

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: SAC (157-1067)

FR: SA WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE

SUBJECT: BLACK ORGANIZING PROJECT (BOP)
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DATE: 7/26/68

On 6/27/68 [redacted] advised SA's WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE and HOWARD S. LOBE as follows:

On 6/19/68 CHARLES LAVERNE CABBAGE; RICHARD NEELY, 531 East McLemore; brother DON NEELY of 531 East McLemore; and JAMES E. PHILLIPS, all of BOP, were in Washington, D. C., for the mass demonstration at Resurrection City sponsored by Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC).

Also, there was the notorious Memphis pick-pocket LANCE WATSON, aka Lance Ballard, "Sweet Willie," "Willie Wine."

CABBAGE said WATSON was on "loan" from BOP to a group called AIM, a group which will agitate to insist on more black history and culture being taught in public schools. He did not elaborate. When informant saw WATSON, latter said that he is staying on in Washington, D. C. He did not elaborate.

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- 1-170-70-Sub - [redacted]
- 1-157-556 - Possible Racial Violence, Major Urban Areas
- 1-157-1258 - [redacted]

- 1-100-4528 - [redacted]
- 1-157-1114 - [redacted]
- 1-157-1326 - [redacted]
- 1-157-1000 - [redacted]
- 1-157-957 - [redacted]
- 1-100-4575 - [redacted]
- 1-157-1038 - [redacted]
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CABBAGE was trying to make contacts with novelty distributors to sell Black Power items such as black flags, pills and amulets. He said he would like to start a black art store in Memphis.

CABBAGE bragged he is the only Memphis BOP personality who has a decent education; that for example JOHN BURRELL SMITH has only one year of college. While in Washington, D. C., CABBAGE and the NEELYS hung out at the Pitts Hotel, where SCLC functionaries stayed. CABBAGE appears more interested in making money. He is a "con artist" and is using Black Power sociology and political science as a vehicle.

Source learned that CLIFFORD LOUIS TAYLOR, BOP associate of CABBAGE, has allegedly been working at the Pace Corporation.

After getting to Washington, CABBAGE and the two NEELYS went on to New York, New York, to contact wholesale suppliers of black novelties. CABBAGE could do no good, as all the suppliers wanted cash on the barrel head.

A few days before 6/27/68, a Negro barber named MINOR said it was strange that DON NEELY had only been in the Army a short while and wondered if he was AWOL.

CABBAGE said he would like to get uniforms, red and black, for the BOP members, as a psychological weapon.

He wants to start a program whereby BOP will combat BERT FERGUSON, manager of WDIA, a white man, who reads editorials on the air aimed at Negroes.

Informant on 6/26/68 saw CLINTON ROY JAMERSON and SAMUEL CARTER of BSA on Beale Street. JAMERSON said he wants to go to graduate school. He complained that he cannot find a job.

Source learned that CABBAGE's girlfriend and also BOP leader, EDWINA JEANETTA HARRELL, and RICK TAYLOR, a Beale Street loafer and former radio announcer, will help CABBAGE to prepare material to be used in attacking BERT FERGUSON.