

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-1067)

DATE: 9/10/68

FROM : SA WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE

SUBJECT: BLACK ORGANIZING PROJECT (BOP), aka
Invaders
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On 8/30/68 Lt. E. H. ARKIN, Intelligence Bureau, Memphis Police Department, furnished to writer a copy of Memphis PD memo dated 8/30/68 re "Activities of Invaders for August 29, 1968." A Xerox copy of same is attached to each copy of this memo.

- 1-157-1067 - BOP
- 1-157-1423 - Black United Front, aka Community Unification Program
- 1-157-556 - Possible Racial Violence, Major Urban Areas
- 1-100-4528
- 1-25-14636
- 1-157-1125
- 1-170-1024
- 1-157-1121
- 1-170-866
- 1-157-1114
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TO: Inspector G. P. Tines,
Inspection Bureau.

SUBJECT: Activities of Invaders, for August
29, 1968. THURSDAY

FROM: Lt. L. R. Arkin,
Intelligence Section.

DATE: August 30, 1968.

Informant states that at 2PM 8/29/68 CHARLES LEVERN CABBAGE, JOHN HENRY FERGUSON, and MARRELL MC CULLOUGH went to Hyman Lumber Co. and talked to Councilman Hyman after identifying themselves as members of BOP and asked him for a donation. After several minutes of discussion with Councilman Hyman he gave them one gallon of black paint and a paint brush and ten sheets of 4 x 8 plywood paneling. Informant states these three subjects then took the paint and paint brush with them and the paneling was picked up later and taken to 1310 Florida and is now placed on the walls of NOP Headquarters.

At approx. 2:15PM August 29, 1968 informant states that MARREL MC CULLOUGH picked both CHARLES BALLARD and CHARLES CABBAGE up at 1310 Florida and took them to the Mallory Heights Post Office where CHARLES CABBAGE wanted to rent a Post Office Box, under the name of the Neighborhood Unification Program, this being done at the suggestion of EZEKIEL BELL. CABBAGE Ficked up a form from the Post Office but did not fill it out at that time. These three subjects then left the Mallory Heights Post office and proceeded down on Vance to the Law Office of Ira Murphy, for the purpose of picking up the B. O. P. Charter from him.

MURPHY became quite mad at CABBAGE and BOP because of the fact that they went to a white lawyer, namely RUSSELL X THOMPSON for his services, and were paying for it, instead of coming to him IRA MURPHY who would give his services free. MURPHY illustrating what he meant by free service did not charge BOP the normal \$25.00 fee for writing up their charter.

These subjects then left IRA MURPHY's office and proceeded to Beale Street where they met DON NEELY between the Avalon Pool Hall on Beale and 4th Street, Mc CULLOUGH asked NEELY what he was to do on the night of August 30, 1968 and NEELY told Mc CULLOUGH they would talk about it later.

CHARLES BALLARD, CHARLES CABBAGE & MARRELL MC CULLOUGH then left Beale St. and went to WOPC Headquarters on Jefferson where they met WILLIE ROGERS, CREE MC KENZIE, VERDELL BROOKS, LARRY LARUE DAVIS, and JAMES PHILLIPS. WILLIE ROGERS was at WOPC Headquarters, to obtain a purchase order for a party that BOP was giving at the Play Boy Villa on the ~~4th~~ night of August 29, 1968. It may be noted that WILLIE ROGERS, got a purchase order from WOPC for approx. \$740.00. This purchase order was approved by Washington BUTLER.

According to informant the party at the Play Boy Villa actually cost BOP not more than \$200.00 but the owner of the Play Boy Villa was going to charge them the amount of the purchase order from WOPC and the BOP would split the difference between the amount of the purchase order and the amount of the party.

Below is the list of the actual costs of the Dance at the Playboy Villa.
200 pieces of chicken @ \$41.00. Spaghetti, ground beef, and sauce, \$10.00;
The owner of the Play Boy Villa bought assorted cold cuts and furnished beverages,
beer, Tom Collins and Coca Colas. There were approx. 100 persons present at the
dance.

Informant states that WILLIE ROGERS, MARRELL MC CULLOUGH and HELEN BRIDGES, left 1310 Florida en route to the Play Boy Villa, and they presented the owner of the Villa, known only to the informant as DUKE, the purchase order from NOPC. The owner of the Play Boy Villa then gave WILLIE ROGERS \$20.00 to buy the chicken and the Spaghetti. These three subjects then left the Play Boy Villa and went by CHARLES BALLARD's house where they picked up IDA BALLARD and then they proceeded to HELEN BRIDGES house where HELEN BRIDGES stayed for about 10 minutes and then came back to the car. These subjects then went to the Pic Pac store at Bellvue & McLemore, where they bought spaghetti, ground beef, tomato paste, and canned tomatoes in the amount of \$10.00. They then left and proceeded to the Chicken Villa on Third Street just South of Crump where WILLIE ROGERS placed an order for 200 pieces of fried Chicken at a cost of \$41.00 and the order was to be picked up at 8PM.

