

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-1067)

FROM : SA WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE

SUBJECT: BLACK ORGANIZING PROJECT (BOP)
aka Invaders
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DATE: 9/12/68

On 8/23/68 [REDACTED] furnished photos of a group of Invaders taken at City Hall, 8/20/68 when they were there to demand the City Council pass the turnkey housing project. [REDACTED] noted that one of those in photo, looking "monkey like" and wearing a tan shirt with writing on it including Invaders, was a mean sullen lad, full of hate.

On 8/28/68 [REDACTED] advised that this lad had attended the Black United Front (BUF) meeting sponsored by Invaders at Clayborn Temple, 8/19/68, and the following Monday night, 8/26/68. He is staying at Lorraine Motel, did sing with the Southern Christian Leadership Choir. WALTER "BILL" BAILEY, owner of Lorraine, feels sorry for him and lets him stay in old section of the hotel. [REDACTED] has since talked to the lad; learned that his name is (FNU) TATE. TATE told [REDACTED] he hates all whites; will do anything to get even with them as both his parents were killed during the spring 1968 race riots in Memphis; that he has nothing to lose. [REDACTED] said the lad claimed to have been raised in North Mississippi or South Shelby County, Tenn., possibly attended school in vicinity of Capleville.

On 9/3/68 this info was discussed with Lt. E. H. ARKIN. A photo has been furnished to ARKIN. ARKIN, of Intelligence Bureau, Memphis PD, checked records finding that male Negro ELLIS TATE, DOB 12/24/19, residing 86 E. Utah, was shot by PD officers in act of looting a liquor store night of 4/4/68 following assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, and died 4/6/68; that his wife died a few days later of natural causes.

- 1 - 157-1067
- 1 - 170-70 Sub [REDACTED]
- 1 - 157-556 (POSSIBLE RACIAL VIOLENCE MAJOR URBAN AREAS)
- 2 - 157-New [REDACTED]

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On 9/5/68 [REDACTED] said he had been unable to further identify (FNU) TATE; that TATE is not a regular associate of Invaders but is the type who is almost paranoid; is so full of hate and distrust that he could logically be used by Invaders to commit illegal acts such as sniping or fire bombing .

RECOMMENDATION: [REDACTED]