

FOIPA COVER SHEET

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BLACK EXTREMIST

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SECTION 1



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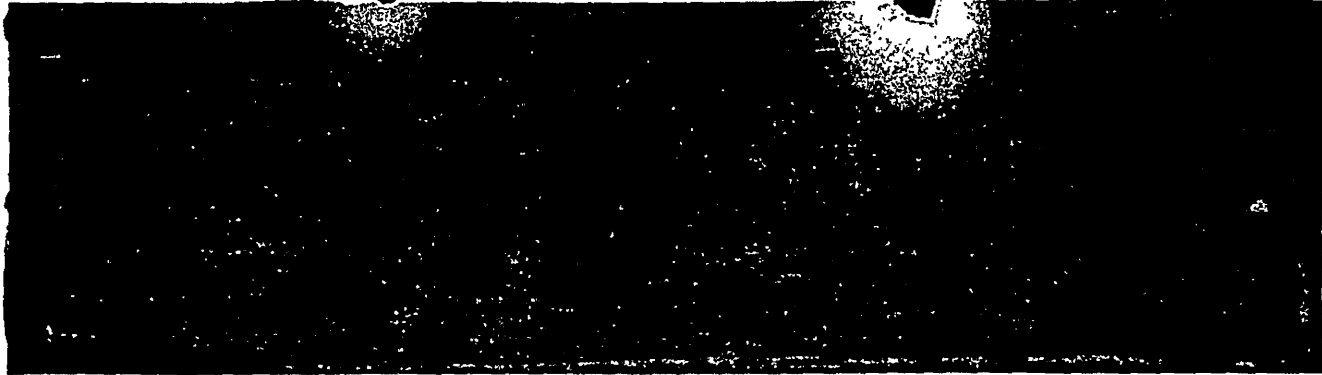
The Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) has an established chapter at Nashville, Tennessee, which was organized at Fisk University in October, 1964. The exact number of members of this chapter is unknown. At least 25 members have been identified and it is believed that the actual membership of the SNCC chapter at Nashville, Tennessee, is several times this number. This group is believed to have a great propensity for violence, based on the fact that members have been in the forefront of anti-Vietnam protests and anti-draft protests in Nashville, Tennessee. In April, 1967, leaders and members of the SNCC chapter at Nashville, Tennessee, were the ringleaders in the 3-day riot which occurred at Nashville, Tennessee. Various leaders and members of this SNCC chapter have advocated violence in various statements made by them during the past year.

Black Organizing Power (BOP) - Afro-American Brotherhood - Invaders is a Memphis-located subsidiary of SNCC. It is known by any one of the abovementioned names, but it has been described by its acknowledged

This organization, commonly referred to as BOP, has a governing body of 9 Negro males and one Negro female, and its membership or following is estimated to be between 50 and 100 Negroes. This organization has a younger group of Negroes going under the name "Invaders" which is composed of high school students and/or high school dropouts or recently graduated students.

This organization known as BOP is believed to have a great propensity for violence based on statements and actions of the known leaders.

The following persons listed on the Rabble Rouser Index of the Memphis Office are considered to be militant black nationalists:



This SNCC chapter at Nashville, Tennessee, distributed a pamphlet in early part of November, 1966, which announced that the purpose of the SNCC chapter at Nashville, Tennessee, was to stimulate and foster the growth of local protest movements. They have evolved into an anti-draft, anti-Vietnam and anti-white group and state they are followers of former SNCC Chairman STOKELY CARMICHAEL and E. RAP BROWN, current SNCC Chairman.

The above listed members of the SNCC chapter at Nashville, Tennessee, have all made statements indicating a propensity for violence and all took part in the race riot which occurred in April, 1967, at Nashville, Tennessee.

