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TO: DIRECTOR
FROM: MEMPHIS (157-1092) (2P)

SANITATION WORKERS STRIKE, MEMPHIS, TENN.; RM.

THIS A.M., SA'S OBSERVED ABOUT SEVENTY FIVE SCHOOL AGE YOUNGSTERS, ALL NEGROES WITH EXCEPTION OF FIVE WHITES, MARCH FROM CLAYBORN TEMPLE TO MAIN ST. AREA OF MEMPHIS AND BEGIN PICKETING DOWNTOWN MEMPHIS STORES CALLING FOR ECONOMIC BOYCOTT FORCING MERCHANTS TO PRESSURE CITY OF MEMPHIS TO SETTLE SANITATION STRIKE. THIS SPONSORED BY MEMPHIS INTERDENOMINATIONAL MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE. NO INCIDENTS. NO ARRESTS.

INSPECTOR G. P. TINES, MEMPHIS PD, ADVISED DURING NIGHT MARCH EIGHT-NINE, INSTANT, ABOUT SEVEN FIVE MINOR TRASH FIRES STARTED IN VARIOUS AREAS OF MEMPHIS, MOSTLY IN HEAVILY NEGRO POPULATED SOUTH MEMPHIS. ALL QUICKLY EXTINGUISHED. ABOUT THREE A.M. TODAY NEGRO TEENAGERS THREW BOTTLES AT MEMPHIS PD SQUAD CAR INVESTIGATIN ACCIDENT NEAR GAYHAWK RESTAURANT IN SOUTH MEMPHIS NEGRO AREA. SQUAD CARS SENT IN TO CLEAR AREA. NO ARRESTS.

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NOTE: Source 1 is Dr. VASCO A. SMITH JR., liaison source and Executive Vice-President, NAACP.
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A FIRST SOURCE, WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFO IN PAST, FEARS SINCE STRIKE HAS LASTED NEARLY A MONTH AND HAS BEEN ACCOMPANIED BY MUCH NEWS PUBLICITY AND ~~AND~~ "ABRASIVE TYPE" POLICE ARRESTS, SUCH AS FEB. TWENTY THREE, TWENTY NINE AND MARCH FIVE, THAT BITTER HATRED ON PART OF NEGRO LEADERS AND NEGRO YOUTH IS RAPIDLY DEVELOPING TOWARD PD. THIS OVERALL HATRED AND CONTEMPT FOR AUTHORITY, COUPLED WITH YOUTHFUL EXUBERANCE, SOURCE FEELS, MAY TRIGGER A RASH OF PERIPATETIC AND SPORADIC UNORGANIZED INCIDENTS OF VANDALISM, BURNINGS, AND HIT AND RUN ASSAULTS ON POLICE OFFICERS. NO KNOWN PLANNED INCIDENTS SCHEDULED. INFO FURNISHED TO INSPECTOR G. P. TINES, MEMPHIS PD, TODAY. TINES SAID PD FULLY RECOGNIZES THIS POSSIBILITY. TENNESSEE NATIONAL GUARD CONDUCTING ROUTINE PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED RIOT CONTROL TRAINING OF ITS PERSONNEL IN MEMPHIS TODAY. NO REPORTED INSTANCES OF PICKETING OR DEMONSTRATIONS IN OPPOSITION THERETO AND NONE KNOWN TO BE PLANNED.

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