According to informant these subjects then left the Chicken Villa, and took IDA BALLARD home and then went to the Play Boy Villa so HELEN BRIDGES could start fixing the spaghetti. WILLIE ROGERS and MC CULLOUGH then went to 1310 Florida NOP Headquarters where CHARLES BALLARD was taken by MARRELL MC CULLOUGH to the Hats Drug Store in the Southgate Shopping Center so that he could buy some special delivery stamps, so that he could mail several letters. It is believed by informant that these letters possibly pertained to BALLARD's enquiry at the college where WILLIE ROGERS had gone in Alabama, last year.

They then returned to 1310 Florida where they picked up OREE MC KENZIE and LARRY DAVIS, and took MC KENZIE home to get some money that had been raised from a SOCK HOP at 1310 Florida NOP Headquarters on the night of August 23, 1968. Informant states they then dropped LARRY DAVIS off on Dixon St., and then proceeded to JOHN GARY WILLIAMS house, where MC KENZIE picked up some more money raised at the SOCK HOP. They then returned to 1310 Florida.

MC CULLOUGH, SWEET WILLY WINE, and WILLIE ROGERS then went to ROGERS, sister house on Kansas, where ROGERS obtained \$5.00 from his sister, and then they picked up the Chicken at the Chicken Villa on Third Street. While at the Chicken Villa, a waitress named ROSEMARY VEASLEY, seemed to know MARRELL MC CULLOUGH, and made the comment, "I thought you were a policeman." To which McCullough replied, "No, but I was in the Military Police while in Service."

These subjects then took the chicken to the Play Boy Villa and left Willy Rogers there. WILLY WINE and MC CULLOUGH then went back to 1310 Florida and picked up some of the people that were there. Upon their arrival there informant states that he observed a white Negro by the name of SANDERS. Others identified at this time were: CHARLES HARRINGTON, JOHN E. SMITH, EMMETT ROUSE, VERDELL BROOKS, and JAMES BARRATT, ADRIAN HON. YOUNG, and James Lee. These subjects then left the

SWEET WILLY WINE and the girls got into WILLY's Pontiac, and were taken to the Play Boy Villa. HARRINGTON took JOHN B. SMITH, VERDELL BROOKS and EMMETT ROUSE down on Riverside Drive to the Inve Oil Refinery where HARRINGTON's father works, and left the car there. McCULLOUGH, took NORWOOD in his car and got to the HARRINGTON down on Riverside, picking all of them up and taking them to the Play Boy Villa. They stayed around the Play Boy Villa until approx. 9PM at which time JOHN B. SMITH, EMMETT ROUSE, CHARLES HARRINGTON, CHARLES EADEARD and MARRELL MC CULLOUGH got in Mc Cullough's car and drove down around the area where the Police Officer was shot last week., retracing the newspaper account of the shooting, and smoking marijuana. They then went back to the Play Boy Villa and sat around until 10:30PM at which time EMMETT ROUSE, MARRELL MC CULLOUGH, and two other Male Negroes, one of them called SLIM (looks like JAMES PHILLIPS) dark complexion, 6'1", 150 Afro hair; went down on Beale Street where they dropped the unknown Male Negro out enroute at Vance and Danny Thomas. EMMETT ROUSE during his trip made some reference to the effect that he still wanted to go to the Black Power Convention in Philadelphia, Penna. ROUSE picked up some marijuana from a Male Negro on Beale known as JIGGS where he obtained a 5 cent bag. They then returned to the Play Boy Villa at approx. 11:30PM.

Those identified by informant at the dance are as follows: JOHN B. SMITH, EMMETT ROUSE, JAMES PHILLIPS, CORY VERLON, WILLY ROGERS, MARRELL MC CULLOUGH, CHARLES HARRINGTON, VERDELL BROOKS, V.A. and RICHARD CABBAGE, ARTHUR NORWOOD, JOHN FERGUSON, & CLIFTON EDWARD SANDERS, FRANKIE DAVIS aka GELNER, and MELVIN SMITH. (Note: MELVIN SMITH shaved his beard off after the bombing of the Dollar General Store on Thomas.) Informant states that he was told by SWEET WILLY WINE, that DOP had received through the mails, at 1830 Florida a note in the form of a letter from the KKK, which read, "The Klan is watching you." This note was between two plain pieces of paper. Informant states that WILLY WINE has informed them that on Friday night there is to be a rally for school students but at this time the time and place is unknown.

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