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TO DIRECTOR, ST. LOUIS, OKLAHOMA CITY, DALLAS, AND PHOENIX.  
FROM CHICAGO (157-347) (P) 2P

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, AKA, RM, OO: CHICAGO.

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[REDACTED] SOURCE ADVISED INSTANT GREGORY DEPARTED  
VIA AMERICAN AIRLINES FLIGHT FIVE EIGHTY-ONE, THREE TEN P.M. IN-  
STANT ENROUTE ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, ARRIVING FOUR THIRTEEN P.M.  
SOURCE ALSO FURNISHED FOLLOWING ITINERARY OF GREGORY'S FOR WEEK  
OF SEPTEMBER SIXTEEN - TWENTY-ONE, SIXTY EIGHT.

SEPTEMBER SEVENTEEN - SCHEDULED TO DEPART ST. LOUIS VIA  
AMERICAN AIRLINES FLIGHT ONE TWENTY-FIVE, FOR OKLAHOMA CITY,  
OKLAHOMA AT TEN THIRTY-FIVE A.M. ARRIVING TWELVE THIRTY-TWO P.M.

SEPTEMBER EIGHTEEN - SCHEDULED TO DEPART OKLAHOMA CITY VIA  
FRONTIER AIRLINES FLIGHT EIGHTEEN ENROUTE STILLWATER, OKLAHOMA,  
NO TIMES GIVEN.

SEPTEMBER NINETEEN - SCHEDULED TO DEPART OKLAHOMA CITY  
VIA BRANIFF AIRLINES FLIGHT ONE TWENTY-SEVEN ENROUTE DALLAS,  
TEXAS. NO TIMES GIVEN.

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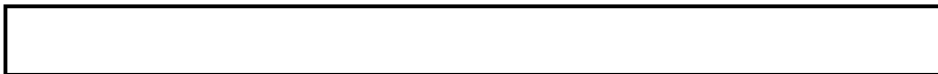
SEPTEMBER NINETEEN - SCHEDULED TO DEPART DALLAS VIA AMERICAN AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE THIRTEEN AT FIVE THIRTY-FIVE P.M. ENROUTE TUCSON, ARIZONA, ARRIVING SIX FOURTEEN P.M.

SEPTEMBER TWENTY - SCHEDULED TO DEPART TUCSON EIGHT TWENTY-FIVE A.M. VIA AMERICAN AIRLINES FLIGHT ONE THIRTY-EIGHT ENROUTE DALLAS, TEXAS, ARRIVING TWELVE THIRTEEN P.M.

ALSO ON SEPTEMBER TWENTY - SCHEDULED TO DEPART DALLAS VIA FRONTIER AIRLINES FLIGHT FOUR TWENTY-TWO ENROUTE OKLAHOMA CITY. NO TIMES GIVEN.

SEPTEMBER TWENTY-ONE - SCHEDULED TO DEPART OKLAHOMA CITY VIA AMERICAN AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE FIFTY-SIX AT NINE A.M. ARRIVING CHICAGO TEN FORTY-FOUR A.M.

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COGNIZANT. FOR INFORMATION RECIPIENT OFFICES, IN PAST GREGORY HAS SPOKEN BEFORE UNIVERSITY GROUPS. RECIPIENT OFFICES NOTIFY RESPECTIVE POLICE DEPARTMENTS AND APPROPRIATE AGENCIES. MILITARY ADVISED. USA, SECRET SERVICE, TO BE ADVISED BY FOLLOWING LHM.

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To: SAC, Chicago (157-347)

EX 110  
Director, FBI (100-440423)-348  
*RE*

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTERS

Reurairtel 9/14/68.

Submit a letterhead memorandum setting forth pertinent data contained in reairtel. Paraphrase the information in order to adequately protect  as the source.

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in Chicago  
and recent unsuccessful   
traveled to Paris  with a  people.

this trip to Gregory   
 Prior to  departure, Gregory

Chicago felt dissemination of this  
information might compromise  and did not, therefore, submit  
an LHM.

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Date: 9/14/68

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Via AIRTEL

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)  
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-347)  
SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
RM  
OO: CHICAGO

On 9/11/68, [redacted], who has furnished  
reliable information in the past, and who is a [redacted]  
[redacted] advised that some time ago he had as [redacted]

[redacted] This individual invited  
[redacted] at some future date with other U. S.  
[redacted] people. [redacted]

On [redacted] and on [redacted] DICK GREGORY appeared  
on [redacted] and while talking with GREGORY  
[redacted]. GREGORY became  
very interested in this [redacted]  
for [redacted]  
since GREGORY was going to Paris within the next few days.

On 9/11/68, GREGORY told [redacted]  
[redacted]  
in Paris. GREGORY said he would have [redacted]  
[redacted]  
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On 9/14/68, [ ] said he had been given [ ]

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[ ] and  
advised that he will immediately contact the FBI Office  
upon his return in 2 or 3 weeks [ ]

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? // The forgoing information has not been prepared in a  
form suitable for dissemination since the information  
originated with [ ] and any dissemination might tend to  
compromise this source. (S) (U)

This matter will be followed closely and the  
Bureau will be promptly advised upon [ ] return. (S) (U)

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SAC, Baltimore

9/19/68

Director, FBI (100-440423)

- 1 - Racial Calendar
- 1 - Field Guidance Folder
- 1 - Mr. T. J. Deakin
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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTERS

According to a brochure of campus events 1968-69, at Western Maryland College, Richard Claxton Gregory and Andrew Hatcher, former Associate Press Secretary during the administration of the late John F. Kennedy, are scheduled for a "black power" debate at 10 a.m., 2/12/69, Alumni Hall, Western Maryland College.

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For the information of Baltimore, Gregory, a Negro comedian-entertainer and civil rights activist, has been arrested on numerous occasions in connection with his civil rights activities and has vehemently criticized the war in Vietnam, President Johnson, and the white racist structure in his speeches. In view of Gregory's past statements and his black extremist activity, you should make plans now to afford discreet coverage of his appearance. Bear in mind that he could make statements which are in violation of the Antiriot Laws and that coverage should, therefore, include sources who would be in a position to testify. B

Insure that interested local authorities are aware of Gregory's scheduled appearance. Results of your coverage should be submitted in form suitable for dissemination.

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Gregory is included in the Agitator Index.

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## LECTURES

"Discussion of off-off Broadway"  
—Al Carmines, composer, director, writer, minister  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29,  
3:00 p.m., Understage, Alumni Hall



"Presidential Elections, 1968" —  
Samuel Lubbel, political columnist  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9,  
10:00 a.m., Alumni Hall



"Modern Soldiers and Politicians in Africa"—Davidson Nicol, president of the University of Sierra Leone  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13,  
10:00 a.m., Alumni Hall



"The American Contribution to Africa in the 20th Century"—  
Davidson Nicol  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13,  
7:15 p.m., Decker Lecture Hall

(On November 14, at times to be announced, Mr. Nicol will discuss "The American Contribution to Africa in the 19th Century" and "The Genesis of an African Poem.")



"Black Power," a debate—Dick Gregory and Andrew Hatcher, civil rights leaders  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 10:00 a.m.,  
Alumni Hall

## WESTERN MARYLAND COLLEGE

### FILMS

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## CAMPUS EVENTS 1968-1969

### LECTURES

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Date: 9/16/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (157-649) (P) *ch*

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
RM  
(OO: Chicago)

Subject's appearance at Pittsburg, Kansas, 9/23/68.

News media at Pittsburg, Kansas, has announced the appearance of subject at a student meeting at Kansas State College at Pittsburg, Kansas, Monday, 9/23/68. Established sources will be alerted and contacted for the substance of statement subject makes. No Agents will attend the meeting. It is unlikely that subject will permit recording of his speech by the news media since he has so specified in his previous contracts for speeches.

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Letterhead memorandum will be submitted in the form of the letterhead memorandum enclosed with KCairtel to Bureau 9/3/68.

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At Pittsburg, Kansas

Through established source and if possible cooperative news media obtain substance any recording made or verbatim account of subject's remarks at the college on 9/23/68 and submit letterhead memorandum.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM: SAC, PORTLAND (157-329) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
Dick Gregory  
RACIAL MATTER  
OO: Chicago

Enclosed for the Bureau and indicated offices are copies of a LHM regarding subject suitable for dissemination.. Copies are being disseminated to the USA, MI, OSI, and NIC, all Portland.'

- ③ - Bureau (Enc. 10)
- 2 - Chicago (Enc. 2) (157-349)
- 1 - St. Louis (Enc. 1) (Info)
- 1 - Portland

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Portland, Oregon

September 14, 1968

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY,  
also known as Dick Gregory  
RACIAL MATTER

On September 13, 1968, [redacted]  
[redacted] Washington County Sheriff's Office, Hillsboro,  
Oregon, advised that he was present during a speaking  
appearance of Dick Gregory, nationally known former  
comedian, at Pacific University, Forest Grove, Oregon,  
on September 11, 1968.

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Subject, under sponsorship of the college,  
spoke before approximately 1,300 persons, of whom  
only 54 were Negro, including Job Corps enrollees brought  
to the University in a Job Corps bus from a distant  
area. [redacted] advised that a substantially accurate  
account of Gregory's remarks appeared in the Oregonian  
edition of September 12, 1968.

A xerox copy of the Oregonian, Portland daily  
newspaper of September 12, 1968, follows:

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ENCLOSURE

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# Dick Gregory Reports On Paris Meetings With N. Viets

Former nightclub comedian Dick Gregory flew into Portland Wednesday night, fresh from meetings with the North Vietnamese peace team in Paris.

There was no quip on his lips and only briefly did he flash the topical irreverence which made him a favorite standup funny man.

## Questions Answered

Instead he carried a briefcase bulging with campaign material and reports on the Paris meetings, and his manner was grave and attentive, not flip and funny.

He said there are no "peace talks" going on now between Washington and Hanoi envoys — only "talks."

"The principal delegate answered my questions candidly and explicitly," Gregory said. "And he made it plain that until the bombing stops in North Vietnam the subject of

peace is not even under discussion."

Gregory continued: "For the first time they (the North Vietnamese) stressed they

were interested in ending the war and finding a political settlement to the present difficulties."

Gregory said he is not "against the Vietnam war but against all wars. I am a pacifist. I don't agree with wars as a means of settling international differences."

## Write-Ins Urged

He said the Peace and Freedom Party has placed his name on the Pennsylvania ballot for November and he hopes for a place on the ballots of West Virginia and New York.

But he emphasized: "I am not a member of the Peace and Freedom Party. I am an independent and I am urging that people write in my name on ballots."



DICK GREGORY

In a talk at Pacific University Wednesday night, Gregory predicted Richard Nixon will be elected president, explaining "Daley did a

good job of whupping the Democratic party in Chicago." advocate overthrow of the capitalist system.

He refused to blame "You don't do away with Chicago police for any brutality during the convention. If they (the police) had been told to lay off, they would have laid off. They laid off the Shriners when they come to town and they raise about as much hell. Mayor Richard J. Daley is to blame."

## Systems Chance

He predicted 1968 would mark the end of the two-party system, explaining to his audience, "If they (the politicians) dare think they're going to preserve this corrupt system with you young people around, they're in as big trouble as Washington caused the British."

The number one problem "confronting this country is not air pollution," he asserted, "it's moral pollution," getting a laugh.

Gregory said he doesn't

change the order of things and put capitalism in its proper perspective — in second place. Nobody gives a damn about human rights — but don't you mess with property rights. But if you're so hung up on property rights, then the Indians ought to be the richest men in the world."

The speaker spent considerable time discussing the plight of American Indians. He said: "I love the way you Oregonians treat your black folks here — all 200 of them. It's the way you treat your Indian brothers that bugs me. Tonight we're 13,000 miles away, fighting for a better way of life for some little country, and look at the way we treat our Indian brothers. Nobody gives a damn about them."

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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THE OREGONIAN  
PORTLAND, OREGON

Date: 9/12/68

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY,  
also known as Dick Gregory  
RACIAL MATTER

[redacted] advised that Gregory did not have the appearance of being a "violent man" but that his remarks did have the effect of advocating civil disorder. He spoke of the effects of dynamite and spontaneous combustion and said that black soldiers are constantly returning from Vietnam and are trained in the use of explosives. He advocated opposition to the draft and to war. Gregory occasionally used vulgar language with an anti-white content which caused his audience to become hostile and a large number of persons walked out during his performance. Gregory predicted that this country is heading into a dictatorship and further predicted that he, himself, would be elected President in 1972.

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In a conversation with [redacted] following his public appearance, Gregory indicated a strong belief in astrology and said that he has an "astrologer on his staff." He said that from the formation of the stars he believes that there will be an enormous disaster for California on September 22, 1968, resulting in large areas of the state sliding into the ocean.

[redacted] said that he felt let down in that Gregory was a man of lesser intelligence and less well informed on current events than he had been led to expect. [redacted] felt this was the general reaction of the Pacific University audience.

[redacted] said further that Gregory indicated he had no further appearances to make in the Portland area and intended to fly to the St. Louis, Missouri, area for a scheduled appearance.

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TO DIRECTOR AND OKLAHOMA CITY  
FROM CHICAGO (157-347)

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, AKA RM 00: CHICAGO.

*ref* AIRLINE SOURCE ADVISED INSTANT GREGORY DEPARTED  
O'HARE AIRPORT, CHICAGO, VIA BRANIFF AIRLINES, FLIGHT ONE TWO  
NINE AT ONE TWENTY AM INSTANT FOR OKLAHOMA CITY. GREGORY  
HAS CONNECTING FLIGHT TO STILLWATER, OKLAHOMA AND RETURN  
FLIGHT TO OKLAHOMA CITY AND CHICAGO. FLIGHT NUMBERS AND  
TIMES FOR RETURN FLIGHTS UNAVAILABLE. GREGORY WAS GUEST  
SPEAKER WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI,  
SEPTEMBER SIXTEEN, LAST.

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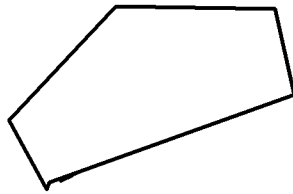
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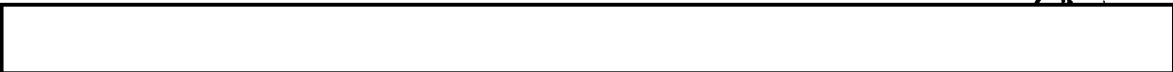
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Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM re GREGORY's travels. Two copies of LHM also enclosed for WFO.

One copy each of the LHM is being furnished to USA, Chicago, U. S. Secret Service, Chicago, and 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois.

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The source furnishing the GREGORY 9/11/68 press release is



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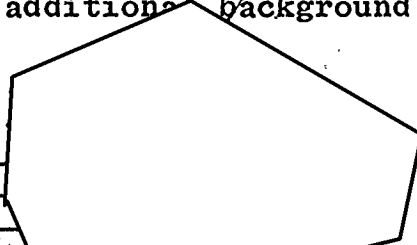
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. CG 157-347

Chicago, Illinois  
September 17, 1968

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTERS

On September 11, 1968, a source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised the Chicago Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) that Gregory had held a press conference at the Saint Clair Hotel in Chicago, Illinois, on that date and had made the following press release:

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ENCLOSURE

PRESS CONFERENCE

DATE: Wednesday, September 11  
TIME: 10:00 A.M.  
PLACE: St. Clair Hotel, 162 E. Ohio Street, Chicago, Illinois

STATEMENT BY DICK GREGORY

CONCERNING MEETING WITH NORTH VIETNAMESE TRUCE TEAM IN PARIS

On September 8, 1968, I arrived in Paris with my wife, Lillian and telephoned the North Vietnamese Embassy. I requested an opportunity to meet with an official of the truce negotiating team in my capacity as a candidate for president of the United States. Inasmuch as I had been denied a foreign policy briefing in spite of my attempts to secure it thru a federal court order, I felt that I had no alternative but to seek the vital information necessary to conduct an intelligent discussion of this most critical issue by meeting directly with a representative of the North Vietnamese government.

On Monday, September 10, at 3:15 P.M. Paris Time, accompanied by my wife, Lillian, I met with three members of the North Vietnamese Truce Negotiating Team at the residence of the representative of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam, 8 Avenue le Clerc, Choisey Le Rio. The principle delegate, Mr. Nguyen-Minh-Vy, A Deputy of the National Assembly and his secretary, Mr. Bai and his interpreter, Mr. Yoang spoke with us for 2½ hours. I asked all the questions which most Americans would want answered. At no time did Mr. Vy hesitate to answer my questions candidly and explicitly.

Viewing the war from a neutral perspective in Paris it was possible for me to see the war from another point of view than I had been able to before. That is not to say that it changed the way I feel about the war in general for I am a pacifist and I am opposed not only to the war in Viet Nam but to all wars as a means of settling disagreements between nations. But speaking to the North Vietnamese I saw another side of the picture, a side which most Americans have not been

able to see. In the first place I was shocked to learn that in reality there are no peace talks being conducted in Paris. Listening to the President and the Republican and Democratic Candidates, all of whom are always asking us to pray for the success of the Peace Talks, I was naive enough indeed to think there were peace talks going on in Paris.

The North Vietnamese have flatly stated that no peace talks will even begin until the bombing above the demilitarized zone is stopped unconditionally. Our government has known this from the beginning of the first communications with Hanoi and the terms for establishing the negotiations in Paris were a concession by the North Vietnamese predicated upon this prerequisite. The truce teams have met formally now in 20 sessions over a period of 3 months, but at no time has a single step been made toward initiating the negotiations because the American government has not fulfilled the initial requirement of unilaterally ceasing the bombing of North Viet Nam. Recently the American government has begun to ask for some reciprocal action of de-escalation in exchange for a cessation of the bombing. The North Vietnamese consider this a travesty of the initial ground rules. Their facts and figures show that the so-called limitation of the bombing has actually meant an increase of air activity over their nation and they are adamant on this point. There will be no peace talks until the bombing ends. Now if any parent with a son in Viet Nam has been feeling a little more secure in the last 3 months because they felt that at least our government was doing something to try to end the war, it is my sad obligation to inform them that nothing whatsoever is being done.

It is important, I think, for me to convey to the American public the attitude of the North Vietnamese since they are supposed to be our enemy. In the first place, I was assured that the North Vietnamese do not consider the American people to be their enemy. There is a reason for this you must understand that the Vietnamese declared their independence and declared their war of liberation from colonial

power 23 years ago in 1904. President Ho Chi Minh is considered to be the George Washington of Viet Nam which used to be French Indo-China, just as the United States used to be a colony, of Great Britain. The Vietnamese were occupied during the Second World War by the Japanese and after their defeat they undertook to declare their independence from France. The Vietnamese defeated the French and yet they do not hate the French as we can see inasmuch as the conversations are taking place in Paris. To the Vietnamese the American soldier is simply a foreigner and the agent of a colonial power which wishes to control the economy and natural resources of their land. They do not blame the American people who they believe are opposed to the war but they blame the government, the military and the industrial powers which hope to profit from conquest and the war itself.

Let me explain to you how this is demonstrated in just one example. I was told that one of the most difficult things to control in North Vietnam is the insurance of safety under the Geneva Convention for prisoners of war to American pilots who are shot down over Vietnamese villages. "You must understand, Mr. Vy said to me, that when a pilot is captured, he does not fall into the hands of disciplined soldiers but he is taken by ordinary people on whom he has only a moment before been dropping bombs. The anger of these people is very great and the only way that we have been able to persuade them not to harm the pilots is because they know of the large amount of young people in the United States who risk imprisonment and brutality in order to protest against such atrocities".

Another very startling impression which I received in Paris which I was unable to imagine from my reading about the war here at home was that in the eyes of the Vietnamese they genuinely believe that every day the war progresses the United States is losing and they are winning. I was not talking to the representative of a government who was desperately seeking to end a war for any reason other than a deep conviction that only peace could resolve a problem. Clearly they consider the continuation of the war a greater problem to us than to them even though it is being fought on their soil. We are counting our victories on a balanced sheet.

of casualties, many of whom are civilians and they are able to calculate the results in territory controlled and the enormous loss of material to us and the cost (between 2 and 3 million dollars) a day upon our economy. I do not think the American people realize that (a) there are no peace talks, (b) there will be no peace talks until we stop the bombing, and (c) there can be no political solution to the war as long as we continue to believe that we are winning or can win a military victory. The facts are that as our investment in the war has increased so has our losses.

I asked Mr. Vy the question which the other political candidates have made an issue: What assurances do we have that if we stop the bombing more American lives will not be lost? He replied the only way to stop the loss of life is to end the war. The only way to end the war is to stop the bombing.

Now I am sure that if this war were being fought by some other country we would be able to see it quite differently than we do or if we were reading about it in a History book, we could be more objective than we are because it is a rather clear picture if you get far enough away from it so that you are not emotionally involved. Here we are a great nation engaged in a military conquest of a country smaller than the state of Florida, 13,000 miles away, dropping more bombs on it already than we did in all of World War II. We got into this by first sending just a small group of advisors who were not even supposed to do any shooting and now we have an army of half a million men shooting and burning and chemically destroying the crops. We have admittedly killed many innocent civilians and we are operating concentration camps in order to control the people we are supposed to be defending. Nevertheless, the Vietnamese know that Americans have a great sense of national honor. Mr. Vy told me that his country was prepared to take this into consideration in the negotiations but that Americans must also realize that the Vietnamese who had been fighting for 23 years for their independence also have a justifiable sense of national pride.

For my part I was convinced after our discussion that the Vietnamese are genuinely eager to settle the political problems of Viet Nam at the conference table now, but that they feel the longer the war continues the more it will be evident to the American people that there can be no military solution and that a public demand will require our government to negotiate a settlement.



RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

On September 16, 1968, a Special Agent (SA) of the FBI observed Gregory arrive at O'Hare Airport, Chicago, Illinois, in a late model Ford light blue Station Wagon, Illinois Registration [redacted] driven by an elderly unidentified male Negro. Gregory departed O'Hare Airport at 3:10 p.m. on that date via American Airlines Flight 581 enroute to St. Louis, Missouri.

Illinois Automobile Registration [redacted] is listed to [redacted] Chicago, Illinois, (Gregory maintains residence at apartment building this address) for a 1967 Ford four-door Station Wagon, Vehicle Identification Number [redacted]

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In 1967 Chicago Press Media described [redacted] as a [redacted] who had been Gregory's [redacted] since March 20, 1967. [redacted] was further described as a former [redacted] and an ex-employee of [redacted]

On September 16, 1968, an [redacted] source related the following additional American Airlines ticketing:

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September 17, 1968	American Flight 125 departing St. Louis, Missouri, 10:35 a.m. and arriving at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, at 12:32 p.m.
September 18, 1968	Frontier Airlines Flight 18 departing Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and arriving Stillwater, Oklahoma.
September 19, 1968	Braniff Airlines Flight 127 departing Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and arriving Dallas, Texas.
September 19, 1968	American Flight 313 departing Dallas, Texas, 5:35 p.m. and arriving Tucson, Arizona, 6:14 p.m.
September 20, 1968	American Flight 138 departing Tucson, Arizona, 8:25 a.m., arriving Dallas, Texas, 12:13 p.m.

RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

September 20, 1968

Frontier Airlines Flight 422 departing Dallas, Texas and arriving Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

September 21, 1968

American Flight 356 departing Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 9 a.m., arriving Chicago, Illinois, 10:44 a.m.

On September 17, 1968, sources advised the St. Louis Division of the FBI that Gregory appeared at Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri, September 16, 1968, as a guest speaker at a Freshman Student Orientation Organization. Sources reported that Gregory changed his itinerary when his September 17, 1968, scheduled departure flight from St. Louis was delayed. Gregory then departed St. Louis on American Airline Flight 234 enroute for Chicago, Illinois.

On September 17, 1968, the previously mentioned [redacted] source confirmed GREGORY's arrival in Chicago, Illinois, that date on Flight 234. [redacted]

Copies of this memorandum are being furnished:

United States Attorney, Chicago, Illinois  
United States Secret Service, Chicago, Illinois  
113th Military Intelligence Group, Evanston, Illinois

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Date: 9/16/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM: LEGAT, PARIS (157-13) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
RM

Enclosed are nine copies of an LHM containing information received on 9/12/68 from the Security Office, American Embassy, Paris, France.

In the event further information is received from Paris sources, the Bureau will be advised.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

September 16, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

[redacted] American  
Embassy, Paris, France, advised on September 12, 1968, that  
an article appeared in "L'Humanite," the French Communist  
Party daily newspaper, on September 11, 1968, indicating that  
RICHARD GREGORY had had a conversation lasting two and one-  
half hours with one [redacted] a member of the North  
Vietnamese Delegation to the Vietnam Peace talks presently  
being held in Paris.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS (157-5822)

RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
RM  
(OO: Chicago)

Re Chicago teletype to the Bureau, 9-16-68, and  
St. Louis teletype to the Bureau, 9-17-68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies of letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination relating to captioned subject. Two copies of the letterhead memorandum have been designated for the office of origin and information copies for Oklahoma City, Dallas and Phoenix because it was previously indicated that subject might travel to those areas.

Copies of the letterhead memorandum have been disseminated locally to Secret Service, U. S. Attorney, Military Intelligence and the St. Louis Police Department.

Source #1 used in the LHM is [redacted]  
source that furnished information to the Chicago Office.

Source #2 is [redacted]  
St. Louis, Missouri.

Source #3 is [redacted]  
University.

C. C. - Bishop Source #4 is [redacted]

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The letterhead memorandum has been classified confidential because it contains information furnished by sources of continuing value and disclosure of which could compromise their future effectiveness.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

St. Louis, Missouri-

September 17, 1968

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

Source #1 advised the Chicago Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on September 16, 1968 that Richard Claxton Gregory departed Chicago, Illinois via American Airlines Flight 581 at 3:00 p.m. en route to St. Louis, Missouri. This flight was scheduled to arrive at St. Louis, Missouri at 4:13 p.m. on September 16, 1968.

Source #2 advised on September 16, 1968, that upon arriving at the St. Louis Airport on September 16, 1968, Mr. Gregory rented an automobile from the Avis Rent-A-Car Company desk at the airport. This automobile was a four-door Chrysler Newport automobile bearing Missouri license number YE 1259. At the time Gregory rented the automobile he gave his address as 1451 East 55th Street, Apartment 1030, Chicago, Illinois. Source stated that Gregory was scheduled to appear on the Washington University campus in St. Louis, Missouri at 7:00 p.m. on the same date.

Source #3 advised on September 17, 1968 that Richard Gregory had appeared on the Washington University campus at the Field House as a guest speaker on September 16, 1968. His appearance was sponsored by the Freshmen Orientation Organizing Committee. According to the source, Gregory, in his talk, praised the Negroes and student militants as being in the tradition of men who wrote the Declaration of Independence. He stated, "You made LBJ (President Lyndon B. Johnson) step down when the Russian Army with all their guns couldn't have done it." Gregory urged the young people to use their power to change the system. Two of the issues touched upon by him in his talk as of vital concern to the students were the Draft and the Vietnam War. He defined the actions of Negro militants as being in line with Patrick Henry's "Give me liberty or give me death." Gregory stated that the issue today is not black against white but right against wrong.

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RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

According to Source #1 Gregory was scheduled to depart St. Louis on American Airlines Flight 125, leaving St. Louis 10:35 a.m., September 17, 1968.

Source #4 advised on September 17, 1968, that American Airlines Flight 125 was delayed in arriving at St. Louis and that Richard Gregory had revised his itinerary and he departed St. Louis on American Airlines Flight 234 at 9:40 a.m. en route to Chicago, Illinois, arriving at O'Hara Field in Chicago at 10:37 a.m.

All sources used in this letterhead memorandum have either furnished information in the past or were in a position to furnish reliable information.

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FBI CHICAGO

513PM URGENT 8/23/68 EOM

TO DIRECTOR AND PHILADELPHIA

FROM CHICAGO (157-347) (157-2410) (P) 2P

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY; RM, OO: CHICAGO  
DEMCON; OO: CHICAGO.

SOURCE, RELIABLE IN PAST, ADVISED INSTANT DICK GREGORY  
DEPARTED CHICAGO BY AIR TODAY FOR PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA.  
HE WILL RETURN CHICAGO ON AUGUST TWENTY FIVE NEXT. REASON  
FOR PHILADELPHIA TRIP NOT KNOWN. GREGORY NOW PLANS TO REMAIN  
IN CHICAGO DURING WEEK OF DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION

AUGUST TWENTY SIX - TWENTY NINE NEXT BUT SOURCE HAD NO  
INDICATION GREGORY PLANNED ANY DISRUPTIVE ACTIVITIES DURING  
CONVENTION. AFTER CONVENTION GREGORY INTENDS TO VACATION  
WITH WIFE AND WITH JIM SMITH FAMILY AT SMITH'S FARM NEAR  
STEVENS POINT, WISCONSIN. SMITH IS PUBLISHER "CHICAGO GAZETTE",

NEWSPAPER DIRECTED TO NEGRO COMMUNITY.

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SECRET SERVICE, USA, MILITARY, CHICAGO PD ADVISED. SOURCE  
IS  PHILADELPHIA AND MILWAUKEE CONTACT  
SOURCES RE GREGORY'S ACTIVITIES.

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12-46 AM URGENT 8-26-68 RM

TO DIRECTOR (ATTN. DOMESTIC INTELL.) AND CHICAGO  
FROM PHILADELPHIA

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, RM. OO CHICAGO.

RE PH TEL CALL TO CHICAGO EIGHT TWENTYFIVE LAST.

[REDACTED] INTELLIGENCE DETAIL, PH PD , WHO WAS  
ASSIGNED TO GREGORY UPON GREGORY'S MOST RECENT VISIT PHILA., ADVISED  
GREGORY REMAINED OVERNIGHT EIGHT TWENTYTHREE LAST RESIDENCE OF  
[REDACTED] PHILA., PA

[REDACTED] STATES GREGORY LEFT PHILA. VIA ALLEGHENY AIRLINE FLIGHT  
NINE ZERO SEVEN AT TWO ZERO ZERO PM, ON EIGHT TWENTYFOUR LAST  
FOR WASHINGTON, D.C., WHERE HE WAS TO PICK UP PERSONAL PAPERS AND  
DEPART FOR NEW YORK. DESTINATION AFTER ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK UNKNOWN  
TO [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] ADVISED DURING EVENING OF EIGHT TWENTYTHREE OR EARLY  
MORNING EIGHT TWENTYFOUR LAST GREGORY WHILE AT RESIDENCE OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALL FROM MRS. GREGORY. GREGORY TOLD  
[REDACTED] TELEPHONE CALL CONCERNED ITSELF WITH A TV APPEARANCE OF GREGORY  
IN LONDON, ENGLAND, FOR WHICH HE WAS TO BE PAID FIFTEEN HUNDRED POUNDS.

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Date: 9/20/68

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-347) (P) 5

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka.  
RM  
(OO: CHICAGO)

Re Chicago teletype to Bureau and Oklahoma City,  
9/18/68. 100-440423-345

Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven copies of a  
letterhead memorandum (LHM) suitable for dissemination.

Oklahoma City is being furnished one copy of the  
LHM for information.

One copy of LHM being disseminated locally to  
U.S. Attorney and U.S. Secret Service, both Chicago, and  
Region I, 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois.

Chicago source is \_\_\_\_\_  
Chicago, Illinois.

Information contained in the attached LHM has been  
furnished to the Chicago Police Department.

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G. C. Bishop

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DEPT: ISD, CRD, CD, IDIU

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BY: \_\_\_\_\_

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Sept. 20, 1968

Chicago, Illinois

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTERS

Reference is made to Chicago memorandum captioned as above and dated September 17, 1968.

An [ ] source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on September 18, 1968, that Richard Claxton Gregory departed O'Hare International Airport, Chicago, Illinois, via Braniff Airlines flight 129 at 1:20 AM, en route to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Gregory, according to source, has a connecting flight to Stillwater, Oklahoma, and return flight to Oklahoma City and Chicago. Source had no information as to flight number or times concerning the return flight.

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Source concluded saying that Gregory had been guest speaker at Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri, on September 16, 1968.

The following agencies are being furnished a copy of this memorandum:

United States Attorney  
Chicago, Illinois

United States Secret Service  
Chicago, Illinois

Region I, 113th MI Group  
Evanston, Illinois

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SEP 17 1968

TELETYPE

FBI ST. LOUIS

1130AM URGENT 9-17-68 GCW

TO: DIRECTOR, OKLAHOMA CITY, DALLAS, PHOENIX, CHICAGO (157-347)  
FROM: ST. LOUIS (157-5822)

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, AKA; RM; OO CHICAGO.

RE CHICAGO TELETYPE TO BUREAU, SEPTEMBER SIXTEEN LAST

ST. LOUIS SOURCES ADVISED GREGORY APPEARED AT WASHINGTON  
UNIVERSITY, ST. LOUIS, MO., SEPTEMBER SIXTEEN LAST AS GUEST SPEAKER  
OF FRESHMAN STUDENT ORIENTATION ORGANIZATION. HE CHANGED ITINERARY  
WHEN SCHEDULED FLIGHT FROM ST. LOUIS SEPTEMBER SEVENTEEN WAS  
DELAYED. GREGORY DEPARTED ST. LOUIS AMERICAN AIRLINE FLIGHT TWO  
THREE FOUR AT NINE FORTY AM. ARRIVAL TIME O'HARA FIELD, CHICAGO,  
TEN THIRTYSEVEN AM. FUTURE TRAVEL PLANS OF GREGORY UNKNOWN IN  
ST. LOUIS. GREGORY IN HIS TALK BEFORE STUDENTS STATED ISSUE  
TODAY IS NOT BLACK AGAINST WHITE BUT RIGHT AGAINST WRONG.

SECRET SERVICE, ST. LOUIS PD, USA, MILITARY INTELLIGENCE  
ADVISED. LHM FOLLOWS.

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FBI OKLA CITY

719PM URGENT 9-19-68 FMZ

TO DIRECTOR DALLAS CHICAGO AND PHOENIX

FROM OKLAHOMA CITY 157-485 -P-

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, AKA, RM, OO:CHICAGO.

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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SOURCE ADVISED NINE EIGHTEEN SIXTYEIGHT,

GREGORY ARRIVED OKLAHOMA CITY FOUR FORTY AM ON NINE EIGHTEEN  
SIXTYEIGHT VIA BRANIFF AIRLINES FLIGHT ONE TWO NINE FROM  
CHICAGO. ON NINE NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT THE SOURCE ADVISED  
GREGORY DEPARTED OKLAHOMA CITY THIS DATE AT FOUR THIRTYFIVE PM  
ON BRANIFF FLIGHT ONE TWO SEVEN TO DALLAS, TEXAS. HE HAS  
CONNECTING FLIGHT ON AMERICAN AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE ONE THREE  
DEPARTING DALLAS TO TUCSON, LEAVING DALLAS AT FIVE THIRTYFIVE PM,  
HE HAS RETURN RESERVATION ON AMERICAN AIRLINES FLIGHT ONE THREE  
EIGHT DEPARTING TUCSON EIGHT TWENTYFIVE AM NINE TWENTY SIXTYEIGHT  
ARRIVING DALLAS TWELVE FIFTEEN PM, HE HAS CONNECTING FLIGHT ON  
FRONTIER AIRLINES FLIGHT FOUR ONE TWO LEAVING DALLAS AT ONE  
ZERO FIVE PM AND ARRIVING OKLAHOMA CITY AT TWO FORTYTWO PM ON  
NINE TWENTY SIXTYEIGHT.

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NEWS MEDIA REPORTS REFLECT GREGORY MADE SPEECH AT LANGSTON UNIVERSITY, LANGSTON, OKLAHOMA, AT TEN AM AND AT OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY, STILLWATER, OKLAHOMA AT EIGHT PM ON NINE EIGHTEEN SIXTYEIGHT. HE HAS SPEECH SCHEDULED AT EIGHT PM AT THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA ON NINE TWENTY SIXTYEIGHT. NO INCIDENTS OCCURRED WHILE GREGORY WAS IN OKLAHOMA.

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, AKA, RM. OO - CHICAGO.

RE CHICAGO TEL TO BUREAU, SEPT. SIXTEEN LAST.

GREGORY ARRIVED DALLAS FIVE FOURTEEN PM, SEPT. NINETEEN  
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AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE ONE THREE FOR TUCSON. NO INCIDENTS OR  
CONTACTS MADE DURING BRIEF STAY AT LOVE FIELD, DALLAS.

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PM, VIA FRONTIER AIRLINES FLIGHT FOUR ONE TWO FOR OKLAHOMA CITY.  
NO INCIDENTS, CONTACTS DURING THIS BRIEF STAY AT LOVE FIELD.

UPON RECEIPT OF CHICAGO TEL OF SEPT. SIXTEEN, LAST, DALLAS  
PD INTELLIGENCE UNIT, AS WELL AS MILITARY AGENCIES APPROPRIATELY  
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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 9/25/68

FROM: SAC, PHOENIX (157-336) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
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DICK GREGORY

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Re CG teletype to Bureau and PX, 9/16/68.

There are enclosed for the Bureau eight copies of a letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination relating to captioned subject. Two copies of the LHM have been designated for Chicago, with one information copy to Dallas.

Copies of this LHM have been disseminated locally to the Secret Service, U. S. Attorney, Military Intelligence and the Tucson PD.

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Phoenix, Arizona  
September 25, 1968

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

The September 19, 1968, issue of the "Arizona Wildcat," a newspaper published daily at the University of Arizona (UA), Tucson, Arizona, carried the following article:

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ENCLOSURE

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

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## Gregory To Speak Thursday

Dick Gregory, a Negro comedian and civil rights crusader, will speak on campus this Thursday at 8:15 in the University Auditorium as part of the Associated Students Speakers Board series.

First achieving recognition on the stage and in television, Gregory moved into motion pictures with his debut in 'Sweet Love, Bitter.' More recently Gregory became a best-selling novelist with the publication of his autobiography, 'Nigger.' Doubleday will soon publish his second book, 'Sermons.'

In his personal civil rights crusade, Gregory marched in innumerable demonstrations, languished in jails, and criss-crossed the country delivering speeches in which he uses his humor to dispell hate and bigotry.

Of last year's performance by Gregory on campus, the Daily Wildcat wrote: "This University should insure that more speakers of Gregory's quality are heard on this campus to make sure that even those who are here must learn how to make a living will still have to come to grips with this society, its truths and its lies, its good and its evil."

No admission will be charged for the program.

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

On September 19, 1968, [redacted] [redacted] UA, advised that Dick Gregory was scheduled to arrive at the Tucson International Airport at 6:30 p.m., that date. He would be met by representatives of the Associated Students of the University of Arizona (ASUA) Speaker's Board and escorted directly to the UA campus where he was to speak at 8 p.m.

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Later on September 19, 1968, [redacted] advised that no violence of demonstrations occurred during Gregory's appearance. Immediately after his speech he was given a reception at the Student Union by the ASUA, and from there he went to the Statler Hilton Motel in Tucson for the night. He told Gregory at the reception that he had reservations for an American Airlines flight at 8:25 a.m., September 20, 1968, to Dallas.

The September 20, 1968, edition of the "Arizona Wildcat" carried the following article concerning Gregory's appearance at the UA the previous evening:

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

## To Overcome Obsolete System

# Gregory Challenges Youth

By BARBARA SCHULER

Civil rights leader Dick Gregory last night charged youth to get involved and overcome an obsolete American system that shows them no respect.

Speaking to an enthusiastic, overflow crowd in the University Auditorium, the entertainer-turned-civil rights crusader told the audience that the Nov. 5 election would mark 'the last leg of the two party system in America.'

### Outside Speech

Gregory, who is on the ballot as a presidential candidate in six states, said that a system that allows 18-year-olds to fight for the country without giving them an opportunity to vote for its leaders, must be destroyed.

The start of the ASUA Speaker's Board-

sponsored program was delayed 20 minutes while Gregory mounted a table outside the auditorium to speak to the approximately 200 people not allowed to enter by the campus security force.

### Fire Restrictions

Douglas Paxton, chief of campus security, said that the program was in danger of being halted because of fire regulations when almost 100 students rushed through the front doors that were opened to allow Gregory outside to speak.

Paxton said there were at least 200 people admitted to the auditorium that were not University students or faculty members.

Gregory, who spends almost 98 per cent of his time on college campuses, said that

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youth must understand its own power and not be afraid to ask questions. He cited youth's actions as the prime reason Lyndon Johnson is not seeking re-election this year.

The author of the best-seller "Nigger," Gregory said that youth must create an atmosphere in the country "where America is as afraid of injustice at home as it is of Communism abroad."

### Americans, Not Foreigners

A close associate of Dr. Martin Luther King in the 1965 Chicago demonstrations, Gregory said he was glad to see the reaction of the hippies and the

hippies in Chicago during the Democratic convention. He said he was glad to see the demonstrations because he "would rather see Americans burn American cities than foreign villages."

Gregory, whose sharp humor came through clearly, said the first thing he would do if he were elected president would be to bring all the boys home from Vietnam and "send LBJ by himself."

He said, "you must put the capitalistic system in its right place—behind the Constitution, not in front of it."

**RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY**

The September 20, 1968, edition of the "Arizona Daily Star," a newspaper published daily at Tucson, Arizona, carried the following article concerning Gregory's appearance at the UA:

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

# Gregory Urges 'Youth Power'

## Negro Rights Activist Tells UA Students 'To Straighten Out Our Corrupt System'

By JUDY DONOVAN

Civil rights activist and comedian Dick Gregory urged a University of Arizona student audience of nearly 3,000 last night to "straighten up this country's corrupt system — violently, the easy way, or non violently, the harder way."

His expert comic timing and dramatic delivery scatter-gunned topics from Vietnam to draft card burning, from slavery to policemen's pay. Wearing what looked like a jail uniform, he entered the University Auditorium to a standing ovation, after briefly addressing from a tabletop the 200 to 300 students in front of the building who couldn't get seats.

"You have to turn this country around. Understand your power," he told the rapt, packed audience. "LBJ is not running this year because of you youngsters. All the Chinese and Russian Armies couldn't have stopped him, but you made him step down without one bullet fired."

"Leadership today yells law and order to the black folks," he continued, "but that's the same leadership that fails to take away control from the large crime syndicates. And the same man that tells us to be non violent, is the one that owns all the missiles, the Army, the Navy, and tonight is dropping napalm on Vietnam."

The number one problem facing the nation is moral pollution, Gregory shouted. "This nation is the most morally polluted, corrupt, insane nation on this earth. If the two-party system doesn't represent you young folks — old enough to die at 18 but not old enough to vote — then that system must be destroyed," he said.

If Humphrey wins the election, Daley will be the president and that's worse than Wallace because at least Wallace isn't a gangster, he added.

"The police of Chicago should get no more blame for what happened with the hippies and the yuppies at the Democratic convention, than the German Army got for what Hitler did with them," Gregory said. "A

cop is America's new nigger — underpaid, with bad working hours. You have to help him stop being America's nigger, the way you helped us. It's the system — the Daleys, the LBJ's, the ones that are bugging the cops and making them take it out on young kids."

On rights: "This country don't give a damn about human rights, just property rights."

On non violence: "If you really believed in non violence, you'd cut loose my red brother from the reservation (you can't be more non violent than he's been for the last 50 years), the Mexicans in the fields, the Puerto Ricans and the Jews."

On the Paris peace talks: "There are no peace talks — stop the bombing for 30 days, sit down at the peace tables and in five hours you'd have a solution."

On heart transplants: "The only heart that's still working is that one in South Africa from a black. Nothing a change of heart won't fix for you white folks!"

"Black and white are not colors anymore — they're attitudes," he asserted. "We resent the words 'law and order' because it's just a new word for nigger. I don't want to destroy the capitalistic system, just beat it into its proper place behind the Constitution and not in front of it."



RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

On September 20, 1968, [redacted]  
Operations Office, [redacted] Tucson International  
Airport, advised that Richard Gregory was a passenger on  
American Airlines flight 138 which departed Tucson at 8:25  
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TO DIRECTOR FBI, CHICAGO 157-345

FROM OKLAHOMA CITY 157-485 P 1P

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, AKA, RM OO CHICAGO.

RE OKLAHOMA CITY TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR SEPTEMBER NINETEEN LAST.  
GREGORY ARRIVED OKLAHOMA CITY TWO FORTYTWO PM, SEPTEMBER TWENTY  
LAST ON FRONTIER AIRLINES FLIGHT FOUR ONE TWO FROM DALLAS, TEXAS.  
NEWS MEDIA REPORTS REFLECT GREGORY MADE SPEECH BEFORE THREE  
THOUSAND STUDENTS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA, NORMAN, OKLAHOMA ON  
NIGHT OF SEPTEMBER TWENTY LAST. DURING SPEECH, HE URGED STUDENTS TO  
"TURN THE WHOLE COUNTRY AROUND" BY USING ECONOMIC POWER. NO INCIDENTS  
OCCURRED DURING GREGORY'S VISIT TO THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA.

GREGORY DEPARTED OKLAHOMA CITY VIA AMERICAN AIRLINES FLIGHT  
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 FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-347) (P)  
 SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
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Re Chicago teletype to the Director and Los Angeles dated 9/26/68.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau and Los Angeles are 11 and 2 copies of a LHM relating to GREGORY going to Los Angeles on 9/26/68.

One copy of the LHM is being furnished to the United States Attorney, Chicago; United States Secret Service, Chicago; and Region I, 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois.

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AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. Advise the Bureau and Chicago in form suitable for dissemination of GREGORY's activities in Los Angeles and data regarding his departure that city.

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
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Chicago, Illinois 60604  
September 27, 1968

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

Sergeant [redacted] Police Department, Illinois, advised on September 26, 1968, Gregory departed O'Hare Airport, Chicago, 11:00 a.m., September 26, 1968, via Continental Airline, Flight 17 for Los Angeles, California, and was scheduled to arrive in that city at 12:50 p.m., Los Angeles time. His departure from Los Angeles is not known. Gregory has been making speeches at various colleges and universities throughout the country in recent months.

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Richard Claxton Gregory is a nationally known Negro entertainer and civil rights activist.

A copy of this memorandum is being furnished to the United States Attorney, to United States Secret Service, both Chicago, and to Region I, 113th Military Intelligence Group, Evanston, Illinois.

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Title: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

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Synopsis:

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, also known as DICK GREGORY, held a news conference at Pittsburgh, Pa., on 8/23/68, at which he disclaimed any intention of participating in demonstrations at the Democratic National Convention, but did predict that there would be trouble in Chicago during the Convention.

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Date 9/26/681

ROBERT S. PERKINS, Newscaster, Television Station KDKA, Channel 2, Pittsburgh, Pa., advised that he was present at a news conference held by DICK GREGORY at the Pick-Roosevelt Hotel, downtown Pittsburgh, on August 23, 1968, from approximately 10:00 A.M. to 10:45 A.M.

Mr. PERKINS said that approximately 400 feet of film, representing about eight to nine minutes of the news conference, was shot by a KDKA camera man. However, the film has been misplaced and is not presently available for review.

Mr. PERKINS stated that he was present for the entire news conference and at no time did Mr. GREGORY state that he planned to promote or participate in any demonstrations at the Democratic National Convention, although he did mention the probability of disorders at the Convention.

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Mr. PERKINS further advised that his recollection of the press conference is extremely slight and he cannot recall verbatim any statements made by Mr. GREGORY.

On 9/24/68 at Pittsburgh, Pa. File # Pittsburgh 176-12

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JAMES W. CRAWFORD, JR., Staff Writer, "Pittsburgh Post-Gazette," Pittsburgh, Pa., advised that he was present at a press conference given by DICK GREGORY at the Pick-Roosevelt Hotel, Pittsburgh, on August 23, 1968. He said that the conference was held sometime around noon and lasted for approximately 30 to 40 minutes.

Mr. CRAWFORD said he was present for the entire conference and that Mr. GREGORY's comments were non-inflammatory in nature and at no time did he make an appeal for people to go to Chicago and demonstrate at the Democratic National Convention.

Mr. CRAWFORD furnished one photographic copy of the following article which appeared in the August 24, 1968, edition of the "Pittsburgh Post-Gazette:"

"Black comedian and presidential candidate DICK GREGORY, who describes his own chances for election this year as 'remote,' had more praise yesterday for ultra-conservative GEORGE WALLACE than either RICHARD NIXON or HUBERT H. HUMPHREY.

"Black people at least know where he stands," GREGORY said at a press conference Downtown. "You can't say that of the Democrats or the Republicans."

"A self-described pacifist, the 35-year-old entertainer appeared here briefly to rally support for the Peace and Freedom Party's presidential drive in Pennsylvania, where he and former New York State Assemblyman MARK LANE are listed on the November ballot.

"In most other states GREGORY is seeking support as a write-in candidate.

"GREGORY said he has renounced his earlier plans to lead a protest demonstration at the

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"Democratic National Convention in Chicago next week. But he added that he fears 'a lot of awful things are going to happen there.'

"He made only one brief comment on Russia's invasion of Czechoslovakia:

"'I am saddened that my country has to radiate with pride over something bad the Russians did--I wish we could be as non-violent in Vietnam as the Russians have been in Czechoslovakia.'

"Racial violence has not hurt the black man's cause, GREGORY asserted. 'For three hundred years black men have been unable to trust the whites. Now that white folks have gotten as uncomfortable as the blacks, maybe at last we can sit down and talk about things.'"

Mr. CRAWFORD said that the above article reports accurately the essence of the remarks made by Mr. GREGORY in reference to the Democratic National Convention.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 9/26/681

S. ALAN BOAL, Newscaster, Television and Radio Station WTAE, Pittsburgh, Pa., advised that he attended a press conference held by DICK GREGORY at the Pick-Roosevelt Hotel, Pittsburgh, on August 23, 1968. He said that the conference was held sometime between 10:00 and 11:00 A.M. and lasted approximately 22 to 25 minutes.

Mr. BOAL stated that Mr. GREGORY's remarks were non-inflammatory in nature and that in reference to the Democratic National Convention, Mr. GREGORY said that he had previously planned to participate in demonstrations but now had no intention of so doing.

Mr. BOAL said that Mr. GREGORY made a statement to the effect that there was a possibility that trouble might occur at the Convention.

Mr. BOAL further advised that a WTAE camera man filmed approximately 10 minutes of the conference, but that he has not had the opportunity to review the film in order to refresh his recollection.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 9/26/681

DAVID MURRAY, News Director, Radio and Television Station WTAE, Pittsburgh, Pa., made available for viewing a 16 millimeter color film with sound tract taken by WTAE camera man WILLIAM GOLL at a news conference held by DICK GREGORY at Pittsburgh on August 23, 1968. The film, which is approximately 10 minutes in duration, is comprised of various segments of the news conference.

In the film, Mr. GREGORY states that he had planned to lead demonstrations at the Democratic National Convention, but following the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., he decided against such a course of action. Mr. GREGORY predicted that "an awful lot of things are going to happen" (in Chicago) and said that he hoped sufficient force was present in Chicago to stop anything from happening from inside (the Convention).

Mr. GREGORY made the statement that more blacks have benefited from riots than have not benefited from them.

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The following article appeared in the August 23, 1968, issue of "The Pittsburgh Press," a Pittsburgh daily newspaper:

"LBJ Here To Stay,  
Negro Comic Says"

"LYNDON B. JOHNSON may be nominated at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago next week, according to Comedian DICK GREGORY, himself a presidential candidate on the Peace and Freedom Party ticket.

"Mr. GREGORY, 35, who now devotes his time to campaigning, said at a press conference here today that President JOHNSON may turn out to be the 'compromise' candidate.

"As for the prospect of demonstrations and disorders during the convention, he said, 'I think a lot of awful things will happen in Chicago.'

"Mr. GREGORY said in most states he will be a write-in candidate and predicted he will get the largest number of write-ins for the nation's highest office.

"In discussing President JOHNSON's record in office, Mr. GREGORY termed the 'Great Society' a flop.

"'It has done no good whatsoever. It started out as one of the great human acts in resolving poverty problems, but then it was put in the hands of the politicians,' he said.

"As for improving black-white relations, Mr. GREGORY foresaw no bright future ahead.

"The Negro sees he can get too many gains by being unsmooth,' he concluded;

"He had the following commentary on the Czechoslovakia crisis: 'I am saddened that my country has to radiate in pride because the Russians did something so bad. I wish WE could be as nonviolent in Vietnam as the Russians were in Czechoslovakia.'"

On September 26, 1968, JOHN CARROLL, City Editor, "The Pittsburgh Press," Pittsburgh, advised SA [redacted] that the above article was written by a summer employee, LINDA GOLDSTEIN, of Pittsburgh. He said that Miss GOLDSTEIN is presently a graduate student in the School of Journalism at Boston University, Boston, Mass.

The following is a description of RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY:

Name	RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY
Alias	DICK GREGORY
Sex	Male
Race	Negro
Date of Birth	10/12/32
Place of Birth	St. Louis, Missouri
Height	5'10"
Weight	140 lbs.
Build	Medium
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Scars	1" scar on left knee; 2" scar on left hand
Marital Status	Married: Wife [redacted]
Residence	[redacted] [redacted] Chicago, Illinois
Occupation	Night club comedian - entertainer

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Military Service.	U. S. Army, 6/11/54 to 3/22/56; Honorable Discharge.
Characteristics.	Wears beard and/or mustache
FBI Number	796519E



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Pittsburgh; Pennsylvania

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

September 26, 1968

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

On August 27, 1968, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on the morning of August 23, 1968, Dick Gregory held a press conference at the Pick-Roosevelt Hotel, Pittsburgh, which was attended by approximately 50 people.

According to the source, Gregory stated that he was a statesman and not a politician, and that his candidacy offers an alternative to the two party system. In referring to George Wallace, Gregory said he is the best possible candidate since everyone knows how Wallace thinks.

Gregory said that his campaign is an independent effort and that he has refused to accept five million dollars which has been offered to him because to do so would compromise his independence. He declared that the news media have given him very little coverage because he is a peaceful man and he stated that if he threw a brick or two, he would be on the front page of "Time Magazine."

Source advised that Gregory, in referring to the Czechoslovakian Situation, said that he wished the United States would be as peaceful in Vietnam as the Russians were in Prague. Gregory said he has not been given a briefing

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

by the State Department regarding Czechoslovakia and that he intends to file suit. He said he had written a letter to Secretary General U Thant of the United Nations requesting information regarding the Czechoslovakian Situation and U Thant had replied that no information could be furnished to Gregory inasmuch as he is a Presidential candidate.

Source said that Gregory predicted President Lyndon B. Johnson will again be a Presidential candidate and that his running mate for the Vice Presidency will be Mayor Carl Stokes of Cleveland, Ohio. He said that such a ticket would be a sure winner.

Gregory said that he feels his chances for becoming President are not impossible and that he may be the only candidate left. He said that the situation in Chicago is not good and Mayor Richard J. Daley's attitude toward the yippies and hippies will create a great deal of trouble. In this regard, Gregory said that the blacks will not be the ones to destroy Chicago and that none of his "group" will participate in the demonstrations which have been planned.

