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The Honorable David Ginsburg
Executive Director
The National Advisory Commission
on Civil Disorders
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dave:

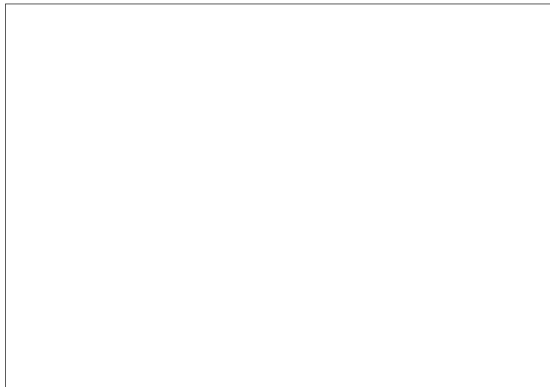
I have your letter of August 29 and I wish to assure you that we stand ready to do whatever we can to help. As you know, we do not have direct responsibilities for domestic security and therefore do not conduct, here in the United States, the kinds of activities which could produce the information in which you are interested. Nevertheless, there is some limited material which has come to us from abroad and which could conceivably be of interest to you.

I have asked one of my senior associates, Mr. Cord Meyer, Jr., whom I believe you know, to call on you at your early convenience and discuss the matter with you.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Richard Helms

Richard Helms
Director



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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Intelligence Support to the National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders: Meeting with FBI Representatives on 20 September 1967

1. The ADDP and C/CI met with FBI representatives Mr. William C. Sullivan and Mr. S. J. Papich to exchange views regarding intelligence support to the National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders. The FBI stressed that Mr. Hoover would not undertake the responsibility for the dissemination of CIA information to the Commission even though such information might provoke the Commission to "look over the Bureau's shoulder." It was therefore agreed that all pertinent information would be disseminated directly to the Commission with appropriate notification regarding other recipients.

2. In view of our experience with the Warren Commission, measures are being taken to insure the protection of sources and methods. The ADDP will maintain the channel of contact with Mr. Ginsburg and assure him of our intent to support the Commission in every way possible.

3. Given the delicacy of the problem, periodic status reports will be prepared for your information.

/s/ Thomas H. Karamessines

Thomas H. Karamessines
Deputy Director for Plans

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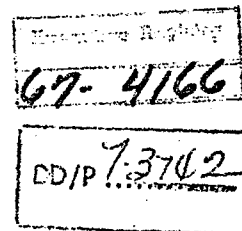
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THE NATIONAL ADVISORY COMMISSION ON CIVIL DISORDERS
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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Honorable Richard Helms
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dick:

By Executive Order 11365 the National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders was authorized to request, at the direction of the Chairman, from others in the government, any information and assistance deemed necessary to carry out its functions. I'm writing at the direction of the Chairman; copies of the Executive Order and the President's Charge to the Commission are enclosed. These two documents define the scope of the inquiry in which the Commission is now engaged.

Both because of the time limitations under which we're operating, and to avoid unnecessary expenditures, the Commission wants very much to avoid duplicating work that has already been done or is under way. We had thought of sending out detailed letters or questionnaires but finally concluded it would be simpler and faster if we asked each department and agency to designate one person to meet with our people and through him learn what information, personnel and resources can be made available to us.

The main purpose of this letter therefore is to ask if you would be willing to designate someone for this purpose and have him telephone Stephen Kurzman, our Deputy Executive Director for Operations (Code 128-28601), to fix a mutually convenient time for an early meeting. If this is inconvenient or impractical, we'll try to adapt ourselves to any other arrangement you may suggest.

Basically, what we're trying to find out, as quickly as possible, is what information you may have available on civil disorders which have occurred within the last two years. We will want to find out in what form you have that information, how it is indexed, its sources, its reliability

Honorable Richard Helms

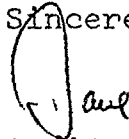
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how many people you think we might need to examine and evaluate it within two days, and what procedures we will have to follow in order to make copies. Since some departments and agencies have under taken or contracted for outside studies in this field, we would like to hear about these as well. Our hope is that the Commission may be able to carry out some of its tasks with the help of your Agency.

I know that this request will put an extra burden on many who are already over-worked but the Commission's assignment is urgent and its time limited. We would be deeply grateful for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,



David Ginsburg
Executive Director

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