling" under for integration. votes on how they are going to "organize," "defy" and "ignore" the United States Supreme Court in this matter the Rev. Hackett was all the more interesting and made a whole lot more sense.

A quick comparison of what the gubernatorial candidates say on this subject and what the Rev. Hackett said give a keen insight as to why people generally have so little faith in politicians; why so few men of integrity are candidates for public office.

The Rev. Hackett told a most interesting story of how the whole community, being composed largely of law abiding and intelligent citizens with the will and determination, accomplished the job of integration with a minimum of incidents becaute there was a maximum of cooperation and good will.

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Stressed was the fact that there was a It was most refreshing to hear an ex- competent, intelligent and firm school ad pression of positive, intelligent and con-ministration, community groups with

Success

From almost any standpoint the meetng was a success. At long last the community began traveling in the right direction, one that would be expected of intelligent, law abiding citizens. Obviously we need a lot of preparation. It is our sincere hope that those who are sincerely interested will follow through with the Citizens Forum on Integration and contribute freely and liberally to the group so that more speakers may be brought here to tell us how integration has worked. Checks, money orders, etc., may be mailed to Citizen's Forum on Integration, P. O. Box In the St. Louis story on integration the 1101.

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Mr. Board wan. Mr. Belmont. Mr. Majon ..... Mr. Mohr. Mr. Forsons Mr. Elma Mr. Tamm Mr. N-230 Mr. Winterrowd. Teir, Reem. Mr. Holl man ... Miss Gandy.

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² <u>Perez has more influence than the Arch-</u> bishop. For the past three weeks Catholic parishioners have publicly opposed the Archbishop's announced plans of integrating Catholic schools in '56. Maybe they fear ex-communication from Perez's "high command" more so than from the Archbishop.

The New Orleans story is particularly interesting, for before all the talk about integration, most of us thought (comparatively speaking), we had a pretty fair communty-race relations wise. Now we are not so sure. The "Race Hate" boys have obviously been working overtime preparing the community for a total breakdown in race relations.

The best thing that could have happened to New Orleans is the inauguration of the Citizen's Forum on Integration. Maybe we'll get out of the rut and shake off the peddlers of race hate who are crippling our fair city. We need to get out into the sunshine of "peace and good will to all mankind." People of character, intelligence and good will are not led around by the nose by a handful of racial bigots. We are on the side of God and the law. Let's act accordingly. Integration Fight-Pledged By Perez

District Attorney Leander H. Perez, in a bitter attack on the antisegregation ruling of the US supreme court, called for a showown against the recent desegregation rulings in the district court lere.

Perez told the Gentilly Cithens Countril last night that he

wants men in responsible positions to join him in facing contempt charges in violation of the local court orders.

Labeling the high court today's "greatest menace to liberty and constitutional government," Pe-rez charged that the three federal judges who recently ordered the Orleans parish school board to integarte public schools were "acting under orders from Wash-ington."

#### Asks for Showdown

He added:

"Until we find men in responsible positions in the state government willing . . . to be charged with criminal contempt in violation of one of the court orders, we won't have a showdown."

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He said he is willing to face such charges because he is confident no Southern jury would convict him for standing up for the rights of the people.

Perez was principal speaker at the meeting of the prosegregation ganization at 4720 Painters.

He also attacked a recent edi-torial in Catholic Action of the South, official publication of the Catholic archdiocese, in which Catholics were reminded they face excommunication if they support legislation upholding segregation.

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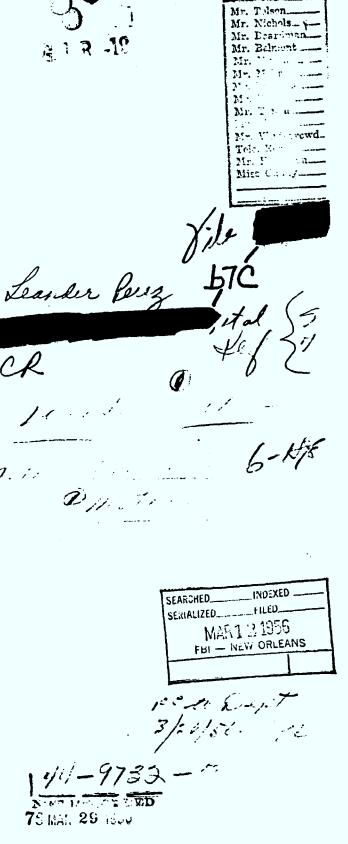
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Page 3 Colp? & & 3 Richard Clark, president of the Gentilly Terrace Dads' Club, also spike with the program. Council chairman L. P. Davis Ja-presided.



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#### Jefferson's Fears Come to Pass, Perez Says

court is today the nation's great-ly. est menace to liberty and constitutional government, Leander H. Perez, district attorney for St. Bernard and Plaquemines par-ishes, said Friday night.

He was principal speaker at a meeting of the Gentilly Citizens' Perez said, "we won't have a Council at the Gentilly Terrace showdown." school, 4720 Painters. L. P. Davis Jr., council chairman, presided.

Thomas Jefferson, Perez said, warned of the strength of the join him. No Southern jury, he supreme court and wondered said, would convict a man for what recourse there would be if standing up for the right of the the high court usurped powers not granted it by the Constitution.

"And now," Perez said, "his predictions, his fears have come filtrated into religious bodies just to pass. Today the supreme court undoubtedly is the greatest men-filtrated into the government." ace to liberty and constitutional government . . ."

Called Unconstitutional He said that the court's de- Dad's Club. cision regulating the states' schools has sounded the death

knell to individual freedom of the people. "What right has the court to tell you that you must submit your children to racial integration, when that same court prevjously has held that (regulation of internal affairs) has been reserved to the states?" Perez

asked. Perez called the supreme court rulings unconstitutional.

"The supreme court has simply turned over to the NAACP (National Association for the Ad-vancement of Colored People) and other Communist-front organizatins every district court in the nation," Perez charged in discussing local segregation-integration suits.

Judges who handed down a. cent decision holding segregation

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laws invalid in a case against the Orleans parish school board were acting under orders from Washington, Perez said, and "did not consider any part" of evidence presented by the school board.

He added that an order for New Orleans schools to stop segrega-tion "in a year or two" violates the law. An injunction, Perez The United States supreme said, must take effect immediate-

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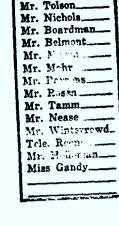
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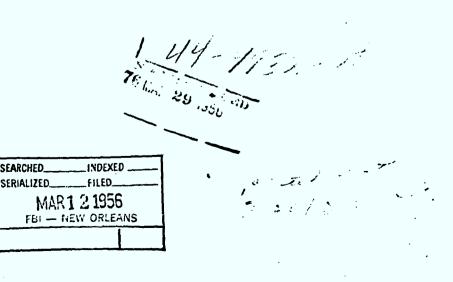
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## Integration Fbe May Ge Inquiry Post

#### Perez Considered For Chief Counsel In School Probe

#### (Picture on Page 29.)

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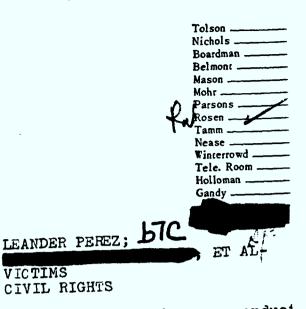
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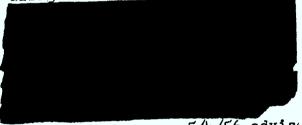
"The committee must feel there is grounds for an investigation." The five-man subcommittee was set up to investigate al-leged "lowered standards" in the schools and "juvenile de-linquency" here. The action was suggested by Rep. John Bell Williams (D-Miss.), who was named to the group. While in Washington, Perez said he hopes to testify bifore the Senate Judiciary Conmit-tee "against those so-called rivid rights bills."

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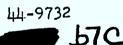


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# Integration Foe Slated To Be School Quiz Aide

Appointment of Leander H. Perez, Louisiana State official and an opponent of school integration, as chief counsel to House investigators of the Dis-trict schools, is expected to be announced Thursday.

The District schools' investi-gation is to be made by a House District subcommittee. The subcommittee's announced aims are to look into juve-nile delinguages and loward nile delinquency and lowered standards in the schools.

Mr. Davis said in Baton Rouge, La., today that he heard he was being considered for the subcommittee counsel post and had talked about it by telephone with Representative Davis, Democrat of Louisiana. He said he is not a candidate for the job, "but if I can be of service I'll con-sider it."

Mr. Davis said today he does not want to make any statement about Mr. Perez' appointment until after the subcommittee meets Thursday.

#### Read of Problems Here

Mr. Perez said he had read of the problems of school integration in the District, but had not investigated them himself. He said a couple of months ago he asked someone who had been recommended to him-he said he did not recall the name to make an investigation of the school situation here. He said he had not received a re-

port. Asked about his interest in the matter, he said:

"Everybody is interested. This is an innovation in govern-ment, the first time in history an attempt is being made to use the coercive powers of the Government to force integration."

Mr. Perez is district attorney in St. Bernard and Plaquemines Parishes (counties) in Southern Louisiana. He was formerly head of the States' rights movement in Louisiana.

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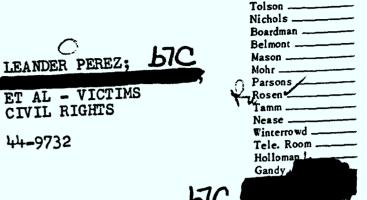
He said that if he is appointed to the post here he would keep an open mind in the finding of facts on which conclusions could be based.

The State Legislature is in session at Baton Rouge and Mr. Perez said that is the occasion for this visit there. He added that he intends to visit Wash-ington and would testify before the Senate Judiciary Committee in coposition to the civil rights, have master minded the Dixie-bills. Perez said that is the occasion



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ing about the results he wants in politics. He is rated one of the most able constitutional lawyers in the country. One de-scription is that he is a flery man of strong likes and dislikes and in nowise lacking in courage.

#### Known as "the Judge"

formerly judge in the district which includes St. Bernard and Plaquemines Parishes where he is now district attorney. In St. Bernard, however, his rule is not absolute; he has to divide it with

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Thomas L. Stokes, writing in The Star in August, 1949, said Mr. Perez is "heavy in oil," and continued:

"He owns royalties all over his Louisiana domain. He combines business and politics in a way of life that has made him both rich and powerful. . . . He runs a to "the Judge" only one person is meant—Mr. Perez. He was Hegues Bandonics Bandonics bosses—the -the Hagues, Pendergasts and Crumps -in the shade . . ."

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## Perez Refuses School Probe **Counsel** Post

Chairman Davis of the House District Subcommittee planning District Subcommittee planning to investigate juvenile delin-quency and Washington's public schools today announced that Leander-Perez, Louisiana po-litical leader, has requested that the subcommittee not appoint the subcommittee not appoint him as counsel.

Mr. Davis, Democrat of Georgia, said he had received a telegram from Mr. Perez saying that pressure of other business would keep him from accepting the post.

Mr. Perez had been considered as counsel of the subcommittee, Mr. Davis said, indicating that Perez would have been appointed if he had not withdrawn.

Asked when his subcommittee may select someone else, the Georgian said he had fixed no date for the next meeting.

"We have several presencts on out-list, nowever," Mr. Davis 50 JUL 11 1980 said.

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A full investigation was conducted at request of Department into allegation that Perez

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Department by memo 5/4/56 advised that no further investigation would be undertaken in this case.

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## Six-Others Ask for Job **Perez Turns Down Offer Of School Inquiry Post**

By Eve Edstrom Staff Reporter

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terday he is too busy to take of committee counsel other the job of chief counsel for a than myself. House inquiry into the Dis-mittee's consideration and as-

Rep. James C. Davis (D.Ga.), who heads the House District Subcommittee which is plan-ning the investigation, said he bad under the public and the subject of the public and the public an Subcommittee which is plan-ming the investigation, said he had unsolicited applications trict Attorney of St. Bernard from, six other lawyers who and Plaquemines Parishes (counties) in southern Louisi-reveal their names and gave "legislative and other local mat-no indication when the inquiry "legislative and other local mat-ters of mublic importance" would begin.

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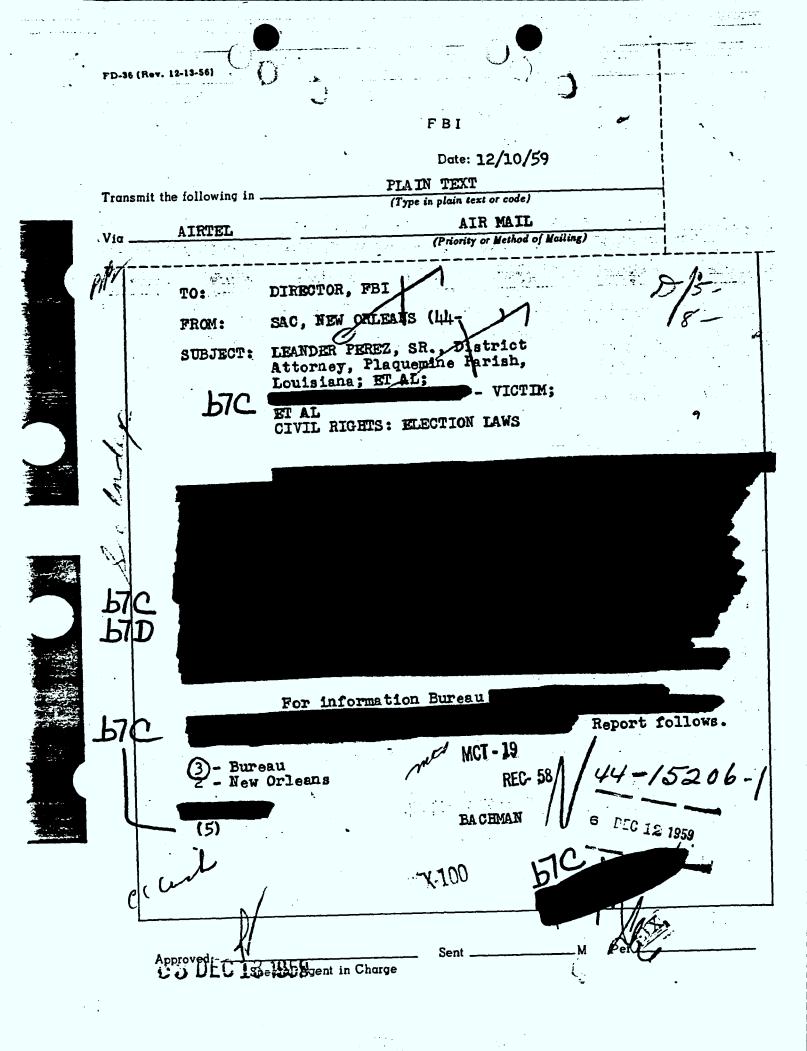
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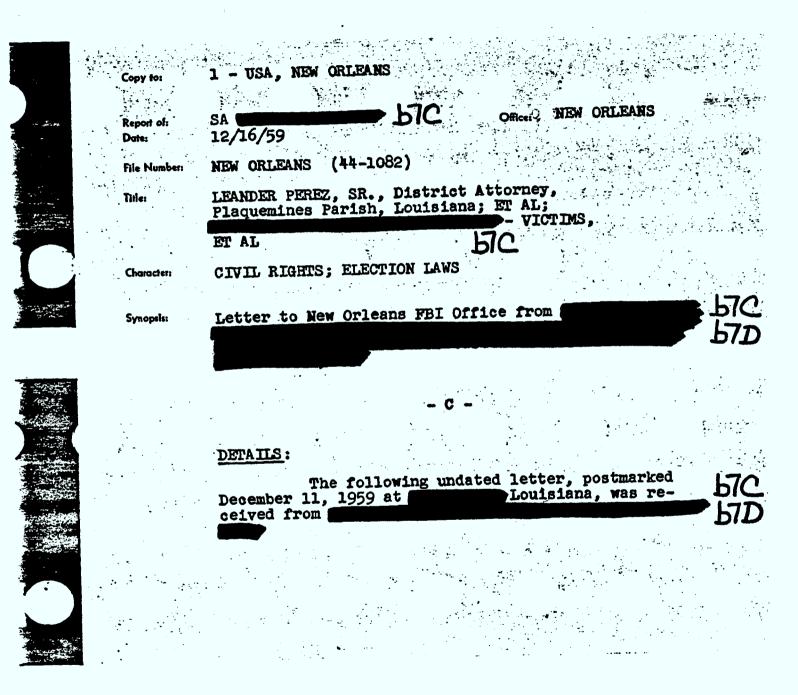
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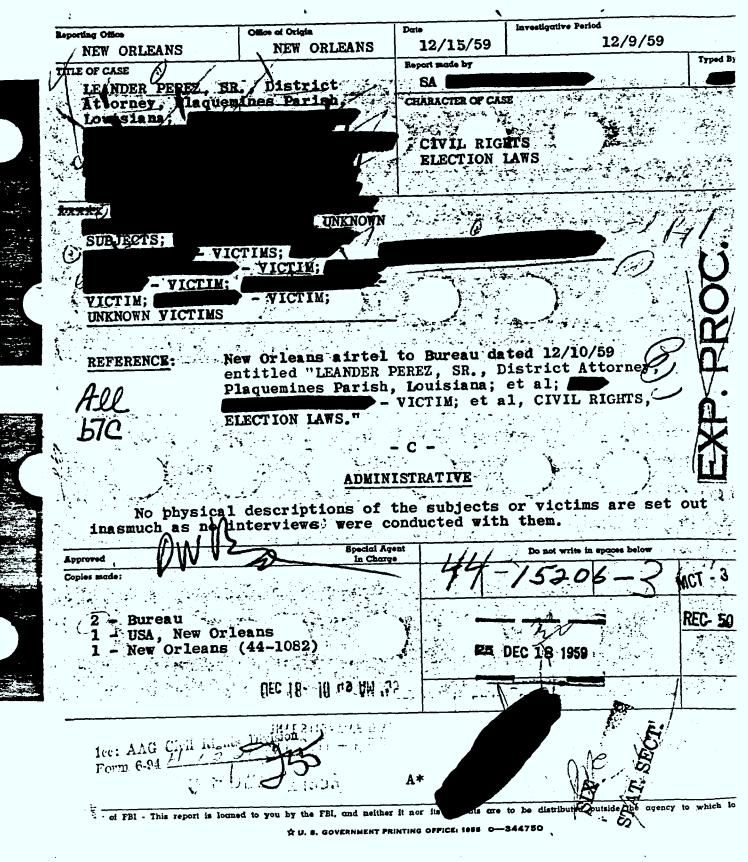
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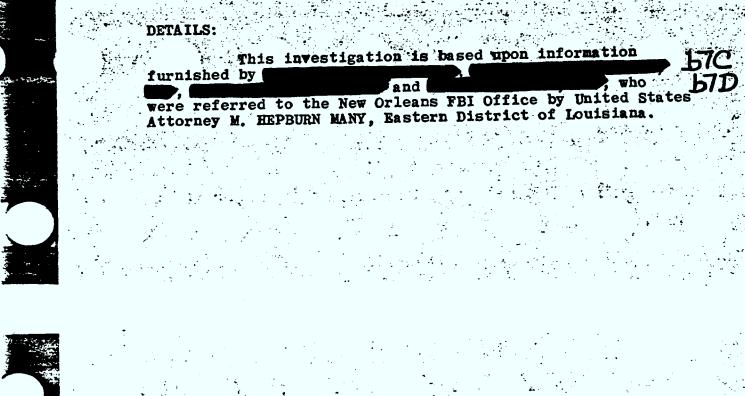
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(States-Item Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON-The U.S. department of justice said today it is investigating absentee voting in Plaquemines parish for possible civil rights violations.

