

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-1067)

DATE: 9/13/68

FROM : SA WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE

SUBJECT: BLACK ORGANIZING PROJECT, aka
Invaders, etc.
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On 9/6/68 Lt. E. H. ARKIN, Intelligence Unit, Memphis, Tennessee, Police Department, furnished to SA WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE one copy of Memphis Police Department Memorandum dated 9/6/68 re "Activities of Invaders for Sept. 5, 1968," based on information furnished by Police Department undercover Agent, code name [REDACTED]. One Xerox copy of same is attached to each copy of this memorandum.

Enclosure

- ① - 157-1067 (BOP)
- 1 - 157-556 (Possible Racial Violence, Major Urban Areas)
- 1 - 157-953 (Black Power Infiltration, WOPC and NOP)
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Inspector G. P. Tines,
Inspectional Bureau.

Activities of Invaders for

September 6, 1968.

Lt. G. B. Holcomb,
Intelligence Section.

September 6, 1968

At 2:30PM ARTHUR NORWOOD and MARRELL MC CULLOUGH were at 1644 Hanauer #2, and NORWOOD was reading some Black Muslim Literature. They went there to 1310 Florida and found it closed, but they found that SWEET WILLY WINE and JOHN HENRY FERGUSON were at the Board of Education. They returned to 1644 Hanauer where JOHN B. SMITH, EMMETT HOUSE, CHARLES BALLARD, CHARLES HARRINGTON, DON HOLMES and seven Female Negroes from Carver High came by. MC CULLOUGH, SMITH, HOUSE, BALLARD and HARRINGTON got into a car and went by the Play Boy Villa and got \$5.00 from Duke the manager and then went to the Harlem House on Beale where HOUSE bought some Dilaudid from one of the STREETER Brothers.

At 4PM they were back at 1644 Hanauer, when CHARLES CABBAGE came in and got MC CULLOUGH to carry him back down town. At 4:30PM MC CULLOUGH was seen to drop CABBAGE off at the Western Union Office, and MC CULLOUGH continued on and picked up WILLY WINE and his girl friend JOYCE FC 19, and took her home. She lives in the first brick apartment just north of the Church at 610 North 7th. WINE & MC CULLOUGH then continued on to the Western Union Station, where they picked up CHARLES CABBAGE and carried him back to the Harlem House on Beale. DON WELLY was in the Harlem House at this time.

WINE & MC CULLOUGH continued South in the car and were seen to pick up MELVIN SMITH, and another Male Negro who favors JOHN GARY WILLIAMS, who is about 24, 5'9", 160 lbs, with a short beard, at Florida and McLemore. This Male Negro is believed to have just recently arrived from Chicago. They continued on to 1644 Hanauer.

A few minutes later EMMETT HOUSE was seen to leave in a car along with BALLARD, MC CULLOUGH, and HARRINGTON, and they went to Beale and Hernando where HOUSE bought some morphine from a Male Colored in a white 61 Chev. Sedan, Tenn. JO 716L. This MC has been described in a prior report as a narcotic pusher, in the Mississippi and Walker area. He is the large MC with the big beard, over 35 years old.

At 5:30PM They were back at 1644 Hanauer, where JOHN B. SMITH, ORE MC KENZIE, ERDELL BROOKS, DON HOLMES, WILLY WINE, and a Male Negro about 24, were sitting outside on the sidewalk discussing the schools. JOHN B. SMITH was suggesting that they boycott the school supplies and cafeterias to show the teachers that they were dependant upon the pupils. He said the picketing at the schools is ragged now, but will be better organized as they get more guys going. They mentioned that they would picket Carver High and Hamilton High today, and asked for volunteers to go to Hamilton, but very few people volunteered for this assignment, and it is unlikely that they will do anything at Hamilton right now.

At this time they were all seen to go inside and JOHN B. SMITH began discussing the construction of the Invaders, and planned a Citywide meeting for the Invaders for.

