TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-448006)

FROM: SAC, WFO (157-1292)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
BLACK NATIONALIST - HATE GROUPS
RACIAL INTELLIGENCE

Re: WFO airtel 2/28/69 which set out information, of possible COINTELPRO use, concerning [redacted]

WFO airtel dated 3/6/69 captioned [redacted] RM contained information from a "Washington Post" news article 3/6/69 indicating GARRETT lectured to students at the University of Oregon on 2/21/69 on techniques of making firebombs and hand grenades.

Portland airtel and LHM dated 3/17/69 under [redacted] caption contained information relating to GARRETT's appearance at the University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon, on 2/21/69. The "Oregon Daily Emerald," a student newspaper, [redacted]
contained an article in the 2/24/69 issue titled "Garrett Supports Black Separatism." According to this article he spoke before a crowd of students and prefaced his speech with instructions for the construction of incendiary bombs and hand grenades. GARRETT explained that his lessons in weapon building were designed to show blacks they could control the mechanisms of force. According to the article he also made such statements as "Black people are slaves," "We don't control our own goods and our own services," "We don't control our own minds and we don't control the mechanisms of force and violence." "Blacks cannot receive an education at a white school." "The university is the Devil's 'workshop'." "All education in America is white supremist. You are not responsible for these buildings, therefore, you can destroy them."

Additional statements in a similar vein are included in the Portland LHM.

The above is furnished to the Bureau for further information in connection with consideration of any COINTELPRO action which may be deemed desirable, as suggested in re WFO airtel.
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SAC, San Diego (100-14192)

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Director, FBI (100-448006)

4/7/69

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
BLACK NATIONALIST - HATE GROUPS
RACIAL INTELLIGENCE
(BLACK PANTHER PARTY)

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You are authorized to confidentially advise the
that the Black Panther Party (BPP) has rented
the Rhodesian Club, 2907 Imperial Avenue, San Diego,
California, as a meeting hall. You should not suggest
any particular course of action to the police department,
however, if you are in receipt of information indicating
that the Rhodesian Club is in violation of any local laws
or ordinances, you may bring these violations to the
attention of local authorities providing the disclosure of
this information does not jeopardize any Bureau informant
or source.

Keep the Bureau advised concerning any action
the police department may take based on information you
furnish them.

NOTE:

In resirtel San Diego advised that the Black Panther
Party has rented a meeting hall known as the "Rhodesian Club"
located at 2907 Imperial Avenue, San Diego. San Diego states
that a possibility exists that the Rhodesian Club does not meet
the minimum health and safety standards; therefore, San Diego
requests authority to suggest to the a building examined by the
that they may wish to have the
Building examined by the
Since it is not within the scope of Bureau jurisdiction
to make suggestions of this nature to
San Diego is being instructed as above.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-448006)
FROM: SAC, SAN DIEGO (100-14192)(P)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
BLACK NATIONALIST - HATE GROUPS
RACIAL INTELLIGENCE
(BLACK PANTHER PARTY)

For the information of the Bureau, the Black Panther Party (BPP) has finally been able to rent the Rhodesian Club, 2907 Imperial Avenue, San Diego, as a meeting hall.

The possibility exists that this "club" does not meet the minimum health and safety standards.

Bureau permission is requested to suggest to the . . . that they might wish to have the building examined by the

Absolutely no reference would be made indicating that the FBI was in any way responsible for the examination of the building and the suggestion would be made during a casual conversation through normal liaison contacts with that department.

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Approved: Special Agent in Charge
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Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-448006)  DATE: 4/3/69
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (100-4542) (P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
BLACK NATIONALIST - HATE GROUPS
RACIAL INTELLIGENCE

Re Memphis letter to Bureau dated 2/26/69.

There is enclosed for the information of the Bureau an article written by KAY PITTMAN BLACK, a staff writer for the "Memphis Press Scimitar," a daily Memphis newspaper which was published in the "Memphis Press Scimitar" issue of 2/20/69, which is an example of the type of articles that have been appearing in the "Memphis Press Scimitar" written by KAY PITTMAN BLACK, directed against the black militant group at Memphis, Tennessee, known as the Invaders.

She has advised that she will continue to write articles in an effort to discredit this Invader group at Memphis, Tennessee.

This counterintelligence program and every effort will be made to discredit this black power group at Memphis, Tennessee.

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Invaders vs. the Law—Box Score to Date

EDITOR'S NOTE: Testimony on Shelby County in Shelby last week revealed that the Invaders, young Memphis black militants, last summer planned the ambush shooting of a policeman in their headquarters—then a Neighborhood Organizing Project office financed by the War on Poverty program.

WOPC considered the NOP project a "bold and imaginative" program to keep militants out of trouble.

With the conviction of three Invaders on the policeman ambush charge this week, the Press-Scimitar assigned Kay Pittman Black, who has reported Invaders' activities since they first attracted public attention, to summarize how the black militants have fared with the law in their various activities.