Joseph M. Ryan Jr., acting assistant attorney general in charge of civil rights, confirmed that he

has received a report on Plaquemines voting from M. Hepburn Many, U. S. attorney in New Orleans.

The report contains complaints by Plaquemines citizens. The nature of the complaints was not disclosed.

An unusually high percentage of absentee ballots were cast in the Dec. 5 primary.

In civil rights cases, the federal government is concerned with the rights of voters to have their ballots properly recorded, and with those of candidates to be credited with all ballots cast in their behalf.

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Tallypheets in the Louisiana secretary of state's office in Baton Rouge show that a

total of 640 Plaquemines voters cast absentee ballots in the primary. This is more than 11 per cent of the \$704 voters who voted.

By comparison, Orleans parish voters cast 1993 absentee votes, one per cent of the 169,-705 votes cast.

In the absentee balloting in Plaquemines, gubernatorial candidate Jimmie Davis compiled 614 votes to 25 votes for Chep Morrison, a margin of 24 to one.

In total voting in Plaquemines, Davis led Morrison, 3822 to 1137, a margin of three to one.

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He said that the parish fears no right to vote. federal investigation. PEREZ STATEMENT

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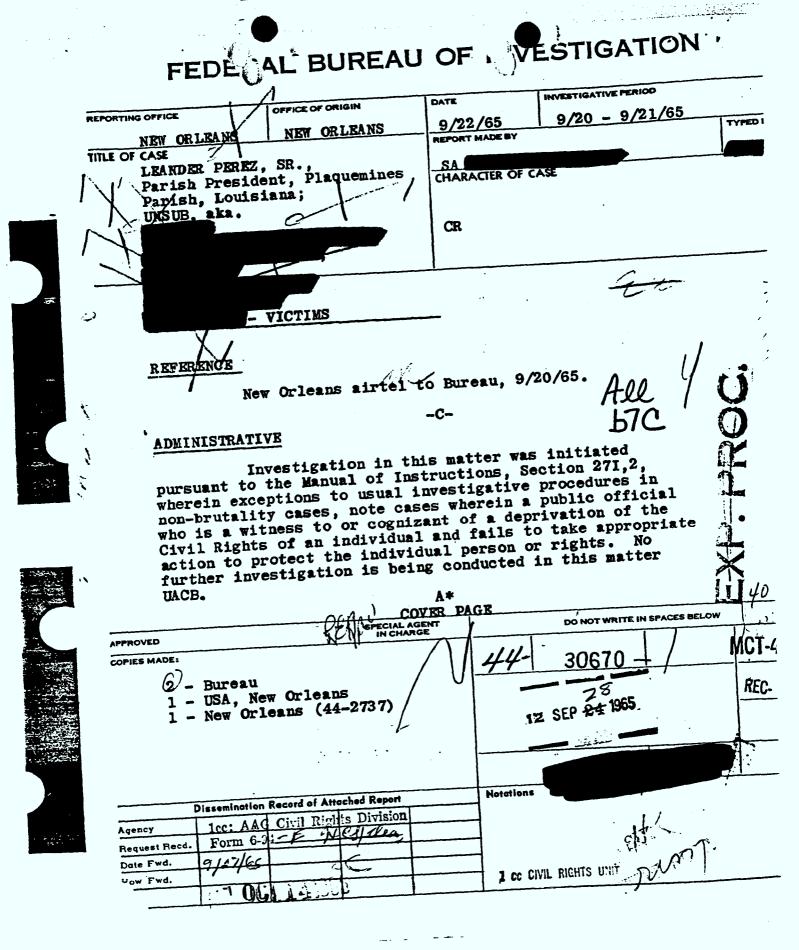
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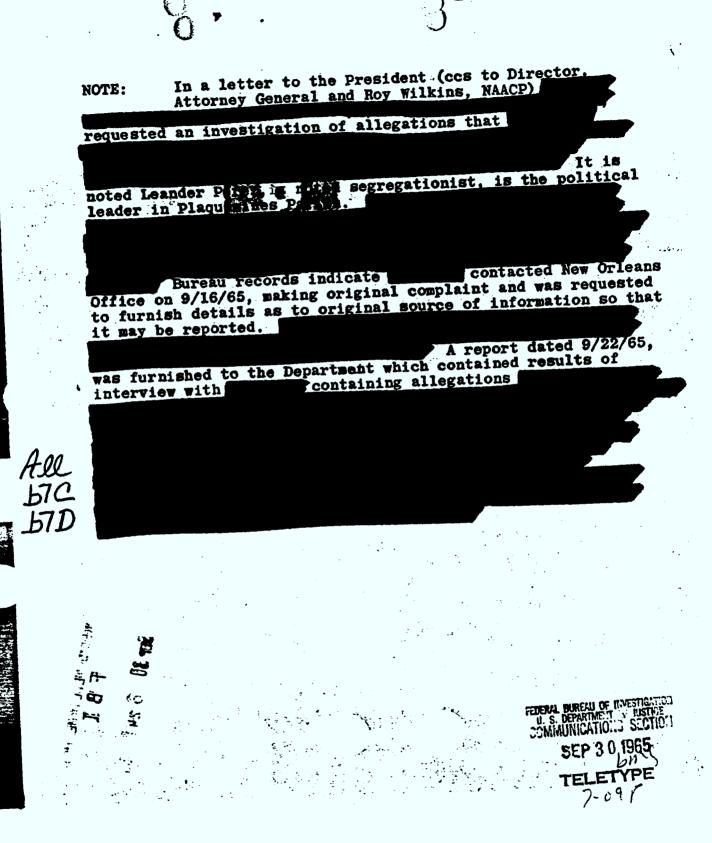
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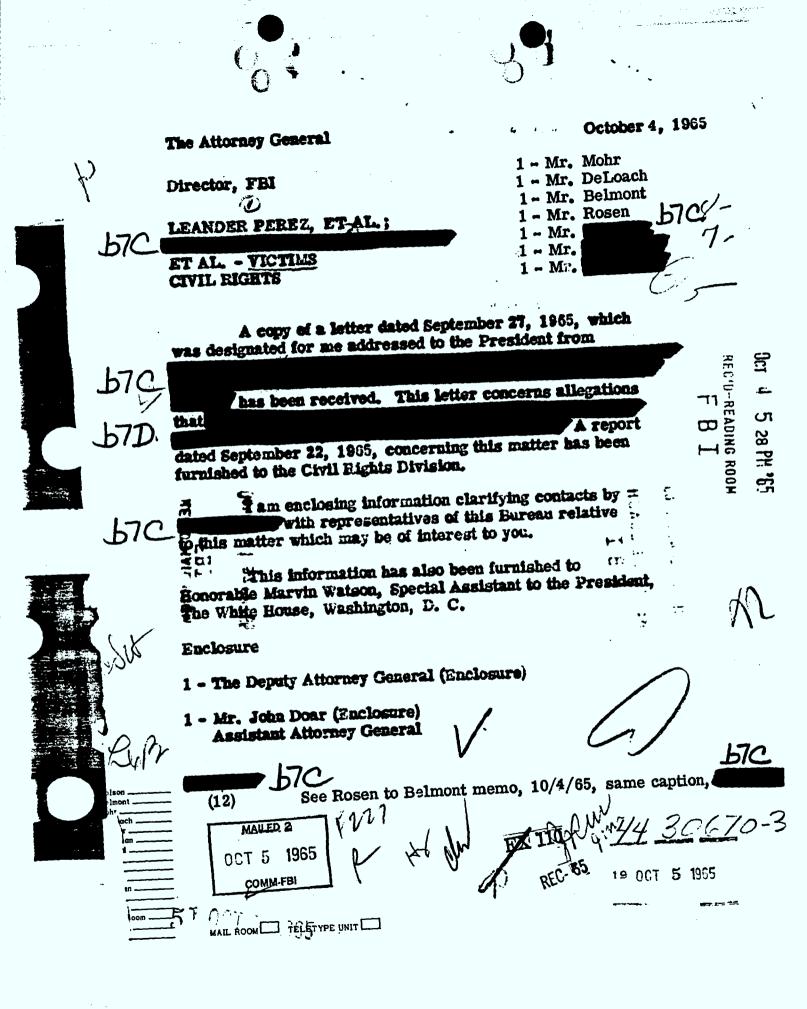
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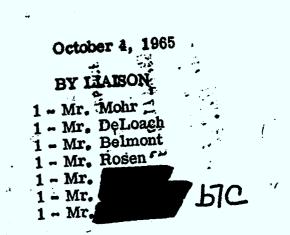
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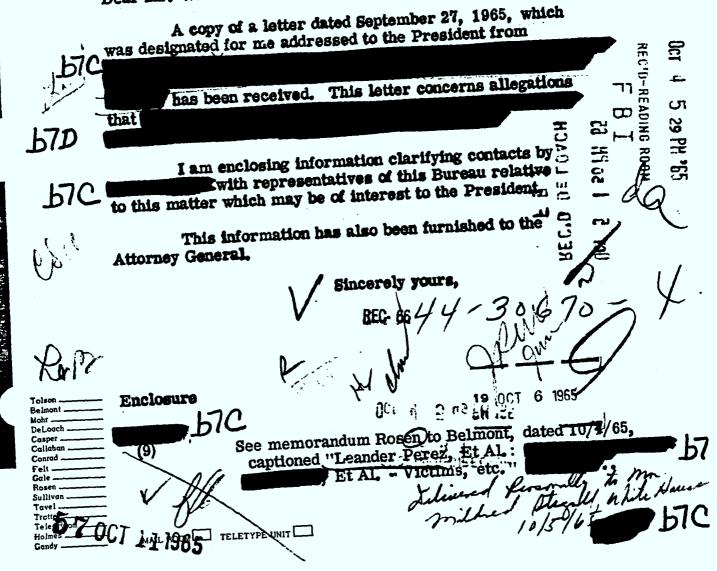


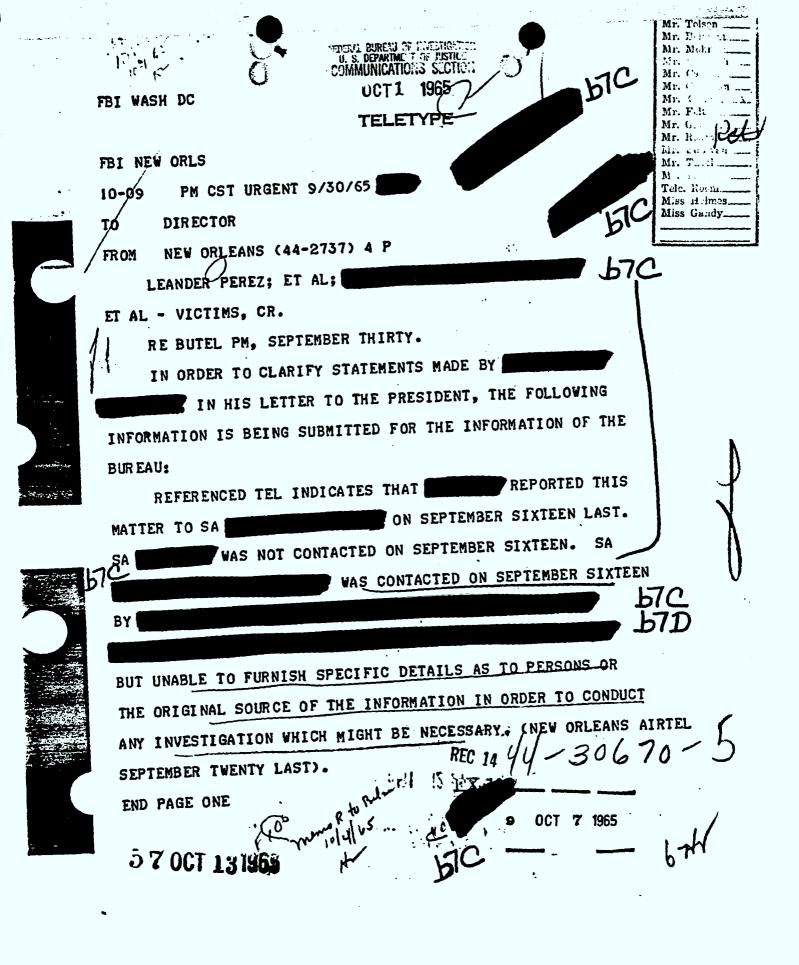
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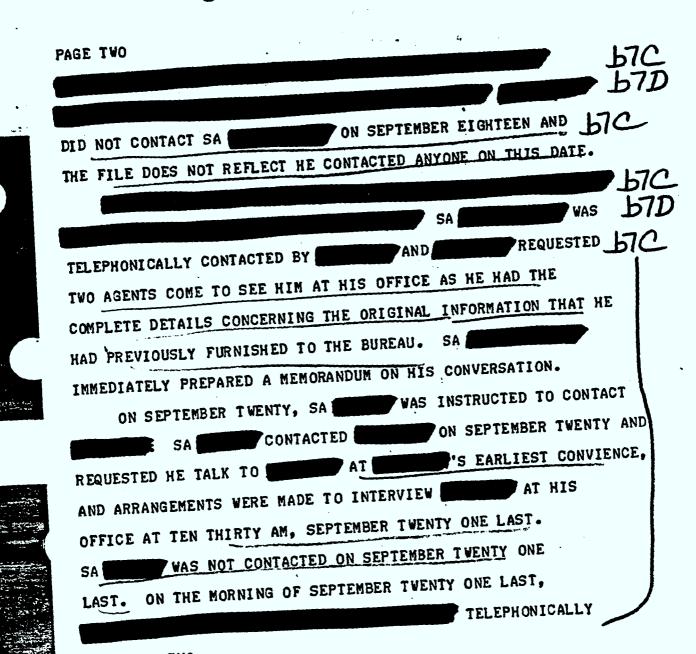
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THE ABOVE FACTS ARE SELF-EXPLANATORY. MR. WHEN HE ORIGINALLY CONTACTED THE OFFICE, DID NOT HAVE SPECIFIC INFORMATION. WHEN HE DID HAVE SPECIFIC INFORMATION AN APPOINTMENT WAS MADE AT **Sectors**'S EARLIEST CONVENIENCE FOR THE FOLLOWING DAY. UPON RECEIPT OF INFORMATION THAT THE VICTIMS IN QUESTION WERE ENROUTE TO THE NEW ORLEANS OFFICE, THE MATTER WAS GIVEN TO THE AGENT WHO WAS HANDLING THE CASE AND MR. WAS SO ADVISED. THE ONLY TWO INDIVIDUALS WHO HAD SPECIFIC INFORMATION WERE INTERVIEWED.

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Enclosed is a copy of a letter dated 9/27/65, addressed to the President, a copy of which was designated for the Director, Also enclosed is a copy of an LHM furnished to the White House and Attorney General by the Bureau concerning this In setting forth the series of events concerning matter. may be inferring this matter it appears that that Agents of your office delayed in handling his complaint.

