

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 Lt. JERRY DAVIS and Lt. E. H. ARKIN, Intelligence Bureau, Memphis, Tennessee, Police Department, furnished a copy of Police Department memorandum dated 9/10/68 re "Activities of Invaders, 9/9/68," regarding the BUF and Afro-American Teachers Union meeting on that date as furnished by Police Department undercover agent [REDACTED]

One Xerox copy of same is attached to each copy of this memorandum.

- ① - 157-1067
- 1 - 157-556 (Possible Racial Violence, Major Urban Areas)
- 1 - 157-1423 (BUF)
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Activities Invaders 9-9-68

Lt. O. B. Holcomb

September 10, 1968

At 2:30 PM the following people were seen at 1644 Hanauer, Apt. 2:

STIUR NORWOOD, RICHARD CABBAGE, MARREL MCCULLOUGH, THOMAS CLARK & BUTCH, FRANKLIN DAVIS & GILLER, AND a small male colored. DAVIS was seen to come running from the direction of Carver High School as the police got into the area because of the bottle throwing incident there. NORWOOD ran DAVIS off to keep the police away from the apartment and at about this time MCCULLOUGH and NORWOOD were seen to leave and go to the Lucky Leadway Grocery Store at Florida and Mallory, where NORWOOD went in alone and got some cheese, weiners and bread in a sack, that he reportedly did not pay for. They left the grocery store and went back to 1644 Hanauer and left immediately and went to Kansas Liquor Store at Kansas and Ingle, where MCCULLOUGH was seen to park before getting in front of the place and NORWOOD went in alone and came out with two fifths of Bella High wine. NORWOOD HAD picked this wine up and told the man how would pay for it at 10 o'clock and walked out with it. As they drove off, the manager of the liquor store was standing outside looking for them. NORWOOD mentioned the fact that Meeks, who owns the TV shop just south of 1310 Florida, has given \$50 to CABBAGE.

At 3:45 PM these two were seen back at 1644 Hanauer and a male colored called JEB, described as 17, 5'6", 145 lbs., dark complected, wearing a fatigue jacket and combat boots, and a male colored called LEE, who is 22, 5'11", 175 lbs., small beard, who was employed at Kroger's Bakery, but was fired 9-9-68, and drives a 66 white Chevrolet sedan with black racing stripes across the trunk, and a female colored named MIQUITA SMITH, 17 to 18, with an Afro haircut, were there. LEE is believed to have been on the Wagon Train with FERGUSON earlier in the year.

At 4:00 PM WILLIE WINE and his girl friend JOYCE were seen to come walking up to that address. We have ascertained that JOYCE is from Marks, Mississippi, and her father is presently a mechanic there. It also appears now that she lives next to the church on N. Seventh.

At 4:15 PM OREL MCKENZIE and MAURICE LEWIS came in after messing around at LeMoyn College that afternoon. They left immediately and went over to Carver High and watched the Cheer Leaders practice.

At 5:45 PM VERDELL BROOKS and EMMETT HOUSE came in. Soon after this, EMMETT HOUSE and MARREL MCCULLOUGH left and went downtown to find EMMETT HOUSE JOHN B. SMITH. They located him at Fourth and Beale talking to BALLARD and they were reading the Press-Scimitar and discussing the vigilante committee that was written up in the paper. BALLARD made the statement that what they are going to do is get a real good shoot out with JOHN B. SMITH was conspicuous because he has trimmed his side burns and shaved his beard giving it a neat appearance. His ~~hair~~ ^{beard} is now similar to EMMETT HOUSE'S. It is worthy to note that DON NEELY was seen on Beale St. yesterday afternoon (9-9-68). SMITH got into the car with them and they left HOUSE standing talking to the dope pusher from the Mississippi and Walker area. Their car left going south and JOHN B. SMITH got out at 115 ~~XXX~~ Rile, his mother's house, and BALLARD ~~got~~ got out at his mother's house on 13303.

WILLIE WINE, ARTHUR NORWOOD and OREE MCKENZIE. ~~MCKENZIE~~ HARRINGTON was just messing around with his car.