In referring to gun control, Gregory stated that if the police shot a white youngster, gun control would probably result immediately and police would not even be allowed to carry night sticks.

Source said that Gregory stated that the riots have helped the Negro cause, but lamented the fact that a negative force has been the only thing to bring about positive reactions. He said that the country is sick and insane, and that one of the first things he will do if he is elected President, will be to eliminate all civil rights legislation because if the Constitution is adhered to, there is no need for such legislation.

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

Prior to the termination of the conference, Gregory indicated that he was on his way to Philadelphia to attend a rally, but that he planned to return to Pittsburgh sometime before the November elections.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Assistant Attorney General  
Civil Rights Division

DATE: October 2, 1968

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
ANTIRIOT LAWS

FILE COPY

Reference is made to \_\_\_\_\_ memorandum dated \_\_\_\_\_  
(your file \_\_\_\_\_).

There is enclosed one copy of the report of Special  
Agent \_\_\_\_\_ dated 9/26/68  
at Pittsburgh.

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A. ☐ This covers the preliminary investigation and no further action concerning a full investigation will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

B. ☐ The investigation is continuing and you will be furnished copies of reports as they are received.

C. ☐ The investigation requested by you has now been completed. Unless advised to the contrary no further inquiries will be made by this Bureau.

D. ☐ Pursuant to instructions issued by the Department, no investigation will be conducted in this matter unless specifically directed by the Department.

E. ☐ Please advise whether you desire any further investigation.

F. ☐ This is submitted for your information and you will be advised of further developments.

G. ☐ This is submitted for your information and no further investigation will be conducted unless specifically requested by the Department.

H. ☐ This covers the receipt of a complaint and no further action will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

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1 cc Criminal Division

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SAC, Albuquerque (62-1302)

10/22/68

Director, FBI (100-440423) - 364

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INFORMATION CONCERNING

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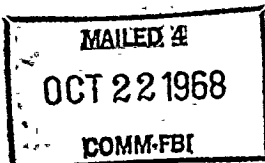
Furnish Bureau a copy of Albuquerque letter to the Bureau dated 8/2/68 mentioned in referenced letter since the Bureau has been unable to locate the letter. Forward the letter to the Bureau by routing slip to attention of Room 906, 9th and D Building.

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NOTE:

Referenced letter mentions a PSI and refers to previous letter to Bureau dated 8/2/68.



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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 9/27/68

FROM : SAC, ALBUQUERQUE (62-1302) (C)

SUBJECT:

INFORMATION CONCERNING *EX-110*  
*ARRIVAL*

*DEAN GREGORY*

Re Albuquerque letter to Bureau dated 8/2/68.

[redacted] who is under development in this division as a PSI, reported on 8/30/68 that one [redacted] had called [redacted] by telephone from New York, inquiring as to the whereabouts of [redacted]. During the conversation, [redacted] stated that [redacted] was going to Florida for the winter and that he will return to Tucson, Arizona, in February, 1969, to start construction of a building on the land [redacted].

Enclosed for the Phoenix Office is one copy of a letterhead memorandum concerning the captioned matter dated August 2, 1968.

This matter will be followed through [redacted] and if further information is received, the Bureau and the Phoenix Office will be advised.

- 2-Bureau (RM)
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO  
SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
ANTIRIOT LAWS  
(OO: CHICAGO)  
CG FILE 176-31  
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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RM  
(OO: CHICAGO)  
CG File 157-347  
Bu File 100-157-440423

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Re Report of SA [redacted] at Chicago dated 9/11/68 captioned "RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, ANTIRIOT LAWS".

Interview of GREGORY re antiriot matter is being held in obedience at present stage of investigation but will be considered in near future after additional information developed, UACB.

It is noted that in July, 1968, GREGORY said to [redacted] that if the FBI tried to interview him, he would note the agents name and "badge number" and use the attempted interview in his speeches in effort to discredit the FBI, which information was furnished to the Bureau in CG tel 7/25/68, under above RM caption.

In view of the above, Chicago will weigh the possibility of embarrassment to the Bureau against results likely to be achieved by an interview before recommending such interview.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

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FROM: SAC, CINCINNATI (176-19) (P)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, Aka.,  
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3-20-96 JPT/CLW

Re Chicago airtel to Bureau and all SACs 9/17/68,  
captioned, "DISTURBANCES IN CONNECTION WITH DNC"; and  
Cincinnati letter to Bureau, copy to Chicago, dated 2/20/68,  
captioned, "RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, Aka., RM".

Referenced Cincinnati letter enclosed to Bureau  
three reels of a tape recording made of a speech by GREGORY at  
Mershon Auditorium, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, on  
1/23/68. The Cincinnati Office does not have a transcription  
of this recording which was furnished by [redacted]

However, the tape was reviewed prior to  
submission and note was taken that the text closely followed  
the material of GREGORY's speech at Wittenberg University in  
Springfield, Ohio, on 1/24/68.

Bureau is requested to furnish Chicago with contents  
of tape recording if deemed pertinent to ARL investigation.  
Source who furnished recording at Columbus, Ohio, will be  
interviewed regarding his recollection of speech, since he  
did not retain copy of tape.

- ④ - Bureau (3 - 100-440423) - 10212CE  
(1 - 44-DISTURBANCES DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION)  
3 - Chicago (2 - 176-31) - 100-440423 - 365  
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TO DIRECTOR AND LOS ANGELES PLAINTEXT  
LOS ANGELES VIA WASHINGTON  
FROM CHICAGO (157-347)

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, AKA. RM. OO; CHICAGO.

SERGEANT [REDACTED] PD ADVISED INSTANT GREGORY DEPARTED  
O'HARE AIRPORT, CHICAGO, VIA CONTINENTAL AIRLINE FLIGHT ONE SEVEN  
FOR LOS ANGELES AT ELEVEN AM. WILL ARRIVE LOS ANGELES TWELVE FIFTY  
P.M., LOS ANGELES TIME. FLIGHT NUMBERS FOR RETURN UNAVAILABLE.

GREGORY HAS BEEN GUEST SPEAKER VARIOUS COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES  
RECENTLY THROUGHOUT COUNTRY.

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MILITARY ADVISED. USA, SECRET SERVICE BEING ADVISED  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (157-649) P

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
RM  
OO Chicago

Re Kansas City airtel to Bureau, 9/16/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM,  
dated and captioned as above. Enclosed for Chicago are  
7 copies of same LHM.

No local dissemination is being made of this LHM  
by the Kansas City Division, and appropriate dissemination  
should be considered by Chicago.

KC file Source is \_\_\_\_\_

LEADS:

KANSAS CITY

AT PITTSBURG, KANSAS

Will contact \_\_\_\_\_ KOAM Radio and will  
obtain tape recording of GREGORY's address at KSC on 9/23/68.

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- 3 - Bureau (Encs. 11) RM
- 2 - Chicago (157-347) (Encs. 7) RM
- 3 - Kansas City (2-157-649)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Kansas City, Missouri

September 28, 1968

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

On September 16, 1968, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Dick Gregory is scheduled to make an appearance at Carney Hall, on the campus of Kansas State College, at Pittsburg, Kansas, on the night of September 23, 1968. Gregory's appearance is being sponsored by the Kansas State College Student Union Board, headed by [redacted] the [redacted] and the main theme of his address is supposed to deal in the area of "Civil Rights". His appearance time is scheduled for 8:00 PM, and it is expected that he will speak in the neighborhood of two hours. The source stated that he will personally cover Gregory's appearance at Kansas State College on the 16th. b6  
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On September 23, 1968, the same source advised that Gregory arrived at the Joplin Airport, Joplin, Missouri, on this date at 6:27 PM, on Frontier Airlines Flight # 447, arriving from Kansas City, Missouri. Gregory was met at the airport by [redacted] and [redacted] and was transported to the campus of Kansas State College in Pittsburg in the [redacted] personally owned automobile, a 1968 Plymouth. KANSAS

On September 24, 1968, the same source advised that he personally covered Gregory's address at Kansas State College on the night of September 23, 1968, and the following information is set forth reference Gregory's appearance as furnished by the source:

At 8:00 PM on the night of September 23, 1968, Gregory spoke for approximately two hours before approximately 1,500 people at Carney Hall on the campus of Kansas State College, Pittsburg, Kansas. Gregory's central theme throughout his speech was that of criticizing the "corrupt political system" of the United States of America. He

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mentioned the fact that he was a write-in candidate for the ~~President~~ President of the United States and stated that if he had to choose between Nixon, Humphrey and Wallace, as our next president, he would choose "Tricky Dick" as the lesser of evils.

He stated that Richard Daley, mayor of Chicago, Illinois, is literally a "pawn" for organized crime in Chicago and is no better than a syndicate hoodlum himself. He referred to the Chicago police force as "Mayor Daley's Niggers" and was highly critical of the way the entire situation surrounding the Democratic National Convention in Chicago this year was handled by Daley and his "Niggers". Gregory made the statement that he was sitting in his Chicago apartment watching the "police brutality" going on in the streets of Chicago on television during the Democratic National Convention and that he couldn't stand it any longer and that he just had to go into the street and be a part of it. He referred to all policemen as this generation's "Niggers", based on the fact that he believes the policemen of today are receiving the same treatment Negro people received 30 years ago.

He accused the Kansas Bureau of Investigation of being in the audience tapping his speech for the benefit of the governor to hear what he had to say. He said "tape all you want" because you're not going to get anything. He said the KBI should be trying to obtain tape recordings of the Kansas City mafia and crime syndicate who are lawbreakers rather than himself.

Gregory, speaking of the subject "Racism" made the comment "we're not going to be your nigger anymore". Throughout his entire address he constantly praised the youth of America as the only surviving hope to save our political system and made mention time and time again that "you young people are faced with a big job". He called today's college students "the most morally committed and ethical group of young people the United States has ever produced. He referred to "LBJ" as the "shrewdest" politician ever and that all politics are crooked. He stated that if the Constitution of this country was upheld civil right laws would be unnecessary.

In reference to demonstrations throughout the country, Gregory said that they will begin in full swing in the near future and continue through Thanksgiving and Christmas, and you might even see "Niggers rioting on skis" before it is over. He made no specific reference to any cities or future "troublespots" but merely warned that they were coming.

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Upon the conclusion of his address, Gregory held a short question and answer session, and was thereafter interviewed by one of the local radio stations. Following this Gregory was the guest of the United Christian Fellowship (UCF) on the campus. Gregory's time and means of departure from Kansas State College is unknown, but it is believed through information furnished by this same source that Gregory was driven to Kansas City, Missouri, by two former Negro students of Kansas State College from the Kansas City area, on the night of September 23, 1968, or early morning of September 24, 1968. These two individuals were probably [redacted] and First name unknown [redacted]

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Gregory was well received by the persons in attendance and there was no disorders during his visit to Kansas State College. The entire program was conducted in an orderly fashion.

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TO SAC, DETROIT

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI

BLACK POWER CONFERENCE, UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, ANN ARBOR,  
MICHIGAN, SEPTEMBER TWENTY-NINE, NEXT, RACIAL MATTERS

REURTEL SEPTEMBER TWENTY-SIX, LAST.

DETROIT INSURE THAT DISCREET COVERAGE IS AFFORDED THIS  
CONFERENCE. BEAR IN MIND THAT SPEAKERS COULD MAKE STATEMENTS  
WHICH ARE IN VIOLATION OF THE ANTI-RIOT LAWS; THEREFORE, COVERAGE  
SHOULD INCLUDE SOURCES WHO WOULD BE IN A POSITION TO TESTIFY.

INSURE THAT INTERESTED LOCAL AUTHORITIES ARE AWARE OF THE  
SCHEDULED CONFERENCE AS WELL AS THE IDENTITIES OF THOSE  
SCHEDULED TO MAKE APPEARANCES. SUBMIT THE RESULTS OF YOUR  
COVERAGE IN FORM SUITABLE FOR DISSEMINATION.

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OF RETEL.

1 - Chicago (Enclosure)  
1 - New York (Enclosure)

SEE NOTE PAGE TWO.

1 - 100-51230 (Adam Clayton Powell)  
1 - 100-440423 (Richard Claxton Gregory)

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TELETYPE TO SAC, DETROIT  
RE: BLACK POWER CONFERENCE

NOTE:

Retel states the conference will feature Adam Clayton Powell, Julian Bond and Dick Gregory. Powell and Gregory are included in the Agitator Index. Retel does not state that sources have been assigned to cover the conference or that local authorities have been notified. Copies of this teletype and referenced teletype being forwarded to Chicago and New York since those Offices are origin in the Gregory and Powell matters, respectively.

1 - Official Calendar  
1 - Field Guidance Folder

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1 - Mr. T. J. Deakin

1 - [REDACTED]

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To: SAC, Pittsburgh

From: Director, FBI (100-440423)

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTERS

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Reurairtel and LHM 9-13-68, captioned "The Resistance, SSA, 1948; Sedition."

Enclosed for Chicago is one copy of reairtel and its LHM. ReLHM sets forth information that Richard Claxton Gregory and [REDACTED] plan to visit the University of Pittsburgh in September or October, 1968, and a large demonstration of support is being planned. For your information, Gregory has been arrested on numerous occasions in connection with his civil rights activities and has vehemently criticized the war in Vietnam, President Johnson, and the white racist structure in his speeches. If you have not already done so, in view of Gregory's past statements and his black extremist activities, you should make plans to afford discreet coverage of his appearance at the University of Pittsburgh. Bear in mind that Gregory could make statements which are in violation of the Antiriot Laws and coverage should therefore include sources who would be in a position to testify. *P*

Insure that interested local authorities are made aware of Gregory's appearance. Results of your coverage should be submitted by letterhead memorandum to the Bureau and Chicago. *REC. 44 100-440423-368*

1 - Chicago (157-347) (Enclosures - 2)

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Gregory is included in the Agitator Index.

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)  
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-347) (P)  
SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTER  
(OO: Chicago)

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*pmv lrp*

Re Chicago airtel and letterhead memorandum dated 9/27/68, Chicago teletype dated 9/30/68.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are eleven copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning captioned matter.

Enclosed for Boston, Cincinnati, Detroit, Knoxville, Los Angeles, Minneapolis, and New York are two copies of letterhead memorandum relating to GREGORY.

One copy of the letterhead memorandum is being furnished to the USA and Secret Service, Chicago, and Region 1, 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois.

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The Chicago source mentioned in this letterhead memorandum is [redacted] O'Hare Airport.

Recipient Offices listed above are requested to follow the activities of GREGORY should he make appearances in these:

- ③ - Bureau (Encls. 11) **ENCLOSURE**
- 2 - Boston (Encls. 2) (RM)
- 2 - Cincinnati (Encls. 2) (RM)
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- 2 - Los Angeles (Encls. 2) (RM)
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HOW FORW: ALS

DATE FORW: 10/7/68

BY: [redacted]

Approved: *MWJ/lrp*

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cities and advise the Bureau and Chicago in a form suitable for dissemination of any activity by GREGORY in these cities.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois

October 1, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. 157-347

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

Reference is made to Chicago memorandum dated September 27, 1968, captioned as above.

On September 30, 1968, a Chicago source; who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the following airlines schedule for Richard Gregory had been determined:

September 30, 1968, Chicago, Illinois, to Los Angeles, California, via American Airlines, flight 191, scheduled to arrive Los Angeles at 12:18 p.m., Los Angeles time.

October 2, 1968, Trans World Airlines, flight 476, from Los Angeles, California, to Dayton, Ohio.

October 3, 1968, Delta Airlines, flight 530, from Dayton, Ohio, to Detroit, Michigan.

October 4, 1968, United Airlines, flight 777, from Detroit, Michigan, to Saginaw, Michigan.

October 4, 1968, United Airlines, flight 665, Saginaw, Michigan, to Chicago, Illinois.

October 5, 1968, Delta Airlines, flight 343, from Chicago, Illinois, to Knoxville, Tennessee.

October 6, 1968, Delta Airlines, flight 362, from Knoxville, Tennessee, to Chicago, Illinois.

October 6, 1968, Northwest Airlines, flight 709, Chicago, Illinois, to Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

October 7, 1968, Northwest Airlines, flight 200, from Minneapolis, Minnesota, to New York, New York (JFK).

October 7, 1968, American Airlines, flight 391, from New York (La Guardia), to Chicago, Illinois.

October 11, 1968, Trans World Airlines, flight 434, Chicago, Illinois, to Boston, Massachusetts.

Gregory has recently been appearing at various college and university campuses across the country.

It has also been observed that Gregory has not always followed his planned airline itinerary. The above information has been furnished to the United States Attorney, Chicago, United States Secret Service, Chicago, and Region 1, 113th Military Intelligence Group, Evanston, Illinois.

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TITLE OF CASE <b>RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka Dick Gregory</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>JAMES DUNPHY</b>	TYPED BY <b>mb</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ANTI-RIOT LAWS</b>	

REFERENCE: Chicago letter to Bureau, dated 9/17/68, entitled  
Disturbances in connection with Democratic National  
Convention (DNC), ARL.

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**[REDACTED]** on 4/22/68, advised that he attended the  
talk given by DICK GREGORY at the College of San Mateo, San  
Mateo, Calif., on 4/20/68. This source in his handwritten  
report set forth a paragraph to the effect that GREGORY was  
calling off his demonstration at the DNC because it was  
going to explode and that he, GREGORY, did not want to be  
anywhere around Chicago when that happened. See LHM for  
further information. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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HELEN MANNING, the staff writer for the "Salinas

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Californian", a newspaper which reported on GREGORY's Hartnell College appearance on 4/4/68, is a Reserve Index A subject of the San Francisco Office. Further characterization of MANNING is set forth in the LHM, 9/27/68.

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Report of: JAMES DUNPHY  
Date: 9/27/68

Office: SAN FRANCISCO

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Title: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

Character: ANTI-RIOT LAWS

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Synopsis:

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, also known as Dick Gregory, appeared at Hartnell College, Salinas, Calif., on 4/4/68, and told the audience, according to the "Salinas Californian" newspaper, that he endorsed no backing off from protest demonstrations including his own plans for the Democratic National Convention (DNC). He appeared at Monterey Peninsula College, Monterey, Calif., on 4/6/68, and no mention was known to have been made by GREGORY regarding the DNC. On 4/20/68, GREGORY appeared at the College of San Mateo, San Mateo, California, and told the audience that there was a strong possibility that the International Amphitheater in Chicago would be blown up during the convention and for that reason called off the demonstration because he didn't want black people to be blamed. College of San Mateo student newspaper for 4/26/68, said GREGORY advised against going to the DNC. STEVE BELL, ABC radio reporter, New York City, advised he observed GREGORY leading demonstrators from Grant Park, Chicago, evening of 8/29/68, to 18th Street and Michigan Avenue, where they were confronted by National Guard troops and ordered to proceed no further. GREGORY and several of the demonstrators proceeded further and were arrested without violence. BELL said at no time during evening of 8/29/68 did he hear GREGORY advocate violence.

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DETAILS: AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

The "Salinas Californian", a daily newspaper published in Salinas, California, in its issue of April 4, 1968, set forth

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that DICK GREGORY's appearance at Hartnell College, Salinas, California, was arranged by the College Association for Public Events and Services (CAPES). This information was published under the caption "The Californian Action Desk" in answer to a reader's question and further disclosed that CAPES lists and arranges bookings and lectures and groups for its approximately 70 member junior colleges and state colleges. The newspaper article continued that Hartnell College is a CAPES member and used its services in setting up the Hartnell Presents series under which DICK GREGORY was to appear on April 4, 1968.

In the April 12, 1968 issue of the same newspaper and the same feature, it was set forth that GREGORY received \$770 for his Hartnell appearance.

The "Salinas Californian" for April 5, 1968, contained an article by HELEN MANNING, Californian staff writer, entitled "Gregory pays Tribute to Slain Rights Chief". The article set forth in part the following:

An audience of near 1400 heard DICK GREGORY on April 4, 1968, only hours after MARTIN LUTHER KING was assassinated.

The article said, "Gregory endorsed no backing off from protest demonstrations, including his own plans for the Democratic National Convention in Chicago or King's announced plans for a poor people's march on Washington, D.C."

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on September 26, 1968:

AT SALINAS, CALIFORNIA

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HELEN MANNING was interviewed at her place of employment, "The Salinas Californian" newspaper, 123 West Alisal Street. Mrs. MANNING advised that she is employed by this newspaper as a reporter. She acknowledged the fact that she attended a speech given by DICK GREGORY at Hartnell Junior College on April 4, 1968. She advised that she was assigned to report the story, and did so.

MANNING advised that her recollection of the text of DICK GREGORY's speech on that night is limited to the way she wrote the story and as it appeared in "The Salinas Californian". She does not recall GREGORY making any threats, or advocating violence at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago. She pointed out that her story read that GREGORY would not back down on any planned demonstrations at the upcoming national convention; and this, to her, was not any threat of violence, as such.

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[redacted] Salinas, California Police Department, advised on September 26, 1968, that he was present at the talk given by GREGORY on April 4, 1968, at Hartnell College, but had no present recollection of any comments made by GREGORY on plans for the Democratic National Convention.

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[redacted] Department, Hartnell College, Salinas, California, on September 26, 1968, advised that he recorded DICK GREGORY's talk at the college on April 4, 1968, further that two tapes of GREGORY's talk were made. One copy was sent to DICK GREGORY and the other is filed in the Audio Visual Section of the Hartnell College library.

#### AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

The "Monterey Peninsula Herald", a daily newspaper published in Monterey, California, in its issue of April 6, 1968, reported that GREGORY addressed approximately 1,000 persons on April 5, 1968, at the Monterey Peninsula College. The article by writer TOM WIEDER made no mention of any plans that GREGORY had for the Democratic National Convention. The article did announce that GREGORY said that he was passing up his scheduled appearances feeling he should join his wife and six children in Chicago in view of the turbulent situation there (turmoil following the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING).

"The Times", a daily, except Sunday, newspaper published in San Mateo, California, in its issue of April 22, 1968, published an article entitled "Dick Gregory at College - Chuckles, belly laughs, chills". The article revealed that GREGORY addressed about 1,000 persons at the College of San Mateo gym, San Mateo, California, on April 20, 1968. The article under a subcaption of "The Coming Democratic Convention in Chicago this Summer" quotes Gregory as follows:

"There is a fascist element loose in this country. You had better keep your eyes on it. There is the strong possibility that the International Amphitheater in Chicago will be blown up during the height of the convention. That

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is why I called off my scheduled demonstration there. I don't want black folks to be blamed for that."

The "San Matean", a weekly newspaper published by the Associated Students of the College of San Mateo, (CSM) California, in its April 26, 1968 issue, published an article entitled "Dick Gregory Appearance: Comic 'Tells it like it is'". The article told that Gregory appeared at the CSM gym last Saturday night. The article set forth the following paragraph:

"As far as the Democratic convention in Chicago goes, Gregory implored the audience to advise any of their friends going to the convention to please stay home."

The following investigation was conducted by SA WARREN W. RICHMOND on September 26, 1968:

AT SAN MATEO, CALIFORNIA

[redacted] Division, College of San Mateo Library, 1700 West Hillsdale Boulevard, San Mateo, California, advised on September 26, 1968, that DICK GREGORY's talk on April 20, 1968, was recorded by an unknown individual. Further that the original and one copy of GREGORY's talk is in DALEY's custody.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on September 26, 1968:

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Mr. STEVE BELL, American Broadcasting Company radio news reporter, New York, New York, who is traveling with the HUBERT H. HUMPHREY campaign party, was interviewed at the Sheraton-Palace Hotel, San Francisco, California.

Mr. BELL said he was at Chicago covering the Democratic National Convention (DNC), August 26-29, 1968, but he spent all of this time at Convention Hall with the exception of Thursday evening, August 29, 1968. On Thursday night he went to Grant Park at about 6:00 or 7:00 PM, where he found a crowd of about 2000 or 3000 people listening to a recording of a speech made earlier that day by EUGENE MC CARTHY. After the recording was finished, there might have been one or two short talks; but he cannot recall what was said and who said it. RICHARD GREGORY then addressed the crowd and appeared to be in complete control of the situation. GREGORY invited all present to go to his residence with him and have a beer.

Mr. BELL said he, as a reporter, asked GREGORY what he intended to do. Mr. GREGORY said he wanted to provide grounds for a legal confrontation with the authorities to prove that any group has the legal right to walk on the sidewalk. GREGORY said his residence, where he had invited the crowd to accompany him, just happened to be on the way to Convention Hall. He added that he had an agreement with the authorities permitting him to take the crowd to 18th Street and Michigan Avenue where he would then negotiate further with the authorities. GREGORY then explained his plan to the crowd present and admonished them that the march would be orderly, on the sidewalk; and he insisted that it be done his way. The crowd then left Grant Park with GREGORY leading them.

Mr. BELL said he went along with the crowd with GREGORY and several delegates from the convention at the head.

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He said he can recall the identity of only one of the delegates who were with the crowd, [REDACTED] Mr. BELL said the crowd led by GREGORY walked to about 18th and Michigan Avenue, which GREGORY said was the spot where he agreed to stop and negotiate further with the authorities. At this point, the crowd stopped, and GREGORY left the immediate area, explaining that he was going to talk to the authorities. Mr. BELL stated that there were a considerable number of National Guardsmen standing by at this point. GREGORY returned and announced he was told that the group could go no further toward Convention Hall or they would be arrested. He said the National Guard told him anyone who crossed a white line across the street would be arrested. GREGORY announced that this was the legal confrontation with the authorities that he was looking for, and he would cross the line and be arrested. He invited others to join him; and he and a number of people, including some of the delegates in the group, walked across the line and were arrested by the National Guard without violence or resistance. Three police department paddy wagons arrived and the arrested persons were taken away. Mr. BELL said he could not identify any of the arrested persons other than GREGORY.

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After the arrested persons were taken away in the paddy wagons, the crowd appeared to become restless; and there were shouts of things like, "let's go" indicating that at least portions of the crowd wanted to move across the line and confront the authorities. There was no haranguing of the crowd by any individuals; and no one appeared to be taking over leadership of the crowd subsequent to GREGORY's arrest.

At about this time, the National Guard troops that were assembled at the spot put on gas masks. Mr. BELL said he walked back about 20 or 30 feet from the front of the crowd; and while he was back there, he heard the command, "push 'em back". He said he does not know who gave the command, but he assumed it was a National Guard officer. He said he does not think the crowd was pushing forward toward the National Guard, and he does not really know why the order to push the crowd back was given. However, about 12 National Guardsmen moved toward the crowd and pushed the crowd back by swinging their rifle butts at the crowd. Mr. BELL said he saw two members of the crowd knocked down by rifle butts with lacerations on their foreheads. He said he cannot identify the

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persons who were knocked down or the Guardsmen who knocked them down. Mr. BELL said he feels this move against the crowd by the Guardsmen was a little drastic since the front ranks of the crowd could not move back away from the Guardsmen.

Immediately after the Guardsmen began pushing the crowd back, the National Guard used tear gas and routed the crowd. The crowd was driven back on Michigan Avenue by the tear gas; and they reformed on Michigan Avenue about a block or two from the scene of the original confrontation. The crowd of demonstrators re-formed across the avenue facing the Guardsmen. The National Guard advanced toward the crowd in Jeeps, fender to fender, with barbed wire on the front. When the Jeeps were about 20 feet from the crowd, the Guardsmen began spraying tear gas and throwing white balls into the crowd. Mr. BELL said he does not know what the white balls were. Mr. BELL said he was behind the National Guard line at this point and he noted that a few rocks and bottles were thrown by the crowd at the Guardsmen.

Mr. BELL said the Guardsmen completely routed the crowd with tear gas and the use of Jeeps, and the crowd retreated into Grant Park at about 9:00 PM. He said he remained in the area until about midnight and observed that the crowd of demonstrators remained in Grant Park and there was no further confrontation between the demonstrators and the authorities that evening.

Mr. BELL said from what he observed on Thursday evening, August 29, 1968, RICHARD GREGORY did not plan or desire any violence. While GREGORY was with the crowd, he was in control and there was no trouble.

Mr. BELL said at no time did he receive any information from the demonstrators that there would be a violent confrontation with the authorities at a particular place or time, which would indicate that such a confrontation was planned. He said he heard no haranguing of demonstrators by anyone in which violence was advocated or demanded. He said he recalls that the crowd of demonstrators did sing and chant some at times, but there was very little such singing

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and chanting, and he cannot recall the substance of it.

Mr. BELL also stated that he has no knowledge of any commands to or from the authorities which, in his opinion, provoked violence by the demonstrators during the DNC.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)  
 FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (157-666)(RUC)  
 RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
 ARL; RACIAL MATTER

Re CGairtel to the Bureau and all SACs, 9/17/68,  
 captioned, "DISTURBANCES IN CONNECTION WITH DEMOCRATIC  
 NATIONAL CONVENTION (DNC), ARL."

Reairtel sets forth a lead for recipient offices  
 to review indices relative to RICHARD GREGORY and where  
 he appeared in our territory to develop witnesses relating  
 to possible ARL violation.

Instant SA file reflects GREGORY appeared and  
 spoke at St. Mary's University, San Antonio, Texas, on  
 2/6/68; however, it does not reveal he made any comments  
 in violation of the ARL.

Further, SA desires to point out the following  
 for the consideration of the Bureau:

CG LHM dated 1/11/68, captioned, "RICHARD CLAXTON  
 GREGORY; RM," sets forth a lengthy itinerary of GREGORY  
 from a period covering 1/10/68, to 5/16/68. During this  
 period he was to speak at various colleges and/or universities.

The ARL, which is Public Law 90-284, was passed  
 on 4/11/68. It would appear that any comments or activity  
 of GREGORY made or performed prior to 4/11/68, would not  
 be admissible evidence in any ARL violation since this would  
 be an ex post facto situation.

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The above-mentioned CG LHM reveals GREGORY planned appearances at some 18 campuses subsequent to the passage of the law on 4/11/68. It would, therefore, appear that with that large number of appearances there would be more than sufficient opportunity to develop legally admissible evidence concerning any possible ARL violation on GREGORY's part.

Since GREGORY's appearance in San Antonio was prior to the passage of the ARL, San Antonio will conduct no investigation in this matter.



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REPORTING OFFICE <b>SEATTLE</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>CHICAGO</b>	DATE <b>10/3/68</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>9/26 - 10/3/68</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>KENNETH C. HOWE</b>	TYPED BY <b>pla</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>ARL</b>	

REFERENCE: Chicago airtel to the Bureau dated 9/13/68 entitled  
DISTURBANCES IN CONNECTION WITH THE DEMOCRATIC  
NATIONAL CONVENTION, CIVIL RIGHTS - ANTIRIOT LAWS.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

All individuals interviewed in the course of this investigation were advised it was being conducted at the specific request of [redacted] Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Civil Rights Division, United States Department of Justice, Washington, D.C.

Investigation at Olympia, Washington, was conducted by SA ROBERT H. WICK; that at Ellensburg by SA EUGENE P. CLARK; and that at Bellingham by SA [redacted]

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At no time during the occasions when GREGORY has been in the Seattle Field Division has any personal contact with him been reported by any confidential sources or informants.

GREGORY's appearances in the State of Washington, and his incarceration here, were all given extensive coverage by the press. A review of the published material in this regard for leads has revealed no reporting of any statements or activities of GREGORY which would appear pertinent to instant matter.

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The investigation at Bellingham was not pursued beyond what is reported herein since the statement GREGORY is reported to have made there, while possibly subject to interpretation as at least indirectly indicative of his one time intent to disrupt the Democratic National Convention (DNC), is, at the same time, equally indicative of an abandonment of any plans he had had in this connection.

The remark GREGORY is reported to have made at Ellensburg is shown by investigation to have been vague and lacking in specificity, and loses significance when considered in the light of those made by him the following day at Bellingham, and to [REDACTED]

Available information does not reveal GREGORY was in the State of Washington subsequent to his conviction on illegal fishing charges in late 1966 and early 1967, until his speaking tour brought him to Ellensburg and Bellingham on April 10 - 11, 1968. It would seem likely, in view of the content of Chicago airtel to the Bureau of September 13, 1968, that his militant statements and activities with reference to the DNC at Chicago probably originated and subsided or entered a period of quiescence, at least, in the interim.

As noted in the instant report, GREGORY did, while in jail at Olympia, Washington, issue a threat to "demonstrate" against Governor DAN EVANS of Washington State at the Republican National Convention in Miami if EVANS did not comply with a request to visit him in his jail cell, but he later withdrew this and nothing is reported to have occurred at the Republican Convention to indicate any action by GREGORY or on GREGORY's behalf ever took place there.

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Report of: KENNETH C. HOWE  
Date: October 3, 1968

Office: Seattle, Washington

Field Office File #: 176-9

Bureau File #: 100-440423

Title: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

Character: ANTIRIOT LAWS

## Synopsis:

GREGORY arrested for illegal fishing demonstration with Indians in Washington State in 2/66 and 3/66 and served sentence in County Jail in Olympia in June and July, 1968, as result of this. Made speech at Central Washington State College 4/10/68 and at informal conversation thereafter reportedly made vague reference to Democratic National Convention (DNC) in Chicago but did not specifically enlarge upon this and not interpreted as threatening. Made speech on 4/11/68 at Western Washington State College which did not include any references to DNC. In subsequent press conference was asked about prior reports he intended to disrupt the DNC and answered negatively, referring to "what has happened in Chicago". In conversation later with one [redacted] specifically said wanted to prevent any outbreaks at DNC and did not think it should be held in Chicago because he was fearful violence would erupt there if it was. While incarcerated GREGORY wrote letter asking Washington State Governor DAN EVANS to visit him in his jail cell, threatening to "demonstrate" against EVANS at Republican National Convention in Miami if he refused to do so. Not reported to have made any statements indicative of intent to personally disrupt, or promote the disruption of, the DNC while in Olympia.

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DETAILS:

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Items in Seattle, Washington, daily newspapers of general circulation between January 31, 1966, and February 5, 1966, reveal subject was appearing between those dates as an entertainer at the Edgewater Inn, Seattle, having come to Seattle from an engagement in Vancouver, B.C., Canada.

Articles in the "Seattle Post-Intelligencer" and the "Seattle Times", issues of February 7, 1966, titled respectively "GREGORY Lends Hand To 'Fish-In'" and "Fish-In By GREGORY Called Publicity Stunt", set out GREGORY had cancelled engagements in Miami, Montreal and New York, "to help a group of Indians carry on their fishing-rights fight with the State". The articles state GREGORY participated in a "fish-in" with the Indians in the Nisqually River, between Tacoma and Olympia, Washington, and had said he would continue to do so "until the battle is won".

An article in the February 15, 1966, issue of the "Seattle Times", titled "DICK GREGORY Goes To Jail For Fishing", reflects GREGORY was arrested that date at Olympia, Washington, charged with two counts of illegal net fishing on the Nisqually River.

AT OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON

On September 26, 1968, [REDACTED] Thurston County Sheriff's Office, advised that RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, FBI #769 519E, was first received by this jail on an arrest made on February 15, 1966, when he was charged with unlawful use of a set-net for fishing on the Nisqually River. He was released on February 17, 1966, on \$500.00 bond.

He was received a second time by this jail on March 1, 1966, after having been again arrested for aiding and abetting the setting of gill nets on the Nisqually River. He was released on March 2, 1966, on a \$1,000 bond.

He was most recently received on June 7, 1968, when he appeared to serve sentence resulting from the above arrests. He served 45 days and paid court costs of \$52.40, and was released on July 16, 1968.

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AT ELLENSBURG, WASHINGTON

An article in the "Ellensburg Daily Record", daily newspaper of general circulation published in Ellensburg, issue of April 11, 1968, titled "'We Can't Wait' Says GREGORY", reflected that GREGORY had spoken at Central Washington State College (CWSC) on the evening of April 10, 1968.

On April 11, 1968, Sgt. [ ] Ellensburg Police Department, said he attended the talk made by GREGORY the night before at CWSC, although he did not remain to the end. [ ] said there were no demonstrations or disorder. In the text of his speech GREGORY made a remark to the effect if there were FBI or CIA agents in the audience they should "mark in their book that one policeman's life will be taken for every black person's life lost". He stressed that politicians are responsible for much of the disorder current in the United States, and said "they promise much but do not fulfill their promises".

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GREGORY referred to the fact his conviction on illegal fishing charges had been affirmed by the Washington State Supreme Court. He said he would "serve his time" quietly, but the period might be something the people of Washington would never forget, adding "Summer is rioting time"; however, he gave no specifics on this and [ ] noted no references to Chicago or any other locale.

[ ] said GREGORY had stayed at a local motel, and had not made or received any telephone calls.

[ ] was reinterviewed on September 27, 1968, with respect to GREGORY's appearance in Ellensburg and was questioned as to any recollection he might have of any remarks made by subject which might be pertinent to the disturbances in Chicago at the time of the Democratic National Convention, and he again said he can recall nothing in this regard.

Mrs. VIRGINIA OLDS, reporter for the "Ellensburg Daily Record" on September 27, 1968, stated she attended the speech given by RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY at the CWSC on April

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10, 1968, in her capacity as reporter. She said she did not recall that GREGORY made any reference whatsoever in this talk to Chicago or the Democratic National Convention, nor did he mention any plan to travel to any place to engage or participate in or encourage any type of demonstration, or urge others to do so.

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THOMAS BEAR, News Director, KXLE Radio, Ellensburg, stated he attended the speech given by RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY at Central Washington State College, Ellensburg, on April 10, 1968, and also had been present later when GREGORY was conversing informally with a small group of individuals following his regular address.

In the regular address GREGORY did not mention any plan for going to Chicago during the Democratic National Convention in August, 1968. BEAR does not recall he mentioned the Convention in any way whatsoever, or an intended demonstration or "disruption" anywhere.

In the latter informal conversation with the small group, following a question by an unidentified Negro who was present on "What about Chicago", GREGORY replied, in effect, "We are working on the Democratic National Convention in Chicago and they may move it from Chicago when we get through". He made this comment in a rather "just in passing" manner, was not asked to and did not enlarge upon it. BEAR said he has no reason to believe GREGORY meant this as any threat against the Convention, or that he planned any disruptive action with respect to it.

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by SA EUGENE P. CLARK:pla

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PAUL HART, Reporter, "Yakima Herald Republic", on October 2, 1968, advised that he attended the meeting April 10, 1968, at the Pavilion at the Central Washington State College at Ellensburg where RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY was the featured speaker. He stated that following the featured speech, GREGORY conversed with a small group of individuals, most all of whom were colored, but he did not know what transpired at this discussion which appeared to be impromptu and informal. He recalled that GREGORY stated sometime during his speech that he would be returning to Chicago although he had no recollection GREGORY made any reference to the Democratic National Convention, or that there was any threatening overtones to this statement.

On October 2, 1968, [redacted] Student Union, Central Washington State College, advised that he recalled the appearance of RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY at the College on April 10, 1968; however, his only contact with Mr. GREGORY was in the Pavilion where the meeting was held and he did not attend nor did he see any subsequent meeting of GREGORY in that area. He stated [redacted] whom he believed was the [redacted] at the time, could possibly have been with GREGORY later because [redacted] was reported to have gone to Yakima for the purpose of bringing GREGORY to Ellensburg. [redacted] could recall the names of no other individuals who might have been in close contact with GREGORY or any persons who might have heard any remarks he possibly made regarding his return to Chicago or in connection with the Democratic National Convention. He stated he himself recalled no statement by GREGORY regarding these matters in his regular address.

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On October 2, 1968, [redacted] Student Government Association, in charge of speeches, Central Washington State College, Ellensburg, Washington, advised that when RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY made his appearance at Ellensburg on April 10, 1968, he, [redacted] had picked up GREGORY at the Yakima Airport, transported him to Ellensburg, and remained with him during and after the speech which he made at the Pavilion at the college. [redacted] stated he was also present following the speech when GREGORY met with a small group of individuals who wanted to speak to him and shake hands with him. He held a press conference at approximately 7:00 p.m. prior to his speech and he insisted throughout his stay in Ellensburg he would not meet with any private groups whatsoever and he rebuffed efforts with



the leader of the Black Student Union to have him meet with them as a group stating he would not meet with anyone unless the press or anyone else interested were present, and this attitude on his part was quite obvious. He made no statements at any time indicating he intended any disruption in Chicago or anywhere else, or desired any such action on the part of others.

AT BELLINGHAM, WASHINGTON

An article in the "Bellingham Herald", daily newspaper of general circulation published in Bellingham, issue of April 12, 1968, titled "GREGORY Tells College Students They Have Job To Do On Rights", reflects that GREGORY spoke in that city at Western Washington State College (WWSC) on April 11, 1968.

With reference to GREGORY's talk at WWSC, [REDACTED] WWSC, who attended the affair, offered the following remarks on April 11, 1968:

GREGORY said nothing in the course of his talk about disrupting the Democratic National Convention as he has in the past threatened to do. He talked a good bit about the Indians in the State of Washington and how they have suffered. He referred derisively to President JOHNSON on several occasions, and described him as the "slickest politician since Caesar"; said he originally had a rather high opinion of ROBERT F. KENNEDY, but this was before he became "a politician". He now holds him in low esteem.

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At a press conference following his talk, [REDACTED] said GREGORY was specifically asked whether he was still planning on disrupting the Democratic National Convention as he reportedly had on prior occasions said he intended to do, and he replied, "No, I don't have to now; you saw what happened in Chicago". He did not enlarge upon this.

[REDACTED] said there were no disturbances, demonstrations, or disorder of any kind incidental to subject's appearance in Bellingham.

[REDACTED] is no longer with WWSC and sources could not readily provide his present location.

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[redacted] student at Western Washington State College, residence address [redacted] Bellingham, Washington, advised he was present at a press conference held by DICK GREGORY, well known comedian, on the Western Washington State College campus on April 11, 1968, following a talk at the school.

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[redacted] recalls at the press conference someone in attendance specifically inquired of GREGORY if GREGORY was "still planning on disrupting the Democratic National Convention", which was to be held in Chicago, Illinois, in August, 1968.

[redacted] recalls GREGORY replied to the effect he did not have to "now, because you saw what happened in Chicago" recently, but he did not make any specific reference to what had recently happened in Chicago, and he was not asked to and did not enlarge upon these remarks to [redacted] recollection.

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[redacted] Bellingham, Washington, was interviewed on September 30, 1968. He advised he believes in non-violence, peaceful co-existence among all races, and the existence of God.

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He advised he was in Hawaii in 1963, when he heard DICK GREGORY make some remarks on a TV program concerning violence with which he disagreed. He telephoned GREGORY and expressed his disagreement. He and GREGORY then spent the next three days in discussions, GREGORY canceling all his commitments for those three days.

After that time he had several other discussions with GREGORY, terminating in approximately 1964. During that time he found GREGORY did not have any basis in history; had no knowledge of the origin of slavery in England and the United States; no knowledge of the life and philosophy of ABRAHAM LINCOLN; and had not "found himself".

He advised he had read all the books that GREGORY had written, and when he learned GREGORY was to speak at the Western Washington State College in Bellingham on April 11, 1968, he attempted to hear the speech and to attend the press conference held by GREGORY, to determine whether GREGORY had changed his thinking and if his espoused thoughts were "sincere", or merely to attract publicity as a comedian.

He stated he went to the college to attend the speech and the press conference, but was refused admission because he was not a member of the student body of the college.

After the speech and the press conference, he did have opportunity to talk with GREGORY briefly, and later took GREGORY in his [redacted] automobile to Seattle to a motel where GREGORY was staying. He talked at length with GREGORY there and GREGORY stated at that time, in the motel, he did not feel the upcoming Democratic National Convention should be held in Chicago, Illinois, because he was afraid violence might erupt, and he, GREGORY, did not want any violence to break out in Chicago, or anywhere else, and he was returning to Chicago to try to exert his influence to prevent any outbreaks of violence, both in Chicago in general and at the Democratic National Convention, specifically, should the latter be staged there.

[ ] said at no time did GREGORY ever reveal to him he was influenced or directed, or was working under the direction or instruction of anyone else, or any organization, and at the time GREGORY talked with him in the motel in Seattle, Washington, in April, 1968, GREGORY appeared sincere to him concerning his statement he did not want any violence to break out in Chicago, at any time, and particularly at a Democratic National Convention.

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AT OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON

Jailor [ ] supra, said in any conversations he had with GREGORY, or that he heard about between GREGORY or any other person, there was nothing said to indicate subject had any plan or intention of engaging in any disruptive or riotous activities in Chicago during the Democratic National Convention.

On September 26, 1968, DEAN SHACKLETT, Editor, "Daily Olympian", daily newspaper of general circulation, said he followed the "GREGORY story" rather carefully while GREGORY was in Olympia, and he has no recollection of any statement made either to him, or to anyone else, by GREGORY which would signify GREGORY had any plans to personally attempt to disrupt the Democratic National Convention, or incite such disruption or riotous activities by others.

On September 27, 1968, STEVE KENT and BILL MERTENA, both members of the Olympia staff of the Associated Press, Legislative Building, advised they reported on the activities of GREGORY and spent time talking to him when he was confined both in Olympia in June and July, 1968, and in the hospital in Tacoma, Washington, where he was for a few days for a cold contracted during his incarceration. Neither knew of any instance where GREGORY advocated violence at the Chicago Convention of the Democratic Party. They said, if anything, GREGORY feared violence and for this reason implied he would probably skip the convention.

On September 27, 1968, MIKE FLYNN, United Press International, Legislative Building, said he knew of no advocacy of violence by GREGORY at the Chicago Convention. He said he followed GREGORY's case while incarcerated in Olympia from a press standpoint.

On September 26, 1968, Prosecuting Attorney HAROLD KOCH and Deputy Prosecuting Attorney FRED GENTRY, for Thurston County, informed that they spoke with GREGORY on a number of occasions during his incarceration. They could not recall any action or statements made by him indicative of any intent or plan to demonstrate at or disrupt the Democratic National Convention.

On September 27, 1968, [redacted] advised he was [redacted] during [redacted]. He said GREGORY said he was going back to his home in Chicago when released, for several weeks, then hoped to go on a fact finding tour around the world concerning the Civil Rights movement. At one time, GREGORY wanted an audience with Governor DANIEL EVANS, and threatened that if he was refused, he would "demonstrate" at the Republican Convention in Miami. He was never granted the audience. [redacted] said GREGORY contended he did not believe in violence and was concerned about the welfare of his fellow man. GREGORY made no remarks in [redacted] presence about a possible disruption of the Democratic National Convention.

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An item in the "Seattle Post-Intelligencer", issue of June 30, 1968, titled "GREGORY Invites EVANS to Jail", is quoted, in part, as follows:

"Comedian DICK GREGORY last night invited Gov. DAN EVANS of Washington to visit him in his Thurston County jail cell 'or I'll have no alternative but to lead demonstrations against you at the Republican National Convention in Miami'.

"The invitation came in a letter which GREGORY, who is serving a 90-day sentence for illegal fishing, gave to his wife [redacted] to give to the governor. Mrs. GREGORY arrived here yesterday to visit her husband.

"'I hope you will find time to come over during your lunch hour one day to discuss with me the problems of Indians and other minority groups', GREGORY said.

"GREGORY, who has gone without food and taken only distilled water since he entered his cell June 7, told

"EVANS he intends to serve his full 90-day sentence and 'continue my fast until I am released to demonstrate to the world the problems confronted by my Indian brothers'.

"GREGORY's conviction stemmed from a fish-in on the Nisqually River near Olympia more than two years ago to dramatize the Indians' dispute with the state over fishing rights."

An article in the "Seattle Times" of July 3, 1968, titled "Reservation Fishing Ban Is Seen as Next", reported on a press contact at Olympia that date with LILLIAN GREGORY, subject's wife, wherein she made the statement the Republican National Convention in Miami would be picketed by friends of GREGORY in opposition to Governor DAN EVANS "the keynote speaker".

The "Seattle Times" of July 17, 1968, in an article titled "GREGORY to Tour World", stated:

"GREGORY said that in light of his world-wide fact-finding tour as a presidential candidate, he has canceled plans for a demonstration against Gov. DAN EVANS at the Republican National Convention in Miami. He said that in return he expects the governor to meet with Indian leaders."

The "Bellingham Herald" in its July 17, 1968, issue carried an article under a Tacoma dateline titled "GREGORY Eyes Visit With Pueblo Crew", and therein comments on the above statement of subject, saying:

"During a news conference at his attorney's home here, GREGORY said he was canceling 'in good faith' a threatened demonstration against Gov. DAN EVANS when EVANS keynotes the Republican National Convention.

"GREGORY said he hoped EVANS would meet with Mrs. JANET MC CLOUD, a Nisqually Indian heading the fishing rights protest, but he would not say what might happen if EVANS refused such a meeting.

"I feel that the cause of the Indian in America is the number one cause confronting the country today. I put it even ahead of the black struggle", he said."

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The "Post-Intelligencer", issue of July 18, 1968, in an article titled "DICK GREGORY Resumes His Drum-Beating for Indians", stated, in part:

"While in jail, GREGORY had TANNER tell the press he hoped to be out in time to lead demonstrations against Gov. DAN EVANS at the GOP national convention. GREGORY said yesterday he would probably be out of the country at the time, and the demonstrations 'probably wouldn't be necessary'.

"GREGORY described racism as nothing but 'hunger feeding on Indians, Negroes, Puerto Ricans and Mexicans'. He admonished:

"'Baby, you'd better change your appetite or have the menu changed on you'."

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Assistant Attorney General  
Criminal Division

DATE: October 8, 1968

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
ANTIRIOT LAWS

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Reference is made to \_\_\_\_\_ memorandum dated \_\_\_\_\_  
(your file \_\_\_\_\_).

There is enclosed one copy of the report of Special  
Agent Kenneth C. Howe dated 10/3/68  
at Seattle.

A. ☐ This covers the preliminary investigation and  
no further action concerning a full investigation will be taken  
by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

B. ☐ The investigation is continuing and you will  
be furnished copies of reports as they are received.

C. ☐ The investigation requested by you has now  
been completed. Unless advised to the contrary no further in-  
quiries will be made by this Bureau.

D. ☐ Pursuant to instructions issued by the Depart-  
ment, no investigation will be conducted in this matter unless  
specifically directed by the Department.

E. ☐ Please advise whether you desire any further in-  
vestigation.

F. ☐ This is submitted for your information and you  
will be advised of further developments.

G. ☐ This is submitted for your information and no  
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H. ☐ This covers the receipt of a complaint and no  
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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 9/28/68

FROM : SAC, KANSAS CITY (176-13)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
Dick Gregory  
RM  
OO Chicago

Enclosed to the Bureau are five copies of a reported dated 9/28/68 and captioned as above and five copies of a letterhead memo dated 9/28/68 and captioned as RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY.

Enclosed for Chicago are four copies of each of the enclosures enclosed for the Bureau.

The enclosed LHM reflects information furnished by [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past.

The tape recording of subject's speech at Pittsburg, Kansas on 9/23/68 is being transcribed and will be furnished in report form as soon as possible.

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Kansas City, Missouri

September 28, 1968

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

On September 16, 1968, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Dick Gregory is scheduled to make an appearance at Carney Hall, on the campus of Kansas State College, at Pittsburg, Kansas, on the night of September 23, 1968. Gregory's appearance is being sponsored by the Kansas State College Student Union Board, [redacted] the program director, and the main theme of his address is supposed to deal in the area of "Civil Rights". His appearance time is scheduled for 8:00 PM, and it is expected that he will speak in the neighborhood of two hours. The source stated that he will personally cover Gregory's appearance at Kansas State College on the 16th.

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On September 23, 1968, the same source advised that Gregory arrived at the Joplin Airport, Joplin, Missouri, on this date at 6:27 PM, on Frontier Airlines Flight # 447, arriving from Kansas City, Missouri. Gregory was met at the airport by [redacted] and was transported to the campus of Kansas State College in Pittsburg in the [redacted] personally owned automobile, a 1968 Plymouth.

On September 24, 1968, the same source advised that he personally covered Gregory's address at Kansas State College on the night of September 23, 1968, and the following information is set forth reference Gregory's appearance as furnished by the source:

At 8:00 PM on the night of September 23, 1968, Gregory spoke for approximately two hours before approximately 1,500 people at Carney Hall on the campus of Kansas State College, Pittsburg, Kansas. Gregory's central theme throughout his speech was that of criticizing the "corrupt political system" of the United States of America. He

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mentioned the fact that he was a write-in candidate for the persident of the United States and stated that if he had to choose between Nixon, Humphrey and Wallace, as our next president, he would choose "Tricky Dick" as the lesser of evils.

He stated that Richard Daley, mayor of Chicago, Illinois, is literally a "pawn" for organized crime in Chicago and is no better than a syndicate hoodlum himself. He referred to the Chicago police force as "Mayor Daley's Niggers" and was highly critical of the way the entire situation surrounding the Democratic National Convention in Chicago this year was handled by Daley and his "Niggers". Gregory made the statement that he was sitting in his Chicago apartment watching the "police brutality" going on in the streets of Chicago on television during the Democratic National Convention and that he couldn't stand it any longer and that he just had to go into the street and be a part of it. He referred to all policemen as this generation's "Niggers", based on the fact that he believes the policemen of today are receiving the same treatment Negro people received 30 years ago.

He accused the Kansas Bureau of Investigation of being in the audience tapping his speech for the benefit of the govenor to hear what he had to say. He said "tape all you want" because you're not going to get anything. He said the KBI should be trying to obtain tape recordings of the Kansas City mofia and crime syndicate who are lawbreakers rather than himself.

Gregory, speaking of the subject "Racism" made the comment "we're not going to be your nigger anymore". Throughout his entire address he constantly praised the youth of America as the only surviving hope to save our political system and made mention time and time again that "you young people are faced with a big job". He called today's college students "the most morally committed and ethical group of young people the United States has ever produced. He referred to "LBJ" as the "Shrewdest" politician ever and that all politics are crooked. He stated that if the Constitution of this country was upheld civil right laws would be unnecessary.

In reference to demonstrations throughout the country, Gregory said that they will begin in full swing in the near future and continue through Thanksgiving and Christmas, and you might even see "Niggers rioting on skis" before it is over. He made no specific reference to any cities or future "troublespots" but merely warned that they were coming.

Upon the conclusion of his address, Gregory held a short question and answer session, and was thereafter interviewed by one of the local radio stations. Following this Gregory was the guest of the United Christian Fellowship (UCF) on the campus. Gregory's time and means of departure from Kansas State College is unknown, but it is believed through information furnished by this same source that Gregory was driven to Kansas City, Missouri, by two former Negro students of Kansas State College from the Kansas City area, on the night of September 23, 1968, or early morning of September 24, 1968. These two individuals were probably [redacted] and First name unknown [redacted] b6 b7c

Gregory was well received by the persons in attendance and there was no disorders during his visit to Kansas State College. The entire program was conducted in an orderly fashion.





