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EMMETT LEWIS TILL - VICTIM
KIDNAPING

Mr. Rayfield Mooty, 5038 South LaSalle, Chicago, telephone Livingston 84980, telephonically contacted the Bureau 8/29/55.

Mr. Mooty stated victim, age 15, of 6427 South St. Lawrence Street, Chicago, had been visiting an uncle, Moses Wright, at Money, Mississippi. On the morning of 8/27/55 Till and several other Negro boys had a street fight with several white boys in Money, Mississippi. Mooty alleged that about 2 a.m. 8/25/55 three white men entered the Wright residence armed with revolvers, threatened the occupants and forcibly abducted the victim.

Mooty received his information from Mamie Bradley, mother of victim who, in turn, had received her information from an unknown relative in Money. Mooty, a distant relative, attempted to contact the Wright family with negative results. He states victim's present whereabouts is unknown. He telephonically contacted a Mr. Murphy, Greenwood, Mississippi, PD who stated they were looking into the matter.

Mooty alleges at about 6:30 p.m. 8/28/55 he telephonically contacted the Chicago Office stating he wanted to appear in person to file a complaint. He claims he was told by an unknown representative the office was closed and he should telephonically furnish the information in order that a determination could be made as to whether a Federal violation existed. He refused, saying he felt it necessary to personally contact the FBI. He was advised based on the facts he furnished it did not appear a Federal kidnaping violation had occurred and if additional information came to his attention he should call the Chicago Office. He described the victim as Negro; male; age 15; approximately 5 feet; weighing approximately 105 pounds; hair, dark brown; eyes, light brown; complexion, medium brown; build, stocky.

The Chicago office is requested to furnish complete facts regarding the action taken on the receipt of the complaint 8/28/55 by Mr. Mooty. Memphis is requested to contact local authorities at Money, Mississippi, to ascertain if a Bureau violation has occurred.

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Memorandum to Mr. Rosen

He was advised that on the basis of the facts furnished by him that no violation of the Federal Kidnaping Statute had occurred, but that if any additional information came to his attention concerning this matter which would indicate interstate transportation of the victim that he should immediately advise the Chicago office of this Bureau. Mr. Mooty obtained the name of the night supervisor and advised that he would follow the matter closely.

He furnished the following physical description of the victim: race, Negro; sex, male; age, 15; height, approximately 5 feet; weight, approximately 105; hair, dark brown; eyes, light brown; complexion, medium brown; build, stocky.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that an explanation be obtained from the Chicago division regarding action taken upon the receipt of the complaint on August 28, 1955, of Mr. Rayfield Mooty.

It is recommended Memphis contact local authorities to obtain complete facts to determine if a Bureau violation has occurred. An appropriate airtel is attached.

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8/29/55*
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ADDENDUM:

8/30/55

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Memphis Office ascertained from Sheriff at Greenwood, Mississippi, that Roy Bryant and J. W. Milam had been arrested and were being held without bond on charge of kidnaping. Bryant advised Sheriff victim had been released but victim not yet located by officers. Sheriff also has warrant for Mrs. Roy Bryant and has been unable to identify a fourth subject. No indication of interstate transportation. Memphis following matter closely.

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8/30/55
Q advise Stan Opatowsky, NY Post, that
DOJ was not conducting active investigation but was
keeping liaison with local authorities for any indication of violation
of Federal law. 8/30/55