

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-1067)

DATE: 9/10/68

FROM : SA WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE

SUBJECT: PLACK ORGANIZING PROJECT (BOP), aka  
Invaders  
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On 8/29/68 Lt. E. H. ARKIN, Intelligence Bureau, Memphis Police Department, furnished to SA WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE a copy of Police Department memorandum dated 8/29/68 re "Activities of Invaders for 8/29/68," received from their undercover Agent, code name [REDACTED]. A Xerox copy of same is attached to each copy of this memorandum.

- 1 - 157-1067 (BOP)
- 1 - 157-953 (Black Power Infiltration of NOP and WOPC)
- 1 - 157-556 (Possible Racial Violence)
- 1 - 157-1258 [REDACTED]
- 1 - 170-1024 [REDACTED]
- 1 - 157-1127 (Stockpiling Arms and Ammunition)
- 1 - 157- [REDACTED]
- 1 - 157-1277 [REDACTED]
- 1 - 100-4528 [REDACTED]
- 1 - 25-14636 [REDACTED]
- 1 - 134-511 [REDACTED]
- 2 - 157-NEW [REDACTED]
- 1 - 157-1114 [REDACTED]
- 1 - 157-1187 [REDACTED]
- 1 - 100-4575 [REDACTED]
- 1 - 157-1150 [REDACTED]
- 1 - 157-1173 [REDACTED]
- 1 - 170-866 [REDACTED]
- 1 - 157-957 [REDACTED]
- 1 - 157- [REDACTED]
- 1 - 157-1242 [REDACTED]
- 1 - 157-1019 [REDACTED]
- 1 - 157-1125 [REDACTED]
- 1 - 157-1116 [REDACTED]
- 1 - 157-1253 [REDACTED]
- 1 - 157-927 [REDACTED]
- 1 - 170-49 [REDACTED]
- 1 - 157-1372 [REDACTED]

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It is believed the driver of the Chevrolet  
is JOHN WHITE, now a teacher in Arkansas [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] to SA WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE, 8/31/68).

LEADS:

MEMPHIS DIVISION

- 1) [REDACTED]
- 2) Will ascertain identity of registered owner of  
Tennessee Auto License AZ 9827 on the Blue Mustang at 1310  
Florida, 8/28/68.



**DEPARTMENTAL COMMUNICATION**

ASD 94

TO: *Inspector G. P. Tines,  
Inspectional Bureau.*

SUBJECT: *Activities of Invaders for 8/28/68.*

FROM: *Lt. O. B. Holcomb,  
Intelligence Section.*

DATE: *August 29, 1968.*

*Our information reveals that at 3:30PM the following people were present at 1310 Florida. WILLY WINE, MARRELL MC CULLOUGH, CHARLES BALLARD, REGINALD FERGUSON, and about 4 other unknown Male Negroes just hanging around.*

*At 4PM REGINALD FERGUSON, MARRELL MC CULLOUGH, and two of these unknown Male Negroes, went to WOPC Headquarters, to try to pick up their checks early. These checks were apparently for the unknown MCs for REGINALD FERUSUSON and MARRELL MC CULLOUGH are not believed to be members of WOPC. They did not get paid.*

*5PM they returned to 1310 Florida and about that time CHARLES BALLARD, MARRELL MC CULLOUGH and EMMETT HOUSE went up on Beale Street. They met CHARLES CABBAGE There who had just been released from Jail, and he was with a Male Colored called PIGGIE, described as. 26, 5'10", 150lbs, skinny, medium cut hair, medium complexion wears tinted glasses, sharp dresser. He is known as a slicker and leaves town frequently. A known associate of Cabbage. Also with CABBAGE at this time was RICK TAYLOR, DON NEELY and HERMAN PREWITT.*

*CABBAGE is known to have made the statement that the Police just got the checks he had on him, and that he had some paper and the machine and was going to pick it up and leave town. PIGGIE asked X CABBAGE if TAYLOR had the change in the car when they were arrested. When told that he had PIGGIE stated that he had told them to get it out of the car. PIGGIE plans to contact TAYLOR some way and to tell X TAYLOR to tell the Police the money came from a benefit.*

