

The Attorney General

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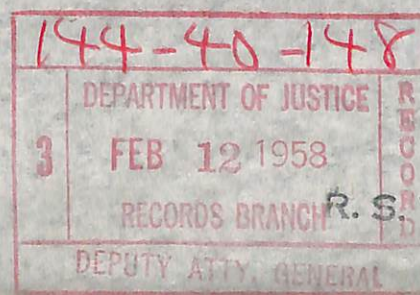
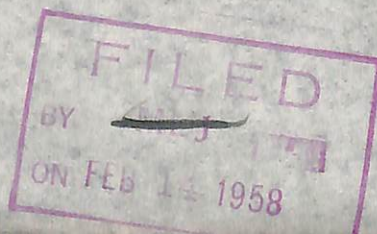
**GEORGE LEE LOVE
INFORMATION CONCERNING**

I want to furnish you the following information relative to an item appearing in the United Press on January 23, 1958, concerning the death of a Negro, George Love, who was alleged to have been shot to death near Ruleville, Mississippi, "by a sheriff's posse."

Our Memphis, Tennessee, Office on January 24, 1958, advised that according to newspaper accounts George Lee Love, a 38-year-old Negro, was being sought by Sheriff Ed Williams of Ruleville, Mississippi, as a prime suspect in five murder cases. On the evening of January 7, 1958, Love allegedly shot and seriously wounded night marshal E. M. Jennings on the street at Ruleville. It was believed that Love was responsible for an earlier killing of a Negro couple who had been bludgeoned to death. Jennings allegedly was attempting to apprehend Love in connection with this matter for questioning.

After the shooting of Jennings, a posse was organized of some thirty-five persons, utilizing bloodhounds and they followed Love's trail from a house where the murder of the Negro couple had been committed to a wooded area. Love was found to be hiding in a fallen tree. Love was commanded by the posse to come out and surrender on several occasions, but on each occasion he returned the command with gun fire and the posse's action resulted in his death. Found in Love's possession was \$250.00 in cash in ten- and twenty-dollar bills and a pistol. The pistol matched the description of a pistol which was described as having been in the home of the murdered Negro couple.

It was also indicated in the news accounts that the modus operandi in the murder of the Negro couple was similar to three other murders which were committed at Ackerman, Mississippi, in September, 1957, and Love was also considered a prime suspect in these matters. In all cases the victims had been bludgeoned and their houses burned.



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No complaint has been received to date by our Memphis Office concerning this matter alleging any Federal violation and no investigation is being conducted by this Bureau concerning the killing of Love.

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