

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (157-1067)

DATE: 3/6/69

FROM : SA WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE

SUBJECT: INVADERS  
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On 2/7/69, [redacted] advised that the petty cash treasurer of the Invaders, an elderly Negro man, about 55 years of age, white headed, named JAMES PEGUES, has a 1964 or 1965 blue Pontiac, four-door sedan, bearing license BK-5893, that he is the same one who was with the Invaders during the night of 11/25 and early morning of 11/26/68 when they, along with Students for a Democratic Society, took over the Administration Building of LeMoyné-Owen College, supporting a student series of demands.

[redacted] is trying [redacted] with PEGUES to determine what makes him tick and determine why an older man such as he would spend so much time with the Invaders, but thus far has been unable to get any real rapport with him.

[redacted] advised that a night or so before the meeting was held, probably the night of 2/5/69, the group consisting of Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Committee on Kove For Equality (COME) and Invaders to plan a celebration of some sort on 4/4/69 which will be the first anniversary date of the murder of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., at the Lorraine Motel, this meeting was held at the Minimum Salary Building, a cross section of white and black leaders were present. ROY LEE TURKS represented the Invaders, TAYLOR BLAIR, organizer of the International Brotherhood

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of Electrical Workers, which is trying to organize the blue collar workers at the Memphis, Light, Gas and Water Division was there.

Details have not yet been effected and it is undetermined as just what will take place on 4/4/69.

Invader CLIFFORD LOUIS TAYLOR, currently in jail on a charge of the shotgun shooting of an alleged suitor of his wife, is desperately trying to get out on bond.

Another former active Invader, DON NEELY, who is AWOL from the U. S. Army, is still working the Beale Street area. He figures he will be arrested momentarily. He has grown a beard.

Another former Invader, REUBEN WATTS and EDWARD REED TAYLOR, brother of CLIFFORD LOUIS TAYLOR, hang out on Beale Street. They have not recently engaged in any Invaders activity.

REUBEN WATTS indicated that he is writing a book although he did not elaborate.

The Memphis private investigator RENFRO TURNER HAYS who allegedly did some investigation on behalf of the first attorney of JAMES EARL RAY, indicted killer of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., namely Attorney HAYNES of Birmingham, Alabama, may be preparing to write a book concerning his experiences in investigating the death of KING. He has been talking to BILL SARTER or SARTOR of Greenville, Mississippi, white male, who has done free-lance writing for Time magazine and Life magazine and RENFRO HAYS has gone to New York City to see about having a story published.

ROY LEE TURKS and MAURICE LEWIS, both Invaders, have recently stated that they are about to hook up with the Memphis Branch NAACP youth council and that the youth council may take them to Atlanta, Georgia, to some regional youth council meeting. [redacted] pointed out that TURKS and LEWIS are primarily interested in trying to "con" money from the NAACP and are not sincerely interested in the NAACP program.

[REDACTED] advised that BAXTON BRYANT, Executive Secretary of the Tennessee Council on Human Relations, a White male, red headed, has been in town. He claims that he is investigating the fact that an alleged white landlord told some white girls, living in a Negro neighborhood that they had too many Negro visitors and would have to move. Another case in which BRYANT is interested is the fact that the woman who works for the Dryfus Jewelry Company, a blond, who has been so active in interracial activities and who was with the Invaders and other groups at the Lorraine Motel during the demonstrations during the Spring of 1968, and who has a son who wears steel-rimmed glasses and who frequents the Southern Christian Leadership Conference youth choirs in Memphis, is also involved in alleged housing discrimination. This woman, whose name may be Mrs. DOCKERY (phonetic), stated that her son used to attend Messick High School, that she lives near Memphis State University in an apartment, that some of the neighbors are bring pressure on the landlord because she has so many Negro visitors at her home.

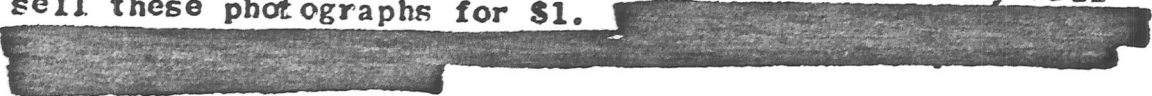
The picture of her son is depicted in the photograph of JAMES BEVEL when BEVEL held his news conference in Memphis, the night 1/23/69, at Clayborne Temple. The lad is with two Negro girls from the SCLC who were interviewing BEVEL during the time that he made his public charge that JAMES EARL RAY was not guilty of the killing of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

JUANITA MILLER, an Invaderette, is the one who got up the money for JOHN CHARLES SMITH's bond when he was arrested 1/28/69, on the charge of disorderly conduct. She claims that she is in love with JOHN CHARLES, that she is now going to a trade school on North Cleveland, being sponsored by the Tennessee Department of Public Welfare.

Some of the Invaders sold leaflets of the Invaders at the recent DUKE ELLINGTON guest appearance with the Memphis Symphony Orchestra at the Ellis Auditorium.

JAMES NORMAN, a young Invader and JOE LEE BURNS, JR., aka KING JEWEL, both of whom are young thugs, recently broke a window out at the Blue Stallion Night Club on Beale Street and later got into a fight and broke out a window at the Invaders Headquarters, 271 Vance.

CACHEATUH SMITH, secretary of the Invaders, claims that she is now pregnant, that the father of her child to be, is LANCE SWEET WILLIE WINE WATSON, who is currently in Shelby County Jail. She claims that she is in love with WATSON. CACHEATUH SMITH still hopes to have 1,000 copies of a slick photograph, 8x10 inches in size of LANCE SWEET WILLIE WINE WATSON taken with a clinched raised fist which the Invaders will sell in an effort to make his peace bond. They will sell these photographs for \$1.



MICHAEL MOUNTAIN, who spends considerable time with the Invaders and who recently indicated that he was through with the Invaders, but reversed his field when he marched with them during the 1/23/69 National Council of Churches MARTIN LUTHER KING Memorial March. He stated that he is going to St. Louis to live. He did not elaborate.

The information set forth herein has been disseminated to the Intelligence Bureau, Memphis, Tennessee, PD.