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In Reply, Please Refer to  
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Detroit, Michigan  
September 26, 1968

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Re: Adam Clayton Powell;  
Julian Bond;  
Dick Gregory Appearances  
Black Power Conference  
University of Michigan  
Ann Arbor, Michigan  
September 29, 1968

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on September 26, 1968, that a Black Power Conference is scheduled for the University of Michigan (U of M), Ann Arbor, Michigan, September 29, 1968, with the announced joint appearances by Adam Clayton Powell, Julian Bond, and Dick Gregory. The event is scheduled for 2:00 p.m., Sunday, September 29, 1968, at the Hill Auditorium, U of M, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Following the conference, the Black Law Student Association (BLSA), U of M, a newly-formed group, announced a "Black Power Reception" for Bond and Gregory to be held in the Law Club, U of M, at 4:00 p.m. that date.

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TO: DIRECTOR

FROM: DETROIT (157-NEW)

ADAM CLAYTON POWELL; JULIAN BOND; DICK GREGORY; APPEARANCE  
BLACK POWER CONFERENCE, UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, ANN ARBOR, MICH.,  
SEPTEMBER TWENTY NINE, SIXTY-EIGHT. <sup>MICH.</sup> ~~RACIAL MATTER~~ RM.

RE MY TELETYPE SEPTEMBER TWENTY NINTH, SIXTY-EIGHT.

ADAM CLAYTON POWELL, JULIAN BOND, DICK GREGORY PRESENTED  
A BLACK POWER CONFERENCE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN (U OF M),  
ADDRESSING AN AUDIENCE OF SOME FOUR THOUSANDS IN  
HILL AUDITORIUM.

BOND PRESENTED INTELLECTUAL APPEAL TO YOUNG WHITES AND  
BLACKS TO JOIN IN A COMMON CAUSE TO REWRITE RACIAL ILLS OF  
U.S. SOCIETY. HE SPOKE AGAINST BLACK SEPARATISM.

GREGORY APPEALED TO YOUNG AMERICANS TO PLACE <sup>100-440423</sup> ~~ECONOMIC~~ <sup>NOT RECORDED</sup>  
STRUCTURES IN PROPER PROSPECTIVE; PUTTING IT BEHIND CONSTITUTION  
RATHER THAN IN FRONT OF IT. HE GENERALLY APPEALED FOR ECONOMIC  
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ILLS.

IN SYRESSING MILITANT NON-VIOLENCE, HE SAID, "NORTHERN WHITE  
LIBERALS HAVE NOT LIVED USEFULLNESS TO THE NEGRO CAUSE AND WE NEED  
WHITE RADICALS NOW. A WALLACE VICTORY WOULD MAKE LIBERALS OF  
MODERATES, RADICALS OUT OF LIBERALS, AND GOD KNOWS WHAT, OUT OF  
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HE STRESSED GROWING PERCENTAGE OF THOSE UNDER TWENTY-SIX <sup>YEARS</sup> YRS. OF AGE AND SAID THIS FRACTION SHORTLY COULD DO ANYTHING THEY WANTED TO DO, AS IT WOULD SOON REPRESENT A MAJORITY. HE SUPPORTED EFFORTS TO LOWER THE VOTING AGE TO EIGHTEEN.

POWELL CLAIMS DISCRIMINATION IN HIS CENSURE BY CONGRESS. HE RELATED THAT YOUTHS HAVE PROVEN THROUGH INCIDENTS AT COLLEGES THROUGHOUT COUNTRY THAT THEY CAN FORCE CHANGES BY THOUGHT, ACTIONS; HE NOTED THAT THE YOUTH IS THROUGH WITH PARENTS, PREACHERS, PRIESTS, WHO HAVE MISREPRESENTED FACTS TO THEM.

POWELL WAS NOT WELL RECEIVED; HOWEVER, BOND AND GREGORY DREW SYMPATHETIC AUDIENCE RESPONSE.

NONE OF THEM ADVOCATED VIOLENT ACTION.

NO INCIDENTS, VIOLENCE, OR COUNTER-DEMONSTRATIONS, OR ARRESTS.  
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TO DIRECTOR

FROM DETROIT (157-NEW) 2P

ADAM CLAYTON POWELL; JULIAN BOND; DICK GREGORY

APPEARANCES, BLACK POWER CONFERENCE, UNIVERSITY OF MICH.,  
ANN ARBOR, MICH., SEPTEMBER TWENTYNINE, SIXTYEIGHT; RM

SOURCE, RELIABLE IN PAST ADVISED INSTANT THAT A BLACK  
POWER CONFERENCE IS SCHEDULED FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF MICH.  
(U OF M), ANN ARBOR, MICH., SEPTEMBER TWENTYNINE, NEXT, WITH  
ANNOUNCED JOINT APPEARANCES BY ADAM CLAYTON POWELL,  
JULIAN BOND, AND DICK GREGORY. EVENT SCHEDULED FOR TWO  
P.M., SUNDAY, NEXT, HILL AUDITORIUM, U OF M, ANN ARBOR,  
MICH.

FOLLOWING CONFERENCE, THE BLACK LAW STUDENT ASSOCIATION  
(BLSA), U OF M, NEWLY FORMED GROUP, ANNOUNCED A "BLACK POWER  
RECEPTION" FOR BOND AND GREGORY TO BE HELD IN LAW CLUB,  
U OF M, FOUR P.M. THAT DATE.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (157-347)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
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The source referred to in this LHM is [redacted]  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois  
September 21, 1968

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. 157-347

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

In September, 1968, a source who has furnished reliable information in the past, said that Dick Gregory visited with the North Vietnamese Peace Delegation in Paris, France, when Gregory was there in early September, 1968.

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TO: DIRECTOR FBI

FROM: SAC OKLAHOMA CITY (157-485) (RUC)

*Richard C. Gregory*RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
RM  
OO Chicago

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*Jan* Re Oklahoma City tels to Director, 9/19/68  
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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 8 copies of LHM relating to captioned subject. Two copies of the LHM furnished to Chicago as office of origin.

Copies of the LHM have been disseminated locally to Secret Service, USA, Oklahoma City, 112th MI Group, OSI, all Oklahoma City, and NISO, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Source #1 is [redacted]  
[redacted] Oklahoma City, contacted by SA [redacted]  
on 9/18/68 and 9/19/68.Source #2 is [redacted]  
[redacted] Langston University, Langston, Oklahoma,  
an established source, contacted by SA [redacted]  
on 9/18/68.Source #3 is [redacted]  
[redacted] Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, who has requested his  
identity be concealed.

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Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

September 25, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

The September 13, 1968, issue of the "Daily Oklahoman" contained an article reflecting that "Civil Rights activist" Dick Gregory had been scheduled as a guest speaker at Langston University, Langston, Oklahoma, at 10:00 AM, on September 18, 1968; Oklahoma State University (OSU), Stillwater, Oklahoma, night of September 18, 1968, and University of Oklahoma (OU), Norman, Oklahoma, on night of September 20, 1968.

On September 18, 1968, Source No. 1 advised that Dick Gregory arrived in Oklahoma City at 4:40 AM, on September 18, 1968, on Braniff Airlines flight 129 from Chicago, Illinois. This source is an individual who has furnished reliable information in the past.

On September 18, 1968, Source No. 2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Gregory was a guest speaker at the student assembly held at Langston University at 10:00 AM, on September 18, 1968. According to the source, Gregory spoke about civil rights matters and the coming national elections. He was well received by the students and there were no demonstrations or incidents during Gregory's appearance at Langston University.

The September 18, 1968, issue of the "Oklahoma City Times" contains an article reflecting that Gregory spoke before an estimated 1500 students at Langston University on September 18, 1968, and charged that moral pollution is the nation's number one problem. According to the article, Gregory referred to both Hubert Humphrey and Richard Nixon as "scum candidates." He stated the nation is waging a war in the name of democracy, but while doing it, requires the black citizens to be non-violent in obtaining their rights in a democracy. He told the students that they do not have to destroy capitalism but should "beat it down behind the constitution." He stated that black students must demand a full share of American constitutional rights now.

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

The September 19, 1968, issue of the "Daily Oklahoman" contains an article reflecting that Gregory spoke to a crowd of about 2300 at OSU on the night of September 18, 1968, and again charged that moral pollution is the nation's number one problem and that the young people would have to straighten up the mess made by the old folks. He stated that "as long as capitalists control this country---then property rights will come first and human rights second." The article reflects that during his speech earlier in the day at Langston University, he had called on Negro students to get their educations at all Negro schools and then attend white colleges to "demonstrate and kick in doors."

On September 19, 1968, Source No. 1 advised that Gregory departed from Oklahoma City at 4:38 PM, September 19, 1968, on Braniff Airlines flight 127 to Dallas, Texas. According to the source, Gregory had a connecting flight on American Airlines flight 313 departing Dallas to Tuscon, Arizona, leaving Dallas at 5:32 PM on September 18, 1968, and had return reservation on American Airlines flight 138 departing Tuscon at 8:25 AM, September 20, 1968, arriving in Dallas at 12:15 PM. He had connecting flight on Frontier Airlines flight 422 leaving Dallas at 1:05 PM, arriving in Oklahoma City at 2:42 PM on September 20, 1968.

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On September 20, 1968, Lieutenant [redacted] [redacted] Police Department, advised that Gregory arrived in Oklahoma City at 2:42 PM that date aboard Frontier Airlines Flight 412.

The September 21, 1968, issue of the "Daily Oklahoman" contains an article reflecting that Gregory spoke before a crowd of 3,000 students in the OU fieldhouse on the night of September 20, 1968. According to the article, Gregory told his audience that "it is up to you youngsters to help America get her sanity back." He stated, "We want the U. S. Constitution, nothing more, nothing less."

On September 23, 1968, Source No. 3, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised he attended the speech of Gregory at OU on the night of September 20, 1968.

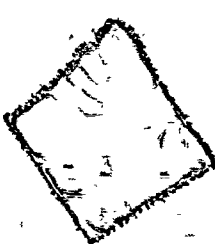


RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

According to the source, literature of the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) was distributed by several individuals among the audience. The introductory speaker remarked that to his knowledge, the material being distributed among those in attendance was not a part of the official program and, therefore, not official material sanctioned by the University.

The above source advised that during his speech Gregory was extremely critical of all the Presidential candidates and made several ridiculing remarks concerning President Johnson. Gregory remarked that the Attorney General of the U. S., the FBI and the CIA are attempting to intimidate and accuse him of acts of treason. During his speech he stated he advocates the carrying and using of weapons, and black militants found their justification in the U. S. Constitution where it states that a citizen has the right to bear arms. He stated that present social and political institutions in this nation have compelled Negroes to acts of violence.

A characterization of the SDS appears in the Appendix attached hereto.



## APPENDIX

### STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY

The Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), as it is known today, came into being at a founding convention held at Port Huron, Michigan, in June, 1962. The SDS is an association of young people on the left and has a current program of protesting the draft, promoting a campaign for youth to develop a conscientious objector status, denouncing United States intervention in the war in Vietnam and to "radically transform" the university community, and provide for its complete control by students. Gus Hall, General Secretary, Communist Party, USA, when interviewed by a representative of United Press International in San Francisco, California, on May 14, 1965, described the SDS as a part of the "responsible left" which the Party has "going for us." At the June, 1965, SDS National Convention, an anticommunist proviso was removed from the SDS constitution. In the October 7, 1966, issue of "New Left Notes," the official publication of SDS, an SDS spokesman stated that there are some communists in SDS and they are welcome. The national headquarters of this organization as of July 24, 1968, was located in Room 206, 1608 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 9/28/68

FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (176-13)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
Dick Gregory  
RM  
OO Chicago

Enclosed to the Bureau are five copies of a reported dated 9/28/68 and captioned as above and five copies of a letterhead memo dated 9/28/68 and captioned as RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY.

Enclosed for Chicago are four copies of each of the enclosures enclosed for the Bureau.

The enclosed LHM reflects information furnished by [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past.

The tape recording of subject's speech at Pittsburg, Kansas on 9/23/68 is being transcribed and will be furnished in report form as soon as possible.

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614PM URGENT 9/30/68 EOM

TO DIRECTOR, BOSTON, CINCINNATI, DETROIT, KNOXVILLE, LOS ANGELES  
MINNEAPOLIS, AND NEW YORK.  
FROM CHICAGO 3P

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY. RM.

CHICAGO AIRLINE SOURCE, ADVISED INSTANT THAT THE FOLLOWING  
AIRLINE SCHEDULE FOR GREGORY HAD BEEN DETERMINED:

SEPTEMBER THIRTY INSTANT CHICAGO TO LOS ANGELES VIA  
AMERICAN AIRLINES FLIGHT ONE NINE ONE TO ARRIVE LOS ANGELES  
TWELVE EIGHTEEN P.M. LOS ANGELES TIME.

OCTOBER TWO NEXT, TWA FLIGHT FOUR SEVEN SIX, LOS ANGELES  
TO DAYTON, OHIO.

OCTOBER THREE NEXT, DELTA FLIGHT FIVE THREE ZERO, DAYTON  
TO DETROIT.

OCTOBER FOUR, UNITED FLIGHT SEVEN SEVEN SEVEN, DETROIT  
TO SAGINAW, MICHIGAN.

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MICHIGAN TO CHICAGO.

OCTOBER FIVE NEXT, DELTA FLIGHT THREE FOUR THREE, CHICAGO  
TO KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE.

OCTOBER SIX NEXT, DELTA FLIGHT THREE SIX TWO, KNOXVILLE  
TO CHICAGO.

OCTOBER SIX NEXT, NORTHWEST FLIGHT SEVEN ZERO NINE,  
CHICAGO TO MINNEAPOLIS.

OCTOBER SEVEN NEXT, NORTHWEST FLIGHT TWO ZERO ZERO,  
MINNEAPOLIS TO NEW YORK (JFK).

OCTOBER SEVEN NEXT, AMERICAN FLIGHT THREE NINE ONE,  
NEW YORK (LA GAURDIA) TO CHICAGO.

OCTOBER ELEVEN NEXT, TWA FLIGHT FOUR THREE FOUR,  
CHICAGO TO BOSTON.

GREGORY HAS RECENTLY BEEN APPEARING AT VARIOUS COLLEGE  
AND UNIVERSITY CAMPUSES ACROSS THE COUNTY.

IT HAS ALSO BEEN OBSERVED THAT GREGORY HAS NOT ALWAYS  
FOLLOWED HIS PLANNED AIRLINE ITINERARY.

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MILITARY ADVISED; SECRET SERVICE, USA TO BE ADVISED BY FOLLOWING  
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TO DIRECTOR CHICAGO LOS ANGELES INDIANAPOLIS

FROM CINCINNATI (157-1077) 2P

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY. RM

FOR INFORMATION OF INDIANAPOLIS, CHICAGO AIRLINE SOURCE ADVISED CHICAGO OFFICE SEPTEMBER THIRTY SIXTYEIGHT FOLLOWING AIRLINE SCHEDULE FOR SUBJECT HAS BEEN DETERMINED:

DEPART CHICAGO SEPTEMBER THIRTY SIXTYEIGHT FOR LOS ANGELES ON OCTOBER TWO SIXTYEIGHT, DEPART LOS ANGELES VIA TWA FLIGHT FOUR SEVEN SIX TO DAYTON, OHIO. OCTOBER THREE SIXTYEIGHT DEPART DAYTON VIA DELTA FLIGHT FIVE THREE ZERO FOR DETROIT. REMAINDER OF SCHEDULE NOT PERTINENT TO INDIANAPOLIS.

CHICAGO ADVISED GREGORY HAS BEEN APPEARING AT VARIOUS COLLEGE CAMPUSES THROUGHOUT COUNTRY AND REQUESTED EACH OFFICE COVERING APPEARANCE TO SUBMIT LHM RE PERTINENT ACTIVITIES.

TWA, DAYTON ADVISED TWA FLIGHT FOUR SEVEN SIX DEPARTS LOS ANGELES ELEVEN THIRTY PM (LOS ANGELES TIME) EACH WEEK DAY AND ARRIVES DAYTON AIRPORT SIX THIRTY AM (DAYTON TIME). SGT. [REDACTED]

OHIO, DETERMINED SUBJECT WILL SPEAK

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AT EARLHAM COLLEGE, RICHMOND, INDIANA, NINE AM OCTOBER THREE NEXT.

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SGT. [ ] SUPRA, ADVISED THEIR OFFICE WILL CONDUCT DISCREET  
PHYSICAL SURVEILLANCE  
ELSUR OF SUBJECT WHILE IN DAYTON, OHIO AREA AND DESIRES VERIFICATION  
OF SUBJECT DEPARTING LOS ANGELES.

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RE CHICAGO TELETYPE TO BUREAU AND OTHER OFFICES SEPTEMBER  
THIRTY SIXTYEIGHT.

LOS ANGELES WILL ADVISE OF SUBJECT'S DEPARTURE SINCE DAYTON PD  
PHYSICAL SURVEILLANCE  
PLANS FISUR OF SUBJECT.

INDIANAPOLIS WILL VERIFY SUBJECT'S APPEARANCE AT EARLHAM COLLEGE  
AND NOTIFY APPROPRIATE LOCAL AND MILITARY AUTHORITIES.

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TO DIRECTOR, CHICAGO, CINCINNATI, DETROIT

CHICAGO VIA WASHINGTON

FROM LOS ANGELES (100-64492)

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*af* RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, RACIAL MATTER.

RE CI TEL OCTOBER ONE LAST. *rev 4*

[REDACTED], RESERVATIONS SUPERVISOR [REDACTED]

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED THIS DATE  
GREGORY VERIFIED HIS RESERVATION ON FLIGHT FOUR

SEVEN SIX, DEPARTING LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL  
AIRPORT ELEVEN THIRTY P.M., THIS DATE, ARRIVING DAYTON,

OHIO, SIX THIRTY A.M., OCTOBER THREE NEXT.

GREGORY WILL DEPART DAYTON ON DELTA AIRLINE,

VIA FLIGHT FIVE THREE ZERO, AT THREE NINE, P.M.

AND WILL ARRIVE DETROIT FOUR THIRTY-ONE P.M.,

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1153AM10/2/68 URGENT DFS  
TO DIRECTOR, CINCINNATI AND CHICAGO  
FROM INDIANAPOLIS (157-1032)

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, RM. OO:CHICAGO.

RE CINCINNATI TEL OCT. ONE LAST.

ESTABLISHED SOURCE, EARLHAM COLLEGE, RICHMOND, IND. ADVISED  
HE IS ATTENDING CONVOCATION MEETING TO BE HELD EARLHAM COLLEGE  
NINE AM. OCT. THREE NEXT WHEREIN GREGORY WILL SPEAK.

MILITARY AUTHORITIES, FT. HARRISON; RICHMOND, IND. PD. AND  
SECRET SERVICE, INDIANAPOLIS, ADVISED.

ADMINISTRATIVE DATA: ESTABLISHED SOURCE IS  
EARLHAM COLLEGE, RICHMOND, IND. LHM WILL BE SUBMITTED FOLLOWING  
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TO DIRECTOR, DETROIT, CHICAGO  
FROM INDIANAPOLIS 157-1032

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INFO RECEIVED FROM CONFIDENTIAL RACIAL SOURCE, GREGORY TO  
DEPART INDIANAPOLIS OCT. FOUR, INSTANT, ONE O'CLOCK AM, VIA PLANE  
FOR DETROIT.

DELTA AIRLINE HAS FLIGHT LEAVING INDIANAPOLIS ONE TWENTY AM  
ARRIVING DETROIT THREE ZERO FIVE AM. THIS BELIEVED FLIGHT GREGORY  
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3:53PM URGENT 10-3-68 SCL

TO DIRECTOR AND CHICAGO AND DETROIT  
FROM INDIANAPOLIS (157-1032)

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, RACIAL MATTERS.

RE CINCINNATI TEL TO DIRECTOR TEN ONE SIXTYEIGHT.. *per 7*

GREGORY MAKING PERSONAL APPEARANCES IN INDIANA THIS DATE IN  
CONJUNCTION WITH HIS RUNNING FOR PRESIDENT ON NEW POLITICS PARTY  
TICKET. HE APPEARED AT RICHMOND, INDIANA, THIS AM.  
ARRIVED MUNCIE, INDIANA EARLY PM AND SCHEDULED FOR SPEECH BALL STATE  
UNIVERSITY. HE IS SCHEDULED FOR TWO SPEECHES AT ANDERSON, INDIANA  
THIS EVENING AND AT APPROXIMATELY NINE THIRTY PM HE WILL GIVE SPEECH  
AT BROADWAY CHRISTIAN CHURCH, INDIANAPOLIS. FURTHER PLANS  
NOT AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME. BUREAU AND CHICAGO WILL BE ADVISED.

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TO DIRECTOR CHICAGO INDIANAPOLIS DETROIT  
FROM CINCINNATI (157-1077) 2P

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY. RM

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TODAY, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE  
INFORMATION IN THE PAST, ADVISED SUBJECT ARRIVED DAYTON, OHIO,  
ABOARD TWA FLIGHT FOUR SEVEN SIX, SIX THIRTY AM INSTANT. SUBJECT  
MET BY UNKNOWN PERSON DRIVING GREEN NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT PLYMOUTH,  
INDIANA LICENSE [REDACTED] WHICH IS  
REGISTERED TO EARLHAM COLLEGE. SUBJECT TRAVELED VIA INTERSTATE  
SEVENTY TO RICHMOND, INDIANA.

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SOURCE DETERMINED SUBJECT ARRIVED EARLHAM COLLEGE TEN AM  
INSTANT DATE. SUBJECT DEPARTED EARLHAM COLLEGE WITH ONE [REDACTED]  
(LNU), NEGRO FEMALE. ALLEGEDLY [REDACTED] HAS TRAVELED WITH SUBJECT  
IN PAST AND ATTENDS INDIANA UNIVERSITY. [REDACTED] DRIVING NINETEEN  
SIXTY FOUR VALIANT WITH INDIANA LICENSE [REDACTED]  
WHICH IS REGISTERED TO [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] INDIANA. THEIR CAR WAS FOLLOWED BY AN UNKNOWN  
WHITE MALE IN BLUISH GREEN FOUR DOOR NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE OLDSMOBILE

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WITH INDIANA LICENSE [REDACTED] THIS CAR  
REGISTERED TO [REDACTED]  
MUNCIE, INDIANA.

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SOURCE DETERMINED SUBJECT SPOKE AT BALL STATE UNIVERSITY  
TWO PM EST AND FROM THERE WILL <sup>TR</sup>AVEL TO ANDERSON, INDIANA AND THEN  
TO INDIANAPOLIS.

SUBJECT'S SCHEDULE UNKNOWN TO SOURCE.

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SOURCE IS [REDACTED] OHIO

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[REDACTED] NOTED THAT PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE GEORGE WALLACE IS  
CURRENTLY IN INDIANAPOLIS.

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Date: 10/7/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, DETROIT (157-3144) (C)

SUBJECT: APPEARANCE OF RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY,  
OAKLAND UNIVERSITY, ROCHESTER, MICHIGAN  
10/4/68  
RM

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM regarding captioned matter. Two copies of this LHM are being furnished Chicago for information. Two copies of the LHM are also being furnished G-2 and Secret Service, and one copy being furnished USA, all Detroit, Michigan.

Sources utilized in the LHM are:

Source one is [redacted]  
[redacted] Oakland University, an established source.

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Source two is [redacted]  
[redacted] Pontiac, Michigan, an established source.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Detroit, Michigan  
October 7, 1968

Re: Appearance of Richard Claxton Gregory,  
Oakland University, Rochester, Michigan  
October 4, 1968

Source one advised on October 4, 1968, that Richard Claxton Gregory appeared as a guest speaker at Oakland University, Rochester, Michigan, October 4, 1968, before an estimated gathering of students and general public of over 2,000 persons. The speaking engagement which began shortly after 10:00 a.m. was sponsored by "The Oakland Observer", the student publication, Oakland University, as an approved University function.

Gregory spoke for one and one-half hours and thereafter attended a luncheon and departed the University about 1:30 p.m., October 4, 1968.

This source stated that no incidents occurred regarding the appearance of Gregory and no literature was observed being distributed. No signs or placards were in evidence.

Source two on October 7, 1968, advised that Richard Gregory at the time of his October 4, 1968 appearance at Oakland University, made reference to his recently published book, but did not mention any political affiliation by name nor did he appear to be accompanied by any large following.

During the speech Gregory appeared to have one message which was that the young people of the United States have a big job ahead, to change the social and moral establishment created by "old fools". Gregory reportedly advised that the young people should not blindly accept values handed down to them, and recommended that one should "create an America where the black trust the white and free our Indian, farmer, Jew, Mexican, Puerto Rican brothers, and if you're not willing, you'd better buy the biggest

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Re: Appearance of Richard Claxton Gregory,  
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October 4, 1968

guns you can, - cause you're gonna need them". Gregory reportedly told students to understand their power in an effort to save the soul and conscience of America.

Gregory advised that youth has the power to fight its own wars. Gregory praised the students as, "The most moral, ethical, sane group of kids who ever lived in this country".

Gregory criticized the handling of the demonstrations at the National Democratic Convention in Chicago by advising, "It's groovy about Chicago. The kids were outnumbered six to one by the law and the Army. If they (the authorities) couldn't handle the situation any better, we'd better never say anything to the Russians".

This source stated that remarks about civil rights by Gregory were in tone with his frequently used humor.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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Detroit, Michigan  
October 7, 1968

Title	Appearance of Richard Claxton Gregory, Oakland University, Rochester, Michigan October 4, 1968
Character	Racial Matter
Reference	Detroit letterhead memorandum, dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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525PM URGENT 10/8/68 CAK

TO DIRECTOR (100-440423)  
FROM PITTSBURGH (157-652)

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, RM

A RELIABLE SOURCE ADVISED TODAY THAT THE SUBJECT WILL  
BE IN PITTSBURGH ON TEN FOURTEEN THROUGH TEN SIXTEEN NEXT,  
AND WILL APPEAR AT COLLEGES, FACTORIES, HIGH SCHOOLS, AND  
SHOPPING CENTERS.

PITTSBURGH WILL ARRANGE FOR DISCREET COVERAGE OF  
SUBJECT'S ACTIVITIES.

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TO: *[Signature]* DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)  
 FROM: SAC, CINCINNATI (157-1077) (RUC)  
 SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
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ReCGtel, 9/30/68; CItel, 10/1/68; IPtel, 10/2/68; LAtel, 10/2/68; and CItel, 10/3/68.

For information of the Bureau and all receiving offices subject did not speak and made no known contacts with individuals from Cincinnati Division.

*[Redacted]* and *[Redacted]*  
*[Redacted]* Dayton, Ohio advised they had no information concerning subject visiting or contacting anyone from the Dayton, Ohio area.

As set forth in referenced Cincinnati teletype, 10/3/68, subject arrived Dayton Airport, Dayton, Ohio AM, 10/3/68, and traveled directly to Richmond, Indiana. Subject's only reason for coming to Dayton was because of plane schedule and location of airport.

In view of the above no LHM being submitted by Cincinnati Division and this matter being RUC'd.

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TO DIRECTOR 100-440423 AND CHICAGO 157-347

FROM BOSTON 157-844

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY. RACIAL MATTER.

RE CHICAGO AIRTEL TO BUREAU DATED OCTOBER ONE LAST.

GREGORY SCHEDULED TO APPEAR AT NEWTON HIGH AUDITORIUM AT

EIGHT P.M., OCTOBER ELEVEN NEXT, SPONSORED BY STUDENTS OF THAT  
SCHOOL. APPEARANCE WILL BE COVERED AND LHM SUBMITTED.

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1132AM URGENT 10-8-68 DMW

TO DIRECTOR AND CHICAGO (PLAINTEXT)

ATT. DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

CHICAGO VIA WASHINGTON

FROM NEW YORK (157-1093) 1P

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, RACIAL MATTERS.

RE CHICAGO TEL, NINE THIRTY SIXTY EIGHT. *rev 6*

[REDACTED] RELIABLE IN PAST,

ADVISED GREGORY MADE NO PUBLIC APPEARANCE NYC, TEN SEVEN SIXTY EIGHT. ~~(U)~~

NYCPD ADVISED IT HAD DEVELOPED NO INFORMATION OF SCHEDULED APPEARANCE OR ACTIVITY BY SUBJECT IN NYC, TEN SEVEN SIXTY EIGHT.

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Via \_\_\_\_\_ AIRTEL

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ON 6/30/96

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NORFOLK (157-New) (P)

RICHARD CLAYTON GREGORY  
aka Dick Gregory  
Planned Appearance at  
Newport News, Virginia  
October 17, 1968  
RM

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Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies and for Chicago and Detroit one copy each of an LHM reflecting the planned visit of DICK GREGORY to Newport News, Va. Copies of this LHM are being disseminated locally to all military intelligence agencies, Secret Service and the U. S. Attorney

The source in the LHM is [redacted] who was contacted by SA JOSEPH L. TIERNEY, as was Lt., [redacted]

Norfolk notes Lt. [ ] is an experienced and reliable Negro police officer at Newport News, Va., who is responsible in his department for activities of the Black Unity Congress.

Norfolk will maintain contact with informants and arrange coverage of GREGORY's appearance, advising the Bureau of any pertinent developments. 100-441423-371

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Norfolk, Virginia

October 8, 1968

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
AND FIELD OFFICES  
ADVISED BY ROUTING  
SLIP (S, S, S) *MLK*  
DATE 1-24-80

On October 7, 1968, Lieutenant [redacted] Police Department, Newport News, Virginia, advised that he had been informed that Dick Gregory, formerly a nationally known comedian and presently active in civil rights activities, would visit Newport News, Virginia, on October 17, 1968. Lieutenant [redacted] advised that he had received this information from [redacted] Hampton, Virginia.

According to Lieutenant [redacted] stated that he was [redacted] for the Reverend J. Cornelius Fauntleroy, Jr., President of the Newport News Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and a candidate for Congress in the coming election. [redacted] claimed to have arranged the visit himself and stated that it would be from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the vicinity of Fauntleroy for Congress Headquarters in the 2200 block of Jefferson Avenue.

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Lieutenant [redacted] stated that while [redacted] affects Afro style clothing and hair, he has no particular indication that [redacted] is a member of the Black Unity Congress at Newport News, Virginia.

On July 11, 1968, Lieutenant [redacted] advised that the Black Unity Congress was formerly known as the Newport News Community Unity Congress and the "Deacons." It was formed in the early part of 1968 and holds meetings at Newport News, Virginia.

During July, 1968, the Black Unity Congress distributed a handbill among the public. The handbill indicated that the black people must seek a total change in white society's corrupt system. It indicates that they must use all the tools at their disposal to free themselves from "whitey." It continues:

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

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"The greatest weapon we possess is violence,  
so let's turn that violence on those who  
taught us to be violent."

On October 8, 1968, a source who has furnished  
reliable information in the past concerning the Black Unity  
Congress advised that he had received no information con-  
cerning an appearance by Dick Gregory at Newport News, Virginia. *xy*

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 10/9/68

FROM : SAC, KNOXVILLE (157-1523) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

RM

OO: CHICAGO

Re Knoxville teletype to Chicago and Bureau, 10/5/68. *REV 9*

*f*  Intelligence Division, Knoxville PD, Knoxville, Tenn., advised on 10/8/68, that he and another officer, along with University of Tennessee Campus Police, were at the McGhee-Tyson Airport, 10/5/68, in order to meet Delta Flight 343 in order to ascertain activities of GREGORY while in Knoxville. He stated that GREGORY did not arrive on this flight nor on subsequent flights, and after contacting sources he indicated that apparently GREGORY did not visit Knoxville weekend 10/5/68.

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In view of the above, no further action is being taken in this case.

If any information is received concerning any future visits of GREGORY to Knoxville Division, Bureau and Chicago will be immediately notified.

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12:47 EDST URGENT 10-16-68 DAA

TO DIRECTOR (100-440423)

FROM PITTSBURGH (157-652)

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, RM.

ON OCTOBER FIFTEEN LAST, GREGORY TOURED NEGRO AREAS IN  
PITTSBURGH, GREETED WORKERS OUTSIDE LOCAL FACTORY, AND  
BETWEEN SIX THIRTY AND EIGHT THIRTY PM ADDRESSED ABOUT  
TWO THOUSAND PERSONS AT PUBLIC ASSEMBLY AT UNIVERSITY OF  
PITTSBURGH.

SUBJECT ATTACKED U.S. VIETNAM INVOLVEMENT AND CITED  
RACISM AND CORRUPTION AS INDICIA OF SICK SOCIETY.

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12:45 AM EDST URGENT 10-15-68 DAA

TO DIRECTOR (100-440423)

FROM PITTSBURGH (157-652)

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, RM.

GREGORY ARRIVED PITTSBURGH AFTERNOON OF OCTOBER FOURTEEN  
LAST AND WILL REMAIN IN CITY UNTIL OCTOBER SIXTEEN NEXT  
TO CAMPAIGN FOR ELECTION AS PRESIDENT ON PEACE AND  
FREEDOM PARTY TICKET.

DURING AFTERNOON OF OCTOBER FOURTEEN, SUBJECT HELD PRESS  
CONFERENCE AT POINT PARK COLLEGE AND DURING EVENING FROM  
EIGHT TO TEN PM, HE SPOKE BEFORE APPROXIMATELY FOUR HUNDRED  
STUDENTS AND FACULTY. THERE WERE NO INCIDENTS AND SPEECH WAS  
NON INFLAMMATORY, ALTHOUGH HIGHLY CRITICAL OF DOMESTIC AND  
FOREIGN POLICY.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)  
 FROM SAC, INDIANAPOLIS (157-1032)  
 RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
 RACIAL MATTERS  
 OO: Chicago

Re CI teletype, 10/1/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above.

Four copies of this LHM are being disseminated for Chicago Office. Chicago is requested to disseminate to USA their territory.

Indianapolis disseminating locally to U. S. Secret Service and MIG.

Source is \_\_\_\_\_  
 by request. \_\_\_\_\_ is an established source of the  
 Indianapolis Office, who has volunteered information previously.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
Indianapolis, Indiana  
October 11, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Richard Claxton Gregory

On October 3, 1968, [redacted] Student, Earlham College, Richmond, Indiana, advised Gregory was met by two students from Earlham College at the Dayton, Ohio Airport at 6:30 AM and accompanied them to the Earlham College Campus, where he spoke to the student body and interested faculty members at a 9:00 AM convocation. His address was approximately one and one-half hours in duration and was somewhat humorous. Gregory attacked American capitalism and the democratic system which received enthusiastic applause and repeated standing ovation during his talk. Gregory was introduced to the student body by [redacted] Earlham College student from Springfield, Ohio. Gregory was introduced as the political candidate for United States presidency on the Indiana New Politics Party.

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[redacted] stated that Gregory's speech was somewhat humorous; however, he charged college youth to change the American system through protest and demonstrations but within the framework of the Constitution. He directed the college students to fulfill their obligation to study for the purpose of learning the truth and not for the obligation of fulfilling what is expected of them. Gregory directed the students to "learn how to live, not just how to make a living". "You don't have to destroy the capitalistic system, but you have to beat it behind the Constitution, from where it is now, out in front of it".

Gregory cited the tremendous economic power possessed by today's youth, which he said could be used effectively to change American foreign and domestic policy to restore "sanity" in our affairs.

Gregory stated that if elected president, he would "paint the White House black, bring the boys home from Vietnam, and would send LBJ instead".

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Re: Richard Claxton Gregory

[ ] stated that he regarded Gregory's speech to be profane through his repeated use of profanity. [ ] stated that in demanding change in American Government, Gregory pointed to the ceiling and called for "an end to the white crackers up there" who are running America for profit and who give more attention to property rights than human rights. Gregory stated "if the system resists too much, destroy it". Gregory demanded that youth should ask themselves why they are not permitted to vote at age 18. He answered the question by stating, "those old fools know how you'd vote". Gregory commented on the danger of impending civil disorders in America if more attention to the rights of the Negro, Puerto Rican, Indian, Jewish, and Mexican population is not received. Gregory commented on foreign policy and drew laughter by commenting upon what he called an end to "insane, filthy" policies which will lead the country to disaster and centering his remarks upon United States involvement in Vietnam and worries about Communism abroad. Gregory advocated making American democracy work at home before forcing it on people of other nations, like Vietnam.

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Gregory denounced Chicago Mayor Richard Daley as a "raving maniac" for his orders to police during the Democratic National Convention and upheld the relative innocence of the hippie and yippie demonstrators. Gregory attacked the CIA and police agencies of the country stating that they had no concern for his welfare but did not want to see him killed in their area of responsibility.

He complained of being photographed, surveilled, and recordings of his speeches made wherever he traveled.

Gregory attacked the morality of those in attendance at the Democratic National Convention by asking "who do you think committed the most adultery in Chicago, the hippies who slept in the parks or the shriners who slept in the hotels? A country that won't take control of the cities from the criminal syndicate can't expect to get respect from the black folks in the inner city".

Following the one and one-half hour address to the student body and faculty members, Gregory appeared at Runyan Center, a student facility, Earlham College, Richmond, Indiana,



Re: Richard Claxton Gregory

and conducted a question and answer session prior to his departure for Muncie, Anderson, and Indianapolis, Indiana. Gregory departed from Richmond about 12:35 PM.

On October 3, 1968, Captain [redacted] Campus Police, Ball State University, Muncie, Indiana, advised that [redacted] a senior at Ball State University and [redacted] of the New Politics Party, had furnished him with the following itinerary of Gregory, while the latter would be in Muncie, Indiana, on October 3, 1968:

Gregory would arrive at Whitely Community Center, Muncie, Indiana, at 1:00 PM and have a walking press conference while proceeding to Longfellow Elementary School, where he would talk to students. Gregory would leave the Whitely area and arrive at Ball State University at 3:00 PM where he would give a talk at the ballroom of the Student Center. At 4:15 PM, Gregory would take a walking tour of the campus. At 4:45 PM, he would leave for Trinity Methodist Church, Willard and Hackly Streets, Muncie, for dinner. At 5:30 PM, he would speak at the church and at 6:45 PM, would leave Muncie for Anderson, Indiana. Gregory was to be accompanied by [redacted] New Politics Party Candidate for the Indiana Senate and [redacted] [redacted] for the New Politics Party.

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On October 3, 1968, Lieutenant [redacted] Campus Police, Ball State University, advised that Gregory gave a talk in the ballroom at the Student Center for about 45 minutes. The crowd ranged from 75 to 200 people and consisted mostly of students and faculty at Ball State University. Gregory's main issue seemed to be for young people to demonstrate and boycott in order to get what they want. Gregory said something about a nude march in Washington, D. C. The reason for the march was to get arrested and thereafter, take the matter from court to court until a ruling was handed down from the Government for people to have to wear clothes and thus make the Government clothe the people. Gregory also had a brief question and answer period.

The October 4, 1968, issue of the "Muncie Star," Muncie, Indiana, carried an article entitled "Gregory Tells BSU Audience to Use Economic Needs to Change America". The article stated Gregory spoke before an audience of about 500 persons, mostly college students, and said actions of youths are looked at

Re: Richard Claxton Gregory

in a different light today than when he was in school and when panty raids and stuffing as many into a phone booth was considered "All in growing up and kids will be kids". Gregory had stated, "If you get five students around a phone booth today for a demonstration against high long distance rates, it's considered Communist inspired, when all the student is looking for is more responsibility and a bigger share of the action." Gregory said if the youth would "go after the economic structure, you can get everything you want". He advocated a boycott of record purchases until the record industry lobbied for 18-year-olds to vote. Gregory, whose speech bordered on a comic dialogue at points, when he referred to President Johnson and when he talked about hippies, said his qualifications to be President are that he is a "35-year-old and an American, like it says in the Constitution". He backed the Constitution but said it had to be whipped into shape to put it in front of capitalism. One of the first actions if he is elected would be to take five hours on television and read the Constitution "real slow so any fool can understand". He said that when the country determines to enforce human rights, like property rights, then we will have a groovy country. Gregory charged the country with being in Vietnam to allow North Vietnamese to walk streets unmolested while white Americans cannot go into Harlem safely and black Americans are not safe in white communities. He said America has no right to act as a policeman and especially to choose what country to police.

On October 4, 1968, Chief of Police Doyle Wright, Anderson, Indiana, advised as follows:

Negro comedian Dick Gregory, write-in presidential candidate of the Indiana New Politics Party, spoke at the Trinity Methodist Church and at Hartung Hall, Anderson College, both places at Anderson, Indiana, on the evening of October 3, 1968. Gregory predicted the end of the two-party system after the November 5 election because of independent political action. Gregory said the United States should get out of Vietnam. Gregory stated the number one problem facing the United States was "moral pollution" and that young people "caused LBJ to step down" and said that the power would be in the hands of young people by the 1970's. Gregory said George Wallace was calling for law and order yet blocked law and order several years ago by standing in front of school doors in his home state. Gregory also

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criticized Mayor Richard Daley's use of law enforcement officials during the Democratic Convention in Chicago, Illinois.

After leaving Anderson, Indiana, Gregory went to Indianapolis, Indiana.

A source, which has furnished reliable information in the past, advised Gregory arrived one hour late for his speech at the Broadway Christian Church, Indianapolis.

His speech began at 11:30 PM on October 3, 1968; his statements were essentially those which are set out above.

The crowd was estimated at 150 people of which 25 were caucasians.

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Date: 10/16/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

H/MK FROM: SAC, NORFOLK (100-6672) (P)

PEACE AND FREEDOM PARTY  
INFORMATION CONCERNING  
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

Re Norfolk airtel to Bureau dated 10/8/68 entitled  
"RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka, Planned Appearance at  
Newport News, Virginia, October 17, 1968; RM."

The Norfolk "Virginian-Pilot" newspaper dated 10/13/68  
reported that DICK GREGORY, Presidential candidate of the  
Peace and Freedom Party, will speak in Norfolk, Va., and  
Newport News, Va., on Friday, 10/18/68.

[redacted] Norfolk, Va. Police  
Division, reported on 10/15/68 that no violence is anticipated;  
however, close liaison will be maintained with police and  
racial sources. The proceedings will be covered and the  
Bureau will be kept advised.

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[redacted] a Racial Liaison Source who  
is [redacted] reported on 10/15/68 that  
no trouble is anticipated with the coming to Norfolk of  
DICK GREGORY. He indicated that GREGORY has attracted little  
attention in Norfolk among the Negro citizens.

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[redacted] U. S. Secret Service, Norfolk, Va.,  
confidentially advised on 10/16/68 that no action will be  
taken by Secret Service in connection with GREGORY's visit  
to Norfolk and Newport News.

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Bureau will be kept advised of any pertinent  
developments. Intelligence agencies are aware of GREGORY's  
anticipated visit to Norfolk and Newport News, Va.

An information copy furnished Richmond as Richmond and  
Danville listed as places to be visited by GREGORY.

3- Bureau (RM) 2- Detroit (100-35206) (RM) 1- Richmond (Info.)  
4- Norfolk (100-6672; 100-6289-Demonstrations Anti-Vietnam;

Approved: 100-5975-TROPUS; 157-Newent Dick Gregory, Per  
Special Agent in Charge Appearance in Newport News).

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

DATE: 10/23/68

FROM : SAC, BOSTON (157-386) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTER  
(OO: CHICAGO)

Re Chicago airtel to Bureau, 10/1/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM captioned as above. Two copies are designated for Chicago. Dissemination is being made locally to 108th MI Group and NISO, both at Boston, Mass.

A tape recording of GREGORY's appearance at Newton High School Auditorium, Newton, Mass., on 10/11/68, was made by SAs JOHN F. NOONAN and JOHN F. SWEENEY through the cooperation of [redacted] at Newton High, who requests his identity be protected. Both agents heard GREGORY's speech. The tape is being sent to Chicago as an enclosure with this letter.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Boston, Massachusetts

October 23, 1968

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTER

On October 11, 1968, Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation were present at Newton High School, Newton, Massachusetts, and heard Richard Claxton Gregory address an audience, the majority of whom appeared to be in the age group of high school students.

Gregory stated that as a presidential candidate he is frequently asked what he would do if he were elected president. He said he would bring back all the boys from Vietnam and send Lyndon B. Johnson over there by himself.

He would get an appropriation of about \$50,000,000 and retire all the white people and give their jobs to Negroes. Six months later all the Negroes would be griping about working to support all the white folks who do nothing but sit around.

He stated he was 33 years old and had been an orphan for 30 years. His father was killed by a German during World War II. His mother received \$10,000 from the government but could not use this to buy a home in any area she wished. Yet the German who killed his father could come over to his father's country and buy a home anywhere.

He asked who said, "Give me liberty or give me death," and then answered "Rap Brown." He said that Brown made a statement urging Negroes to take a gun and go and shoot a policeman. He pointed out that the things the Negroes are doing have precedent in history.

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RACIAL MATTER

Paul Revere urged citizens to arm themselves against the British, who were the police then. He told the audience that the Constitution gives the right to bear arms. He said, "Read your damn constitution." He suggested that if Negroes are not peaceably given the rights guaranteed them by the Constitution, they would have to get them by the rifle.

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TO DIRECTOR (100-440423)

FROM PITTSBURGH (157-652)

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY. RACIAL MATTER.

GREGORY APPEARED LAST NIGHT AT ST. FRANCIS COLLEGE, LORETTO. PENNSYLVANIA, SPEAKING TO A GROUP OF ABOUT SIX HUNDRED FIFTY, COMPOSED PRIMARILY OF STUDENTS. HE GAVE HIS OPINION OF CURRENT EVENTS, CRITICIZED THE POLICE IN GENERAL AND THE ACTIONS OF THE CHICAGO POLICE DURING THE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION. THERE WERE NO INCIDENTS DURING OR FOLLOWING HIS TALK, WHICH LASTED TWO AND ONE HALF HOURS.

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TO DIRECTOR (100-440423) AND BUFFALO

FROM PITTSBURGH (157-652)

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ST RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY. RM

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GREGORY CONCLUDED PITTSBURGH CAMPAIGN ON TEN SIXTEEN LAST  
WITH VISIT TO LOCAL FACTORY, TOUR OF NEGRO SECTIONS, APPEARANCE  
ON LOCAL RADIO INTERVIEW PROGRAM, AND SPEECH AT CHATHAM COLLEGE,  
A FEMALE INSTITUTION. SPEECH SAME AS THAT GIVEN AT OTHER SCHOOLS  
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GREGORY TO SPEAK AT ST. FRANCIS COLLEGE, LORETTO, PA.,  
ON EVENING OF TEN EIGHTEEN NEXT.

NO INFORMATION RECEIVED THAT SUBJECT PLANS TO VISIT BUFFALO.

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, PLANNED APPEARANCE AT NEWPORT  
NEWS, VIRGINIA , TEN SEVENTEEN NINETEEN SIXTY-EIGHT

RE NORFOLK AIRTEL TO BUREAU TEN EIGHT NINETEEN SIXTY-EIGHT  
AND NORFOLK AIRTEL TO BUREAU TEN SIXTEEN NINETEEN SIXTY-EIGHT  
"PEACE AND FREEDOM PARTY, INFORMATION CONCERNING; IS."

GREGORY APPEARED IN NORFOLK, VIRGINIA, TODAY AT FOUR PM,  
SPOKE FIFTEEN MINUTES BEFORE CROWD OF TWO HUNDRED IN PARK LOCATED IN  
CITY NEGRO HOUSING DEVELOPMENT.

HE THEN APPEARED IN NEWPORT NEWS, AT FIVE PM , AND SPOKE  
IN GHETTO AREA, DOWNTOWN NEWPORT NEWS, BEFORE CROWD OF ABOUT FOUR  
HUNDRED. HIS SPEECHES CONCERNED HIS CANDIDACY FOR PRESIDENT.  
CROWDS WERE ORDERLY AND NO DEMONSTRATIONS, RACIAL OR OTHERWISE  
GREGORY LEAVING NEWPORT NEWS AT SIX PM TONIGHT VIA MAC VIRGINIA  
AIRLINES, A CHARTER SERVICE, DESTINED FOR JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA,  
AND THEN GOING TO LORETTO, PENNSYLVANIA, FOR APPEARANCE. DUE  
TO ARRIVE JOHNSTOWN ABOUT SEVEN FORTY-FIVE PM TONIGHT. GREGORY  
CANCELLED PROPOSED APPEARANCES TODAY IN DANVILLE AND RICHMOND,  
VIRGINIA. RICHMOND AND PITTSBURGH DIVISIONS NOTIFIED BY TELEPHONE  
TODAY.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (157-1093)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTERS  
(OO:CHICAGO)

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of LHM pertaining to the visit of GREGORY to the Sullivan County Community College, South Fallsburg, NY, on the evening of 10/17/68. Two copies of LHM enclosed for Chicago.

Confidential sources utilized in the LHM are as follows:

1. [redacted] student, Sullivan County Community College.
2. [redacted] Sullivan County Community College.
3. [redacted] Fallsburg, NY.

The LHM is classified "Confidential" since unauthorized disclosure of this information might impair the future effectiveness of the sources and such would have an adverse effect on the national defense.

Dissemination is being made locally to the 108th MI Group, OSI, NISO and Secret Service.

- 3-Bureau (Encs. 8)  
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1-New York

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File No.

NY 157-1093

New York, New York  
October 21, 1968

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Richard Claxton Gregory

On October 18, 1968, a confidential source advised that Richard Claxton Gregory, publicly known as Dick Gregory, Negro comedian and Presidential candidate on the Freedom and Peace ticket, spoke before a group at the Sullivan County Community College, South Fallsburg, New York, on the evening of October 17, 1968. Gregory spoke from approximately 8 to 10:30 p.m. on topics ranging from the Chicago riots at the time of the Democratic National Convention, need to get peace in Vietnam and Negro in society. Regarding the Chicago riots the source stated that Gregory said that the politicians were to blame for the riots because of the way they ran the convention.

As for getting peace in Vietnam, Gregory stated that the students could show their disagreement with the war by boycotting the Dial Chemical Company by not buying Dial soap. Another way of demonstrating disapproval would be to stop smoking for a whole year. This would economically hurt cigarette manufacturers who in turn would put pressure on the White House to stop the war.

Regarding the Negro in society, Gregory stated that the Negro should continually look for ways to better himself.

The source stated Gregory used a great deal of barbed comedy in making his speech and that he was enthusiastically received by the students.

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Another source advised that Gregory was invited to speak at the college as part of the college's cultural events program. The source stated that for approximately the past five years the college's cultural events program has had very little response and participation and it was decided to invite Gregory to the campus to "spark up" the program and give it greater publicity. The source stated that Gregory was paid \$1,000 by the college for his appearance.

A third source advised that approximately 600 to 700 people attended the program. Approximately 75 were non-students who paid \$2.00 a piece for admission. This source advised that the audience was completely peaceful and that there were no demonstrations before or after Gregory's appearance.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI. (100-440423)

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-64492) (C)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RM  
OO: Chicago

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DATE: 10/18/68

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Re Los Angeles teletype to Bureau dated 10/2/68,  
Chicago airtel and LHM dated 10/1/68, Chicago teletype to  
Bureau dated 9/30/68.

On 10/2/68, [redacted]  
TWA, Los Angeles, California, advised that GREGORY verified  
his reservation on Flight 476 which would depart Los Angeles  
International Airport 11:30 p.m., 10/2/68. This flight  
would arrive Dayton, Ohio at 6:30 a.m. on 10/3/68. GREGORY's  
reservation indicated he would depart Dayton on Delta Airlines,  
Flight 530 at 3:09 p.m. and would arrive Detroit 4:31 p.m. on  
10/3/68.

On 10/2/68, [redacted] and [redacted] advised that  
RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY arrived Los Angeles on American Airlines,  
Flight 190 at approximately 12:20 p.m., Los Angeles, California,  
and they related that GREGORY made no speaking engagements  
during the time he was in Los Angeles, California from 9/30/68  
to 10/2/68.

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Due to the fact that GREGORY made no speeches in the  
Los Angeles area nor did he participate in any demonstrations,  
no LHM is being submitted.

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- 2 - Chicago (157-347) (RM)
- 1 - Los Angeles

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Via AIRTEL (Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, NORFOLK (157-1475) -C-  
RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
PLANNED APPEARANCE AT  
NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA  
10/18/68.

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Re Norfolk teletype to Bureau and Pittsburgh, 10/18/68.

Transmitted herewith to Bureau are 11 copies of LHM  
entitled "VISIT OF RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY TO NORFOLK, VIRGINIA  
AND NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, OCTOBER 18, 1968."

