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I. Introduction.

The recently released 17,000-page file on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., compiled by headquarters officials at the Federal Bureau of Investigation, details the heavy surveillance and painful harassment that J. Edgar Hoover's FBI directed against America's foremost civil rights leader throughout the 1960s. Most of this file has never been published until now, and it should not be confused with other less comprehensive collections of FBI material on King. This file contains hundreds of substantive documents and is an essential source for the study of Dr. King and his role in the civil rights movement.

Beginning in 1962, when highly valued informants within the top ranks of the American Communist Party told the FBI that one of King's closest confidants, New York lawyer Stanley Levison, was a long-time Communist functionary, Bureau agents closely monitored King's activities and listened in on thousands of his phone conversations. Such round-the-clock surveillance kept FBI executives aware of King's every move and enabled them to pass along memos detailing King's upcoming political plans to interested superiors, including Attorney General Robert Kennedy and Presidents John Kennedy and Lyndon Johnson.

The copious FBI headquarters file on Dr. King allows the scholar, student, or interested citizen to track the Bureau's pursuit of King blow-by-blow, as reports flow in from FBI field offices in New York and Atlanta and other cities, as top FBI executives write to each other about ways to expand their blanket-like coverage on King, and as reports summarizing the Bureau's information on King and the civil rights movement flow outward to the White House, the Pentagon, and other federal offices.

The FBI's declassified documents also allow the reader to follow the development of King's own career and civil rights activities in a way never before possible, for ironically the Bureau's heavy-handed pursuit of King produced an invaluable historical record of the day-to-day thoughts and endeavors of one of America's most famous and important citizens, a man whose hectic life did not allow him the time to put on paper many of the important ideas and concerns that the omnipresent agents of the FBI carefully noted.

FBI worries about King's supposedly dangerous associates came to be shared by top-ranking Justice Department officials, and in the fall of 1963 Robert Kennedy authorized the Bureau to expand its surveillance of King even further. Wiretaps were placed on King's own home and office phones, and hostile FBI officials began plotting ways in which they might harm King's public reputation and destroy his political influence. One upshot of this virulent antipathy was an extensive—and expensive—FBI effort to listen to and record King's most private moments by means of surreptitious "bugs" or microphones secretly implanted in King's hotel rooms by specially skilled teams of Bureau agents. Although a 1977 federal court order sought to limit the after-effects of these outrageous violations of King's personal privacy by removing from the FBI's files all of the "fruits" of this repugnant electronic surveillance and by sealing these items in the National Archives until 2027, the remaining documents fully detail all of the FBI's efforts against King, while not invading those private matters not appropriate for public review.

This important research collection supplies invaluable firsthand information on King's planning of civil rights protests in such Southern hotspots as Birmingham and Selma, on his tension-ridden 1966 foray into the segregated ghettos of Chicago, and on his controversial 1967 decision to vocally oppose the Vietnam war policies of President Lyndon Johnson. It also maps the planning of King's final great crusade, the 1968 Poor People's Campaign, which was about to get underway when King was cut down by a sniper's bullet in Memphis, Tennessee, on April 4, 1968. The final sections of the FBI's comprehensive King file trace the recurring controversies that emerged after King's death concerning the FBI's harassment of him, and these sections guide the curious researcher through the Bureau's responses to the many complaints and investigations of the 1970s that focused on the FBI's distasteful activities against King throughout the previous decade. Taken as a whole, this publication of the FBI's file on King and on his role in the civil rights movement makes available to researchers in history, political science, sociology, and law a crucially important documentary record on one of the central leaders and one of the central issues of our time.

