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Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-1205)

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SUBJECT: BLACK PANTHER PARTY
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On 5/26/70 Lt. E. H. ARKIN, Intelligence Unit, Memphis, Tennessee Police Department, made available to the writer a copy of a report received by Lt. ARKIN from Memphis PD Undercover Officer [REDACTED] for activities of captioned organization on 5/15-17/70. A copy of this report is attached to each copy of this memorandum.

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MEETING OF BLACK PANTHERS
IN ST. LOUIS

The following is a report from [REDACTED] for
May 15-17-, 1970.

MAY 15, 1970 FRIDAY

11:20 PM SOURCE went to 919 Person, ROBERT ROACH's
home, to pick him up, then proceeded to the Village Gate Lounge.

MAY 16, 1970 SATURDAY

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JIMMY WALKER stated that he could not go to East St.
Louis with the others going.

[REDACTED]

1:15 AM SMITH, etal, arrived at JANICE's house.
1:20 AM SMITH, etal, left JANICE's house.
1:45 AM SMITH, etal, picked up WILLIE WARFORD at
Lauderdale and McLemore.
2:10 AM The group left Memphis for East St. Louis.

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The group got sandwiches in Blytheville, Ark., near
Cape Girardeau and Cape Girardeau; they did not go into these towns,
they merely got sandwiches at service stations.

7:00 AM Upon the group's arrival in East St. Louis WILLIE WARFORD called @SLEEPY (FRANK CHARLES SMITH), a Black Egyptian. A Black Egyptian named RICHARD PERRY @SQUIRREL came to pick up the Central Committee group who were located at a Phillip's 66 Service Station on Broadway across from a Holiday Inn.

7:10 AM The Central Committee group followed PERRY to 666 Thirteenth Street where the Black Egyptians: @SLEEPY (FRANK C. SMITH) who is the Defense Minister, @SQUIRREL (RICHARD PERRY) and @PIPES live.

7:25 AM The Central Committee group arrived at 666 Thirteenth St. where the following were present:

@SLEEPY (FRANK C. SMITH)	@PIPES
JUANITA MILLER	GWENDOLYN WHITE
@SQUIRREL (RICHARD PERRY)	MELVIN SMITH
ROBERT ROACH	WILLIE WARFORD
TYRANT MOORE	(UNSUB), MN, 22, PERRY (LNU)

666 13th Street

This location is on the west side of 13th Street just south of Summit Street. This is a big grey two story (approx. 6 rooms on the second floor and 3 rooms on the first floor; 4 windows on the front of the house) house, neatly kept, which is next door to a church whose pastor is a REV. PERION (phonetic) who is active in the Black United Front. The church and house are the only buildings on this block but there are other houses on the rear street. A vacant shrubbery area is just south of this location.

The front door of this location is locked. Everyone uses the back door and must ring a bell in order to enter regardless of the number of times entering. The door is under chain and bolt lock.

Through the rear entrance one enters the "kitchen". There are appliances such as; washer, dryer, range stove, refrigerator, cabinet, etc. all of which have affluent appearances. The dining room leads to the front room where a sofa is located against the north wall near a window. A stereo, turntable, two speakers and a small tape recorder are in this room.

A carbine, M-1, fully loaded, 30 round clip which belongs to @SQUIRREL, is near the front door. A 22 caliber rifle, 31 shot, scope on barrel belonging to @PIPES, is near the entrance to the dining room. @PIPES carries a 38 Special, derringer-type, in his right rear pocket. @SQUIRREL (RICHARD PERRY) and @PIPES protect @SLEEPY (FRANK C. SMITH).

The bathroom near the kitchen contains only necessities.

A stairway leads from the middle of the front room approximately 6 ft. from the door. A hallway approximately 5 ft. wide with a clothes closet underneath, leads to the kitchen where there is a "swinging door".

Upstairs there are six rooms which are empty with the exception of the room on the south end (left at the summit of the stairways) which is the room @SLEEPY (FRANK SMITH) sleeps in. It contains a sofa and television.

The locked front door and the chained back door is only type of "fortification" at 666 13th Street.

Some bullet holes are in the north window panes in the front room. (No explanation was given for these)

7:35 AM GWENDOLYN WHITE and JUANITA MILLER @MUFFETT fixed some bacon, eggs and juice for breakfast.

7:50 AM @SQUIRREL (RICHARD PERRY) went and bought a "can and a nickel bag of marijuana".

8:40 AM Everyone finished eating and began smoking marijuana.

The conversation was sparse. Everyone in East St. Louis is revolutionary minded. Many persons were observed with arms ranging from 32 automatics to 45 semi-automatic handguns.

Everybody got high and @SQUIRREL got the television so everyone watched "Bugs Bunny and the Cartoons". The cartoons "cracked everybody up".

10:30 AM @SLEEPY (FRANK SMITH) and @PIPES left 666 13th St. "to make some contacts" regarding "the security for DAVID HILLIARD". HILLIARD was to speak at the St. Louis University basketball gym on May 17, 1970 at 2:00 pm.