September 16, 1968, but the time and location of the meeting is not known at this time. His plans are to have War Lords in all sections of the City, and each War Lord will have a group of Invaders under him, and he will be responsible for his group. JOHN B. SMITH also discussed the formation of a group known as BUSH (BLACK OPPORTUNISTS SELF HELP). The purpose of this program is for them to go to the business houses in Memphis and explain this self help program to the business managers and ask for donations for their cause. This program will be explained to the business men as a breadbasket operation, but in reality they are to use this money to pay bonds and fines etc.

The business houses mentioned to be hit first were: PEPSI COLA BOTTLING CO., KROGERS, and the businesses in Southgate Shopping Center. They have at this time a list of other business houses, but their names are unknown. If the business houses that they contact fail to contribute they will contact the Warlords responsible for that district and they will take care of this business owner. One of the things brought out is, if PEPSI COLA BOTTLING CO. fails to contribute, they will go to all the stores in the Negro areas that have Pepsi Cola machines, and intimidate these people and make them remove the Pepsi Cola machines. It will be up to the War Lords to take care of the business houses not contributing, including burning them out. The ones who will probably contact the business owners are WILLIE ROGERS, or ERIC HOLMAN.

6:30PM JOHN HENRY FERGUSON came up with a Male Colored who was driving a white Valiant, and another Male Negro was in the car described as about 18, 5'10", 155 lbs, dark complexion, medium hair, hoarse voice, possibly called ROB or ROBERT, who hangs around with WINE and is believed to be a student or an ex student of Carver High. This Valiant is believed to have been described in a prior report, along with its license number. When they got inside this Male Negro ROB, was heard to tell WILLY WINE, "I didn't have time to change clothes, I just did the thing and when I left it was going pretty good," and WILLY WINE said, "That's enough, brother man, I understand." They were possibly referring to the Shannon Bros. Arson fire, September 4, 1968. About this time DON HOLMES and JOHN B. SMITH got in an argument outside the building, because HOLMES feels that he is not being treated right. JOHN told him that he talked too mean, always talking about beating people up, etc., and told him he was going to have to change. JOHN also thinks DON HOLMES planted some marijuana sticks in his apartment last summer.

Inside the apartment MELVIN SMITH was looking at a Black Muslim newspaper, where he saw some photographs of some rifles, and he made the statement referring to one of the rifles, "This looks just like my piece, old 303." MELVIN SMITH lives in an old large house converted into apartments, directly across the street from the fire hydrant that is in front of the school at St. Paul and Orleans.

JOHNNY FRIERSON, came in sometime later and this is the first time FRIERSON has been seen by any of them for some time. They all were interested in where he had been, and JOHN B. called him a super spy. All FRIERSON would tell them was that he had just been around, and was doing something important. (This is merely Frierison's personality trait, to appear secretive, and play important.)

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At 7PM MC CULLOUGH was seen to take EMMET HOUSE, to the Laundry at Florida and Trigg. (It is unknown why they are not using the Afro Cleaners on Phwy as they are alleged to have bought 40% interest in it.)

They left the Laundry and drove up near Sears on Third and picked up three unknown Female Coloreds and these Female Coloreds asked them about having to leave 1510 Florida. HOUSE told them it was not because of the money, but just politics. He said since the building is of no use to us, it will be no use to him. We will burn it down. They let the girls out at Florida and Trigg., and CHARLES CABBAGE was also seen in the neighborhood in a car with an unknown Male Negro. This car was a completely black 1966 Chev. Convertible Top. Prefix believed KA-6491, this car is described in a prior report without the license number as a possible blue over black Chev. CABBAGE & MC CULLOUGH were seen to return to 1644 Henauer. at 8PM MC CULLOUGH was seen to carry MC KENIE, BROOKS, NORWOOD and HOLMES to Playboy Villa where a dance was scheduled for last night., and returned to 1644 Henauer and picked up SMITH, HOUSE, and PETERSON, and carried them, and in the meantime JOHN FERGUSON and the other Female Coloreds ~~also~~ went to the Playboy Villa in the White Valliant. They stayed there until 9:30PM and since nothing was going on, Everyone went home.

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