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TO : ~~MR. LADD~~ MR. ROSEN

FROM : ~~A. ROSEN~~ E. L. ROBBINS

DATE: October 22, 1951

SUBJECT: ALVIN V. KEOWN, ET AL.
LEVI DORSEY - VICTIM
CIVIL RIGHTS AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

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At the request of the Department, we have completed a full investigation of the beating and subsequent death of victim Dorsey. Subject Keown, Chief of Police, Orange, Texas, and three other members of the Orange PD were indicted by a Federal Grand Jury, Beaumont, Texas, September 4, 1951, for a violation of Section 242, Title 18, USC, a Civil Rights Statute. Subjects have entered pleas of not guilty and the trial has been set for November 12, 1951, at Beaumont, Texas. This was an aggravated case requiring a very extensive investigation which has now been completed. There was a considerable amount of local public interest.

Mr. Brodie of the Civil Rights Section of the Department advised today that USA Warren G. Moore of Tyler, Texas, who will prosecute this case, is now in Washington, D. C., at the Department for a routine conference and while in Washington would like to confer briefly with SA David K. Rankin of the Houston Office on Tuesday morning, October 23, 1951, concerning the facts of this case. SA Rankin who handled the investigation in the Houston Office is in In-Service and will be back in Washington tonight at 10:00 p.m. for the second week of his In-Service Training. It is a common practice for the USA to confer with the investigating Agent in the field and USA Moore desires to see Rankin Tuesday inasmuch as Rankin would not be in Houston until at least October 29, 1951. This conference is of a routine nature concerning the facts of this specific case and will not involve any policy matters.

ACTION

Unless advised to the contrary, Supervisor Edgar L. Robbins of the Civil Rights Unit who personally knows the attorneys of the Civil Rights Section of the Department will arrange with Mr. Brodie for SA Rankin to confer with USA Moore on Tuesday morning, October 23, 1951.

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cc: Mr. Clegg

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