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TO: Mr. Belmont

FROM: W. C. Sullivan

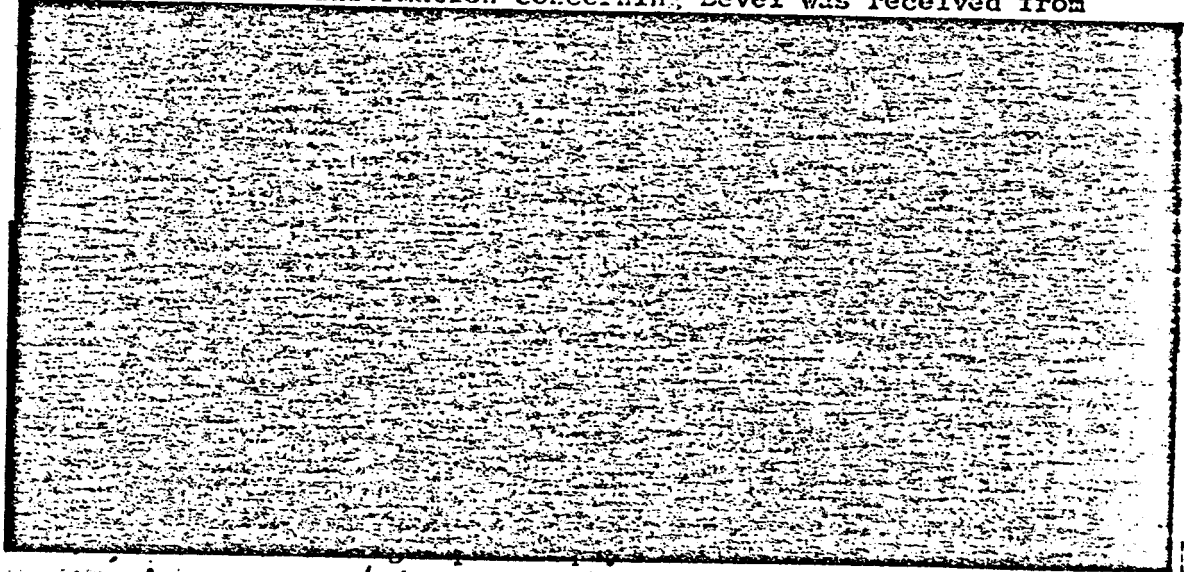
DATE: September 15, 1964

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Bland
- 1 - Mr. Trainor

SUBJECT: RACIAL DISTURBANCE
 PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA
 8/2-31/64
 RACIAL MATTERS

A source of the Philadelphia Office has advised that at a meeting attended by Negro leaders and representatives of the Philadelphia Commission of Human Relations held in Philadelphia on 8/2/64 to find ways to lessen racial tension, Reverend James Bevel, a field representative of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) stated that no Negro would foment rioting unless he was in the pay of the whites. According to the source, Bevel [in private conversation later on] referred to politicians as being ruthless and said as an example, "Johnson assassinated Kennedy." He did not elaborate on this remark.

Other information concerning Bevel was received from Pa



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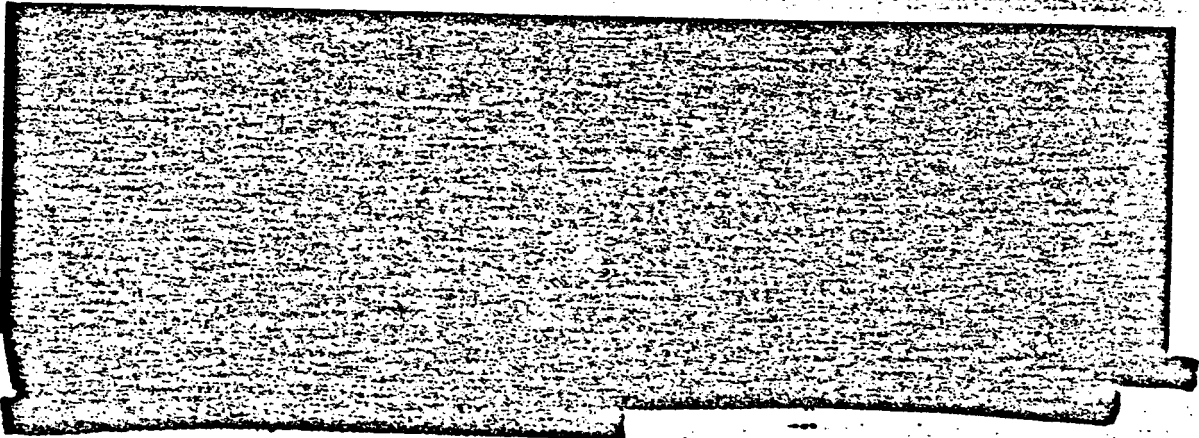
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Bevel admitted that he had made the statement "Johnson assassinated Kennedy" at the meeting of Negro leaders on 9/4/64. He explained, however, that he uses this statement only as a means to get Negroes to think things through to logical conclusions. He said that in conversations with Negroes he has heard them say, "Johnson assassinated Kennedy," "Coldwater assassinated Kennedy," and similar statements. Bevel said he would refer to such expressions to an audience and would then show the audience how utterly ridiculous it is to even consider that President Johnson could have had any connection with the assassination of former President Kennedy.

ACTION:

Pertinent portions of the above information have been furnished to the Department.

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