

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (100-New) DATE: 5/14/68

FROM : SA WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE

SUBJECT: [REDACTED], aka,  
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On 5/2/68, [REDACTED], Memphis, Tennessee, phone [REDACTED], came to the Memphis FBI Office and advised SA ANDREW SLOAN she was most concerned about [REDACTED], aka, [REDACTED], fearing he was becoming involved in a Pro-Communist group in Memphis growing out of his recent active participation in the sanitation workers' strike in Memphis.

On 5/3/68, SA WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE interviewed [REDACTED] in detail, at her request.

She advised as follows:

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- 2 - 157-New [REDACTED]
- ① - 157-1092 (Sanitation Workers Strike, Memphis, Tenn.)
- 1 - 157-166 (SCLC)
- 1 - 157- Dead [REDACTED]
- 1 - 157-1067 (Black Organizing Project)
- 1 - 100- [REDACTED]
- 1 - 100-4593 [REDACTED]
- 1 - 100-4046 (SSOC)
- 1 - 100-4591 [REDACTED]
- 1 - 100-4481 [REDACTED]
- 2 - 100-New [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] is also known as [REDACTED] and most people call him [REDACTED]. He is 5'6", weighs 124 pounds, has long, extremely light blond hair, wears glasses, and is growing a moustache. He was born 12/12/46 in Kansas City, Mo. He attended East High School and Harding Academy and had an IQ of 170. He became a psychiatric problem during his teens and was treated by Memphis psychiatrist [REDACTED], who had him sent to the Brown School in Austin, Texas, a school for emotionally disturbed youngsters, where he stayed until 17 years of age. He had always wanted to join the Navy and did so when he was 17 years old and served four years. He liked it at first and up to a year ago he wanted to serve in Vietnam. Then during the last year he became dissatisfied, went AWOL on at least two occasions, and was discharged from the U. S. Navy in January, 1968. He was also put in the brig while in the Navy for drinking and fighting. He was a deck worker in the Navy. He has always been extremely nervous and sensitive.

He came back to Memphis January 20, 1968 and immediately went to work for Waterways Marine Service and then with Warner & Tumble as a deck hand. He worked 18 days and came back to Memphis to report his discharge to the draft board before returning to Waterways Marine to work as a deck hand on one of their tow boats. When the boat got to New Orleans, the captain refused to feed some Negro deck workers but did feed some white workers. This infuriated [REDACTED] as he felt the captain was discriminating against Negroes. [REDACTED] quit and came home shortly after 2/12/68, the start of the sanitation workers' strike in Memphis. He went downtown one night in February, 1968, to participate in an NAACP sponsored all-night vigil at the City Hall in support of the strikers. There he met some young whites in the vigil, including RICHARD "RICH" RYAN, a Memphis State University pre-law student who is possibly a GI and who allegedly lives on South Parkway. RYAN is a white male, 24-25 years of age, thin light brown hair, 5'10", thin build, has acne, is very serious, and sometimes dates MSU student LAURA INGRAM.

At this vigil he also met GRANT HARVEY, an AME preacher, a Negro who works out of Clayborn Temple and was active in the

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strike support

[REDACTED] began working in support of the strike. In this activity he met LAURA INGRAM, who says she has worked for the NAACP. She is a vulgar, hot-headed and defiant person based on observations of her by [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] also has become acquainted with LAURA INGRAM's boy friend, MIKE FISHER, and his roommate, RENE SOLAND ROCHAT, both MSU students. ROCHAT is Dutch, is an alien, and seems to hate and have contempt for everything, based on [REDACTED] observations. RENE and MIKE live in a big 2-story rented house at 187 Somerville. They live upstairs and the down stairs part is vacant. Another student, name not known, stays with them.

They had a party there about two weeks ago which was a racially integrated party. [REDACTED] later told [REDACTED] that a Negro Communist was there (note - CARL BLOICE, Negro correspondent of "The Worker" and member of the National Committee CPUSA, was in Memphis during early April, 1968, to cover the Martin Luther King march, per [REDACTED] to SA WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE on 4/8 and 4/26/68). [REDACTED] did not call the Negro by name.

[REDACTED] through his work in strike support, with the Community on the Move for Equality (COME), met and worked with such Negro Ministers as CHANT HARVEY, HAROLD A. MIDDLEBROOK, and Rev. JAMES MORRIS LAWSON, JR. He has become well acquainted with most of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) staff which has been in Memphis off and on since 3/18/68. She said [REDACTED] admires SCLC staffer, Rev. JAMES L. BEVEL but considers him to be to pro-violent. She said [REDACTED] to the Memphis State University student center to recruit marchers for the scheduled 3/22 and 4/5/68 mass marches to be headed by KING.

