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9:40 PM URGENT 4/3/68 WPK

TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS 157-1092

FROM NEW YORK 157-2253 3P

SANITATION WORKERS STRIKE, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, RM.

DETECTIVE LOUIS POULTANIS, BSS, NYCPD, NYC, ADVISED THIS DATE THAT AT PRESS CONFERENCE, TEN AM, THIS DATE, AT HOTEL COMMODORE, NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK, HELD BY DISTRICT THIRTY-SEVEN, MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES UNION, NEW YORK CITY, IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT NEW MARCH WAS SCHEDULED IN MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, FOUR EIGHT SIXTY EIGHT FROM CLAYBORN CHURCH, MEMPHIS TO CITY HALL, MEMPHIS, DISTANCE ONE HALF MILE, TO BEGIN SHORTLY BEFORE TWELVE NOON FOUR EIGHT SIXTY EIGHT. IT WAS FURTHER ANNOUNCED AT CONFERENCE THAT APPROXIMATELY ONE THOUSAND WORKERS FROM MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES UNION AND OTHER UNIONS FROM NEW YORK CITY AREA WOULD PARTICIPATE IN THIS MARCH. IT WAS ALSO STATED CIVIL RIGHTS WORKERS WOULD PARTICIPATE IN MARCH AND THAT MARCH WAS TO BE PEACEFUL DEMONSTRATION. DETECTIVE ADVISED THAT TO DATE ONLY TWO PLANES HAVE BEEN

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CHARTERED TO LEAVE JFK AIRPOR, NEW YORK CITY, ON FOUR EIGHT SIXTY EIGHT WITH RESERVATION FOR APPROXIMATELY THREE HUNDRED FIFTY WORKERS. DETECTIVE FURTHER ADVISED THAT LAW STUDENTS CIVIL RIGHTS RESEARCH COUNSEL, NEW YORK CITY, WHICH CLAIMS TO BE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION, IS TO SEND A FACT FINDING TEAM TO MEMPHIS, FOUR EIGHT SIXTY EIGHT, TO INTERVIEW INDIVIDUALS ARRESTED AND WITNESSES IN PAST DEMONSTRATION IN MEMPHIS AND DETERMINE WHETHER POLICE BRUTALITY EXISTED. TWELVE LAW STUDENT MEMBERS OF THIS ORGANIZATION FROM DUKE, TULANE AND MISSISSIPPI LAW SCHOOLS ARE TO MAKE UP THIS FACT FINDING TEAM.

A SOURCE ADVISED ON THIS DATE THAT DISTRICT COUNSEL NUMBER THIRTY-SEVEN, MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES UNION, NEW YORK CITY, WAS SENDING APPROXIMATELY TWO HUNDRED TO THREE HUNDRED UNION MEMBERS TO MEMPHIS ON FOUR EIGHT SIXTY EIGHT IN SUPPORT OF SANITATION WORKERS STRIKE. SOURCE ADVISED THAT REPRESENTATIVES ARE PLANNING A PEACEFUL DEMONSTRATION, AND THAT TWO PLANES HAVE PRESENTLY BEEN CHARTERED FOR MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES REPRESENTATIVES LEAVING FOR MEMPHIS FROM JFK AIRPORT, SIX AM FOUR EIGHT SIXTY EIGHT TO

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RETURN SIX PM SAME DATE. SOURCE WOULD NOT FURNISH FURTHER
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