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TO : MR. LADD

DATE: June 17, 1953

FROM : MR. BELMONT

SUBJECT: JULIUS ROSENBERG, ET AL
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We checked with the Washington Field Office at 10:45 A.M. this morning on the status of the motion before Justice Douglas of the Supreme Court by attorney Fyke Farmer. The Agent who was in the Court building advised that Justice Douglas and Justice Jackson went to their respective offices at 9:40 A.M. today and have not come out. The attorneys are standing by.

At 10:50 A.M. Supervisor Tom McAndrews of New York called to advise that Judge Kaufman had called the New York Office. Judge Kaufman said he learned from AUSA Kilsheiner that last night, on the recommendation of Justice Jackson, the Attorney General and Chief Justice Vinson met at 11:00 P.M. to determine whether to call the complete Court into session to dispose of Fyke Farmer's motion. Judge Kaufman advised that as of 7:30 P.M., Douglas was disposed to grant the writ. However, after he came back from dinner, he was wavering and undecided. Judge Kaufman said that even if Douglas does throw out the motion, Justice Frankfurter will hear it. Judge Kaufman said that Justice Jackson was very upset about the indecision of Douglas. Jackson felt that the whole theory of listening to Farmer's motion was ridiculous and Douglas should have turned it down yesterday.

ACTION:

For your information.

ADDENDUM: AND:ncr 6-17-53

At 11:15 A.M. Supervisor McAndrews called back to advise that Judge Kaufman had very confidentially advised that at the meeting between the Attorney General and Chief Justice Vinson last night, Justice Vinson said that if a stay is granted he will call the full Court into session Thursday morning to vacate it.