

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-1067)

DATE: 9/18/68

FROM : SA WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE

SUBJECT: BLACK ORGANIZING PROJECT (BOP), aka
Invaders
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On 9/12/68 Lts. [REDACTED] and E. H. ARKIN, Intelligence Unit, Memphis, Tennessee, Police Department, furnished the writer with a copy of Police Department memo dated 9/12/68 re "Activities of Invaders 9/11/68," a Xerox copy of which is attached to each copy of this memo.

RECOMMENDATION:

[REDACTED]

- (1) - 157-1067 (BOP)
- 1 - 157-556 (Possible Racial Violence, Major Urban Areas)
- 1 - 157-957 [REDACTED]
- 1 - 157-1372 [REDACTED]
- 1 - 157-1349 [REDACTED]
- 2 - 157-NEW [REDACTED]
- 1 - 157-1116 [REDACTED]
- 1 - 157- [REDACTED]
- 1 - 157-1019 [REDACTED]
- 1 - 157-1173 [REDACTED]
- 1 - 157-1277 [REDACTED]
- 1 - 100-4528 [REDACTED]
- 1 - 25-14636 [REDACTED]
- 1 - 157-1258 [REDACTED]
- 1 - 157-927 [REDACTED]
- 1 - 170-61 [REDACTED]
- 1 - 157-1230 [REDACTED]
- 1 - 157-1125 [REDACTED]

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TO: Inspector G. P. Tines,
Inspectional Bureau

FROM: Det [REDACTED]
Intelligence Bureau

SUBJECT: Activities of the Invaders,
September 11, 1968.

DATE: September 12, 1968

On 9-12-68, 10:30 AM, informant called in and stated he observed MORRELL MCCULLOUGH go to 1644 Renner, Apt. 2 at 1PM at which time he picked up JEWEL DAVIS, WILLIE ROGERS, HORACE HALL, VERDELL BROOKS, and they continued to City Court. The informant also stated that CHARLES HARRINGTON has his car and that he brought JOHN SMITH, OZZIE MCNEELIE and DEWITT HOUSE to City Court. The informant states that as they were sitting outside the courtroom they were discussing the fire on Ingle. CHARLES CABBAGE stated that GERALD FANION was angry because of the fire. CABBAGE stated that it showed them that they could get hit too. The informant states that there seemed to be an argument between WILLIS, FANION and the DCP, but does not know exactly what the argument is about. The informant also states that the fire was done deliberately against Supreme Mortgage, owned by WILLIS. The informant also heard CABBAGE, JOHN SMITH II, CHARLES HARRINGTON and a male colored SESSLEY and also a male colored CALVIN TAYLOR, Commercial Appeal reporter talking about the Invaders becoming Guardmark patrolmen. The informant states that JAMES MCCHEE of Clarkdale, Mississippi, a male colored, 5'7", 140 lbs., real dirty in appearance, Afro haired, clean shaven, was talking and stated that he had a twin brother in Clarkdale, Mississippi, and that they had jumped on a policeman in Clarkdale and MCCHEE states that the Clarkdale police were looking for him for beating up the policeman, and he is also a friend of MELVIN SMITH.

CHARLES CABBAGE gave MELVIN SMITH a copy of the paper about the District of Columbia Police Department. NOTE: 2 photostatic copy of this paper will be attached in the file. The informant states that the male colored SESSLEY stated that you think the policemen in Memphis will do to the Invaders the way that they did the Black Panthers in California and also New York. The informant states that JOHN SMITH mentioned about a U.S. Marshal who attended the Black United Front (BUF) meeting and that JOHN SMITH talked to him and asked him what he was doing there and the marshal told him he was there just to see what was going on. JOHN stated this is what all policemen want to know. The informant states that the trial in court started at approximately 9:00 PM and they recessed at 6:00 PM. At this time the informant observed MORRELL MCCULLOUGH, DEWITT HOUSE and VERDELL BROOKS and another male colored go to the Associated Bond Company to see about making bond for JOHN B. SMITH. The Associated Bond stated that they were not going to make the bond for JOHN B. SMITH. At this time they returned to court.

At 8:30 PM court was adjourned, the informant observed MORRELL MCCULLOUGH, JEWEL DAVIS, LAWRENCE DAVIS, JOHN FERGUSON and MELVIN SMITH leave the court. The informant observed that they took the DAVIS girls home to LYON Foy and Arkansas and JOHN FERGUSON to the Herlan House on EDNA Florida. The informant observed MELVIN SMITH and MORRELL MCCULLOUGH come back to the courtroom and all of the Invaders had left. At this time MELVIN and MCCULLOUGH went down to Dale St. and there was no one there and at this time MCCULLOUGH was seen to take MELVIN SMITH home to Orleans and St. Paul. MCCULLOUGH was seen to go to the Crib, the light was on but there was no one there at that time. He was also seen to go to the Playboy Villa and there was no one there at this time and he continued home.