II. Using and Understanding the King File.

This file, designated number 100-106670 by the FBI, is the main or comprehensive "security" file that the Bureau kept on Dr. King at FBI headquarters. The "100" designation is a basic coding that the Bureau long has maintained for domestic security or subversive matter inquiries; the "106670" is a sequential file number initially assigned when the FBI first took note of Martin Luther King—in 1942, when the Bureau briefly looked into allegations that Reverend Martin Luther King, Sr., Dr. King's father, had uttered some disloyal comments. Only in March 1962, several months after the FBI had begun intensive collection of information about Dr. King, Jr., did Bureau supervisors realize that they were placing their documents about the well-known civil rights leader in a file whose first two memos, dating from 1942, concerned a separate but identically named individual, his father. The Bureau resolved this confusion by transferring those two old items to a new file, 100-432863, while Dr. King, Jr., inherited the file number initially assigned his father two decades earlier.¹

Each FBI document whose original or first copy is designated for a particular file is assigned an individual serial number, beginning with one—100-106670-1—and continuing on up into the hundreds and thousands for a lengthy file such as Dr. King's—e.g. 100-106670-999. Those handwritten serial numbers, commonly used for citing individual documents, generally can be found in the lower right hand corner of a document's first page. Sometimes, in the latter reaches of the King file, two separate but related documents will bear the same serial number, and will be referred to by Bureau officials as "100-106670-999-incoming" and "100-106670-999-outgoing." This file, like most others, is also replete with copies of documents whose originals were titled and designated for some other file, and hence will *not* bear King file serialization numbers. Such documents—"Communist Party USA, Negro Question," or "Communist Infiltration of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference"—will have their own individual serial designations—100-3-116-48 and 100-438794-57, for instance—but often such inscriptions will not be fully visible or legible on these copies. Most commonly these secondary serials are spoken of in Bureau parlance as "not recorded" in this file, or 100-106670-NR in FBI coding. Occasionally, serials initially designated for one file subsequently were transferred or changed to another, as is visible early in the King file with six serials—numbered three through eight—which were shifted to headquarters file 100-135-61, an Alabama "Racial Conflict" rubric where the Bureau placed most of its documents concerning the Montgomery bus boycott of 1955-1956.

Several particular types of serials deserve special comment. "Correlation Summaries," such as 100-106670-11, are lengthy inventories listing every FBI file reference to a specific individual, such as Dr. King, not contained in the main

file on that person. FBI field offices in cities such as Atlanta and New York commonly communicated with Bureau headquarters through teletypes, "airtels"—airmail letters—and more formal letterhead memos, or "LHMs." Headquarters officials often prepared formal memoranda for each other, and for transmittal to the two men at the top of the FBI's pyramid, Associate Director Clyde Tolson and Director J. Edgar Hoover. Such memos often were *not* prepared by the apparent sender himself, but by a supervisor working under him, whose authorship commonly can be detected by examining the typed initials located in the bottom left corner of most headquarters documents. On many such memos, the handwritten initials of Hoover, Tolson, and other top executives, sometimes accompanied by lengthier annotations, indicate their personal reading of that document.

The King file reflects several different types of authorized deletions. In the first and major segment of the King headquarters file—one hundred and four "sections" or binders that proceed in rough chronological order—certain documents concerning electronic surveillance authorizations do not appear. Such items, spoken of arcanelly as "JUNE mail" in FBI parlance, were housed in an extrasecure special file room within Bureau headquarters, and have been released by the FBI in two separate "JUNE sections," which appear here as the second segment of this overall file.² Though filed separately, these special documents were serialized in the normal, chronological fashion, and referral sheets pointing the reader toward their separate location appear in the main sections in the places where these memos otherwise would be filed.

Deletions from the King file—either in the form of blacked out sections on released pages or in the form of totally withheld pages—have taken place for two basic reasons. First, the Freedom of Information Act, under which these documents were requested, processed, and released, allows the FBI and other federal agencies to delete and withhold a variety of types of information. These exemptions—listed in full in Appendix 1 of this guide—authorize the Bureau to withhold any classified information (exemption (b) [1]), any material "related solely to the internal rules and practices of the FBI," such as informant coding symbols ((b) [2]), any records that would invade someone's personal privacy by, for instance, discussing their sexual habits ((b) [7] [c]), or material that would "reveal the identity of a confidential source or reveal confidential information furnished only by the confidential source" ((b) [7] [d]), among others. Whichever exemption or exemptions the FBI is claiming in withholding a certain passage or document is cited as such in the margin of a partially released document or on the top line of the "deleted page" sheets, which are inserted when a single page or entire document is withheld. Deleted page sheets also appear in place of referral documents, memos prepared by agencies other than the FBI and which the FBI forwarded to the originating agency for separate (and subsequent) FOIA processing.

