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FROM SAC MEMPHIS (157-1067) (3P)

BLACK ORGANIZING PROJECT (BOP), AKA, RM

LT. JERRY DAVIS, INTELLIGENCE BUREAU, MEMPHIS PD, ADVISED THAT AT ELEVEN FORTYFIVE P.M., AUGUST TWO, LAST, VICE SQUAD MEMPHIS PD, USING SEARCH WARRANTS, RAIDED THE APARTMENT OF BOP BOARD CHAIRMAN JOHN BURRELL SMITH, ONE SIX FOUR FOUR HANAUER, APT. TWO. SMITH IS ON AGITATOR'S INDEX AND ON SI. POLICE ALSO RAIDED ON SEARCH WARRANT, APT. THREE, OCCUPIED BY FEMALE NEGRO, LIZZIE JONES, BASED ON INFORMATION THAT BOP WAS STORING POSSIBLE DRUGS, MARIJUANA AND WEAPONS IN HER APARTMENT.

ARRESTED IN SMITH'S APT. WERE: JOHN B. SMITH, CHARLES HARRINGTON, MALE NEGRO, BOP; OREE MC KENZIE, MALE NEGRO, BOP; VERDELL BROOKS, NEGRO MALE, BOP; CHARLES S. BALLARD, MALE NEGRO, BOP; MARRELL MC COLLOUGH, MALE NEGRO, BOP; AND JEWELL DAVIS, NEGRO FEMALE, BOP. LIZZIE JONES WHO IS NOT KNOWN TO BE MEMBER BOP WAS ARRESTED IN HER APT.

PD RECOVERED TWO TWENTYTWO CALIBER PISTOLS AND SOME LEGEND DRUGS IN JONES' APARTMENT AND RECOVERED IN SMITH'S APT., A

WATER PIPE, UTILIZED FOR SMOKING MARIJUANA. A BOTTLE OF

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LUMINOL, A LEGEND DRUG, THREE SYRINGES SUITABLE FOR USING FOR DRUG INJECTIONS AND A HANDMADE CIGARETTE BELIEVED BY PD TO BE MARIJUANA, ALL OF ARRESTEES WERE CHARGED WITH DISORDERLY CONDUCT AND IN ADDITION SMITH AND JONES WERE CHARGED WITH "POSSESSION OF NARCOTICS AND LEGEND DRUGS." ALL WERE HELD OVERNIGHT IN PD ON FIFTYONE DOLLAR DISORDERLY CONDUCT BONDS, PLUS TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS EACH FOR SMITH AND JONES, ALL SCHEDULED TO APPEAR MEMPHIS CITY COURT INSTANT DATE.

OF PARTICULAR INTEREST IS FACT THAT SEVERAL OF ABOVE ARE FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES DURING SUMMER, ONE NINE SIX EIGHT OF NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZING PROJECT (NOP) WHICH IS OPERATED BY MEMPHIS WAR ON POVERTY COMMITTEE (WOPC) WHICH IS FINANCED BY FEDERAL FUNDS THROUGH OFFICE OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY. NOP IS ALMOST COMPLETELY STAFFED WITH BOP PERSONNEL. CHARLES BALLARD IS DIRECTOR OF NOP. OREE MC KENZIE IS EMPLOYED AS AREA COORDINATOR AS IS CHARLES HARRINGTON. VERDELL BROOKS IS EMPLOYED BY NOP AS REPORTER AND LARRY DAVIS, BROTHER OF JEWELL DAVIS, IS EMPLOYED AS NOP FIELD WORKER.

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[REDACTED] AND JERRY DAVIS ADVISED THAT ALL OF ARRESTEES, WITH EXCEPTION OF JONES, ARE ACTIVE MEMBERS OF THE INVADERS, THE ACTIVIST CELL OF BOP. CONSIDERABLE LITERATURE AND PAPERS WERE ALSO RECOVERED IN SMITH'S APT. AND OVER WEEKEND AUGUST THREE - FOUR, ARE BEING PROCESSED BY PD, RESULTS OF WHICH WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THIS OFFICE.

LHM WILL BE SUBMITTED UPON RECEIPT OF FULL DETAILS FROM PD, AUGUST FIFTH, NEXT.

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