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DISTRICT OF MARYLAND

July 9, 1954

Honorable Warren Olney, III
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Dear Mr. Olney:

Re: Louis M. Rehak, was; James Broaddus, Jr.
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Replying to your letter of July 7, 1954, Sergeant Louis N. Rehak, who shot James Broaddus, negro, in the course of a hunt for the killer of Patrolman Furrie Cousins, negro member of the Baltimore Police Force, has been held for action of the Baltimore City Grand Jury. This was done after a homicide hearing before a local magistrate under local state procedure. It is the intention of the States Attorney to present this case to the Grand Jury.

Under these conditions, I suggest that we defer consideration of the case until the conclusion of the state proceedings.

You may be interested to know that States Attorney Sodaro mentioned to me a few weeks ago that the tarpaulin under which Broaddus was found on the glider on his parents' back porch was found to contain three or four bullet holes. It does seem fairly clear that Rehak was excited at the time and believed that he had found the killer of his fellow police officer when he fired at Broaddus. I am frankly skeptical of Rehak's assertions that he was attacked by Broaddus, even though his alleged injuries would appear to be confirmed by the records of Mercy Hospital.

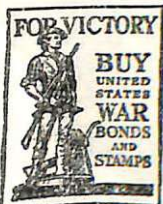
Very truly yours

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