2. Black Organizing Power (BOP) - Afro-American Brotherhood - Invaders

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Chicago has carefully reviewed the Nation of Islam (NOI) file concerning the suggestion in referenced airtel concerning publicity circulated to possibly embarrass Washington Spring Project (WSP) efforts in Baltimore through a suggested alliance between forces of MARTIN LUTHER KING and the NOI. Additionally,

[REDACTED SECTION]

By way of background, as the Bureau is aware, KING and ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, head of the NOI, met briefly in Chicago during 2/66 under amicable circumstances, primarily as a result of MARTIN LUTHER KING's then recent entry onto the Chicago civil rights scene. The meeting produced no tangible results insofar as cooperation, unity or program was concerned, however, did receive considerable local publicity. The meeting was basically for the purpose of showing unity within the Negro community.

KING suffered no adverse publicity as a result of this meeting although within several days MUHAMMAD, at an annual NOI Convention, made remarks critical of KING for being too close to

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the white man. In reaction to these remarks publicly, KING glossed over this criticism and to some degree capitalized on it, indicating that in his efforts to build unified support for the cause of the Negro, he was in contact with all segments of Negro opinion. Indeed, as recently as 8/67, MUHAMMAD indicated a desire to again meet with KING to discuss the unity of the Negro.

As the Bureau and Atlanta are aware, KING and CASSIUS CLAY were in personal contact in Louisville, Kentucky, in 5/67, in the course of open housing demonstrations held under SCIC auspices.

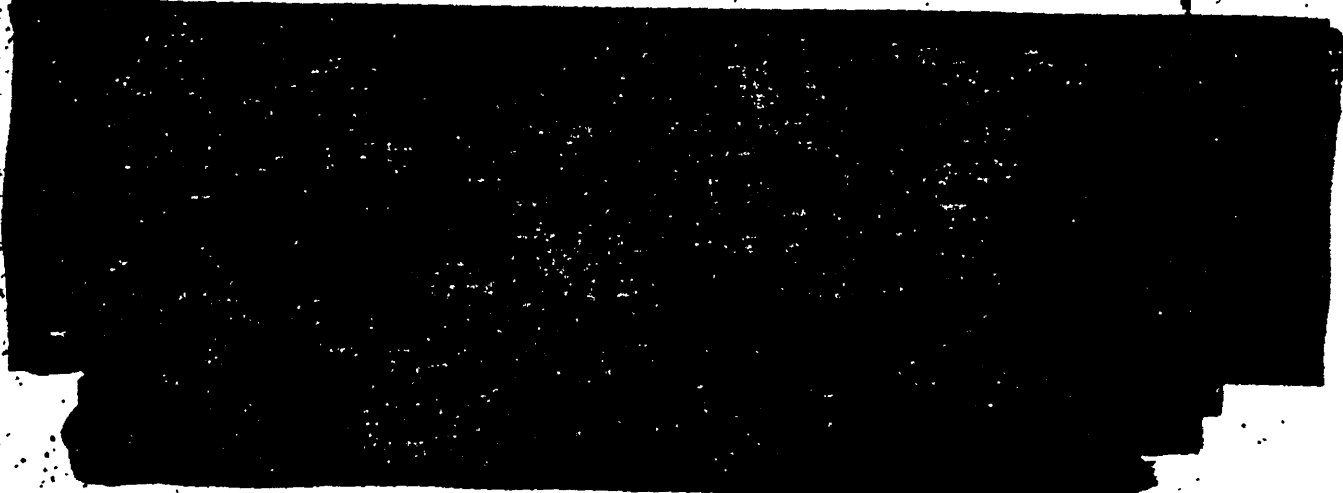


In subsequent newspaper publicity concerning this meeting, KING was quoted as having praised CLAY for his refusal to be inducted into the armed forces, coupling this reference to attacks on our policy in Vietnam. The NOI publication "Muhammad Speaks" was one of the papers which contained KING's favorable remarks, including a comment that CLAY had given up \$1,000,000 in order to stand up for what his conscience dictated as right.

In short it would appear generally to be true that contact between KING and the NOI is not a heretofore unknown happen and it would appear that any effort to utilize this situation in Baltimore must indicate more than casual associations or contacts, but in order to embarrass or inhibit WSP efforts should indicate a close working relationship or partnership between the two groups.