It is also noted that he claims he reported this on 9/18/65; however, retel states that matter to SA on 9/18/65, and your file he did not contact SA does not reflect he contacted anyone on that date. Your advised he had tel also indicated that as soon as specific details of this matter, an appointment was made with him to obtain the information. When the victims were interviewed on 9/21/65, they furnished information regarding an incident which did not take place until 9/20/65, the day before the date of the interview. The SAC should to insure there is no personally contact misunderstanding on his part that there was a delay by the Bureau in the handling of this matter. REG. 56 Suairtel results of your contact 30670 410 MAILED 25 5 1965 Inc. OCT

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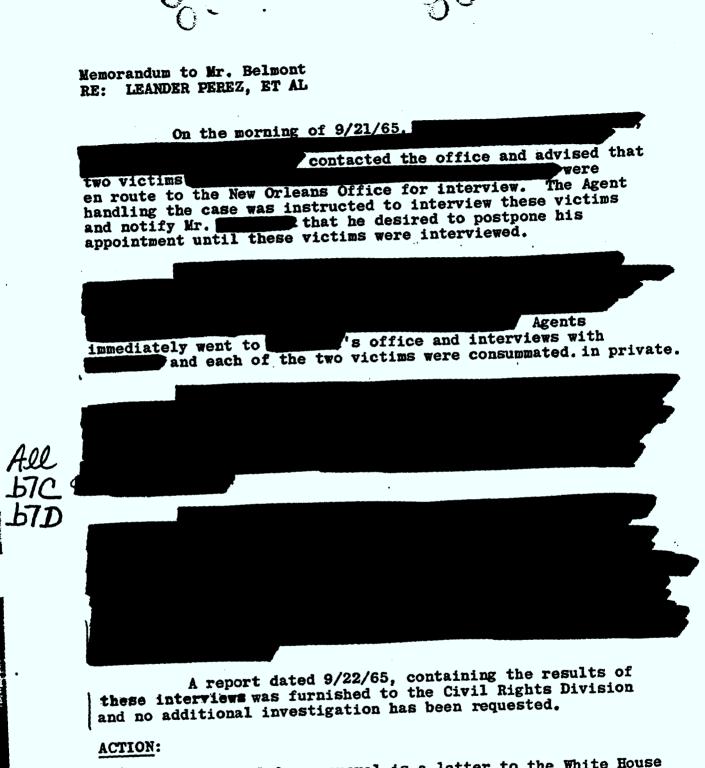
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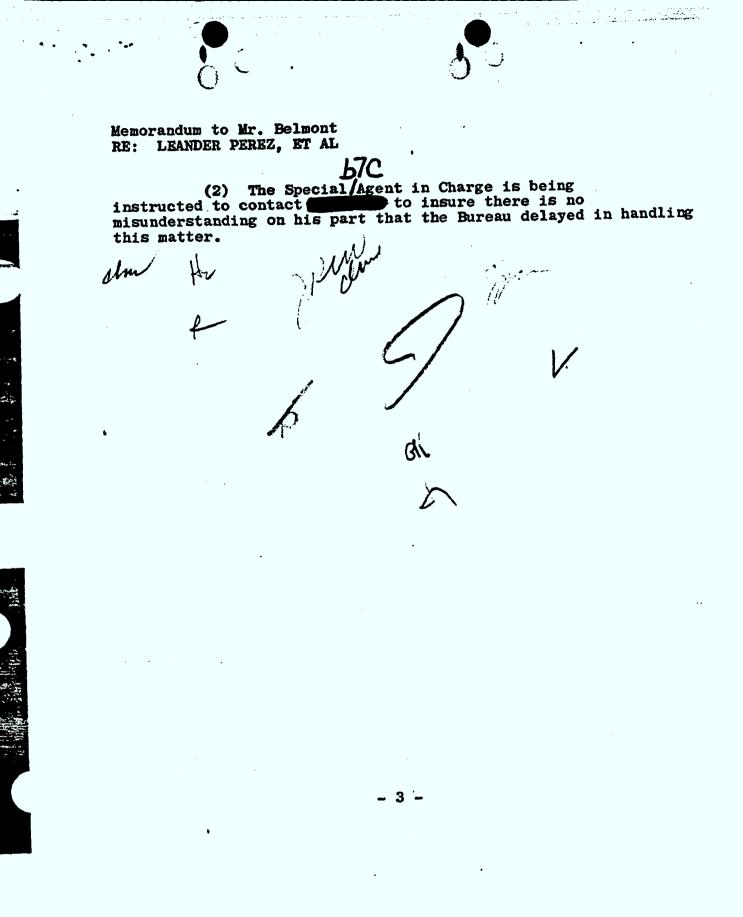


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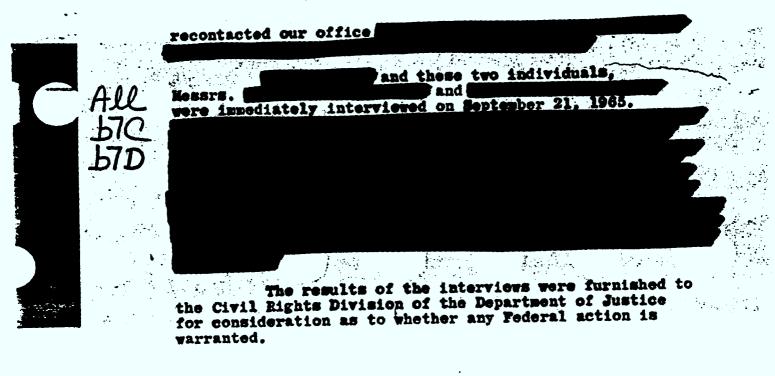
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Transmit the following in . (Type in plaintext or code) AIRMAIL AIRTEL Vía (Priority) 10 21770-10 13-14/20 DIRECTOR, FBI (49-90644) TO: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (44-2737) FROM: EREZ SR.; ET AL LEANDER SUBJECT: VICTIMS ET AL. CIVIL RIGHTS **57C** Re New Orleans airtel to Bureau, 10/6/65. Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 8 copies of a self-explanatory letterhead memorandum. One copy is also being furnished to the United States Attorney, New Orleans, Louisiana. - Bureau (Encs. 8) Ş - New Orleans 67C (5) **KEC-32** EX-10 30670 Ice: AAG Civil Dicht ¥ 881 Form Griel 1 oc Civil 1.31.75 U.S. OCT 11 1965 ÷È 65 9 c c - Kyi5 OCT Approved: ___ Μ Per Sent al Agent in Charge





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9/23/65 **Ь7С** Mr. Airtel EX 109 FAC. New Orles D6 1 To : Director, FBI Tront UNKNOWN SUBJECT; UNKNOWN VICTINS: PLAQUENINES PARISH, LOUISIANA COMPLAINANT CIVIL RIGHTS "Unsub; Unknown Victim, Reurairtel 9/20/65 entitled, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, Civil Rights." Falleges brutality on the part of authorities no further action should be taken other than and a letterhead memorandum submitted suitable for dissemination. If the alleges alleges brutality, the alleged victims should be interviewed and if the interview with allegations of brutality affirmed, preliminary investigation conducted. Immediately susirtel summary of results of and action being taken. interview with SEP 3 1965 COMM-FBI MAILED . (4) Reairtel indicated that made complaint that NOTE: New Orleans advised arrangements were made to interview on 9/21/65, after which a preliminary investigation Tolso will be conducted. New Orleans is being advised not to conduct Belmont Mohr . a preliminary investigation unless brutality is alleged. DeLoach Casper Callahan Conrad -Felt -Gale Rosen . Sullivon Tavel -Trotter Tele. ROOM TELETYPE UNIT

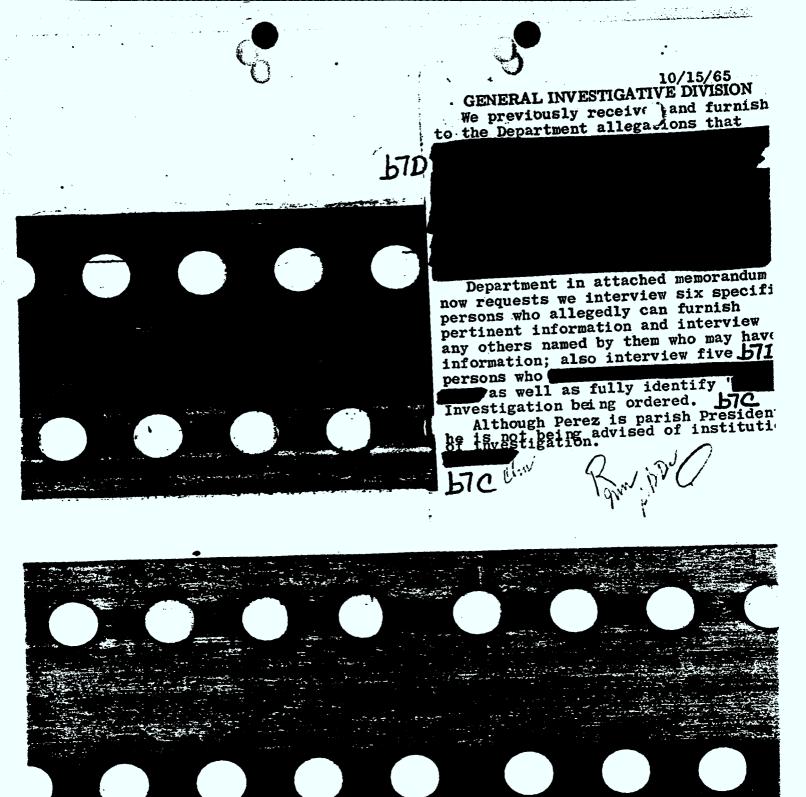
Mr. Tolson. Mr. Belmont. FD-36 (Rev. 5-22-64) Mr. Mohr .... 27 Mr. DeLeach Mr. Casper. Mr. Collaban. FBÍ Mr. Comad Mr. Date: 9/24/65 Mr. Mr. Transmit the following in _ Mr. Tavel. (Type in plaintext or code) *.*• Mr. Tretter Tele. Room_ AIRMAIL AIRTEL Miss Holmes. Via (Priority) Miss Gandy. DIRECTOR, FBI TO: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (44-2737) FROM: UNSUB; UNKNOWN VICTIMS; PLAQUEMINES PARISH, LA.; - COMPLAINANT CR ReBuairtel, 9/23/65. submitted 9/22/65 Report of SA subject and UNSUB, aka 85 subject. All БЛC 44-30670-11 4-36644 ?EC-42 3-Bureau 1-New Orleans 12 SEP 28 1965 ST-128 Approved: 54 Per M Sent _ ecial Agent in Charge () OCT 4

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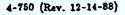
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	Berep of SA 57C dated 9/22/65, bearing character Civil Rights.
	Enclosed herewith is a copy of a self-explanatory memorandum from the Department dated 10/14/65, requesting specific limited investigation.
4440 	Inmediately institute the requested investigation and surep within five days of receipt of this communication setting forther therein it is a limited investigation.
	Leander Perez, Sr., Parish President, should not be advised investigation is being instituted.
	Enclosed memorandum should be carefully reviewed to insure that all phases of requestdinvestigation are thoroughly covered. Investigation must be assigned to experienced mature Agent personnel.
D 3 1965	Advise all persons contacted that investigation is being conducted at the specific request of Mr. John Doar, AAG, CED, USDJ.
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Department in attached memorandum now requests we interview six specific persons who allegedly can furnish pertinent information and interview any others named by them who may have information; also interview five persons who as well as fully identify

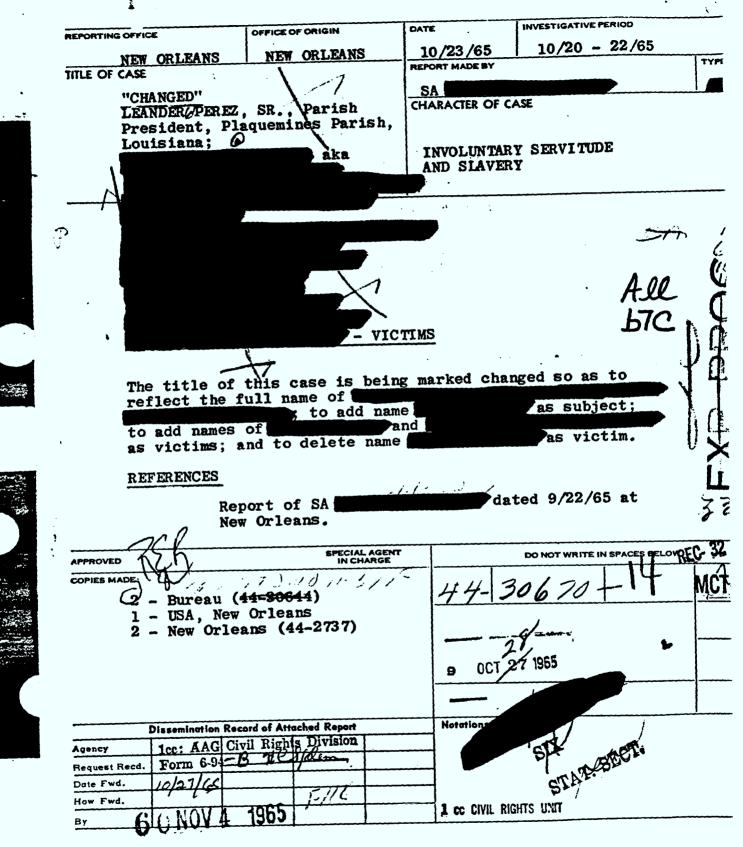
Investigation being ordered. Although Perez is Parish President, he is not being advised of institution of requested investigation.





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NEW ORLEANS DIVISION

AT PORT SULPHUR, LOUISIANA

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All persons contacted in this investigation were advised that this investigation was being conducted at the specific request of Mr. JOHN DOAR, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, United States Department of Justice.

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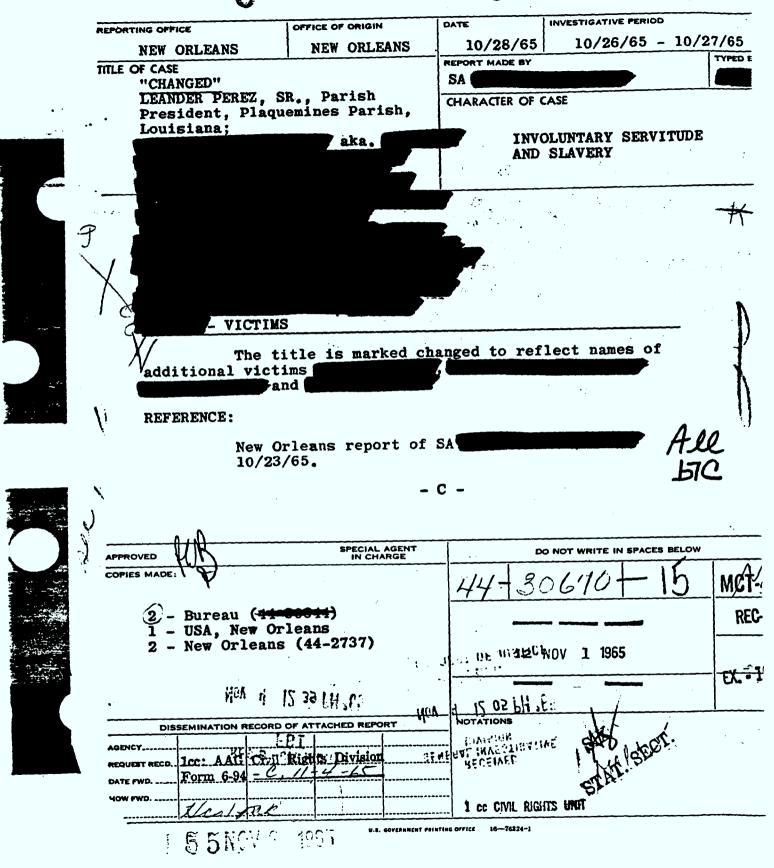
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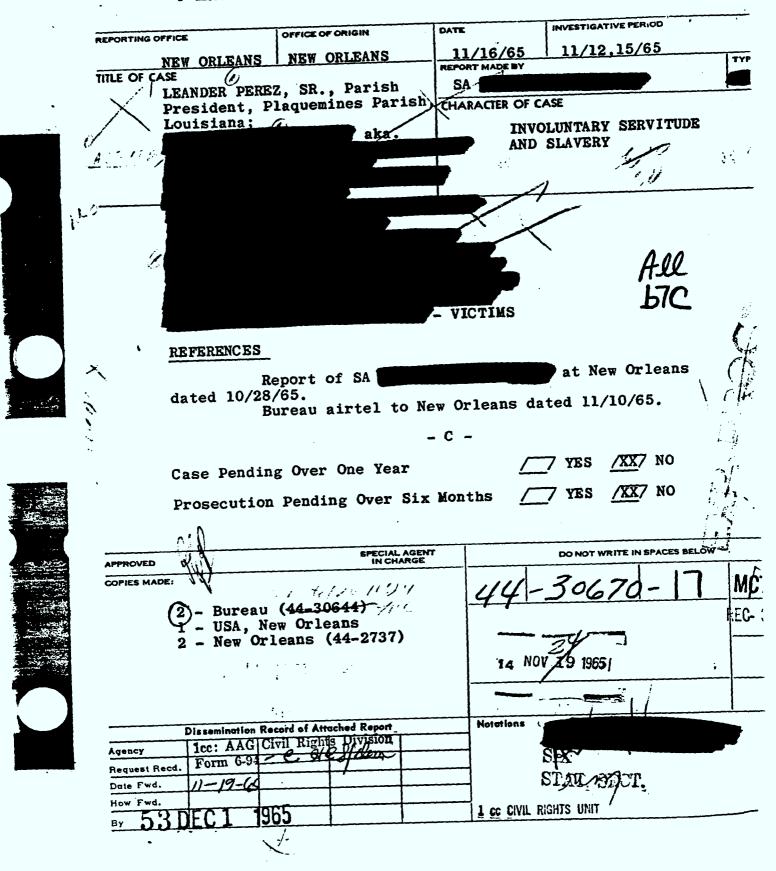
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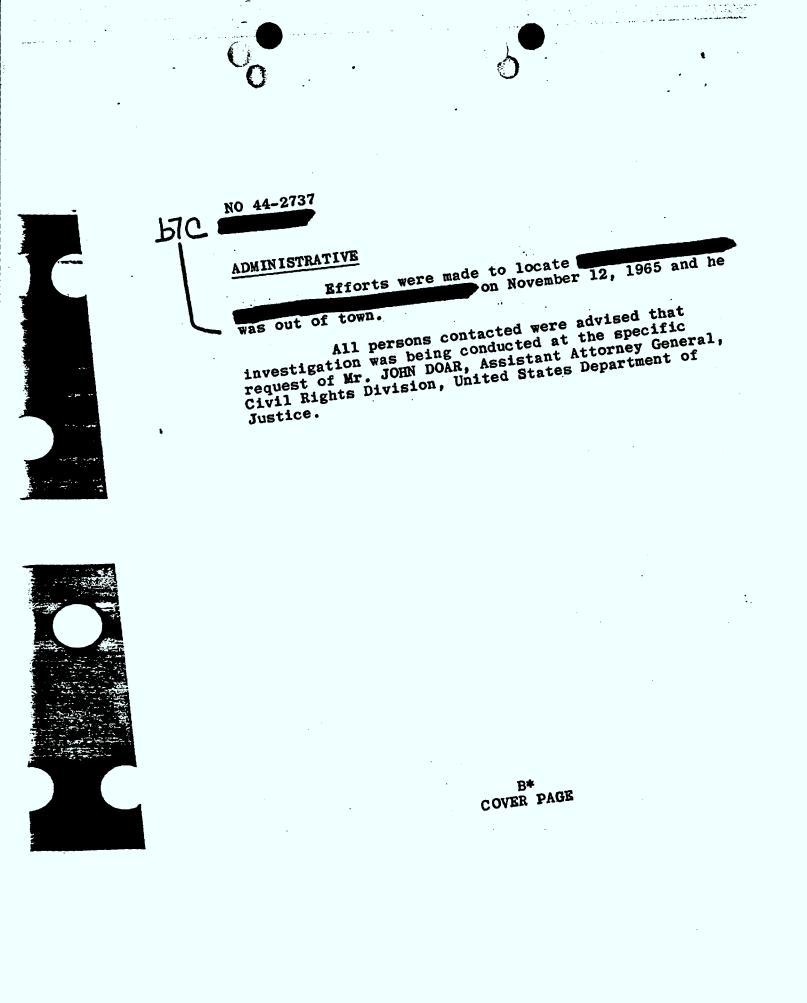
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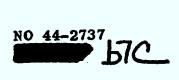
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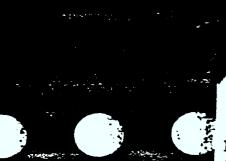
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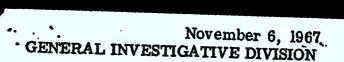
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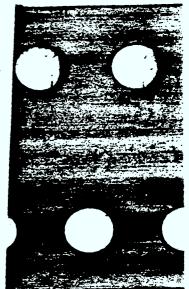
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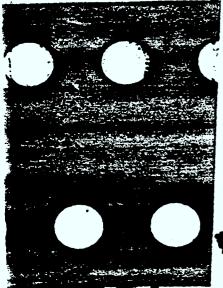