Law enforcement officers assigned to check the Invaders now compare them to the Black Panthers in California and the Blackstone Rangers in Chicago. They say the Invaders' program in Memphis was patterned from 10 points in the Black Panthers' platform.

By KAY PITTMAN BLACK
Press-Scimitar Staff Writer

In the summer of 1968, the Invaders came into public view as a black militant youth organization in Memphis.

Today 28 known members are in Shelby County Jail, six arrested yesterday are in city jail, six more are out on bond awaiting trial on various criminal charges and four others are serving jail sentences.

The 33 individuals involved:

- Once Lenos, 19, executive secretary of the Invaders, found guilty of assault in the first degree in the Waddell ambush trial of Patrolman Robert James Waddell, sentenced to not less than three and not more than 10 years.
- McKenzie was convicted in Criminal Court three years ago of participating in a riot at Carver High School and given concurrent sentences of two years each; concurrently, he was an area coordinator for the War on Poverty's Neighborhood Organizing Project in the summer of 1969. His cousin, John Gary Williams, 29, was found guilty in the Waddell case, of intent to commit voluntary manslaughter and ordered to serve up to two years.
- Venerus (Speedy) Stevenson, 19, was found guilty in the Waddell ambush of assault to murder in the second degree and given sentence of three to 10 years. Stevenson was a volunteer worker with the NOP, a $20,000 program.
- John Henry Ferguson, 20, whose prank of pointing a toy rifle at passing cars led to his arrest and to the ambush, is under sentence for more than six years for inciting a riot at Carver High School last spring, and awaits trial on five other charges, mostly misdemeanors. He is one of the original leaders. He took part in the Poor People's March on Washington.
- Ben Heard Berry III, 18, charged with assault to murder in the ambush of Patrolman Waddell. Turned state's evidence against three others accused with him in the case. Berry's trial will come soon in County Jail.
- John Garrell Smith, 23, sentenced to six years for inciting a riot at Carver. Faces charges on possession of marijuana and illegal possession of legend drugs, dating from a raid on Aug. 2, 1968, by the vice squad on his apartment at 1641 Hanzauer, Apt. 2. Other militants, including McKenzie, were also arrested in the raid, most were charged with disorderly conduct but the case was dismissed. McKenzie and Charles Ballard were censured by the WOPC, as were both NOP workers. Smith first made news in the summer of 1967 when he and another militant were members of the Black Organizing Project, a forerunner of the Invaders, and were charged by Memphis Area Project South board members with preaching black power while on the poverty payroll. The other was Charles Cabage.
- Charles Lavern Cabage, 24, one of the original leaders of the militants, under federal indictment for refusal to report for induction. Also faces trial on charges of burglary and carrying a loaded pistol. Police said he was found with a quantity of blank checks taken in burglary of the CME Publishing Co., 331 S. Park Ave. Several thousand dollars of the checks were cashed in Memphis. The CME company and church were both branches of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference Convention in Memphis, which the Invaders were accused of disrupting by SCIL vice president Andy Young. The late Rev. Martin Luther King was head of SCIL.

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\text{said Hall waved a pistol and threatened to "blow off our heads and burn us in the ground." He was carrying a pistol and a large knife, and the other one, a young man, also had a knife. This charge was made in jail when the murder and assault were not connected.} 
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\text{Lance (Sweet Willie Vine) Watson, 30, first in the news during the Poor People's March on Washington. He got national attention while living in Resurrection City as the leader of the Memphis group of the invaders there who marched on three Washington, D.C., schools and libraries as an effort to address student assemblies. He returned to Memphis and said that he was setting up a Black United Front, patterned after the militant Black Panther organization in California, and that the DUF would serve as the umbrella organization for all of the militant groups in Memphis, the leading group being the Invaders. Says he is the chairman of the DUF and that his associate, Ray Turner, who has no record, is the director. The DUF operates out of the Invader headquarters, 371 Varner. Watson was also held to the state on charges of carrying a pistol and disorderly conduct out of the Jump & Grab Incident and has been unable to make bond. At the time of the Jump & Grab incident Watson was free under a $300 bond set on a state charge of carrying a pistol. Watson has three children, two of whom live with their mother in Milwaukee and Lance Jr., who lives with Watson's grandmother in Memphis.} 
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\text{Police records show Watson was released from the state penitentiary at Nashville in 1857 after serving a three-year term on a burglary conviction. Police said he was first convicted in October 1852 at age 17, on a charge of larceny. He received a suspended sentence. He was later arrested on mischief and shoplifting charges. In May, 1961, officers said Watson was sentenced to five years in prison for grand larceny and was paroled after three years. Watson, a high school dropout, was one of the leaders in the take-over of LeMoyne-Owen College.} 
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\text{Richard Lavasse Cabbage, 19, president of the Invaders. Younger brother of Charles Cabbage. He was Sounds to state on $300 bond on Aug. 29, 1967 on charges of carrying a pistol in an incident that grew out of a fight at Gilley's Drive-in on South Third. On Dec. 20, 1968 he was charged with attempt to commit robbery in connection with the hold-up of Kansas Street Package Store. The accused was charged with attempting to rob Cabbage and was released. He is the Van Cabbage, is minister of Information for the Invaders. Van Cabbage has no arrest record.} 
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\text{Arthur James (Big Doc) Norwood, 19, injured in the Kansas Street Package Store attempted hold-up. He was shot by Abraham Coffie, 77, who came from the rear of the liquor store with a loaded shotgun while three robbers were in the process of holding up the place. He is held on a charge of attempted armed robbery.} 
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\text{Larry Lavasse Davis, 19, sentenced in six years for inflicting a riot at Carver High School last spring. He was also convicted of robbery and assault in the assault on the Neighborhood Organization and two others on charges of disorderly conduct with the charges dismissed.} 
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\text{Robert Lewis Taylor, Jr., 22, a figure in the shutdown of LeMoyne-Owen College. On Dec. 7, 1968, following arrests for disorderly conduct, one of which was in from the Neighborhood Organization and two others on charges of disorderly conduct with the charges dismissed.} 
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James Elmore Phillips, 24, treasurer of the Black Organizing Project, was arrested on Dec. 31, charged with the armed robbery of a drive-in grocery on Lamar. He was also charged with robbery with a deadly weapon and carrying a pistol.