It should be kept in mind also, however, that as the above sources note, although CLAY is nationally known for his adherence to the NOI, he is also somewhat universally acclaimed and embraced by most groups within the Black Nationalist Movement, CORE and SNCC as examples, as well as the black community generally and has achieved somewhat the status of a martyred black folk hero.

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The NOI in Buffalo holds its usual weekly public meeting on Sundays. Approximately 100 persons are attracted to these meetings some out of sheer curiosity. Mid-week meetings are held of the Fruit of Islam (FOI) and MGT, for school and training purposes, and informants have reported that the subjects taken up at these meetings are repetitive and lack luster.

The assessment of this office at present as to the NOI's propensity for violence is that it is minimal. [redacted] has reportedly frequently cautioned [redacted] against becoming involved in any public demonstration where integration is an issue. He has told [redacted] it would be better for them to be out of town when trouble breaks out in the ghetto.

SNCC (STUDENT NON-VIOLENT
COORDINATING COMMITTEE)

A new Buffalo chapter of SNCC was formed in September, 1967 and is the only one in existence in this Division at this time. [redacted]

The development of this chapter has been slow for several reasons. Namely, the inability of the Chairman to devote much time to organizational activity and secondly, a reluctance on the part of the Negro youth in Buffalo to accept SNCC. The chapter operates out of the apartment of [redacted]

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[redacted] and he is endeavoring to obtain an office in the ghetto, a move which may come about this spring. Membership in this chapter is a fluid thing, a number of Negro youth who were first interested in this chapter have dropped out and some new faces have shown up more recently. Actual membership is not a matter of record except [redacted] either from the financial contribution of an individual or his expressed willingness to take part in the SNCC program. Meetings are held at the beck and call of the Chairman at present and are held in [redacted] [redacted] Very few meetings have been held up to now but should come with more regularity in the future.

At the present time, the SNCC chapter in Buffalo does not have much propensity for violence. [redacted]

[redacted] does not subscribe to the militancy of national SNCC leaders such as H. RAP BROWN and STOKELY CARMICHAEL. He is close to the leaders of the New York State organization and will play the game with them insofar as their militancy is concerned, but is not interested in pursuing that line in Buffalo itself. The SNCC program locally is to jab the conscience of the Negro community and stimulate it to take action on various projects such as urban redevelopment and the job situation. It has taken no positive stand on the Vietnam question...

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(3) Buffalo does not have any organization or individual deemed of such potential danger as to be presently considered for current counterintelligence action.

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[REDACTED], currently appear to be the most likely targets for counterintelligence activities at this time. While the activities of [REDACTED] and the Seattle Chapter of SNCC have been negligible to this date, the group could be potentially dangerous during the summer months providing [REDACTED] is able to attract a large following of militant teenagers.

4. The following suggestions are submitted for consideration of overall counterintelligence action in connection with this program:

A. The program should be brought to the attention of Negro employees of the Bureau, and their suggestions should be solicited.

B. All Negro CI's and SI's should be evaluated, and in those instances where they have a potential to contribute to this program, they should be contacted.

C. All intelligence information received indicating that Black Nationalist groups will be the targets for known subversive groups should be exploited.

D. Efforts should be made to actively enlist support of responsible Negro leaders, returning veterans of Vietnam war, and other Negroes who do not support the aims and activities of Black Nationalist groups.

E. Liaison should be established with responsible news media so that full publicity and support will be given to activities of members of the responsible Negro community. If possible these liaison contacts should be directed toward encouraging a minimum of publicity to activities on behalf of the Black Nationalist groups.

5. Suggestions for counterintelligence actions against the targets previously listed as field wide have been solicited from all Agents in this Division. Inasmuch as activities to date by these groups has been negligible in the Seattle Division, the suggestions, where pertinent, will be submitted to the Bureau as they are received.

Pursuant to instructions contained in referenced airtel, a 90-day progress letter will be submitted to the Bureau on June 1, 1968.