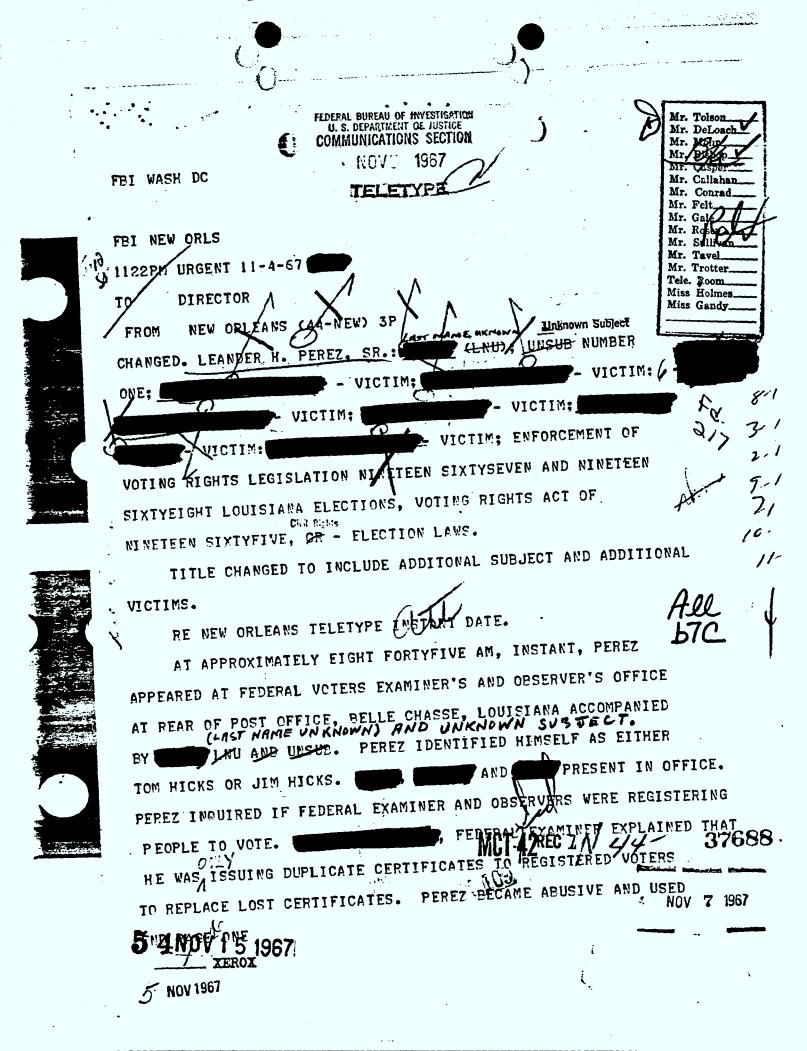
Complaint had been ceived that Leander H. Perez, Sr., long time rabid segregationist, and other individuals, harassed Federal Examiners and Observers in Belle Chase, Louisiana, in connection with 11/4/67 elections in Louisiana. Interviews conducted in connection with Voting Rights Act of 1965.

Attached sets forth results of inquiries. Civil Rights Division advised and no further investigation requested.





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PAGE THREE THEIR NAMES AND MADE COMMENTS REFERRING TO THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION EMPLOYEES AS "JOHNSON'S BOYS", "FEDERAL SPYS", AND GENERALLY USED OBSCENE AND ABUSIVE LANGUAGE. 17C LNU AND UNSUP LEFT AND WENT TO FEDERAL EXAMINERS OBSERVERS OFFICE AT POST OFFICE AS WHEN PEREZ LEFT EXAMINER'S-OBSERVER'S OFFICE HE RELATED ABOVE. PRESENT. RETURNED TO POLL AT WHICH TIME REQUESTING TO SEE HIS PEREZ DIRECTED COMMENTS TO AS HE HAD IDENTIFICATION AND MADE SIMILAR COMMENTS TO MADE TO OTHER FEDERAL OBSERVERS. BUREAU AGENTS ALL INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED BY -BUAGENTS AT U.S. POST OFFICE. United States Alterney USA ADVISED. REPORT FOLLOWS. ECORR PAGE ONE LINE IS SHOULD BE HE WAS ONLY ISSUING DUPLICATE CERTIFICATES TO REGISTERED VOTERS. END JMS FBI WASH DC CLR

Mr. Teleon FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION Mr. DeLoach FBI WASH DC U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE Mr. Mohr-COMMUNICATION SECTION Mr. Bishop. Mr. Casper. 1957 MOVA Mr. Callahan FBI NEW ORLS Mr. Conrad Mr. Felt. 1-33PM URGENT 11-4-67 Mr. Gale Mr. Rosen Mr. Sullivan TO DIBECTOR Mr. Tavel. Mr. Trotter. AT FROM NEW ORLEANS 44-NEW Tele. Room Miss Holmes VICTIM Miss Gandy (LNU): EANDER H. PEREZ. SR .: VICTIM; ENFORCEMENT OF VOTING RIGHTS LEGISLATION NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN AND NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT LOUISIANA ELECTIONS, VOTING RIHTS ACT OF NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE, CR - ELECTION LAWS. Sec 44-00-971) RE BU ABITEL TO NO NO TWO LAST. CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION. ON NOV. FOUR LAST NO, LA., TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED HE HAD RECEIVED REPORT FROM FEDERAL OBSERVER LOCATED AT BELLE CHASSE, PLAQUEMINE PARISH, LA., POST OFFICE, THAT PEREZ HAD INTIMIDATED VICTIMS BY CURSING AND SWEARING AT THEM. PEREZ ORIGINALLY APPEARED AT POST ACCORDING TO LNU, CLAIMING TO BE TOM HICKS AND OFFICE IN COMPANY WITH ASKED TO REGISTER. PEREZ ADVISED HE COULD NOT REGISTER TODAY AS ONLY DUPLICATE CERTIFICATES BEING ISSUED BY FEDERAL EXAMINER PEREZ, AT THIS POINT, USED PROFANITY AFTER ASKING TO SEE THEIR CREDENTIALS. VICTIMS AND AVAILABLE WITNESSES BEING INTERVLEWED. LHM TO NEC IL 37688 - 2 FOLLOW. PEREZ NOT BEING INTERVIEWED IN WITH USA, NO. BEING ADVISED. INSTRUCTIONS. 22 NOV 7 1967 END AEROX NOV 1967 ാറ

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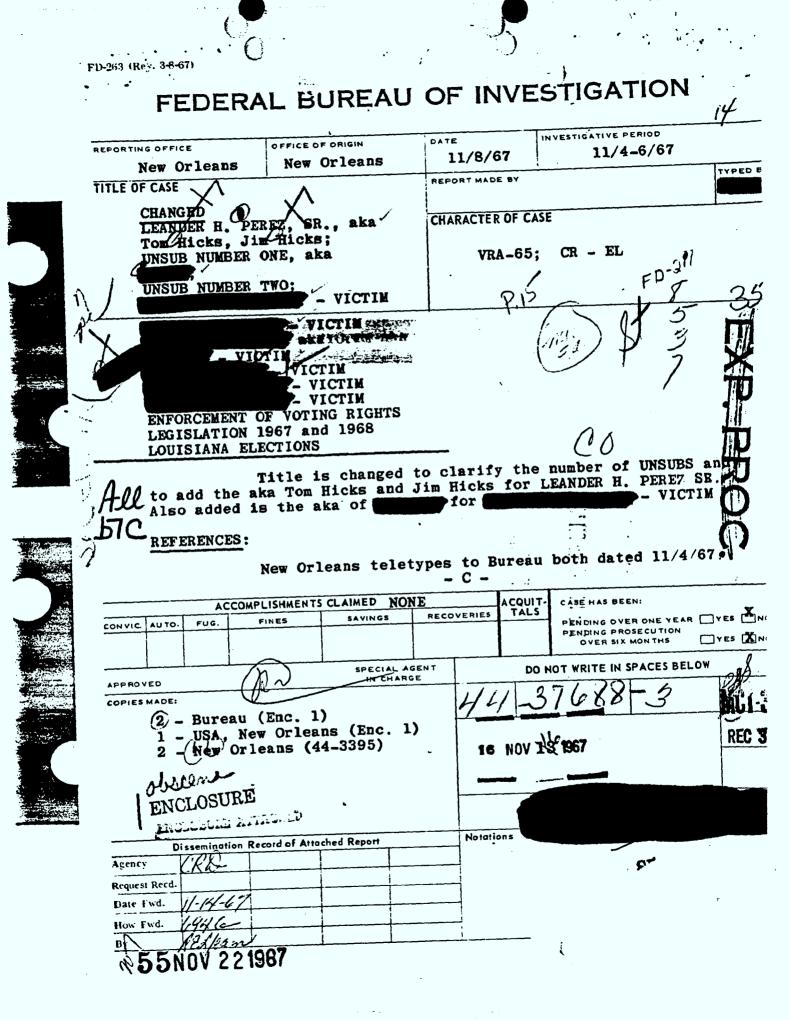
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#### ADMINISTRATIVE:

Assistant U.S. Attorney, Eastern District of Louisiana, HARRY F. CONNICK was advised of the complaint on 11/4/67 by SA

A limited investigation was conducted as the subjects were not interviewed per prior Bureau instructions' regarding the subjects he represents. These instructions were set forth in Bureau teletype dated 10/26/64 captioned,

IDENTIFICATION MATTER," (NO File 62-3709) which states, "Fact that an investigator for fact and under circumstances indicating no official use and the fact that no adequate explanation is forthcoming are the grounds for Bureau's refusal to have anything further to do with the two offices the represents. In all other matters this individual and his office should be dealt with at arm's length."

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All persons interviewed were advised that this investigation was being conducted at the specific request of the Assistant Attorney General JOHN DOAR, Civil Rights. Division, U.S. Department of Justice.

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Synopsis:	On 11/4/67 at approximately 8:20 a.m. LEANDER SR., (last name unknown) and an unknown male went to the voting poll located at the s house, Belle Chasse, La. PEREZ had Federal (	fire )bservers
	identify themselves. PEREZ used profanities abusive language expressing his feelings about Federal Observers, JOHN DOAR, and the current Administration. PEREZ, and the unknown ma'e left the voting poll and went to the Fee Observer's-Examiner's Office located at the re- the Post Office, Belle Chasse, La. PEREZ in	t Federal wn white deral ear of
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15 minutes until PEREZ and his associates left and then he obtained his duplicate registration certificate. After PEREZ and his associates left the Observer's-Examiner's Office, they returned to the voting poll at the Belle Chasse fire house. Federal Observers and

were present. PEREZ asked for his identification and made comments to belittle the Federal Observers. PEREZ used profanity and abusive language directed at the Federal Observers and the current Federal Administration.

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DETAILS: This is a limited investigation.

This case was predicated on November 4, 1967, by a telephone call to the New Orleans Field Office from State Coordinator, Civil Service Commission, New Orleans, Louisiana. And advised that he had received a report from advised that he had located at Belle Chasse, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana Post Office, that LEANDER H. PEREZ, SR., had intimidated the Federal Observers by cursing and swearing at them. advised that he had no first-hand knowledge of

the incident.

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11/7/67 Date.

Federal Bureau of Investigation, at which time he furnished the following signed statement:

"Belle Chasse, La. Hovember 4, 1967

"I, the statement to the following free and voluntary statement to the statement of the statement identified themselves to me as Spechl Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"On Mövember 4, 1967, I was working on efficial duty as a Civil Service Commission poll observer. I was working at the voting poll located at the Fire House, Belle Chasse, Louisiana.

"Sometime around 7:00 to 8:00 AN I recognized Leandre Perez in the company of one (1) erhubre white males. Perez identified himself and asked white males. Perez identified himself and asked white wales. Perez identification. We showed our cards to Perez.

"Perez made several stamments, calling us "Johnson's Boys' and 'Federal Spys' and similar comments. I heard Perez use prefamity, but 1 cannot state that it was directed directly at

"Perez left and in less than an hour he returned, At this time to be a set was not present and another Civil Service Commission employee, and another was present. Perez asked for to be a identification, and the showed it to him. Perez directed most of his Comments at the bad when the set were similar in nature to what he had said previously.

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"As Perez left he said to my fellow workers and myself something to the effect of "Watch your step."

"Peres interferred and impeded my official duty inasmuch as he added to the general noise and disturbance and I was distracted by him when he requested my identification and he directed his comments to us.

"I have read this two page statement and it true, complete and correct. I have initialed the ether pages and I sign this below.

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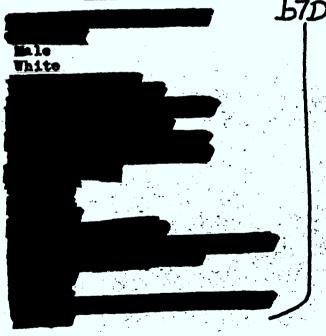
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was interviewed at which time he furnished the following signed statement:

***11/4/67** Belle Chasse, La.

hereby give the following free and voluntary statement to who have identiand fied themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. No threats or promises have been made to me to induce me to make this statement.



I can read, write and understand the English language.

"On 11/4/67 I was stationed at the polling place located in the Fire Department building, Belle Chasse, La. I was acting as a Federal Voting Observer. About 8:20 A.M. a man, later identified as Leander Perez, entered the polling place. This man walked over to me and introduced himself as Leander Perez and asked to see my identification. I identified mymelf to Perez as a Federal voting observer and who are also Federal Voting Observers identified themselves to Perez at this time. Perez stated that I and shade and stated were Federal Spies and he had absolutely no respect for us or our work. Perez then stated he would rather eat (obscene) than do this sort of spying. Perez and the of being part of a second reconstruction. Perez then shouted numerous obscene words, but I cannot recall the then accused me, specific words. Perez then called John Boar a mealy

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Perez then began talking about mouthed (obscene). things that did not make sense but were directed mand myself and r, ( as insults toward our work as Federal Observers. Perez make a an election commissioner statement to working at the poll, that the Federal Voting Observers were not to sit at the record table. Ι that the also believe I heard Perez tell Federal Election Observers were not to be allowed to go into the area where the voting machines are located. Perez made a statement to the effect that the Federal Voting Observers were not to step out of line in any way or impede the progress of the election and that he had no fear of the Federal Government. I can't recall Perez's exact words but this is what he meant. Perez then left the polling place accompanied by I then left the an individual known as polling place and walked over to the office being maintained by the Federal Voting Observers in the rear of the U.S. Post Office in Belle Chasse, La. to report the incident that took place at the polling place. I was in the office about five minutes when Perez entered the office accompanied and another unknown white male. by ( is a white male,

I would recognize if I saw him again. The other individual with Perez was a white, male,

I believe I could recognize this individual if I saw him again.

"Perez introduced himself as Leander H. Perez, gave an unrecalled title. I was in the company of the and the second while in the office. Pered asked for the identification of the and the but not myself since he knew me from the polling place. Perez asked the if he was registering voters today. The replied no. Perez then started cursing and said many of the same things that he (Perez) said at the polling place, which I cannot specifically recall. Perez then picked up a brief case and shook it and said he was looking for a 3 NO 44-3395

> machine gun. Perez then commented that there were five Federal Voting Observers in Belle Chasse and he considered this number to be excessive. Perez was advised by that there were six observers and he left the office.

"Perez in my opinion impeded the smooth operation of the Federal Voting Observation Team in Belle Chasse, La. by destroying any possible rapport with the Election Commissioners at the polling place. Since Perez did instruct for the polling place. Since Perez did instruct for the polling Observers, he (Perez) impeded the recording of the names of the individuals that voting which the Department of Justice has instructed the Federal Voting Observers to obtain. I do not feel Perez interferred with my physical function as a Federal Voting Observer while he (Perez) was in the polling _____.

"I have read this statement consisting of this page and 3 additional pages and I sign it because it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I have initialed all corrections and each page of this statement.

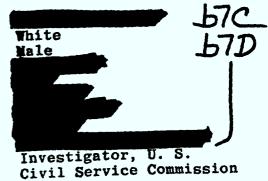
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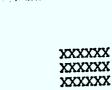
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was interviewed by Agents of the Federal Sureau of Investigation, at which time be furnished the fellowing signed statement:

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"On November 4, 1967 I was working on efficial duty as a W. S. Civil Service Commission Poll Observer. I was working the veting poll located at the Fire House, Belle Casse, Louisiana. My assignment was to record the names & races of the voters as the Commissioner called them off. I was sitting in a chair & writing the information on a pad supported on my knoe.

"At approximately \$:30 to \$:00 A(Ma), three (3) white males came into the voting poll. I recognized one of them as Leandre Prez but I did not recognize the other two males.

"Perez identified himself by mane & gave some title referring to president of parish veters or something similar to this. Peres requested that Pand myself identify ourselves; We were the only Civil Service Commission employee present (to my knowledge) and we showed him out identification cards. Peres wrote our names down.

"Perez made neveral statements poking fun at us; Peres stated to me, 'Would you please stand up to show

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respect.' He added something to the effect of 'if not for me, at least show respect for your friends."! I replied, 'Yes Bir' and I stood up.

"Perez left with the two (2) males & later returned, again with the two (2) make At this second appearance, **Manual and Anter Civil Ser**-vice Commission employee, was also present. Perez asked to identify himself, and he did so. Perez made some more comments similar to his first another Civil Serappearance, but this time directed more to

"Buring both of the above appearances of Perez, he used thefanity freely, directed to us and the current meral Administration. I was not really paying attention to Perez as I was attempting to comply with my instruction regarding recording the names and races of voters.

