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TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN

DATE. 1/24/58

FROM : A. ROSEN

SUBJECT: GEORGE LEE LOVE
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Tolson	✓
Boardman	✓
Belmont	✓
Mohr	✓
Nease	✓
Parsons	✓
Rosen	✓
Tamm	✓
Trotter	✓
Clayton	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Holloman	✓
Gandy	✓

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Reference is made to the conversation which Nease had with [redacted] of the United Press on 1/23/58, regarding the killing of one George Love on 1/7/58 at Ruleville, Mississippi.

I called SAC J. M. Lopez at Memphis to inquire concerning this matter and was advised that no complaint had been received by the Memphis Division to date concerning this matter alleging any Federal violation, and no investigation is being conducted by that office into this killing.

Lopez did, however, furnish the following facts which have been reported in the newspapers. It appears that on January 8, 1958, George 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 1/8/58, 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 in the area 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 the marshal, a posse was organized of some 35 persons utilizing bloodhounds and they followed Love's trail from a house where the bludgeoning murder had been committed to a wooded area. Love was found to be hiding in a fallen tree. At the command of the posse, he was ordered to come out and given an opportunity to surrender on several occasions but on each occasion he returned the command with fire and the posse's action resulted in his death. They found in his possession \$250 in cash in tens and twenties and a pistol. This gun matched the description of a gun which was described as having been in the home of the murdered Negro couple.

It is also indicated that the modus operandi in this bludgeoning murder was similar to three other murders which were committed at

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Ackerman, Mississippi, last September and Love was a prime suspect in these matters also. In all cases the victims had been bludgeoned and their houses burned.

The Memphis Office is conducting no investigation in this matter. It is a local murder.

For record purposes, the Memphis Office states that the Love in question is one George Lee Love, FBI No. 4712923. This should be made a matter of record. It is also noted that the FBI Number is supplied by the Memphis Office on the basis of information obtained locally and not through the receipt of the subject's fingerprints. A check is being made of Ident. files to determine the identity of the individual referred to in the FBI Number.

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