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TO : Mr. Gebhardt

DATE: 10/9/74

FROM : C. L. McGowan

- 1 - Mr. Gebhardt
- 1 - Mr. McGowan
- 1 - [REDACTED]
- 1 - Mr. McDermott
- Attn: [REDACTED]
- 1 - Mr. Wannall

SUBJECT: JOSEPH GRIFFIN AND OTHERS;
ANDRE YVON JEAN LOUIS - VICTIM
CIVIL RIGHTS

PURPOSE: This concerns the incident in Boston, Massachusetts, wherein a Negro male was forcibly removed from his vehicle on 10/7/74 and criminally assaulted by several white males.

DETAILS: For the past three weeks, the South Boston area has experienced instances of civil unrest as a result of a Federal court order mandating the integration of the Boston School System by forced busing.

On 10/7/74, victim's vehicle was blocked by a group of white males and forced onto a median strip where victim abandoned vehicle to elude white males. Incident occurred near the Gavin School and witnessed by a Boston police officer who went to victim's aid. Victim, identified as Andre Yvon Jean Louis, Negro male, DOB 10/30/41, was treated for scalp lacerations and released from hospital. Joseph Griffin, white male, DOB 8/9/41, arrested and charged with assault and battery in connection with this incident. Griffin released on personal recognizance bond.

On 10/7/74, Congressman John Joseph Moakley (Democrat - Mass.), contacted Night Supervisor, General Investigative Division, re this matter. Congressman Moakley was advised that upon receipt of full details and after contact with the Civil Rights Division of the Department, Congressman Moakley would be contacted and furnished the facts and opinions of the Department.

On 10/8/74, victim, who is in this country from Haiti on a permanent work visa, was interviewed by Bureau Agents. Victim stated [REDACTED]

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On same date, facts were discussed with Departmental Attorney Frank A. Allen, Jr., Chief, Criminal Section, Civil Rights Division. Allen requested a preliminary investigation be conducted and specifically that we obtain all pertinent police reports, attempt to identify other individuals possibly involved in the assault on Louis through use of press photographs and to determine if there have been any prior incidents at scene of assault of captioned victim.

ACTION:

1. Congressional Services Office should contact Congressman Moakley and advise him of the Department's decision in this matter and the fact that we are conducting a preliminary investigation at the request of the U. S. Department of Justice.

2. Boston Office has been instructed to conduct the requested investigation. You will be kept advised of pertinent developments.

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*Jacob Lew, act.
H. Cong. Moakley,
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TO : Mr. Gallagher *RJL*

DATE: 4/15/76

FROM : J. S. Peelman *JSP*

- 1 - Mr. Gallagher
- 1 - Mr. O'Connell
- 1 - Mr. Peelman
- 1 - ~~_____~~
- 1 - Mr. Mintz
- 1 - Mr. Moore

SUBJECT: PATRICK J. CEURVELS; *p2*
 JOSEPH H. RAKES; *p3*
 EDWARD M. IRVIN; *p3*
 ROBERT D. STONE; *p3*
 THEODORE CARLISLE LANDSMARK, aka
 Theodore Augustus Burrell - VICTIM
 PUBLIC EDUCATION - CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964;
 INTERFERENCE WITH FEDERALLY PROTECTED ACTIVITIES
 OO: BOSTON

PURPOSE: To advise you of the current developments pertaining to the assault upon Theodore Landsmark, a black male, on April 5, 1976, at Boston City Hall, Boston, Massachusetts, by a group of white youths.

SYNOPSIS: Our Boston office advised that Theodore Landsmark, a black male, reported to Boston Police Department (BPD) that while walking into City Hall Plaza on April 5, 1976, he was attacked by a group of white demonstrators, and suffered contusions of the face. On April 6, 1976, the Criminal Section, Civil Rights Division, U. S. Department of Justice, requested that the Boston office institute a preliminary investigation in order to determine whether adults affiliated with the anti-busing associations in the Boston area were involved in the student march which resulted in the assault on Landsmark.

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Wash *Wash* John Joseph Moakley, (Massachusetts), has expressed interest in captioned matter and has contacted the Director by [REDACTED]



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telephone and written correspondence. Congressman Moakley has been referred in writing to the Civil Rights Division, U. S. Department of Justice. On April 13, 1976, Landsmark, DOB, May 17, 1946 voluntarily appeared at the Boston office and furnished a written statement regarding his account of the April 5, 1976, incident. Investigation continuing in this matter.