The second basic grounds for deletions from the King file is an order issued by the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia in 1977 in a lawsuit filed by one of Dr. King's closest former aides, Bernard S. Lee, and the SCLC, seeking damages for the extensive electronic surveillance that the FBI carried out against Dr. King during the 1960s. Though no money damages were awarded, the court did instruct the FBI to remove from its files, and turn over under seal to the National Archives, for a period of at least fifty years, all recordings, transcripts of recordings, and descriptive summaries generated by the telephone wiretaps the FBI had placed upon Dr. King's Atlanta home and office between 1963 and 1966, and by hotel room "bugs" or microphones that the Bureau had targeted against King on numerous occasions between 1964 and 1966. The full text of this court order appears as Appendix 2 of this guide; special deleted page sheets indicating serials removed from the King file pursuant to that order appear throughout the file sections covering that time period.

Six years later, in 1983, U.S. Senator Jesse Helms (R.-N.C.), in a futile effort to block congressional passage of a Martin Luther King, Jr., holiday bill, unsuccessfully but stridently sought to have that 1977 order altered so as to allow him access to the previously sealed surveillance materials on the grounds that such access was necessary in order for him and other Senators to cast fully informed

votes on the King holiday measure. Though the attempt garnered Helms the extensive publicity he was seeking, the D.C. federal court made short shrift of his legal arguments seeking access to the King materials. The court's opinion and order in this matter appears as Appendix 3 to this guide.³

The third and final segment of the King file—following the 104 initial sections and the two JUNE sections—is a fifteen section "sub-A" file composed of newspaper clippings, wire service stories, and other public source materials concerning King that FBI headquarters officials collected, and sometimes annotated, over the course of their investigation. Read in conjunction with the Bureau's internally generated documents concerning King's activities, this subfile allows a researcher to sample extensively from nationwide press coverage of King's undertakings without having to search through scores of individual newspapers.⁴

Notes

1. This matter is detailed further in David J. Garrow, *The FBI and Martin Luther King, Jr.: From "Solo" to Memphis* (New York: W.W. Norton & Co., 1981, Penguin Paperback, 1983), p. 234, n. 9. Researchers planning to make extensive use of the King security file may want to become familiar with additional citations and information from this volume before proceeding with intensive study of the King file.
2. The procedures and origins of the "JUNE mail" system are ably set forth in Athan Theoharis, "FBI Surveillance During the Cold War Years," *Public Historian* 3 (Winter 1981): 4-14.
3. A more comprehensive account of the 1983 controversy over the holiday bill is given in David J. Garrow, "The Helms Attack on King," *Southern Exposure* 12 (March 1984): 12-15.
4. The editor welcomes any and all questions or inquiries concerning the use or interpretation of items from the King security file or attendant matters. His address is: Department of Political Science, The City College of New York, Convent Avenue and 138th Street, New York, New York 10031.

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

BERNARD S. LEE,)	
)	
Plaintiff)	Civil Action
)	
v)	No. 76 - 1185
)	
CLARENCE M. KELLEY, et al.,)	
)	
Defendants)	
)	
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE,)	
)	
Plaintiff)	Civil Action
)	
v)	No. 76 - 1186
)	
CLARENCE M. KELLEY, et al.,)	
)	
Defendants)	

MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER

Bernard Lee, former assistant to Dr. Martin Luther King, and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), headed by Dr. King until his death in 1968, are suing Clarence Kelley, Cartha DeLoach, William Sullivan, John Mohr (executor of the estate of Clyde Tolson), and two unknown (and unserved) FBI agents for violation of rights guaranteed them under the First, Fourth, and Fifth Amendments to the Constitution of the United States. Specifically, Lee alleges that defendants surreptitiously tape-recorded his conversations in a room at the Willard Hotel in 1963 and that a copy of the tape was sent to Mrs. King in 1964. He further contends that other of his conversations have been recorded since that time, including some after the enactment, in 1968, of Title III of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act, 18 U.S.C. §§2510-2520. SCLC complains that, "beginning in 1963 and ending in the Fall of 1968," defendants eavesdropped on the conversations of the organization's employees. It too contends that recordings of these conversations have been made available to the news media and others outside the FBI. Both plaintiffs seek money damages and request that all records of the monitored conversations be destroyed or impounded.

