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Assistant Attorney General
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Department of Justice
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Sir:

In re: FGJ

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John G. Thomas (144-40-70)
Claude Otis Johnson
Civil Rights

This refers to your letter of September 23, 1953.

We assume you have received our letters of September 23, 1953 and September 25, 1953 to you advising of the Grand Jury action and the vote thereon.

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The result of our efforts to secure indictments in civil rights cases has, during our tenure, caused us considerable concern. We are

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confident that you are aware that in our section of the country a sizable portion of the white population have not yet come around to the thinking, with respect to the colored race, as have a sizable portion of our better informed and broader thinking people. Although somewhat discouraged, we do believe that our efforts with respect to these cases are worthwhile, and each such effort discourages future violations. We are also confident that, given time, our people will alter their thinking and in such numbers that the practices complained of will be eventually eliminated.

As previously advised, the transcripts will be forwarded promptly upon receipt thereof from the reporter.

Respectfully,

Noel H. Malone

NOEL H. MALONE
United States Attorney

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