CURRENT BUREAU POLICY: The Attorney General has designated the FBI to investigate such matters under the provisions of Title 18, Section 245, U. S. Code (Violation of Federally Protected Activites).

RECOMMENDATION: For information purposes.

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DETAILS: The Boston office, by teletype dated April 6, 1976, advised that Theodore Landsmark, a black male, of 532 Massachusetts Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts, reported to the BPD that while walking into City Hall Plaza on April 5, 1976, he was attacked by a group of demonstrators and suffered contusions of the face. Landsmark was transported to the Massachusetts General Hospital via ambulance.

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On April 6, 1976, Departmental Attorney C. Brian McDonald, Criminal Section, Civil Rights Division, U. S. Department of Justice, requested that a preliminary investigation by instituted in order to determine whether adults affiliated with the South Boston Information Center, or the Powder Keg Committee, anti-busing organizations in

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in South Boston and Charlestown, Massachusetts, respectively, were involved in the student march on Boston City Hall on April 5, 1976, which resulted in the assault on Landsmark. McDonald requested that investigation be conducted to determine whether any witnesses inside Boston City Hall could furnish information as to any instructions or directions given to group by any adults and whether any adults were present during the attack. McDonald also requested that film be obtained from news media, including newspaper photographs and television film to facilitate in identifying additional unknown subjects.

At approximately 12 noon, on April 6, 1976, Special Agents of the FBI observed a public press conference in front of Boston City Hall, Boston, Massachusetts. A crowd of approximately 100 persons, mostly black, gathered for this event sponsored by the Massachusetts Legislative Black Caucus. A majority of the news media covered the conference which was peaceful. Several speakers spoke and all denounced the attack on Landsmark by white student demonstrators at Boston City Hall Plaza, on April 5, 1976.



On April 8, 1976, Congressman Moakley telephonically contacted the Director and inquired as to whether or not the FBI was looking into the recent violence in the busing situation in Boston and particularly an incident at Boston

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City Hall where a black lawyer was beaten up. Congressman Moakley stated he was interested in the incident that took place at City Hall, as he had received inquiries from the "Boston Globe." The Congressman was informed by Assistant Director Richard J. Gallagher, General Investigative Division, that the FBI was conducting investigation into the incident at City Hall, to which Congressman Moakley replied, "That's all I'm interested in." A letter to the Director dated April 6, 1976, was received from Congressman Moakley. In response to his letter, Mr. Moakley's attention was directed to his telephone conversation with Assistant Director Gallagher, on April 8, 1976, at which time he was advised that the FBI was conducting an investigation of the Landsmark incident. It was pointed out to Congressman Moakley that our investigation, when completed, would be furnished to the Civil Rights Division, of the U. S. Department of Justice, and that he may desire to contact them if he desires further information.

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Investigation continuing in captioned matter.

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April 14, 1976

Honorable John Joseph Moakley
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

1 - Mr. Gallagher
1 - [redacted]
1 - Mr. Mintz **b7c**

Dear Congressman Moakley:

I am in receipt of your letter dated April 6, 1976, in which you make inquiry concerning the incident involving Mr. Theodore Landsmark on April 5, 1976, at the Boston City Hall, Boston, Massachusetts.

As you will recall in your telephone conversation with Assistant Director Richard J. Gallagher of this Bureau on April 8, 1976, you were advised that the Boston Office of the FBI was conducting an investigation into the incident at the Boston City Hall on April 5, 1976. You were further advised that in the event additional information was desired, you should contact the Civil Rights Division of the U. S. Department of Justice. You indicated to Mr. Gallagher at that time that you had all the information you needed.

For your information, upon completion of our investigation in this matter, the results will be promptly submitted to the Civil Rights Division, U. S. Department of Justice, in order that they might determine whether further Federal action is warranted.

I have taken the liberty of forwarding a copy of your letter to Mr. J. Stanley Pottinger, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D. C. 20530. Should you desire to make further inquiry concerning this matter, you may wish to make direct contact with Mr. Pottinger.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]
Clarence M. Kelley
Director

- 1 - Assistant Attorney General - Enclosure (copy of incoming)
Civil Rights Division
- 1 - SAC, Boston (173-724) - Enclosure (copy of incoming)

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Honorable John Joseph Moakley

NOTE: Reference is made to R. J. Gallagher to Mr. Adams memorandum, 4/8/76, captioned, "POTENTIAL FOR VIOLENCE, BOSTON SCHOOL SYSTEM, FORCED BUSING PROGRAM, SEPTEMBER 1974 AND 1975; CIVIL UNREST; CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964," copy attached for ready reference.

