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MEMORANDUM

TO: Harold Weisberg
FROM: Steven J. Burton
SUBJECT: Ed Butler's contacts with the "Kennedy Assassination Truth Committee"

At the second meeting of the Kennedy Assassination Truth Committee, Ed Butler showed up. He was quiet most of the time.

At one point, he spoke up, talking as if he was with the group. This meeting was very unruly and he added to it. He did not identify himself, although one person in the group recognized him.

At the next meeting, Butler again showed up. He said nothing but signed up to be a member of the executive committee.

This is basically all I know concerning Butler's contacts with this group.

Steven J. Burton
February 20, 1968

to - Wilcox
New York Times, Feb. 21, 1968

RIOTING IS TRACED TO KENNEDY DEATH

Mock Trial Is Told Slaying
Triggered Overt Violence

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20 (AP)

—The assassination of President John F. Kennedy was described today by a student of agitation and propaganda as one of the underlying causes of the urban riots of recent years.

Testimony at a three-day mock trial of international communism sponsored by anti-Communist groups, Edward S. Butler of New Orleans and Los Angeles said the slaying had triggered an appetite for overt violence in many "revolutionaries."

"It smashed the highest symbol of authority in the country," he said. "Revolutionaries all over the country looked up and said, 'We can get away with murder.'"

Mr. Butler, 33 years old, is executive director of the Information Council of the Americas, which he described as a private organization that keeps tabs on propaganda and agitation campaigns in the Western Hemisphere.

Although Mr. Butler said various Communist groups had been served by the assassination he did not attempt to ascribe it to a Communist plot, nor did he mention any Communist connection with the riots in the cities.

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