[REDACTED] also has told [REDACTED] he has been permitted to meet with some of the Black Organizing Project (BOP) and Invaders Group. He admires them but feels they are to pro-violent.

Rev. RICHARD M. MOON, Director, Westminster House, Presbyterian Student Center, MSU, recently told [REDACTED] that the Invaders are "taking [REDACTED] for a ride". [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

In March, when a group of Memphis ministers headed by Rabbi JAMES WAX marched on the office of Memphis Mayor HENRY LOEB, urging him to end the strike, [REDACTED] went and there met RICHARD D. MOON and sister RENE of Sienna College. When they decided to have a fast and sit in at the City Hall, [REDACTED] decided to join them and did so. He stayed five days and in the process met Prof. RICHARD GELLEN of MSU and other new leftists and beatnicks.

With regard to the Invaders, [REDACTED] has told [REDACTED] he is convinced that they started and fomented the rioting on Beale Street on 3/28/68 when MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., led the march. He told [REDACTED] that he, a Negro girl MURIEL PATTERSON, and some Negro ministers have tried to work with the Invaders to keep them non-violent. He considers the Invaders such as OREE MC KENZIE and JOHN BURRELL SMITH as his friends.

MURIEL PATTERSON told [REDACTED] that the Invaders would protect [REDACTED] and not allow the other Negroes to harm him. [REDACTED] also claims to know CHARLES L. CABBAGE and refers to CABBAGE as the brains of the BOP and Invaders. TED told [REDACTED] that at one of the first Invaders meetings at Clayborn Temple, GERALD FANIOLI's daughter attended and advocated violence.

[REDACTED] has said that a white female student at Southwestern, KATHY ROOP or RUPP, a close friend of LAURA INGRAM, along with LAURA and GRANT HARVEY and RICHARD RYAN, and possibly MIKE FISHER, a former Coast Guardsman, are forming a new organization to help Negroes. They feel COME and Dr. H. RALPH JACKSON of the Minimum Salary Office, AME Church, are moving too slowly. One of their projects is to intimidate COOPER's cafe on Madison Avenue to increase the salaries of its delivery boys up from \$15 a week.

[REDACTED] has mixed emotions. For example, he was maced by the police at Clayborn Temple 3/28/68 during the riot. He had been with the Negroes yet he was afraid of the Negroes and finally came home in a taxi.

MAJ.COM D. BLACKBURN, white male pastor of Clayborn Temple, is interested in working with [REDACTED] LAURA and KATHY, as well as GRANT HARVEY in their new group.

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Regarding LAURA INGRAM, [REDACTED] has talked with her. She is a reasonably attractive but bitter young woman who claims to be a native of Mississippi but is almost fanatical in being pro-Negro. She has scars on her face resulting from an automobile accident.

[REDACTED] is a heavy drinker and fights a lot. He is emotionally unstable and now wants to be a civil rights worker and may go to MSU this fall. He has fallen in love with the female Negro MURIEL PATTERSON. He met MURIEL at COME meetings. She is 24 years old, claims she is from Denver, Colorado, and has a 6-year-old son and is allegedly divorced. She did live with her mother, who is a school teacher, but her mother threw her out. She now lives on Linden. She did work at Pic Pac Food Store on Lamar and claims her uncle is a lawyer. She claims she was once engaged to a white man. She is very attractive and thinks [REDACTED] is immature. She says she is not in love with him but tolerates him and mothers him. MURIEL did live at the Holiday Inn on South Third Street and at the Downtowner Motel. They threw her out for non-payment of bills.

Recently, [REDACTED] drank some beer, drove MURIEL to West Memphis, Arkansas, got arrested for drunk driving, and had to pay a \$220 fine. [REDACTED] is now working 12 hours a day at Warner & Tamble.

[REDACTED] is now concerned. [REDACTED] has been telling her recently that Communism is the only answer to mankind. He has started reading 'Ramparts' and 'Evergreen', both vulgar and pro-Communist in their content. She also exhibited to writer the February, 1968, issue of 'Liberator' and 'New Politics', Vol. VI, No. 2, New Politics Publishing Co., 507 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y., 10017, and April, 1968, issue of 'New South Student', official publication of Southern Student Organizing Committee (SSOC). He told her that he bought the latter 3 publications at the Unicom Newstand on Monroe Avenue.

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[REDACTED] She insisted that her identity be protected should any of this information be reported.

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The 1967 Memphis City Directory lists Rev. GRANT HARVEY, Office Worker, District AME Church, residence 1365 South Lauderdale.

RECOMMENDATION:

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