The Central Committee group talked to @SQUIRREL re: "Why did everyone jump for their guns when someone comes up?" @SQUIRREL said that it is part of their security. The conversation centered around guns and they were leafing through a rifleman's magazine which had information on many types of guns.

@SQUIRREL has a British Rifle (observed by SOURCE at @SQUIRREL's home later), a 12 gauge shotgun, 36 inch barrel, open choke, and a M-1 carbine, 30 caliber. @SQUIRREL had approximately 250 rounds of 30 caliber shells in a "canvas bag", loaded 9 shells into the British Rifle and also 3 shells into the shotgun.

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WILLIE WARFORD allegedly has a "police riot shotgun", 38 pistol and a .44 caliber hand gun. (WARFORD was unarmed while in St. Louis)

MELVIN SMITH allegedly has a British Enfield 303 Rifle. (SMITH was not armed)

ROACH and MOORE don't have any handguns.

A female white member of the Weathermen came in. Her name is MORINE; late 20s, brown hair, really fat, 250 lbs., 5'6" hippie dressed. She stated that at any given time she could get three hundred Weathermen together.

12:20 PM WARFORD, ROACH, SMITH and MOORE left @SQUIRREL (RICHARD PERRY), JUANITA MILLER @MUFFETT, and GWENDOLYN WHITE at 666 13th Street and "went out on the town".

1:15 PM SMITH, et al, returned to 666 13th Street. Those present were:

FRANK C. SMITH @SLEEPY
GWENDOLYN WHITE
@PIPES
JUANITA MILLER @MUFFETT @ANITA
RICHARD PERRY @SQUIRREL
MELVIN SMITH
ROBERT ROACH
TYRANT MOORE
3 (UNSUB) MNS

#1 (UNSUB) @DELL, member of Ill. Black Panthers of which he holds a high position, did not state what, MN, 28-29, med brn compl., 6'3", 180-190#, Afro hair (and is a smooth talker), hobby is playing the "congo" drums, Fumanchu mustache.

#2 (UNSUB), MN, 6', pencil mustache, med compl., "clean-cut", 35-36 yrs, well-versed (attempting Masters Degree at St. Louis Unvi. according to (UNSUB) #3). Collects guns through the "Rifleman" which is a gun club. Member of the National Rifle Association. He mentioned a "place" in St. Louis where they get their guns \$5-10, cheaper without any waiting period. He will, through contacts with the Black Egyptians, get the Central Committee some guns. This (UNSUB) stressed having a "Defense Fund" to purchase the guns.

This is probably the Chief of the Black Egyptians. He drives a dark green Corvette Sting Ray and carries a .44 automatic pistol.

#3 (UNSUB), MN, 35-36, med compl., full beard, large Afro, 180#, fat, 5'10", grey hair in beard and head. He is getting his master's degree in Science from the St. Louis Univ.

The group engaged in general "bull" such as girls and stupid fellows; except for a few serious moments when it was suggested by FRANK CHARLES SMITH (@SLEEPY) that the Central Committee and The Egyptians come closer together.

5:00 PM ROACH and WARFORD went to sleep.

5:20 PM @SQUIRREL left and got some beer. (Two six-pacs)

An argument ensued between the three (UNSUBS) re: the Congo Drums.

The people of East St. Louis going armed was discussed. The Black United Front controls E. St. Louis. The Police Dept. seldom responds to violence; they leave it to the Black Egyptians and people who don't go along with the Black United Front "find themselves dead by Assisination, firebombing, etc."

A building was blown up somewhere in Illinois on Friday night (May 15) killing several "Brothers". FRANK said that "this is the price we must pay".

7:05 PM. The (UNSUBS) left.

7:30 PM @PIPES and @SQUIRREL (RICHARD PERRY) left. They left the guns with MELVIN and MOORE.

7:45 PM Everyone went to sleep.

10:15 PM @SQUIRREL (RICHARD PERRY) and @PIPES returned.

10:30 PM Two MN and 3 FN Black Nationalist came in at 666 13th St. from St. Louis, Missouri. Descriptions:

#1 MASHADI (phonetic), President of Black Nationalist, MN, 5'7", dk. compl., 36 yrs., prison record, scar on left jaw (approx. 1 1/2"), mustache, big lips, talks very slow, politically orientated, wore all black shoes, slacks, jacket, and a "Black Muslim" mosque hat with three (3) stars in the cap.

#2 (UNSUB), MN, 6', 27 yrs., lt compl., wore Van Dyke mustache, wore glasses, quiet, called JERROD (phonetic), wore identical uniform as #1 subject.

The FNs did not look "militant".

10:45 PM The Nationalists came for a "Strategy Session". Everyone went upstairs. Those present were:

FRANK CHARLES MITH @SLEEPY
RICHARD PETTY @SQUIRREL
JERROD (LNU)
MELVIN SMITH
TYRANT MOORE
MASHADI
3 (UNSUBS) FN

@PIPES stayed downstairs for "security". FRANK introduced MASHADI and JERROD to MELVIN SMITH and TYRANT MOORE.

