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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Report of: SA PAUL J. MOHR
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Title: JOHN M. MAPLES;
WALTER L. WILLIFORD;
Mrs. SLATER (MARION) KING - VICTIM

Character: CIVIL RIGHTS

Synopsis: On 7/23/62, Mrs. SLATER KING, 1304 S. Cleveland St., Albany, Ga., alleged that while visiting Mitchell County Jail, Camilla, Ga., she was kicked in buttocks and struck on right side of head by two police officers who had requested her to leave the area. Sheriff JOHN MAPLES and Deputy Sheriff WALTER L. WILLIFORD, Mitchell County, Camilla, Ga., denied striking Mrs. KING, but admit escorting her from area of jail, at which time Mrs. KING fell. Witnesses at scene interviewed. USA FLOYD BUFORD, MDGA, on 7/25/62, advised he did not believe that this matter had prosecutive merit and desired no further investigation.

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DETAILS: AT ALBANY, GEORGIA

This is a preliminary investigation.

At 6:50 p.m., July 23, 1962, WYATT TEE WALKER telephoned the Albany, Georgia Resident Agency of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and advised he was making an emergency call for Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. He then put Dr. KING on the phone.

Dr. KING advised SA PAUL J. MOHR he had received information Mrs. SLATER KING went to the Mitchell County Jail, Camilla, Georgia, on the afternoon of July 23, 1962, to visit some people in the jail. He alleged she had been beaten and knocked down at about 6:00 p.m. by two policemen and while on the ground was kicked again.

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He advised she is five months pregnant and is presently at her residence, 1304 South Cleveland, Albany, Georgia, and that a doctor is on his way to visit her. Dr. KING advised she has several bruises on her knees and legs.