Carl Stephen (Green Beret) Armstrong, 22, arrested on Oct. 12, 1969, on charges of carrying a dangerous weapon, bound to state on $250 bond.

James Edward Griffin, 22, arrested Nov. 20, 1969, on charges of carrying a dangerous weapon—a knife—lured $30 in City Court and bound to state on dangerous weapon charge. Out on a $250 bond.

Johnnie Lee Frierson, 24, son of a prominent Nashville Negro family, arrested on Jan. 18, 1968, and held by state on an assault and battery charge, and out on $250 bond. Frierson was accused of shoving and severely injuring a white student at Memphis State. Frierson, also a student, broke the white student's jaw, police said, and so severely injured sinuses bones that the student had to undergo plastic surgery.

Louis (Louie the Lock) Welch, 28, Chairman of the Invaders, participant in the take-over of LeMoyne-Owen. He was arrested Nov. 29, 1968, charged with carrying a dangerous weapon—a rifle, held to the state and is out on $250 bond.

Winston Lee Middleton, 28, marcher with city hospital strikers. He was arrested for wearing a purple velvet Nehru jacket and carrying a hand under his arm at that time. On Oct. 27, 1968, he was charged with larceny and bound to state on a charge of fraudulent use of a credit card. Police said Middleton was accused of stealing the credit card from another Invader and ran up $500 worth of bills.

Michael Eugene Mounton, 19, held to the state on a grand larceny charge, Sept. 16, 1968, out on $1,000 bond. Four militiamen were convicted Dec. 2, 1968, on charges growing out of the firebombing of a Negro slum apartment building last August and received Penal Farm sentences of from four months to a year.

Sentenced were:

Roy Williams, 26, of 401 Laclede.
Edward Heaton, 31, of 1745 Preston.
Charles Elroy Gey, 36, of 1203 Wilson.
Arthur Elliott, 21, of 1163 Cuppock.

Most of the arrests and criminal activity of Invaders have come since last summer when some were involved in the $26,000 Neighborhood Organizing Project grant.

Derry, who turned state's evidence in the policeman ambush case, testified a plot was hatched to shoot a policeman at the NOP headquarters, 1210 Florida. He also said members of the Invaders kept their guns at the headquarters.

The Invaders now are trying to get a more than $50,000 grant from the National Council of Churches to set up a "Membership Leadership Conference for Black and Poor People."

Coby V. Smith presented the petition to the NCC meeting recently in Memphis.

Smith, along with John B. Smith and Charles Cabbage, was a Mam Smith worker two summers ago and was accused along with the other two, by board members of preaching black power. He is now a student at Southwestern and is considered a spokesman for the Invaders.

Invader John Charles Smith, 25, is on parole. Smith was arrested on Jan. 28, for a disorderly conduct charge and forfeited in court the following day.

He is on parole from California. The California parole came after Smith was ejected from a theater in Los Angeles. Police said he went home, got a gun, drove by the theater and shot into the entrance and hit, but did not kill, a customer.

Six other Invaders were arrested by police yesterday on charges of disorderly conduct in disturbances in front of 553 and 555 Crump Blvd.

Police said the group was stopping cars and customers in front of Gray's House of Spirits, 553 Crump and Grub Grocery, 551 Crump, the latter where trouble developed in November and led to the arrest of other Invaders.

Police said the six were serving out warrants requesting the release from jail of "Swat." Facing city and state charges of disorderly conduct:

Carl S. Armstrong, who is out on bond on other charges to be tried in this story.

Eddie Tate, 21, of 426 Vance.

George E. Pryor, 19, of 250 East Trigg.

Gladys White, 22, of 373 Pontotoc.

Carolyn Thomas, 18, of 435 E. Vance.

An unidentified juvenile.