

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : MR. BATES *Bates*

DATE: 9-11-72

FROM : W. M. FELT *WMEF*

SUBJECT: JAMES WALTER MC CORD, JR. ; ET AL.
BURGLARY OF DEMOCRATIC PARTY
NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, 6-17-72
INTERCEPTION OF COMMUNICATIONS

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A story in the Washington Post for Saturday, 9-9-72, quoted Justice Department and other sources to the effect (1) that the investigation of this case is complete, and (2) that the FBI agents were not allowed to investigate any allegations of possible violations of the laws relating to political contributions.

Please prepare a memorandum for the Acting Director outlining the investigation still under way and your projection as to when it might be finished.

Also provide any observations or comments concerning the allegation that we have not been allowed to investigate possible irregularities in the matter of campaign contributions. Please include your own observations on this point as well as observations of your #1 Man, Section Chief and Supervisors handling this case at FBIHQ. Also obtain from SAC Kunkel a comment as to whether there is any doubt in his mind as to the scope of the investigation to be conducted.

It appears that much of the information which has been leaked to the press may have come from County Prosecutor Gerstein in Florida. Contact SAC Whittaker and obtain the dates of all contacts with Gerstein together with the names of the agents handling these contacts. Whittaker should interview these agents concerning whether or not they have furnished any information to Gerstein which has subsequently been leaked to the press. Whittaker should also alert all his agents to the need to be most circumspect in all future dealings with Gerstein.

The article which appeared in the Washington Post this morning appears to have been taken from the FD-302 of our interview with former SA Baldwin. You advise that you are making an analysis of this matter which analysis should be incorporated in your memorandum replying to this.

I personally contacted SAC Kunkel to point out that it appeared the Washington Post or at least a reporter had access to the Baldwin FD-302. I told him he should forcibly remind all agents of the need to be most circumspect in talking about this case with anyone outside the Bureau. Incorporate the results of your inquiries concerning the matter set out above in a separate memorandum for the information of the Acting Director.

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