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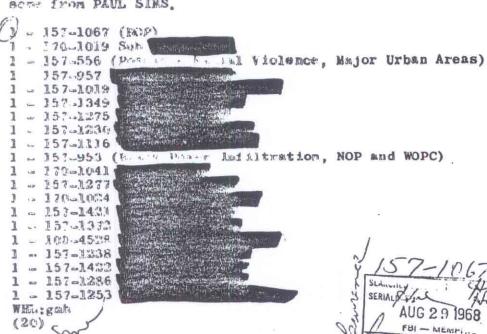
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On 8/4/ really advised as follows:

On Friday wooding 8/1/68 JOBN B. SMITH, CHARLES PARRIED NO COLLOWOR, SERVELL PROCES, I INUS BETHEL, and three unidentified Regro girls were loafing at the Memphis Far on Fowerty Committee (WOTC) - sponsored Neighborhood Organ thing Project (NOP) office at 1310 Florida.

HARRINGTON, ROGERS, HOLMAN, and EROOKS, all on the MOP payroll, were complaining that they were to have been paid that day, but were not paid. All said they wanted to get some "pot" (marijuana) and said they would try to get some from PAUL SIMS.



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On 8/3/63 CHARLES BALLARD, FINUS BETHEL, and MELVIN SMITH, all on the porch of JOHN B. SMITH'S apartment, 1644 Hansuer, Apt. 2.

EMMETT said the police had raided SMITH's apartment on the late night of 8/2/68 and claimed to have gotten some marijuana and phenobarbital and some guns. HOUSE claimed the police planted all the stuff there and that the Police Department arrested JOHN B. SMITH, CHARLES EALLARD, CHARLES HARR INGTON, VERDELL BROOKS, MARVA NORMAN, JEWELL DAVIS, and MARRELL MC COLLOUGH. He bragged that he was glad the police did not find the "sawed off" shotgun in JOHN B.'s apartment. EALLARD claimed "they" had nothing in the apartment, other than the water pipe from which they had been smoking marijuana.

CHARLES HARRINGTON, seemed to crave marijuana and phenobarbital the most.

MELVIN SMITH was heard to comment that he is definitely concerned about the Invaders, NOP and BOP personnel relying so heavily on the use of marijuana and dope. He said they spend most of their time getting "high" instead of working, learning and teaching black power. MELVIN seems more dedicated and sincere in his true black power belief. He said he has good black power contacts in Indianapolis, Indiana, and wants to go there.

MELVIN said the Nation of Islam (NOI) for example has "togetherness" but that its program, primarily because of its religious dogma, does not appeal to the black community.

MELVIN SMITH said it was futile at this point for the Black Powerites to advocate physically going to war with the whites as the blacks are badly outnumbered. He said that JOHN B. SMITH and CHARLES CARBAGE are not good leaders, as they are too emotional.

SMITH said their main desire is dope, money and publicity, and that they want to be racketeers and not true leaders.

### Information re Lizzle Jones

They said nothing concerning LIZZIE JONES, Apt. 3 1544 Hanauer, whose apartment was also raided by police on 2/2/68.

#### Information re GEORGE HUNT

Also on 8/3/68 EMMERT HOUSE commented regarding the recent fist fight in which JOHN B. SMITH, MELVIN SMITH, and EMMETT HOUSE fought WOPC Supervisor GEORGE R. HUNT.

EMMETT HOUSE said they were not as mad at HUNT as they were with Rev. JAMES NETITES, Memphis City Councilman, who was at NOP office, 1310 Florida, just prior to the start of the fight. They said HUNT had no alternative but to defend NETTERS.

#### Information re KAY HUNDERSON

of the Invaders, lives with her grandfather, 1385 Texas.
They cell him "Popcorn." He is allegedly NOLAN HENDERSON.
(NOTE: The records of Carver High School show no record of KAY HENDERSON. She probably has another name.
will endeavor to ascertain same.)

## Information re MARVA CUNNINGHAM

SMITH was dating MARVA CUNNINGHAM of 23 Fields, an employee at the International Harvester, and who has a new green and cream Mercury Cougar.

MARVA allegedly does not approve of JOHN B.'s black power activities. However, about two weeks prior to 8/4/68 saw JOHN B. SMITH sitting in MARVA's car.

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## Information re HELEN WASHINGTON

as recently been running around with HELEN WASHINGTON, legro female; that she is a Beale Street "character" and langs out at Fourth and Hernando.

She did have a young Magro girl, name not known, working for her. She did live in South Memphis.

PAUL SIMS, the notorious marijuana pusher, knows her and she has done some work for SIMS.