Defendants' Motion to Dismiss, now before the Court, raise several substantial defenses. However, in view of the fact that the Court now finds the damage claims to be barred by the statute of limitations, consideration of the other defenses is pretermitted.

When suing either under *Bivens v. Six Unknown Named Agents of Federal Bureau of Narcotics*, 403 U.S. 388 (1971), or under Title III, plaintiffs are governed by the most analogous statute of limitations of the state in which the Court sits. *Holmberg v. Armbricht*, 327 U.S. 392, 395 (1946); *Johnson v. Railway Express Agency, Inc.*, 421 U.S. 454 (1975); *Ernst & Ernst v. Hochfelder*, 44 U.S.L.W. 4451 4459n.29 (1976); *Forrestal Village, Inc. v. Graham*, No. 76-1314 (D.C.Cir. January 13, 1977). In this case, the three-year District of Columbia statute controls. Pub.L.88-241, 77 Stat. 509, 12 D.C. Code §301(8). The statute began to run when plaintiffs actually discovered, or in the exercise of due diligence should have discovered, the operative facts of the cause of action. See *Lewis v. Denison*, 2 App.D.C. 387 (1894); *Holmberg v. Armbricht, supra*.

Starting in the mid-1960s and reaching a peak in 1968 and 1969, at the time of former Attorney General Robert Kennedy's campaign for the Presidency and thereafter, the nation's leading newspapers were rife with accounts of buggings of Dr. King. See Exhibit A to Federal Defendants' Motion to Dismiss. Under these circumstances, plaintiffs' avowal that they had no knowledge of the source of the tapes until the 1975 report by the Senate Select Committee on the FBI is not well taken. Accordingly, the motions to dismiss the amended complaints are granted.

With reference to the custody of the intercepted conversations, an inventory of all such records shall be presented to the Court, and the records themselves shall be turned over, under seal, to the Archivist of the United States. See 44 U.S.C. §2101 et seq.

Therefore, it is by the Court this 31st day of January 1977

ORDERED that the Motions by defendants Clarence M. Kelley, Cartha DeLoach, William C. Sullivan and John P. Mohr to dismiss the Amended Complaints be, and the same hereby are, granted; and it is further

ORDERED that, within ninety (90) days of the date of the entry of this Order, the Federal Bureau of Investigation shall assemble at its headquarters in Washington, D.C., all known copies of the recorded tapes, and transcripts thereof, resulting from the FBI's microphonic surveillance, between 1963 and 1968, of the plaintiffs' former president, Martin Luther King, Jr.; and all known copies of the tapes, transcripts and logs resulting from the FBI's telephone wire-tapping, between 1963 and 1968, of the plaintiffs' offices in Atlanta, Georgia and New York, New York, the home of Martin Luther King, Jr., and places of public accommodation occupied by Martin Luther King, Jr.; and it is further

ORDERED that at the expiration of the said ninety (90) day period, the Federal Bureau of Investigation shall deliver to this Court under seal an inventory of said tapes and documents and shall deliver said tapes and documents to the custody of the National Archives and Records Service, to be maintained by the Archivist of the United States under seal for a period of fifty (50) years; and it is further

ORDERED that the Archivist of the United States shall take such actions as are necessary to the preservation of said tapes and documents but shall not disclose the tapes or documents, or their contents, except pursuant to a specific Order from a court of competent jurisdiction requiring disclosure.

James Lewis Smith, Jr.
United States District Judge

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

BERNARD S. LEE,

Plaintiff,

v.

