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TO DIRECTOR
FROM MEMPHIS (157-NEW) (2P)

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SANITATION WORKERS STRIKE, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE.

STRIKE OF CITY OF MEMPHIS SANITATION WORKERS, ALL EMPLOYEES OF MEMPHIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, WENT ON STRIKE FEBRUARY TWELVE LAST. ONLY ONEHUNDRED SEVENTY OF ELEVEN HUNDRED WORKERS HAVE REMAINED ON THE JOB AS STRIKE CONTINUES. PART OF WORKERS ARE REPRESENTED BY LOCAL ONE SEVEN THREE THREE OF AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES (AFL-CIO). UNION IS CURRENTLY NEGOTIATING WITH CITY OF MEMPHIS MAYOR HENRY LOEB AND CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE. MAIN ISSUES ARE WAGE INCREASE, VACATION PAY, AND CHECK OFF OF UNION DUES TO BE DEDUCTED BY CITY FROM PAY CHECKS. ALL KNOWN STRIKERS ARE NEGROES. STRIKE CONTINUES. NO KNOWN VIOLENCE TO DATE.

CHIEF NEGOTIATORS FOR UNION ARE P. J. CIAMPA, INTERNATIONAL FIELD STAFF DIRECTOR, FROM WASHINGTON, D. C.; WILLIAM LUCY, INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR OF LEGISLATION OF WASHINGTON, D. C.; and JOSEPH PAISLEY, INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZER ASSIGNED TO TENNESSEE.

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PRIOR TO SIXTEENTH INSTANT, ONLY SUPPORT OF STRIKERS CAME FROM AFL-CIO UNIONS IN MEMPHIS. BEGINNING SIXTEENTH INSTANT, MEMPHIS BRANCH, NAACP, HAS INJECTED SELF INTO STRIKE. RELIABLE SOURCE IN NAACP STATED THAT NAACP STATED THAT NAACP HOPES TO HAVE A DOWNTOWN MARCH SEVENTEENTH INSTANT IN SUPPORT OF STRIKE, TO HAVE AN ALL-NIGHT VIGIL AT CITY HALL BEGINNING SIX P.M., MONDAY, FEBRUARY NINETEENTH NEXT, TO HAVE MASSIVE TELEPHONE CALL CAMPAIGN TO CITY HALL, FIRE AND POLICE DEPARTMENTS WHICH WOULD TIE UP ALL INCOMING LINES, TO FORM MASSIVE BOYCOTTS AND PICKETING OF LEADING MERCHANTS IN AN EFFORT TO FORCE BUSINESS LEADERS OF COMMUNITY TO BRING PRESSURE TO BEAR ON MAYOR AND MEMPHIS CITY COUNCIL TO GIVE IN TO UNION DEMANDS.

THIS GIVES THE STRIKE RACIAL OVERTONES. NO INDICATION TO DATE OF ANY BLACK NATIONALIST INFILTRATION. THIS WILL BE CLOSELY FOLLOWED THROUGH RACIAL SOURCES AND POLICE DEPARTMENT LIAISON.

U. S. ATTORNEY, U. S. SECRET SERVICE, ARMY INTELLIGENCE AND POLICE DEPARTMENT, ALL MEMPHIS, HAVE BEEN ADVISED.

LHM FOLLOWS. P. END.

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