"It was difficult to comply with my duties before Perez arrived as it was difficult to hear the names as they were called off. Perez inter-fered and impeded my official duty, inasanch as he made it more difficult to hear the mames and he interrupted my writing with his requests for identification and by having me stand.

"Perez and the two (2) menleft and as they the effect of left Perez made a statement 'You boys watch your step! m: boysbbe careful.

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"I have read this 3 page statement and it true, complete and correct. I have initialed the other 2 pages and I sign this below.

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Witnesses: /s/

Special Agent, TBI, New Orleans, Special Agent, FBI, New Orleans, 4-750 (Rev. 12-14-88)



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furnished the following signed statement:

"Belle Chasse, La. "Nov. 4, 1967

"I, the second of the rederal Bureau of Investigation."

"This morning (November 4, 1967) I was on official duty at the Federal Examiners Office, at the rear of the Post Office, Belle Chasse, Louisiana, functioning as a Federal Examiner in Plaquemines Parish under the 1965 Voting Rights Act.

"At approximately 8:45 AM three (3) white males came into the office. I recognized one (1) male as Leandre Perez. One of the other men was later referred to as the by Perez. I did not recognize the third man. As the men entered the office, Perez said 'I am Tom Hicks' or possibly he referred to himself by saying 'I am Jim Micks". Perez then asked 'Are you people registering people to vote today?' I replied that 'We are not, we are only issuing duplicate certificates in care of lost certificates.' Perez said, 'Like (obscene) you are, you're registering people to vote and you know it.' Perez acted as if he was counting the three (3) Federal people in the and a office who were myself, Perez then said, 'There are (3) three more across the street and that makes six (6) of those Federal (obscene) here.' Perez stated that he was the chairman of the Democratic Committee and that he would not stand for any interference

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with the polls in the parish. Perez picked up my list of Federally registered voters and asked if he could see it. I told him he could see it and that there was another list at the polling place, and at any time he wished to see it, he could do so. I stated that as the examiner I issued duplicates for lost certificates and that the persons name had to be listed in the above book or I did not issue a duplicate. Perez stated that I was a lisr and that he knew better.

"Perez picked up an envelope from my desk which contained three (3) completed requests for duplicate certificates. "When was standing mext to me took the envelope from Perex's hand and I took it from the envelope from Perez he could not see this.

"Perez inquired as to why we were here and a discussion evolved about the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Perez inquired about our credentials and wanted to see them. "Interfere stated that Perez was on Federal property and although there was no obligation to show them to him, he would do so. We all held out credentials so that Perez could see them and he wrote our names down. He asked us about our home towns and we all told him and he wrote this down also.

"Perez then got up and went around behind my desk and looked inside my briefcase which was on the floor, open, against the wall. We then shook two other briefcases next to mine and stated he was 'checking for arms'.

"Perez then pulled open (3) three upper drawers of our four (4) drawer file cabinet and said 'Where in (obscene) are the machine guns?" I know: (obscene) well there must be some.' At some time during this encounter, Perez referred to us as 'Federal (obscene)' and he stated that,

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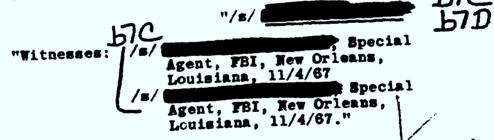
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'That (obscene) up there is wanting to raise taxes so he can send more of you down here.'

"As Perez and his party left he encountered a Negro male, and said something to him, but I did not understand what was said. Came into the office to obtain a duplicate certificate. When Perez left our. office he was heading in the direction of the polls at the fire station.

"To my knowledge Perez did not impede or interfer with the operation of the office regarding my duties as Federal Examiner.

"I have read this 3 page statement and it is true, complete and correct. I have initialed the other 2 pages and I sign this below.



The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

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furnished the following signed statement:

"Belle Chasse, La. "11/4/67

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"At approximately eight fifty (8:50) AN, Nov. 4, 1967, while on duty at the Federal Voting Examiners Office located on the loading dock of the United States Post Office, Belle Chasse, Louisiana, three white males entered the office where I was on duty as team. The oldest Reserve Federal Voting Rights team. The oldest of these three men identified himself as Tom Nicks and asked if people were being registered to vote at this office. I recognized the individual who identified himself as Tom Micks to be Leander Perez. I immediately got up from my chair and greeted this individual as Mr. Perez.

"At this time Mr. Perez asked me and you doing here?" 'Are you registering people to vote here?' Perez ws repititous in asking if people were being registered to vote and berated both myself and the and the second

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another Federal Voting Observer, who was present in the office, for being present in the Parish. At this point Perez identified himself as being chairman of the Democratic Committee of the Parish and stated they did not need the Federal. Voting Observers in the Parish interferring with their elections. Perez used such words as Federal Spies and (obscene) being sent by that (obscene) in Washington. Perez was very disjointed in his remarks and depended on a running comment from one of the other men that entered the office with him. By this I mean it appeared that Perez would have run out of things to say without help from this other man. Several times in his continuous barrage Perez asked the question, 'Who are you and where are you from?' without actually waiting for an answer. Perez then demanded to see my and s credentials. At this point I reminded Perez that he was in my office and on Federal property but that I did not mind showing him my identification since in the course of my duties I might be going into the voting places. Perez removed his glasses, sat down at the table, took out some paper and made a ceremony of copying my name and title from my credentials, by this I mean he was very deliberate in the manner in which he repeated my name aloud as he wrote it down. Perez went through the same procedure with

"Perez then got up and reached for a list of Federally registered voters and said, "I suppose I cannot look at this." informed Perez that there was no objection since it was identical to other lists furnished to the Parish officials. Perez showed no more interest in the list but reached for an envelope which was also laying on the table and which contained information pertinent to the voters rights program. At this point I reached across the table and also took hold of the envelope, preventing Perez from

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extracting a document from the envelope. Perez was trying to remove one document which was sticking out of the envelope. Perez and I had no physical contact. When I took hold of the envelope, Perez immediately released it and stepped around the table, looked into one open briefcase and shook another briefcase. He then opened one drawer of the filing cabinet in the office and closed it immediately with the comment that he was looking for arms. Perez asked 'What's the matter, don't you have any arms, where are your machine guns, what kind of people are you anyway?'

"At several points throughout Perez's conversation he stated that he did not appreciate the presence of Federal Observers and stated on one occasion that he would rather pick (obscene) with the chickens than he a Federal Observer. Perez demanded to know how many Federal Observers were present and commented that Federal Observers were a waste of the taxpayers' money. Perez referred to one of the men with him as

there were at least four Yederal Observers because he saw one relieve that the polling place located at the fire station prior to coming to the office.

"At this point Perez stated he was going back to the polling place to find out who was referring to. Perez then turned and left the office through the open door. I observed a Wegro man standing just outside the door. I went over and invited this Negro man into the effice. At this point Perez asked of no one in particular

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'What's he doing here. Is he going to be registered? I want to know.' The Negro man was coming through the door and Perez turned around as if to follow. The two men with Perez took hold of Perez and walked him around the edge of the building.

"The other individual with Perez was

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a white male, I would be able to recognize Perez and the two men with him if I were to see them again or to see photographs of these men. Perez and the two men were in the office, ten to fifteen minutes, Perez impeded the operation of the office because I felt he had no legitimate reason to be in the office and his presence prevented and interrupted consultations and myself. I do not know if Perez's presence in the office stopped the Negro of male I previously referred to from entering the office sooner. Perez did not actually interfere in the actions of any of the men present in the office.

"I have read this statement consisting of this page and five additional pages. I have initialed each page and all corrections and no threats or promises have been made to me to induce the to make this statement. I sign this statement because it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

"Witnesses: /s/ J7, Special Agent, "Witnesses: /s/ FBI, New Orleans, La. 11/4/67 /s/ FBI, New Orleans, La. 11/4/67."





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> "November 6, 1967 New Grieans, Louisiana

"I, and voluntary statement to the fellowing free and voluntary statement to the statement of the second themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"On Movember 4, 1967, I was en efficial duty as Observer, assigned to voting poll at the fire station, Belle Chasse, Louisiana. I am employed by the U.S. Civil Service Commission, and working as a Federal Observer under the provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

"At sometime around 10:00 am - 11:00 am, em November 4, 1967, LEANDER PEREE and two white males, unknown to me, came into the voting poll." I recogmized PEREE and I had seen him on two or three previous occasions.

"MARKS stated to solthatchethad missed me before and he asked me for my identification. I showed him by observer's identification card and he wrote my mame down. MEREX made several comments that I believe were made to belittle the federal observers. We made comments such as, 'Will JOHNSON buy enough votes in Texas to re-elect himself?' and PEREE referred to us as 'JOHNSON's boys.'

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"PEREZ stated to all present that we (the federal observers) were not allowed to go to the poll beek or "ever there," referring to the voting machine area,

bad already made a statement to us (federal observers) previously that was similar to FERE a statement.

The other federal observers present at this time were the second and the second of the second of the second of the second of the commissioners. They were called off by one of the commissioners. They did the actual writing and I was concentrating of hearing the mames being called. When PEREZ was present he interfered with my official duties as I was unable to assist the in recording veter's mames.

"At the time the polls closed the list of woters we had compiled was 53 (fiftythree) less than the total number of mames of people that had voted. This is the firs time I have ever worked in my capacity as a federal observer where our totals did not match the totals for the number of motes cast. I contribute this directly to PEREZ's impedence of the efficial duties of the federal observers.

"I have read this 1 page statement and it is true, complete, and correct. I sign this statement below.

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any of the alleged visits of LEANDER M. PEREZ, SR., on November 4, 1967, to the voting poll at the fire house, Belle Chasse, Louisiana.

Service Commission personnel were assigned to duty at Belle Chasse on November 4, 1967:

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tional Defense Committee. Mr. Sobol was arrested by the Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, authorities, charging him with the unauthorized practice of law. Sobol has brought civil suit challenging this action.

Department has filed a motion to intervene in this case in the Eastern District of Louisiana, New Orleans, motion granted on 11/1/67. The Government's complaint in intervention alleges that Negroes in Plaquemines Parish are less able than white persons to secure adequate legal representation, thereby denying them equal protection of the laws as provided under the Fourteenth Amendment of the Constitution.

The attached request from the Department involves the interviewing of 18 Negro attorneys and 30 white attorneys in Louisiana to determine numerous items including their personal background, the extent of their law practice and the attorneys willingness to represent Negroes in civil rights and constitutional issues

ACTION: Her St 1. Il all and The investigation requested by the Department is being ordered. Enclosure 11 NOV 27/1967

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	Reference is made to <u>your</u> memorandum dated <u>11/21/67</u> (your file <u>71-32-4</u> ).	
	There is enclosed one copy of the-report-of-Special Agent a memorandum dated 12/5/67 at New Orleans	
	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.	
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	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- vestigation.	
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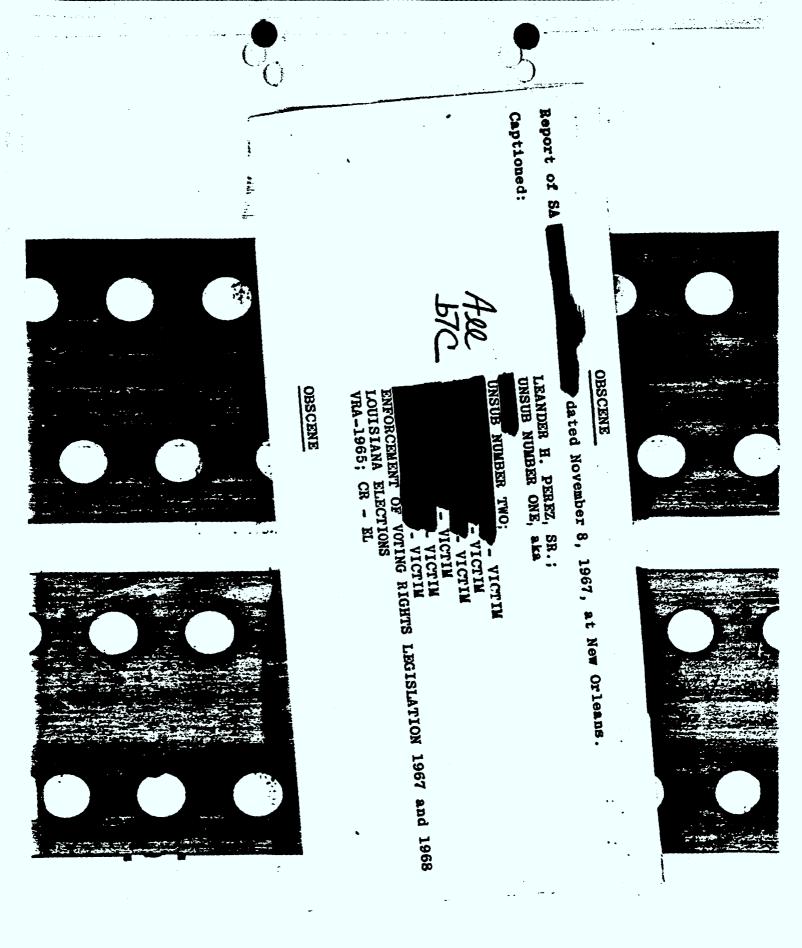
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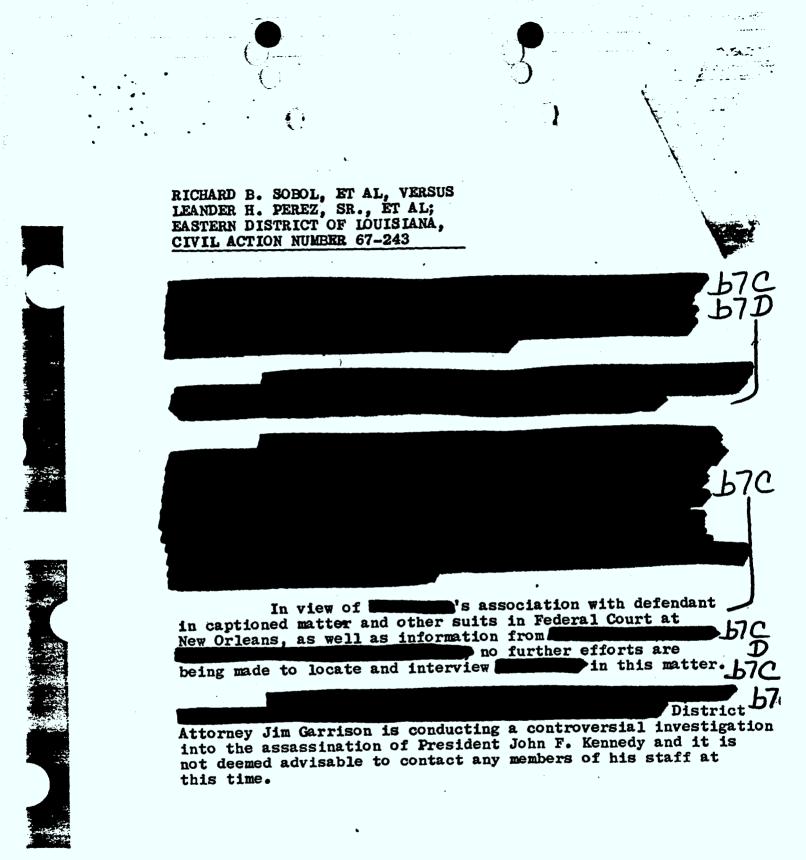
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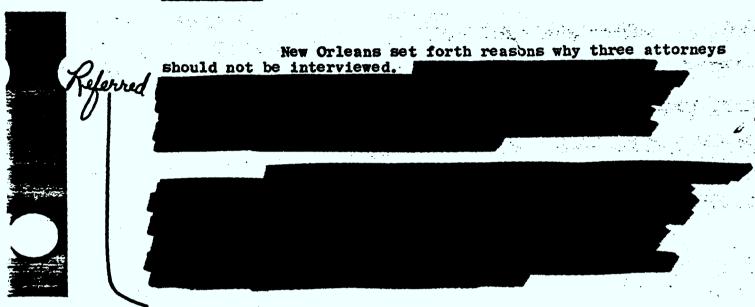
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Department now requests that an attorney in Chicago be interviewed as it is alleged that he had severl times unsuccessfully applied for admission to the Louisiana Bar during the 1940's. (Rev. 263-67)

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AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA. Will interview in line with request of Civil Rights Division, U. S. Department of Justice.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE:

All persons contacted were advised that investigation was being conducted at the specific request of Assistant Attorney General JOHN DOAR, Civil Rights Division, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D. C.

In some instances interview was conducted by only one Special Agent since only one Special Agent was available at the time of interview.

On December 18, 1967, OWEN FISS, Special Agent, Civil Rights Division, New Orleans, La., telephonically contacted the New Orleans Division and requested the results of contacts made to date of call be submitted and other remaining interviews be submitted at a later date. FD-204 (Ret. 3-3-59)



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1 - U. S. Attorney, New Orleans, Louisiana CODY to: (Attention: OWEN FISS, Special Asst., Civil Rights Division, 333 St. Charles Ave.) Office: NEW ORLEANS Report of SA Dates December 19, 1967 Bureau File f: Field Office File # NO 44-3425 RICHARD B. SOBOL, ET AL., VERSUS LEANDER H. PEREZ, SR., ET AL.; **Title:** EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA, CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 67-243 CIVIL RIGHTS Characters

Synopsis:

Attorneys interviewed regarding civil rights and legal representation in Plaquemines Parish and elsewhere in Louisiana.

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DETAILS:

AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA.

