MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Bassett
FROM: D. Ryan

DATE: 8-16-78

SUBJECT: HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS
U. S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (HSCA)

PURPOSE: To provide results of research concerning
Reverend Ralph David Abernathy's statement before the HSCA's
public hearings on August 14, 1978, that, to this date, the FBI
has not interviewed him concerning the death of Martin Luther
King, Jr.

DETAILS: Public source material reveals that Reverend Ralph
David Abernathy made a statement at the public hearings of the
HSCA on August 14, 1978, that to this date, the FBI has not inter-
viewed him concerning the death of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Indices search regarding Abernathy was conducted
regarding main Bureau MURKIN file 44-38861 for references other
than newspaper clippings with negative results. However, a
search of logical areas of the file revealed the attached serials
of file 44-38861 setting forth interviews of Abernathy regarding
the assassination of Dr. King: 2322 Page 48, and 5531 (attached).

Serial 2322 indicated Abernathy was interviewed on
evening of April 4, 1968, at 10:55 p.m. at the Memphis Police
Department concerning the assassination of Martin Luther
King, Jr., that evening. Serial 5531 concerns an interview of
Abernathy on January 30, 1969, at Atlanta, Georgia, concerning
his published allegation that a conspiracy existed with regard
to the assassination of Dr. King. These are two interviews of
Abernathy regarding the assassination retrievable in files to
this date.

RECOMMENDATION: None. For information.