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THE MEMPHIS OFFICE OF THE FBI HAS NEVER PUBLICLY REPORTED
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DURING THE PERIOD OF THE 1968 RIOTS IN MEMPHIS, FORMER [REDACTED] WAS A MEMBER OF THE INVADER ORGANIZATION AND FURNISHED INFORMATION REGARDING THE ACTIVITIES OF THIS ORGANIZATION.

THE FOLLOWING INFORMANTS AND FORMER INFORMANTS REPORTED ON ACTIVITIES OF THE INVADER ORGANIZATION DURING 1968 BUT WERE NOT MEMBERS OF THIS ORGANIZATION: FORMER [REDACTED] FORMER [REDACTED] FORMER [REDACTED]

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