One copy is being furnished to Chicago because of  
their interest in GREGORY. One copy is being furnished to  
Detroit as they are OO concerning the Peace and Freedom Party.  
One copy is being furnished to Pittsburgh in view of GREGORY's  
contemplated appearance in that division. One copy is being  
furnished Richmond inasmuch as GREGORY had been scheduled  
an appearance in that division. Dissemination made locally  
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The sources in the LHM are identified as follows:

NF T-1 is [redacted] Police-Community Relations  
Officer, Norfolk PD (considered advisable);

NF T-2 is [redacted]

NF T-3 is [redacted]

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The Special Agent who identified [redacted]  
is SA [redacted]

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- Norfolk:  
157-1475  
100-6672 (Peace)  
100-6289 (Demonstr)  
157-246 (Racial Violence)  
100-5975 (TROPUS)  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Norfolk, Virginia

October 21, 1968

RE: VISIT OF RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
TO NORFOLK, VIRGINIA AND NEWPORT  
NEWS, VIRGINIA, OCTOBER 18, 1968

The October 19, 1968 issue of the "Journal and Guide", a weekly newspaper published in Norfolk, Virginia, which received general circulation on October 18, 1968, contained an article which indicated that Dick Gregory would make stops in Norfolk, Newport News, Richmond, and Danville on his Presidential campaign swing into Virginia on October 18, 1968 according to Howard Schonberger, chairman of the Virginia Peace and Freedom Party. ~~(U)~~

On October 17, 1968, NF T-1 advised that Richard Claxton Gregory, commonly known as Dick Gregory, Presidential candidate for the Peace and Freedom Party, was scheduled to appear in Liberty Park, Norfolk, at 9:00 A.M. on October 18, 1968 and would then proceed to Newport News, Virginia for a scheduled appearance later that morning. Liberty Park is a part of the Norfolk Redevelopment and Housing Authority and is occupied solely by Negro residents. ~~(U)~~

NF T-1 further advised that a crowd of approximately 400 to 500 persons assembled in the picnic area, Liberty Park, at about 9:00 A.M. but Gregory failed to appear as scheduled. It was learned that Gregory had been detained in New York City because of transportation difficulties; that he had chartered a private plane and would arrive at Norfolk, Virginia at about 3:00 P.M. that date. ~~(U)~~

Gregory appeared at Liberty Park at 4:00 P.M. on October 18, 1968 and spoke for about 15 minutes before a crowd of about 200. His comments concerned his campaign for the Presidency, running on the ticket of the Peace and Freedom Party. ~~(U)~~

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RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

According to the source Gregory was attired in a sailor cap, a denim jacket and checkered overalls. He stated "There is a need for a moral qualification too" and none of the other candidates measure up to that standard. He stated "Racial law and order is not a problem of black against white, but of right against wrong." He further stated that the crime syndicate in the United States has corrupted everyone "Right up to the Presidency." *u*

The crowd was orderly and there were no demonstrations, racial or otherwise. *u*

According to NF T-1, Gregory was introduced by [redacted] a student at Norfolk Division, Virginia State College, Norfolk, Virginia, and was transported to Norfolk, Virginia from Newport News, Virginia, where he had arrived by private aircraft and then returned to Newport News by [redacted] an instructor at Hampton Institute, Hampton, Virginia. ~~(U)~~

NF T-2 advised that [redacted] is a spokesman for the Black Liberation Action Council (BLAC), a newly formed militant black nationalist group in Norfolk, Virginia, and head of Peace and Freedom Party in Norfolk. ~~(U)~~

NF T-1 further advised that copies of a leaflet were distributed at Liberty Park which invited persons to write the Virginia Peace and Freedom Party, 512 Newport News Avenue, Hampton, Virginia for "Gregory buttons" and "Gregory literature" or to send financial contributions. ~~(U)~~

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According to NF T-1, Gregory departed Norfolk at about 4:25 P.M. on October 18, 1968. ~~(U)~~

On the same date, Lieutenant [redacted] Newport News, Virginia Police Department, advised that Gregory appeared in the 500 block of 23rd Street, Newport News, Virginia and spoke to a crowd estimated at about 400 persons from 5:00 P.M. to about 5:20 P.M. This location is in a ghetto area in downtown Newport News. His speech concerned his candidacy for the Presidency. The audience was orderly and there were no demonstrations, racial or otherwise. *u*

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RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

According to Lieutenant [redacted] Police Department, Gregory told the Newport News rally that organized crime is the biggest threat to law and order to the United States and vowed to wipe it out if elected.. He said that he would break up that "crime syndicate." In regard to the war in Vietnam he stated that if he were elected President he would "Get those soldiers home immediately, and let those fools decide if it is honorable." U

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On October 18, 1968, [redacted] Newport News, advised that Gregory was scheduled to leave Newport News at 6:00 P.M. that date via Mac Virginia Airlines Charter Service destined for Johnstown, Pennsylvania and then would go to Loretto, Pennsylvania for an appearance. He was due to arrive at Johnstown about 7:45 P.M., October 18, 1968. U

NF T-1 advised that Gregory had canceled his proposed appearances in Danville and Richmond, Virginia on October 18, 1968 because of his transportation difficulties mentioned above. X (U)

A Special Agent of the Norfolk Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation observed [redacted] and [redacted] a professor at Old Dominion College, Norfolk, Virginia at the above rally held in Norfolk. U

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U.S. / NF T-2 identified [redacted] as a former follower of John Kenyatta, coordinator of the Afro-American Liberation Movement (AALM). This same source advised that [redacted] was on the advisory committee of the AALM, and also taught at Norfolk Division, Norfolk State College. X (U)

In 1956, NF T-3 advised that [redacted] was a member of the Communist Party during the period 1945 - 1946. X (U)

A characterization of the AALM is attached.

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APPENDIX

AFRO-AMERICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENT  
NORFOLK, VIRGINIA

On May 27, 1968, a source advised that the Afro-American Liberation Movement (AALM) was formed in Norfolk, Virginia, in March, 1968. He advised that it is a pro-black movement. Its membership is restricted to Negroes but might include any white persons who might be sympathetic to its aims. The group is teaching the history of the black race, and members are encouraged to speak out for their own rights. u

The leader of the group is JOHN LEE MASON, Jr., who refers to himself as JOHN KENYATTA. He has remarked, "The only thing that will put fear in the whites is bloodshed. If you want land, take it. You cannot win in the courts." u

According to the source, the AALM is in the process of storing guns and other weapons and ammunition. Many of the members carry weapons concealed on their persons. u

The organization is primarily active in Norfolk, Virginia, but is beginning to spread to surrounding areas. It is not a part of any national organization. It holds periodic meetings in Norfolk. u

Most of the members wear the Afro-style haircut, and many wear a voodoo doll and/or beads around their necks. u

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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

Norfolk, Virginia

October 21, 1968

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**Title** VISIT OF RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
TO NORFOLK, VIRGINIA AND NEWPORT  
NEWS, VIRGINIA, OCTOBER 18, 1968

**Character**

**Reference** Memorandum dated and captioned as  
above

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities  
are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable  
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To: SAC, Chicago (157-347)

REC-76

From: Director, FBI (100-440423) - 342

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTERS

Reurtel 9/4/68 <sup>EX-114</sup> advising that subject departed  
Chicago for London, England.

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NOTE:

Subject, comedian-entertainer and civil rights  
activist, is included in the Agitator Index. We have  
received information that subject plans to make a world  
tour to include the African nations, Russia, China, Cuba,  
and North Korea and further ~~that he plans to interview~~  
the members of the Pueblo.

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TO :

DATE: September 30, 1968

FROM :

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SUBJECT: DICK GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTER

*phs.*  
[redacted] advised the [redacted] that Gregory b3  
arrived in Paris from London on September 8, 1968. [redacted] did  
not acquire any additional information.

## ACTION:

The above information is being directed to the  
attention of the [redacted] b7E

- 1 - [redacted]
- 1 - Liaison
- 1 - [redacted]

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423) ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ DATE: 10/4/68

FROM :  (157-99) (P) ~~C~~ (U)

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SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RM

OO: Chicago (157-347)

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Re Chicago airtel 9/3/68. ~~C~~ (U)

Enclosed is copy of report dated

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3 - Bureau (Enc. ~~ENCLOSURE~~)  
1 - Liaison (direct)  
JTM:vw  
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12:13 AM EDT URGENT 10-27-68 WRJ  
TO DIRECTOR 100-440423 AND CHICAGO  
FROM PITTSBURGH 157-652

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, RM.

GREGORY APPEARED NIGHT OF OCT. TWENTYSIX, 'SIXTYEIGHT AT  
WHEELING COLLEGE, WHEELING, W.VA., AND SPOKE TWO AND ONE HALF  
HOURS BEFORE CROWD OF APPROXIMATELY FIFTEEN HUNDRED, COMPOSED  
PRIMARILY OF STUDENTS. HIS TALK CONCERNED HIS CANDIDANCY FOR  
PRESIDENT AND HIS OPINIONS ON CURRENT EVENTS AND RACIAL PROBLEMS.  
PRIOR TO HIS TALK, GREGORY AND PARTY HAD DINNER AT RESIDENCE OF  
[REDACTED] AT WHEELING  
COLLEGE. THERE WERE NO INCIDENTS. GREGORY DEPARTED WHEELING  
BY AUTO PM OCT. TWENTYSIX, 'SIXTYEIGHT.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO :

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

DATE:

10/28/68

FROM :

SAC, SEATTLE (157-511)(RUC)

SUBJECT:

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

RM

OO: CHICAGO

Re Seattle letter to Bureau, 8/30/68.

Review of newspaper publicity with respect to a "Rock Festival" which was held at Sultan, Washington, 8/31/68 through 9/2/68, partially for the benefit of Indians in their fight for "fishing rights," and [redacted]

[redacted] one of the prime figures in this festival, on 9/2/68, revealed that subject did not appear at it and had not been scheduled for an appearance. There have been no other affairs of this type in the Seattle area, and no information has been received showing subject had been here on any other business.

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This matter being placed in RUC status in the Seattle Division.

2-Bureau (RM)  
2-Chicago (157-347)(RM)  
1-Seattle (157-511)  
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Date: 10/26/68

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, DETROIT (157-3099) (RUC)

ADAM CLAYTON POWELL;  
JULIAN BOND;  
DICK GREGORY, APPEARANCES,  
BLACK POWER CONFERENCE,  
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN,  
ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN  
9/29/68  
RM  
(OO: DETROIT)

Re Detroit airtel and LHM, entitled as captioned above, dated 9/26/68; Bureau teletype to Detroit, dated 9/27/68; and Detroit teletype to the Bureau, dated 9/30/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM, dated and captioned as above.

Two copies of the LHM are being furnished G-2, Secret Service, and one copy to the USA, all Detroit, Michigan.

**The sources referred to in this LHM are as follows:**

DE T-1 is

DE T-2 1s

The LHM is classified confidential since information furnished by the sources could reasonably result in the identification of the sources and compromise their future effectiveness.

- 3 - Bureau (Enc.-11) (RM)  
2 - Detroit  
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Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Detroit, Michigan  
October 26, 1968

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Re: Adam Clayton Powell;  
Julian Bond;  
Dick Gregory, Appearances  
Black Power Conference,  
University of Michigan,  
Ann Arbor, Michigan  
September 29, 1968

All confidential sources referred to herein have  
furnished reliable information in the past.

DE T-1 advised on September 30, 1968, that a Black  
Power Conference was held on the University of Michigan  
( U of M ) campus at the Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor, Michigan,  
on September 29, 1968, at 2:00 PM, at which time Adam Clayton  
Powell, Julian Bond, and Dick Gregory each addressed a capacity  
audience of some 4,000 individuals, which appeared to be mostly  
student - faculty personnel.

DE T-2 advised that [redacted]  
[redacted] at the U of M, [redacted]  
and introduced the first speaker, Julian Bond.

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DE T-2 said that Bond presented an intellectual  
appeal to the young people in the audience, both black and  
white, and that black people are, for the most part,  
generally poor, unemployed, uneducated and powerless.

Bond said that most of the black people are powerless  
and through their blackness they must solve their own problems

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Re: Adam Clayton Powell;  
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Ann Arbor, Michigan  
September 29, 1968

and care for each other. He said that being black is a nightmare for black people and that all black people have more respect for Southerners because they are honest, more so than the Northerners, because they are hypocrites.

DE T-2 advised that if the young white people want to help the Negro he should not spend all day, for example a Sunday, listening to the tape recording of the speeches of "Malcolm X", but should leave their rooms to go into the streets to visit the Negro people and make things happen.

DE T-2 advised that Dick Gregory was the next speaker who appealed to all young Americans, black and white, to begin immediately to place the economic structures of this country in proper perspectives; placing it behind the Constitution of the United States, not in front of it.

Gregory made the remark that the "white kids of the old days" have always had their days of demonstration, such as panty raids on college campuses, and the beach parties at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, but the young radicals, both black and white, were denied their day at the Democratic National Convention at Chicago, Illinois, the latter part of August, 1968.

Gregory said that in his opinion, regarding the present political presidential race, there is only one honest man running, George Wallace. He presents no real threat to the black people in this country, it is just "the white folks who are up-tight regarding voting for Wallace".

He further said that our whole system of voting should be changed and that 18 year olds must be given the right to vote because if they are old enough to die for their country, they should be old enough to vote.

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Re: Adam Clayton Powell;  
Julian Bond;  
Dick Gregory, Appearances  
Black Power Conference,  
University of Michigan,  
Ann Arbor, Michigan  
September 29, 1968

He said that our whole system needs a change in that both black and white young people should work together to civilize the old whites.

Gregory told the audience that he was non-violent and that he even includes being non-violent towards animals and he believes that 90 per cent of the people are afraid to fight.

He said, "I want to throw dynamite, but I can't because I'm scared and yellow" so all I do is fast (hunger strike).

He said that "any stupid cat can throw a bomb if he has sense enough to get it out of his hand", but very few can fast in a demonstration for what he feels is right.

He said that economic boycotts are one way to beat the system and these do work.

Gregory ended by saying that "Northern white liberals have outlived their usefulness to the Negro cause and what we need now are white radicals". He continued, "A Wallace victory would make liberals out of moderates, radicals out of liberals, and God only knows what out of radicals".

DE T-2 advised the next speaker was Adam Clayton Powell who began by saying "If all of the FBI or CIA personnel were to leave the building now, over half of those present would leave".

He said the Black Nationalists and young activist whites must walk hand-in-hand and that 52 per cent of the people in the United States today are under 25 years of age. There are leaders willing to die if necessary to turn this establishment around the other way.

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Re: Adam Clayton Powell;  
Julian Bond;  
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Black Power Conference,  
University of Michigan,  
Ann Arbor, Michigan  
September 29, 1968

Powell said he was discriminated against when censured by Congress and other Congressmen who have done more than himself are still seated.

He said that the young people have proven at the University of California, Columbia University, Florida A&M, and Duke University that they can force changes by their demonstrations on each of the college campuses and the young people have already learned that they are and should be through listening to their parents, preachers, priests, who collectively misrepresent facts to them regarding the social ills of our country.

DE T-2 said that Powell wanted people to know that Black Power is not anti-white, but just true black and is a way you think and feel. He said that black people believe in separation, but he thinks this is not what will help the black race.

Powell ended by saying that "the only man with guts on the presidential scene today is George Wallace and that the black people know where they stand with Wallace and will be better off with Wallace as president.

DE T-2 said that Bond and Gregory were enthusiastically accepted by the audience, but Powell was not well received.

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Boston, Massachusetts

October 25, 1968

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

Also Known as:

Dick Gregory

Racial Matters - Appearance  
at Plymouth, New Hampshire  
State College 10/21/68

A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on October 22, 1968, that Dick Gregory appeared in Silver Hall at Plymouth State College, Plymouth, New Hampshire, on the evening of October 21, 1968. The audience was mainly composed of students and there were probably about 800 people in attendance. This would be a capacity crowd. The audience was friendly and source stated that it received Gregory well. There were only about five or six black people in the audience.

Gregory struck the source as colorful, gifted speaker and performed with the air of a professional. He spent a considerable amount of time describing his books and extolling them as good reading. Among the points he stressed on the national scene were the following:

Bring the boys back from Vietnam, blacks are second class citizens; the young are the only ones who are not corrupt; referred repeatedly to the three Presidential candidates as "fools"; two party system is dead; and the black man had as much right to bear arms as the white man.

The source advised that the whole thing was more like a sideshow barker in action at a carnival. He was well-received and there was a short question and answer period afterwards, but no questions of interest were asked.

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
Also Known as:  
Dick Gregory  
Racial Matters - Appearance  
at Plymouth, New Hampshire  
State College 10/21/68

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The source advised that there were no disturbances or incidents and that the crowd was very well-behaved.

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# Dick Gregory Scores U.S. 'Moral Pollution'

By ROSAMOND ORR

PLYMOUTH — Comedian and presidential candidate Dick Gregory laced wit with pungent satire to alternately charm and stun about 800 persons who jammed Plymouth State College's Silver Hall Auditorium here last night.

Gregory, one of several speakers scheduled for a special lecture series at the college, listed the plight of the American Indian and the "moral pollution . . . in the United States," as the nation's two greatest problems.

On the Indian problem, Gregory likened the role of the Bureau of Indian Affairs to . . .

putting the KKK (Klu Klux Klan) in charge of civil rights." And continuing, maintained that the "Wall Street bust-watchers" and Shriners in conventions are the morally "degenerates of our time."

"A man has the right to burn his Social Security card," Gregory asserted, "why can't he burn his draft card?"

"What would I do, if I were elected President," he asked? "I'd paint the White House black. Then I'd bring all the boys home from Vietnam and send LBJ over in their place and let Lena Horne telephone him every morning."

Speaking on the American system of government, Gregory said: "I do not advocate destroying the capitalistic system, but I do advocate beating it back into its rightful position — behind the U.S. Constitution, not in front of it."

In his remarks, he repeatedly referred to organized crime in the U.S. On this subject, Gregory said two negroes from Gooseneck, La., who had never been out of Gooseneck, could go to New York or Boston and within two hours have a shot of heroin circulating in their veins. But, he charged, police in neither one of those cities would be able to locate the source of the heroin.

In another remark, he described holy communion as a cannibalistic rite.

At a press conference earlier, Gregory, completely devoid of the levity he showed last night, said New York, New Jersey, Virginia, Pennsylvania and Colorado, will allow his name to be written in on the Nov. 5 ballot. He said he was awaiting a court decision of five other states and indicated he would initiate court action to invalidate elections where no arrangements were made for a write-in.

Bernard Sweet, chairman for the lecture series, introduced Gregory.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

Page 13, Manchester  
Union Leader,  
Manchester, N.H.

Date: 10/22/68

Edition: Daily

Author: ROSAMOND ORR

Editor: HUGH R. O'NEIL

Title: "DICK GREGORY

SCORES U. S.

'MORAL POLLUTION'

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, RICHMOND (100-10698)(RUC)

SUBJECT: PEACE AND FREEDOM PARTY  
INFORMATION CONCERNING  
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

OO: DETROIT

DATE: 10/28/68

Re Norfolk airtel to Director, 10/17/68.

For the information of the Bureau and Detroit, DICK GREGORY, the Presidential candidate of the Peace and Freedom Party, was scheduled to speak in Richmond and Danville, Va., on 10/18/68. His initial stop in the State of Virginia was to be at Norfolk and he was then to come to Richmond and later in the day appear in Danville. Due to weather conditions, his departure from New York for Norfolk was postponed several hours; and, although he did arrive in Norfolk late that afternoon, his scheduled appearances in Richmond and Danville were cancelled and he is not scheduled for any other appearances in the Richmond Division.

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FBI PITTSBGH

6:28 PM EDT URGENT 10-24-68 WRJ

TO DIRECTOR 100-440423

FROM PITTSBURGH 157-652

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, RM.

A RELIABLE SOURCE ADVISED TODAY THAT GREGORY WILL ARRIVE  
IN WHEELING, W.VA., OCT. TWENTYSIX, 'SIXTYEIGHT FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
DELIVERING A CAMPAIGN SPEECH AT WHEELING COLLEGE AT EIGHT PM  
THAT DATE IN THE COLLEGE FIELDHOUSE. A RECEPTION IS SCHEDULED  
FOLLOWING THE SPEECH IN THE SNACK BAR OF THE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION  
BUILDING WHICH RECEPTION IS SCHEDULED TO END AT ELEVEN PM.  
SCHEDULE OF GREGORY FOLLOWING RECEPTION NOT KNOWN. *B*

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DISCREET COVERAGE OF ACTIVITIES WILL BE ARRANGED. WHEELING  
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

DATE: 10/29/68

FROM : SAC, KNOXVILLE (157-1523) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTERS  
(OO:CHICAGO)

Enclosed to the Bureau, Chicago, and New York are 11 copies and two copies of a letterhead memorandum pertaining to a press conference held 10/25/68 at the Main Post Office, Knoxville, Tennessee.

Copies have been disseminated locally to intelligence agencies, Secret Service, Nashville, and U. S. Attorney, Chattanooga.

SAS HOWARD A. McKAMEY and GEORGE F. ZOGRAFOS visited vicinity of the above press conference; however, it was observed that some students were taking photographs of people entering the Post Office or who were talking to personnel of the Intelligence Division, Knoxville Police Department, and Secret Service Agents.

Information from AUSA [redacted] obtained by ASAC [redacted] and information from [redacted] obtained by SA HOWARD A. McKAMEY.

Indices of the Knoxville Office fail to reflect any pertinent subversive information re [redacted]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

October 29, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Director  
United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

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  - (c) ☒ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.
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Very truly yours,

  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

1- Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s) 2) (RM)  
U. S. Secret Service, Nashville, Tenn.

Enclosure(s)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Knoxville, Tennessee

October 29, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTERS

On October 25, 1968, [redacted] Assistant United States Attorney, Knoxville, Tennessee, advised a Special Agent of the FBI at 10:30 a.m. that he had just learned that [redacted] of the "New Party" would hold a <sup>press</sup> press conference at 12:15 p.m., October 25, 1968, at the main door of the Main Post Office Building, Knoxville, Tennessee. [redacted] stated that he discussed this matter with United States Attorney JOHN H. REDDY and Mr. REDDY indicated as long as the press conference was orderly no further steps should be taken in this matter.

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On October 25, 1968, [redacted] University of Tennessee (UT), Knoxville, Tennessee, advised a Special Agent of the FBI that he observed approximately 15 - 20 UT students at the Main Post Office, Knoxville, Tennessee at approximately 12:15 p.m. [redacted] was holding a press conference in connection with the campaign of DICK GREGORY for President. [redacted] spoke for approximately 8 - 10 minutes. This speech consisted of reading from a leaflet which was also distributed by other students to people passing by.

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[redacted] stated this press conference was a complete failure and that individuals paused only to see what was going on and then continued on their way. He stated the conference lasted approximately 45 minutes to one hour and that no incidents occurred during this conference.

A Xerox copy of the leaflet that [redacted] read at this conference is attached. Also attached to this memorandum is a characterization of Southern Student Organizing Committee.

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October 23, 1968

Secret Service National Headquarters began a highly unusual case by declaring that "reproductions of \$1.00 Federal Reserve Notes bearing an advertisement requesting votes for Dick Gregory" were counterfeit bills despite the fact they were obviously campaign literature. These "Gregory bills" bore a picture of a hatted Dick Gregory, five exhortations to vote, the script "For President... Vote Gregory", a peace symbol and the name of Mr. Gregory's party. Printed on standard play money paper, they were to be used to promote candidate Gregory's write-in campaign.

Approximately thirty thousand "Gregory bills" were delivered to the East Tennessee chairman of presidential hopeful Gregory's campaign, Richard Horner. Mr. Horner was advised Wednesday afternoon to voluntarily surrender the "Gregory bills". Feeling this to be a direct violation of election laws, Mr. Horner informed the Knoxville Secret Service that these bills would not be surrendered voluntarily, due to their campaign value and the obvious falsity of the charge.

When interviewed, Mr. Horner was quoted as saying (what was said in Beacon). On return to his apartment at eight o'clock that evening, he was handed a copy of a search warrant and found his room had been ransacked by the Secret Service, Tennessee Bureau of Investigation and the U.T. campus police. On investigation, he found a box of ten thousand "Gregory bills" had been confiscated and his personal belongings thoroughly searched.

Harassment of personnel connected with the Gregory campaign continued through the night, as the Secret Service-led search continued for the remaining "Gregory bills". The bills had been placed for safety in an automobile, waiting for a decision from the National Gregory Headquarters as to the disposal of the remaining bills.

This car was located by the Secret Service at two a.m. after an intensive search. The owner of the car, David Morris, awoke to find his car being towed away. Present at the scene were three

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Knoxville City patrol cars, an unmarked car and the city tow truck. On asking the nature of the violation, he was told by the person in authority that the car was being towed away, would be inventoried and could be found later in the motor pound. Despite the fact the car was not illegally parked, the head agent made no explanation for the seizure of the car nor the presence of the large amount of law enforcement officers.

Upon retrieval of the car, it was found that the remaining "Gregory bills" and personal belongings, including a tape recorder and campaign literature, had been removed without warrant or receipt. These items were not mentioned in the official inventory compiled by the Knoxville Police Department.

Later that day, the Knoxville Secret Service branch announced that thirty thousand "Gregory bills" had been seized. Official protests at this violation of campaign law, according to the New York Gregory headquarters, include a suit to be filed Monday in Federal Court.

Distressed at this behavior of the Knoxville law enforcement officers, Mr. Horner contacted the New York headquarters, and was told "This is the only area of the country at the present time where actual harassment has taken place". The head of the national campaign, as well as the printers of the bills, were assured that there would be no prosecutions. This makes the actions of the Knoxville law enforcement agencies difficult to understand.

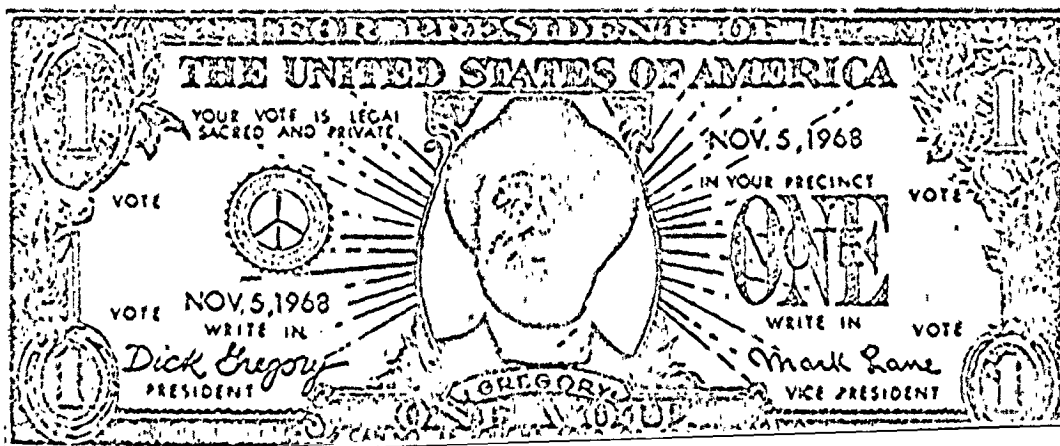
It seems impossible that this police repression can be taken in a free society. To be called down to Secret Service headquarters on a counterfeit charge for possessing campaign material, to have your possessions ransacked, to awake and see police cars surrounding your home; these seem unreal in America. Yet it happened. We were denied all basic rights, treated as criminals and harassed by the might of Knoxville's police force.

Members of a student community, members of SSOC, the Southern Student Organizing Committee, we are concerned with our country. We care; why are we being attacked? Why can't we work for a

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candidate that voices many of our concerns? Why are we denied our civil rights? We are Americans, and we are being oppressed. we are driven to identify with the blacks, the Wallace whites, the Mexican-Americans; all those who are denied equal rights in this society. We are learning the meaning of John Donne "Ask not for whom the bell tolls -- it tolls for thee".

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

An article appeared on page 1 of the October 24, 1968 issue of the UT Daily Beacon, student publication of UT, Knoxville, Tennessee.

A Xerox copy of this article is as follows:

# Gregory Campaign Head Refuses 'Dollars' Release

By BILL PRESTON Jr.  
News Editor

Richard Horner, a UT senior and East Tennessee chairman for the Dick Gregory presidential campaign, said yesterday he had refused to voluntarily surrender approximately 20,000 "Gregory Dollars" which have been declared counterfeit currency.

A Secret Service spokesman was quoted yesterday as saying that the confiscation of the handbills—which are the same size, shape

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\* See Picture on Page 3.

and similar design of U.S. currency—was ordered after complaints from Nashville and New York that the literature was confusing and has shown up in money-changing machines.

HORNER SAID he had received approximately 30,000 of the handbills from Gregory for President national headquarters Monday. He said that approximately 10,000 of the handbills had been distributed on the

UT campus both "to and by UT students."

"It would be advisable that they not be passed out any farther than they are now," he said.

Horner said he had voluntarily visited Secret Service officials here yesterday on advice from Baxton Bryant, Gregory's Tennessee campaign chairman.

HORNER SAID the Secret Service informed him that "the money (handbills) have been considered counterfeit and any student passing it out will be considered making a criminal offense."

"I talked to other members of the (Gregory for President) committee and to local representatives of the American Civil Liberties Union and I decided to await a seizure warrant," Horner said.

"I will do everything legally possible to prevent them from getting the money," he said, adding that he felt the government's action is "illegal confiscation of campaign materials."

HORNER SAID the remaining 20,000 bills

are in "an undisclosed place" and he would surrender them to Secret Service agents if they served him with "a legally correct seizure warrant."

"I will cooperate fully within my legal rights," he said.

Knoxville Secret Service headquarters could not be reached for comment last night.

GREGORY, PRESIDENTIAL candidate of the Peace and Freedom Party, said in a statement issued in Washington yesterday that more than a million of the "pamphlets" were in circulation and "I expect one of them to be negotiated as a vote on election day."

Gregory said there was no question in his mind but that the literature "has been seized because it is definitely dangerous to the major political machines."

The "Gregory Dollars" are the shape and color of a dollar bill and has Gregory's picture in place of George Washington's. It pretends to be one vote which can not be bought, sold or traded, and on one side are the words:

"YOU'RE VOTE is legal, sacred and private."

On the reverse side, it says: "The Independents of America to End We Hope One Man, One vote."

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

An article appeared on page 12 of the October 24, 1968 issue of the Knoxville News-Sentinel, a daily publication, Knoxville, Tennessee.

Attached is a Xerox copy of this article.



(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

## Gregory Leaflets Seized in Knoxville

About 35,000 "Dick Gregory for President" leaflets, which closely resemble \$1 bills, were found in the trunk of a car early today after the car was towed to the City Pound on a parking violation.

Detective Robert Chadwell found the leaflets, which have the serial number 100-1000000000, printed on the front, have been declared illegal by the Secret Service. He said the leaflets will work in money-changing machines.

The car, which bore Indiana license plates, was parked near Laurel Ave. and Fifteenth St. when it was pulled in about 1:55 a.m. today. The officer said a man, who may own the car was staying in the area, but indicated he was a U-T student.

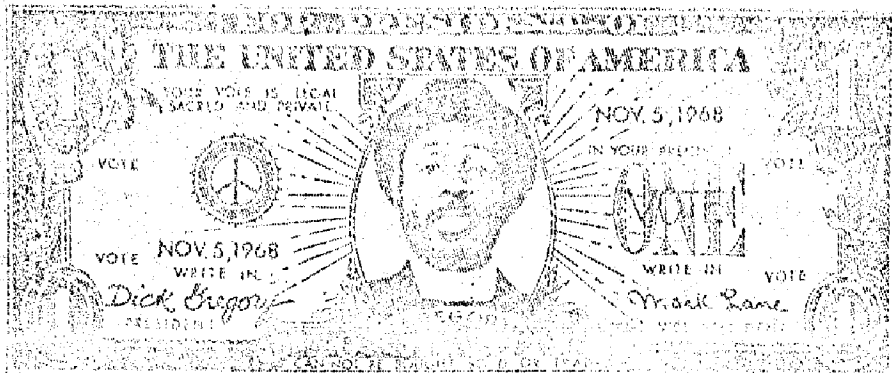
A number of the bills have been seized in Nashville and Memphis, where Police Chief Henry Lux said he made a purchase at a grocery store with one of them.

And in Nashville, J. Baxter Bryant, executive director of the Tennessee Human Relations Council, charged that the Secret



**QUITE A HAUL**—Detective Robert Chadwell counts several stacks of "Dick Gregory for president" bills which were confiscated from an impounded car here early today. The leaflets resemble \$1 bills and support the Negro comedian for president.

Service apparently was duped by white "racists" into seizing the leaflets. In Washington, aides of Mr. Gregory said they will go to court to block the presidential election on grounds the Secret Service violated Mr. Gregory's right to distribute campaign literature.



**GREGORY 'BILL'**—This is one of the leaflets which have been found in Tennessee, bearing a likeness of comedian Dick Gregory. The bill, which represents one write-in vote,

which "cannot be bought, sold or traded." About 35,000 of the bills were found in a car which was impounded in a parking violation here today, which

SOUTHERN STUDENT ORGANIZING COMMITTEE (SSOC)

On November 1, 1966, a first source advised that the Southern Student Organizing Committee (SSOC) was formed on the weekend of April 3-5, 1964, to stimulate activity of Southern student groups in areas of civil rights, peace, academic freedom, civil liberties, capital punishment, and unemployment. Originally, it was to be a white counterpart of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC). It has agreed to work with similar interested groups such as SNCC and Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) and Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc. (SCEF), SSOC is a fraternal affiliate of the ~~SDS~~.

Beginning in the Fall of 1966, SSOC became a membership organization and embarked on a campaign to form local chapters on various college campuses throughout the South. SSOC publishes, October through May each year, a publication, "New South Student," which according to the above source has increasingly espoused and defended the pro-Communist and anti-United States position on domestic and foreign policy.

On July 2, 1968, a second source advised that SSOC continues to be headquartered at 1703 Portland Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee, and continues to defend and espouse the pro-Communist and anti-United States position with particular emphasis on attacking United States policy in Vietnam and emphasis on attacking the Selective Service System. Source two noted that SSOC Chairman Thomas N. Gardner in the Summer of 1967 traveled to Prague, Czechoslovakia, where he met with representatives of the National Liberation Front (NLF) and the Democratic Republic of Vietnam (DRV), and that SSOC staff members [redacted] and [redacted] traveled to Cuba in the Summer of 1967 and February, 1968, respectively.

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By letter dated April 26, 1968, on SSOC letterhead mailed to the general SSOC membership over the signature of Mike Welch, Executive Secretary of SSOC, it was announced that as a step toward close relations with the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) and better communications with the movement nationally, SSOC and SDS have worked out an exchange of the "New South Student" and the "New Left Notes," and that SDS and SSOC were exchanging contact lists of their respective memberships for this exchange.

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The May, 1968, issue of "New South Student" indicates that the SSOC mailing address is P. O. Box 6403, Nashville, Tennessee, 37212, telephone number 615-291-3537, and the masthead describes the organization as "An association of young concerned Southerners dedicated to social change," as taken from the preamble of the SSOC constitution.

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REFERENCE: Chicago airtel to Bureau, 9/17/68; and  
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ADMINISTRATIVE:

St. Louis indices do not reflect any appearances by GREGORY in this Division at rallies, conferences, or campus activities during the period of 1968 prior to the DNC. His trip through St. Louis is included in this report.

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Field Office File #: SL: 157-5822

Bureau File #: 100-440423

Title: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

Character: ANTI-RIOT LAWS

Synopsis: GREGORY travelled through St. Louis, Missouri, on or about 1/16/68 enroute to SIU, Carbondale, Illinois. Reportedly he preferred St. Louis or Atlanta to Chicago as site for Democratic National Convention.

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DETAILS: AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

An article appearing on page 4A of the January 16, 1968 issue of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch related that DICK GREGORY had passed through Lambert Air Field, St. Louis, Missouri, enroute to Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois, for a speech there during the weekend of January 16, 1968.

The article related that GREGORY indicated he preferred St. Louis, Missouri, or Atlanta, Georgia, as a site for the Democratic National Convention rather than Chicago, Illinois, inasmuch as the former cities were making more meaningful attempts at solving civil rights problems.

The St. Louis Post-Dispatch is a daily newspaper published in St. Louis, Missouri.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Assistant Attorney General  
Civil Rights Division

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
ANTIRIOT LAWS

DATE: October 30, 1968

FILE COPY

Reference is made to my memorandum dated 10/28/68  
(your file \_\_\_\_\_).

There is enclosed one copy of the report of Special  
Agent [redacted] dated 10/24/68  
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A. ☐ This covers the preliminary investigation and no further action concerning a full investigation will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

B. ☐ The investigation is continuing and you will be furnished copies of reports as they are received.

C. ☐ The investigation requested by you has now been completed. Unless advised to the contrary no further inquiries will be made by this Bureau.

D. ☐ Pursuant to instructions issued by the Department, no investigation will be conducted in this matter unless specifically directed by the Department.

E. ☐ Please advise whether you desire any further investigation.

F. ☐ This is submitted for your information and you will be advised of further developments.

G. ☒ This is submitted for your information and no further investigation will be conducted unless specifically requested by the Department.

H. ☐ This covers the receipt of a complaint and no further action will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

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Date: 10/25/68

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FROM: SAC, NORFOLK (157-1475) (C)

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
 PLANNED APPEARANCE AT  
 NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA  
 10/18/68  
 RM

(OO: NORFOLK)

Re Norfolk airtel to Bureau dated 10/21/68.

Transmitted herewith for the Bureau are eleven copies of an LHM entitled, "VISIT OF RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY TO NORFOLK, VIRGINIA, AND NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, OCTOBER 18, 1968."

One copy is being furnished to Chicago because of their interest in GREGORY. One copy is being furnished to Detroit as they are OO concerning the Peace and Freedom Party. One copy is being furnished to Pittsburgh in view of GREGORY's contemplated

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     1 - 100-6672, Peace and Freedom Party;  
     1 - 100-5975, Tropus;  
     1 - 100-6289, Demonstrations;  
     1 - 66-820)

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appearance in that division. One copy is being furnished. Richmond inasmuch as GREGORY had been scheduled for an appearance in that division. Dissemination made locally to all military intelligence agencies, Secret Service, and USA.

The sources in the LHM are identified as follows:

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NF T-2 is (Ghetto).

This LHM being submitted to set forth additional information concerning facsimile "money" distributed following the rallies for GREGORY in Newport News and Norfolk, Virginia on 10/18/68.

No further action is contemplated in this matter by the Norfolk Division.





UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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Norfolk, Virginia

October 25, 1968

VISIT OF RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY TO  
NORFOLK, VIRGINIA, AND NEWPORT NEWS,  
VIRGINIA, OCTOBER 18, 1968

Reference is made to memorandum dated October 21, 1968, at Norfolk.

NF T-1 advised that following the rally for Dick Gregory at Liberty Park, Norfolk, Virginia, in the afternoon of October 18, 1968, facsimile "money" was distributed to persons in the crowd. The "money" was apparently distributed by [redacted] the Peace and Freedom Party in Norfolk, Virginia, who in turn had given it to several teenagers who then dispersed it among the crowd. NF T-1 was contacted on October 21, 1968.

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On October 21, 1968, [redacted] Virginia, Police Department, advised that the same "money" was distributed to the crowd following the rally for Dick Gregory in Newport News later in the afternoon on October 18, 1968. The "money" is a loose facsimile of a one dollar bill containing a picture of Gregory. The face of it contains the wording, "For President of the United States of America," and also, "Vote Nov. 5, 1968 Vote for Dick Gregory President; Vote for Mark Lane Vice President." The back of it contains the wording, "The Independents of America." It also contains the wording, "In God We Hope, One Man One Vote. Take this one opportunity to express your free choice, this country is redeemable. Take this to the poll with you and vote for, Dick Gregory President Mark Lane Vice President."

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On October 23, 1968, [redacted] U. S. Secret Service, Norfolk, Virginia, advised that he was aware of the distribution of this facsimile "money." He stated that he had conferred with Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] Norfolk, Virginia, who advised that there was a violation of Title 18, Sections 473 and 475 of the United States Code, which deals with process and distribution of bills and the manufacturing and printing of bills. [redacted] authorized confiscation of any of the "money," but did not authorize prosecution in this matter. However, [redacted] indicated that he would authorize prosecution if a subsequent determination indicated that someone was passing the "money" with intent to defraud.

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VISIT OF RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY TO  
NORFOLK, VIRGINIA, AND NEWPORT NEWS,  
VIRGINIA, OCTOBER 18, 1968

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An article appearing in the October 24, 1968, issue of "The Virginian-Pilot," a daily and Sunday newspaper in Norfolk, indicated that the Secret Service in Norfolk had advised the public to turn in the "Peace and Freedom Money" to the Secret Service.

The article further indicated that a spokesman for the Secret Service in Washington, D. C., said that Gregory had not applied for permission to print the bills, nor was he given permission.

On October 23, 1968, NF T-2 advised that to his knowledge there is very little enthusiasm for the Peace and Freedom Party in the Tidewater Area of Virginia, which includes Norfolk and Newport News. He stated that the relatively poor response to Gregory's appearances in the area obviously demonstrated apathy on the part of the Negroes for Gregory's principles.

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Norfolk, Virginia

October 25, 1968

Title

VISIT OF RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
TO NORFOLK, VIRGINIA, AND  
NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA,  
OCTOBER 18, 1968

Character

Reference

Memorandum dated and captioned  
as above at Norfolk, Virginia

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities  
are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable  
information in the past.

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Date: 10/30/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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FROM: SAC, PHILADELPHIA (157-1865)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
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Enclosed for the Bureau are 8 copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above. One copy disseminated locally to MI.

PH T-1 is [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] recorded subject's speech which is being retained as a 1-A exhibit in this file.

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Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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October 30, 1968

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

On October 29, 1968, Philadelphia confidential informant T-1 who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised a Special Agent of the FBI as follows:

GREGORY spoke at Grace Hall, Lehigh University, from 8:30 to approximately 10:30 p.m., October 28, 1968. Approximately 1,400 to 1,500 individuals, mostly area college students, gave him several standing ovations. The meeting was peaceful and orderly and he was received more as an entertainer than a presidential candidate. He was introduced by [redacted]

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at Penn State University, University Park, Pa.

T-1 stated that [redacted] at Lehigh University organized for the purpose of improving the Negro social and cultural life at this university.

Most of GREGORY's lecture was concerned with the serious side of equal rights for minority groups and correcting abuses inherent in the social system. His lecture was interspersed with humor and drew sustained applause.

He criticized Vietnam and the compulsory draft system.

GREGORY stated that if he was elected president, he would paint the White House black and bring all the boys back from Vietnam.

He suggested that a solution to end the war in Vietnam would be to boycott the cigarette industry. He blamed the capitalists for creating a society which invariably favors property over human rights, but asserted that he

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did not advocate the destruction of the capitalistic system.

He stated that there has been no real democracy in the United States; that the American Indian has been robbed and exploited; that the labor unions must live up to their original purposes or be broken; that the Declaration of Independence asks for a violent reaction when the rights of the individual are abused over a period of time.

GREGORY declared, "You are dealing with a new black man today who is tired of the abuse and the injustices he has suffered. Call us black; that's what we are."

He appealed to the students not to make the mistake "old cats" did in spending four years in college learning to make a living but not learning how to live. He said "Don't let the old folks program you."

He called upon youths to do something to help America become a great country and to create an atmosphere which will make America as afraid of any quality at home as they are of Communism abroad.

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, RM.

A RELIABLE SOURCE ADVISED ON NOVEMBER TWO, LAST, THAT  
THE SUBJECT WILL BE IN PITTSBURGH ON NOVEMBER SIX, NEXT,  
TO PARTICIPATE IN A SEMINAR ON "INSTITUTIONALIZED WHITE  
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and 10/21/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies; and for  
Chicago, two copies of an LHM captioned and dated as above.

A copy of the LHM is being disseminated to the  
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and NISO, Philadelphia, Pa.

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Sources utilized in the enclosed LHM are as follows:

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On October 4, 1968, PG T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the Pittsburgh Branch of Pennsylvanians for a Peace and Freedom Ticket (PPFT), is located at 6303 Shakespeare St., Pittsburgh, Pa., but that most business is conducted at the Peace and Freedom Center (PFC), 5899 Ellsworth Ave., Pittsburgh. ~~(U)~~ (U)

A characterization of the PPFT and the PFC is contained in the appendix hereto.

PG T-1 said that [redacted] is one of the leaders of the Pittsburgh Branch of the PPFT. ~~(U)~~ (U)

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On May 5, 1968, PG T-1 advised that on May 3, 1968, [redacted] and his [redacted] attended a communist Party (CP), meeting in Pittsburgh where [redacted] stated that a Communist newspaper was necessary for proper understanding of world events. ~~(U)~~ (U)

PG T-1 continued that in the past, the [redacted] have been asked to join the CP, but have refused although they display their sympathy with CP policies and take part in activities of interest to the CP. ~~(U)~~ (U)

PG T-1 said that among the members of the Steering Committee of the Pittsburgh Branch of the PPFT are [redacted], and [redacted] all of whom are members of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania (CPWP). ~~(U)~~ (U)

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PG T-1 advised on October 10, 1968, that on October 6, 1968, [redacted] and other members of the Pittsburgh Branch of the PPFT distributed in a predominately Negro housing project in Pittsburgh copies of a leaflet advertising the appearance of Dick Gregory at the University of Pittsburgh Field House on October 15, 1968. Also distributed were facsimiles of a one-dollar bill bearing a picture of Dick Gregory and urging the recipient to vote for him on November 5, 1968.

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PG T-1 made available copies of the aforesaid literature which is as follows:

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# DICK GREGORY

Peace & Freedom Candidate for U. S. President  
On the Ballot in Pennsylvania



WEDNESDAY NIGHT - OCTOBER 15

PITTSBURGH FIELD HOUSE 7  
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Meeting sponsored by Student Union Board, University of Pittsburgh. As a service to the community, the Student Union Board is opening this talk to the public.

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# Dick GREGORY Can Set It RIGHT!

- ☆ The black communities are exploding with demands for change . . . and the other presidential candidates offer the club of a policeman.
- ☆ They send our young men to fight for "freedom" in Vietnam when there is no freedom at home.
- ☆ This country has more industry than any other country in the world . . . yet thousands have no jobs.
- ☆ The Agricultural Dept. worries about overproduction while poor people don't have enough to eat.
- ☆ welfare for people who need it.
- ☆ The wealth of the country goes to weapons of destruction . . . while thousands of Americans go without good housing.

## Dick GREGORY Wants To Turn This Country Right Side Up Again!

1. An end to racism and enforcement of constitutional rights.
2. Immediate end to Vietnam War. He will bring our sons home.
3. The use of the money being wasted in Vietnam to build houses, schools, and provide decent jobs.

*Dick Gregory says "If America does not solve her social problems in the next five years, the problems will solve America."*

TV, Radio, and the Newspapers have ignored Dick Gregory's campaign, hear what he has to say himself.

Pitt Field House (Aliquippa & Darraugh Streets)

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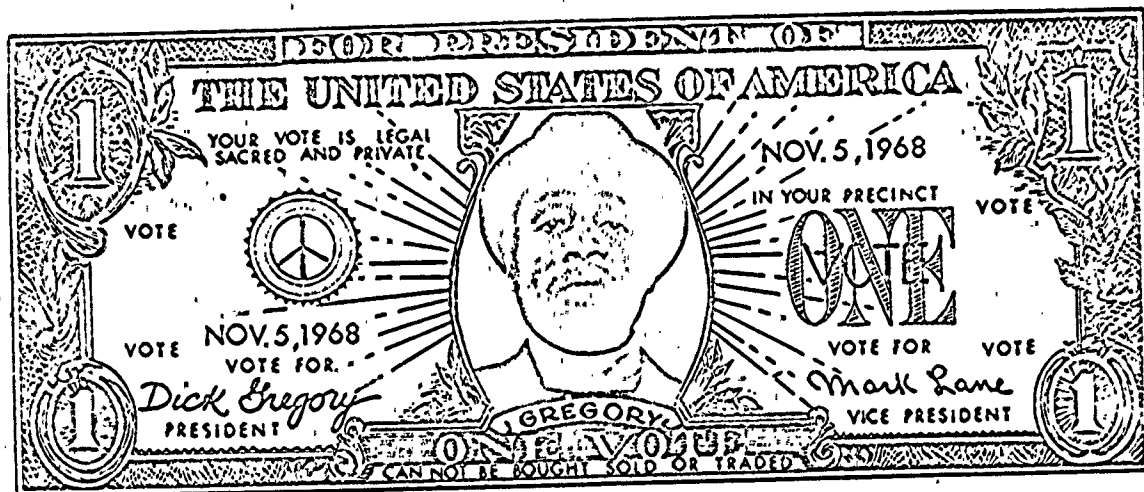
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**PEACE - VOTE FREEDOM VOTE DICK GREGORY FOR PRESIDENT**

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PEACE & FREEDOM PARTY OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY



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On October 8, 1968, PG T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Dick Gregory would be in Pittsburgh on October 14, 1968, through October 16, 1968, in furtherance of his candidacy for the presidency on the PPFT.

PG T-2 furnished the following tentative itinerary for Gregory: ~~(U)~~ (U)

Monday, October 14, 1968

4:00 pm

Press conference at Point Park College.

6:00 pm

Dinner at Point Park College.

8:00 pm

Speech before students and faculty at Point Park College.

Tuesday, October 15, 1968

7:00 am

A visit to Main Gate of U. S. Steel Corporation, Homestead, Pa.

8:00 am

Appearance on Radio Station WAMO, Pittsburgh.

10:00 am

Speech before a student assembly at Westinghouse High School.

11:00 am to 12:00 pm

A tour of predominantly Negro Homewood section of Pittsburgh.

12:30 pm to 2:30 pm

A tour of predominantly Negro Hill District section of Pittsburgh.

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3:00 pm to 5:00 pm

A tour of predominantly Negro Manchester section of Pittsburgh.

5:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Dinner.

6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Appearance on Pittsburgh Radio Station WJAS.

7:15 pm to 8:30 pm

A speech at University of Pittsburgh Field House.

Wednesday, October 16, 1968

6:45 am

A visit to the Main Gate of the Jones and Laughlin Steel Corporation, Pittsburgh.

8:25 am

Speech before student body at Fifth Avenue High School.

10:00 am

A visit to East Hills Shopping Center.

11:30 am to 12:30 pm

Appearance at Mellon Square, downtown Pittsburgh.

12:30 pm to 2:00 pm

Lunch; free time.

2:00 pm to 3:30 pm

Speech before student body at the Ellis School.

4:00 pm to 6:00 pm

A cocktail party at the residence of  *Pa*

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8:00 pm to 10:00 pm

A speech before students and faculty at Chatham College.

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Commander [redacted] furnished a copy of the itinerary, which is essentially the same as that set out above.

On October 15, 1968, the "Pittsburgh Post-Gazette," a daily newspaper, reported that on the afternoon of October 14, 1968, Dick Gregory held a press conference at Point Park College, Pittsburgh. Gregory said he believes the November Presidential election will not be completed, and that more candidates for the Presidency will be killed before the balloting. Gregory said "I look for a lot of vicious things to happen. There is a tremendous conspiracy to overthrow this country and it comes from the Central Intelligence Agency."

According to this article, Gregory linked the assassinations of President JOHN F. KENNEDY, ROBERT F. KENNEDY, and DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., to a conspiracy which he predicted will lead to the death of more candidates prior to November 5th.

Gregory debunked official reports regarding the assassinations of the KENNEDYS and said that the only reason he has not been killed is "because they are learning too much from me."

Gregory claimed his telephone is tapped and said, "If you want to guarantee to get a message to the White House, call Mr. Gregory."

In referring to the recent Democratic National Convention, Gregory said, "Chicago was very good for the people because it made people wake up. Ever since then, the whole power structure has been trying to convince people they didn't see what they saw, and some fools are believing them." He praised the press for telling what really happened in Chicago.

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Gregory characterized Richard Nixon and Vice-President Hubert Humphrey as "dirty, cheap politicians." He said that he thought George Wallace would be more honest than the other Presidential candidates, however, he accused Wallace of not being for the little man.

On October 15, 1968, the "Pittsburgh Press," a daily newspaper, reported that at a press conference held at Pittsburgh on October 14, 1968, Dick Gregory charged that the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) is leading a conspiracy to overthrow the nation and that because of this plot, the November election may not take place. Gregory said "if the election comes off, it'll surprise the hell out of me."

Gregory described the "law and order issue" of the other candidates as a joke because none of them has promised to break up the crime syndicate.

According to the article, Gregory described himself as "a statesman, who is the most honest, ethical man running." He said that "politicians can be corrupted, but statesmen cannot be bought."

Gregory declared that the candidacy of George Wallace has done the nation "a great service by embarrassing us all over the world" and that "Wallace has shown black folks how much racism there is."

PG T-3, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on October 17, 1968, that on October 14, 1968, from approximately 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm, Dick Gregory spoke before about 400 students and faculty members at Point Park College, Pittsburgh. ~~S~~ (U)

PG T-3 said that Gregory's speech was substantially as follows: ~~S~~ (U)

"Good evening. I'm very glad to be here. But you know some people want to come to Pittsburgh and can't get here because there are only two airlines that come here, Mohawk and Allegheny. I called Mohawk and asked them what time did they have a plane going to Pittsburgh and the person on the other end of the phone said, 'What time can you get here?' So I caught Allegheny Airlines. When I got on

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"the plane, I settled down trying to go to sleep. I was sitting next to this white cat that was too scared to go to sleep. The white cat finally got up nerve enough to say something because he recognized me. I know he recognized me from the way he addressed me. 'Hey boy!; What would be the first thing you would do if you were elected President?' I replied, 'The first thing I would do is to paint the White House black and then I would bring all the boys home from Vietnam and send LBJ over to Vietnam, along with Lady Bird and arm them with a barbeque gun.'

"But silly as that fool is, he's liable to win. I received a letter from a friend in England that asked what type of man LBJ was. Because he could not understand how he could come out of Walter Reed Hospital and stand on the steps and show his operation scar on national television. I wrote back to my friend in England that he should be glad LBJ didn't have a hemorrhoid operation.

"You young people have a hell of a task in front of you. It is us old fools that have created the problems that you are going to have to cope with. I am not going to stand up here and tell you about white racism because you know it exists. All you have to do is think of some of the things you heard your mother and father say.

"You know what happened in Chicago with the hippies, yippies, and the police was very important. It showed what a sick nation American is. The news media was just great during the convention. They were so hungry for news that they gave close-ups of the cops whipping those kids' heads, and after the convention, that silly Mayor Daley spent a whole week trying to convince you that you didn't see what you saw. They did not find one stick of dynamite or a gun. But Mayor Daley did get on television with the weapon the hippies and yippies were using, a jar of black widow spiders. Now thats not funny because I know it took a

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"long time to teach those spiders who to bite. They had 16,000 cops, FBI, Secret Service, and 75,000 troops in Chicago to handle 15,000 kids who were outnumbered by at least six to one. If it took that many to handle 16,000 kids then the United States had better never say anything nasty to the Russians. Tell me who was more moral, the hippies and yippies or the Shriners?. Who did more whore mongering, the hippies and yippies, or the Shriners?.

"The young people are saying that morality is no longer a haircut and a Brooks Brothers suit. They are not conforming because they refuse to identify with the older sick generation. What happened in Chicago was not a police action, it was a political action.

"It is the policeman's turn to be the nigger. You see this country has always had its nigger and you don't have to be black to be the nigger. First the Italian was the nigger, then the Irish was the nigger, and the Jew was the nigger, and we were not ready yet so they switched to religion and by that time we were ready to be the nigger. And we were the best nigger this country ever had. My mother was the same as the cops. She was a white folks nigger. She used to be over worked and under paid too. She would work hard all day for them white folks and be mad when she got home and take it out on us. My mother used to sing them white kids to sleep with spirituals and then go down to the kitchen and steal them blind and bring that food home and cook it. Put it on the table and expect us to say a blessing over it. I refused to say the blessing and one day I told my mother that I would make a deal with her. I said I would pray over what she stole if she came down in the cellar and prayed over what I stole. You see she didn't know that I was a better thief than she was, but I could not justify mine through religion.

"I'm going to tell you how to bring the boys home from Vietnam. Start a nationwide campaign throughout all the young people to stop smoking cigarettes and the cigarette companies will bring the boys home.

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"This is a society that puts capitalism before the constitution when capitalism should be behind the constitution. You know years ago when I was in college, they used to have panty raids on girls' dormitories and no one ever said that was communist inspired because you weren't trying to change things. But I never joined in. I was never crazy enough to be stealing no white gals drawers. I would stand outside and yell, 'Get a pair for me baby.' When the goldfish swallowing craze was going on, they didn't say that was communist inspired. When the phone booth jamming craze came they didn't say that was communist inspired. Bell Telephone would gladly replace a broken booth. But if you got a picket sign and picketed one of the booths protesting against the anti-trust and the high cost of toll calls, you would be jailed and called communist inspired. Every year thousands of kids go to Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and tear up the whole town. No one says anything. To show how sick this society is, 50,000 people turned out on Wall Street to look at a broad's breasts. The girl says she wished they would leave her alone. All she has to do is tell the press that she will be coming out of the subway the next day in the tightest sweater she can get in. When she emerges from the subway, have written across her breasts 'Free Huey Newton, Baby,' then she will not have to be bothered with any more crowds.