Civil Action No. 76-1186

CLARENCE M. KELLEY:

CARTHA DeLOACH:

WILLIAM C. SULLIVAN:

**JOHN P. MOHR, Executor of
the Estate of Clyde A.
Tolson, deceased; and**

**TWO UNKNOWN AGENTS,
individually and as agents
of the Federal Bureau of
Investigation,**

Defendants.

**SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN
LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE,**

Plaintiff,

v.

Civil Action No. 76-1186

CLARENCE KELLEY, et al.,

Defendants.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Defendant-Intervener

JESSE HELMS,

Counterclaimant-Intervener

v.

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**ROBERT M. WARNER
ARCHIVIST OF THE UNITED STATES
National Archives and Records
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Pennsylvania Ave. & 7th St., N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20408, and**

**WILLIAM H. WEBSTER, Director
of the Federal Bureau of
Investigation
Department of Justice
Constitution Ave. & 9th St., N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20530**

Defendants in Intervention

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

Senator Jesse Helms seeks leave to intervene pursuant to Fed.R.Civ.P. 24(a)(2) in two cases decided by this Court in 1977. In *Lee v. Kelley*, No. 76-1185, and *Southern Christian Leadership Conference v. Kelley*, No. 76-1186 (D.D.C. Jan. 31, 1977), this Court ordered that tapes and transcripts generated by Federal Bureau of Investigation electronic surveillance of Dr. Martin Luther King be held under seal in the National Archives for a period of fifty years, and that the tapes or their contents not be disclosed except under specific court order. The case is currently before the Court on Senator Helms' motion to intervene and his motion, under Fed.R.Civ.P. 60(b)(5), to vacate or modify the Court's 1977 order.

Senator Helms requests access to the sealed materials before the Senate considers, on October 19, 1983, legislation establishing a national holiday honoring Dr. King. Such legislation has been introduced numerous times in prior sessions of Congress. On August 2, 1983, the House of Representatives passed a King holiday bill and sent it to the Senate for consideration. More than two months later, on October 11, 1983, and barely one week before the Senate is scheduled to vote on the bill, Senator Helms filed this motion for intervention.

Fed.R.Civ.P. 24(a)(2) provides that:

"Upon timely application anyone shall be permitted to intervene in an action: . . . (2) when the applicant claims an interest relating to the property or transaction which is the subject of the action and he is so situated that the disposition of the action may as a practical matter impair or impede his ability to protect that interest, unless the applicant's interest is adequately represented by existing parties."

Assuming that Senator Helms' motion is "timely made," *Foster v. Gueroey*, 655 F.2d 1319, 1324 (D.C. Cir. 1981),¹ Fed.R.Civ.P. 24(a)(2) requires that the applicant show that he has an "interest relating to the property or transaction" at issue, and that disposition of the action "may as a practical matter impair or impede his ability to protect that interest." Fed.R.Civ.P. 24(a)(2). See *Donaldson v. United States*, 400 U.S. 517, 531 (1971) (applicant must assert a "significantly protectable interest"). See also *Nuessa v. Camp*, 385 F.2d 694, 700 (D.C. Cir. 1967); *Smuck v. Hobson*, 408 F.2d 175, 177-80 (D.C. Cir. 1969). Cf. *United States v. ATT*, *supra*, 642 F.2d at 1291 (interest inquiry "in essence a question of standing to participate").

Senator Helms claims a "protectable interest" in obtaining the sealed materials because of his "constitutional duty to cast an informed vote on all matters on which he is permitted to vote" as a member of the Senate. Senator Helms contends that this is an "individual interest," relying primarily on the Court of Appeals' 1974 decision in *Kennedy v. Sampson*, 511 F.2d 430 (D.C. Cir. 1974). In that case, the Court held that an individual Senator had standing to challenge the constitutionality of a Presidential pocket veto because the veto rendered his earlier vote on the bill ineffective and deprived him of his constitutional "right to demand or participate in a vote to override the President's veto." *Id.* at 433. The Court observed that the Senator's "stake in the litigation is a quantum of his official influence upon the legislative process." *Id.* at 436. Senator Helms relies on this language to support his claim of an interest in "effectively exercising his vote."