Investigation in this case was predicated upon the following communication dated November 21, 1967, to Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, from JOHN DOAR, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, entitled, "RICHARD B. SOBOL, ET AL. V. LEANDER H. PEREZ, SR., ET AL., EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA, CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 67-243.":







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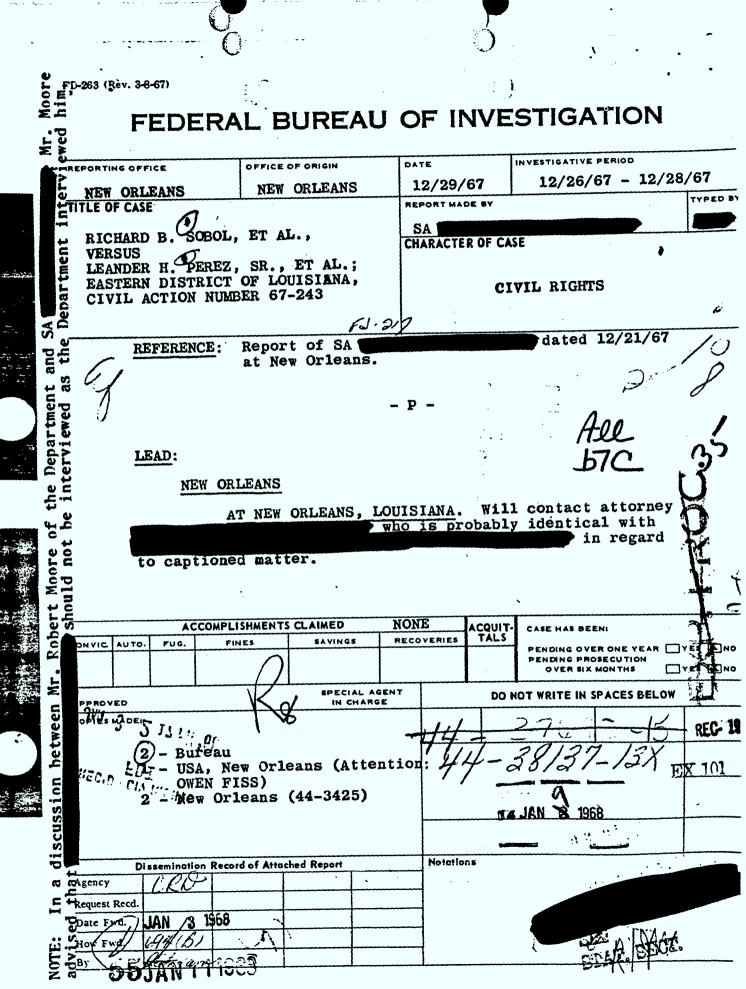
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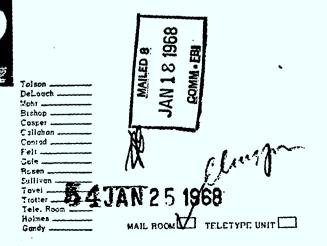
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Department has confirmed request of their Attorney Hugh W. Fleischer at New Orleans to have Bureau Agents available at the Office of the Louisiana State Bar Association, New Orleans, at 9:00 a.m., January 16, 1968, for the purpose of photographing documents. A Department attorney will be present during the photographing. These photographs will be introduced into evidence in a trial beginning January 22, 1968.

Department is requesting three copies of these photographs in order that one copy may be provided to the Louisiana State Bar Association. Department has advised that the Louisiana State Bar Association has intervened in this case in behalf of the defendants, and in preface to the photographing of the documents of the Association, the Department agreed to furnish a copy of all photographs taken of the Bar Association records to them.

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NOTE:

Richard B. Sobol of Washington, D. C., who is not licensed as an attorney in Louisiana, has in the past represented Negroes and civil rights workers in that state. Because of this, Plaquemines Parish authorities arrested Sobol, charging him with the unauthorized practice of law. Sobol, by action in Federal court, is challenging this prosecution by Perez and Louisiana authorities.

The Department has intervened contending that the purpose of the prosecution by local authorities was to deter Sobol and other out-of-town attorneys from representing Negroes in Plaquemines Parish in cases involving constitutional and civil rights. Since Negroes are less able to secure adequate representation in such cases the Department contends this amounts to a denial of equal protection of the law guaranteed by the 14th Amendment.

The Department has requested investigation concerning attorneys licensed to practice in Plaquemines Parish, including their personal backgrounds and their willingness to represent Negroes. Recently, the Department made arrangments with the Louisiana Bar Association for the photographing of records concerning disbarment proceedings. These records are to be reviewed by the Department in preparing its case concerning discrimination against Negro attorneys those willing to assist in the defense of Negroes and others on civil rights issues.

This matter discussed with Departmental Attorney Robert Moore on 1/16/68 and he advised the necessity of furnishing a copy to the Bar Association which was a result of an agreement between the Department and Bar Association representatives. Mr. Moore stated that the only way the Bar Association would permit the photographing of the records was a stipulation that they be provided with a copy and this would obviate the necessity of a court order. Time would not permit the obtaining of a court order according to Mr. Moore. Mr. Moore further advised that approximately 200 frames are involved in this photographing and this does not appear to be any reason for not furnishing an extra copy to the Department.

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In view of the foregoing, as well as previous investigation conducted by the San Francisco Division, no further efforts are being made to locate the former 170

All persons contacted in this matter were advised that investigation was being conducted at the direction of the Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D. C.

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#### DETAILS:

On December 29, 1967, Departmental Attorney HUGH FLEISCHER, stationed at New Orleans, Louisiana, telephonically contacted the New Orleans Office and advised that he wished photographs taken of selected records at Plaquemine Parish, Louisiana, Court House, Pointe A La Hache, Louisiana.

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Photographs were made of select records at the Plaquemine Parish Courthouse, Pointe A La Mache, Louisiana. The equipment used was a Recordak MRD-1, 35mm camera using Recordak AHU film expose same at 70 volts.

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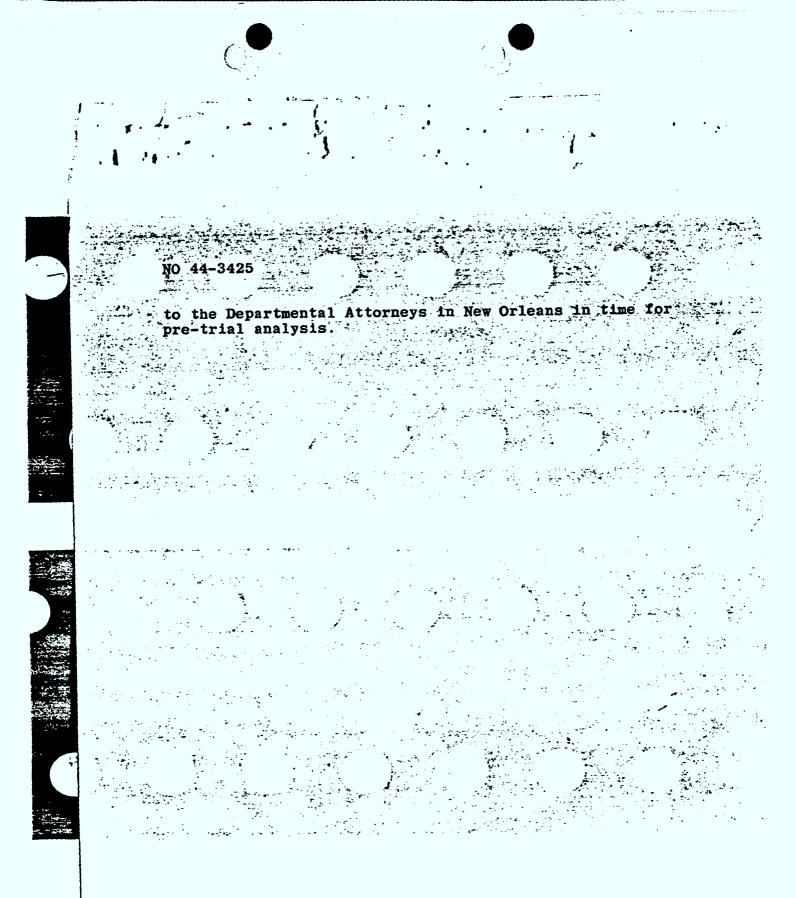
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An attorney for the Louisiana But bar association attorney Federal Court here, and not in Bar Association said today he Cicero C. Sessions said the state courts. does not believe civil rights at-group took its action solely to torney Richard B. Sobol violated preserve the constitutionality of state law by practicing without the state law and said he does stand by local attorney Loie

vened against Sobol in a federal court suit in which Sobol is ing legal practice.

state law by practicing without the state law, and said he does stand by local attorney Lolis a license. The bar association has inter- tion of it.

A THREE - JUDGE federal out-of-state counsel to be seeking an injunction against panel is hearing Sobol's request brought here to defend civil Plaquemines Parish authorities for an injunction, and resumed rights workers. who have charged him with the hearing this afternoon after Because of "social pressures" breaking the state law concern- most of the morning was taken very few white lawyers would up with conferences between help in such cases.

judges, attorneys and principals. Sobol was arrested after a Sessions said there is no set conference with Judge Edgene length of time limiting the par- E. Leon, of the 25th Judicial ticipation of a qualified visiting District Court. Sobol is a member of the

attorney as long as he is not a resident of the state. Testimony LCDC, which has sent many atyesterday centered around the torneys into the South since 1964 question of whether Sobol has to offer free legal defense for If he is a resident, he would be the more thanks. become a Louisiana resident.

have to pass the state bar exam in order to practice law. But Sessions said he did not believe harrassment in various parts of Sobol was a resident at the time the state during the handling of his arrest.

In a brief session this morn-few years. ing, attorney Robert F. Collins He said Congressman John was cross examined by Pla-Rarick, a former state judge, quemines counsel.

Collins testified yesterday, in his courtroom, made insultsaying the Lawyers Constitu- ing remarks about Negroes and tional Defense Committee was pointed to a tree outside, say-interested in getting its attor-ing that a Negro deputy sheriff neys admitted to practice in had been lynched there 50 years

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Sobol is a member of the LCDC, which has sent many attorneys into the South since 1964 to offer free legal defense for rights case defendants.

ELIE, WHO practices law with Collins and Nils Douglas, bld the court they encountered harrassment in various parts of the state during the handling of 500 to 600 cases in the past

Attorney Robert F. Collins few years. was cross examined by Plague He said Congressman John mines Parish counsel today to a three-judge federal courtance sumed a hearing on a court in his courtroom, made insult a Washington, D. C., lawyer arrested a year ago for prac-ticing law without a Louisiana license.

The plaintiff-lawyer, Richard He and his partners consid-B. Sobol, will also be a wit- ered carefully before going into B. Sobol, will also be a wit-ness in the hearing, expected to last three days. The court is comprised of U.S. **Defent** Court of Appeals Judge **Constant** Judges Fred J. Cassibry and Frederick 'J. R. Heebe. Collins testified yesterday, saying the Lawyers Constitu-sents the constant of the constant of the court of the court of the court was sent would be different if was were there would be different if narcotics on us." Dowling, an attorney, repre-tional Courts Bar tignal Defense Committee was Association in this case. In ad-

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HE WAS PRECEDED to the stand by local attorney Lolis Elie, a Negro, who testified that a lack of confidence in most Louisiana lawyers caused out-of-state counsel to be brought here to defend civil rights workers.

Because of "social pressures" very few white lawyers would help in such cases.

Sobol was arrested after a conference with Judge Eugene E. Leon, of the 25th Judicial District Court.

The discussion concerned an appeal for a civil rights client of Sobol. The attorney's suit attacks the constitutionality of Louisiana law which regulates practice of out-of-state atternevs.

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## Cite_Non-La. In Rights Cases

Two New Orleans lawyers have testified in federal court that there is a need for outof-state attorneys to handle Louisiana civil rights cases.

This was the testimony yesterday of Benjamin E. Smith and John Nelson, white at-torneys who added that they have been harassed in connection with their handing of civil rights cases.

THE TWO were test ying in the case of <u>Richard Sobol</u>, a Washington, D. C., allorney active in civil rights work here for the past year and a half." Sobol has been staff counsel for the Lawyers Constitutional Defense Committee, a civil rights group.

Sobol is attacking on constitutional grounds the Louisiana law governing legal practice, and is suing Plaquemines Parish officials to prevent being prosecuted on a charge of practicing without a license.

A SPECIAL three-judge court, composed of Judge Robert A. Ainsworth Jr. of the United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals and District Judges Frederick J. R. Heebc and Fred Cassibry, is hearing the case.

Plaquemines officials had arrested Sobol last January as he left the parish courthouse. The attorney had been conferring with Judge Eugene Leon of the 25th Judicial Distric about an appeal for Gary Dun can, a Negro convicted of simple battery.

SMITH TOLD the court yesterday that he and his family have been harassed by hate letfers and crank phone calls. He Lawyer Need b also claimed that Negroes and whites who are active in civil rights are generally unable to obtain competent legal aid in rural communities.

> He testified that many Negroes distrust white lawyers, identifying them with law enforcement and management interests.

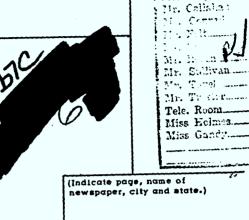
SMITH SAID that he has handled civil rights cases since 1954 in Alabama, Louisiana and Mississippi, adding that he is not licensed to practice in Alabama or Mississippi.

Nelson concurred with Smith's remarks and both of the men said that there is a need for Sobol's work in Louisiana.

The court recessed yesterday cad will resume Monday. The case is expected to continue through next week

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## No Protest Given on Role with Case Earlier-Sobol

of Sentencing, He Says

Civil rights attorney Richard Sobol, who is under a charge in Plaquemines Parish for prace in riaquemines rarish for prac-ticing law without a licensi-claimed Tuesday that the judie before whom he defended a case never objected to his taking part until the day the defendant was sentenced.

The Washington D.C., attorney, who has been doing civil rights work here for about a year and a half, gave this tes-timony when he took the wit-ness stand in his federal court case in which he is seeking to restrain his prosecution in Plaqnemines.

He is also attacking the consitutionality of the Louisiana statute governing the rights of out-of-state attorneys to practice.

His case is being heard by special three-judge court composed of Judge Robert A. Ains-worth Jr., of the United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals and District Judges Frederick J. R. Heebe and Fred J. Cassibry. The case will continue Wednesday at 10 a.m.

Sobol was arrested in the Plaquemines Parish courthouse on Feb. 21, 1967, after he had conferred with Judge Eugene Leon about bond for Gary Duncan, a Negro he had defended and who was found guilty of battery

Sobol is chief staff counsel for the Lawyers Constitutional Defense Committee and his attorneys are seeking to show that he is in Louisiana on a tem-porary basis and that Louisiana licensed attorneys are not available to defend civil rights cases.

Duncan was charged with simple battery as a result of an incident which took place between two Negroes and four white youths near a recently desegregated public school in Plaque mines.

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The LCDC attorney was called Objection Heard on Day to the stand by his attorney. Alvin Bronstein as the afterhour session of court began the court beard festimony from Sam

Earlier in the day the court heard testimony from Sam Monk Zelden, a New Orleans attorney who was called out of ions who is representing the Lodisiana State Bar Associa-tion; The Rev. Albert J. Mc-Knight, a Negro Catholic priest from Delcambre; and Duncin TRACES EXPERIENCE Sobol testilied that he if

Sobol testified that he if a graduate of the Columbia Uni versity law school and has been admitted to practice in New York, and the District of Colum-bia and before the Supreme Court of the United States, the District of Columbia Circuit Court, the United States Fifth Circuit, and the federal court for the Eastern District of Lee

isiana. Under Bronstein's questioning he related his scholastic achievements and of much special effort in the field of constitutional law.

For a little over three years before coming to Louisiana, Sobol said, he was associated with a large Washington law state boundaries are meaning

attorney for LCDC. At that law firm time, he added, he left Washing- and Elie.

ton on a leave of absence from the firm of Arnold and Porter and is expected to return to that firm. His salary when he left Wash-

ington, the witness asserted, was \$24,000 a year and he took the position with LCDC for \$2,900 a year but has been raised to \$15,000 since he became chief staff counsel. He claimed that his contemporaries who are still with the Washington firm are making as much as \$32,000 a year. DESCRIBES CASES

showing Sobol to be a resident of Washington, an automobile registration, and deivers licenses for Sobol and his wife for Washington and New Orleans. Sobol said that he still main-

tains a checking account with a Washington bank and has never had a personal bank account here.

The civil rights attorney also testified that he has handled cases in Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama since taking the position with LCDC and has practiced in both federal and state courts in these states. .He described cases in many fields of civil rights law which he said he has handled. He said that no question of his right to practice was ever questioned. Sobol asserted that he has never received a fee while with LCDC. "Indigency is not a requirement but it usually turns out to be a fact," he said.

He repeated testimony given by other witnesses so far in the that Negroes and civil rights workers in Louisiana have no trust or confidence in local attorneys when it comes to civil rights matters.

The attorney claimed that he would not be able to do his work if he were restricted to one state.' Bronstein contended that

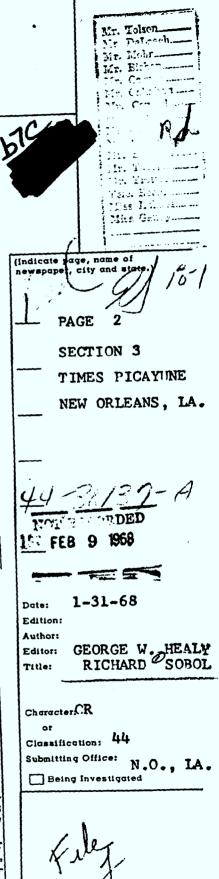
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firm. He related that he was a vol-unteer attorney for the LCDC with the Duncan case, 'Sobol during August, 1965 and then re-said that his first contact with turned here on Aug. 1, 1966 it was when Duncan's parents appeared at the office of the attorney for LCDC. At that have firm of Collins, Douglas time he added he left Washing- and File

He asserted that he discussed the matter with Robert Collins, one of the partners in the firm and that he and Collins conferred with Duncan and his witnesses. With some "trepi-dation," he added, they decided to accept a Plaquemines case.

Sobel contends that throughout this case and others he was associated with the local law firm.

He asserted that in November of 1966, after taking the case, he met Judge Leon with Col Bronstein placed into the rections and was introduced by Col-Bronstein placed into the rections and was introduced by Col-Brd a number of credit cards lins as a Washington attorney.



that there was some assent by Judge Leon. I can't recall the words, it might have been just a shake of the head. QUESTION RAISED He claimed that throughout

further preliminary proceedings his appearances were never ob jected to by the court or one else.

Duncan was tried and convicted on Jan. 25, 1967, Sobol testified, and sentencing was set for Feb. 1, 1967.