"You know if a federal man came up and knocked on your door and said he wanted your cat or dog to send to Vietnam there would be a shoot out on the lawn. But these same parents will not say one word when the man comes and gets their son at 18 years of age to go to Vietnam. You know a lot of people were upset when Rap Brown said to get a gun and watch the police. But this is not an original statement, it's right here in this history book which says that in the days when the British were the police, Paul Revere rode through the town shouting, 'Arm yourself, the British are coming.'"

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PG T-4, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on October 15, 1968, that Dick Gregory's speech at Point Park College was sponsored by Student Organization for Understanding Life (SOUL) and the Student Union Forum Committee and was a paid appearance.

Source said that Gregory condemned United States involvement in Vietnam, attacked racism in the United States, urged support of the California grape boycott, and said that the fact that supporters of the late Senator Robert F. Kennedy would cheer the assassination of George Wallace is indicative of a sick society.

PG T-4 said that during Gregory's speech, which was liberally interlaced with humor and satirical remarks, Gregory said blacks have the right to defend themselves with firearms and stated that "Give me liberty or give me death" is better than no progress at all.

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Gregory urged the employment of the CIA to combat "The Syndicate" rather than employing them for overthrowing other countries and he claimed that excessive force had been used against demonstrators at the recent Democratic National Convention.

Gregory, who termed his candidacy as emblematic of honesty, said that police and firemen are the most important people in the country and yet they are the lowest paid.

PG T-5, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on October 16, 1968, that at approximately 7:00 AM, on October 15, 1968, Dick Gregory visited the main gate of the Homestead, Pa., Works of United States Steel Corporation where he passed out "Vote Money" to workers. Later, Gregory visited Westinghouse High School and toured the Homewood Section of Pittsburgh. During the afternoon, Gregory toured the Manchester Section of Pittsburgh and on the evening of October 15, 1968, he spoke before a public gathering at the University of Pittsburgh Field House.

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PG T-3 advised on October 16, 1968, that on October 15, 1968, between 6:30 PM and 8:30 PM, Dick Gregory addressed about 2,000 persons, mostly students, at the University of Pittsburgh Field House. Source said that Gregory's speech was identical to the one which he gave at Point Park College on October 14, 1968. ~~(U)~~

PG T-1 advised on October 21, 1968, that Gregory's speech at the University of Pittsburgh Field House was spiced with derogatory remarks and some vulgarity and was not very political in context. ~~(U)~~

According to PG T-1, Gregory said he does not advocate violence, but if beneficial changes cannot be reached through non-violent acts, then it may be necessary to use violent tactics. ~~(U)~~

Gregory said a few people that are in control of the wealth of this nation also control the political organizations and he stated that America is facing a serious problem of moral pollution. He cited the injustices imposed by "The System" on other minorities, particularly the American Indian.

PG T-6, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on October 15, 1968, that Gregory's speech at the University of Pittsburgh Field House was directed primarily to the students in the audience. He termed the young people of today as "the most morally committed, dedicated group ever to exist in this country," and he said that the young people are the ones that will have to solve the problems, the problems that they had nothing to do with creating. ~~(U)~~

Gregory cited moral pollution as the number one problem in the United States and characterized the nation as insane. He said that it is up to the young people to restore the nation's sanity.

PG T-6 said that Gregory stated that he does not advocate the destruction of capitalism in the United States, however, capitalism should be put in its

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right place behind the constitution and not in front of it. He said that the trouble with today's leaders is that they put the emphasis on property rights rather than human rights. ~~X~~ (U)

Gregory said the only way the black problem in America is going to be resolved is for the Government to create an atmosphere where black people will trust white people. He said that this atmosphere will only be created when the United States helps the Indians, Puerto Ricans, Mexicans and Jews.

Gregory said that if he were elected president, he would bring all the troops home from Vietnam and send LBJ.

PG T-5 advised on October 16, 1968, that on the same date, Dick Gregory visited the main gate of the Jones and Laughlin Steel Corporation, Pittsburgh, spoke at Fifth Avenue High School, and toured the Hill District Section of the city. Source said that on the evening of October 16, 1968, Gregory spoke to students and faculty at Chatham College, a female institution. ~~X~~ (U)

On October 24, 1968, PG T-5 advised that approximately 500 persons were present at Chatham College when Gregory delivered a speech between 8:00 and 10:00 PM. ~~X~~ (U)

Gregory said the hippies and yippies who demonstrated at the Democratic National Convention were voicing their rejection of the existing system. He said that the allegation that some of the demonstrators possessed explosives was a lie created to incense the public against the demonstrators. Gregory said that the young people at Chicago did not have a chance against the Chicago Police because the police, CIA, FBI, and the U. S. Army totaled well over 100,000 men while the yippies and hippies numbered only 15,000.

According to PG T-5, Gregory commented, "The President said that he was sending in 7,000 troops to make sure the convention went off without any disturbances. As one might know, if Johnson said 7,000 you can bet it was 20,000 troops." ~~X~~ (U)

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Regarding the subject of violence, Gregory stated that the whole history of the United States was based on violence and there is nothing wrong with being a black militant and bearing arms, because this right is written in the Constitution. He equated H. Rap Brown and Stokely Carmichael with the Minutemen during the Revolutionary War.

PG T-5 said that Gregory remarked that violence in certain instances is good and that if the Chicago Police want a raise, they should resort to violence by going to the City Council every Monday and beating the heads of the council members. He said that after a couple of weeks of this, the Council would be more than happy to negotiate. (U)

Gregory pointed to the decadence of American society by citing a recent incident in which Wall Street businessmen unabashedly gawked at the bust of a young secretary.

"The Pittsburgh Point," a weekly Pittsburgh newspaper, reported in an article on October 17, 1968, that Dick Gregory received approximately \$750 to \$1,000 for each of the three speeches which he had delivered at Pittsburgh area colleges.

On October 16, 1968, between 6:10 PM and 7:20 PM, Dick Gregory appeared on "Comment," a telephone interview-type program, on Pittsburgh radio station WJAS. Gregory said he is a candidate for the presidency because he is the most morally dedicated, the most honest, and the most brilliant of all the candidates. He described himself as a statesman and said that he is the only one qualified to solve the nation's problems.

Gregory lauded the young people of today as being the most morally committed and honest group that this nation has ever seen.

Gregory demeaned the CIA by charging that it is controlled by former Nazis and that it is involved in

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an insidious plot to destroy the nation.

Again and again, Gregory called for the implementation of the Constitution as a panacea for the nation's problems. He said he is in favor of handgun registration and cited "The Syndicate" as the basis of all crime in the United States.

In regard to capitalism, Gregory said he does not advocate the destruction of capitalism, but is in favor of placing it in its proper perspective so that it will be employed to enhance human rights instead of property rights.

He said that the United States should pull out of Vietnam and that the nation cannot continue to act as the world's policeman.

Gregory urged support of the California grape boycott and complete freedom and equality for the American Indian.

In paraphrasing a section from the Declaration of Independence, Gregory said, "When rights are destroyed over long periods of time it is your duty to destroy or abolish that Government."

He said that George Wallace will be listed on the ledger of history, along with Adolph Hitler and Julius Caesar.

Gregory stated that if he is not elected President on November 5th, he will declare himself "the independent write-in president in exile; establish an office in Washington, D. C.; and thereafter tour the country and get the support of the young people so that together they may implement the Constitution.

Gregory said in any event, he does not plan to return to the entertainment field and he will devote the rest of his life to wiping out hunger, disease and capital punishment.

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On October 14, 1968, Trooper [redacted] Pennsylvania State Police, Ebensburg, Pa., advised that Dick Gregory was scheduled to speak at St. Francis College, Loretto, Pa., on the evening of October 18, 1968.

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On October 19, 1968, Trooper [redacted] supra, advised that on the evening of October 18, 1968, Dick Gregory delivered a two and one half hour speech before a group of approximately 650 persons at St. Francis College.

Gregory said that today's students are the most morally dedicated young people in the history of the country and stated that it is up to young people to save America if she can be saved.

He said that the No. 1 problem in America today is not air pollution, but moral pollution and that the young people have the job of giving America back her sanity. Gregory said the problems between young people and old people arise when the young discover that their society isn't what it should be and want a change.

Gregory stated that the young people of today are saying that morality will no longer be a clean-shaven face, a Brooks Brothers suit, and haircut once a week. He said morality comes from within and cannot be bought with a credit card.

Gregory warned that students should not be so busy learning how to make a living, less they forget to learn how to live.

He called for United States withdrawal from Vietnam and said that if he is elected President he would cease trade with Russia since they supply the bullets that kill American fighting men in Vietnam.

On October 28, 1968, Commander [redacted] supra, advised that at approximately 1:45 PM on October 24, 1968, members of the Pittsburgh Police Department and Secret Service Agents raided the Peace and Freedom Center, 5899 Ellsworth Avenue, Pittsburgh, and confiscated a number of bogus \$1 bills bearing the likeness of presidential candidate Dick Gregory.

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

Commander [ ] said no arrests were made and none are complicated. The purpose of the raid was to confiscate the "campaign money" since they too closely resemble legal tender.

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The Pittsburgh Police Department is cognizant of the above. The U. S. Attorney's Office, Secret Service, and Army Intelligence, all Pittsburgh, Pa., have been apprised of the above information.

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To: Director, FBI (100-440423) ATTENTION:

From: *[Signature]* SAC, PITTSBURGH (157-652) ☐ CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION  
GENERAL INVEST. DIV.  
(RUC) ☒ DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIV.Subject: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

(OO: CHICAGO)

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☐ PA ☐ PE ☐ PF  
☐ BM ☐ BM-Threats ☒ Racial Matters  
☐ Klan ☐ Organization

## Summary of Complaint:

Remytels dated 10/24 and 10/26/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven copies of an LHM concerning captioned subject. One copy of LHM being enclosed for Chicago.

Copies of the enclosed LHM have been furnished to USA, Wheeling, W. Va.; Secret Service, Charleston, W. Va.; G-2 and OSI, Pittsburgh, Pa.; and NISO, Norfolk, Va.

Information from Chief of Police JOSEPH NOLL, Bureau of Police, Wheeling, W. Va., was furnished to SA

Source referred to in LHM is  (GHETTO) Location: DEPT: ISD, ~~CHS~~, MAO ~~7 DDU~~ *STATE*

ACTION: UACB:

HOW FORW: *1/5*DATE FORW: *11/9/68*☒ No further action being taken and *11/9/68*☒ LHM enclosed ☒ Copy furnished to USA, W☐ LHM being submitted☒ Report being submitted

1-Chicago (157-347) Preliminary investigation instituted

(Enc-1) (RM) ☐ Limited investigation instituted

3-Pittsburgh

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

November 1, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

On October 24, 1968, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Richard Claxton Gregory was scheduled to make a public appearance at 8:00 PM, October 26, 1968, at the Wheeling College Fieldhouse, Wheeling, W. Va.

On October 26, 1968, source advised that Gregory appeared on that date at the Wheeling College Fieldhouse, Wheeling, and spoke approximately two and one-half hours before a crowd of approximately 1500 people, composed primarily of students. Gregory was introduced to the group by [redacted] a Wheeling [redacted] of Wheeling College. [redacted] was preceded on the platform by [redacted] at Wheeling College and [redacted] Wheeling, and by Reverend Joseph Newell, Wheeling College chaplain, who informed the audience that the students had expressed the desire to have several people with varying ideas appear on campus and that [redacted] had volunteered to pay the expenses for the appearance of Gregory. Source advised that Gregory's talk contained no open threats of violence and indicated that he was not disillusioned about his chances of being elected President of the United States. He stressed the need for law and order and higher salaries for law enforcement officers and appealed to the younger generation to break from pattern established by the older generation. He advocated ending the war in Vietnam and lowering the voting age. Source stated there were no incidents during or following Gregory's talk.

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Source advised that prior to the talk, Gregory and his small party attended a dinner and cocktail party at the residence of [REDACTED] Wheeling. *W. Va.*

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On October 26, 1968, Chief of Police Joseph Noll, Bureau of Police, Wheeling, advised that Gregory spoke to an orderly group of approximately 1500 people at Wheeling College from approximately 8:00 PM until 10:30 PM on that same date. He advised that there were no incidents.

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BOSTON, AND WASHINGTON FIELD

ATT. DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

CHICAGO VIA WASHINGTON PLAINTEXT

FROM NEW YORK 157-1093

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY RM - BNT

CONFIDENTIAL SOURCES, NEW YORK OFFICE, FURNISHED  
FOLLOWING INFORMATION ELEVEN FOUR SIXTY-EIGHT.

RICHARD GREGORY ARRIVED NEW YORK CITY AROUND  
TEN AM FRIDAY, ELEVEN ONE SIXTY-EIGHT. HE MADE CAMPAIGN  
SPEECHES IN BEDFORD STUYVESTANT SECTION BROOKLYN,  
THE VILLAGE AREA, THE BRONX, AND HARLEM; HE STAYED  
OVERNIGHT IN GREENWICH VILLAGE AND MADE APPEARANCES  
AT VILLAGE GATE THEATER, NEW YORK CITY, AND AT  
TOWN HALL, MANAHATTAN. GENERALLY, IN HIS SPEECHES,  
GREGORY ATTACKED GEORGE WALLACE, PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE.  
HE CITED THE HIGH SALES TAX IN ALABAMA WHICH WAS  
HURTING LITTLE PEOPLE. HE RIDICULED THE NEW YORK CITY

POLICE DEPARTMENT SAYING THAT THEY DID NOT HAVE THE  
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HEART TO STRIKE; THAT IF THE BLACKS IN NEW YORK CITY RIOTED, AND THE POLICE WERE FORCED INTO DOUBLE TOURS, THE CITY WOULD FIND A WAY TO PAY THEIR SALARIES. GREGORY SAID IF WALLACE WERE ELECTED PRESIDENT, TEN MILLION WHITES WOULD COMMIT SUICIDE BECAUSE OF THE STOCK MARKET CRASH.

WITH REFERENCE TO HIS CAMPAIGN, GREGORY SAID HE DID NOT EXPECT TO WIN; THAT THE 'MOVEMENT' WOULD NOT DIE IN THE NEXT EIGHT YEARS, BUT HIS PARTY WOULD SET UP A GOVERNMENT IN EXILE IN WASHINGTON. GREGORY SAID ON ELEVEN TWO SIXTY-EIGHT THAT HE WOULD LEAVE SHORTLY FOR MAINE (PLACE NOT INDICATED) AND WOULD RETURN TO CHICAGO ON TUESDAY, ELEVEN FIVE SIXTY-EIGHT.

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CONFIDENTIAL SOURCES REFERRED TO ARE

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PLANNED

ACTIVITIES OF DICK GREGORY IN MAINE UNKNOWN TO NEW YORK OFFICE SOURCES. LHM FOLLOWS. ~~(C)~~ (U)

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, RM.

*mb* A RELIABLE SOURCE, ADVISED TODAY THAT THE SUBJECT SPOKE  
AT MT. MERCY COLLEGE, PITTSBURGH, BETWEEN APPROXIMATELY ONE  
AND TWO PM ON INSTANT DATE.

GREGORY'S REMARKS WERE IDENTICAL TO THE STANDARD SPEECH  
WHICH HE HAS UTILIZED IN ADDRESSING COLLEGE AUDIENCES. THERE  
WERE NO INCIDENTS.

SUBJECT'S TRAVEL PLANS UNKNOWN.

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TO DIRECTOR AND CHICAGO

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CHICAGO VIA WASHINGTON

FROM MIAMI

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DASH FOUR FOUR ZERO FOUR TWO THREE, CHICAGO. FILE ONE FIVE  
SEVEN - THREE FOUR SEVEN, MIAMI FILE ONE FIVE SEVEN  
ONE FIVE SIX FOUR.

STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY, IS - SDS. BUFILE  
ONE ZERO ZERO - FOUR THREE NINE ZERO. FOUR EIGHT, MIAMI  
FILE ONE ZERO ZERO - ONE FIVE ONE TWO. EIGHT.

*guy* A SOURCE WITH WHOM THERE HAS BEEN INSUFFICIENT CONTACT  
TO DETERMINE RELIABILITY, WHO ADVISED HE ASSOCIATES WITH  
STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY (SDS) MEMBERS AT THE  
UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI, CORAL GABLES, FLA., ADVISED THAT SDS  
DECIDED AT A MEETING ON NOV. SIX, LAST, TO DEMONSTRATE AT  
THE APPEARANCE OF RICHARD GREGORY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF  
MIAMI, NOV. SEVEN, INSTANT. THEY DECIDED TO ENTER AN AREA  
OF THE AUDITORIUM WHERE GREGORY IS APPEARING, WHICH AREA IS  
RESERVED FOR FACULTY AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL.

ENTERING THIS AREA, THEY WILL REFUSE TO LEAVE REASON-FCIM II, 1-2.4.2

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THE SOURCE SAID THAT GREGORY WAS GOING TO BE ADVISED OF THIS ACTIVITY PRIOR TO HIS APPEARANCE AND THEY EXPECT HIS SUPPORT DURING THIS DEMONSTRATION. ~~(S)~~ (U)

ON NOV. SEVEN, INSTANT, DETECTIVE [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] DADE COUNTY SO., ADVISED THAT GREGORY IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE MIAMI BY AIR APPROXIMATELY ONE PM NOV. SEVEN, INSTANT, AND TRAVEL DIRECTLY TO THE UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI, CORAL GABLES. HE REPORTEDLY WILL MEET WITH A "BLACK ONLY" GROUP OF STUDENTS AT THE UNIVERSITY DURING THE AFTERNOON. HE IS TO SPEND THE EVENING OF NOV. SEVEN, INSTANT, AT THE UNIVERSITY'S FACULTY LOUNGE AND DEPART MIAMI BY AIR SHORTLY AFTER EIGHT AM, NOV. EIGHT, NEXT.

DADE COUNTY SO, CORAL GABLES PD, ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH MI GROUP, SECRET SERVICE, AND USA'S OFFICE, MIAMI, ADVISED.  
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THE SOURCE IS [REDACTED] PSI (UD).

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MIAMI IS ATTEMPTING TO SECURE COVERAGE OF GREGORY'S APPEARANCE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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Date: 11/5/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)  
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (157-1093)  
SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTERS  
(OO:CHICAGO)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York

November 9, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to

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NYfile 157-1093

Richard Claxton Gregory  
Racial Matters - Black Nationalist

Confidential Source 1 furnished the following  
information November 1, 1968: ~~(U)~~

Dick Gregory, candidate for the Presidency of the United States on the Freedom and Peace Party (FPP) ticket, held a rally at Arlington Place and Fulton Street, Brooklyn, New York, from 12:45 PM until 1:00 PM on Friday, November 1, 1968. Gregory attacked George Wallace, Presidential candidate, and cited the high sales tax in the state of Alabama, which he said was hurting little people. He ridiculed Wallace with sarcasm and humor. He also attacked the police of the New York City Police Department (NYCPD) calling them a "bunch of punks" who lacked the heart to strike. He said that if the blacks in New York City rioted and the police were forced into double-shifts, the city would find a way to pay the salaries. He queried that the police might get what they wanted if they called a general strike on January 1, 1969. ~~(U)~~

Gregory said that if George Wallace were elected President of the United States that there would be ten million whites who would commit suicide because the stock market would drop drastically.

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Richard Claxton Gregory

Confidential Source 2 furnished the following information on November 2, 1968: ~~(U)~~

Richard Gregory was the featured speaker at a rally of the FPP held in Town Hall, Manhattan, on Saturday evening, November 2, 1968. At this program, Ossie Davis, Negro entertainer, was Master of Ceremonies (MC), and Pete Seeger, folk singer, provided entertainment. Another speaker on the program was Mark Lane, also a candidate on the FPP ticket. Dick Gregory, in his speech, conceded that he would not win the election. Both he and Mark Lane in substance indicated that "The Movement" would not die in the next eight years but they were going to set up a Government-in-exile in Washington, D.C. Source was of the belief that "The Movement" here referred to the FPP. Mark Lane allegedly stated that they would set up headquarters in Washington, D.C. and call it "Black House." ~~(U)~~

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Confidential Source 3 furnished the following information on November 2, 1968: ~~(U)~~

Richard Gregory arrived in New York City at about 10:00 AM on Friday, November 1, 1968. He made campaign speeches in the Bedford Stuyvesant section of Brooklyn, in the East Village area, the Bronx, Harlem, and mid Manhattan. He stayed overnight in Greenwich Village and made appearances at the Village Gate, New York City, and at Town Hall, Manhattan. ~~(U)~~

Gregory made the statement on November 2, 1968, that he would be leaving shortly for the state of Maine (place not indicated) and would return to Chicago on Tuesday, November 5, 1968. He mentioned that his wife had just given birth to a child and he was anxious to see the child.

All Confidential Sources referred to in the above Letterhead Memo have furnished reliable information in the past.

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TO DIRECTOR (100-44023) WASHINGTON FIELD CHICAGO

CHICAGO VIA WASHINGTON  
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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, AKA; RM.

A RELIABLE SOURCE ADVISED THAT SUBJECT SCHEDULED TO SPEAK ON CIVIL RIGHTS AT EIGHT P.M., NOVEMBER THIRTEEN NEXT AT FINE ARTS AUDITORIUM, MONTGOMERY JUNIOR COLLEGE, ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND. THE APPEARANCE, SPONSORED BY THE STUDENTS ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION MJC, HAS NOT BEEN ADVERTISED AND SEVEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY TICKETS AVAILABLE HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO MJC STUDENTS ONLY.

ADMINISTRATIVE DATA:

SOURCE IS [REDACTED] MJC, ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

DATE: 11/20/68

FROM : SAC, BOSTON (157-844) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTERS  
(OO: Chicago)

Re New York airtel to Bureau, 11/5/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are seven copies and for Chicago two copies of an LHM in above matter.

Confidential source referred to in LHM is [redacted] University of Maine at Portland, Maine who furnished the information to SA JAMES V. GIBBONS and requested that her identity be concealed.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Boston, Massachusetts  
November 20, 1968

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

On November 6, 1968, a confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised as follows:

Independent presidential candidate Dick Gregory spoke at the University of Maine in Portland, Maine on November 3, 1968 before a group of about 500 persons, mostly of college age.

Gregory stated that he would invalidate the entire vote in Maine if the write-in votes cast for him were not counted. He said he was challenging a statement made by the Attorney General of Maine to the effect that write-in votes would be void. Gregory said that the United States Supreme Court had ruled that write-in votes must be counted.

Gregory said that there was a good chance of an independent candidate being elected President of the United States in 1972. He said his principal motive in campaigning was to break up the big trusts, to rid the country of the two party system, to work for human rights for blacks and whites and to clean up the immoral and degenerate system of government now prevalent in the United States. He charged that the Democratic Party had been backing the campaign of former Governor George Wallace to throw the election into the House of Representatives. He said that none of the three major candidates had said anything about the crime syndicates which were putting heroin into our schools. He told the college students that the faith and destiny of America depended on them.

He condemned "America's war in Vietnam" as "immoral" and said "If I were your President, I'd pull those boys out of Vietnam." He said that people who favored the war in Vietnam should be sent over there to fight it. He said he would give the Minutemen special privileges to go first. He said Americans were upset over the assassinations of the two Kennedys and Martin Luther King but were not disturbed over the assassinations of George Lincoln Rockwell, former head of the American Nazi Party or Malcolm X, former head of the Black Muslims.

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

He said his organization would sponsor a "nude march" of 500 people in Washington, D.C. in the Spring of 1969 for the purpose of getting the United States Supreme Court to rule that people must wear clothes. He said that the government would then have to supply clothing for people.

Gregory departed from Portland, Maine after the speech stating that he was going to return to his home in Chicago.

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		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>ARL</b>		

REFERENCES:

Chicago teletype to Omaha 11/5/68, entitled "Disturbances in Connection with Democratic National Convention, Chicago, Illinois;"

Chicago airtel to Bureau 9/17/68, entitled "Disturbances in Connection with Democratic National Convention Chicago, Illinois;"

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NIS, Omaha, advised that the Director, NIS, Washington, D. C. has requested a copy of this report be disseminated to NIS, Omaha, Nebraska. An additional copy of this report is furnished the Bureau for dissemination to NIS, Washington, D. C.

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Commander [ ] whose interview is set forth in this report, was advised that he was being interviewed at the specific request of the Assistant Attorney General in Charge of the Criminal Division, Department of Justice.

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Title:

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

Character:

ANTIRIOT LAWS

Synopsis:

Interview of Commander [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] covering Democratic National Convention, who  
positively identified photograph of subject and who provided  
information concerning subject's activities, set forth.

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Commander [redacted] United States Navy Reserve, who is presently enrolled at [redacted] and who resides at [redacted] Lincoln, Nebraska, provided the following information:

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During the Democratic National Convention he functioned as a [redacted] headed by [redacted] which observed the demonstrations and obtained audio tape recordings of speeches by demonstration leaders on various days, but principally at the mass rally, August 28, 1968, at the Grant Park band shell, Chicago, Illinois.

He arrived in Chicago, Illinois, Monday, August 26, 1968. He was immediately assigned to cover the demonstrations. [redacted] recorded the speeches that they observed during the convention and they are available through [redacted] Room 900, U. S. Custom House, 610 South Canal Street, Chicago, Illinois. He heard the speeches that [redacted] recorded and he can testify that they are true and accurate recordings.

He observed the following photographs:

[redacted] Little Rock Police Department

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY;

[redacted] Memphis Police Department [redacted]

[redacted] Memphis Police Department [redacted]

[redacted] Memphis Police Department [redacted]

[redacted] Memphis Police Department [redacted]

[redacted] Little Rock Police Department [redacted]

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[redacted] positively identified the photograph of RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY as being the individual introduced as such at the Grant Park band shell and in front of the Conrad Hilton on Thursday, August 29, 1968. He acted as master of ceremonies at the latter demonstration. GREGORY was one of the few speakers who did not chide the police, but merely said that they were

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by SA [redacted] PJC Date dictated 11/13/68



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taking orders from those in power. GREGORY was very careful in his speech. He did not directly advocate the use of force nor did he indicate that he advocated the use of techniques which would be capable of causing personal injury or which would interfere with law enforcement officers in the performance of their duties.

The actual text of the speeches made by GREGORY are available in the audio tape recordings taken by [redacted]  
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Assistant Attorney General

DATE: November 21, 1968

**CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION**

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: **RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY**  
**ANTIRIOT LAWS**

FILE COPY

Reference is made to My memorandum dated 11/19/68  
(your file \_\_\_\_\_).

There is enclosed one copy of the report of Special  
Agent \_\_\_\_\_ dated 11/18/68  
at Omaha.

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A. ☐ This covers the preliminary investigation and no further action concerning a full investigation will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

B. ☐ The investigation is continuing and you will be furnished copies of reports as they are received.

C. ☐ The investigation requested by you has now been completed. Unless advised to the contrary no further inquiries will be made by this Bureau.

D. ☐ Pursuant to instructions issued by the Department, no investigation will be conducted in this matter unless specifically directed by the Department.

E. ☐ Please advise whether you desire any further investigation.

F. ☐ This is submitted for your information and you will be advised of further developments.

G. ☒ This is submitted for your information and no further investigation will be conducted unless specifically requested by the Department.

H. ☐ This covers the receipt of a complaint and no further action will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

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FROM: SAC, MIAMI

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
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Miami File 157-1564

STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY  
IS - SDS  
Bufile 100-439048  
Miami File 100-15128

Re Miami teletype to Bureau and Chicago,  
11/7/68, and Miami letter to Chicago, 8/30/68, captioned  
"RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, RM."

Enclosed for the Bureau are 12 copies of LHM,  
suitable for dissemination. Enclosed for Chicago is one  
copy of LHM.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and one  
copy of FD-376.

The source referred to in LHM is  
[redacted] - PSI (UD). (U)

Miami will follow and report on activities  
relating to GREGORY's visit to Miami.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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November 7, 1968

Director  
United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220

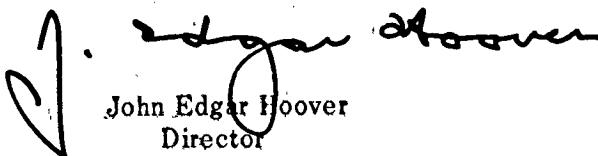
Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
3. ☐ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
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  - (a) ☐ Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior;
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  - (c) ☐ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.
6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

Photograph ☐ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☐ is not available  
☐ may be available through \_\_\_\_\_

Very truly yours,

  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s))  
U. S. Secret Service **Miami, Florida**

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(Upon removal of classified enclosures, if any, this transmittal form becomes UNCLASSIFIED.)



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In Reply, Please Refer to  
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Miami, Florida  
November 7, 1968

RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY

A source, with whom insufficient contact has been had to determine reliability, who claims to associate with members of the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) at the University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida, furnished the following information on November 7, 1968:

Approximately twenty-five SDS members met at a closed meeting at the University of Miami on the evening of November 6, 1968, at which time they discussed the appearance of DICK GREGORY at the University of Miami on the evening of November 7, 1968. These SDS members noted that the first five to seven rows of the auditorium where GREGORY is to appear are reserved for faculty and administrative personnel. These SDS members decided that they would protest the existence of this area of reserved seating. They would enter this reserved section just prior to GREGORY's appearance and refuse to leave that area.

A characterization of the SDS is contained in the Appendix Section of this memorandum.

The SDS members present at this meeting said that they would be able to inform GREGORY of their planned activity before his appearance and they anticipate his support during this activity.

On November 7, 1968, Detective [redacted] [redacted] Dade County Sheriff's Office, advised that DICK GREGORY is expected to arrive at Miami for his appearance at the University of Miami by air at approximately one PM on November 7, 1968. He said that GREGORY was scheduled to go directly to the University of Miami, where he is expected to meet with a group of "black only" students during the afternoon.

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After GREGORY's appearance at the University, which is scheduled for 8:30 PM, November 7, 1968, he is to remain on campus staying at the University's faculty lounge. Detective [ ] said that GREGORY is scheduled to depart Miami by air shortly after 8 AM on November 8, 1968.

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The Dade County Sheriff's Office, Coral Gables Police Department, 111th MI Group, Secret Service and the United States Attorney's office, Miami, were advised of the above information on November 7, 1968.

Copies of this memorandum are being disseminated locally to the U. S. Secret Service, 111th MI Group and the United States Attorney's office, Miami, Florida.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

## APPENDIX

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### STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY (SDS)

The Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), as it is known today, came into being at a founding convention held at Port Huron, Michigan, in June of 1962. The SDS is an association of young people on the left, and has a current program of protesting the draft, promoting a campaign for youth to develop a conscientious objector status, denouncing United States intervention in the war in Vietnam, and to "radically transform" the university community, and provide for its complete control by students. GUS HALL, General Secretary, Communist Party, United States of America (CPUSA), when interviewed by a representative of United Press International in San Francisco, California on May 14, 1965, described the SDS as a part of the "responsible left" which the Party has "going for us." At the June, 1965 SDS National Convention, an anti-communist proviso was removed from the SDS Constitution. In the October 7, 1966 issue of "New Left Notes," the official publication of SDS, an SDS spokesman stated that there are some communists in SDS and they are welcome. The national headquarters of this organization as of July 24, 1968, was located in Room 206, 1608 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois.



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STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY (SDS)

The August 7, 1968, edition of the "Miami Hurricane", the University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida, student newspaper, reported "DICK" GREGORY, who was described as a Negro entertainer who has spent considerable time in jail in connection with his efforts to secure rights for Negroes, would appear at the University of Miami in November, 1968, to participate in the University of Miami's 1968-69 Lecture Series.

The November 4, 1968 edition of "Veritas", the University of Miami bi-weekly newsletter for faculty and staff, reported that DICK GREGORY would speak on civil rights at 8:00 PM, November 7, 1968, at the Ibis Cafeteria, Whitten Memorial Union. This is part of the University Lecture Series.

A source with whom insufficient contact has been had to determine reliability, who claims to associate with members of the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) at the University of Miami advised on November 7, 1968, that SDS members noted that the first five to seven rows in the auditorium where GREGORY was to speak are reserved for faculty and staff personnel at the University. They decided that they would protest the existence of this area of reserve seating and enter the area during GREGORY's speech and refuse to leave. They anticipated GREGORY's support in this action. ~~(S)~~ (U)

A characterization of SDS is contained in the Appendix section of this memorandum.

A second source advised that University of Miami officials decided that the first few rows in the auditorium where GREGORY was to speak, which are normally reserved for faculty and staff members, would not be reserved at this lecture.

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He said their decision was made to avoid any demonstrations or problems that might arise because of the reserved area.

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This second source advised on November 8, 1968, that GREGORY spoke at the University of Miami as scheduled to an audience of from 800 to 900 students and faculty members. His speech was late in starting for some unknown reason and he spoke for about two hours during which time he expressed opinions and made statements critical of the U.S. Government, the capitalistic system in the U.S., U.S. participation in the Vietnam war, as well as many situations and conditions in the U.S. society which he felt must be changed. ~~(S)~~ (U)

This source noted no statement which tended to arouse or inflame the students in attendance. He said that GREGORY's speech was concluded without any incidents or problems.

According to this second source, at the conclusion of his speech GREGORY invited those interested to the Student Union for an informal gathering where he would be glad to answer questions. A small group of students, including several black students, accompanied GREGORY to the Student Union. ~~(S)~~ (U)

On November 8, 1968, Captain [redacted] Coral Gables, Florida Police Department, advised that GREGORY's appearance at the University of Miami did not cause any incidents. He said, however, that at the conclusion of his speech GREGORY invited those interested to the Student Union patio where he would answer questions. The University officials did not want the students to gather on the patio and preferred they use one of the rooms in the Student Union. After GREGORY had made his announcement a member of the Coral Gables Police Department attempted to use the microphone to announce his desire that the patio not be used. The police officer was jeered by those in attendance. As soon as GREGORY realized the situation he announced to the students that he would abide by the University's request and meet in a room in the Student Union rather than on the patio.

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Captain [ ] said there were no further difficulties or problems.

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On November 8, 1968, Detective [ ]  
[ ], Dade County Department of Public Safety, advised that GREGORY was expected to arrive in Miami by air from Chicago at about 1:00 PM, November 7, 1968. [ ] said for some unknown reason GREGORY was late on arriving. He said that he arrived at approximately 6:00 PM and came from Newark, New Jersey rather than Chicago. [ ] said because of GREGORY's delayed arrival his itinerary at the University of Miami was changed. He went directly from the airport to the University where he had dinner at the University's Faculty Lounge.

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Immediately after dinner he went to the Ibis Cafeteria where he delivered his speech. After delivering the speech, GREGORY met informally with any interested students at the Student Union. [ ] said that to his knowledge GREGORY did not meet with a "black only" student group as had been expected.

The second source advised GREGORY spent the night of November 7-8, 1968, at the University's Faculty Lounge and departed Miami via Delta Airlines flight 832 at 8:00 AM on November 8, 1968. ~~(S)~~ (U)

Delta Airlines flight schedule shows that their flight 832 originates in Miami, Florida and terminates at Chicago, Illinois with one intermediate stop at Atlanta, Georgia.

Following is a copy of an article concerning GREGORY's appearance at the University of Miami which appeared in the November 8, 1968 edition of the "Miami News", a Miami, Florida daily newspaper:

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# Gregory's Black Humor

By DICK HOLLAND  
Miami News Reporter

A black master of comedy-for-a-cause walked onto the University of Miami campus, grabbed 1,500 students last night and held them close to his bitter bravery.

Dick Gregory — black male, 36, American husband and father, defeated presidential candidate of the Peace and Freedom Party — held them in the palm of his

hand, showed them his hurt, his hatred, his love.

"Explain what black power is?"

"After that tremendous operation in South Africa, where the black cat gave his heart to a white cat — you know, the only one that's still working right — we thought the whole world knew what black power was.

"We knew nothing was

wrong with white folks that a change of heart wouldn't straighten out."

Joke upon joke: "Of course, the last thing we want is for you to be thinking we're your spare parts . . . I'm for transplants, but I'm against transplants you can hide.

"I'm for transplants on the outside. I'd love to see a

white cat get a colored foot..."

"It was a gentle opening to a civilized man's savage attack upon 'The System.'"

Gregory. — professional comedian, critic, author, iconoclast, activist and pacifist, Indian-lover and jailbird — left no stone of discontent unturned and no target of the black man's wrath unstoned.

A champion miler in his own college days, he ran all the way to a chorus of student applause, crisscrossing the raw lines of language.

"Whole lots of white folks think niggers stink. Well, I'm not here to tell you niggers don't stink. Do your own research.

"We do not know what Africans do in the bushes after dark. But we know what you do in the bushes after dark. We do the same thing you do — we learned it from you. Now get off our damn backs.

"We'll make a deal with you: The day this dirty system gives black boys the good jobs it gives you, so black boys can afford the whores you can afford, we won't have so many babies in the ghettos."

Progress? Oh yes, said Gregory, he can see progress.

He stood on a small stage at one end of a jam-packed auditorium at the U-M's Whitten Memorial Union building. He wore blue coveralls and a blue denim jacket and a beard. His frame looked hard under the coveralls and his head (or was it his headache?) looked too large for his frame.

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Progress? Yes, said Gregory, he sees progress every time his wife grows large with child.

Back in America's slave pens, he said, the mother and father of a baby would pray that the baby would be deformed, so that they could keep it with them and it wouldn't be taken and sold.

Now, he said, he has seven black children at home, "and I ain't never told them how to react if someone calls 'em nigger. I know how they'll react."

His children baked a cake for him on his last birthday, Gregory said, and they inscribed it with: "Happy Birthday, you 36-year-old Uncle Tom Nigger."

Gregory said he had to admit they were right. He was running around preaching non-violence and Matt Dillon was coming into their living room every week and showing them the virtues of shooting straight.

Gregory tilted his large head back and gazed out at the young audience through heavy-lidded eyes and said:

"I don't have to tell you. You looked at the Democratic convention in Chicago (his hometown). Three days after the convention was over, the Establishment was tryin' to tell you you didn't see what you did see."

Fifteen-thousand hippies and yuppies turned out in Chicago and everybody got upset, Gregory said.

"But six weeks ago you saw something on Wall Street. Twenty-thousand sick degenerates came out on Wall Street one day to look at a chesty broad.

"Did anyone get upset? Did J. Edgar Hoover say that was Communist?"

The only reason the Establishment gets upset when the youngsters turn out, Gregory

said, is that the young people are trying to change things.

About assassination, Gregory said, everyone got upset when Martin Luther King, Robert Kennedy and John F. Kennedy were murdered. No one got upset when Malcolm X and George Lincoln Rockwell were murdered.

"Are we a nation that doesn't like assassination or are we a nation that gets uptight only when somebody we like gets assassinated?"

About the presidency: "I really thought I was goin' to win the presidency (he got 36,861 votes). I was the only one runnin' for president — the rest of them were runnin' for sheriff."

Gregory said he was really the "law and order man."

"Shoot all the looters! I agree. But make it retroactive and put the guns in the Indians' hands.

"Hate niggers all you want," Gregory said, "just stop insulting us."

"It's an insult for white America to tell black folks to be non-violent. . . They look at us and say, 'Be non-violent, boy.' We say they can go to hell.

"Get up on that Indian reservation and cut my brother loose. You can't be no more non-violent than that Indian's been. He's been non-violent for 75 years now and you don't even know he's there.

"If that Indian wants some action in the morning, all he's got to do is get up on a viaduct and start shooting, hollering Red Power."

But soon after that, Gregory said, "On television some old Uncle Tom-Tom would be saying we want to keep our reservation like it is — it's those people like Stokely Red-Heart that are causing all the trouble."

Inflaming words? Gregory's appearance was spon-

sored by the undergraduate student government and the U-M's University Lecture Series, and admission was restricted to U-M students and faculty, and few others.

The audience was well-behaved, patient when the public address system faltered. The students followed Gregory with their eyes — tender eyes, hurt eyes, moody eyes, sardonic eyes — and laughed. The timing of his humor was professional and deliberate.

He spoke far beyond his scheduled time, winding up with a question-and-answer session on the patio at midnight.

Plainclothes detectives, trying to look like students or teachers and failing at both, kept an eye on the crowd. There was no need to.

Gregory said he was not out to destroy the capitalistic system, only to bring it back behind the Constitution rather than "in front of it."

He told them to use their

potential power of economic boycott — of the mammoth record business, for example to "create an atmosphere where men don't have to throw bricks or burn buildings to get a redress of grievances."

Gregory described his own generation as "Old Fools," some of whom only appear to be leading youth because the young people are chasing them. And the young people, he said, want purity.

Politicians, Gregory said, are the lowest form of animal walking the earth, and what we need are statesmen. He didn't vote in the 1964 presidential election, Gregory said, but if he had it would have been for Barry Goldwater, because Goldwater was one of the very few honest politicians. George Wallace, he said, was not.

"One thing Wallace did for me," Gregory said, "was get that last little piece of nigger out of the back of my head..."

RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

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Newport News, Va.

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11/6 <sup>Scheduled</sup> Mercy College, Pittsburgh, Pa.

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Lane, during a speech on 11/1/68, stated that "The Black House" had been purchased in Washington, D.C. and that he and Gregory would run their "American Government in Exile" from this house. He also announced plans for a Black Inaugural Ball to be held outside the White House to coincide with the

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RE: MARK LANE



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Presidential Inaugural Ball. Gregory and Lane were running mates on the Peace and Freedom Party ticket during the recent Presidential election.



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Re Indianapolis teletype to Director 11/5/68.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are copies of LHM which the Bureau may desire to disseminate.

Investigation in LHM was conducted by SA HAYES S. KING.

Source mentioned in LHM is [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana, an established source.

MIG, U. S. Army, South Bend, Ind.; St. Joseph County SO, South Bend; Indiana State Police, South Bend; USA, Fort Wayne, Indiana, and USSS, Indianapolis, Ind., were advised of information in LHM on 11/5/68; and copies of LHM furnished MIG, Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Ind., USA, Fort Wayne, Ind., and USSS, Indianapolis.

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Indianapolis, Indiana  
November 8, 1968

STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY (SDS)

A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, at the University of Notre Dame (UND), South Bend, Indiana, advised on November 5, 1968 that at 1:30 PM the same date, members of the UND chapter of the SDS would stage an election demonstration near the UND Fieldhouse, which was also being used as a polling place.

Source advised later on November 5, 1968 that on this same date about 50 individuals, including five individuals and two infants, participated in the demonstration, by lounging on the ground on the UND campus about 300 feet from the UND Fieldhouse. "Psychedelic" type music of Captain Electric and his band was played from amplifiers and signs urging the election of Dick Gregory and Mark Lane for the Presidency and Vice Presidency of the United States respectively were displayed. Demonstrators, according to source, appeared for the most part to be UND students. Among those participating in the demonstration was [redacted] who source identified as being [redacted] SDS on the UND campus.

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Source furnished literature being distributed by the demonstrators which is quoted below:

"ANTI-ELECTION FESTIVAL

"THE PROTEST/THE ALTERNATIVES:AND/OR

"Today's presidential, despite the lack of diversity among the major candidates, has generated widely diverse feelings. Today's demonstration, in protest to this election, embraces the three most

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"prevalent. If you are politically alienated, politically oriented, or merely apathetic, we ask you to join our anti-election festival.

"We protest the lack of alternatives offered the American people by the major candidates. The differences among HumphreyWallaceNixon are basically ones of rhetoric and party allegiance. You may consider Humphrey more 'liberal' than Wallace but the fact is, they will order the same planes to drop the same bombs on the same people and send the same cops into the same ghettos with the same clubs and the same me mace. There is no alternative. Protest this fact by casting your ballot in the SDS poll booth.

"We also support the candidacy of Dick Gregory. We do so with the reminder that in the past, important decisions have never been made in the voting booth. The money interests (the giant corporations, the military, the universities) make the important decisions about people's lives. And they will continue to do so until we organize to challenge their illegitimate power. This election will be like those in the past in that the voters will make no decisions. This election will be different, in that a challenge has been offered. Dick Gregory will not be a strong challenge, but he will be a start. Your vote will not affect any decisions, but it will set a precedance for the challenge of tomorrow. Write-in Dick Gregory.

"We appeal to those of you who have left the political arena. We ask you to neither protest nor support. We ask you to listen. Your presence alone is a further commentary on the election. You have not raised your voice, therefore you have not been heard. We have raised our voices. We asked for alternatives. Looking at the election we see none. Apparently we too have not been heard. We have something in common. This

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"will be the last time we will. When the next presidential election is held, we will have been heard.

"This demonstration, or festival as we call it, can best be summed up in the words we have entitled it: THE PROTEST/THE ALTERNATIVES:AND/OR. Those who are alienated can join us in Protest. Those who are politically oriented, in so much as they wish to vote, can cast write-ins for Dick Gregory. He offers an Alternative, a choice-between HumphreyWallaceANDnixon OR Dick Gregory. Finally, for those of you who are apathetic, we offer an Alternative to the poor excuse for a free election we are faced with today, the music of AND/OR.

"Join us, Join the....

## "ANTI-ELECTION FESTIVAL

[illegible]

Source stated that patriotic music in opposition to the psychedelic type music was being played with the use of amplifiers from one of the nearby dormitories and American flags were prominently displayed. Source stated that although possibly 200 UND students were observing the demonstration, there was no violence nor any other type of counterdemonstration. Source stated that there was no interference with the voting process.

A characterization of the SDS is contained in the appendix pages attached hereto.

Military Intelligence, U. S. Army, South Bend; St. Joseph County Sheriff's Office, South Bend; Indiana State Police, South Bend; the U. S. Attorney, Fort Wayne, Indiana; and the U. S. Secret Service, Indianapolis, Indiana, were advised of the above information on November 5, 1968.

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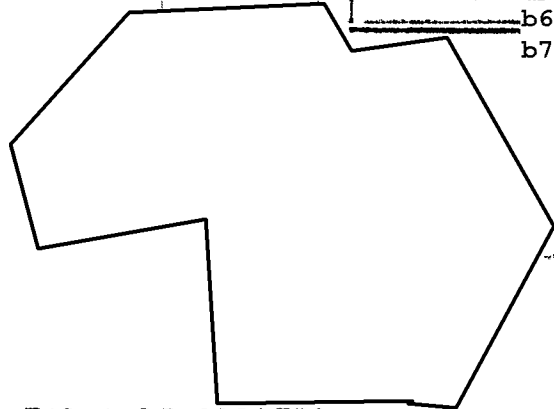
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TO DIRECTOR

FROM MIAMI

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, AKA, RM - BN STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC  
SOCIETY IS - SDS.

RE MIAMI TEL INSTANT-101-440423-399

A SOURCE ADVISED INSTANT, THAT UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI DECIDED NOT  
TO RESERVE SECTION FOR FACULTY IN AUDITORIUM WHEN GREGORY TO  
SPEAK. ~~X~~ (U)

SOURCE ADVISED GREGORY ARRIVED LATE AND SPOKE FOR ALMOST  
TWO HOURS. NO INCIDENTS OCCURED.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, MIAMI

RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
RACIAL MATTERS - BN  
Bufile 100-440423  
Chicago file 157-347  
Miami file 157-1564  
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STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY (SDS)  
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Miami file 100-15128 (P)

Re Miami tel, 11/7/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 14 copies of an LHM,  
dated and captioned as above.

The first source is [redacted] PSI-UD.

The second source is [redacted] (former) ~~X~~ (U)

[redacted] (former) advised he had GREGORY's  
complete speech recorded. He said he had to leave Miami  
early in the morning of 11/8/68 and that he would make the  
tape recording of GREGORY's speech available to the Miami  
Office on 11/12/68.

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When this tape is received, Miami will forward it to Chicago (origin re GREGORY) for review and whatever action they deem necessary. ~~(U)~~

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In view of the length of GREGORY's speech, it will not be transcribed by the Miami Office,

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

DATE: 11/20/68

FROM : SAC, WFO (157-1121) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
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Re Chicago Airtel 9/17/68.

Records of The Credit Bureau, Incorporated, Washington, D. C., checked by SE [redacted] on 10/17/68, contained a credit report dated 7/2/63 concerning [redacted] of [redacted] Dayton Beach, Florida. This report showed she was single, [redacted] "colored" and was employed [redacted] for summer school at [redacted]. The file showed she had small credit accounts at [redacted] and [redacted] not further identified. The Credit Bureau, Incorporated records contained no further information, and it is not apparent whether this individual is identical with [redacted] of [redacted] Chicago, Illinois.

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Files of Metropolitan Police Department and United States Park Police, both Washington, D. C., checked by SE's [redacted] and [redacted] respectively, had no record of [redacted] and she was unknown to racial informants of the WFO.

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WFO indices contain no identifiable record of [redacted]

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To: SAC, San Antonio (157-666)

From: Director, FBI (100-440423) — 407  
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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTERS

Reurairtel 11-20-68 advising that captioned subject is scheduled to lecture at the University of Texas at Austin, Texas, on 12-12-68.

For your information, subject has been arrested on numerous occasions in connection with his civil rights activities and has vehemently criticized the war in Vietnam and President Johnson. He has spoken at numerous colleges and universities throughout the United States and his main theme usually centers on the youth and what they can do to correct the white racist structure in the United States. In view of the subject's past activities, you should make plans to afford discreet coverage of his appearance at the University of Texas. Bear in mind that the subject could make statements which are in violation of the Antiriot Laws and coverage, therefore, should include sources who would be in a position to testify.

Insure that interested local authorities are aware of Gregory's appearance. Submit results of your coverage in form suitable for dissemination.

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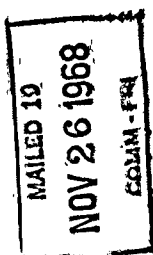
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (157-666)(P)

RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
Dick Gregory  
(RABBLE ROUSER INDEX)  
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OO: Chicago

On 11/19/68, [redacted] The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, Texas, an established source, advised that DICK GREGORY, civil rights leader and comedian, has been scheduled to lecture at that university on 12/12/68 at 7:30 p.m. in the Texas Union Main Ballroom, according to an announcement of the Texas Union Speakers Committee.

The Bureau and Chicago are requested to advise San Antonio what coverage, if any, is desired of GREGORY's speech on the campus of The University of Texas.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

DATE: 11/14/68

FROM : SAC, CINCINNATI (157-1077) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, Aka.  
Dick Gregory

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Re CI airtel to CG 10/15/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies of an LHM relating to GREGORY's speaking appearance at Rio Grande College, Rio Grande, Ohio, on 10/29/68. Enclosed for Chicago are four copies of the same LHM.

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Cincinnati, Ohio  
November 14, 1968

RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, ALSO KNOWN AS  
Dick Gregory  
Speech, Rio Grande College,  
Rio Grande, Ohio  
October 29, 1968

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On October 29, 1968, a Special Agent of the FBI observed Gregory's arrival at Port Columbus Airport, Columbus, Ohio. He arrived on TWA Flight 539 which originated at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and stopped in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. It was not known where Gregory boarded the flight.

Gregory was met at the airport by approximately 26 persons, one of whom drove Gregory from the airport in a vehicle bearing Ohio license 2345M. This license was issued to Rio Grande College, Rio Grande, Ohio.

On October 29, 1968, Gregory spoke at Rio Grande College to an estimated 800 persons.

[redacted] Rio Grande College, advised a Special Agent of the FBI on October 31, 1968, the appearance of Gregory was uneventful. He stated there were no demonstrations or other incidents on campus either for or against Gregory. He noted the only sentiment he heard expressed was anti-Gregory and further advised Gregory received only forty votes in a mock election conducted on campus. [redacted]

[redacted] said the student enrollment at Rio Grande College is approximately 800. Gregory's appearance was sponsored by the Convocation Committee, a student-faculty group. [redacted] stated he attended a reception for Gregory after the speech and felt Gregory is not quite so radical off stage as on.

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RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

The Gallipolis Daily Tribune, Gallipolis, Ohio, issue of October 30, 1968, and "The Signals", student newspaper of Rio Grande College, issue of November 1, 1968, carried accounts of Gregory's appearance, xerox copies of which are attached hereto.

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

# Gregory Puts Future onto Youth

If elected president of the United States, the first three things Dick Gregory would do is:

- 1 — Paint the White House black.
- 2 — Pull all the U. S. troops out of Vietnam.
- 3 — Send LBJ to Vietnam all alone, armed with his barbecue sauce gun.

Approximately 800 persons, including 600 Rio Grande College students, jammed the college dining hall Tuesday night to give a courteous hearing to the Negro comedian, author, actor, crusader for human rights, and presidential candidate — he's running on an Independent ticket as a write-in with Mark Lane as his running mate.

To get his point across on world and national problems, Gregory was very blunt, yet his

humorous remarks kept the audience's attention from beginning to end.

During his one-hour "campaign speech" the bearded Gregory, attired in blue coveralls and a light tan jacket, called President Johnson "the biggest tyrant in the history of the world," and said "George Wallace is nothing but a big liar." He referred to Richard Nixon as "Tricky Dick."

The 36-year-old Gregory, an Army veteran who lost his father when he was eight years old — he was killed by Nazi soldiers in World War II — said the number one problem in this nation today is moral pollution.

He repeatedly emphasized that it was up to the younger generation — "you kids" — to make necessary changes and return

sanity to this nation. "You can't buy morality. It must come from within," said Gregory.

"Keep your eyes and ears open. Don't let yourself be programmed. You have a tremendous job to do in saving America.

"You must solve the problems created by us old fools. We couldn't solve our problems. You must, if this nation is to survive," he continued.

Gregory said the big money makers — capitalists — who hide behind the country's constitution are the power makers, or decision makers. "It's time these fools stop playing around," he continued.

He blasted labor unions, stating that, "If they don't straighten up, crush them out."

As for democracy, Gregory said, "If it's as good as we say it is, why then do we run all over the world to jam it down the throats of other countries. The world is no longer fooled by us."

In speaking on the ghetto problems across this nation, Gregory said: "Don't walk in with \$80 billion and say our problems are solved. First, create an atmosphere for blacks to trust whites, then we'll sit down and talk over our problems."

Gregory criticized Chicago Mayor John Daley and his administration for its procedures in handling demonstrators at the Democrat convention last August. "The old folks don't want to change. The young folks want a change. Baby, we're in trouble.

It's up to you to get the job done."

Following his remarks, some 600 remained for a question and answer period. During this period, members of the Rio Grande College Smoke Signals newspaper staff took a quick survey on Gregory's remarks.

"Some 90 per cent of the students attending disagreed with most of his remarks," said Jerry L. Updegraff, chairman of the RGC convocations committee.

"But they were courteous, they did listen, and they formed their own opinions. This we were proud of," said Updegraff.

Remarks ranging from "Who the hell does he think he is, to 'he's got some interesting points,'" were overheard in the audience.

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

# "Fire" From A Black Dragon's Mouth!

BY MIKE VRANESEVIC  
and

KATHY WALLACE

"I guess the biggest event here at Rio is Halloween," stated Dick Gregory, presidential candidate of the Peace and Freedom Party, Tuesday night on the college campus.

Before a history-breaking Rio college populated gathering, Gregory emphasized that the young people of today "have got a job to do." This being to solve the problem that the "old fools" created. By "old fools" Gregory is referring to the older generation which is failing to recognize the attitudes of this country's youths.

