

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-1067)

DATE: 7/18/68

FROM : SA WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE

SUBJECT: BLACK ORGANIZING PROJECT (BOP), aka  
Invaders  
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On 7/8/68 Lt. E. H. ARKIN, Intelligence Section, Memphis Police Department, furnished writer a copy of a PD memorandum dated 7/2/68 concerning activities of the Black Organizing Project, aka Invaders, for 7/1/68 and also for 7/2/68, as furnished to Lt. ARKIN on the morning of 7/2/68 from PD undercover agent, code name [REDACTED]. This memorandum, 3 pages in length, reads as follows:

- ① 157-1067 - BOP
- 1-157-556 - Possible Racial Violence, Major Urban Areas
- 1-157-957 - [REDACTED]
- 1-157-1263 - [REDACTED]
- 1-157-1061 - [REDACTED]
- 1-157-953 - Black Power Infiltration, Memphis War on Poverty Committee
- 1-157-1126 - [REDACTED]
- 1-157-1229 - [REDACTED]
- 1-157-1000 - [REDACTED]
- 1-157-1173 - [REDACTED]
- 1-157-1230 - [REDACTED]
- 1-100-4528 - [REDACTED]
- 1-157-1277 - [REDACTED]
- 1-157-1273 - [REDACTED]
- 1-157- [REDACTED]
- 2-157-New [REDACTED]
- 1-157-1070 - [REDACTED]
- 1-157-1187 - [REDACTED]
- 1-157-1127 - Stockpiling of Arms and Ammunition
- 1-157-1308 - COME

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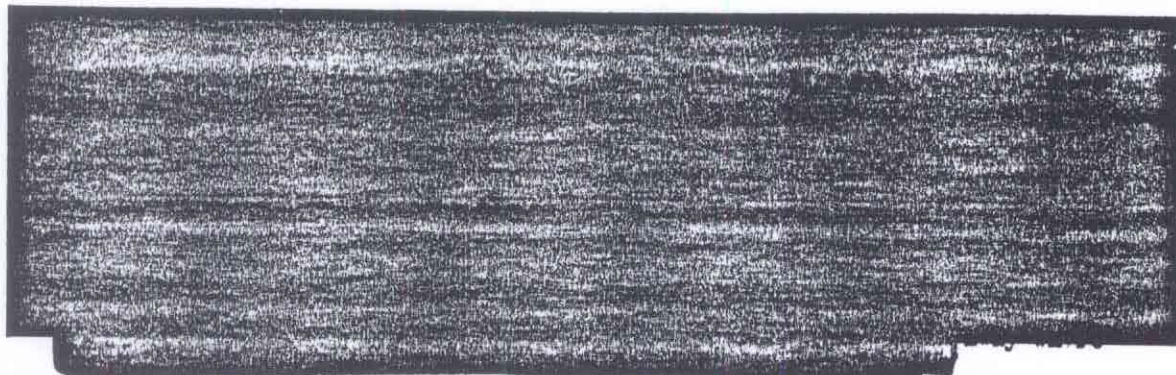
TO: CAPTAIN J. G. RAY  
Intelligence Section

FROM: F. D. H. AFKIN  
Intelligence Section

SUBJECT: ACTIVITIES OF BOP FOR JULY 1,  
1968

DATE: July 2, 1968

At 8:40 AM, July 2, 1968, received telephone call from informant who stated the below information is a detailed report of the activities of the BLACK ORGANIZING PROJECT (BOP) for July 1, 1968.



