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| TITLE DAN JOHNSON; JAMES DAVIS; WILLIE GUNN - VICTIM | | | CHARACTER OF CASE CIVIL RIGHTS |

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

BENNIE F. HEAD reportedly furnished same information to Detroit newspaper as he previously had furnished this office. AUSA, Detroit desires to take no action against HEAD.

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DETAILS:

At Detroit, Michigan:

Reverend JOHN BROOKE, Detroit City Rescue Mission, 931 LaBrosse, advised on December 30, 1954, that the previous day he received a phone call from a negro newspaper in Detroit. He did not get the name of the caller or the name of the paper. The caller asked Reverend BROOKE about instant story at which time Reverend BROOKE said he did not have any information and asked the caller to put HEAD on the phone. Reverend BROOKE said HEAD still resides at the Rescue Mission, but over the phone gave no explanation for going to a paper with his story nor for failing to consult him before doing so. HEAD upon his return to the Mission gave no reason for his action.

On January 13, 1955, instant matter was discussed with Chief Assistant United States Attorney GEORGE WOODS. He stated he desired to take no action against BENNIE F. HEAD for furnishing

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information which appears to be unfounded. Assistant United States Attorney WOODS, in reference to paragraph 1001, Title 18, United States Code, stated that HEAD's living in a rescue mission and telling such a story indicated to him that HEAD was possibly not mentally competent to take into Federal Court. He, therefore, declined to take any prosecutive action.

ENCLOSURES: TO THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY, DETROIT:

One (1) copy of report of SA FRANK R. SOUTHERLAND, Atlanta, dated December 10, 1954.

One (1) copy of report of SA JAMES H. APPELGATE, Savannah, dated December 16, 1954.

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