Clad in blue coveralls and a tan jacket, Gregory pointed out one of these "old fools" is Mayor Richard Daley of Chicago. With regard to the demonstrations held by the Hippies and the Yippies at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago, Gregory singled out Mayor Daley as a "syndicate controlled hoodlum." The television screen gave the American public a clear picture of the brutality given to the demonstrators by the police. Gregory suggests these demonstrators "have come to change the system."

Gregory attacked the capitalistic system of this nation saying that the nation is not controlled by the Constitution but is controlled by capitalists. The capitalists must be pushed behind the Constitution.

In regard to U. S. intervention in other countries, Gregory pointed out that this nation does not have to "jam democracy down other countries' throats." If other countries are satisfied with a democracy, force will not have to be used — "they will steal it."

Gregory stated that black people in America are tired of waiting to be recognized as equals to white Americans. Non-violence is not an effective device when no progress is being made to remedy the racial situation. The black man is tired of being insulted and prohibited from living where he wishes to live. Gregory feels that there must be burning, looting, and shooting by Negroes to make the American public aware. This not only concerns Negroes, but other minority groups such as the Mexicans, Puerto Ricans, Indians and Jews. Gregory recited a section of the Declaration of Independence which states: "whenever a government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or abolish it, and to institute a new government."

Gregory related that white Americans think of Negroes as ignorant, stupid, and uneducated. He went on to remark that it was a Negro who performed the first heart transplant and that it was a Negro who was first linked with the knowledge of blood plasma. Gregory informed the audience that the "whites need education."

Gregory attacked President Lyndon Johnson as a drunkard and tyrant. Gregory recalled LBJ showing a scar on his hip from a

recent operation on television. Gregory drew applause and laughter from the audience when he said that a friend called him from London and stated he was glad LBJ didn't have a hemorrhoid operation. Gregory also related that if he were to become President, he would bring the U. S. troops back from Vietnam and send LBJ to Vietnam alone with



a barbecue gun.

Gregory indicated that the two party system in American politics will be done away with in the near future. He also asked the audience how George Wallace can be for the middle working man when Alabama has the lowest property tax but the highest sales tax of the 50 states.

To those who came to listen to Gregory, I say congratulations no matter what your opinions are now. To those who did not come, I say — Plug your ears so you can be both deaf and dumb. Those who did come were, at least, willing to listen to both sides of the issue. I can not think of a worse way to stifle education today — than to close our minds and rot in your self-righteous and self-centered "enlightened" world. You know so much of your world only.

I was really proud of the group which attended. I think it can be the beginning of the end of apathy. I think that Rio has finally realized that we're not interested in those insignificant convocations but give us something worthwhile and interesting and you'll see more crowds like Tuesday night.

This reporter attempted to interview a representative part of Rio student body, administration, and some of the local people who attended, by method of face to face interviews and a telephone survey.

Here are some of the comments I received:

Agreed 100 per cent with him until the end, with the Negro

uprising. It's not the way.

...Food for thought.

I bet some people will do some thinking now.

Great...but one mistake — too much Black.

Told it like it was.

Enjoyed him — but it was one-sided...I learned a few things...

Enlightening...it informed the White segment what the Negro's bag is.

Hell, we got to learn to trust everyone black, white, yellow, red.

Sure the blacks have to trust the whites but the whites also have to trust the blacks but the Negro has endangered that trust by the riots.

It is a paradox. I don't believe in violence but I don't see how the Negro can attain his goal without it.

He shouldn't have knocked LBJ because the President has to follow the majority's wishes and the majority is prejudiced.

Out of sight.

Opened all minds — made people think if nothing else.

I do not feel that he reached the majority of Rio students. The truth hurts and we could not digest it. It went right over most of them.

Unless you're black you can never understand how right he was. It would have been impossible for a white man to say the same things that he said.

Rio has never been aware of the Black student — now they will.

The shock will not sink in. No comment. I hate the b—.

QUESTION — Would you like to see Mr. Gregory back at Rio? Hell, no. He's too radical. Gives people ideas. You know he would cut your throat if he had a chance.

He contradicted himself...How can a non-violent man advocate riots and destruction?

I don't think much of him because he spoke in gutter language as if we are as crude as that.

Needs a shave...

Sincere...dedicated.

It was more appropriate for a liberal audience. (My comment: A liberal audience doesn't need him — It is rather pointless to preach to an audience who already agrees with you.)

Wonderful...even if it opened only one person's eyes.

Did not state any solutions...

Hell, I wouldn't go to that black brainwashing party.

I didn't like being called stupid. He can't convince me of anything if he tells me that I'm too stupid to understand.

If I can't call him nigger, he shouldn't call me whitey.

Dirty Red Communist...He's more Red than Black.

He did not effect Rio because his views are on a large scale and Rio is minute.

I didn't like the idea of supremacy — he should work for equality.

When he threatened us with the gun issue: I felt like buying all the guns and shooting all those black — —. If they meant to fight — then it's all over.

I hope he rots in the Ghetto along with Rap Brown and Carmichael. He advocated the overthrow of the U. S., not the reform. He failed to see the other side of the coin... It can't be done overnight like he wants.

He has very good ideas but he is a fool (as a candidate) because he cannot form policies. He failed to see the importance of education and what the 80 million could do for him.

He cut people down to much. He's cynical... Cannot achieve anything constructive with a destructive attitude.

He never mentioned that the Negro segregates himself like here at Rio... they all sit at one table... they are unfriendly... they discourage your friendship because you can't understand them... As long as they consider themselves as a separate entity they can never be accepted as part of the entire student body... or human race. They separate themselves many times.

I attempted to answer some of the questions asked by the students. At this time I offer these explanations. Mr. Gregory stated that he was non-violent, yet he would burn down your house. Mr. Gregory explained to the report-

er that he is non-violent toward living things but not material things. He said that he would never harm a person but he would burn their possessions.

He was asked by a member of the faculty why all the looting and burning took place in their (Negro) communities. Mr. Gregory states that a revolution is a very personal thing. In every revolution you kill your own. When the Cubans had their revolution they didn't kill Germans. The more damage you do to yourself the more scared people become.

A black could go out and shoot three whites — sure people would be mad — but if he went out and shot a dozen blacks, people would be scared.

I do not have the space to relate all the ideas for reforms that Mr. Gregory advocated (reforms — not overthrows) but he is a man with marvelous talent to see how things really are.

He was not trying to incite the black students to rebel, but he was speaking to the entire human race — to become one race called man. Mr. Gregory had to go to extremes to shock the audience into reality. His ideas were not original — we hear them every Sunday in church but they are covered over with euphemisms.

Mr. Gregory "planted some seeds". It is up to Rio to cultivate and harvest those ideals. They can grow and ripen and blossom or they can rot on the vine. It is all up to you, individually.

I think Rio's campus was an excellent place to bring such a man. We are here to learn all the sides. That's what education is all about. You don't have to agree with him but you should at least know and understand why you do oppose. And that can't be learned by refusing to listen to him. Learn to think for yourself. What we need now is to expose the other sides.

I don't care if you agree with me but at least open those white, black or even red eyes and look around you.

If Mr. Gregory accomplished nothing else he made a few people think. That's what we are here for — to learn to think. As I was covering this story I attempted to compile arguments against Mr. Gregory's views but I couldn't contradict one of his statements. I didn't like a lot of things he said but I could not take the defensive position. He was carrying the ball game all the way.

Yes, he may be a little radical and extreme. But he is also being effective — he's getting his message across the barriers of society — not by climbing across them, but by going around them.

Yes, I was offended by his language but I should be more concerned about being offended by my country's hypocrisy. He may be crude and gross but there are worse things.

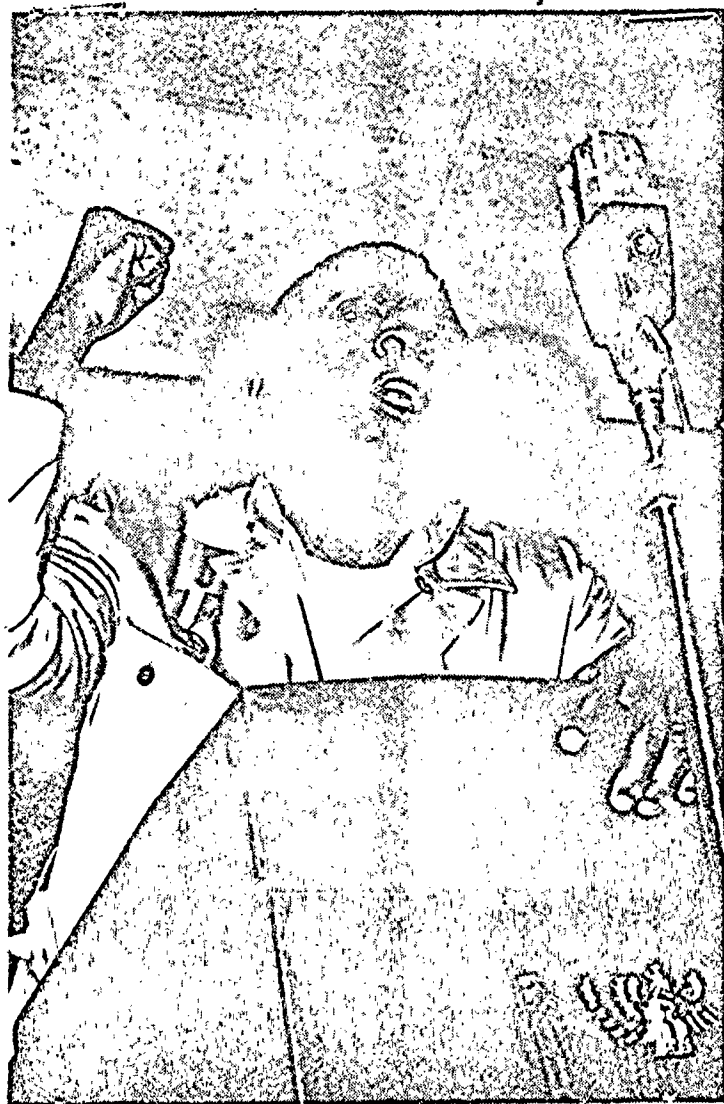
He should concentrate on the positive but that would distract from the effectiveness of his speech.

I don't think all the responsibility here at Rio Grande College depends on the white student. The black student must make a special effort to promote friendship and equality. Mr. Gregory's appearance can either unite our campus or he can be misinterpreted, and drive a wedge between black-white relationship.

You can't say, "look here, white students. We're black and we're uniting against you." You must stand up and say, "Look here, students, we are people. Let's unite as one."

It won't be easy but it can be done! Right, Mr. Gregory.





UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

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TO :

DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 12/6/68

FROM :

SAC, CHICAGO (100-43334) ~~(S)~~ (U)

SUBJECT:

MARK LANE  
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12-20-79  
CLASS. & EXT. BY 5186 RLB/ci  
REASON-FCIM II, 1-2.4.2  
DATE OF REVIEW 12-6-88

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RM  
(BUFILE 100-440423)

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES  
ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP ON 12-20-79/ci

Re Bureau airtel dated 11/26/68, and San Francisco airtel and letterhead memorandum dated 11/22/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 12 copies, for New York 2, and for Washington Field and New Orleans 1 each of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) setting out that sources of the Chicago Office are unaware of any information concerning the allegations set out in referenced San Francisco airtel.

The first source mentioned in the LHM is  
PSI [redacted] ~~(S)~~ (U)

The following sources of the Chicago Office were contacted and could furnish no information regarding instant allegations:

Source

Date Contacted

Contacting Agent (U)

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6-Bureau (Encl. 12) (RM)

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2-New Orleans (Encl. 1) (INFO) (RM)

2-New York (100-117844) (INFO) (RM) (Encl. 2)

1- 157-892

1-WFO (Encl. 1) (INFO) (RM)

2-Chicago

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All of the above sources were instructed to immediately furnish any information regarding the statements made by LANE to the Chicago Office.

The LHM is classified confidential because information furnished by the [redacted] PSI, if revealed, could reasonably result in the identification of a confidential informant of continuing value and compromise future effectiveness.

The Chicago Office is closing this case at this time; however, any subsequent information received concerning this matter will be promptly furnished the Bureau in form suitable for dissemination.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

CG 100-43334

Chicago, Illinois  
December 6, 1968

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MARK LANE;  
RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

A confidential source advised in November, 1968, that Mark Lane, during a speech at San Francisco State College, San Francisco, California, on November 1, 1968, stated a house, "The Black House", had been purchased in Washington, D. C., and that he and Dick Gregory would run an "American Government in exile" from this house. Further that plans were being made for a Black Inaugural Ball to be held outside the White House to coincide with the Presidential Inaugural Ball.

Sources of the Chicago area, who might logically be aware of the above, when contacted in early December, 1968, were unable to furnish any information concerning either the establishment of a "Black House", or plans for a Black Inaugural Ball to be held in Washington, D. C.

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ON 12-20-79

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Chicago, Illinois  
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           RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

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Reference is made to memorandum dated  
and captioned above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities  
are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable  
information in the past.



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

FROM : [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTERS

1 - Mr. C. D. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. T. E. Bishop  
1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: 11/29/68

1 - Mr. W. R. Wannall

1 - [REDACTED]

1 - Mr. J. J. Dunn

1 - [REDACTED]

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Richard Gregory is a former entertainer and current civil rights activist who recently ran as the presidential candidate for the Peace and Freedom Party, a coalition of black and white radicals.

We developed information that Gregory was to make contact with the North Vietnamese in Paris during September, 1968. We requested [REDACTED] to provide coverage of Gregory's activities abroad.

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[REDACTED] has now advised that on [REDACTED]

This information is interesting from the standpoint that it shows the extent that a black extremist will go to in order to embarrass his own country's policies and peace efforts. Field offices having an interest in Gregory's travels will be furnished the above information, and we will continue to closely follow his activities.

ACTION:

None. For information.

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Date: 11/16/68

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FD-217 to BA, 12/6

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-44023) JH

FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE (157-2522) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
RM

RE: Baltimore teletype, captioned as above,  
dated 11/12/68.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are five copies of above dated and captioned LHM and for Chicago two copies for information since they are Office of Origin concerning GREGORY. WFO is furnished one copy for information in view of proximity of Rockville, Maryland to Washington, D.C.

First source mentioned in LHM is [redacted]  
[redacted] Montgomery Junior College.

Second source mentioned is [redacted]  
[redacted] Montgomery Junior College (NA).

Inspector [redacted] MCPD, Rockville, Maryland, was advised of instant matter on 11/12/68. He assigned two plainclothesmen at the scene of the speech. He was recontacted 11/14/68, and substantiated information furnished by [redacted].

No further action being taken re this matter by Baltimore.

3 - Bureau (REGISTERED MAIL) (Enc. 5)  
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Approved: C.C. Bishop  
Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

408 Post Office Building  
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

November 16, 1968

RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

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On November 12, 1968, a source of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on November 13, 1968, Montgomery Junior College, Rockville, Maryland, will host its second lecture in its current series, when the subject will speak at 8:00 p.m. at the Campus Fine Arts Center. The appearance, sponsored by the Student Activities Association, a legitimate campus organization, has not been advertised and the 750 tickets available have been distributed to students only.

On November 14, 1968, another source of the FBI, of known reliability, advised that the subject appeared as scheduled and spoke for approximately one hour, after which there was a question and answer period. There were approximately 500 persons present, primarily students from Montgomery Junior College.

The latter source advised that GREGORY's speech was not inflammatory, but he addressed himself to the issues of America's problems, such as poverty, bigotry and violence. His speech was degrading to the white race, calling them "honkies" and apathetic, but he did not preach or advocate violent change, and no incidents or arrests occurred as an aftermath.

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FBI WASH DC

FBI PITTSBGH

3:36PM DEFERRED 12/4/68 MCF

TO DIRECTOR (100-440423)

CHICAGO (157-347)

FROM PITTSBURGH (157-652)

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, RM

A RELIABLE SOURCE ADVISED TODAY THAT GREGORY WILL SPEAK  
AT THE SOUTH CAMPUS OF THE ALLEGHENY COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE,  
WEST MIFFLIN, PA., AT EIGHT PM, ON DECEMBER FOUR INSTANT.

ADMINISTRATIVE

PITTSBURGH WILL ATTEMPT TO ARRANGE FOR DISCREET COVERAGE  
OF SUBJECT'S SPEECH.

USA, G-TWO, AND SECRET SERVICE BEING ADVISED.

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FBI WASH DC

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TO DIRECTOR (100-440423)

TO CHICAGO(157-347)

FROM PITTSBURGH (157-652)

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*g* RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, RM.

A RELIABLE SOURCE TODAY ADVISED THAT GREGORY SPOKE BEFORE ABOUT FOUR HUNDRED STUDENTS AND FACULTY MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH BRANCH OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE AT WEST MIFFLIN, PA., FROM EIGHT PM TO TEN PM ON INSTANT DATE.

SUBJECTS SPEECH WAS THE SAME AS THE ONE WHICH HE HAS RECENTLY DELIVERED AT OTHER PITTSBURGH COLLEGES. THERE WERE NO INCIDENTS.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423) DATE: 12-6-68

FROM : SAC, MIAMI (157-1564) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
RM - BN  
(OO: Chicago)

Re Miami letter to Chicago, 11-25-68, and  
Chicago letter to Miami, 11-29-68.

For the information of the Bureau, Chicago  
returned to Miami by relet three rolls of recording  
tape which contained a recording of subject's speech  
at the University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida,  
on 11-7-68. Chicago suggested that Miami prepare  
transcripts of this speech and prepare in form  
suitable for dissemination pertinent information  
contained in this speech.

This speech has been reviewed by agents  
of the Miami Office and pertinent information has  
been reported in form suitable for dissemination.  
In view of the length of this speech, approximately  
three hours, the Miami Office will not transcribe  
the whole speech unless advised to the contrary by  
the Bureau or the office of origin. The tapes  
of this speech, however, will be maintained in  
Miami's file in the event they are needed in the  
future.

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Date: 11/25/68

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DATE 1-10-80

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To: Director, FBI (100-440423) ATTENTION:

From: SAC, PITTSBURGH (157-652) ☐ CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION  
GENERAL INVEST. DIV.

Subject: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY ☒ DOMESTIC INT. DIV.

☐ CR ☐ EL ☐ VRA-65 ☐ CRA-64  
☐ PA ☐ PE ☐ F  
☐ BM ☐ BM-Threats ☒ Racial Matters  
☐ Klan ☐ Organization

Summary of Complaint:

Remytels dated 11/4/68 and 11/6/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies, and for Chicago, two copies of an LHM captioned and dated as above.

Sources utilized in the enclosed LHM are as follows:

First source is [ ] location: herein.

Second source is [ ] location: herein.

Third source is [ ] location: herein. (U)

The tape recording of GREGORY's speech furnished by [ ] was transcribed by SA [ ] (U)

ACTION: JACB:

☒ No further action being taken and

Bureau (Encls. 11) ☒ LHM enclosed ☒ Copy furnished to USA, Secret Service, (RM) ☐ LHM being submitted G-2, OSI, all Pittsburgh, Pa.,

2 - Chicago (157-347) ☐ Report being submitted and NISO, Philadelphia, via RM. (Encls. 2) (RM) ☐ Preliminary investigation instituted

5 - Pittsburgh ☐ Limited investigation instituted

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

November 25, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

On November 2, 1968, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Richard Claxton Gregory, also known as Dick Gregory, would participate in a seminar on "Institutionalized White Racism" at Mount Mercy College, Pittsburgh, Pa., on November 6, 1968.

Source said that the seminar, which is open to the public, is being sponsored by the Student Government Association, and will be held in Antonian Hall Theater at a time as yet unspecified.

On November 6, 1968, a second source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Dick Gregory would arrive at Pittsburgh via air, at approximately 10:15 AM, on November 6, 1968, and was scheduled to speak at Mount Mercy College at about 1:00 PM.

On November 6, 1968, a third source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Dick Gregory spoke before an audience of approximately 300 persons at Mount Mercy College, an all girls school, between 1:55 PM, and 2:55 PM, on November 6, 1968. Source said that Gregory's speech was essentially the same as that which he has recently delivered at other Pittsburgh area colleges.

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

On November 7, 1968, the third source furnished a tape recording of Gregory's speech at Mount Mercy College on November 6, 1968. The following is an essentially verbatim transcription of the recording:

"I want to tell you what a pleasure it is to be here. I never thought I'd see the day when things would get so groovy in this country that they would pay a black man to come and talk about white racism. Things have changed. I remember a time when you'd get shot for talking about it.

"Let me say that as important as it is being here today, that as important as this is for Afro students, I think the most important thing that happened here today was the reading of the Declaration of Independence, and I just wish we had enough copies to pass out and scratch, 'After long periods of injustices, it is your duty to destroy or abolish that government,' and maybe Americans would understand the riots. I didn't say white folks. I said Americans. A lot of people think I'm talking about white folks when I say Americans because a lot of people think when you say Americans, you're talking about white folks and when you say Negroes, you're talking about black folks.

"You know when the riot season opens up again, which the white folks told us is July through August. We didn't show this past July through August, and the whole system is upset. Police departments are trying to figure out what happened to them. George Wallace just said, 'Why you know Niggers are lazy and shiftless; you know they wasn't going to show.'

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"I tell you what happened during this last riot season. We got tired of stealing all those cheap no good products so we decided to go underground and study the Consumer Reports.

"Next riot season we won't be stealing Motorolas. When the riot season opens up again, I'm sorry everyone in this room and in this country will not have the Declaration of Independence because if you could look at Niggers tearing up and looting and burning towns down, it would save having to read and write about it. The newsmen would not have to explain it to you because it says in that piece of paper that after long periods of injustices, it is your duty to destroy or abolish that Government. You know black folks didn't write that. That isn't a message that Malcolm X left to Rap Brown. That is a message white folks left to white folks, but forgot to put 'For white only' on it. And so just assume that the Declaration of Independence means all Americans.

"I would really suggest to America to try to change that. Put 'White only' on it so we'll know that white folks are supposed to tear down the country and bomb and napaish people to liberate them and not black folks.

"Then we know that America has the right to send black boys all over the world to kill to free a foreigner, but praise be your mammy! That's a very important piece of paper there. If this country will ever get together to straighten it out so we'll know it means white folks. Because you know what we push this thing in our grade schools, all black grade school in an all black community and you put that white piece of paper in there and tell them little black kids, the system says he's dumb and ignorant, it will make a difference to America and you're doing it now.

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"So, you youngsters is living in some very important times today. I was very glad my brother introduced me as a presidential candidate. There's just one flaw to that. I was the only major presidential candidate because the rest of those fools was running for sheriff.

"Matt Dillon done moved into the White House.

"I can't complain because they stole that out of my platform. Oh, I'm the law and order man. Yeah, I was hollering law and order and didn't know nobody heard me. When my friend, Medgar Evers got shot in the back of his head and got killed walking into his house, I screamed law and order and not until this campaign did I realize Brother Wallace actually heard me. When four kids got dynamited to death in that church in Birmingham, Alabama, I screamed law and order and I didn't know Brother Nixon heard me. When three kids was killed down in Mississippi, I yelled law and order and didn't know Brother Humphrey heard me. It is a thrill to know they heard me and decided to use this. I was just hoping that he would have used it without racism.

"But when you talk about the Presidency of the United States and talk about electing me President and I will restore law and order, that's just another hip way of saying Nigger. Which is groovy, we're making progress, but they used to just say we'll keep the Nigger down. We can't say that no more, thanks to you young white kids.

"But any kind of man who is sincere about law and order would have to campaign and say, 'If you elect me President of the United States, not only will I wipe out lawlessness in the streets, but I will wipe out the crime syndicate.' Not one of them said it. Humphrey hasn't mentioned the crime syndicate. Nixon never mentioned the crime syndicate and poor Brother Wallace don't even know what it is.

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"What is the most detrimental to American society today? Some Nigger snatching a pocketbook on a street corner or the stinking, scroungy crime syndicate putting heroin into your high schools? What is most detrimental to America? Nobody wants to talk about the syndicate. You want to get the syndicate wiped out in a week? Let black folks take it over tonight. It will be wiped out by the weekend. Of all the riots we've had in America in the last five years, regardless of what you think about them, not in one riot has the black community ever corrupted a policeman. Haven't one riot ever bought a politician or judge. The crime syndicate corrupts cops and buys politicians and judges every day of the week in America, but nobody's interested in the crime syndicate.

"So I say to you that had I been elected to the Presidency of the United States, you talk about law and order! Man, we would have got that Constitution and we would have upheld the human rights part as vigorously as we uphold the income tax collection.

"When I got through with law and order, the Indians would own half this country back in the first year. When you read them old trick treaties and hold up law and order, you have to give it back to them. Law and order? The Ku Klux Klan would become a social club because the first time they did that other thing, they'd all get busted.

"Bell Telephone, AT&T, DuPont, General Motors, Henry Ford, Rockefeller? Let me tell you something. I've been such a law and order man, that four years from now all the white folks that are running for President will be saying, 'Elect me the President because there will be no more law and order.'

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

"I don't know how many of you stayed up late last night looking at the returns. Raise your hands. How many of you looked at the returns? We got to see democracy working at its best yesterday. Americans came out to vote, but when the polls closed, you looked at those same law and order dogs insulting the whole country when they started tricking them votes. That was the machine at work. They decided what they needed and the machine started bucking. Chicago decided to hold up X amount of votes and downstate Illinois, did you see it on television, did you watch it? Downstate decided to hold up X amount of votes. Law and order? First thing you better do is get law and order in that ballot box. Damn shame a nation as great as this and as powerful as this having to demand that them snakes clean up the polling box. All you got to do is demand they put in electronic polling places in every city, town and village in America so that when them polls close at 6 o'clock that night, electronically that thing is tabulated within a split ten seconds of a million, and you ain't got no more cheating and stealing, it's just that simple.

"Since we want to use electronic devices to catch criminals, let's use them to catch the number one criminals or the ones that betray the public trust. Let's catch those politicians. The ones that make the law.

"I was very proud of the independents last night. All of the radical elements in this country might be the reason that America is not in open revolt at this very hour. When the final tallies come in, independents across this country will have gained more than a half million votes. Nixon won the popular vote by 200,000. You can safely say that if the independents had not been running, 90% of the votes we got would have gone to Humphrey, which would have meant Humphrey would have had the popular vote and Nixon would have had the electoral vote and with the climate in the country the way it is today, that could have meant revolt. So, we might

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"have saved this country, my friends.

"Let me say to you youngsters today that I spend about 98% of my time on college campuses and there's a reason for it because you young folks today is the most moral, ethical force that's ever lived in the history of this country and if America is going to be saved, it's going to be saved through you. And if America is going to go down, it's going to be because of old fools like us. It's insulting to me to have to sit here and tell you young beautiful kids that not only do you have to solve the problems confronting America today, but you have to solve problems which you had nothing to do about creating.

"These problems were here when you got here, but they will not be here when you leave here. We all have to go together. Thanks to us old fools, because not only did we not solve the problems for you, we used up all the tricks.

"When my mother taught me and my daddy taught me that one day one of them crackers was going to call you 'Nigger,' 'Boy' just laugh at him because God don't like no ugly,' and that cracker did call me a Nigger and I laughed at him because God don't like no ugly, but I have taught my dirty black kids lovin and I don't know what to say the first time one of them crackers calls my kid a Nigger.

"So, we're done with tricks. There's no more tricks whatsoever. Then we wonder why you young kids react the way you react. We've used up all the tricks.

"Kids came to Chicago to change the system. Fifteen thousand hippies and yippies moved into my town to change the system and the whole establishment got upset. You youngsters better keep your eyes open because you have to watch us. Yes, so we can't trick nobody else now so we have to trick you. The whole world digs our game over here.

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"You started tricking Chicago three days after the convention was over. The whole establishment told you you did not see what you saw on television.

"You know if Kosygin was dealing with a world as insane as America is, he'd have beat that Czechoslovakian rap. All he'd have to do is get on world-wide television and say, 'What you are all mad about in Czechoslovakia, you didn't see. It just happened. That was the press. Yeah, we admit we put little miniature tanks up on the border and the press blew them up to make them look like real ones.' Kosygin is not dealing with a world as crazy as America is, so he can't get by with that.

"Fifteen thousand hippies and yippies came to Chicago to change the system and the whole system went crazy. Whatever you young kids do, do not read no newspaper and let them decide to tell you what you are. Don't let nobody tell you to do nothing. Don't let nobody tell you that because you wear long hair, you don't comb it or if a cat wears a beard with long hair, he is dirty and stinking and all that. They never said anything bad about Abraham Lincoln. Not only did he have a beard, he's ugly too. Christ, when you talk about a hippie, you can't look no more like a hippie than Christ. Nobody said he stunk. Nobody said he was irresponsible, but them fools.

"Fifteen thousand hippies and yippies came to Chicago and I ask you, who was the most immoral in Chicago this year? The fifteen thousand hippies and yippies or the Shriners, when they came for their convention? Who do you think committed the most adultery in Chicago? The hippies and yippies or the Shriners? Who do you think spent the most money on whores and prostitution? The hippies and yippies or the Shriners? But nobody got upset when the Shriners came because the Shriners weren't trying to change the system.

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"You youngsters got to keep your eyes open. You look at that same old bad television, that same television you looked at on that miserable Wednesday night in Chicago, that same television that six weeks ago showed you Chicago. Everybody was upset over the hippies and yippies. Fifteen thousand of them, but in New York City six weeks ago, nobody got upset when them twenty thousand grown men, twenty thousand sick, bald, freak, degenerates came out one day to look at a broad's titties and nobody got upset. It sounds funny, but that's a sad day in America when twenty thousand grown men have stooped to the degeneracy of tittie-watching. This is a bankrupt country you're dealing with. We're not talking about no little college kids, we're talking about men that run and control a system, that's what we're talking about. J. Edgar Hoover has not claimed tittie-watching is communist inspired.

"So I say to you young folks today, that the number one problem confronting this country today is not the problem of air pollution. The number one problem facing America today is the problem of moral pollution. This is the most morally polluted, degenerate nation on the face of this earth with an insanity equal to none. And you young kids have the job of giving America its sanity back, making this the moral country that the founding fathers intended it to be. That's why the system's upset, because you young kids are saying morality will no longer be a Brooks Brothers suit and a clean-shaven face and a haircut once a week. We can't afford that. You're saying that you can no longer go to Saks Fifth Avenue and get the latest fashions, and have an abortion when you get ready. You're saying you're not going to buy morality in this country no more. It's going to come from within. And that's what this new thing is all about. That's why you young white kids got the civil rights movement moving. And you're doing what Malcolm X was talking about when he told the black folks 'Why do you want to integrate into a house that's on fire.' We wanted total integration. We wanted the right to be as nice as white folks and



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"We wanted the right to be as dirty as white folks. That's integration, isn't it? What are you talking about? We wanted the right to have some black politicians that was as corrupt as LBJ and still not go to jail. We wanted the right for a black man to rape a white woman and get as little time when he got caught as a white man gets when he rapes a black woman. That's what we were fighting for. We was fighting for all, the good and the bad.

"Now you young kids came through and said, 'Stop the system, baby; we're going to clean it up.' It's a big difference in saying, 'Cut me in or cut it out.' You're saying, 'Hold it! I'm gonna cut this cancer out of this system or this system's not going to move again.' Because you young kids have said black and white is not a color anymore, it's an attitude. It's beautiful.

"Father Groppi proved that very eloquently in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. There hasn't been a man in the history of our movement, white or black, that led as many black folks as Father Groppi did at a time when everybody said, 'What are those black folks talking about? They don't want to be loved, we're their friends.' Father Groppi reared back on his hind legs and talked to this white trappy system the way Jimmy Hoffa talks to it. We never had a black man or white man talk dirty to this system about it. He's always going with his hat in his hand praying and begging. If praying and begging is good to liberate my momma, then it should be good to liberate them South Vietnamese. Just leave your napalm at home and take your pocketbook.

"You young kids tricked the whole system. Let me tell you about us old fools, baby. The only reason we steal in front of you is because you're chasing us.

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"You can already tell the Kentucky Derby don't end until it's all over. We want to stop it. This meeting here today is evidence of what you're trying to do, what you're talking about.

"The nation where Martin Luther King was assassinated, the whole nation got up tight. Oh, wasn't that awful about Dr. King being assassinated. When Bobby Kennedy got assassinated, we all got upset because Bobby Kennedy got assassinated. When JFK was assassinated, we was horrified because JFK was assassinated. But nobody in this immoral, insane nation got upset when George Lincoln Rockwell and Malcolm X got assassinated. That's a sad indictment on this country. Aren't we a nation that's against assassination or do we just get up tight when you assassinate somebody we like? Ninety-eight percent of everybody in America that got upset when Martin Luther King was assassinated, if George Wallace was assassinated today, they would not get up tight. It's scary. And that lets you know the job you have to do to clean up this system. You have a job.

"I don't advocate destroying the capitalistic system, but I say you better put it in its rightful place and that's behind the United States Constitution and not in front of it.

"This country do not function under the democratic process. This country's not governed by the United States Constitution. This country is governed and controled by capitalism. That's the problem. That's why Nixon can talk about, 'If I'm elected President, I will come in the black community and build buildings and build black economic power.' But he didn't say a damn thing about implementing that Constitution. He's still talking about property rights. He's still talking about me making him a dollar. Nobody wants to talk about human rights.

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"You young kids got to talk about human rights because when you talk about human rights you're talking about my Indian brother and my Puerto Rican brother and my Mexican brother and my Jewish brother. When you talk about civil rights, you're telling me it's my turn, that you're going to let me slip through like you let the Italians, like you let the Irish, like you let some of the Jews slip through, then when I get with you, we can all put my other brother down. No, we don't want no more civil rights. Don't waste your time on that.

"So you got a job to do. A very, very important job to do. Especially you women because when you all decide that your babies ain't going to get killed in war no more, there won't be no more war.

"Running around talking about we want equal rights! We want to have hope. It takes two to have a baby, male and female, and you let these fool men make birth control and then let you take it. Tell them to make a pill for themselves. And the same way you let us make birth control pills and give it to you, the same way we take your babies from you. Every time you have a boy born in this country, you're not raising a family, you're raising an army. Yeah, that's what you're raising, an army. If your son tells you he's not going to the grocery store, you can't put him in jail, but if he says he ain't going to war, he can be put in jail. You're telling me that the United States Government is my momma. I should have been hugging her when I was a kid. Don't teach me the flag, momma, teach me about human beings. Teach me about people so that when I stand up on that platform and they blow that whistle and wave that flag and sing the Star Spangled Banner, tears roll down my eyes. Momma, teach it to me so I can cry when I see people, momma, not flags.

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"You've all got a job to do. You've all got a job because we're about to put you all in the biggest trick the world has ever known. We believe you're defenseless. You're always working. You're all going to mess around and end up doing all the work. You ain't never heard of us fighting to do more work than you, have you? Even when women didn't have the right to vote, you had the right to work. You've all got a job to do, baby.

"No more social clubs. Women's Strike for Peace, that was a social club. Now come on off that bag and tell this man he ain't going to kill no more of your babies, that's the job you have to do. If enough women decide that their babies are not going to be killed, then we got to stop war. Go look through the history books and find out what the bad kind it was that started the war.

"So I say to you, you've got a job, baby. You've got a big job. If white babies understand the problem, you'll understand what black babies are talking about. You've got a white Santa Claus in on my little young black kid. I got to pay for the goods and that white boy gets credit for it. Black babies is huggin white dolls but white babies isn't huggin black dolls.

"So I say to you, you ladies have a big job to do. Got to ask a lot of questions. You've got to ask this system that if democracy is as good as we say it is, then why do we run all over the world trying to ram it down peoples' throats with a gun? The day you young folks work to make this democracy work right, that's the day we can bring the guns home and the sooner we bring the guns home, you mothers will have your men.

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"See, females were put here to reproduce. Dogs have dogs, cats have cats, horses have horses, men have babies. Females are meant to have babies. Men was put here to make the world a better place to live in for men. See, horses can't make it a better place, cats can't make it a better place. If you mothers sit back and let the system kill all of your babies before they become men, you're going to end up in a pickle. So the day we make this democracy work right is the day we bring the guns home. Because you see anything good you don't have to force on people. You know that. They'll steal it.

"You've got to ask a lot of questions. You can't afford to get you kids on the trick your momma got your brothers on. The Federal Government come by your house tonight, knock on your door, and tell your momma or daddy they want the dog or cat to send to Vietnam. You know how much hell your momma and daddy would raise over that dog going to Vietnam. If you ever learn to raise as much hell over your boy going to Vietnam as your momma would raise over that dog going, baby there won't be no more Vietnams.

"All these young kids burning draft cards. The whole system gets upset. You know why it's upsetting those fools don't you? What's the most important card you have in America? The draft card or Social Security card? The Social Security card stays with you all of your life, male and female have Social Security cards. Draft card stays with you part of your life. Just the males have them. Why is it if the Social Security card is more important than the draft card, we can all burn the Social Security card and nobody cares? But you better not burn the draft card because if too many of them young boys burn their draft cards, they're telling us old fools that in the not too distant future, 'Baby, you're going to get into a war you're not coming back from. You're going to have to fight it yourself.' And that scares us. Yeah, that really scares us.

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"You ladies have a big job to do. Whatever you do, keep yourself from being programmed. Understand that programming. It's cool to be programmed. You've got to know the difference between indoctrination and education. You see, you can never be educated to hate a man because of his race but you can be indoctrinated and these schools is equally guilty of it. Fraternities and sororities that Indians and Puerto Ricans can't get into, only the Establishment that is supposed to be educated, but that's been indoctrinated. Half of these colleges are not as fit as the CIA, corrupt as they are.

"They got a way of getting you. You come in and they give you that book in class and say, 'Here, read that.' Now that's not the way they brainwash you. They don't do it that way. After you take that book and read it, they give you a test. And if you haven't read the book the way we want you to read it, you can't pass the test. It means when you pass it well, they have thoroughly made a fool of you.

"I never will forget they used to always ask me why I brought my holy Bible to school. I said, 'I'm gonna keep this book, it's a good book.' The missionaries went to Africa, the Africans owned all the land, and the missionaries had all the Bibles, and when they left, the Africans had all the Bibles and the missionaries had all the land.

"That's my country over there where the white Christians tell me they are savages because they eat people. They said they is cannibals. I said, 'What's a cannibal?' I asked the white preacher, 'What's a cannibal?' 'That's your ancestors, they eat folks.' I ran to the first church I came to, which happened to be a white Christian church. I got on my knees and prayed to my God and said, 'God, please forgive my cannibal instincts because we're eating folks.' The white Christian minister overheard my prayer. He came out and said, 'Boy, I never knew a black boy had that much faith to pray for them cannibal instincts.' 'Yes sir, I

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"was really touched when I found out my ancestors was eating folks.' He was touched because a black boy had that much faith and he reached down and touched me on my head and rubbed it for luck. I said, 'Mr. Preacher, I'm fixing to leave now.' He said, 'No, I'd like for you to stay and share communion with us.' I said, 'No, I just like to pray for them cannibal ancestors. What's communion?' He said, 'Get on your knees, boy, and open your mouth. This is his body and this is his blood.' Yeah, I've learned a lot from white Christians. Now I pray for all the cannibals.

"Keep your mind open and understand our problem. Don't let anybody tell you you have to do this and you have to do that to learn how to treat somebody. Don't make the mistakes us old folks made. Don't sit in an institution for four years learning how to make a living and forget how to learn to live. That's our problem, we were so busy learning how to make a living, we forgot to learn how to live.

"If you understand the power of nature, then you understand why we have to indoctrinate because nature takes care of everything by itself. Raise your hands. How many of you in this room today understand Chinese? Any of you? One hand. Only one person in this room understands Chinese, but those in China understand Chinese. Nature is powerful. Those in Germany understand German, those in Russia understand Russian, do you? I say that because you're born with all the wisdom you need to fight your way through the tricks to get human dignity. Nobody has to teach you that, nature has already done it.

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"So, I say to you that I hope you youngsters can slip through us old fools and get on in here and solve the problems before the country falls in. I hope you understand black folks attitude in America today. And our attitudes is not attitudes because of racism, our attitudes is because we cannot stand no more of this country's insults. That's what it's all about, these insults. That's what it's all about.

"People run around asking black folks to be non-violent. Did you ever hear of a Nigger doing some underground nuclear testing? We don't make no napalm. The only country on the face of the earth that's ever dropped an atom bomb on human beings and that's the same country asking us to be non-violent. She's got the mightiest army, the mightiest navy, the mightiest air force, the FBI, CIA, the State Police, the local police, and she comes to us and asks us to be non-violent. You go to hell!

"If America is non-violent, how come that Indian is still locked up on that reservation because you can't be no more non-violent than that Indian brother has been? So we say to you, if America is non-violent, go up on that hill and lead my brother down.

"No, the only time someone would lead him down is when he developes him Stokely Running Horses and some Rap Light Clouds and when he bugs this system to the extent that they think Indians will come down and rape women and burn and loot your houses and schools, then everybody will start putting them on 'Meet the Press.' Two years from now, you'll have an Indian chief speak.



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"So I say to you in leaving, don't listen to the old fools in my race that tells you everything is all right. Let them go and talk in your homes to your daddy. They will get you in trouble.

"My oldest daughter is nine years old and they begged me to come home and celebrate my 36th birthday and I was touched by it because I didn't really know my kids was that concerned about daddy. And I flew home on a backup trip where I could stay there an hour and then fly back. I called from the airport and got home and they weren't there, but they had the cake sitting on the kitchen table. The biggest cake I've ever seen in my life and just right across was short and simple, 'Happy Birthday 36 year old Uncle Tom Nigger.'

Yeah, don't let these old fools trick you. I tell you how my kids feel about me, because you know how they feel about you. You insult them. I'm their daddy and they love me, but they ask me a lot of questions that I can't answer. They want to know, 'How come Matt Dillon come to my house, daddy, once a week teaching me it's a virtue to shoot straight and you run around hollering about non-violence all the time.' I can't answer them. They want to know why we're in Vietnam and they hear the newsmen on the radio talking about Dick Gregory being non-violent. They want to know how I can go to Watts and get shot trying to stop a riot but haven't been to Vietnam. So I say to you, stop calling me colored. Just call us black. That's what we say. It's as simple as that. That old Beulah at your house around your momma, call her Niger, Nigger, colored, anything you want. But now for the first time, you better learn how to speak two different ways to black folks. One way to that old fool and another way to that young beautiful cat that thinks the same way as Patrick Henry, Thomas Jefferson and many of you think.

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"A Jew leaves Israel and comes to America, he's still a Jew when he gets here. An Italian leaves Italy and comes to my country, he was an Italian over there and when he hits these shores, he's still an Italian. An Irishman leaves Ireland and comes to America, he was an Irishman over there, he stayed an Irishman when he got here. Kennedy's daddy didn't change his name when he came here. This is what we're talking about. We was Africans when we left and when we got here, we got to be Nigers, Niggers and coloreds. Don't play no more games with me because you ain't playing with yourself. Just call us black. We got attitudes. We hope America understands we have an attitude. It ain't got nothing to do with poverty because if poverty made a people burn a country down, them poor white crackers, hillbilly cousins of yours, would have burned this country down 75 years ago. So it must not be poverty that does it, it's insults. We're tired of these insults, we're not going to take no more of them.

"Twenty or thirty years ago black folks in America had an empty stomach. Today black folks have a full stomach but a hungry mind. A hungry mind will not tolerate the same things an empty stomach did. Empty stomachs deal on smell and hungry minds deal on sounds and this country don't sound right to us anymore. Three years ago, five white boys burned their draft cards and Congress passed an Anti-Draft-Card-Burning Bill, but we haven't been able to get an anti-lynching bill in 100 years. America just told me she thinks more of a piece of cardboard than she thinks of my black mammy and I'll bring her to her knees for that. This is what we're talking about.

"If I go to Vietnam tonight and get killed by the Viet Cong, this country gives my black wife \$10,000 and she can't take it and buy a house in any neighborhood she wants to. I got killed shooting at the wrong cats. Then this stinking trappy white system tells me to get a fair housing bill. Are you insane? What kind of animals are you? You didn't

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"make no red neck white Russian cracker broad, Stalin's daughter, get a fair housing bill when she came to my country, a known communist and a known Russian. What are you? We are tired of being insulted. That's what we're talking about.

"People tell us when you get educated you'll get work." Who needs education in this country? Ever stop to think how many people on the face of this earth would be dead today if it were not for blood plasma? Are you aware of the fact that an American black man by the name of Charlie Drew invented blood plasma? Check it out in your library. Are you aware of the fact Charlie Drew bled to death in an Atlanta, Georgia, hospital waiting room after an automobile accident because they didn't accept Niggers! You're telling me education is my problem? The man who had the wisdom, knowledge and intellect to give blood plasma to the world died because of the lack of his own invention because his face was black and now the man is going to tell me education is my problem.

"That same man has one-half million American boys in Vietnam fixing to die right this minute to free that foreigner and you've not heard one white or black American ever question the Vietnamese education standard, but you want to free him.

"We are tired of these insults. Twenty-four hours a day we got to put up with them. White folks think Niggers is the stinkiest, scroungiest, immoral beast that ever walked the face of this earth. I'm not here to tell you Niggers don't stink. I'll let you do your own research. Check the advertising industry and see how many multi-billions of dollars a year white folks spend in this country for deodorants. Multi-billions of dollars. And then look at those deodorant commercials you see on television and see if you ever see a black armpit. Then use your own knowledge you was born with and figure it out. If Niggers was doing all the stinking and white folks buy all the deodorant, who really stinks?

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"So, we're saying we're tired of these insults that you believe we're so immoral. I'm not saying we're not. Go in the black community and look at us and you'll find out that every dirty, stinking, immoral, trampy way that black folks have is a white European dirty, stinking, trampy, immoral way. So who did we learn from? We do not know what the Africans is going to do in the bushes after dark, but we do know what you do in the bushes after dark. We're doing the same thing in the bushes after dark that you're doing. So get up off my back. That's all we're saying.

"We know black women in America have 20% illegitimacy. We won't fight you on that. We have fun in the ghetto, baby. White women in America have 2% illegitimate babies, but don't take my 20% illegitimate and your 2% illegitimate and put a halo on your head because if we ever get our hands on white folks abortion credit cards in this country, we'll show you how to knock the rate down too.

"We say we are tired of the insults. We're tired of them. We don't intend to take any more of them.

"So, I hope you youngsters will make this country the country it was meant to be.

"People say, 'I wonder why colored folks get married and have all them babies. They can't afford them.' We know it. 'They end up on relief.' That's right. We ain't ashamed of it either. I ain't never met a white man that didn't want some free money. Talk about relief, did you ever check out that stock market? You talk about some gangsters! If words like relief, A.D.C., and welfare upset you, call it foreign aid.

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"This country pays a farmer what you call a subsidy not to plant, you don't call it relief to the farmers. You're going to pay a farmer not to plant and then you don't want to pay my sister after she plants, that's an insult.

"We're really tired of insults. Racism we can put up with, but not the insults.

"A man's got a right to be a racist. The Constitution gives you freedom of expression. Racism is nothing but expression, but don't burn no more crosses on my front lawn.

"I stop and think that had my daddy been killed during World War II, the same German that would have killed my daddy in 1942, I was ten years old then, I'm 36 years old now, that would mean I've got 26 years without a daddy, which is not an insult because daddies go to war and get killed. The insult is that the same German who would have killed my daddy in 1942, after 26 years without a daddy, that same German could come to my daddy's country in 1968, and live in a neighborhood where my daddy's boy can't live. Do you know how much that insults us?

"This is what we're talking about. Yet nobody seems to understand. Everybody seems to think we're picking on them. Tell us about how we all ain't made enough progress. I got six black kids at home, seven now. The last, a little girl, three weeks old now. This old insulting system, they're going to have it hard insulting her, a system that don't like to call black folks Mr. and Mrs., so we named this last girl MISS GREGORY.

"My old lady got seven kids and every time my old lady gets pregnant, I realize how much progress we've made. Every time my old lady's old black belly starts getting big, I see progress because, you see, I remember that just a little bit over a

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"hundred years ago down there in a slave tent when that black slave woman went to her black slave man and said, 'Honey, I think I'm pregnant,' them two black slaves fell on their knees and prayed to their almighty God that their unborn baby would be born deformed. You think about that sometime. They didn't pray that anything would happen to that cracker's child. They said, 'God, we're dealing with such an insane beast that if you would just give us this baby, Lord, with a limb twisted or a limb missing, or a hump in his back, oh God, if you really want to be good to us, give us this baby maladjusted; our little black baby that the man can never sell and we can keep here.' And then one day after the baby was born, she rushed up to her black slave man, crying tears of joy. 'Honey, the Lord answered our prayer, his head is funny, I think he's going to be maladjusted.' Them two black slaves fell down on their knees, praying with tears of joy, thanking their God for a maladjusted baby, a baby they would be able to keep. Progress? I have seven little old black kids at home. Me and my old lady have never had to pray for nothing, that's all the progress we're going to give this system.

"So, as I leave you, particularly you young ladies, face the destiny of the world. You can shape it. When you decide there will be no more wars, there will be no more wars. When you decide there will be no more capital punishment, there will be no more capital punishment. When you decide that Indian woman up on that reservation is bringing babies out of her womb just like you are and it's just like your little baby locked up on that reservation, then you'll go up and get your sister.

"The fate and destiny of this country depends on you girls. I'm not worried about racism, I'm worried about you because when you decide it's over, it's over.

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"You got this whole thing going for you, you outlive us, you end up with all the money. So, if you end up living long enough and end up with all the money, why not make the world a better place for you to get old in and to spend that money that you stole and got in all kinds of devious ways? That is your job. I've no doubt that you'll do well because I know the moral commitment of young folks in this country.

"Thank you and may God bless you."

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1. The information set forth below covering Richard Claxton GREGORY's contacts with [REDACTED]

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2. GREGORY and his wife arrived in London on 5 September for some television shows. While in London, GREGORY [REDACTED]

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4. GREGORY discussed with [REDACTED]

5. It was apparent from GREGORY's description that he [REDACTED]

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He had been under the impression when he went to [REDACTED]

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Recipient offices are requested to alert appropriate authorities and arrange coverage of GREGORY's appearances, furnishing pertinent information developed, inclusive of a transcript of his remarks if tape recordings are available in suitable form for dissemination.

The USA, Secret Service, Chicago, and the Region 1, 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois, have been advised regarding the contents of this LHM, and copies are being furnished to these organizations.

✓ It is noted the Evanston Police Department has been advised of GREGORY's scheduled speech at Northwestern University for January 6, 1968.



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In Reply, Please Refer to  
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Chicago, Illinois  
December 9, 1968

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

On [redacted] a Special Agent of the  
Federal Bureau of Investigation, under [redacted]  
contacted Richard Claxton Gregory by telephone, and  
Gregory furnished the following information concerning  
his itinerary and speaking engagements:

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December 8, 1968  
Batavia Community College, Batavia,  
New York

December 9, 1968  
State University College, New Platz,  
New York

December 10, 1968  
Campbell College, North Carolina

December 12, 1968  
University of Texas, Austin, Texas

December 13, 1968  
Open date, however, Gregory indicated he  
would be in New York City and then  
travel to London, England. Specific  
details unknown at this time regarding  
what he would do in London. However, he  
plans to return to Chicago, Illinois,  
for Christmas.

January 6, 1969  
Northwestern University, Evanston,  
Illinois

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January - Exact date unrecalled.  
University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa,  
Alabama

January 22, 1969  
Florida State University, Tallahassee,  
Florida

February 10, 1969  
Duke University, Durham, North Carolina

Gregory also stated that he is presently in the ninth day of a forty-day fast aimed at dramatizing the plight of the hungry in the United States and throughout the rest of the world.

Copies of this memorandum are being furnished to the United States Attorney, the United States Secret Service, Chicago, and the Region 1, 113th Military Intelligence Group, Evanston, Illinois.

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TO DIRECTOR BUFFALO CHARLOTTE NEW YORK SAN ANTONIO  
FROM CHICAGO 157-347

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, AKA, RM, 00: CHICAGO.

FOLLOWING INFO RELATING TO ITINERARY AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS  
OF GREGORY DEVELOPED [REDACTED]

DECEMBER EIGHT NEXT: BATAVIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE, /BATAVIA, NEW YORK/

DECEMBER NINE NEXT: STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, /NEW PLATZ, NEW

YORK/

DECEMBER TEN NEXT: CAMPBELL COLLEGE, NORTH CAROLINA.

DECEMBER TWELVE NEXT: UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS, AUSTIN, TEXAS.

DECEMBER THIRTEEN NEXT: OPEN DATE BUT INDICATED WILL BE IN NYC

AND THEN TRAVEL TO LONDON, ENGLAND, SPECIFIC DETAILS UNKNOWN THIS TIME,

AND SUBSEQUENT RETURN TO CHICAGO FOR CHRISTMAS.

GREGORY ADVISED HE WAS PRESENTLY IN THE NINTH DAY OF A FORTY DAY  
FAST AIMED AT DRAMATIZING PLIGHT OF HUNGRY IN U.S. AND THROUGHOUT  
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RE CHARLOTTE TEL TO DIRECTOR AND CHICAGO, DECEMBER SIX INSTANT, REPORTING GREGORY'S SCHEDULED APPEARANCE CAMPBELL COLLEGE, BUIES CREEK, NORTH CAROLINA, DECEMBER TEN NEXT, AND REQUESTING ANY INFO RE ITINERARY.

RECIPIENT OFFICES ALERT APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES AND ARRANGE COVERAGE OF GREGORY'S APPEARANCE AND FURNISH PERTINENT INFO DEVELOPED, INCLUSIVE OF TRANSCRIPT OF REMARKS IF TAPE RECORDINGS AVAILABLE, IN FORM SUITABLE FOR DISSEMINATION. ADDITIONAL SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS OF GREGORY IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY NEXT ASCERTAINED AND WILL BE INCLUDED IN FOLLOWING LHM. GREGORY HAS PREVIOUSLY TRAVELLED ABROAD AND IS IN POSSESSION OF U.S. PASSPORT.

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, AKA RM. OO CHICAGO.

INFORMATION RECEIVED DECEMBER FIVE LAST THAT SUBJECT IS TO APPEAR AT CAMPBELL COLLEGE, BUIES CREEK, NC, SEVEN THIRTY, DECEMBER TEN NEXT TO SPEAK ON A PROGRAM SPONSORED BY STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION. SUBJECT TO ARRIVE AT FAYETTEVILLE, NC, DECEMBER TEN NEXT AND ITINERARY AFTER SPEECH UNKNOWN THIS TIME.

SECRET SERVICE AND MILITARY INTELLIGENCE ADVISED.

CHICAGO ADVISE IF ITINERARY OF SUBJECT KNOWN.

COVERAGE OF SPEECH ARRANGED. CHARLOTTE WILL FOLLOW AND REPORT PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS.