*like Pruitt*  
When they arrived at the <sup>like mckenzies</sup> Playboy Lounge on outer Parkway, JOHN B. SMITH, CREE MCKENZIE, and EWALD FAYON were already present. A little later, CHARLES L. CABBAGE, EMIET HOUSE, GILLER, THOMAS CLARK, WILLIE ROGERS OR RODGERS, EWINDA HARRELL, DON PRUITT, DON DOUGLAS, male Negro known as GIGGS, (25 years old, 6 feet tall, 165 lbs., skinny build, short AFRO hair who wears flashy multi-colored clothes, hangs out around the Harlem House on Beale and is the person who obtains marijuana for the INVADERS), PETER RABBIT (male Negro 23 years old, 5'11", 160 lbs., a MITCH MILLER type mustache and beard), and three other male Negroes from the Orange Mound area. They are described as follows: 1. male Negro 24 years of age, 6 feet tall, 170 lbs., light complexion, short AFRO hair; 2. male Negro, 23 or 24 years of age, 6'1", 180 lbs., short hair, dark complexion, drives a late model Chevrolet, possibly a 1966 model white in color; 3. male Negro, 25 years old, 6'1", 160 lbs., skinny build, large eyes, upper front teeth protrude, dark complexion, and believed to be a Memphis State University student.

*John Smith*  
The meeting begin at 6:00 PM with JOHN B. SMITH presiding. CHARLES CABBAGE called for a liaison man between BOP and the INVADERS. EWALD FAYON was selected to be Liaison Officer. JOHN B. SMITH said they also needed an Internal Security which should be headed by the Defense Ministry of the organization and should be like a Secret Police.

CHARLES CABRAGE didn't go along with this idea stating it was too much like Hitler's Gestapo. The number two unknown file Hugo from the Orange Mound described above earlier in this report agreed with CHARLES CABRAGE but further stated they did need some sort of Secret Police or Security. This subject also said that the FEDS (Federal Government) had every word said down on paper, word for word.

They then started talking about some sort of security for the money of the organization. CHARLES CABRAGE suggested the INVADERS provide the security for the treasury. WILLIE ROGERS OR BONGERS "New Chairman for INVADERS", said that the INVADERS would provide security for the treasury but they needed some pieces (guns).

They then started talking about the coming revolution and CHARLES CABRAGE stated according to Maé Tee Sung, who finances the BLACK REVOLUTION, that the leaders must come from the masses. Must be someone who can communicate with the people. The money from WOPC and some other organization according to CABRAGE is here, all we need to do is get it. CHARLES CABRAGE then warned BOP about fighting over the money, gave several examples one being the BLACK SCORPION RANGERS and the DISCIPLES, both Chicago militant gangs who according to CABRAGE were always fighting among themselves over finances given to them by the whiteman.

*6 Va. Mill Lane Smith*  
ERNAID FASON who is Director at one of the parks asked for books on BLACK CULTURE as he is teaching BLACK HISTORY in the park where he works.

Following is a list of activities for the BOP for July 2, 1968:

CHARLES LEVERN CABRAGE allegedly is having a meeting with an unknown group sometime in the morning of July 2, 1968. Unknown as to the location of this meeting. (CHARLES BALLARD stated that this meeting was a kick-back from the meeting that JOHN B. SMITH et al, had with Mayor Loeb last week)

7:30 PM, Tuesday, July 2, 1968, CCME will have a meeting at the First Baptist Church on Beale. BOP plans to make CHARLES HARRINGTON the Treasurer of C.O.M.E. They are also going to try to elect some adult who is Pro-BOP as Chairman of C.O.M.E. JOHN B. SMITH stated he wanted at least 50 people from their group to be at the C.O.M.E. meeting tonight, so the meeting will go just the way they want it to, as did last week's meeting.

CHARLES CABRAGE stated in the near future, there would be a BLACK POWER RALLY in Memphis, but would not elaborate on this.

CHARLES BALLARD is now driving a light brown Ford Mustang, Tenn license JM-6740, which the WOPC has rented for him.

It may be worthy of note, the following persons were missing from the meeting of the BOP at the Playboy Lounge on outer Parkway: VERDILL BROOKS, DORRY DELANEY, VAN CABRAGE, WORMICK LEE SILVERSON, JAMES E. PHILLIPS, AND BRICK BOLSMAN (previously known as LARD).

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(who was personally seen by SA LAWRENCE and SA LOWE on 7/11/68, at which time he told Agents that he is a Carver High School graduate and has just finished his first year at Stillman College, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, where he had a baseball scholarship. He will operate the South Florida Street, 1310 South Florida, operation of the Neighborhood Organizing Project, operated by the War on Poverty Committee during the summer of 1968, he said.)