This is to respond to letter received from Congressman John Joseph Moakley (Massachusetts) dated 4/6/76, in which he makes inquiry concerning incident involving Mr. Theodore Landsmark on 4/5/76 at Boston City Hall, Boston, Massachusetts. Mr. Moakley's attention was directed to his telephonic conversation with Assistant Director Gallagher on 4/8/76 at which time he was advised that the FBI was conducting an investigation of the Landsmark incident. It was pointed out to Congressman Moakley that our investigation, when completed, would be furnished to the Civil Rights Division of the U. S. Department of Justice and that he might desire to contact them if he desired further information.

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Mr. Adams

R. J. Callagher

POTENTIAL FOR VIOLENCE
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FORCED BUSING PROGRAM
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CIVIL UNREST
CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964

April 3, 1978

1 - Mr. Callahan
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1 - Mr. Leavitt
1 - Mr. Moore

Congressman John Moakley (Massachusetts) contacted the Director this afternoon and inquired as to whether or not the FBI was looking into recent violence in the busing situation in Boston and particularly an incident at Boston City Hall where a black lawyer was beaten up. The Director requested that I contact the Congressman, which I did.

Congressman Moakley stated he was interested in the incident that took place at City Hall (4/5/75), that he had received inquiries from the "Boston Globe" as to what he was doing about it. The Congressman was told that we were conducting an investigation into the incidents at City Hall, to which he replied, "That's all I'm interested in."

He inquired as to who was conducting an investigation and was told that it was being handled by the Boston Office of the FBI and that the SAC at Boston was Richard F. Bates.

He asked if he could be furnished a copy of our investigation and I told him that the results of our investigation would be made available to the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice and I would suggest that if he wanted further information he should contact that office.

Congressman Moakley stated that he had all the information he needed and he thanked me for the information.

ACTION: For information ✓

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JOHN JOSEPH MOAKLEY
9TH DISTRICT, MASSACHUSETTS

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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6 April 1976

Mr. Clarence Kelly
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Director:

On Monday, April 5, 1976 in the City of Boston, a 29 year old black man, Theodore Landsmark, was set upon by a gang of white youths who savagely beat him with their hands and their feet. Mr. Landsmark, an attorney and the Executive Director of the Contractors Association of Boston, was walking across City Hall Plaza to the Boston City Hall. One hundred yards from the City Hall, and in clear view of the John F. Kennedy Federal Building, he suddenly found himself in the midst of a group of youths, predominantly teenagers, who were exiting from City Hall and marching to the federal courthouse a block away in protest of the school desegregation order presently being implemented by the Federal District Court in Boston.

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Perhaps you viewed on the front page of the Washington Post or the Boston papers, the photograph of Mr. Landsmark being kicked and punched by several persons while another waved a pole bearing the American flag menacingly in the direction of Mr. Landsmark. I'm sure that if you viewed that picture you are as overwhelmed as I by the inhumanity, the indecency and the outrageousness of this incident.

This is not the first racial incident in Boston in recent months; it may not be the last time that a black or white person is set upon simply because of the color of his skin. As members of supposedly civilized society it is incumbent upon us to do everything in our power to prevent a repetition of such attacks.

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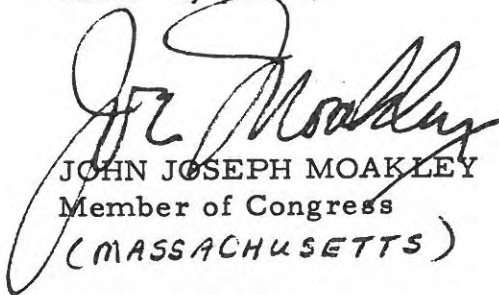
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Mr. Clarence Kelly

6 April 1976

I ask that the FBI pursue vigorously an investigation into this matter to determine what steps the federal government can take to deter those who would wrongly believe that such attacks will be tolerated or that some benefit might be gained by such actions. I await your response.

Sincerely yours,



JOHN JOSEPH MOAKLEY
Member of Congress
(MASSACHUSETTS)

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Adams

DATE: April 8, 1976

FROM : R. J. Gallagher *RJG*

- 1 - Mr. Callahan
- 1 - Mr. Adams
- 1 - Mr. Gallagher
- 1 - Mr. Peelman
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