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(7)☒ No further action being taken and☒ LHM enclosed ☒ Copy furnished to US \_\_\_\_\_ Service,☐ LHM being submitted G-2, OSI, all Pittsburgh, Pa.,☐ Report being submitted and NISO, Philadelphia, Pa.☐ Preliminary investigation instituted via registered mail.☐ Limited investigation instituted

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Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania  
December 13, 1968

RICHARD CLAXTON-GREGORY

On December 4, 1968, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Richard Claxton Gregory, also known as Dick Gregory, would speak at the South Campus of the Allegheny County Community College, West Mifflin, Pa., at 8:00 p.m. on December 4, 1968. Source said Gregory's appearance was being sponsored by the Student-Faculty Cultural Committee of the College.

On December 11, 1968, source advised that between 8:10 p.m. and 10:30 p.m., on December 4, 1968, Dick Gregory spoke before an audience of approximately 400 persons at the South Campus of the Allegheny County Community College. Source said that among Gregory's remarks were the following:

"Thank you for inviting me.

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"I always feel welcome in small towns. I came in on Allegheny Airlines and Allegheny flies to all small towns, but they didn't even know where West Mifflin was.

"I am now on the seventh day of a forty day fast. I have had nothing but distilled water for the last seven days so you don't know how good you look to me.

"Flying over here on the plane, I went to sleep. There was a white man sitting next to me and he wanted to talk so he started the conversation in the usual way by nudging me and shouting, 'Hey boy, what do you think of the Negroes progress?' I told him the biggest breakthrough was when they named the first colored hurricane---Beulah. He then asked me to explain Black Power. I told him Black Power is that heart

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"that is beating in that white man's chest over in South Africa. It's the only one in the world that's working right. I bet that white cat is somewhere singing the blues right now.

"We knew all along all you white folks needed was a change of heart. But don't get the idea that we are going to be your spare parts.

"I woke up one time in the airport and this white cat had his ear on my chest. Now don't get me wrong. I am not against all transplants, I'm just against the ones who can hide. I would love to see a white cat get a colored foot. Let him take that to the beach with him.

"Since June 6th, I have spoken at over 300 colleges, sometimes four a day. I have found out you young people are the most morally dedicated people today. You are too pure and too clean.

"They try to say that the Hippies and the Yippies are unclean. I won't say that some of them don't stink, but Abe Lincoln had a beard, stunk, and was ugly too. You don't have to read the cracker papers to find out what you are.

"Republicans and Democrats cannot claim credit for winning the election. I spent \$35,000 and they spent hundreds of thousands of dollars, but I was the only one running for President, the others were running for Sheriff.

"It was you young kids that decided that LBJ not run for President. And had not 15,000 Hippies shown up in Chicago, Humphrey would be President. So don't under estimate your power. You, in the near future, must solve problems you did not create. You will have difficulty because us old folks have used up all the tricks.

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"To show you how the kids are so advanced, when my birthday came, my seven kids bought me a birthday cake and written across the cake was 'Happy Birthday You Uncle Tom Nigger.'

"My four year old daughter and I both went to jail in Chicago during the demonstrations. After the Convention in Chicago, the whole Establishment tried to convince you that you didn't see what you saw. That is so good Kosygin ought to tell it to the Czechs---that they didn't see what they saw.

"I am not here to impress you. I could not give a damn about what you think about me after I am gone, but at least you could say, 'Greg didn't lie to us.'

"When I was a kid my mama and dad lied to me. They lied to me about Santa Claus. I knew damn well no white man was going to come into a black neighborhood after midnight.

"The number one problem in this country today is not air pollution but moral pollution. Don't let the patriotism cry fool you. This is the most morally corrupt country in the world. They spent a half million dollars on the Chicago report of the political riot. Yet there are not five Federal judges in Illinois who are not controlled by the crime syndicate. That Mayor Daley you saw on television after the disturbances was the same Mayor Daley that was stealing votes election night.

"Had the cops acted any other way during the disturbance, they would have blown their jobs. They acted the way Daley told them. Daley claims he has received many letters agreeing with what the police did, but not one saying, 'Give them a raise.' In fact, if the police in Chicago went on strike, crime would decrease by fifty percent. Read this month's issue of 'Life' magazine.

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"The kids today are realizing that morality is not a Brooks Brothers suit, a clean shave, and a haircut.

"Tell me who was the most immoral, the Hippies and Yippies or the Shriners when they came to Chicago?

"America will tolerate you as long as you don't buck the system. Some weeks ago 20,000 people turned out on Wall Street to look at a broad's kitties and nobody got excited. J. Edgar Hoover didn't say that it was communist inspired. All Miss Francine has to do to get some privacy is to wear the tightest sweater she can find and have written across her breast, 'Free Huey Newton,' and 'Bring the boys home from Vietnam.' Those 20,000 men would have fled back into their offices to participate in their anti-trust violation.

"I'm a stool pigeon. I'm telling on the system. I was on relief for 20 years and in 18 months I was a millionaire.

"When I was in college they used to have panty raids. I didn't participate because I was not going to be taking no white gal's drawers. Nobody got excited. They said, 'Boys will be boys.' Then there was the goldfish swallowing craze. Nobody got excited. Then there was the telephone booth packing and nobody would get excited when they would stuff 500 kids in a booth. But if you want to upset the system, take five kids and picket one booth asking AT&T about its anti-trust violations and the kids will be in jail before nightfall.

"Your job will be to clean up this filthy immoral society.

"Everyone in America was upset about the assassinations of Dr. Martin Luther King and Mr. Robert Kennedy, but no one was upset about the

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"assassinations of Mr. Rockwell or Malcolm X.

"We must put capitalism behind the Constitution and not in front of it. Capitalism is based on property rights, not human rights.

"If you are old enough to go to the Army and die at 18, you can ask for the vote at 17. If you want to vote at 17, you young people organize and tell the recording industry you are not going to buy anymore records until you are allowed to vote at 17 and the recording industry will lobby and get it for you.

"If you want to stop the war in Vietnam, tell the cigarette industry you are going to boycott cigarettes and they will have them home overnight from the war.

"Mayor Daley gave orders in Chicago to shoot all looters to kill. Not dope addicts, but looters. I say lets make it retroactive all the way back to the Indian and let the Indian shoot his looter to kill.

"You kids should check your mothers and fathers, who are too busy making money, to ask why Dean Rusk's son can't go to Vietnam. If I were you, I would handcuff myself to one of the Rockefellers, Duponts or Mellons and demand that they send one of the rich boys too.

"Your mother and father think more of your dog than they think of you. They will let you be drafted and sent to Vietnam and not say a word. But you just let a Federal man come to your mother's house in the morning and say they want your dog to go to Vietnam and there would be a shoot out on the lawn.

"You don't have to go all over the world to ram democracy down someone's throat. If it was so good people would steal it.

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"You see us old folks were so busy going to college to learn how to make a living that we didn't learn how to live.

"Education should enhance the senses, but today they indoctrinate, not educate.

"Books and transcripts are unimportant. The white christian missionaries taught me about books. When the missionaries went to Africa they had the Bibles and the Africans had the land. When the missionaries left, the Africans had the Bibles and the missionaries had the land.

"When I was eight years old I had my first encounter with the white christian. I was on my way to the show and a white minister stopped me and asked me where I was going. I told him, 'To see a Tarzan movie.' He said, 'What! Do you want to see those cannibals eating people?' I said, 'Really?' and sure enough, when I got in the movie there they were in the pot being cooked. But I didn't know that they were California niggers. I jumped up and ran all the way to the white church crying. When the white minister saw me he said, 'I told you. Now come on in and have communion with me.' I asked him what communion was and he said, 'Get on your knees and open your mouth. Now this is his body and this is his blood.' Yes the white christians taught me alot about cannibalism.

"In high school in history I was good and a fast reader because in our house it was so cold that after you read the book you burned it for heat.

"You could always tell when your teacher had been out doing something the night before that he should not have done because they would always have a pop quiz. One of these quizzes had for its one and only question: 'Why were George Washington and



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"Thomas Jefferson such effective leaders and how did they lead their men to victory?" Since I had read the book so fast, I was the first one finished and took my paper to the teacher. After the teacher read my paper, he called me up front and told me I got a zero. I said, 'Why, for telling what I interpreted from the book?' You see I wrote that George Washington's army was an alcoholic, reefer-smoking bunch of fools because in the book it said that this was the greatest British army and navy ever assembled. George Washington took a group of ragged, barefoot fools with pitchforks and sticks, against them. And to show you how good the stuff was that they were smoking, they won.

"The history book is one of the foulest, filthiest books ever written. In it, it says the white man came over from England and stole us on his way over to America. Then the white man discovered a land that was already occupied."

The United States Attorney's Office, Secret Service, and Army Intelligence, all Pittsburgh, Pa., were apprised in advance of Gregory's appearance at the South Campus of the Allegheny County Community College.

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FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (157-666)(RUC)

RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
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Chicago teletype 12/6/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are seven copies of an  
LHM suitable for dissemination regarding GREGORY's appearance  
at The University of Texas at Austin 12/12/68.

Enclosed to Chicago are two copies of this LHM.

Secret Service. Austin

Texas DPS

Austin PD, and

The University of Texas at  
Austin, all Austin, Texas, were made aware of GREGORY's  
proposed visit to Austin.

Copies of this LHM are being disseminated locally  
to the U.S. Secret Service, Austin and San Antonio, and to  
SI, NISO, and 112th MI Group.

For the information of Chicago on 12/13/68

Texas, advised  
that DICK GREGORY departed Austin at 11:30 p.m., 12/12/68, on  
flight No. 298, first class, to Dallas. Further, GREGORY

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had reservations on American Airlines Flight 84 out of Dallas to arrive Cleveland, Ohio, at 11:29 a.m., 12/13/68; with reservation on United Airlines Flight 432 leaving Cleveland at 5 p.m. and arriving at La Guardia Airport, New York, at 6:16 p.m., 12/13/68.

[ ] stated that GREGORY traveled on a free paid ticket which means that some other station picks up the money for the flight and wires his station confirmation of payment being made. In this instance, he said the payment was made to American Airlines, Boston, Mass., by the Morrison Travel Agency.

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San Antonio, Texas

December 14, 1968

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SA T-1 (11/19/68)

Source advised that Dick Gregory, civil rights leader and comedian, had been scheduled to speak at The University of Texas at 7:30 p.m. on December 12, 1968, by the Texas Union Speakers Committee, a committee of the Student Union.

Special Agents of the FBI observed that Gregory did not arrive at the Main Ballroom at the Texas Union Building at The University of Texas at Austin until 8:30 p.m. on December 12, 1968.

Gregory was introduced by William H. Goetzman, Professor of History, as a "renaissance man", "a penetrating social satirist", and "a one-man conscience of America".

Gregory opened his remarks by advising that he was in the fifteenth day of a forty-day water fast.

Gregory said the destiny of American depends on the young folks who would have to solve problems which they did not cause and that they young folks had been lied to all their lives, beginning with stories about Santa Claus.

He referred to America as the most degenerate, insane nation in existence, and said that it was up to the youngsters to make America beautiful. He said he could not eulogize America as long as there is so much to be done.

He said morality no longer comes from without, but must come from within and that the young should change the country to fit themselves and not change themselves to fit the country.

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Gregory said the young should work to beat the Capitalist system to the right position and this would be behind the Constitution and not in front of the Constitution as the Capitalist system finds itself. He said the emphasis is in property rights rather than on human rights under this system.

Gregory said trouble on school campuses is coming from corrupt boards of directors, of which nine out of ten know nothing about education, but are appointed because they are rich. He said schools did not educate, but rather indoctrinate and that the system would have to be changed to educate rather than indoctrinate.

He said there are 152 Senators and Congressman who have sons who should be in the Army. He said Dean Rusk has a son who has been old enough to go into the Army for five years. He said youth should find out where the sons of the Rockefellers and the Gettys are before they go over to Vietnam to get their brains blown out. He said everyone killed in Vietnam is killed by a weapon and bullets from Moscow, but that America is not mad at Moscow.

Gregory said he hoped that youth would not make the same mistakes that "we old fools made, we were so busy trying to make a living that we forgot how to live".

He told the group that the Walker Report, concerning incidents during the Democratic Convention in Chicago, was written to lead the youth back into the system.

He said there was something wrong with a society that would send eighteen-year-olds off to war, but would not give them the right to vote.

Gregory said there are black attitudes in America and that something the black folks have been doing for the last two years must be right as they have not been lynched during that time. He said the black man did not want anymore civil rights laws, but wanted justice under the Constitution.

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

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Gregory advised that his father was killed by the Germans in 1942 and that this society would permit that German to come to America today and live in a neighborhood where this dead soldier's son would not be accepted.

His remarks were freely interspersed with what was received by the audience as humor and anecdotes.

He said his Indian brothers should be off the reservations rather than letting a capitalist government run their lives for them; that the Mexican and the down-trodden white brothers of Appalachia should receive justice also.

In closing, Gregory requested donations for his "food army" which he said was being collected to buy beans, \$8 per 100 pounds sack, to help feed the one-third of this nation that goes to bed hungry each night.

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Source estimated the crowd attending Gregory's talk to be 1200 and said that  b7D

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San Antonio, Texas

December 14, 1968

Title                    RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

Character

Reference              San Antonio memorandum captioned  
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Via AIRTEL

AIRMAIL - REGISTERED

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
 FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO  
 SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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 (BU 100-409763)  
 (SF 100-52919)

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
 RM  
 (BU 100-440423)  
 (SF 157-457)

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Enclosed for the Bureau are 12 copies of a letterhead memorandum setting forth statements made by MARK LANE during a speech at San Francisco State College, San Francisco. Enclosed for the Chicago and Washington Field Offices is one copy each of the letterhead memorandum and for the New York Office two copies for files on LANE and GREGORY.

The source mentioned in the letterhead memorandum is [REDACTED] (U)

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The letterhead memorandum is classified "Confidential" because information furnished by the above-mentioned PSI, if revealed, could reasonably result in the identification of a confidential informant of continuing value and compromise future effectiveness.

- 6 Bureau (Encs. 12)(RM)  
 (3 - 100-409763)  
 (3 - 100-440423)  
 1 - Chicago (157-347)(Enc. 1)(INFO)(AM)(RM)  
 2 - New York (1 - 100-117844)(1 - 157-892)(Encs. 2)(AM)(RM)  
 1 - Washington Field (Enc. 1)(INFO)(AM)(RM)  
 2 - San Francisco  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

San Francisco, California

November 22, 1968.

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

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MARK LANE;  
RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

A confidential source advised in November, 1968, that during a speech by MARK LANE at San Francisco State College, San Francisco, California, on November 1, 1968, he stated that a house, "The Black House," had been purchased in Washington, D. C., and that he and DICK GREGORY would run an "American Government in exile" from this house. He also announced plans for a Black Inaugural Ball to be held outside the White House to coincide with the Presidential Inaugural Ball, and urged all to attend. He said, "If you think Chicago was something, don't miss this." ~~(S)~~ (U)

MARK LANE is the well-known author and lecturer, and DICK GREGORY is the well-known comedian, entertainer, and civil rights leader.

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San Francisco, California

November 22, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Title MARK LANE; RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

~~Character~~

Reference San Francisco memorandum, dated and  
captioned as above.

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are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable  
information in the past.

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Date: 12/13/68

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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (157-1093)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY aka  
RACIAL MATTERS  
(OO : CHICAGO)

Re Chicago tel to Bu, dated 12/6/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau and Chicago are copies of an LHM in above matter.

Confidential source is [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]Attached LHM is not classified since it is not believed that the security of the above source is jeopardized. *we*

Dissemination of attached LHM is being made locally to 108th MI Group, OSI, NISO, Secret Service and USA\$ SDNY.

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C. C. Bishop

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- ③ Bureau (Encls. 8) (RM)
- 2- Chicago (157-347) (Encls. 2) (RM)
- 1- New York (157-1093)
- 1- New York

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1- Supv. #43

ACCT: 4CST, [REDACTED], [REDACTED], OSI

DEPT: ISD, IDIU

BY: *Emj/mr*  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York  
December 13, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No. NY file 157-1093

Richard Claxton Gregory  
Racial Matters

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished the following information, December 10, 1968:

Richard Claxton Gregory fulfilled a speaking engagement at State University College, New Paltz, New York on December 9, 1968, at 8:00 PM. He spoke in Elting Gymnasium on the campus and this meeting terminated at 10:15 PM. The meeting was sponsored by the Student Government Association and 1200 people attended, mostly college students.

In his speech Gregory discussed current events and interspersed his own brand of humor including some sharp criticisms of the present Administration. He impressed upon the college youth that they have the power in their hands to change the government and the current situation in this country. For example, he said the cigarette industry is the third largest industry in the country and this would collapse if all students quit smoking.

He also discussed poverty programs and mentioned that he was in favor of collecting food stamps for the poor. He said that he personally helped the poor in Appalachia and was sending them shipments of Navy beans.

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Richard Claxton Gregory

He also said the money spent by the government in Vietnam should be channeled to the impoverished areas of the country. He was opposed to the draft system and to United States involvement in Vietnam. He urged the college youth to support the Negro movement for betterment; that thereby they would be helping all the people.

December 18, 1968

REC-113/40-6-1-422  
[Redacted]  
Day's Tailor-D Clothing, Inc.  
Tacoma, Washington 98401

Dear [Redacted]

I received your letter and its enclosure on  
December 13th and I appreciate your furnishing this to me.  
Since the information you furnished would be of interest to  
another governmental agency, I have forwarded a copy of  
your letter and enclosure to the Director, United States  
Secret Service, Washington, D. C.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

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1 - Seattle - Enclosures (2)

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of correspondent or the Day's  
Tailor-D Clothing Company. Dick Gregory is well known to the  
Bureau. Copy of letter and enclosure being sent to United States  
Secret Service by form referral same date.

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**DAY'S**

TAILOR-D CLOTHING, INC., TACOMA, WASHINGTON 98401

6 December

The Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington D.C.

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Mr. DeLoach  
Mr. Mohr  
Mr. Bishop  
Mr. Casper  
Mr. Callahan  
Mr. Conrad  
Mr. Felt  
Mr. Gale  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Sullivan  
Mr. Tavel  
Mr. Trotter  
Tele. Room  
Miss Holmes  
Miss Gandy

Gentlemen:

My nephew in Edmonton, Alberta wrote me and I am enclosing this portion of his letter.

I believe you will agree that such statements should be stoppin in some way.

Sincerely,

*Dick Gregory*

DAY'S TAILOR-D CLOTHING, INC.

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Well I suppose the US election pleased you. It will be interesting to see how Nixon does. Pick Gregory was in Edmonton addressing the useless twerps and trouble makers on our Campus and amongst many other things said "the biggest job Nixon has to do is to keep alive until his inauguration, we have planned that USA has had its last President". There are times that I think the freedom of speech in Democracy has run wild. ←

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Date: 11/27/68

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (176-31)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
ANTIRIOT LAWS  
(OO: Chicago)

Re Omaha airtel to Director 11/25/68 and Omaha airtel to Chicago 11/25/68, latter enclosing 2 tape recordings approximately 1½ hours long, containing text of GREGORY's speech at the University of Dubuque, Dubuque, Iowa, on 11/15/68.

Enclosed herewith to Omaha are the above referred to tape recordings. Omaha will transcribe enclosed tapes and submit letterhead memorandum containing pertinent information.

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- 3 - Bureau (RM)
  - 2 - Omaha (176-15) (RM) (Enc. 2)
  - 2 - Chicago
- (1 - 157-347) (RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY)

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[redacted] (NA), [redacted] at Campbell College, advised that his men and local authorities would be in and around the auditorium and that the speech would be taped by representatives of the college, a copy of which will be made available to the FBI. [redacted] requested that any information obtained concerning possible violence during GREGORY's time in North Carolina, be made available to him as he is responsible for security in this matter.

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LEADS:

CHARLOTTE

AT BUIES CREEK, RALEIGH and FAYETTEVILLE, N. C.

Will maintain liaison with appropriate law enforcement officials and contact appropriate informants.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Charlotte, North Carolina  
December 6, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTERS

On December 5, 1968, information was received from a representative of Secret Service that in connection with another investigation he had determined that subject was to appear at Campbell College, Buies Creek, North Carolina, during December, 1968.

On December 5, 1968, [redacted] Campbell College, advised that subject was to speak at 7:30 p.m., December 10, 1968, in the college auditorium at a program sponsored by the Student Government Association. GREGORY is to speak for one hour with a 30-minute question-and-answer session after the speech and the auditorium seats approximately 1,000 people. [redacted] stated that GREGORY is to arrive at Fayetteville, North Carolina, airport at 6:23 p.m., December 10, 1968, and representatives of the college are to transport him to the speech and back to Fayetteville, North Carolina, the same night. [redacted] had no information as to GREGORY's itinerary or if GREGORY is to depart Fayetteville on the night of December 10, 1968.

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The above information has been made available to representatives of Secret Service and military intelligence.

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## Domestic Intelligence Division

## INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 12/11/68

Attached relates to speech by Richard Gregory before 900 persons at Campbells College, North Carolina. Gregory criticized Government's Vietnam position and gave indirect support to communism.

Copy of attached sent Inter-Division Information Unit of the Department and the Attorney General.

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COMMUNICATION SECTION

DEC 10 1968

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Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Bishop	✓
Mr. Casper	✓
Mr. Callahan	✓
Mr. Conrad	✓
Mr. Felt	✓
Mr. Gale	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Sullivan	✓
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Miss Holmes	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

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11:36 PM URGENT 12-10-68 RHM

TO: DIRECTOR AND CHICAGO (157-347)

FROM: CHARLOTTE (157-5865)

**RACIAL MATTERS**

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, AKA, RM, OO: CHICAGO.

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RE CHICAGO TELETYPE DECEMBER SIX LAST. 100-440423-419  
REPRESENTATIVE OF ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH MILITARY INTELLIGENCE  
GROUP, FAYETTEVILLE, N.C., ADVISED TODAY SUBJECT ARRIVED  
FAYETTEVILLE AIRPORT, WAS DRIVEN TO CAMPBELL'S COLLEGE,  
BUIES CREEK, N.C., BY COLLEGE STUDENTS WHERE HE SPOKE TO  
AUDIENCE OF NINE HUNDRED PEOPLE ALMOST ONE HUNDRED PERCENT  
WHITE. SUBJECT CRITICAL OF GOVERNMENT POSITION IN VIETNAM  
AND CLAIMED COMMUNISM WAS NOT AS BAD AS MADE OUT TO BE. SUBJECT'S  
SPEECH AND QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD ENDED TEN FIFTYEIGHT PM  
AND SUBJECT ENROUTE TO FAYETTEVILLE AS OF ELEVEN FIFTEEN PM  
WHERE HE IS TO DEPART ONE THIRTY AM TWELVE ELEVEN NEXT 12 DEC 13 1968  
FROM FAYETTEVILLE AIRPORT VIA ATLANTA, GA., ARRIVING CHICAGO,  
ILL., FIVE FIFTYSEVEN AM.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE COGNIZANT, SECRET SERVICE ADVISED.

MEMO

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MR. TRAMER

FBI

Date: 12/11/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, BUFFALO (157-396) (RUC)

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
RM(OO: CHICAGO) ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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DATE 12-20-79 BY 5180 RLB/CL

Re Chicago teletype, 12/6/68. 100-440423-417

Enclosed herewith are eight (8) copies of LHM for the Bureau and two (2) copies for Chicago concerning captioned matter, reflecting the appearance of subject at Genesee Community College, Batavia, New York, on 12/8/68. Referenced teletype identified the location of subject's speech at Batavia Community College, Batavia, New York.

Enclosed LHM is not classified since there is no apparent reason for [REDACTED] EX-119 REC-52

Copies of this LHM are being furnished to Chicago as Chicago is office of origin.

[REDACTED] New York State Police, Batavia, New York, advised that he had intended to record subject's speech with a tape recorder, but this instrument malfunctioned and no recording was obtained

- 2 - Bureau (AM) (Encl. 8)  
2 - Chicago (157-347) (AM) (Encl. 2)  
1 - Buffalo AGENCY: ACSI, OSI, SEC. SERV.,  
DEPT: ISD, [REDACTED] IDIU

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HOW FORW: [REDACTED]  
DATE FORW: 12/16/68  
BY: [REDACTED]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Buffalo, New York  
December 11, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTER

On December 9, 1968, [redacted]  
[redacted] New York State Police, Batavia, New York,  
advised that he monitored the speech given by  
RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY at Batavia, New York High  
School on December 8, 1968, beginning at 8:00 P.M.  
This speech was sponsored by the Genesee Community  
College, Batavia, New York, as part of this  
institution's cultural events series. Approximately  
250 students of this school attended GREGORY's  
speech and admission was limited to holders of  
students activity passes. Seventy per cent of  
those attending were adults and all except six  
persons were of the white race. GREGORY spoke for  
about two hours.

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[redacted] advised that the  
introductory portion of GREGORY's speech was in a  
humorous vein and followed previous speeches he  
had made in the Western New York area during which  
he poked fun at Allegany Air Lines on which he has  
traveled from time to time. Later, in more serious  
vein, GREGORY pointed out that current history  
books used by college students are not designed for  
Negro students because they do not contain sufficient  
material concerning Negro history. He also criti-  
cized the United State's involvement in Viet Nam,

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTERS

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pointing out that this country is sending vast quantities of military supplies and manpower to a foreign country and at the same time it is doing relatively nothing for American Indians. He challenged college youth to rectify these situations and to familiarize themselves with the United States Constitution. He said it is of primary importance that white people stop referring to the black people as "Niggers," "Boy," and similar insulting names.

At no time, according to [redacted] [redacted] did GREGORY make any inflammatory statements urging Negroes to riot or to take up arms. On several occasions he insisted that he is in favor of nonviolence.

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Date: 12/11/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (157-5865) (P)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
Dick Gregory  
RACIAL MATTERS

(OO: CHICAGO)

Re Charlotte airtel to Bureau 12/6/68, and  
Charlotte teletype to Bureau 12/10/68. *per 15*

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of LHM in  
captioned matter, copies of which have been disseminated  
locally to military intelligence agencies and Secret  
Service. Two copies are furnished Chicago for their  
information since they are origin.

Lt. [redacted] 11th MIG, Fayetteville, North  
Carolina, furnished his information to SA THOMAS H. GEORGE,  
who also advised [redacted] U. S. Secret Service  
Charlotte, North Carolina.

- 3 - Bureau (Encls. 11)  
2 - Chicago (Encls. 2)  
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(2 - 157-5865)  
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(1 - 157-5490)

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AGENCY: ACSS, SEC. SER.,

HOW TO: *rs*  
BY: *initials*  
DATE: *12-20-79*

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LEAD:CHARLOTTEAT BUIES CREEK, NORTH CAROLINA

Will obtain a copy of subject's speech and  
thereafter appropriate communication in form suitable for  
dissemination will be submitted.

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Special Agent in Charge



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Charlotte, North Carolina  
December 11, 1968

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY,  
also known as DICK GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTERS

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DATE 12-20-79 BY 5180 RAB/cu

Reference is made to memorandum at Charlotte, North Carolina, dated December 6, 1968, captioned as above.

On December 10, 1968, a representative of 111th Military Intelligence Group, Fayetteville, North Carolina, advised that RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY arrived at the Fayetteville, North Carolina airport on December 10, 1968, where he was picked up by college students and driven to Campbell College, Buies Creek, North Carolina. At Campbell College GREGORY spoke to an audience of approximately 900 people which was almost 100 per cent white. In his speech, GREGORY was critical of the United States Government policy in Vietnam, and he claimed that Communism was not as bad as it was made out to be. After GREGORY's speech, there was a question and answer period, which ended at 10:58 p.m. and GREGORY was returned to Fayetteville, North Carolina, where he was to depart at 1:30 a.m., via Piedmont Airlines, en route to Atlanta, Georgia. In Atlanta, he was to catch an Eastern Airlines Flight arriving in Chicago, Illinois at 5:57 a.m.

No incidents occurred during GREGORY's speech.

Military intelligence was cognizant of GREGORY's activities and a representative of United States Secret Service was furnished the above information.

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Date: 1/7/69

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)  
FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (157-1472) (P)  
SUBJ: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RM  
(OO:CG)

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ReCGairtel to the Bureau dated 12/9/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of an LHM in captioned matter. Also enclosed for the Bureau is the original and one copy of an FD 376.

Two copies of the LHM are enclosed for Chicago, Mobile, and Charlotte. One copy each of the LHM is being disseminated locally to USA, Tallahassee, Secret Service, Jacksonville, and Military Intelligence, Jacksonville.

Source One is [redacted] to GREGORY in Chicago by SA [redacted]. The second source set forth in the LHM is [redacted]  
[redacted]  
Florida, to SA [redacted]

Jacksonville will follow and afford coverage.

- ③ - Bureau (Encls. 10) (RM)
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AGENCY: ACSI, OSI, SEC. SERV. FD-376  
DEPT: ISD, IDIU

DATE: 1/15/69  
BY: [redacted]

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CHARLOTTE, MOBILE, AND CHICAGO

Advise Jacksonville of any information received regarding subject's itinerary to and from Tallahassee, Florida, and his contemplated activity there.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Jacksonville, Florida  
January 7, 1969

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Director  
United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220


Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
3. ☐ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
5. ☒ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:
  - (a) ☐ Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior;
  - (b) ☐ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
  - (c) ☒ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.
6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

Photograph ☐ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☐ is not available  
☐ may be available through \_\_\_\_\_

Very truly yours,

  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s))  
U. S. Secret Service , Jacksonville

Enclosure(s)

(Upon removal of classified enclosures, if any, this transmittal form becomes UNCLASSIFIED.)





UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Jacksonville, Florida

January 7, 1969

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

On , source who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised he contacted Richard Claxton Gregory at Chicago by telephone and Gregory furnished the following information concerning his itinerary and speaking engagements:

January 2, 1969      Exact date unrecalled,  
University of Alabama  
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

January 22, 1969      Florida State University  
Tallahassee, Florida

February 10, 1969      Duke University  
Durham, North Carolina

Gregory also stated that he was in the ninth day of a forty-day fast aimed at dramatizing the plight of the hungry in the United States and throughout the rest of the world.

Source Number Two, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on January 6, 1969, advised that the contemplated visit of Richard Claxton Gregory who was popularly known as Dick Gregory, to Florida State University, (FSU), Tallahassee, Florida, had been confirmed for January 22, 1969. The source advised that Gregory's visit to FSU was being sponsored by the FSU University Union Program Council or Committee which is made up of University Staff and Students. The group periodically sponsors speakers or entertainment which was believed to be educational or of interest to Students. The source advised that no particular group was listed as sponsoring Gregory other than the Official University Union Program Council.

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

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Source Two advised that Gregory is scheduled to speak at 7:30 P.M. at Westcott Auditorium on campus at FSU on January 22, 1969. The topic of the speech or lecture is to be "Human Rights - Civil Rights". It is expected the speech will last from one and one half hours to two hours and it is open to the public. Source Two advised that Gregory is a controversial Civil Rights Leader but stated University officials expected no incidents in connection with his visit.

On January 6, 1969, [redacted] Tallahassee, Florida, advised he knew of no scheduled visit by Gregory at Florida A & M University. [redacted] advised, however, that as Florida A & M is a predominantly Negro University located in Tallahassee, it is very likely that Dick Gregory might visit Florida A & M while in Tallahassee.

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The foregoing information was made available to [redacted] Military Intelligence, Tallahassee, and local law enforcement agencies in Tallahassee, Florida.

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Date: 12/17/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
 FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (RUC)  
 SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

SM - C  
 (BUFILE 100-409763)  
 (NYFILE 100-117844)

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
 RACIAL MATTERS  
 (BUFILE 100-440423)  
 (NYFILE 157-1093)

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ReBuairtel to Chicago and offices listed below  
 dated, 11/26/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau and offices listed are copies  
 of an LHM in above matter.

No other additional information concerning the setting  
 up of a Government-In-Exile in WDC has been developed through  
 informant coverage; however, New York sources have been alerted  
 and additional information received will be furnished promptly  
 to the Bureau.

- 0 - Bureau (Encls. 10) (RM) 100-440423-  
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 (2 - 100-440423) (RICHARD GREGORY)  
 2 - Chicago (157-347) (Encls. 2) (RM)  
 2 - New Orleans (Encls. 2) (RM)  
 2 - San Francisco (100-52919) (Encls. 2) (1 - 157-157)  
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The substance of the information set forth in the attached LHM was furnished to the Bureau by airtel and LHM dated 11/5/68, entitled "RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY; RM".

The confidential source utilized is [REDACTED] b7D  
This LHM is not classified "Confidential" since the security of this informant would not be jeopardized through dissemination.

Dissemination of attached LHM is being made locally to the 108th MI Group, OSI, NISO and Secret Service.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York  
December 17, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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NYfile 100-117844

Bufile 100-440423  
NYfile 157-1093

Mark Lane  
Security Matter - C

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Richard Claxton Gregory  
Racial Matters

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised as follows on November 18, 1968:

On November 2, 1968, a rally was held at Town Hall, New York City, in support of Dick Gregory who was running for President on the Freedom and Peace Party ticket. Mark Lane was running for Vice President on the same ticket. This rally was sponsored by the Freedom and Peace Party and commenced shortly after 8:00 p.m.

The first speaker was Stewart Meacham of the American Friends Service Committee. His speech supported Dick Gregory and Gregory's stand for peace. He did not believe that a vote for Dick Gregory was a wasted vote. The next speaker was Mark Lane. While he conceded defeat, he did not feel that the effort would be fruitless. He said the Party would set up a Government-In-Exile; that a house would be obtained in Washington, D. C. and painted black to be known as the "Black House".

Dick Gregory was the final speaker and since he had another engagement, his speech was fairly short. He was serious throughout his speech and not the comedian. Dick Gregory also conceded that he would not win the election and speculated that Richard Nixon would be the next President; however, he felt that this campaign of the Freedom and Peace Party was a necessary part of the fight for peace and freedom.

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Mark Lane;  
Richard Claxton Gregory

Mark Lane is a well-known  
author and lecturer.

Dick Gregory is a well-known  
comedian, entertainer and  
civil rights leader.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM DETROIT (157- ) 2P

APPEARANCE OF DICK GREGORY AT ADRIAN COLLEGE, ADRIAN,  
MICHIGAN, JAN. NINE NEXT, RM.

CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE, WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE  
INFORMATION IN THE PAST, ADVISED THIS DATE DICK GREGORY WILL  
APPEAR ADRIAN COLLEGE, ADRIAN, MICHIGAN, JAN. NINE NEXT.  
GREGORY IS GUEST OF STUDENT GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE AND WILL  
SPEAK AT DAWSON AUDITORIUM, AT SEVEN THIRTY PM. GREGORY'S  
TOPIC UNKNOWN. FOLLOWING HIS SPEECH COMMITTEE WILL HOST  
RECEPTION FOR GREGORY IN RITCHIE HALL UNTIL NINE THIRTY PM.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE IS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AT ADRIAN COLLEGE, HOME ADDRESS [REDACTED]

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TICKETS FOR SPEECH ARE CONFINED TO STUDENT BODY AND CAN  
BE OBTAINED ONLY WITH ID CARD. SEVERAL LOCAL PERSONS HAVE

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Mr. DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Felt \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Gale \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
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Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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BEEN INVITED.

THERE HAS BEEN NO PUBLICITY AND TROUBLE IS NOT  
ANTICIPATED.

IT SHOULD BE NOTED ADRIAN COLLEGE HAS SPONSORED SEVERAL  
CONTROVERSIAL SPEAKERS IN THE PAST AND NO SIGNIFICANCE IS  
ATTACHED TO THE APPEARANCE OF GREGORY. ADRIAN COLLEGE  
IS CO-EDUCATIONAL AND PREDOMINATLY WHITE.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

SOURCE IS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WILL ATTEND SPEAKING APPEARANCE AND WILL  
TAPE SPEECH AND MAKE THIS TAPE AVAILABLE TO THE FBI.

DETROIT WILL FOLLOW AND SUBMIT LHM REGARDING SPEAKING  
APPEARANCE.

G-TWO, SECRET SERVICE AND USA, DETROIT ADVISED.

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Date: 1/16/69

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To: Director, FBI ATTENTION:  
☐ CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION  
 From: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (157-198) GENERAL INVEST. DIV.  
☐ DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIV.

Subject: APPEARANCE OF DICK GREGORY AND  
ROY INNIS AT WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY,  
MACOMB, ILLINOIS  
1/23-26/69

☐ CR ☐ EL ☐ VRA-65 ☐ CRA-64  
☐ PA ☐ PE ☐ PF  
☐ BM ☐ BM-Threats ☒ Racial Matters  
☐ Klan ☐ Organization

## Summary of Complaint:

Re Springfield airtel to Bureau dated 1/14/69.

Enclosed herewith are the original and ten copies  
 of a self-explanatory LHM re captioned subject. Also enclosed  
 are two copies of FD-376.

- 1-Bureau (Enc. 13) (RM)  
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 2-Chicago (Enc. 2) (RM)  
 2-New York (Enc. 2) (RM)  
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   (2:157-1075)  
   (1:157-775)  
   (1:157-85)  
   (1:66-1967)

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ACTION: UACB:

- ☐ No further action being taken and  
☒ LHM enclosed ☐ Copy furnished to USA  
☐ LHM being submitted  
☐ Report being submitted  
☐ Preliminary investigation instituted  
☐ Limited investigation instituted

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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Enclosed for Cincinnati, Chicago, and New York are two copies each of LHM captioned as above.

Copy of LHM has been disseminated locally to USA, Springfield, Illinois; Secret Service, Springfield, Illinois; OSI, Chanute Air Force Base, Illinois; 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois; NISO, Chicago, Illinois.

Local authorities at Macomb, Illinois have been apprised of the contents of the enclosed LHM.

LEADS:

CINCINNATI DIVISION

At Columbus, Ohio

Will advise Springfield if the appearance of PETER SIMMONS has caused demonstrations or draw rabble rousers.

SPRINGFIELD DIVISION

Will follow and report pertinent developments.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

421 South 6th Street  
Springfield, Illinois 62701

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

January 16, 1969

APPEARANCE OF DICK GREGORY AND  
ROY INNIS AT WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY  
MACOMB, ILLINOIS  
JANUARY 23 - 26, 1969

On January 15, 1969, Sheriff Bell Rich Mc Donough  
County, Macomb, Illinois, advised that [redacted]  
[redacted] Western Illinois University, (WIU),  
Macomb, Illinois, who is the [redacted] for the forth-  
coming Black Students Conference at WIU, has developed the  
following schedule for the conference:

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Thursday, January 23, 1969

- 3:30 p.m. - Introduction and Welcome;
- 4:00 p.m. - Panel discussion by black veterans;
- 6:30 p.m. - Remarks by Track Coach Stan Wright of  
WIU, and panel discussion by black athletes;
- 8:00 p.m. - Speech by Roy Innis, Executive Director  
of Congress of Racial Equality, (CORE), followed by coffee hour.

Friday, January 24, 1969

- 1:00 p.m. - Showing of CBS film, "Of Black America";
- 2:00 p.m. - Speeches by black women students;

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APPEARANCE OF DICK GREGORY AND  
ROY INNIS AT WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY  
MACOMB, ILLINOIS  
JANUARY 23-26, 1969

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3:30 p.m. - Poetry reading by students;

6:00 p.m. - Showing of CBS film; poetry reading;  
speeches; dance performance by black women students;

8:00 p.m. - Speech by Claude Brown, Author of "Manchild  
in the Promise Land", followed by coffee hour.

Saturday, January 25, 1969

11:00 a.m. - Talk by Peter Simmons, representative  
of black students at Ohio State University;

12:00 p.m. - Black coffee hour;

3:00 p.m. - Showing of CBS film "Of Black America";

6:15 p.m. - Dance performance by black women students;

6:45 p.m. - Talk by L. F. Palmer, Jr., Columnist of  
the Chicago Daily News;

8:00 p.m. - Performance of play and skits;

9:00 p.m. - Dance for black students featuring a  
Chicago band.

Sunday, January 26, 1969

1:00 p.m. - "Ideas"; impromptu and spontaneous  
remarks, open to anyone;

2:00 p.m. - Showing of CBS film "Of Black America";

3:00 p.m. - Repeated performance of play and skits;

4:00 p.m. - Speeches by black students;

8:00 p.m. - Speech by Dick Gregory; followed by coffee  
hour.

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Date: 1/14/69

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
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To: Director, FBI  
ATTENTION:  
☐ CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION  
From: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (157-198) GENERAL INVEST. DIV.  
☐ DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIV.

Subject: CHANGED

APPEARANCE OF DICK GREGORY  
AND ROY INNIS AT WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY  
MACOMB, ILLINOIS  
1/23-26/69

☐ CR ☐ EL ☐ VRA-65 ☐ CRA-64  
☐ PA ☐ PE ☐ PF  
☐ BM ☐ BM-Threats ☒ Racial Matters  
☐ Klan ☐ Organization-

Summary of Complaint:

The title is marked "CHANGED" to show the four dates at Macomb, Illinois. The title formerly carried only the dates 1/24-25/69.

Re Springfield airtel to Bureau dated 11/22/68

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ACTION: UACB: (1: 157-85) (1: 66-1967)

- ☐ No further action being taken and  
☒ LHM enclosed ☒ Copy furnished to USA, Springfield  
☐ LHM being submitted  
☐ Report being submitted  
☐ Preliminary investigation instituted  
☐ Limited investigation instituted

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Approved: 5 FEB 3 1969  
Special Agent in Charge

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Springfield; OSI, Chanute AFB, Illinois; 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois; and NISO, Chicago, Illinois.

On 1/23/68, the information enclosed LHM was furnished by SA ELYON H. DAVIS to Sheriff BILL RICH, McDonough County, Macomb, Illinois, Chief of Police, ROBERT DE POY, Macomb, Illinois Police Department, and State Policeman [redacted] Macomb, Illinois.

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On 1/7/69, Detective [redacted] Crime Section, Illinois State Police, Macomb, Illinois, advised that the Crime Section will attempt to record any speeches concerning captioned subject and will furnish copies of the tapes to the Springfield Division.

LEADS:

CHICAGO DIVISION

At Chicago, Illinois

Will attempt to identify [redacted] for the [redacted] and will furnish Springfield with any information which would indicate whether or not his appearances have triggered demonstrations or have rabble rousers or the like.

NEW YORK DIVISION

At New York City, New York

Will review files and furnish Springfield any information concerning CLAUDE BROWN that would indicate whether his appearances have triggered demonstrations or attract rabble rousers.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Springfield, Illinois  
January 14, 1968

APPEARANCE OF DICK GREGORY AND  
ROY INNIS AT WESTERN ILLINOIS  
UNIVERSITY, MACOMB, ILLINOIS  
JANUARY 23-26, 1969

On [redacted]

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[redacted] Macomb, Illinois advised that the Negro students at Western Illinois University (WIU) have scheduled the following program in conjunction with the appearances of Dick Gregory and Roy Innis at Western Illinois University:

On January 23, 1969 at 8:00 P.M., Roy Innis, Executive Director of Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), will speak at the Grand Ballroom located in the Student Union of WIU.

On January 24, 1969, students will listen to "soul music" in the tract room of the Student Union from 8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. The tract room is a lounge located in the Student Union.

On January 24, 1969 at 8:00 P.M., Claude Brown, a New York Negro attorney and author of the book "Man-child in the Promise Land", will speak in the Heritage of the Student Union.

On January 25, 1969 at 8:00 P.M., there will be a dance for Negroes only in the Heritage Room of the Student Union.

On January 26, 1969, there will be a dinner in honor of Dick Gregory at Western Hall at 6:30 P.M.. The speaker at the dinner will be (FNU) Palmer, who is a reporter for the Chicago Daily News.

On the same date, after the dinner at 8:00 P.M. Dick Gregory will speak at Western Hall.

The above appearances are sponsored by Omega Pi, a Negro student organization at WIU. The [redacted] is [redacted] a white [redacted] instructor at WIU, who is also a member of the Macomb, Illinois

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APPEARANCE OF DICK GREGORY AND  
ROY INNIS AT WESTERN ILLINOIS  
UNIVERSITY, MACOMB, ILLINOIS  
JANUARY 23-26, 1969

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Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement  
of Colored People.

[redacted] advised that the Grand Ballroom in the Student Union has a seating capacity of approximately 1000 people. The Heritage Room has a seating capacity of 500 people. He advised that Western Hall is the field house of WIU and has a total seating capacity of approximately 5000 people.

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On the night of January 25, 1969, while the dance is in progress for colored students in the Heritage Room, there will also be a dance for all students at WIU in the Grand Ballroom. This is the annual Princess WIU Dance. [redacted] advised that no friction nor disturbances are expected; however, the two dances will be in progress at the same time in the same building, almost next door to each other.

[redacted] advised that very little publicity has been given concerning the above program on the campus of WIU. He stated that visitors are invited concerning all speeches.

[redacted] advised that there are less than 200 Negro students out of a total student body of 9980 at WIU.

Chief of Police, Robert DePoy, Macomb, Illinois Police Department, advised on January 13, 1969 that there are approximately 120 Negroes who reside in the city of Macomb, Illinois.

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12/26/68

**AIRTEL**

**TO: DIRECTOR, FBI**  
**FROM: SAC, WFO (100-41444)**

[Redacted]

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**Bufile 100-409763**

**RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY**  
**RM**  
**Bufile 100-440423**

ReBuairtel of 11/26/68, captioned as above.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM under the above caption.

The LHM is being disseminated locally to AUSA, Secret Service, and interested military intelligence agencies.

The informants contacted were: [Redacted]

[Redacted] The agencies contacted were: Secret Service, OSI, NISU, 115th MIG and the Intelligence Division of the Metropolitan Police Department.

The LHM has been classified "Confidential" to protect the identity of the informants utilized.

WFO sources and informants have been alerted to the statements made by MARK LANE.

- 4 - Bureau (Encls. 11)
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- 3 - WFO
  - (1 - 157-1121)(GREGORY)
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D.C. 20535

December 26, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

MARK LANE  
RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

All confidential sources utilized have furnished reliable information in the past.

A confidential source advised in November, 1968, that during a speech by Mark Lane at San Francisco State College, San Francisco, California, on November 1, 1968, he stated that a house, "The Black House," had been purchased in Washington, D.C. (WDC), and that he and Dick Gregory would run an "American Government-in-exile" from this house. He also announced plans for a Black Inaugural Ball to be held outside The White House to coincide with the Presidential Inaugural Ball, and urged all to attend. He said, "If you think Chicago was something, don't miss this."

Mark Lane is the well-known author and lecturer, and Dick Gregory is the well-known comedian, entertainer, and civil rights leader.

A second confidential source advised that during a Peace and Freedom Party Rally in New York, New York, on November 2, 1968, Mark Lane said that the Party would set up a Government-In-Exile. He also said that a house would be

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MARK LANE

obtained in WDC and painted black to be known as "The Black House".

Confidential sources in WDC and representatives of other Government agencies that conduct intelligence-type investigations have advised they have no current information to substantiate the statements made by Mark Lane.

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1 - Mr. G.T. Tunstall

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To: SAC, Detroit (157-3573)

From: Director, FBI

SCHEDULED SPEAKING APPEARANCE  
OF DICK GREGORY,  
GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN  
1-17 AND 18-69  
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In view of the government-wide interest in the public appearances of all black extremists, whenever you learn of any such appearances you should promptly submit that information in form suitable for dissemination. Incorporate pertinent information contained in referenced airtel in such form. In the future such information should be initially so submitted so as to avoid both delay in dissemination and duplication of paper work.

Chicago is the office of origin in the Richard Claxton Gregory investigation; therefore, you should forward a copy of referenced airtel to Chicago and insure that copies of future communications concerning Gregory are designated for that office.

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NOTE:

Detroit in referenced communication sets out information concerning the scheduled appearance of Dick Gregory in Grand Rapids as well as information concerning both the sponsoring organization and the official publication of that organization. This information should be disseminated.

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO: Director, FBI

FROM: SAC, Detroit (157-3573) (P)

SCHEDULED SPEAKING APPEARANCE  
OF DICK GREGORY,  
GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN  
1/17 and 18/69  
RM  
OO: Detroit

On 1/9/69, [redacted]  
[redacted] Grand Rapids, Michigan, Police Department, advised  
that information previously appearing in the "Grand Rapids  
Press", newspaper at Grand Rapids, Michigan, issue of  
12/28/68, to the effect that Negro comedian DICK GREGORY was  
scheduled to make two speaking appearances at Grand Rapids  
Michigan, had been confirmed.

According to [redacted] contacted by SA [redacted]  
[redacted] on 1/4/69 and [redacted] GREGORY is  
scheduled to speak at 8:00 p.m., on Friday, 1/17/69, with  
admissions limited to individuals of college age or younger,  
ticket price \$2.00 and also at 8:00 p.m., 1/18/69 with  
adult admissions available at ticket price of \$3.00.

These sources advise that the speaking engagement  
will be held at Fountain Street Church, 24 Fountain, NE,  
Grand Rapids, Michigan.

- 3 - Bureau (RM)  
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(1 - 157-3570 (BLACKS UNITE FOR FREEDOM)  
(1 - 157-3571 (THE ORGANIZER)  
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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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According to published statements in the "Grand Rapids Press" newspaper and the first edition of a new bi-weekly four page newspaper dated 1/3/69, entitled "The Organizer", Mr. GREGORY's appearances are sponsored by a newly formed group at Grand Rapids, Michigan, using the name "Blacks Unite for Freedom". Principal spokesman for this group is identified as CARL SMITH and its address as 1161 Prospect, SE, Grand Rapids, Michigan. It is noted that CARL EDWARD SMITH, subject of DEfile 100-34370, has been a leading spokesman for "Black economic power at Grand Rapids, Michigan, and is on Agitator Index of the Detroit Office.

For further information of Bureau, case files have been established at Detroit regarding "Blacks Unite for Freedom" and the publication "The Organizer", however, check of license and assumed names files at Grand Rapids, Michigan, show no formal papers filed to date regarding either group. No license is required by the City of Grand Rapids for publication of newspapers.

The above "Grand Rapids Press" news article also named CHET POINDEXTER and CHARLES YOUNG as additional spokesmen for "Blacks Unite for Freedom". [redacted] <sup>supra</sup> advised these individuals are identical to [redacted]

[redacted] Negro, male, born [redacted] at Chicago, Illinois, Grand Rapids PD Number [redacted] FBI [redacted] and [redacted]

[redacted] Negro, male, born [redacted] at Camden, Arkansas, Grand Rapids PD Number [redacted] FBI [redacted] both of whom have arrest records at Grand Rapids. Case files have also been established regarding these individuals and appropriate background will be obtained.

On 1/9/69 [redacted] Grand Rapids, Michigan, advised his department is aware of captioned matter and has been in receipt of no indication or expects any racial violence in connection with the talks.

The speaking engagements by Mr. GREGORY will be followed by Detroit and the Bureau will be advised and LHM submitted following talks.

**SUPPLEMENTAL CORRELATION SUMMARY**  
(See Correlation Summaries dated 10/19/64, 11/5/65, 12/5/66,  
and 10/12/67, filed as 100-440423-16, 51, 103, and 130,  
respectively.)

Main File No: 100-440423  
See Also: 44-22002  
44-24630  
44-29468  
56-3912  
173-694  
173-2601

Date: 1/22/69

*Jsg* Subject: Richard Claxton Gregory

Date Searched: 6/26/68

All logical variations of subject's name and aliases were searched  
and identical references were found as:

*Jsg*  
~~Richard Claxton Gregory~~  
~~Dick Gregory~~  
~~Dick Gregory~~  
~~Dick C. Gregory~~  
~~Dick Claxton Gregory~~

*Jsg*  
~~R. C. Gregory~~  
~~R. C. Dick Gregory~~  
~~Richard Gregory~~  
~~William Richard Claxton Gregory~~

This is a summary of information obtained from a review of  
all "see" references to the subject in Bureau files under the names  
and aliases listed above. All references under the above names  
containing data identical with the subject have been included except  
any indicated at the end of this summary under the heading REFERENCES  
NOT INCLUDED IN THIS SUMMARY.

THIS SUMMARY HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR USE AT THE SEAT OF  
GOVERNMENT AND IS NOT SUITABLE FOR DISSEMINATION. IT IS DESIGNED TO  
FURNISH A SYNOPSIS OF THE INFORMATION SET OUT IN EACH REFERENCE, AND  
IN MANY CASES THE ORIGINAL SERIAL WILL CONTAIN THE INFORMATION IN  
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Analyst

Coordinator

Approved *Jsg*

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ABBREVIATION

Add. info. .... Additional information appearing in this reference which pertains to Richard Claxton Gregory can be found in the main file or elsewhere in this summary.

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Major William Jones, Alabama Department of Public Safety, Montgomery, Ala., made available copies of three volumes which contain the names, addresses, identifying data, and photographs of various individuals who had been arrested or were active during the demonstrations at Selma and Montgomery, Ala., in 1965. One of those included was Dick Gregory.

Above copies enclosed  
157-7782-165 encl.p.75 (Photo)  
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[redacted] reported that on [redacted]  
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It was noted that Gregory ran for mayor of Chicago on an independent ticket during 1967. II.

According to this serial [redacted]  
(100-441051) was also known as [redacted]

100-441051-14 p.8  
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On 12/16/66, the Annual Bill of Rights Dinner, sponsored by the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee (ECLC) (100-384660), was held in the Americana Hotel, NYC. John Scudder, treasurer of the ECLC, announced that Dick Gregory would be legally represented by the ECLC in his case against the State Department, [REDACTED]

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The "National Guardian", in the issue of 1/14/67, on page 5, under the heading "Tom Paine's Corner", set out an article by Edith Tiger, assistant director of the ECLC, regarding American passports. The article discussed Dick Gregory and his controversy with the State Department regarding his passport and his trip to North Vietnam. The ECLC would aid him in his case with the State Department, according to the article. (Article set out verbatim.)

100-384660-806 p.14,15,32

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The Chicago Field Office reported that a local newspaper (not-identified) on 3/9/67, indicated that Dick Gregory, who was currently conducting a write-in campaign seeking election as mayor of Chicago, planned to travel to Bimini in the Bahamas to ask the help of Adam Clayton Powell\* in his campaign. The article indicated that Gregory would request Powell to make a speech in Chicago in Gregory's behalf.

100-446080-133 p.1

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\*Powell was unseated from his position as Congressman from New York State and was currently in Bimini.

A meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee for the School Boycott (157-7136) was held on 3/20/67, at 16th and Newton Streets, NW, Washington, DC. Julius Hobson, chairman of the meeting, described actions to be taken by the committee in an attempt to remove the incumbent city school superintendent from his position. Hobson stated they intended to hold a school boycott on 5/1/67 and set up "Freedom Schools" for the children during the time of the boycott. The local group intended to get aid from a number of individuals, including Dick Gregory. [REDACTED] protect identity.)

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This serial identified Hobson as a militant civil rights leader.