At 8:00 PM MCCULLOUGH left in his car along with NORWOOD, MCKENZIE and BROOKS and HARRINGTON left with the rest of them in his car. MCCULLOUGH went by and picked up JOHN B. SMITH and BALLARD to go to the meeting at Clayborn Temple. On the way SMITH and BROOKS were discussing them going by the Pepsi Cola plant earlier and said that the Pepsi Cola plant is poor and the executives there had invited them to inspect the plant and to see how many Negroes that were working for them, but they did not do this they said they did not have the time.

At 8:15 PM the ~~AFRO-AMERICAN TEACHERS UNION~~ meeting began at Clayborn Temple. There were approximately 30 people attending, with most of these being teenagers. There were supposed to be six teachers there, but the only ones seen were GEORGE HUNT, a male Negro about 29, called MALONE, and a male Negro 26 to 27 called VAN, who is a personal friend of PHILLIPS, and two female Negroes, both about 30, one slightly fat and the other skinny. These two women are believed to be teachers at Carver and MALONE is believed to be a junior high teacher. WILLIE WINE was the first speaker and he said they should teach what black people can identify with, like they go to teaching about George Washington and the black students cannot identify with him because he is white, and besides they don't have a cherry tree. He said they teach the students about music by teaching them about Beethoven when they should be teaching about James Brown, because they want to do the Twist and other Afro dances. In discussing teaching Art he said they teach about Mona Lisa grinning and what the students really understand is a picture of a bowl of chitlings and with other Soul food in it. He then read from statistics showing the ghetto kids are further behind in school than kids outside the ghettos. He said that there is \$100 more spent for each kid outside the cities than in them in Washington, D. C. and if they do this in D. C., you know they do it here. He said the protest movement at Carver High was a test to see what kind of support they had there, whether they were violent or nonviolent, and he showed they have support from both elements, but they do not have the support of the teachers. He said 30 kids had been suspended from Carver and the teachers did not come to their support. He denounced the Constitution because it says you have a right to protest, but once they did at Carver they were suspended.

MCCULLOUGH and MCKENZIE were seen to leave at this time and go to 1345 Texas St. to pick up the twin girls. They were not home so they returned to Clayborn Temple. This Texas address had previously been reported as another number, but 1345 is the right number.

At 9:00 PM a male colored, 32, 125 lbs., 5'11", medium complexion, low hair cut, called FLETCHER, had the floor and was disagreeing with the Invaders' policy. He said the Invaders had not done anything constructive and had no program. He said he was going to start organization around Carver High, in which each person would give a penny and would institute a day care program and a program whereby they would have doctors and nurses to go by people's houses who were too ill to go to the doctor. He was shut down by the Invaders.

JOHN B. SMITH was the next one that spoke and he spoke on the forming of an Afro-American teachers' union and stated the teachers needed it to start their own union. VAN asked him what you could do about your image and SMITH said that any time you go against the status quo, the newspapers give you a bad image and you just accept the image and don't worry about it.

MALONE is interested in starting the union and said several teachers have asked

said they don't have dropouts in school, but force outs.

CHARLES CABBAGE then stood up from the floor to explain EOP. He said that it is a government for the black people like the white people have their government and said the black people need this government and said it is leading to a white and black confederation. He said the next election will be white versus blacks. He further said that when EOP is set up, it would really start performing. He said they would have a physical fitness program and they would elect a community Board of Education in each district where there is a school. (This program of a community school board for each school originated from CEDRIC MOORE, the male colored who has the red lips like they are burnt, and drives a light blue Camarro.) He was in New York during the teachers' strike and this is one of their points.)

PHILLIPS then got up and talked about white people using genocide on the black people. He said that more black people are being killed in Vietnam and the black people are just sitting back and taking it.

The proposed meeting last night, the formation of the AFRO-AMERICAN TEACHERS UNION did not get off the ground, but they planned to have more people there for the EUP meeting tonight and they will again take up the teachers' union.

This meeting broke up and all went home at 10:30 PM last night (9-9-68).

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