At this time, the attorney tes tified, Judge Leon raised the question of Lolis Elie, a partner in the Collins, Douglas and Elie firm, being an assistant district attorney in Orleans Parish

A state law went into effect Jan. 1, 1967, prohibiting anyone associated with a district attor-ney from taking part in crimi-nal cases in Louisiana. Elie was

attempted to convince Judge treated cordially in Plaque Asked about the attitude of Leon that he did not think this mines applied in cases which were al- "came ready in litigation but the judge parts." said that he did not want any-

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ander H. Perez Jr., district at-but I think I do." and torney of Plaquemines, Judge Leon, sought to show that Duncan was not properly defended by Sobol and that Sobol has had little experience in the

Asked by Bronstein if Judge attorney said that he has agreed an election dispute. The ques- cases relating to civil rights Leon at this time objected to to stay until Oct. 1, 1968 and tions were intended to refute work. his participation in the matter, that he is due back at his Wash Zelden's statement about net OFFICE RAIDED Sobol said "My recollection was ington firm after that date. Sobol said "My recollection was ington firm after that date.

When Zelden took the stand parish he testified that he has prac-ticed in many parishes of the state, including Plaquemines,

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usual difficulty." The attorney claimed that it is not true that Negroes generally have a distrust of white lawyers in Louisiana and answered in the affirmative when Sessions asked a series of ques- "How many were there?" the tions concerning his opinion as to whether rights organizations government attorney asked. such as the LCDC have inculcated and planted this feeling in dark. There were no other

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preme Court refused a writ in the Duncan case that Sobol said he went back to see Judge Leon about posting an appeal bond to the United States Supreme Court that he was arrested. DUNCAN APPEALING In all of his appearances be

never handled cases involving because there were ladies in the

fore Judge Leon, Sobol said, he charges growing out of the 1964 court. was never told not to appear Civil Rights Act or the 1965 Vot- "They had sinister motives without locally associated coun-ing Rights Act or the desegre and they finally changed their gation of schools or desegrega-minds and let me 'leave," he

Duncan's appeal is presently tion of public facilities. Said. before the United States Su-Bronstein asked him if in Rather McKnight testibefore the United States Su-preme Court on the question of knew any white lawyer in the in 1953 and has been stationed denial of a jury trial. On cross examination Sidney type of case and Zelden answer in Lafayette, Abbeville and W. Provensal, attorney for Le-ed "Offnand I can't name any Lake Charles in addition to his but I think I do." Zelden also said that he present assignment in Delcam-

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trial of criminal cases. <u>Asked when he plans on leav-</u> ing Louisiana, the Washington for the United States Justice De-the witness said that he has den) handled about 20 years been successful in obtaining the area in Plantening involving construction of the United States Justice De-the witness said that he has den) handled about 20 years been successful in obtaining the ago in Plaquemines involving services of white attorneys for regular legal work-but not for

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and that he has many Negro first he was opposed by Bruce genization's routine matters clients. He was then asked by Ses-sions if he would refuse to Leander H. Perez Sr., told Mu: that he was in Washington, represent a Negro client in a new work down and he would D.C., at the time attending a case involving constitutional that he was

11 through Nelson he obtained the Fiss asked "Do you recall services of Sobol and through leaving the courthouse that eve-solido's efforts the case was re-ning and being approached by solved satisfactorily. He said a group of deputies?" Here that the United States Fifth Cir-"Yes." Zelden said. cuit Court of Appeals restrained the prosecution through Sobol's offorts.

"Five. As I came out it was Father McKnight said that he has no confidence in local white, an assistant prosecutor for a the Negro population. short time. Sobol told the court that he witness said that he had been were in," Zelden recounted. Cars around and as I went to my lawyers and on cross examina-tion by Provensal he testified that many of the Negro attorcars around and as I went to my neys mentioned by Provensal were unacceptable to him.

He explained that he meant no discredit on the Negroes personally, but regarded the legal training they received in Louisiana inferior. He added that this is especially true of those " the who were educated at Southern University.

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## Negroes Can't Get Legal Help, Say Rights Leaders

Two Negro civil rights leaders iestified Monday in federal dis-trict court that Negroes have been unable to receive legal help from white lawyers in their localities because the attorneys fear intimidation and harass-ment. ment.

has been taking part in civil rights cases in Louisiana for the -past three years as staff counsel for the Lawyers Constitutional Defense Committee, civil rights lawyers group.

Sobol was arrested Feb. 21. 1967, on a charge of practicing law in Louisiana without a license as he was leaving the Plaquemines Parish courthouse after conferring with Judge Eugene Leon about an appeal for a Negro client who had been convicted of battery in connection with an incident near a recently desegregated school.

THREE-JUDGE COURT

On trial before a special three judge federal court is a suit by Sobol in which he seeks to enjoin his prosecution on that charge.

He also asks that the Louisiana statute governing the practice of law by out-of-state attorneys be declared unconstitutional.

Hearing the case are Judge Robert A. Ainsworth Jr., of the United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals and District quarters are in Jackson, Miss. Judges Frederick J. R. Heebe and Fred J. Cassibry.

Witnesses who gave testimony ers in obtaining services from KKK. Louisiana licensed attorneys included A. Z. Young, president rights cases which have been of the Bogalusa Voters League handled by attorneys of the and Elmer C. Wyche, Tallulah, LCDC and asserted that bepresident of the Madison Parish cause of federal court injunc-Voters League and a member tions which have been ob-

Nelson was examined during "Their testimony came in the Nelson was examined our mag case of Richard B. Sobol, a Washington, D. C. attorney, who at the beginning of court Monat the beginning of court Mon-day to conclude his testimony. Young testified that civil rights activities were increased in Bogalusa in 1965 by the Voters League after the Ku Rap Brown was scheduled to Klux Klan began to intimidate speak from the Capitol steps. and harass Negroes in the area.

He said that at that time the Congress of Racial Equality came into the picture and brought in out-of-state attorneys of the Lawyers Constitutional Defense Committee to handle suits for school desegregation, being dead or in Angola." desegregation of public accommodations, and other types of litigation.

were not able to hire lawyers since 1965, testified that there in Bogalusa and added, "I don't are no Negro attorneys in the believe no lawyer in Bogalusa parish and only six or seven would have represented them." white lawyers

FEAR KKK, CLAIM Asked Dy, Alvin Bronstein, Sobol's Thensy, why he be-

lieved this to be true, Young said that the dawyers in Boga-lusa fear the KKK.

The witness testified that Bronstein, whose LCDC headwas the first attorney brought to Bogalusa by James Farmer, national director of CORE,

Young recited a number of tained by these attorneys con-

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White Attorneys Afraid the Advancement of Colored changed and right workers of Intimidation, Claim People in that parish. OTHER WITNESSES the local police.

**'BLACK POWER'** On cross examination by Sid-

ney W. Provensal Jr., attorney for Plaquemines Parish officials. Young denied that he is a "Black Power" advocate. "I am not a 'Black Power' advocate as such, but I believe in 'Black Power' up to a point," he said.

He also denied that he carried a pistol when he took part in a march from Bogalusa to Baton Rouge last summer when "Black Power" leader H.

While being questioned by Cicero C. Sessions, attorney for the Louisiana State Bar Association, an intervenor in the case, Brown claimed that Sobol is, "responsible for me and a lot of other Negroes not

**NO NEGRO ATTORNEYS** Wyche, a barber by trade and active civil rights worker Young asserted that Negroes in the Madison Parish area

> He testified that he approached two of the white attorneys in 1966 in connection with civil rights matters.

> Both refused to handle the cases, he said, and one of them told him "if I do it these people in town will kill me." The other said, "that would kill my practice in Tallulah," the witness added.

He said that his first con-Witnesses who gave testimony liter, harman and the station tact with Sobol and Bronstein concerning alleged difficul-after a rights demonstration tact with Sobol and Bronstein on the part of civil rights work-had been broken up by the was when he was arrested and charged with burglary and assault in connection with his investigation of a civil rights complaint at a 24-hour truck stop in Tallulah.

FIRST CONTACT

His first contact with LCDC lawyers, he asserted, was in 1965 when 61 civil rights workers were arrested for integrat-



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ing a restaurant. If it had not been for the LCDC they would not have had representation, he said.

When asked about the effect of Sobol's arrest on him, Wyche said, "It shook me up because if Mr. Sobol was found guilty and LCDC lawyers were restricted from practicing, the Negroes seeking equal rights would be in a bad fix because they would be unable to get Louisiana lawyers to handle civil rights cases." He added that it would "be about the end" of civil rights work.

Sobol's attorney is seeking to show that there are an inadequate number of Louisiana attorneys willing to do civil rights work and his opponents claim that Negroes are adequately represented by attor-neys licensed to practice here Duncan, a resident of Boothville, described the incident which led to his arrest, claiming that he went to the assistance of his two nephews who were being harassed by four white youths.

#### SOBOD'S ASSISTANCE

He said that Sobol's assistance was obtained by his mother and father and that he never intended to get a lawyer from Plaquemines Parish "because all he would have done is to get me to plead guilty."

Duncan's conviction is now on appeal before the United States Supreme Court.

During his morning testimony Nelson told of his efforts to organize a Southern Lawyers Legal Defense Fund which he said would have allowed attorneys in the South to act independently without influence from any organization.

He asserted, on questioning by Bronstein, that it was his idea to develop a board to subsidize those attorneys who wanted to handle civil rights cases without interference from outside sources.

Nelson said that these efforts met with little success but later at a meeting of a local bar group he asked that the organization develop a symposium for attorneys to discuss "direct action and passive resistance" which he termed civil rights action.

DROPPED FROM GROUP He said that this meeting was in December of 1963, and on the following Hory he was notified that he had been dropped from vide a fund from which attor- ipate as it (NOLAC) is present membership in the organization neys could receive out-of-pocket ly formed." membership in the organization for being the work with his dues.

Relating other efforts along these lines, the attorney asserted that after the 1964 Civil Rights Act was passed he went to Leon Sarpy, a former president of the Louisiana State Bar Association, to discuss a pro-gram for the bar to volunteer attorneys for civil rights work but heard nothing more about his suggestion.

He added that he then made no further efforts to involve Louisiana lawyers in civil rights matters.

"I realize that no lawyer has to handle a case, but I thought that the profession in Louisiana did not fulfill what I thought to be a responsibility to create an environment for a lawyer who wanted to take one of these cases without the fantastic pressures brought on him, par-ticularly the white lawyer," Nelson asserted.

In answer to further questioning by Bronstein, Nelson voiced the opinion, based on what he said were discussions with Negroes and civil rights workers, that the average Negro in the state has no confidence in the merits of his cause and as a result the Negroes stay away from white lawyers when civil rights issues are involved.

He also expressed the opinion that Sobol's arrest in Plaquemines Parish would deter other white attomeys from handling similar cases in that parish and would also deter Negroes from seeking white attorneys.

Questioned under cross examination by Provensal, the attorney admitted that he has been treated cordially when he practices in Plaquemines and that white attorneys in the New Orleans area will raise all constitutional questions in defense of Negro clients.

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He also claim that his ef-forts to form a Southern Defense Fund was not to enable lawyers Fund was not to enable lawyers LSBA's president, stating that to make fees but merely to pro- the association deannot partic

He told. Thomas M. Brahney Jr., an assistant state attorney general, that he wanted the organization to be composed of responsible Southern lawyers, deans of law schools and deans of the bar associations in order to let Negroes know that white lawyers are concerned.

has never made a profit on civil members.

but has accepted expenses. He also admitted that he has never submitted to the House of Delegates of the Louisiana

State Bar Association any proposal for an organization such as the type he described on his direct examination.

He added that in one instance he proposed that the bar set up a legal aid effice in the Ninth Ward after Hirricane Betsy. Nelson claimed that the LSBA

has refused to cooperate in the operation of the New Orleans Legal Assistance Corporation, an organization set up under auspices of the Office of Economic Opportunity, and added "the bar generally in Louisiana has abdicated any leadership in any way it affected the Negro's quest for equality."

He told the court that in his opinion the state bar has not actively opposed NOLAC but is not cooperating.

SIX LAYMEN ON BOARD Asked by Sessions if this is not because the organization is under lay control, Nelson replied that as a matter of fact the organization is not under lay control, having six laymen out of 21 members on the board of directors.

Nelson charged that the idea of lay people on the board is "a cloak" the LSBA is using.

Sessions sought to show that in his evaluation Nelson has But he added, "I do not know not taken into consideration any that they will raise issues of of the legal limitations on the things.

The bar association's attor-hey placed into evidence a letter from John Pat Little, the

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District Court changed seats 15 Throughout a trial in his court.

law without a state license.

SOBOL IS also attacking the constitutionality of Louisiana of-state attorneys.

Bagert testified that lawyers in New Orleans are "well qualified, industrious and energetic" and added that he could "use all kinds of superlatives" in describing mem.

He told the court that "certainly these lawyers raise all possible constitutional defenses in the case of Negro clients." In answer to questions by Sidney W. Provensal, representing the Plaquemines officials, he said he treats all Negro attorneys with the same courtesy accorded white lawyers.

HE EXPRESSED the opinion that Negroes involved in civil rights cases could get repre-sentation by New Orleans attorneys.

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Bagert was also asked if he thought a New Orleans allor-Judge Defends ney would take a position with the Lawyers Constitutional De-

District Court changed seats to: inrougnout a triat in his court. day to testify to his confidence, including the second seather in the including seather in the including solol, asked the judge restimony was given in the including solol, asked the judge suit started by Richard Ba Solol, Washington, D. C., altor-in civil rights cases in Louisiana for the past year and a half Leander H. Perez Sr. segregation for the past year and a half. Leander H. Perez Sr., segrega-He is seeking to prevent his prosecution by Plaquemines Parish on a charge of practicing Judicial . District Court.

The suit is being heard by Circuit Judge Robert A. Ainslaw regulating practice by out- worth Jr. and District Judges Brederick J. R. Heebe and Fred J. Cassibry.



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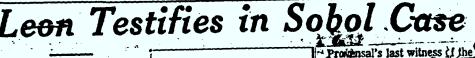
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torney for the defense in a case and Negroes and others enbrought by Sobol seeking to gaged in civil rights work have Provensal offered the testi-block his prosecution on a little confidence in most white mony of Judge Leon and the charge of practicing law with attorneys. out a license.

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During the day's proceedings on behalf of his clients, Judge the Lawyers Constitutional De. stantially that they would rep-Provensal called 14 witnesses Leon, segregationist leader Le-fense Committee, an organiza- resent N e g r o e s in criminal ander H. Perez Sr., and Plaque-tion handling civil rights litiga- cases and urge all possible conmines district attorney Leander tion mainly in the Southeastern, stitutional defenses. They as-H. Perez Jr.

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available Monday and will then time Sobol first appeared before rest his case.

matter on the side of the de- He also told the court that no fendants in order to defend the matter how the present case constitutionality of the state turns out he will recuse himstatute and began the presenta- self in the event Sobol is tried tion of its case after Provensal in Plaquemines on the unauthused all of his available wit- orized practice of law suit. nesses.

The federal court case is an outgrowth of Sobol's arrest in troduced to Sobol when the Dun-Baldwin, G. Wray Gill, Nathan Pointe a la Hache on Feb. 21, can charges were first prose-Greenberg, Bernard Horton, Ed-1967, after he had conferred cuted by Robert Collins, a New ward A. Wallace, Gilbert V. An-

Didn't Know Lawyer Not with Judge Leon about an ap- day the Leander H. Perez Jr., peal for Gary Duncan, a Negro who testified that in his opinion client who had been convicted the Duncan case did not involve of simple battery.

The judge was one of the last civil rights cases because Lou-Judge Leon. He said that he The judge was one of the last civil rights cases because LOU-witnesses called to the stand islana's white attorneys gener-by Sidney W. Provensal Jr., at-ally will not take such cases brig, to see the file.

The case is being heard by Sobol is also attacking the Judge Robert A. Ainsworth Jr.

> J. Cassibry. CHIEF STAFF COUNSEL Sobol is chief staff counsel for stand and each testified sub-

states. Judge Leon testified that be-Provensal told the court that fore the federal court suit was he has two additional witnesses filed against him he had never civil rights activities. to call Tuesday who were not heard of the LCDC and at the him in the Duncan case he had

The Louisiana State Bar As no idea how long the attorney sociation has intervened in the had been in Louisiana.

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Orleans Negro attorney.

He also claimed that Duncan's Another of Provensal's wit-alleged altercation with two nesses was Luke Petrovich, an white youths took place about attorney and member of the a half mile from the Buras Plaquemines Parish Commisschool and could be called a sion Council. School and could be called a sion Council. School desegregation. He told of

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Earlier in the day Provensal called seven attorneys to the serted that they would do the same if the cases arose out of

Cross examining these witnesses, Bronstein brought out these attorneys have never handled what he termed affirmative civil rights cases brought under provisions of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Voting Rights Act of 1965, or to desegregate schools or public facilities.

The attorneys who testified in Judge Leon told of being in-this way included Edward M. dry III and George Ehmig.

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1961 to represent a Negrol charged with rape in Plaquemines and claimed that he raised the constitutional question of systematic exclusion from the jury of Negroes. He termed it an unpopular case in Plaquemines Parish.

Bronstein sought to show on cross examination that Petrovich and an associate, John Slavich, took the case to the Louisiana Supreme Court and until recently New Orleans was preme Court where writs were facilities large enough for the meeting and that the associa-denied. Later the conviction ion has experienced difficulty was upset in the federal courts for the back of the second difficulty after attorney John Dowling Setting New Orleans members brought out issues not raised by Petrovich and Slavich, testimony revealed.

Bronstein asked Petrovich if he were not an official of the parish would he take a case for the Advancement of Colored attorney has been charged with People to desegregate rest, mauthorized practice. rooms in the parish courthouse. He also claimed that there "I would have to think about admission of members to the

Asked if he is a close asso-LSBA. it the onswered.

ciate of Leander H. Perez Sr., Petrovich said, "I think so, yes."

George M. Leppert, a New Orleans attorney was called to the stand by Cicero C. Sessions, one of the attorneys representing the state bar. Lep-pert said that although he now is engaged mainly in brief writing for other attorneys, he has never had any hesitation about handling cases for Negroes. He also claimed that in his opinion Negroes have confidence in white attorneys.

The LSBA's only other witness of the day was Thomas O. Colling Ir., executive counsel for the association.

He claimed that the association has no restrictions or re straints on Negro members at tending the LSBA's annual convention in Biloxi and any such such restriction would be contrary to association policy.

The location of the convention in Biloxi has nothing to do with segregation, he asserted.

The witness explained that the only city with convention ness meetings when it is held in the city.