*CHARLES CABBAGE, DON NEELY, HERMAN PREWITT, MC CULLOUGH, and PIGGIE, then got into a blue Volkswagon, and went down on Wicks about 1/2 block West of Lauderdale. to a new apartment building that is directly across the street from some old dilapidated apartment buildings. They went to a door with the number 506 over it, where they met a Male Negro called WILLY about 25, 5'11", 180 lbs, light complexion, curly hair. He was selling Robitussin for \$1.00 a bottle. They bought four bottles from him. They left in the car, and as they were riding Cabbage turned to MARRELL MC CULLOUGH, and stated, "I HAVE HEARD SOME OF THE GUYS SAY YOU ARE THE POLICE" "If you are you have a lot to tell. If you are you are crazy, for as soon as the group finds out they will kill you." DON NEELY then said, "Say Man, lay off him, he may be able to help us Friday night to get the carbines." NEELY went on to say everyone in the black thing was going to have to do some sniping. There would not be any more of not having a gun because they would furnish the guns. He stated they were to assign the gun to one guy each night for a sniping assignment. And there had better be headlines the next morning as it would not be any missing. You would have to shoot a policeman. CABBAGE SAID, if one person per night shot a policeman, they would finally quit and retire. They went back down on Beale and everybody got out except MARRELL MC CULLOUGH and HERMAN REWITT. They picked up DON DOUGLAS, and went down to the apartments on Wicks where they bought 2 more 4 oz bottles of Robitussin, and went back to Beale St.*



DON DOUGLAS and HERMAN PREWITT got out of the car, and EMMET HOUSE and CHARLES BALLARD got in and those three drove back to 1310 Florida. When they got there WILLY WINE told MC CULLOUGH to go to the State Surety Bonding Co. in the 300 block of Poplar and pick up JOHN B. SMITH and OREE MC KENZIE. AL. BELN, of Stax Records is making bond to get JOHN GARY WILLIAMS out of Jail, but he is doing it through SMITH and MC KENZIE. Information has been received through State Surety that WOMAX STEVERSON'S Parents are going to make bond for him. Information has also been obtained that Atty. Russell X Thompson, has worked out a plan with STATE Surety, whereby whenever any of the Black Power group are arrested the Bonding Company will post their bonds and they will be able to pay out the bonding fee on the Installment Plan. The fee for JOHN GARY WILLIAMS will be \$1000.00, and they will pay \$500.00 now and the other \$500.00 in six months.

SMITH and MCKENZIE were not at the Bonding Co. and Mc CULLOUGH WAS seen to return to 1310 Florida soon afterwards. It is worthy of note that when he arrived HARRINGTON was there in his father's car, and also there were JOHN B. SMITH, OREE MC KENZIE, and VERDELL BROOKS. JOHN FERGUSON was standing outside talking to some one in a light blue Mustang Automobile, Tenn. AZ 93 27, shortly afterwards FERGUSON left with the driver of the car.

Due to a light blue Mustang being involved in the shooting of the Police Officer last Saturday night, a description of the car, the license number, and the fact that it was at 1310 Florida last night has been turned over to Lt. Ferguson of the Homicide Bureau.

Around 8PM MARRELL MC CULLOUGH, and JOHN B. SMITH, went to Katz Southgate where they met a Female Colored about 22, who is a clerk there. They called her Marva and she owns a Cougar automobile. She is believed to be MARVA CUNNINGHAM. JOHN B. SMITH told her, that he, EMMETT HOUSE, and she were at VASCO SMITH'S house last Saturday night along with GERALD FANION, for a birthday party during the time the shooting happened. She said "Thanks, I am glad you told me where we were." VASCO SMITH, has never associated with this group before and it is odd that he would back them up in a lie like this to cover them. These two left Katz and went to 1644 Hanauer Apt. 2, where EMMETT HOUSE, VERDELL BROOKS and CHARLES HARRINGTON mainlined on Dilaudid. JEWEL DAVIS Female Negro 18, and her sister MARVA (phonetic) arrived around 8:45PM. MARRELL MC CULLOUGH and JOHN B. SMITH, and the two DAVIS girls were seen to leave the Hanauer address and go to the SOCK HOP Dance at 1310 Florida.

The only unusual person seen at 1310 Florida was a Male Negro about 23, 5'10", 175 lbs, wearing a beard and mustache, not as thick as that of Emmett House. He was wearing fatigue jacket with the sleeves cut out, and octagon shaped dark glasses. He had not been seen before. There was nothing unusual happening there except that about 9:30PM an unknown Male Negro who is driving a 1963 Dark Blue Chev. with black top with no front license & Tenn. Plate on rear, dropped CABBAGE off. This car has not been seen around the Black Power People before.

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