Senator Helms, however, fails to take into account the Court of Appeals' decision in *Harrington v. Bush*, 553 F.2d 190 (D.C. Cir. 1977). In that case, a member of the House of Representatives challenged the funding and reporting provisions of the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949, 50 U.S.C. § 403 *et seq.* (1968), claiming, *inter alia*, that the Act denied him information relevant to his interest in "consider[ing], debat[ing]

¹As noted, Senator Helms did not file this motion until one week before the scheduled Senate vote on the King legislation. Under the circumstances, see *NAACP v. New York*, 413 U.S. 345, 366 (1973), it appears to the Court that Senator Helms' motion may be untimely. See *Hodgson v. United Mine Workers of America*, 473 F.2d 118, 129 (D.C. Cir. 1973); *United States v. ATT*, 642 F.2d 1285, 1294-95 (D.C. Cir. 1980). However, because "a court should be more reluctant to deny an intervention motion on grounds of timeliness if it is intervention as of right than if it is permissive intervention," *id.* at 1295, the Court will consider whether Senator Helms' application satisfies the second requirement of Fed.R.Civ.P. 24(a)(2).

[and] vot[ing] upon... Executive requests for appropriations for the Agency." *Id.* at 201. Furthermore, the Congressman sought the information to enable him to be a "more effective participant in the appropriations process." *Id.* at 202.

The Court held that the Congressman lacked standing to maintain the suit and narrowly limited the applicability of *Kennedy v. Sampson*. The *Kennedy* rationale does not support standing where the Congressman "relies on uncertainty due to the lack of information as the injury to his future votes." *Id.* at 211. Rather, the "concern expressed in *Kennedy* over injury to a future vote" is limited to situations where the "future vote in question [is] a constitutionally prescribed followup to the vote already cast on the same precise legislative bill." *Id.* (emphasis supplied). In view of *Harrington v. Bush*, Senator Helms' reliance on the *Kennedy* decision is misplaced; he cannot point to the past "nullified vote" necessary to invoke the *Kennedy* principle. See also *Goldwater v. Carter*, 617 F.2d 697 (D.C. Cir.) (*en banc*), vacated on other grounds, 444 U.S. 996 (1979).

Further discussion of the requirements for intervention is unnecessary. Even if it is concluded that Senator Helms asserts a sufficient "interest" for intervention purposes, and that he satisfies the other requirements of Fed.R.Civ.P. 24(a)(2), this Court must refuse his request for judicial relief. In two recent cases, *Riegel v. Federal Open Market Committee*, 656 F.2d 873 (D.C. Cir.), cert. denied 454 U.S. 1082 (1981), and *Vander Jagt v. O'Neill*, 699 F.2d 1166 (D.C. Cir.), cert. denied 52 U.S.L.W. 3263 (U.S., Oct. 4, 1983), the Court of Appeals considered the "separation of powers problems inherent" in cases where "individual members of the legislative branch," *Harrington v. Bush*, *supra*, 553 F.2d at 214, seek relief in federal court. In *Riegel v. Federal Open Market Committee*, the Court concluded that the standing, ripeness, and political question doctrines are incapable of "reflecting the prudential concerns raised by congressional plaintiff suits." 656 F.2d at 880-81. Consequently, the Court announced a doctrine of "circumscribed equitable discretion." In cases where the Congressional plaintiff "alleges an injury which could be substantially cured by legislative action," this standard "counsel[s] judicial restraint":

"[I]t is in these cases that the plaintiff's dispute appears to be primarily with his fellow legislators. In these circumstances, separation of powers concerns are most acute. Judges are presented...with the possibility of thwarting Congress' will by allowing a plaintiff to circumvent the processes of democratic decisionmaking." *Id.* at 881. See also *Vander Jagt v. O'Neill*, *supra*, 699 F.2d at 1168.

