

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-1067)

DATE: 8/22/68

FROM : SA WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE

SUBJECT: BLACK ORGANIZING PROJECT (BOP), aka
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On 8/11/68 [redacted] orally advised SA WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE as follows:

The Executive Board of NOP met in the NOP field office at 1217 North Thomas between 5 and 6 p.m., Friday, 8/9/68. Among those present were HOWARD COHN, Young Democrats, Memphis State University; CHARLES FAITHFUL, Young Republicans, MSU; LARRY Z. SHORT; DEBBIE SALE, current Miss Memphis and Southwestern College student, who is working for WOPC at the 1217 Thomas Address; JOHN BURRELL SMITH; CHARLES CABBAGE (who stayed about five minutes); some other unidentified Invaders (a cell of the BOP); GEORGE R. HUNT, Carver High teacher, Acting Director of NOP since its previous Director CHARLES S. BALLARD has been fired or suspended; EDWINA HARRELL, Clerk-Typist for NOP; MURRELL MC COLLOUGH, an Invader and MSU student; JOYCE MC INTOSH of the NOP staff; JAMES E. PHILLIPS, Area Coordinator of NOP; H. DIX ARCHER of the WOPC staff; five or six unknown whites; and a well-dressed black-complexioned male Negro, 25-30 years old, medium height, well educated, who was at the last week's meeting in an expensive silk suit. He was flirting with DEBBIE SALE.

- ① - 157-1067 (BOP)
 - 1 - 157-953 (Black Power Infiltration of NOP and WOPC)
 - 1 - 134-452 Sub [redacted]
 - 1 - 100-4528 [redacted]
 - 1 - 157-957 [redacted]
 - 1 - 157-1000 [redacted]
 - 1 - 170-1024 [redacted]
 - 1 - 157-1019 [redacted]
 - 1 - 157-1238 [redacted]
 - 1 - 157-1070 [redacted]
 - 1 - 157-1361 [redacted]
 - 1 - 134-522 [redacted]
 - 1 - 157-1173 [redacted]
 - 1 - 157-1074 [redacted]
 - 1 - 66-1687 Sub A (Dissemination)
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HOWARD COHN served as temporary chairman in the absence of VERDELL BROOKS who is suspended because Memphis Police Department Vice Squad, on 8/2/68, raided JOHN B. SMITH's apartment at 1644 Hanauer, Apt. 2, arresting JOHN B. and four NOP workers, CHARLES BALLARD, Project Director; VERDELL BROOKS, NOP reporter and Board Chairman; and NOP Area Coordinators, CHARLES HARRINGTON and OREE MC KENZIE, for having marijuana and phenobarbital.

The issue at hand was whether or not WOPC had authority to fire BALLARD, HARRINGTON, BROOKS and MC KENZIE. The NOP people contended that NOP was a self-governing body and only NOP could remove any of its personnel.

EDWINA HARRELL and JOHN B. SMITH were extremely rude to COHN, the Chairman, calling him "Darling," "Sissy," "Knothead," and "Stupid." JOHN B. SMITH became boisterous, rude, and yelled in COHN's face. JOYCE MC INTOSH, too, made snide remarks. It was significant that none of the NOP blacks wore their tikis as they usually do.

HUNT said he did not want the job as NOP Director. COHN suggested NOP protest to WOPC regarding the firing of the above four. They agreed to do so. DEBBIE SALE said she would make a personal appeal on behalf of these four.

NOP blacks do not like CHARLES FAITHFUL, as he is a conservative. DIX ARCHER defended the four. NOP will meet Monday and Tuesday nights, 8/12 and 8/13/68, and may have a Negro march on City Hall, Tuesday, 8/13/68, to protest the \$2.50 per month sanitation fees.

MC COLLOUGH said he is going to MSU and was overheard talking to SHORT, saying he had talked to MORGAN MC CRAW, male Negro, MSU student, and wanted to join the SCJP (Student Community Involvement) movement being started by SHORT, RUBY TURNER and MC CRAW. He gave his home phone number as 947-4265. MC COLLOUGH said the Invaders were badly in need of bail and legal defense money resulting from the 8/2/68 raid on JOHN B. SMITH's apartment.

On 8/12/68 this information was orally furnished to Lt. E. H. ARKIN, Intelligence Unit, Memphis Police Department.