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OUTLINE

Re: Notes w/ King & Memphis Situation

Do you see any inferential connection between the "Black Messiah" Letter of March 4th, the March 28th violence, and King's return to Memphis?

Raised here is the whole question of the March 28th violence. Did the FBI/MPD play any role in this? Did the Bureau benefit from this violence. The court question: que bono? How?

Findings on the 28th violence:

Read the Polite radio calls:

SA William Lawrence testimony. HSCA

Infiltration of the Invaders--"Max", one FBI informer, and 5 "confidential sources."

FBI/MPD knew the potential for violence was great. Was COME/King/or King Representatives ever told?

See HSCA chastisement of FBI for "unwarranted neglect" in this matter. . . . but concluded that the Bureau was innocent of any "plan to disrupt the march."

FBI was quick to take advantage of the violence. "Handled" editorials in cooperative press in the nation. HSCA identified one placed in a St. Louis paper. FBI had friends on both Memphis papers and other papers throughout the nation. Sullivan and DeLoach certainly colored the whole event in Hooveresque terms for the Congress of the United States and President Johnson. All this pointing to the upcoming march of Washington in August, 1968.

Marrell McCullough agent provocateur actions after King assassination. Mention his drug-running and involvement in incidiarism in Memphis.