

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Memphis (157-1067)

✓ FROM : Director, FBI (157-8460)

SUBJECT: BLACK ORGANIZING PROJECT
RACIAL MATTERS

DATE: 8/23/68

PERSONAL ATTENTION

Reurairtel and letterhead memorandum (LHM) 8/13/68.

ReLHM and previous LHM on captioned group show thorough and penetrating investigation of the Black Organizing Project (BOP) and a well-organized reporting job. The BOP, with its several subunits and muddled organization, is a difficult group on which to report, but Memphis has made the structure of BOP clear.

In view of the highly violent and extremist nature of this group, the Bureau wishes you to continue affording BOP concentrated attention. Those members of BOP who have planned and/or advocated violence and obtaining firearms should be targeted for special attention. Members of the Invaders, which appears to be the most militant subunit, should be afforded special attention. Informant coverage should be expanded to afford reportage of these individuals on almost a daily basis.

An analysis of the activities of each BOP member should be made immediately so that all appropriate members are recommended for Security and Agitator indices. Insure that local authorities and appropriate Federal agencies are kept advised of pertinent developments in this case. Continue to submit data re BOP involvement in Federally-financed anti-poverty programs in a form suitable for dissemination.

Also, Memphis should continually be alert for violations of the new Anti-Riot Law in connection with BOP activity. Handle investigations under this law pursuant to Manual of Instructions provisions. In addition to violations of law, consider possible counterintelligence measures to neutralize this group.

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It appears the BOP is one of the most violent black nationalist extremist groups of a local nature. In addition, the Invaders' subunit has received national publicity. Memphis should keep the Bureau fully advised of BOP activity and reports should be submitted regularly. In your next communication on BOP advise the Bureau of your informant coverage in this group.