



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Memphis, Tennessee
February 26, 1968

Re: MEMPHIS SANITATION STRIKERS,
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

Reference is made to a communication captioned as
above dated February 24, 1968.

On February 26, 1968, Captain J. G. Ray, Inspectional
Bureau, Memphis, Tennessee, Police Department, advised that
on Saturday, February 24, 1968, Memphis Attorney Anthony
Sabell, representing Local 1733, American Federation of
State, County and Municipal Employees (AFL-CIO), the Union
claiming to represent the striking sanitation workers in
Memphis, the strike now having gone on for two continuous
weeks, surrendered Thos. Oliver Jones, President of Local
1733, after the Police Department had issued a warrant
charging Jones with assault with intent to commit murder,
disorderly conduct, and night riding in connection with
his purported attempt to turn over a Memphis Police Department
squad car on Friday afternoon, February 23, 1968, during
a massive march of sanitation strikers and supporters down
Main Street in Memphis, Tennessee.

Jones has been released on bond and Jones, along with
the other seven strikers who were arrested in connection
with the attempt to upset the squad car, has been bound
over to the State of Tennessee for possible Grand Jury action.

All of the defendants have waived hearings in
Memphis City Court.

The "Press-Scimitar" newspaper, issue of February 24,
1968, reported that the City of Memphis on February 24, 1968,
obtained in Shelby County Chancery Court an injunction signed
by Chancellor Robert Hoffman against officials of the American
Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFL-CIO),
aimed at preventing any strike activity. The injunction does
not name that the 1,375 sanitation Department men on strike
will return to work or that they have to return to work but it

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 - 1 - 111th MI, Nashville; 1 - USA, Memphis; 1 - Secret Service, Memphis;
 - (16) - Memphis (157-1092) (100-662) (157-109) (170-70 Sub) (170-1022)
 - (170-49) (170-45) (170-114) (170-117) (170-1019 Sub)
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