

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-1067)

DATE: 7/9/68

FROM : SA WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE

SUBJECT: BLACK ORGANIZING PROJECT (BOP), aka  
RM

On 6/4/68 Lt. E. H. ARKIN, Memphis Police Department, Intelligence Unit, made available to writer a rough draft Xerox copy of a memorandum he had written dated 6/3/68 concerning information received from his informant [redacted] regarding 5/31/68 activities of the Invaders, aka Black Organizing Project (BOP).

It reads as follows:

- 1-157-1067 - BOP
- 1-157-556 - Possible Racial Violence, Major Urban Areas
- 1-157-957 - [redacted]
- 1-157-1277 - [redacted]
- 1-157-1126 - [redacted]
- 1-157-1019 - [redacted]
- 1-157-1173 - [redacted]
- 1-157-1116 - [redacted]
- 1-157-1263 - [redacted]
- 1-157-1278 - [redacted]
- 1-157- - COME
- 1-157-1070 - [redacted]
- 1-170-98 - [redacted]

WHL:wp  
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*Lawrence*

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AT 2:45 PM WENT TO COLLINS  
CHAPEL, 678 WASHINGTON, 525-2872,  
TO MEETING OF C.O.M.E. & THE  
B.O.P. HOUSE, GIBSON, SMITH, EDWINA  
HARRELL & SOURCE.

REV. JAMES M. LAWSON, REV. LIGHTFOOT,  
ERAND MITCHELL, <sup>C. OF M. E. I. A.</sup> MRS. A. CRENSHAW, REV. W.M.  
SMITH, PASTOR OF COLLINS CHAPEL & TWO  
(2) OTHER MINISTERS WERE PRESENT.

TALKED ABOUT A COMMITTEE  
IN NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE THAT SPONSORED  
POLICE BRUTALITY HAS ~~BEEN~~ ASKED ~~FOR~~  
C.O.M.E. TO COME HERE. THIS COMMITTEE  
TO BE IN MOHS. SOMETIME IN JUNE;  
THEY WANT C.O.M.E. TO SET UP A MASS  
MEETING FOR THEM.

REV. JAMES M. LAWSON, IS TO  
WRITE TO THIS ORGANIZATION C.O.M.E.'S  
ACCEPTANCE OF THEIR OFFER.

JOHN B. SMITH'S FURNISHINGS  
HAVE BEEN RE-CLAIMED BY FINANCE CO.  
AND JOHN ASKED LAWSON & (COME)  
TO GIVE HIM THE MONEY TO GET HIS  
FURNITURE BACK. LAWSON REFUSED

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AND AN ARGUMENT INSUED.

THERE WAS SOME TALK OF C.O.M.E.  
BEING AN UMBRELLA GROUP TO TAKE  
OVER ALL OTHER ORGANIZATIONS IN CITY.  
(FOR MONEY REASONS.)

LEFT MEETING AT 4:30 PM. WENT  
TO "LITTLE BOBS" 2007 CHELSEA. TO GET  
SOME MARIJUANA - NEGATIVE RESULTS.

EMMITT HOUSE, USE TO WORK  
AT KENNEDY HOSP. - HAS A WIFE WHO  
NOW WORKS AT METH. HOSP.

THERE WAS ANOTHER MEETING  
GOING ON AT COLLINS CHAPEL AT THE  
SAME TIME THE C.O.M.E. MEETING WAS IN  
PROGRESS BUT THIS MEETING WAS ALL  
WHITE PEOPLE. UNK. REASON FOR  
MEETING OR NAMES OF THOSE THERE.