Senator Helms' attempt to intervene in effect represents a "dispute with his fellow legislators." In his supporting papers, Senator Helms emphasizes what he views as an inadequate factfinding process in the Senate: because the "Senate leadership waived the normal rules," "no hearings have been conducted concerning the proposed legislation in order to inform the Senators of facts either to justify or to defeat the passage of this legislation." Helms Memorandum of Points and Authorities at 5 (emphasis supplied). "No Senate committees have been charged with the responsibility to investigate Dr. King." Helms Supplemental Memorandum of Points and Authorities at 6. By intervening in this case to obtain the King surveillance materials, Senator Helms seeks to perform the investigative function of the committee hearings the Senate leadership decided to forego.²

²By noting the absence of Senate hearings on the bill, Senator Helms acknowledges the principal role of committees in exercising the investigatory powers of the Congress. See 2 U.S.C. § 192 (1977) (establishing contempt penalty for failure to testify before authorized committee); *Rules and Manual of the United States Senate* § 26.1, p. 14 (1979) (authorizing committees "by subpoena or otherwise [to require]... the production of... correspondence, books, papers, and documents") (emphasis supplied); *Eastland v. United States Servicemen's Fund*, 421 U.S. 491, 505 (1975) (subcommittee subpoena power necessary for it "to do the task assigned to it by Congress"). Indeed, this Court in 1977 permitted a properly authorized committee, the House Select Committee on Assassinations, access to a limited portion of the King surveillance materials at issue here. Senator Helms, however, does not appear here on behalf of a committee authorized to consider the King legislation. Rather, he appears as an individual Senator, without Senate authorization, in what is undeniably an investigatory role. Although Congress' investigatory power is very broad, *Watkins v. United States*, 354 U.S. 178, 187 (1957), the "principle is important that disclosure of information can only be compelled by authority of Congress, its committees or subcommittees not solely by individual members..." *Exxon Corp. v. FTC*, 589 F.2d 582, 592-93 (D.C. Cir. 1978). Moreover, the Fifth Circuit refused to permit two members of the House of Representatives to intervene in a private suit and seek materials held under

It is not for this Court to review the adequacy of the deliberative process in the Senate or to question decisions of the Senate leadership. *Cf. Vander Jagt v. O'Neill, supra*, 699 F.2d at 1176; *Metcalf v. National Petroleum Council*, 553 F.2d 176, 188 (D.C. Cir. 1977). To conclude otherwise would represent an "obvious intrusion by the judiciary into the legislative arena." *Riegel, supra*, 656 F.2d at 882. Senator Helms, of course, is not prevented from entering the "legislative arena"; he can argue to the Senate that the sealed materials should be obtained and considered by a committee before a vote. In any event, the proper forum for this contention is the Senate, for "[i]t would be unwise to permit the federal courts to become a higher legislature where a Congressman who has failed to persuade his colleagues can always renew the battle." *Id. See also Sanchez-Espinoza v. Reagan*, 568 F.Supp. 596, 600-01 n.5 (D.D.C. 1983); *Crockett v. Reagan*, 558 F.Supp. 893, 902-03 (D.D.C. 1982); *Moore v. United States House of Representatives*, 553 F.Supp. 267, 270-71 (D.D.C. 1982) (all applying *Riegel* equitable discretion doctrine).

In view of these considerations, the Court concludes that Senator Helms' attempt to obtain the sealed materials must be rejected. Senator Helms' application for intervention does not satisfy the "interest" requirement of Fed.R.Civ.P. 24(a)(2). More importantly, separation-of-powers principles require this Court to exercise its equitable discretion and deny relief in these circumstances. *See Vander Jagt v. O'Neill, supra*, 699 F.2d at 1177.

Accordingly, Senator Helms' motions to intervene and to vacate or modify the January 1977 order are denied.

An appropriate order follows.