Collins testified that he knows of no other instance since 1965 when he took the position other than the Sobol case in which an

He also claimed that there

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### Plaquemines Rights Defense Peril--Lawyer The suit, which is in its

A Negro attorney testified be-Rouge School Board after he fore a special three-judge fed-represented Negro children in eral court today he would go a school desegregation move-to Plaquemines Parish to de-ment.

fend civil rights workers, but with "qualms and reluctance." filing of charges as harassment "I wouldn't rush down there," and intimidation, Jones' replied John Jones of East Baton that he did. Rouge said. "I know its repu-tion Duit Know its repu-

tation. But I would go. Dying tice," he said. for a cause in Plaquemines

Parish is like dying for a cause 0. M. FISS, U.S. Department of Justice attorney intervening on behalf of the plaintiff, que-

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JONES TOOK THE stand in ried Jones as to whether the a suit instituted by Richard B. representation of the Louisiana Sobol, Washington, D. C., at-Bar Association Committee on torney to block prosecution by Ethics and Grievances had told Plaquemines Parish on a him that if he pleaded guilty to charge of practicing law in Lou-isiana without a state license ness and creating strife He has been active in civil would receive only a reprimand. rights litigation in the state for He said that was true but he, the past year and a half as had refused. chief staff counsel for the

lawyers Constitutional Defense John Cummings also took the Committee.

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JONES TESTIFIED that dis- cases primarily and that about barment proceedings were filed 20 per cent of his thents are against him by the East Baton Negroes.

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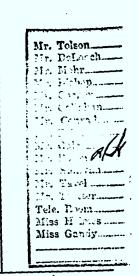
gal aid available in the state. The three-judge panel yesterday heard President John Pat Little of the Louisiana-State Bar Association deny that the association has re-

> fused if comperate in a federally sponsored program of legal aid to Plaquemines residents.

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THE PLAINTIFF is seeking to establish the need of outof-state attorneys for ade-

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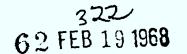
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## Claims Rights ases Blocked siders

The presence of out-of-state attorneys has helped prevent prosecution of civil rights workers in Louisiana, a Washington, D. C. lawyer tertiled today. Richard B. Sobol, a civil rights attorney, took the stand today in his federal district. court suit to enjoin Plaquemines Parish authorities from prosecuting him for practicing law without a license.

**HE WAS** questioned by Cicero Sessions, attorney for the Louisiana Bar Association, which has intervened on behalf of the defense. Sbol said "those persons who might prosecute a civil rights worker are less likely to do so if they know those individuals will have adequate representation."

Sobol said under questioning he sent telegrams to television stations asking equal time to answer Gov. John J. McKeithen's criticism of civil rights marchers in Bogalusa last year.

SESSIONS ALSO delved into the matter of the funding of Lawyers Constitutional Defense Committee, which has sent lawyers into the South since 1964. Sobol said he knew of foundations, including the Ford and the Field foundations, which had contributed but that he had no access to lists of all donors. Alvin J. Bronstein, Sobol's at-

torney, objected to the question being pursued into the list of individual donors because if rience in trying criminal cases. Louisiana contributors appeared there might be reprisal egainst them in the state.

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THROUGH AGREEMENT of stell. the attorneys for both sides and the juriges, individual names were not requested.

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competent Louisiana lawyers to three years before coming to represent clients in civil rights Louisiana he was associated cases, Sobol replied the organi-with a Washington, D. C., law then would certainly do and firm and had been a volunteer one were willing to take the case. Previous testimony had been

heard that white lawyers in the 1966. state will not generally take attorneys are not acceptable don ter he said he had a \$24,000-ato inadequate training.

today, said the inferior educa- \$15,000 since he became cine, tion of Negro attorneys, particu-counsel, he said. larly in the South, is recognized and that he has been requested by the Education Test Services. which has headquarters in Princeton, N. J., to conduct workshops for Negro law students in the state.

Sobol told the court yesterday that Judge Eugene Leon of Plaquemines Parish did not object to his practice before him until Gary Duncan, Negro, whom he was defending at the time of his arrest in 1967, was sentenced. Duncan was charged and later convicted of battery in a school desegregation altercation.

THE CIVIL RIGHTS attorney said that the firm of Collins, Douglas and Elie of New Orleans accepted the case with some "trepidation" after he had consulted with a partner of the firm.

Sobol said he was arrested Feb. 21, 1967, in the Plaque-mines Parish courthouse after he had conferred with Judge Leon about an appeal bond to the U.S. Supreme Court for Duncan.

Sidney W. Provensal, attorney for Leander H. Perez Jr., Plaquemines Parish district attorney, and Judge Leon crossexamined Sobol in an attempt to show he has had little expe-

EARLIER SOBOL explained his background under questioning by his attorney, Alvin Bron-

Asked if LCDC would hire | Sobol said that for more than attorney for the LCDC during August 1965. He said he reburned to Louisiana in August

While working for the Washington firm of Arnold and Poryear salary. When he joined LCDC he made \$2,900 a year. SOBOL, UNDER questioning His salary has been raised to

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## Bar President Denies Refusal

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Says Policy Favors Stick for Indigent Program The president of the Louisi-ana State Bar Association de nied Tuesday in federal court

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sociation's policy is to assist and an effort to defend but three fourths to fire him program throughout the state vened in an effort to defend but three fourths to fire him but that so far it has serious effort to show that Lauisiana etcl. Which looks like sealing someof the program. The bar president sought to refute the previous testimony of Richard Buckley, executive light director of the New Orleans Legal Assistance Corporation mines

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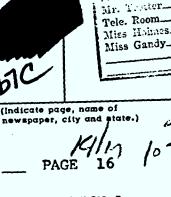
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'PRIVATE FIGHT' "we thought it was a private fight between Sobol and Perez," he asserted.

Questioned further by Sessions he said that had there been no charges filed and only a complaint by Proyensal and Perez the committee, in his opinion, would have investigat-

ed the case and probably taken some action. 

Later, he continued, when the ustice Department intervened and about 55 others filed amicus curiae briefs on the side of Sobol, the committee felt that the state statute was under direct attack and it was recommended to the LSBA's House of Delegates that the organization intervene.

Others called by Sessions included William F. Wessel. a representative of the New Orleans Criminal Courts Bar Association, and Floyd Reed, a sociation, and Floyd Reed, a resented Negroes "every time New Orleans attorney, both tes-tifying that in their opinions, when asked to estimate what Negroes could receive adequate representation from local attorneys.

BAR_EXAMINATIONS

Another witness was Frank McLoughlin, chairman of the LSBA's bar examinations committee who told of the mechan-Tammany Parishes have furics of administering the examinations. He said that at no time fendants and recently an Indiis the race of an applicant gent Defendant Board was esknown to the examiners.

Provensal rested his case after ca'ling Judge Bernard J. Bagert, witness stand.

inal law and added that he cal lawyers was meager be-could "use all types of superla-tives" to describe their compe- of counsel available on or betence.

He asserted that in his opin ion they would urge all possible constitutional defenses for Negroes and would have no hesitation in handling cases for Negroes or unpopular cases.

The judge added that in his opinion attorneys who practice in criminal court would represent Negroes who may be charged with crimes growing out of civil rights activities. STAFF COUNSEL "

in his opinion there are a num- no problem .... I was spectac- against Bogalusa officials for ber of attorneys in New Orleans who would take the position of LCDC staff counsel for

the \$15,000 annual salary which Sohol has testified that he de paid. The maximum salary paid the head of the Legal Aid Bu reau here is \$7,000, he added. If an out-of-state attorney tempted to practice in his court, Judge Bagert said, he would need to produce some qualification and would have to be associated with local counsel. The local attorney would also have to be present for the trials of the case, he asserted. The judge was asked by Pro-

vensal if in his opinion Negroes have confidence in local white attorneys and the answer was "Positively." Cicero C. Sessions, the LSEA

attorney, then called Bascom D. Talley Jr., a Bogalusa 🛋 torney and former president of the bar association to the stand. He claimed that he has reppercentage of his practice involves Negro clients he as-serted "our books are desegregated and I can't tell."

He testified that as long as he has been an attorney the courts of Washington and St. nished counsel for indigent detablished for the Twenty-Second Judicial District.

He contended during his testi-Bagert, presiding judge of mony that since civil rights Criminal District Court, to the demonstrations began in Bogaof mony that since civil rights lusa in the spring of 1965 Ne-Judge Bagert testified that he groes have been able to get local attorneys to represent them considered New Orleans area cal attorneys to represent them attorneys well qualified in crim-but "the representation by h cause there was an abundance fore the arrests."

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tive from 1952 to 1965 in a civic capacity to ease tensions between whites and Negroes.

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Talley was asked by Bronstein if he has represented Rob-ation of Law Schools on the subert Hicks and A. Z. Young, two sect and said that it was not Bogalusa civil rights leaders, and he responded that he has in general legal matters but gets and none of their civil rights business. "I think Mr. Elie's firm sions in admissions for Ne-handles all that," the attorney groes because of disadvantages added, referring to Lolis Elie, a in cultural and educational member of the firm of Collins, background. Douglas and Elie, New Orleans Negro attorneys.

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This was in reference to Talley's testimony that on one occasion Young came to him to obtain money.

NO NAMES GIVEN Asked specifically which lawyers in the Bogalusa area would represent Negroes, Talley refused to name anyone and said that he would not do so "because of my respect for my brother lawyers.'

He added, "But I believe there

a dialogue between the races Bronstein asked the witness if The witness also testified that . . . if intelligent whites talk to in June, 1965, he would have intelligent Negroes you've got brought an injunction suit

ularly-unsuccessful," he assert- Young and Hicks as was done by out-of-state attorneys.

"Not for Young and Hicks because they were just as lawless as some of the whites, thought about bringing such an

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made by the American Associmade with any particular state region in mind.

He said that it disclosed that some law schools make conces-

He described a program at the University of Mississippi's In other references to Hicks summer session in which Neand Young, the Bogalusa at-terney said "Both of them know meet the university's minimum that my view is that everybody standards for the law school should comply with the law. I and are put through one course. don't like extremism no matter If they do well in that course

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# **Rights Deposition Shows Perez**

#### By Jack Nelson Los Angeles Times

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 28 — Hollywood could hardly come up with two more appropriate adversaries — Alvin J. Bronstein, 39, handsome, dark haired civil rights attorney from New York, and Judge Leander H. Perez Sr., 76, of Plaquemines Parish, La., a distinguishedlooking, gray-haired political boss and old school segregationist.

They faced each other across a conference table, Bronstein with a legal pad loaded with questions, Perez puffing on a cigar and peering through light-rimmed glasses. From their encounter emerged a story of one man's iron-fisted domination of a parish (county) government for more than 40 years -a story of his influence on Louisiana politics and his unyielding opposition to the Federal Government in the civil rights movement.

Bronstein was taking a deposition from Perez for use in a Federal court suit challenging the right of Plaquemines and the State officials to prohibit out-ofstate lawyers from representing Negroes and civil rights workers in Louisiana courts. The trial of the case before a three-judge court resumes here Monday.

resumes here Monday. After the taking of the deposition, another civil rights attorney commented, "You have to disagree with Perez almost completely, but you can grudgingly admire his blunt talk. He's honest about his bigotry."



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Bronstein, formerly chief counsel of the Lawyers ion Constitutional Defense Committee end now a fellow at the Institute of Politics at Harvard University Kennedy School of Government, began the questioning of Perez by introducing himself and the plaintiff in the

**Co.** Bichard B. Sobol. Sobol is a young civil rights attorney from Washington and New York who had been arrested in Plaquemines Parish for "unauthorized practice of law." "Soboloff and Bronstein," Perez snorted, "it sounds like Russian to me."

Perez not only acknowledged but boasted of his political powers. He was elected Plaquemines' first judge in 1920 and later became district attorney, and president of the Parish Council—posts now held by his sons.

Perez, a millionaire and perhaps the parish's wealthiest landowner, declared he had set up the parish's fiscal policy and Plaquemines had the lowest tax rate in the State. He has made the parish's law, interpreted it and enforced it.

For two decades he has directed the Plaquemines Democratic Executive Committee and he often has had control or strong influence over the state committee. He save he, has "written hun-

dreds of bills for the Legislature" and calls himself the legislators' "unofficial adviser."

As Parish Council president, Perez pushed through an order prohibiting demonstrations of more than 14 people without a permit. He proudly noted that no one has applied for a permit "and we have not had any such demonstrations."

Bronstein asked Perez about the Council's purchase of an old fort (Ft. St. Phillip) on the Mississippi River for use as a stockade to imprison any civil rights workers who might venture into Plaquemines.

"Yes, of course," was the reply, "because we felt that our jails were not large enough to accomodate the large number of demonstrators . . that visited other places. So we prepared for them.

To reach Pointe a la Hache, the parish seat, by one route it is necessary to cross the Mississippi by ferry. Bronstein asked Perez if he had once told someone, "If Martin Luther King comes in, we'll guarantee his transportation across the riverpart way that is."

"Possibly," Perez said. "Hey, are you defending Martin Luther King? Is he one of your idols?"

At another point, Bronstein asked about the adoption of a parish ordinance requiring that itinerant workers be fingerprinted.

"There was an influx of many hundreds . . . thousands of itinerant laborers. There were a number of undesirable characters and criminals who drifted into the parish as a result, especially one incident where a young woman was raped and attempted murder was committed . . ."

Bronstein asked if Perez

belives the council "has the power to enact an ordinance requiring the fingerprinting and mugging or registering of lawyers who come into the parish."

"That's entirely different," Perez said. If we found a lawyer with a criminal record we would handle him, sir, just as we handle itinerant workers ....

"So, if you are a member, for instance, of the American Civil Liberties Union or any Communist organization, regardless of whether the Federal Government attempts to protect you, we would make it very inconvenient for you in the Parish of Plaquemines."

Bronstein: "Suppose I told you that ... Mr. Sobol is an out-of-state lawyer and is affiliated with the American Civil Liberties Union?",

Perez: "My answer would be that he belongs to an atheistic, Communistic organization, and in my community he would not be a good American, but just a rat," Perez said.

Suppose Sobol made a civil rights talk to a Negro audience in Plequemines Parish, Bronstein asked.

Perez: "If I saw him agitrating unthinking Negroes to disturb the peace I'd handle him personally, as a man. Yes, I'd stop him. Try and see, Mr. Sobol ..."

Bronstein inquired about Perez's confirmation with two Negro attorneys from New Orleans who went to Plaquemines to represent several N e g r o e s arrested there. Perez replied that he told the attorneys they could represent the Negroes, "but I said if they came down to start any trouble, I'd take care of it."

"Didn't you in fact suggest they get out of town?" asked Bronstein.

"I told them to use their,

own judgment," Teres ac plied and went on to explain their judgment was to leave town. (According to an attorney's testimony during the Sobol case trial, the two attorneys found, upon arriving in Plaquemines Parish, that their clients had already been tried, convicted and sentenced).

Had not perez once urged Plaquemines citizens to refuse to cooperate with the FBI, which was investigating civil rights violations?

"Yes," he retorted. "At one time the secret police were knocking on doors. and I told the people... to tell them to go to hell. It was none of their business. Yes, we resent the Federal interference in our local government. Absolutely. It's un-American. It's unlawful. It's dictatorial. It's oppressive."

Did Perez believe civil rights legislation was part of the Communist conpiracy?

"That is correct, no doub

"about that. Of course it is. I read a Zionist book report well, a few years ago. It was a secret book report. I got : as if preparing for combat): a copy of it in Washington. where the Zionists boasted of spending hundreds of thousands of dollars to gain-influence in Washington, where the Zionists got full credit for the Black Monday (school desegregation) de-cision of the U.S. Supreme Court. They wined and dined and gave presents to the judges of the Supreme Court, strictly improper. . ."

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Perez finally declared that Bronstein had strayed far afield in his questions and said, "With a mind as pigmented as yours, as limited, and with the ideologies that undoubtedly you have, I'm impressed that it's not the proper legal prin-

ciples." When Bronstein thanked him for the deposition and said goodbye, Perez replied: "Don't thank me. I'm not thanking you." . . . 1

Bronstein: "Your manners are no concern of mine." Perez (shucking his coat "What? ..... You're not questioning your manners. Don't get . personal."

S. W. Provensal, a Perez aide: "Judge, he's not ques-tioning" your 'manners. He knows better than that." Perez, apparently pacified: "I guess he does. One thing I demand is respect."

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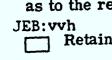
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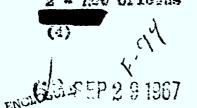
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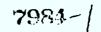
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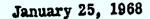
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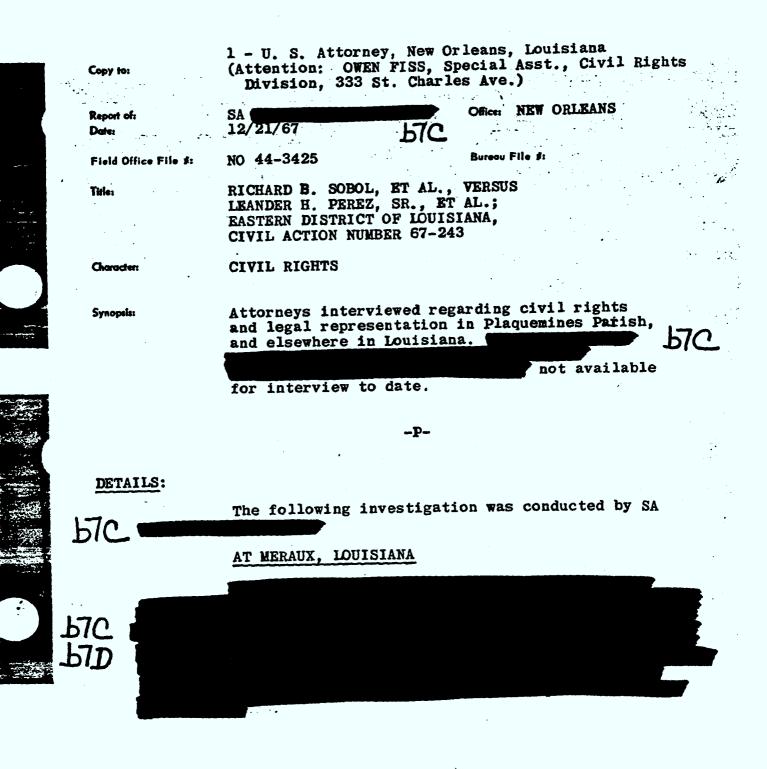
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