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BLACK ORGANIZING PROJECT (BOP)

On July 17, 1968, source two advised that at an NOP meeting at the NOP office, 1217 N. Thomas, on July 17, 1968, James E. Phillips, NOP Area Coordinator, gave a speech advocating Black Revolution. He said, "If you are violent, join the Invaders; if you're non-violent, join BOP."

Later, BOP members Charles Cabbage, John B. Smith, Verdell Brooks, Emmett House, Murrell McCullough, Arthur Norwood met with John Frierson, a returned veteran, and James "Porky" Falls and others in the Orange Mound area to form a new BOP cell. Frierson made a fiery speech claiming white doctors experiment on Negroes and give them diseases. He advocated violent Negro revolution, saying the "black man will kill and be killed in the streets." John B. Smith advocated "physically getting rid of all white merchants in black neighborhoods."

On July 18, 1968, Lt. E. H. Arkin advised that on July 18, 1968, Charles Ballard brought a group of youngsters under NOP auspices to tour the Memphis Police Department. Lt. Arkin advised that in conversation Ballard said it was unfortunate that he had these Negro youngsters only two months, whereas schoolteachers had them nine months, because if he had his way by the time they grew up they would not even speak to a white man.

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[REDACTED] was a typed "BOP Newsletter" subcaptioned "Afro American Brotherhood - Black Students Association - Invaders - LeMoyné Black Organizing Project - Downtown Black Alliance (Official Newsletter of the Black Liberation Front, Political Arm of the Black Provisional Government)." It said in part:

"It is purpose of BOP to organize the people of the Black Community into an effective political structure as an effort to gain complete liberation and freedom for African American Blacks. Due to the deeply embedded Christian influence and capitalistic orientation of freedom fighters of earlier

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