James Lewis Smith, Jr.
United States District Judge

a protective order, on the ground that the Congressmen "failed to obtain a House Resolution or any other similar authority before they sought to intervene" in the case. *In re Beef Industry Antitrust Litigation*, 589 F.2d 786, 791 (5th Cir. 1979). *Exxon Corp.* and *In re Beef Industry* illustrate the fundamental importance attached to proper consideration and authorization of formal investigatory efforts by Members of Congress. *See Gojack v. United States*, 384 U.S. 702 (1966); *Watkins v. United States, supra*. *See generally* Nowak, Rotunda & Young, *Constitutional Law* 248-50 (2d ed. 1983). Senator Helms cannot simply rely on his "[e]lection to the Congress," *Exxon Corp. v. FTC, supra*, 589 F.2d at 593, as the basis for an order by this Court ordering public disclosure of sensitive materials resulting from an FBI electronic surveillance program.

Dated: 10/18/83

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

BERNARD S. LEE,)

Plaintiff,)

v.)

Civil Action No. 76-1185

CLARENCE M. KELLEY:)

CARTHA DeLOACH:)

WILLIAM C. SULLIVAN:)

JOHN P. MOHR, Executor of)
the Estate of Clyde A.)
Tolson, deceased; and)

TWO UNKNOWN AGENTS,)
individually and as agents)
of the Federal Bureau of)
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Defendants.)

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN)
LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE,)

Plaintiff,)

v.)

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CLARENCE KELLEY, et al.,)

Defendants.)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)

Defendant-Intervener)

JESSE HELMS,)

Counterclaimant-Intervener)

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Defendants in Intervention.)

ORDER

Upon consideration of Senator Jesse Helms' motions for leave to intervene and for an order vacating or in the alternative modifying the order sealing records, the opposition thereto, and the record herein, it is by the Court this 18th day of October, 1983.

ORDERED that the motion of Senator Jesse Helms for leave to intervene in this action is denied, and it is

FURTHER ORDERED that the motion of Senator Jesse Helms for an order vacating or in the alternative modifying the order sealing records is denied.

James Lewis Smith, Jr.
United States District Judge

EXPLANATION OF EXEMPTIONS

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552

- (b)(1) information which is currently and properly classified pursuant to Executive Order 12356 in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy, for example, information involving intelligence sources or methods
- (b)(2) materials related solely to the internal rules and practices of the FBI
- (b)(3) information specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (see continuation page)
- (b)(4) privileged or confidential information obtained from a person, usually involving commercial or financial matters
- (b)(5) inter-agency or intra-agency documents which are not available through discovery proceedings during litigation; documents, the disclosure of which would have an inhibitive effect upon the development of policy and administrative direction; or documents which represent the work product of an attorney-client relationship
- (b)(6) materials contained in sensitive records such as personnel or medical files, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy
- (b)(7) investigatory records compiled for law enforcement purposes, the disclosure of which would: (A) interfere with law enforcement proceedings; (B) deprive a person of the right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, or give one party of a controversy an undue advantage by exclusive access to such information; (C) constitute an unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of another person; (D) reveal the identity of a confidential source or reveal confidential information furnished only by the confidential source; (E) disclose investigative techniques and procedures, thereby impairing their future effectiveness; and (F) endanger the life or physical safety of law enforcement personnel
- (b)(8) information collected by Government regulatory agencies from financial institutions
- (b)(9) geological and geophysical information, including maps, produced by private companies and filed by them with Government agencies.

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- (d)(5) information compiled in reasonable anticipation of a civil action proceeding
- (j)(2) material reporting investigative efforts pertaining to the enforcement of criminal law including efforts to prevent, control, or reduce crime or apprehend criminals, except records of arrest

- (k)(1) information which is currently and properly classified pursuant to Executive Order 12356 in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy, for example, information involving intelligence sources or methods
- (k)(2) investigatory material compiled for law enforcement purposes, other than criminal, which would reveal the identity of an individual who has furnished information pursuant to a promise that his identity would be held in confidence
- (k)(3) material maintained in connection with providing protective services to the President of the United States or any other individual pursuant to the authority of Title 18, United States Code, Section 3056
- (k)(4) required by statute to be maintained and used solely as statistical records
- (k)(5) investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability, eligibility, or qualifications for Federal civilian employment or for access to classified information, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his identity would be held in confidence
- (k)(6) testing or examination material used to determine individual qualifications for appointment or promotion in Federal Government service the release of which would compromise the testing or examination process
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