The strategy meeting was regarding security for HILLIARD. FRANK SMITH drew a diagram of the St. Louis University. (Note: SMITH visited the gym earlier.)

SMITH told MASHADI to "pull a diversionary tactic, by dressing in "uniforms" so the pigs will concentrate on the Nationalists. SMITH said for MASHADI to supply men at entrances and if necessary place men on the "roof". MASHADI agreed.

FRANK SMITH said for the Black Egyptians to dress in "civilian clothes" and mingle with the crowd.

SMITH said that he would pick HILLIARD up at 2 pm (May 16) at the airport and bring HILLIARD to the side entrance of the gym.

SMITH told MASHADI to "make sure your people are armed, especially those who will be inside the gym".

MELVIN SMITH asked FRANK SMITH, "Where is LUCKEY?" FRANK stated, "LUCKEY is in Jackson, Mississippi." (@LUCKEY-- WILLIAM EARL LUCKETT)(May 16, 1970)

11:30 PM MASHADI, etal, left.

@PIPES, MELVIN SMITH, JUANITA MILLER, TYRANT MOORE, RICHARD PERRY and GWENDOLYN WHITE went to "Ford's Place", a local nightclub.

MAY 17, 1970 SUNDAY

1:30 AM There was a shooting in Ford's Place. The police never came. An ambulance came and took the victim away.

1:45 AM The group left Ford's Place and went back to 666 13th Street.

TYRANT MOORE asked RICHARD PERRY to tell @SLEEPY to arrange for them to talk to DAVID HILLIARD before his speech.

REPORT FOR MAY 15-17
TRIP TO ST. LOUIS

2:00 AM Everyone went to sleep:

WILLIE WARFORD

MELVIN SMITH

JUANITA MILLER

FRANK CHARLES SMITH

TYRANT MOORE

GWENDOLYN WHITE

@PIPES

12:00 NOON WILLIE WARFORD, et al, went to 1705 Broadway, RICHARD PERRY @SQUIRREL's house. This is a two story boarding house with green window shades at the windows. PERRY lives in the first room upstairs. PERRY showed his weapons and ammunition.

Four Black Panthers were at 666 13th Street at 2:00 PM. They were in a 1967 green Firebird, Ill. License. The leader was TILBERT @T-Bird.

FRANK said, "I would have arranged for you to see HILLIARD but he got here and smelled a trap (HILLIARD did not dig what the pigs had in store for him). HILLIARD sent TILBERT @T-Bird to speak in his place.

One of the Black Panthers, MN, 5'7", very dark compl., 150#, large Afro, deep part 19hair, had been at Memphis State University during the "flag incident". This MN mentioned a CHARLES POWELL who once lived in Memphis. His picture is in one of the BPP papers recently published.

2:15 PM Everyone left 666 13th Street in a three (3) car caravan and went to St. Louis University.

2:50 PM The Black Egyptians and Central Committee group entered the gym. Not very many policemen were seen.

SPEECH

3:00 PM TILBIERT @T-Bird was the speaker. Organizations present were:

STUDENT ACTION COMMITTEE from St. Louis Univ.
WEATHERMEN, according to FRANK; MORINE, FW was observed
BLACK NATIONALISTS
BLACK EGYPTIANS
BLACK PANTHERS
CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Approximately 400 were present and about 98% were white.

TILBERT gave a regular Black Power speech, telling the people in a polished indirect manner to go out and get your guns and overthrow this nation. TILBERT berated the FBI for getting down on the Panthers while leaving the Minutemen alone.

TILBERT spoke for approximately 45 minutes and left for east St. Louis.

4:45 PM TILBERT, etal, arrived at a big shabby, two story house on 16th Street. A stairway leads up the side of the house to the top room.

MELVIN SMITH asked T-Bird for some newspapers of which SMITH got approximately 32. SMITH asked TILBERT if the Panthers will accept any more charters and he replied, "no" because the "vanguards" have been formed. TILBERT said, "You can use another title and still be a Panther", since you will have contacts with Illinois and other Panther headquarters."

The Vanguard Panthers will give directions to the Central Committee once they are formed.

TILBERT told the Central Committee to go back to Memphis and find an issue and build around it.

5:00 PM May 17, 1970 The Central Committee left St. Louis.

CONTACTS

[REDACTED]

11:00 PM The Central Committee met at the Village Gate.

The committee will meet at 589 Richmond at 6 pm on May 18, 1970 and at 7:30 pm they will go to the NAACP--C.C. meeting. MAURICE LEWIS set up this meeting with the NAACP. The Central Committee will in the near future set up a Defense Fund and they want to get money from JAMES LAWSON.

@SLEEPY "skipped" the question about the "bomb" because he did not want have time to "drive out of town".

CC:
1--Director
1--Chief
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