157-7136-1 encl.p.2

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[redacted] advised that H. Rap Brown (105-168197) departed Atlanta on 6/21/67, for Washington, DC. Source was not aware of the purpose of the trip, but he understood that Dick Gregory was participating in some affair in Washington, DC, and Brown's travels to that city might be in connection with that function.

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105-168197-8 p.1  
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An affair was held in the dining room of St. Stephen and The Incarnation Church, 16th and Newton Streets, NW, Washington, DC, on 6/21/67, which was called a "Soul" session and was for the benefit of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee. The affair was not racial in nature but was only for entertainment. Dick Gregory was the only attraction, and he joked and ad-libbed for about an hour. At the end of the affair, [redacted]

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[redacted] This serial indicated that [redacted] was the wife of [redacted] of [redacted] and the divorced wife of [redacted]

77-54567-32 p.2  
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The Congress of Racial Equality (100-225892) National Convention began on 6/30/67 in the Municipal Auditorium, Oakland, Calif. One of the speakers was Muhammad Ali (Cassius Clay). There was some discussion to the effect that Muhammad Ali and Dick Gregory would stage a fight within the next year with the proceeds going to black power organizations.

Dick Gregory also spoke at above meeting, declaring that he intended to make a world tour in the near future and would stop in all countries that were receiving foreign aid from the US.

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100-225892-9-66 encl.p.1,2  
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This reference contains information pertaining to the relationship of Dick Gregory to the organization known as ACT (100-441968). He attended the founding conference in Chester, Pa., on 3/14/64; he attended a conference on 8/27/66, place not given, at which expansion was discussed; as of December, 1964, a list of national and state officers of ACT showed Gregory as "Advisor from Chicago". He was a speaker at a benefit performance in Chicago on 7/4/67. A thumb nail sketch of Gregory's past activities was set out.

100-441968-163 p.3,6,7,14,17  
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An article captioned "Gregory Set to Run for President '68, Praises Muhammad Ali on Draft," datelined Washington, appeared in Vol. 6, No. 42, issue of "Muhammad Speaks," on 7/7/67. The article stated that Dick Gregory praised Muhammad Ali's stand against induction into the Armed Forces.

This serial indicated that "Muhammad Speaks" was the official publication of Nation of Islam (NOI) (25-330971), and that Cassius Clay, known as an NOI member by the name of Muhammad Ali, was facing a trial for refusal to be inducted into the Armed Forces.

25-330971-8102X p.90  
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The following references in the file captioned "National Conference for New Politics" (NCNP) contain information pertaining to the activities of Dick Gregory in connection with this conference, which met in Chicago August 29 - September 4, 1967. Gregory was one of the signers of a letter of invitation to this convention. The letter urged formation of new political alliances with "white progressives." In a speech at the 8/31/67 session, Gregory attacked President Lyndon B. Johnson, the US Government, and the FBI. Gregory was a member of the NCNP National Council.

REFERENCE

62-110985-17 encl.p.3  
-45 p.2  
-177 encl.p.3  
-181 encl.p.13  
-326 p.1,4

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62-110985-341 p.2  
-401 encl.p.20,22,54  
-406 encl.p.1  
-420 encl.p.4  
-455 encl.p.16  
-458 encl.p.15  
-475 encl.p.1  
-561 p.25,26,61

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On 9/6/67, [REDACTED] Cook County Sheriff's Office, Chicago, made available a lengthy document concerning the American Council of Human Rights, Markham, Illinois (157-8033). The document included a news letter under the name "The American Council Eagle, Post Office Box 42, Markham, Illinois," which was published by the American Council of Human Rights, Incorporated (ACHR). Included was a "quiz", in which any one sending in identification of a list of individuals named on an attached list would be mailed ten dollars by the ACHR. One of the names on the list was Dick Gregory.

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Copy of newsletter enclosed  
157-8033-1 encl.p.5  
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Chief of Police Paul Cheavens, Columbia, Mo., advised that the marchers of the Peace Torch Marathon (105-168953), on 10/2/67, met with Dick Gregory upon his arrival in Columbia to deliver a scheduled speech at the University of Missouri on that date. The marchers met Gregory at the airport and handed him the torch, which he carried to a waiting automobile. He then stated he endorsed the marchers' task.

The serial indicated that the torch, which was lighted in Hiroshima, Japan, was being carried across the US as a protest of war and a symbol for peace.

105-168953-34 encl.p.4  
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SI 105-168953-30 encl.p.2  
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[ ] reported that a rally to protest US policy in Vietnam was held at 5357 Brooklyn Ave., Los Angeles, Calif., on 10/15/67, sponsored by the Peace Action Committee (PAC). At the rally, a telegram from Dick Gregory was read, expressing regrets at not being able to attend the rally.

The PAC was identified as a group formed to protest the war in Vietnam.

25-558874-360 encl.p.3  
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The following references in the file captioned "Demonstrations Protesting United States Intervention in Vietnam" contain information that Dick Gregory was a speaker or a scheduled speaker at protest demonstrations in NYC and Washington, DC, during the period of 6/22/67 - 10/21/67. Information was also included that Gregory participated in a protest "Peace Torch" rally in Columbia, Mo., on 10/3/67.

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105-138315-6805 encl.p.6  
-6836 encl.p.4  
-6966 encl.p.3  
-7006 encl.p.1  
-7108 p.141,142  
-7542 p.5  
-8475 p.114

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The following references in the file captioned "National Conference on Black Power" contain information pertaining to the activities of Dick Gregory in relation to this conference. Most of the top national black power leaders attended a conference held in Los Angeles 5/26-28/67, which was followed by a conference in Newark, NJ, 7/20-23/67. An outgrowth of this latter meeting was a regional, Midwest Student Conference held in Chicago, 11/23-25/67, at which plans were made for a National Student Conference to be held during the Christmas vacation, December, 1967, place not announced. Gregory was a speaker at each of the above meetings and had been invited to address the December meeting. In his speeches, Gregory spoke of the necessity of Negro citizens uniting to combat injustices existing in the US.

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SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER

62-111166-78 p.1,2  
-114 encl.p.2  
-130 encl.p.18  
-135 encl.p.5  
-143 p.2,3  
-146 encl.p.2,3  
-172 encl.p.2-4

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This reference is a Chicago letter dated 12/6/67, appearing in the file captioned "Black Nationalist Movement," and set out information regarding three Negroes who recently traveled outside the US. Information concerning this travel and the individuals themselves was included. Above information pertaining to Richard Claxton Gregory was included. His civil rights protest activities and his travels to London, Moscow, and North Vietnam were set out.

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157-8141-81 p.1-3, encl.p.3,4  
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[redacted] advised on [redacted] that [redacted]  
(100-430184) was staying at [redacted] Source re-  
ported that [redacted] stated [redacted]

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100-430184-112 encl.p.1  
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Dick Gregory appeared on the radio show "Hot Line" over Radio Station WVON, Chicago, on 1/8/68 and commented that he had just returned from a two day visit to NYC, where he met with various peace groups. He gave details of plans for the August protest in Chicago. Details set out.

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On 1/16/68, [ ] advised that to the best of his knowledge Gregory had not been in NYC recently. [ ] and [ ] furnished the same information.

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62-110985-547 p.2, encl.p.1,2

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SI 62-110985-546 p.1-3

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On 1/11/68, a meeting of the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) (100-439048) was held on the Illinois State University (ISU) campus, Normal, Illinois. At the meeting, [ ] president, stated that the Young Republicans of the ISU campus planned to sponsor a mock convention on the campus on 4/29/68. At this time, they would attempt to propose a peace candidate for President, with one possibility being Dick Gregory. (George Sargent, Student, ISU; protect identity.)

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100-439048-52-55 p.20

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Agents of the FBI observed Dick Gregory participating in picketing in front of the White House, Washington, DC, on 1/19/68. In an interview by representatives of news media present, Gregory defended Eartha Kitt in her statements at the White House on 1/18/68 protesting the war in Vietnam. Gregory stated he had just flown down from Boston to participate in these activities and that he was flying back to Boston at the conclusion of the activities.

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This serial indicated that above picketing was sponsored by the Women Strike for Peace (62-107350), a pacifist organization.

62-107350-980 encl.p.2

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In the evening of 1/19/68, Stokely Carmichael (100-446080), Dick Gregory, and civil rights attorney William Higgs were observed to depart headquarters of the Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee, Washington, DC. Higgs drove the group to the National Airport, where Gregory and Carmichael boarded a plane for NYC. Upon arrival in NYC, they reportedly went to the home of [redacted], who was reported to be a friend of Gregory's in the entertainment field. (Source not clear.)

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100-446080-1085 encl.p.3

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SI 100-446080-1013 p.2

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SI 100-446080-087 p.1

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On 2/2/68, [redacted] advised that there was no connection between Dick Gregory and the Nation of Islam (NOI) (25-330971). Gregory was militant, while Elijah Muhammad opposed violence. Muhammad might meet with Gregory but the latter would have to follow Muhammad's teachings to be connected with him. Informant stated it was possible that Gregory and Cassius Clay met occasionally as both were Negro celebrities. Such meetings would be personal in nature and not connected with the NOI.

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[redacted] reported on 2/2/68 that any talk indicating that Gregory was leaning toward the Islamic religion was believed to be publicity. Gregory's picture had appeared in the NOI publication "Muhammad Speaks." There was no indication of cooperation between Muhammad and Gregory and contact of the latter with Clay was more likely.

25-330971-8198 p.99,100

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On 2/9/68, the White House forwarded a copy of a letter received from Edwin E. Willis, Chairman, HCUA, Washington, DC, enclosing a document dated 2/6/68, which was furnished by a confidential informant. The document referred to a newly formed organization, the Youth International Party (YIP), whose function was the infiltration and disruption of the Democratic National Convention (157-8589), which was to be held in Chicago in August, 1968. According to the document, Dick Gregory and Jerry Rubin were the two main functionaries of YIP.

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On 2/13/68, information regarding individuals and organizations referred to in above document was sent to the White House. It was noted that the Bureau had no information that Gregory or Rubin was affiliated with YIP, but that Gregory had publicly announced that he would make efforts to hold a massive demonstration during the Convention.

157-8589-5 encl.p.2

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During the week-end following 2/6/68, a meeting was held in Chicago for the purpose of making plans for disrupting the Democratic National Convention to be held in Chicago in August, 1968. Those attending this conference were both Negro and white and were closely associated with the Black Nationalist Movement (157-8415). Dick Gregory was reportedly one of those present.

[redacted] protect identity.)

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(protect identity) advised that Gregory, civil rights activist, had recently threatened to disrupt the forthcoming Democratic Convention.

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157-8415-9-10 encl.p.2,5

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[redacted] advised that he attended a meeting composed of representatives of various left-wing, peace, and black nationalist groups, which was held near Chicago in March, 1968, to plan tactics to be followed during the time of the National Democratic Convention (157-8589), in August, 1968, in Chicago. Source advised that Dick Gregory would be a potent influence upon any plans to disrupt the Convention and that most of the Negro constituency in such plans could be expected to follow Gregory's leadership in this respect.

157-8589-135 encl.p.2

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On 3/6/68, [redacted] (protect identity), made available an undated leaflet of the Youth International Party (YIP) (100-448910) which referred to the YIP forthcoming celebration in Chicago of "a free Festival of Life as a living alternative to the death of the National Democratic Party..." Among celebrities who had agreed to attend was Dick Gregory.

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This serial indicated that the YIP planned to hold a protest "Youth Festival" in Chicago in August during the Democratic National Convention.

100-448910-6 encl.p.9  
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The following references contain information pertaining to the activities of Dick Gregory during the period of 2/16/68 - 3/8/68, in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh in efforts to have his name placed on the April, 1968, Pennsylvania Primary ballot as presidential candidate of the third party, also called the Peace and Freedom ticket. The CP was allegedly the key force in circulating the necessary nominating petitions and in filing the required papers.

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100-383113-38 p.7,8

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100-443683-13 p.5,7,8

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100-449300-7 p.1,2

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157-8428-324 encl.p.1

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[redacted] reported that on 3/24/68, Dick Gregory appeared on a fund raising program at 5247 West Madison St., Chicago. This was sponsored by the Garfield Organization, a Chicago West Side white community, which attempted to improve the conditions of this Negro neighborhood. Stokely Carmichael (100-446080) made an impromptu appearance at the affair.

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Gregory ran for Mayor of Chicago in March, 1967. He led and participated in numerous civil rights demonstrations in Chicago in the past and had been arrested a number of times in connection with these activities. He was considered a "Maverick," as he did not lend his support exclusively to any particular civil rights group but participated in any which appealed to him personally. [redacted] protect identity.) [redacted] b7D

100-446080-1342 encl.p.3,4  
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Harry Edwards arrived in El Paso, Texas, on 4/5/68, and while in El Paso, he stayed at the Sheraton Motor Inn, where he shared a room with Dick Gregory. [redacted] protect identity.) [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] (protect identity), advised that both Gregory and Edwards were scheduled to participate in the Black Student Conference sponsored by the Afro-American Students Association (157-2056) at the University of Texas, El Paso, on 4/5-7/68.

This serial identified Edwards as a Negro sociology and anthropology instructor at San Jose State College, San Jose, Calif.

157-2056-17 encl.p.4  
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157-7344-13 encl.p.1,4  
(18) ("El Paso Herald Post,"  
3/28/68, and duplicate  
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This reference contains information pertaining to activities of Dick Gregory relative to plans of "peace groups" to demonstrate and disrupt the Democratic National Convention (157-8589) to be held in Chicago in August, 1968. On 4/15/68, Gregory cancelled all previous arrangements for the demonstrations in the wake of the death of Martin Luther King and the danger inherent in such demonstrations. Above information covered activities during the period of 12/17/67 - 4/15/68, in Chicago and NYC.

157-8589-160 p.5,16,22-28  
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The following references in the file captioned "Ten Days of Protest and Resistance, April 20-30, 1968," contain information that Dick Gregory was scheduled to appear at these demonstrations. He was scheduled to speak at the University of California, Los Angeles, on 4/22/68, under sponsorship of a coalition of peace groups. Gregory was to be a speaker at a mass anti-war rally in NYC on 4/27/68, which was sponsored by the 5th Avenue Vietnam Peace Parade Committee.

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SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER

62-112081-39 p.1  
 -74 encl.p.1  
 -124 encl.p.10,14  
 -337 encl.p.12

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The following references in the file captioned "Racial Matters" set out information concerning the activities of Dick Gregory during the period of March, 1967 - May, 1968. Gregory was a speaker at several high schools, on numerous college campuses, on a TV program, at Negro protest meetings, at anti-Vietnam rallies, and at a rally sponsoring his candidacy for mayor of Chicago. He participated in numerous open housing protest meetings and led the marches in Milwaukee, where he was arrested. He attended the funeral of Martin Luther King, Jr. These activities took Gregory into California, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Washington, DC, and Wisconsin.

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SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER

157-6-888 p.1  
 -1046 encl.p.1  
 -1047 encl.p.3  
 -1055 encl.p.2  
 -1148 encl.p.3  
 -1174 p.1  
  
 157-6-2-2428 p.3  
 -2444 p.5  
  
 157-6-9-4300 encl.p.31,32  
 -5198 encl.p.1  
 -6302 p.1  
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157-6-10-1101 p.2	(12,21)
157-6-15-2268 p.1 encl.p.1	(12)
-2283 p.1 encl.p.1-3	(12)
157-6-26-1225	(11)
157-6-27-589 encl.p.1	(29)
-621 encl.p.4	(12)
-628 encl.p.1	(13)
-660 encl.p.2,3	(13)
-667 encl.p.1,2	(13)
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-1066 encl.p.2,6  
-1071 encl.p.1  
-1093 encl.p.2

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-1395 encl.p.3  
-1414 p.2 encl.p.2  
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-1385 encl.p.3-5

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The following references in the file captioned "National Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam" contain information pertaining to the activities of Dick Gregory during the period of 6/22/67 - 5/9/68 in relation to this group. Gregory was a speaker at a meeting held in Washington, DC, under sponsorship of the Washington Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam on 6/22/67. At a press conference held in NYC, he read a prepared statement regarding plans for the demonstration scheduled for 10/21-22/67 in Washington, DC. Gregory was a speaker at this demonstration, also. Three members of the National Mobilization Committee on 5/9/68, discussed plans to establish "coffee houses" near various US military installations, to which they would invite entertainers, including Gregory.

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62-111181-827 encl.p.3,4  
-912 encl.p.2  
-1035 encl.p.12  
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-1629 encl.p.16  
-1999 encl.p.3  
-2067 encl.p.13  
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The following references contain information that Dick Gregory participated in and/or was a speaker at meetings and on campuses on the dates and at the localities indicated. The speeches were anti-white and anti-Vietnam war in nature and, in the main, were sponsored by civil rights groups.

DATE	LOCALITY	REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
10/11/64	San Diego, Calif.	100-448136-2 p.14	(9)
2/11/66	NYC	100-357847-142 p.23	(7)
9/18/66		105-96316-10 p.18	(10)
1/24/67 2/13/67	Detroit, Mich.	100-412654-57 p.2-4	(7)
3/3-4/67	Winston-Salem, NC	105-70374-4856 encl.p.1	(10)
May, 1967	Atlanta	157-7764-4 encl.p.2	(18)
5/27/67	Washington, DC	100-432067-696 encl.p.2 100-442529-2313 p.7	(8) (8)
6/21/67		100-439190-53-13X	(8)
6/30/67	Oakland, Calif.	100-225892-47-37 p.1 100-225892-11-21X encl. p.1	(7) (7)

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7/24/67	Chicago	157-6340-68 encl.p.2	(18)✓
8/5/67	Atlanta, Ga.	100-448252-2 p.10	(9)✓
8/5-6/67		100-447969-1 encl.p.1,3-5 100-442367-198 p.8,9	(9)✓ (8)✓
9/1/67	Chicago	100-443566-31 p.10 105-171384-9 encl.p.6 -12 encl.p.2,3	(8)✓ (11)✓ (11)✓
10/14-15/67	San Francisco	157-8139-2 encl.p.1 157-3130-176 p.2	(18)✓ (18)✓
7/30/67	Ocean Beach, Fire Island, NY	100-384660-809 p.24	(7)✓
11/5/67	St. Louis, Mo.	157-6377-30 encl.p.1,2	(18)✓
11/7/67	Salt Lake City <sup>Utah</sup>	100-443853-1360 p.1	(9)✓
1/21/68	NYC	157-8415-34-1 p.1 -2 encl.p.1	(19)✓ (19)✓
2/1-2/68	Detroit	157-8415-15-2 encl.p.1	(19)✓
2/25/68	Buffalo, NY New London, <u>Conn.</u>	100-417953-29 p.23,24 157-370-32-22 p.1,2 -23 encl.p.1,2	(7,21)✓ (21)✓ (17)✓
2/27/68	Philadelphia, Pa.	100-449415-1 encl.p.4*	(10)✓
4/6/68	El Paso, Texas	157-2056-18 p.2, encl.p.1-4	(18)✓
4/16/68	Los Angeles, Calif.	100-447961-32 encl.p.1,2	(9)✓
4/20/68	Austin, Texas	157-8189-10 encl.p.2,4	(18)✓
5/12 or 19/68	Shawnee, <u>Okla.</u>	62-587-585 p.1,2	(3)✓

\*Add. info. according to the "Philadelphia Inquirer" (Date not given.)



By letter dated 5/29/68, the Salt Lake City Office advised that a review of files revealed that several prominent Negroes, including Dick Gregory, appeared in Utah during the past six months. None of these individuals made statements either advocating or condemning violence.

This information appeared in the file captioned "Anti-violence Statements by Negroes of Prominence."

157-9342-5 p.1  
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On 6/7/68, the 112th Military Intelligence Group, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, furnished the following information received from the US Army Intelligence Command, Fort Holabird, Maryland. [redacted] departed Washington, DC, National Airport for Tulsa, Oklahoma, on 6/6/68, to recruit more Indian support for the Poor Peoples Campaign (PPC) (157-8428). Dick Gregory stated he had assumed leadership of the Indian contingent of the PPC.

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This serial indicated that [redacted] whose purpose was to acquaint heirs of all Spanish Land Grants of their rights. He allegedly traveled to Oklahoma to solicit support from American Indian groups for the PPC rally scheduled to be held in Washington, on 6/19/68.

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#### REFERENCES NOT INCLUDED IN THIS SUMMARY

See the search slip filed behind file for other references on this subject which contain the same information (SI) that is set out in the main file. Differences in source will be noted on the search slip.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM : SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (157-386) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY aka  
Dick Gregory  
RM  
OO: CHICAGO

DATE: 1/21/69

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning captioned individual, who spoke at Macalester College, St. Paul, Minnesota, January 13, 1969. Two copies of the letterhead memorandum are enclosed for the Chicago Division.

The source referred to in the letterhead memorandum is [redacted] an established source.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Minneapolis, Minnesota

January 21, 1969

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

A source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised on January 13, 1969, that Negro spokesman Dick Gregory was scheduled to speak at the student union lounge, Macalester College, St. Paul, Minnesota, on Monday evening, January 13, 1969. According to the source, Macalester College had scheduled a course in Black Culture and Arts.

The Minneapolis Tribune, a daily newspaper published at Minneapolis, Minnesota, in its issue of January 14, 1969, carried an article captioned, "Dick Gregory Fasts in 'Year of Hungry'" concerning the appearance of Dick Gregory on the previous evening where he spoke before a crowd of approximately 900 persons, most of whom were Macalester College students. According to this article, Gregory's speech marked the opening of a Macalester College month-long course in Black Culture and Arts.

Gregory, following remarks made in a comedy fashion, became "the serious civil-rights activist" according to the article and described the United States as the most morally polluted, insane society in the world. Gregory told his audience they had the job of "giving its sanity back again".

Gregory commented he was tired of eulogies about "America the beautiful" and commented "How in the hell can America be beautiful with that Indian up on that reservation?" Gregory, in his comments, criticized the "establishment press" as well as the Bureau of Indian Affairs, commenting that having such an organization handle Indian problems "makes about as much sense as having the Ku Klux Klan to implement the civil rights movement".

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

The St. Paul Pioneer Press, a daily newspaper published at St. Paul, Minnesota, in its January 14, 1969, edition carried an article captioned, "Gregory Needles White Hypocrisy". This article reported Gregory told a standing room crowd of approximately 1,000 young persons they had a tough job ahead if they intended to straighten out the mess created by "us old fools". Gregory told these students, according to this article, that they are the greatest single hope for eliminating the hypocrisy of the American system.

Gregory stated the effectiveness of youthful opinion was proven without doubt in Chicago, Illinois, at the Democratic National Convention - "and three days later the establishment was trying to tell everyone that what they saw on television didn't happen".

Gregory was reported to have chided white people for insisting that blacks be nonviolent in seeking full citizenship and commented that the Indian has been nonviolent for 75 years and has nothing to show for it.

Gregory reportedly chided women for allowing their "tenderly raised" sons to be taken from them without a whimper to fight the "useless war" of Vietnam.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM SPRINGFIELD (157-198) 1P

APPEARANCE OF DICK GREGORY AND ROY INNIS AT WESTERN ILLINOIS  
UNIVERSITY (WIU), MACOMB, ILLINOIS, JANUARY TWENTYTHREE LAST  
THROUGH JANUARY TWENTYSIX INSTANT. RM.

AFTERNOON SESSION AT WIU JANUARY TWENTYSIX INSTANT ATTENDED  
BY FOURTEEN NEGROES AND TWENTYTHREE WHITES. THERE WERE NO INCIDENTS  
AT AFTERNOON SESSION. SPEECH OF DICK GREGORY AT WESTERN FIELD  
HOUSE, WIU, DURING NIGHT SESSION INSTANT DATE ATTENDED BY TWENTY-  
THREE HUNDRED PERSONS. THEME OF GREGORYS SPEECH WAS THAT PLIGHT  
OF NEGROES NOT IMPROVED AND THAT INDIVIDUALS WINNING LAST ELECTION  
WILL NOT AID NEGROES, HOWEVER, INDIVIDUALS WHO LOST ELECTION WOULD  
ALSO NOT AID NEGROES. THERE WERE NO INCIDENTS AND NO DEMONSTRATIONS.  
CONFERENCE ENDED AT CLOSE OF GREGORYS SPEECH.

ADMINISTRATIVE: RE SPRINGFIELD TEL JANUARY TWENTYFIVE LAST.

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Via AIRTEL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, DETROIT (157-3573) ~~(S)~~ (U)  
SUBJECT: SCHEDULED SPEAKING APPEARANCE  
OF DICK GREGORY,  
GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN  
1/17-18/68  
RM  
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12-20-79  
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DATE OF REVIEW 1-20-89

Re Detroit airtel to Bureau, dated 1/9/69.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of  
an LHM relating to captioned speaking engagement of  
DICK GREGORY.

Two copies of the LHM are being furnished  
Secret Service, Grand Rapids, and G-2, Detroit, Michigan,  
and one copy of the LHM is being furnished USA, Grand  
Rapids, Michigan.

The LHM is being classified confidential  
to protect the sources utilized.

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(BLACKS UNITED FOR FREEDOM)  
("THE ORGANIZER")  
(RACIAL SITUATION GRAND RAPIDS)

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The sources providing information in this LHM are:

[redacted] contacted by SA [redacted]  
on 1/4/69 and 1/17/69. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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As set forth in referenced airtel, Detroit is following activities of individuals in organizations named in instant LHM.

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Detroit, Michigan  
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Re: Speaking Appearances of  
Comedian Dick Gregory,  
Grand Rapids, Michigan  
January 17-18, 1969

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Negro Comedian Dick Gregory spoke at the  
Fountain Street Church, 24 Fountain Street, NE, Grand  
Rapids, Michigan, at approximately 8:00 p.m. on the  
evenings of January 17 and 18, 1969.

According to sources, who have furnished  
reliable information in the past, Gregory's appearance  
was sponsored by a newly formed group of Negroes at  
Grand Rapids, Michigan, under the name of "Blacks  
United for Freedom" with address listed as [redacted]

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This is the address of [redacted]  
[redacted] who has been a leading spokesman for "black  
power" at Grand Rapids, Michigan for the past two years,  
and who is currently a [redacted] in the [redacted]  
[redacted] SE, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Spokesmen for this organization were publicized in news  
media at Grand Rapids, Michigan, including the first  
two issues of "The Organizer" during January, 1969, as MICH.

[redacted] supra; [redacted] a Negro male, born  
[redacted] at Chicago, Illinois. Grand Rapids, Michigan  
Police Department Number [redacted] and [redacted]  
a Negro male, born [redacted] Grand Rapids, Michigan  
Police Department Number [redacted] MICH.

Admittance to Gregory's talk on January 17, 1969,  
was limited to students at \$2.00 per ticket and approximately  
500 attended with a ratio of 60 percent white to 40 percent  
Negro. Admittance on January 18, 1969 was for adults  
at \$3.00 per ticket and attendance was approximately 500  
with the same ratio of black to white.

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Re: Speaking Appearances of  
Comedian Dick Gregory,  
Grand Rapids, Michigan  
January 17-18, 1969

Chet Poindexter made introductory remarks prior to Gregory's talk stating that the purpose of "Blacks United for Freedom" was to raise \$300,000.00 during 1969 to establish a scholarship for young black students and indicated such a scholarship would bear the name of James Robinson, a Negro who was shot and killed during an arrest in a burglary situation by a Grand Rapids, Michigan Police Officer.

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On January 12, 1969 Poindexter also urged those present to subscribe to "The Organizer" and said other aims of "Blacks United for Freedom" would be the establishment of businesses owned and operated by blacks in the black community and the sponsoring of appearances by United States Representative Adam Clayton Powell during February, 1969, and Julian Bond, Georgia State Legislator during March, 1969. (U)  
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It was noted that the second issue of "The Organizer", dated January 17, 1969, devoted substantial print to the shooting of a James Robinson questioning whether or not it was justified or "an execution" of a black man by a white man.  
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[redacted] who has also been a spokesman for "black-power" activities at Grand Rapids, Michigan, was present and led the applause during Mr. Gregory's appearance during the appearance on January 18, 1969.

Mr. Gregory spoke for approximately two hours on each of his appearances in a comic vein, however, his principal theme was that the United States is a morally decadent society which has abused black people, Indians and other minority groups for 400 years, and that older blacks are "Niggers" and are afraid to change

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Re: Speaking Appearances of  
Comedian Dick Gregory,  
Grand Rapids, Michigan  
January 17-18, 1969

and of no value to the movement for human rights in the United States. Gregory praised the actions of the people in this country who are trying to make changes by demonstrations on college campuses and other activities. Gregory indicated the United States is the only country which has used an atom bomb, yet leaders of the country call for "non-violence".

Gregory was critical of United States political leaders and the war in Vietnam.

No demonstrations or racial incidents of any kind occurred before, during or after the above appearances.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (157-5865) (P)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
Dick Gregory  
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(OO: CHICAGO) INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 12-20-79 BY 5181 RCB/ta

Re Chicago airtel to Bureau dated 12/11/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of LHM  
in captioned matter, copies of which have been locally  
disseminated to military intelligence agencies and Secret  
Service.

Two copies of LHM are also enclosed for Chicago  
for their information regarding subject.

SA [redacted] obtained the tape  
recording of subject's speech from [redacted]  
[redacted] The tape has been  
returned to [redacted]

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LEAD:CHARLOTTEAT DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

Will, at Duke University, advise local authorities of subject's proposed speech on 2/10/69, verifying that subject is to make a speech there on that date, after which LHM will be submitted.

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Special Agent in Charge



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Charlotte, North Carolina

January 7, 1969

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY,  
also known as DICK GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTERS

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DATE 12-20-79 BY 5180 PCA/c

Reference is made to memorandum at Charlotte,  
North Carolina, dated December 11, 1968, captioned as  
above.

The following is a transcript of the speech made  
December 10, 1968, by the subject at Campbell College,  
Buies Creek, North Carolina:

"Good evening. This year has been a year of  
firsts for Campbell College. June 28 at our first SGA  
summer planning session we, among other things, set up  
a budget for the year, and we included in this a budget  
for a lecture series, and tonight we present our first  
lecture. Mr. GREGORY arrived a few minutes ago at the  
Fayetteville Airport, and we rushed him over here, and so  
that's about all there is to it. I will say one thing, he  
is in the thirteenth day of a forty-day fast, so if you  
hear anything growling up here, it's not going to be me  
growling at him. I would like to present at this time,  
DICK GREGORY."

"I would like to say thank you very much, and  
can you people back up in the cheap seats hear okay?  
You look like little apples, little oranges. People say  
what's the hardest thing about a fast. The hardest thing

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RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

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about a fast is after you get past the tenth day and you lay down in bed and go to sleep, the little things you start seeing. Last night I lay down and went to sleep and had to get up and walk the floor all night because me and hot dogs marched on. Usually, the hard thing about a fast is that it upsets my wife the first ten days of it because my wife's cooking is so bad, the first ten days of my fast I usually gain weight.

"Now let me see if I can find this letter I got. If I can, I'll read it to you. The hardest thing about . . . can you imagine going thirteen days without eating? I got this note today, this hate letter. Now, I'm used to hate letters. They usually start off 'You nigger this,' or 'You nigger that.' Can you believe somebody would be so cold blooded to know I've gone thirteen days without eating and leave this in my box?

"Dear Mr. GREGORY, This is to inform you that yesterday for dinner I had fried chicken with gravy.' That's the first time I realized it is a black cat out there somewhere who hates me. Now, we know you white folks eat a lot of fried chicken, but we do know who eats it with gravy, baby. 'Mashed potatoes smothered in butter.' Well, that could go either way. It's this next one that let me know who it was. 'Black-eyed peas with grilled onion.' Now, dig now, he tries to fake me out and make me think he is white. 'Jello topped with whipped cream and chilled Napoleon brandy.' Can you imagine Napoleon brandy and black-eyed peas on the same night? All I can say, it was a big black cat somewhere.

"You know, I have been flying here ever since this morning at nine o'clock. This is not the easiest place to get to, you know. I don't know about you Baptists. Yes, I tried to be a Catholic, but they're just a little bit too quiet for me. I sat in church for three weeks and didn't know something was going on. I was flying in this morning trying to get here. The best way to get here is don't tell nobody you're coming. Just go as far as you can.

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"I'm sitting on the plane, hungry and weak, trying to get me some sleep, and this white cat is sitting next to me. He decided he wanted to strike up a conversation with me, so he did it the usual way, 'Wake up, boy.' And when you have gone, you know, thirteen days without eating, you wake up, boy! So, I said 'Yeah, what do you want?' He said, 'Well, I just wanted to talk to you about Negro progress.' I said 'I don't even want to discuss it.' Too few people in this country even know what areas we've made the breakthroughs in. I'm supposed to think we've made tremendous breakthroughs in jobs and housing and education. You know the biggest breakthrough for black folks in the history of this country happened last year in the state of Texas. We got the first colored hurricane, Beulah.

"So, I got ready to dose off and go back to sleep and he nudged me again. I said, 'Yeah, what you want?' He said 'Would you explain to me what black power is?' I said, 'I will not.' He said 'Why?' I said, 'Because for twelve months I went out of my way to explain to white folks what black power was, and even when I couldn't get large crowds of white folks I would call them up on the telephone. Hello, are you white?' I just felt since that heart transplant operation in South Africa where the black cat gave up his heart to the white cat, the only heart that's working right, we just kind of felt that the whole world knew what black power was. You know how happy black folks was all over the world when we found out that the black guy was going to give his heart to the white guy? You see, basically, we have been knowing for years that there is nothing really wrong with white folks that a change of heart wouldn't straighten out.

"But we want to admit to you that we didn't want that heart to work that good. No, that heart is working so good that it just scares us to death. You see, there is nothing frightens black folks no more than the fact that you white folks might start assuming we going to be your spare parts.

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I don't know. I mean ever since that heart has been working so good, white folks have been looking at us a little bit different now. Well, I fell asleep in the airport a couple of weeks ago and I looked up and here a white cat got his ear on my chest.

"Let me say this. There's a lot of pro and con about heart transplants, some people for and some people against them. Let me go on record as saying that I am against all heart transplants, but I'm for transplants. It is just heart transplants. Well, I'm not only against heart transplants; I'm against all the type of transplants you can hide. I would love to see a white cat get a colored foot, and let him take that to the beach with him.

"Let me tell you, it's a pleasure to be here. This is not where the white cat decided to get his operation and marry his colored butler is it? No that was in South Carolina, was it South Carolina? Yes, it was South Carolina. I got a son, and nothing would upset me more than for my boy to grow up and marry an ex-white boy.

"Let me say that it is a pleasure to be with you this evening. I spend about 98 per cent of my time on college campuses today, for a reason. I feel that you young people in this country today are the most morally committed, dedicated group of young people that's ever lived in the history of this country, and the faith and destiny of America depends on young folks.

"Some young folks still read these old right wing, cracker newspapers to decide who you are and what you are. There is a few adults in this country that's morally committed enough to tell you about you. You pick up the newspaper and they are talking about bearded, smelly, stinking hippies and yippies. And I want to know because you have a beard, how come you got to stink? They didn't say nothing about Abraham Lincoln. He didn't only have a beard, he was ugly too. You can't look



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no more like a hippie or a yippie than Christ. Ain't nobody saying nothing about how he smelled.

"The newspapers have failed to tell you young folks that LBJ is probably the number one tyrant that's walked the face of this earth since Julius Caesar. He was not able to run for re-election because you young kiddies got out in the street across this country with a moral dedication, not with a brick, not with a nuclear bomb, but with a moral dedication, saying we do not want this country going this way.

"The President failed to tell you that because of young people, 15,000 that showed up in Chicago, Nixon is the President of the United States instead of Humphrey. And there's a lot of people that's upset. They say, well you mean those young kids did that? And when you are dealing with pure, moral young kids and you're talking about a politician, it don't matter which politician is in, because all of them ain't nothing but a bunch of slimy, degenerate, immoral fools that's unfit and unqualified to run this nation. This country has to be run by statesmen. And if you youngsters change the system, be sure you hold them statesmen instead of politicians and you'll live to see a very beautiful thing happen in this country. So don't let nobody tell you how strong you are or how immoral you are, because you're not at all. I speak to over a million young people a year, and it saddens me as I go from campus to campus, not only to have to tell you that you have to solve the problems confronting America today, but you have to solve problems that you didn't have nothing to do with creating. These problems was here when you got here, but they will not be here when you leave.

"People don't understand what's on the young folks mind today; it's simple. You young people have never been in a situation today like young folks. No young person has ever

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been in a situation in this country like you've been in. Because not only did us old fools ahead of you not solve the problems, we used up all the tricks. We got no more tricks, baby. Ah, when I was a kid my mama and my daddy and my grandma and my grandpa taught me, 'One day you're going to grow up boy, and some white man is going to call you a nigger. Don't be mad now, God don't like no ugly.' Sure enough, one of them crackers called me a nigger. Sure enough, I wasn't mad. I got seven black kids at home, and if a cracker ever calls one of them a nigger, it won't surprise them, and they won't react to it.

"There ain't no more tricks left for the black folks nor for the white folks. So we old fools wonder why you react like you react. We didn't leave you nothing here to react to. It's sort of like I could go to my hotel tonight, get in bed, go to sleep, and the hotel catch on fire and I burn to death. That's possible, but it is not possible for Dick Gregory to walk into a hotel that's on fire with intentions of going to sleep.

"That's where you youngsters are today. Make no mistake about it, baby, we've used up all the tricks. There's a couple of young fools still left, but that's not even worth worrying about, because most young folks see where this thing is going and where it's headed. Most young folks know your faith and destiny wholly depends on you.

"So I say to you tonight, I did not come here this evening to impress you but only to inform you that when I leave here this evening, I could care less about what you think about Dick Gregory. I've always had the consolation of knowing that whenever we wake up, this year, next year, twenty years from now, we'll always be able to say at least Brother Greg didn't lie to us. That's the biggest problem confronting you youngsters today. We keep lying to you.

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"It's nothing new. We've always, we start at the crib telling you about that Santa Claus boy. If my mama is going to lie to me, anybody is qualified to lie to me. They've got me writing a letter to the North Pole. The first letter I ever wrote in my life, man, I'm writing to some character that don't exist. North Pole. Dear Mr. Santa, and the letter didn't even leave the city. And I wait around way up in February waiting on an answer, going to the mailbox every day. Because I must admit to you, that Santa Claus trick goes over better in the white community than it does in the black community. Not that we didn't want it, but we just know damn good and well that ain't no white cat coming in our neighborhood after midnight.

"Twenty-four hours a day we lie to you young folks. What do we tell you now the number one problem confronting America is air pollution. The number one problem confronting America today is moral pollution. This is the most morally polluted, degenerate, insane nation on the face of the earth. You young kids have the job of giving America her sanity back, and I hope you don't make the mistake the old fools have made. I'm so damn sick and tired of these old right wing patriots eulogizing my country. America is not dead yet, thanks to you young people.

"America the Beautiful . . . that ain't nothing but a eulogy. You save that for dead folks. How in the hell can America be beautiful when you've got that Indian trapped up on that reservation? Are you out of your mind? You sat and knelt to pray this Thanksgiving. Do you know the Indian taught Americans Thanksgiving, and you got him locked up? Who in the hell were you praying to, a monster? You couldn't have been praying to no God. And if you can pray to your God in America with that Indian locked on the reservation, y'all can take your God and run somewhere with it, baby, because I don't want no part of him. This is what you've got to do.

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"But the whole world is looking at America. You've got to make some basic changes. And the church don't know it, not just the Baptist Church, but every church on the face of this earth is going to get a test by you young folks, because as you go, so goes the church. Because people all over the world look at America."

"You've got a tremendous responsibility, so let's start talking about the cancer that exists in this country and then we can save it. I'm damn sick and tired of everybody talking about America the Beautiful. Where? Where? Let's make her that. Give her the examination that you young kids are doing today."

"So I say you youngsters got a tremendous responsibility. Thanks to us old fools, you got a job to do. I don't think I have to sit here and tell you young folks what you're bucking. You looked at the Democratic Convention on television. That was the best thing ever happened for young folks because even the young fool that wanted to be a young fool couldn't no more if he watched that."

"Three days after the Democratic Convention was over, the whole establishment went out of their way to tell you you didn't see what you saw on television. You know, if Kosygin was dealing with the world as insane as America, you know he could beat that Czechoslovakian rap. All he'd have to do is get on worldwide television and say 'You all didn't see it. It didn't happen. It was the press that created it. We admit we put little miniature tanks on the Czech border as toys and the press just blew it up.'"

"Yeah, 15,000 hippies and yippies showed up in Chicago and changed business. Now, the Walker Report comes out and says it was a police riot, which I don't agree with. It was not police action you watched on television; it was political action. If Daley said leave them alone, the cops would have had to leave them alone. All of the blame should

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have gone on Daley. During the Democratic Convention, Daley said all of his efforts was to preserve law and order, and that same fool that was trying to preserve law and order during the Democratic Convention, if you stayed up late that night of election night and watched them returns coming in, that was the one that was stealing votes. The whole world got to see it, television. Cook County didn't come through. They kept holding out, kept holding out. That's the same mayor that was talking about law and order. Hmmm. Yep, bad thing about them politicians.

"That's one good thing when I was running for the presidency. I was the only one running. The rest of them fools was running for sheriff. Elect me and I'll support law and order. Ha, Ha, Ha. I hope you young kids wake up and realize any time a politician talks about law and order and never mentions the Crime Syndicate, he ain't doing nothing but lying to you because you ain't going to get law and order in this country until you bust that Crime Syndicate, baby. What's the most detriment to American Society, a nigger snatching a pocketbook on the street corner or them Crime Syndicate putting heroin into the schools across this country? Don't be no damn fool all your life.

"What's the most detriment to this country? Out of all the riots we've had in the black community in the last five years, haven't one riot ever corrupted a policeman, haven't one riot ever bought a judge, haven't one riot ever bought a politician. This damn crime syndicate corrupts judges, politicians, and cops every day of the week. Are you worried about that?

"What are we talking about? Are you talking about this thing or are you talking about some more tricks? I say the Democratic Convention was a good thing. Everybody got to see it for what it was worth. 15,000 hippies and yippies and that Walker Report. I can't believe some people had nerve enough.

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"Well, they couldn't trick that report like they did that old Warren Report. No, because they were dealing with young folks on that report; they aren't dealing with no fools. And they didn't even need to do no report for you. The hell I'm going to stand here tonight and spit on you all, and they're going to do a six-month report and spend a million dollars to say I spit on you. You don't need nobody to tell you that.

"15,000 hippies and yippies came to Chicago to change the system. And I ask you, who do you think was the most immoral in Chicago, the hippies and the yippies, or the Shriners when they was there for their convention? Who do you think committed the most adultery in Chicago, the hippies and the yippies, or the Shriners? Who do you think spent the most money on whores and prostitutes in Chicago, the hippies and yippies, or the Shriners?

"What are we talking about? Nobody got upset over the shriners because the Shriners didn't come to change nothing, just came to buy something.

"Yeah, you young kids got the system shook up. You saying to us old fools that morality will no longer mean a Brooks Brothers suit, clean-shaven face, and a haircut once a week and you can have all the adultery going you want and you are still Mr. so and so. Morality will no longer mean getting your dresses from Paree and bathing in Chanel No. 5 and having your abortion every two years, and still being Mrs. so and so. You young kids are saying morality will no longer be bought. You are saying morality will come from within and not from without. And that business has a whole lot of fools uptight, baby.

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"That's why we get upset. That's why we tell you you've got to shave. That's why we tell you you can't have no beard. Because when you start getting that way, we lose our way we're supposed to test the moral, dignified man. So, you youngsters are really putting us old fools to a trick, baby. The only reason us old fools is out ahead of you today is because you're chasing us. So I say to you youngsters, you know if you watch television, as bad as television is, that old tube, every now and then it will show things.

"That same television set that showed those 15,000 hippies and yippies in Chicago, ten weeks ago it showed another crowd in the streets, not in Chicago and not hippies and yippies. Ten weeks ago the crowd was in New York City. 20,000 sick degenerates from Wall Street came out one morning to look at a broad's titties, and nobody got upset over it. J. Edgar Hoover did not say titty-watching is Communist inspired. Oh, when America stoops to the degeneracy of titty-watching, 20,000 strong.

"It wasn't them irresponsible kids, baby; it was 20,000 people from Wall Street and Madison Avenue that decides what you are going to be studying in these colleges and universities, that decides what the prices of everything is going to be. What do you call 20,000 titty-watchers, extremists left or right?

"And Sister Francine claims she would love to walk out of that subway one morning without being watched. That's simple. All she has to do is understand the secrets of this country. All she would have to do in New York City tonight is hold a press conference and say 'Tomorrow morning I'll emerge out of that subway wearing one of the tightest sweaters ever been worn in the history of the world.' And I guarantee you, tomorrow morning at eight o'clock, 300,000 of these slimy degenerates will be waiting on her. And at 11:33 when she emerged out of that subway with that tight sweater on,

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if she never wanted to be looked at again by them degenerates, right across her bosom have a sign that reads, 'Bring the boys home from Vietnam,' baby. I guarantee you within two minutes time 300,000 sick degenerates will be gone, back into their Madison Street offices to finish participating in their anti-trust problems.

"So, I tell you youngsters, you got a job on your hands. They assassinated MARTIN LUTHER KING and everybody said, 'Oh, they assassinated Dr. King.' They assassinated Bobby Kennedy and everybody said 'Oh, they assassinated Bobby.' They assassinated President Kennedy. And nobody was upset in this country when they assassinated Lincoln Rockwell. Either you're going to be a country that's against all assassinations regardless of who it is, or you are not. Nobody gets upset over assassination in this country until they assassinate somebody we like. 99 per cent of everybody in this country that got upset when Martin Luther King was assassinated, if George Wallace was assassinated in the morning, they wouldn't get upset. You young kids understand how filthy this is, what your job is? You got a mighty big job.

"I do not advocate destroying the capitalistic system. I say to you young folks, you better work like hell to beat the capitalists into their rightful position, and that is behind the United States Constitution and not in front of it.

"This country do not function in the democratic process. This country is not governed by the United States Constitution. This country is controlled and governed by the capitalists. It is a sad thing when the capitalists control the Constitution. That means we put emphasis on property rights instead of emphasis on human rights. That's very sad. Nobody gives a damn about the Constitution. You go out on the Constitution and peacefully protest and peacefully assemble



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all you want all over the country, and say we want strong gun legislation. The capitalists that manufacture the guns say you're not going to get strong gun legislation, and I say in a nation so insane will demand that you get a prescription to get your medicine but you don't need one to get your gun. I can't hit you in the head with my pills and kill you. I can't throw my cough syrup on you and injure you. It's a constitutional right that Americans be able to bear arms, but I say if you are going to have human rights that I can get to my medicine to get well, and if you are going to put me through all them changes to get my cough syrup, then damn it, you ought to put Americans through them changes to get their guns.

"So I say you youngsters, you got to move the capitalists out of your way. Put them behind or you're going to be in trouble. This country will tell you young eighteen-year-old boys that at eighteen years you are old enough to go to war and die, but you are not old enough to vote. There's something bad about a nation that thinks that way.

"You young cats scare me. You young kids walk around and talk about 'If I've got to go to war at eighteen, I want to be able to vote at eighteen.' Don't be no fool. If you've got to go and die at eighteen, you better get the right to vote at seventeen, baby. If you could get to vote when you were seventeen years old, might not be no wars when you get eighteen.

"And all you folks that love wars and want to go fight wars, ain't nothing wrong with that. But I think some kind of way you ought to wake up and before you run down there and join that army and talk about America the Beautiful, you ought to ask DuPont and Rockefeller how many of their kids they ever sent. I can't believe poor fools are going to stay poor fools all their life while you stay busy being patriotic.

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"Is Dean Rusk supposed to be patriotic? Dean Rusk's son has been old enough to go for five years, and he ain't never been drafted yet. Is that something? I wish I was old enough to be drafted. I'd fly right to Washington, D. C. and handcuff myself to Dean Rusk's son, and I'd tell the government and the rest of you fools whatever is wrong with Dean Rusk's son is wrong with me. And all you patriotic fools can run get your brains blowed out, but baby, you can believe before I ever go over there them Rockefellers, them DuPonts, and them Gettys and all them crackers that are making a multi-billion dollars a week on the war, are going to be over there ahead of me, baby.

"I can't believe poor folks in this country are so busy dying, and the rich just keep getting richer. Rocky and them, they just live and their kids get old and fat and just wallow all over the resort places all over the world. No, baby, I sure hope you can fight your way out of this.

"If you want the right to vote, it's up to you to vote. You can get it. Just address it to the capitalists. Yeah. Don't be marching down the street on the consitution talking about we want the right to vote. If you young folks want the right to vote at 17 years old, you organize across this country, and after you get organized you go to the record industry and you tell the record industry that manufactures phonograph records . . . You say, 'baby, if you cats don't go to Washington, D. C. and lobby and in two months time come up with a bill that we 17 year olds can vote, we are going to hold a nationwide boycott against buying records for two years.' Don't you know before the record industry would let you kids wipe out a multi-billion dollar a year industry, they'll let 13 year olds vote if that's what you want.

"Oh, I hope you all understand how strong you are. But it's the capitalists you got to talk to. Young folks want that war ended in Vietnam? This state right here could end the war. You let young folks walk across this country and tell the cigarette industry if the war ain't over in two weeks and the boys ain't back

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home in two months, we going to quit smoking. The cigarette industry is the third largest industry in America, and you know they ain't going to let no Vietnamese, Viet-who, Viet-nothing, put them out of business. No. No.

"That's something, I haven't really been able to understand about young folks as I go from college campus to college campus. And I'm kind of putting my hopes in you young folks and thought you were hip. But every time I look around, you got one of them cigarettes in your mouth. We old fools done told you it's going to cause cancer, and you're supposed to be the hip generation. I can't believe that. And what insults me, is not the fact you got a right to give anything you want to give. I kind of question are you going to be damn fool enough to pay for it? Put 20 cents more in the machine and get a thing that says 'caution.' Well, I'm going to pay 40 cents for some bad news.

"But you know, I resent seeing young folks smoke, not because you don't have the freedom of doing it, it's because nature is so beautiful that I just hate the fact that you young folks will put more priority on one part of the body than you would put on the other part. Because I know damn good and well had that report said cigarette smoking affects you sexually, you all would quit. Just shows you, nobody cares about their chest. If that report had said cigarette smoking affects you sexually, I probably would have started back because it didn't say which way.

"I say you youngsters have a mighty job moving the capitalists behind the United States Constitution and not in front of it. Yep, because as long as the capitalists control this country we will put the emphasis on property rights. That's why Mayor Richard J. Daley in Chicago could say, 'Shoot all looters to kill.' That's why the statement sounded so good in so many years. They never said shoot murderers to kill. They never said shoot dope pushers to kill. And to be honest with you, when Daley made that statement, 'Shoot all looters to kill,' it's the first time I ever agreed with him. I sent him a telegram.

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I said, 'Dear fool, your statement pertaining to shooting all looters to kill, I agree with wholeheartedly, if you make one stipulation. Let's make it retroactive and let's first put the gun in the Indians' hand. Let him shoot his looters to kill.' I didn't hear from him.

"I say to you youngsters, you have a job to do. And whatever you do, keep your eye on us old fools, especially those at home, Mama and Daddy. Ask them a lot of questions and see where they are because you got to sleep with them. See, if you go home and somebody comes and knocks on your door at home, Mama and Daddy says 'Who is it?' And he says 'government inspector,' and you say 'What do you want?' He says, 'We come to get your dog or your cat.' You say, 'What?' He says, 'Yeah, we got a new law now. We're sending dogs and cats to Vietnam.' I don't have to tell you how much hell your Mama and Daddy would raise if somebody tried to send that dog to Vietnam. You know. It would be a shootout on the front lawn. As funny as that seems, baby, it's sad.

"When you youngsters realize that you're living in a society today where your Mama and Daddy would raise more hell over the dog going to Vietnam than they raise over you, that's more scary than funny. You got some changes to make, changes to make.

"I was at the University of Wisconsin not too long ago and a young cat walked up to me and said, 'Mr. Gregory, I've got a problem maybe you can help me with.' I said, 'Yeah, what's the problem son?' He said, 'I'm a draft resistor and I decided I'm not going to kill. It's against my religious background; it's against everything. I'm not going to kill.' I said, 'That's your decision, baby, there's nothing wrong with it.' He says, 'Well, I'm going crazy.' I said, 'Really, why?' He said, 'My Mama and Daddy don't talk to me no more. I haven't heard from them. They don't want me to come home.' I said, 'Well,

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if you're going to worry about the reactions of a fool, you're supposed to go crazy.' He said, 'That's my Mama and Daddy.' I said, 'Wait a minute, don't waste my time, boy. That Mama and Daddy of yours has got uptight because you don't want to go to war, because you don't want to kill nobody. That same Mama and Daddy I know damn good and well, had you taken 40 sticks of dynamite last night and threw it into the girls' dormitory, that Mama and Daddy that don't want to talk to you today would be down here on the campus hugging you and saying that's my boy. What got into you? We'll get you the best lawyer money can buy, son.' Do you understand what you're dealing with? Kill everybody in the dormitory and Mama and Daddy can rally behind that, because this system can cater more to a murder than they can to a man who stands up and asserts his moral man.

"Do you ever wonder why these old fools get upset over these draft card burners? Do you ever ask yourself which is the most important card in America today? Which is the most important card we have, the draft card or the Social Security Card? Social Security card stays with you all your life; women and men have Social Security cards, right? Draft card stays with you part of your life, and men have draft cards. So, beyond a shadow of a doubt, Social Security card is the most important card you have. Why is it we can all sit here tonight and burn the Social Security card and nobody cares? And this is the most important card you'll ever have in your life. Burn your draft card and everybody wants to act like a damn fool. Because when you young kids burn them draft cards you're saying to us old fools, one day old fool, you're going to get this country in a war and we're not going to fight, and you're going to have to fight it yourself. That scares us. We got news for you youngsters. Before we go fight one or two wars, we'll quit having them.

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"No, I tell you youngsters, you've got a lot of questions to ask yourself. One day you've got to ask the question loud and strong if democracy is as good as we tell you it is, then why are we running all over the world trying to ram it down people's throats with a gun? And the day you young folks make this democracy work right for the first time, that's the day we can bring the guns home. Because, you see anything good you don't have to force on people; they will steal it. So, you can be a fool if you want and run around here talking about Communism instead of tightening up your democracy. Baby, the greatest detriment to Communism in the history of this world is for you to make that Constitution work right. There are Communists all over the world. It really upsets me the way you Southerners freak out behind Communists. You're the same way we niggers used to be with ghosts. Anytime some old white man wanted to control the niggers was to say, 'The ghost is going to get you, boy,' and we just sweat it out fast.

"They do you the same way. They tell you about the Communists and you just go crazy, instead of standing up one day asking them to name them. J. Edgar Hoover said there's Communists in the civil rights movement. Ask him to name them. He said Communists came to Chicago against the Democratic Convention. I don't doubt it, but I say, damn it, name them. That don't seem like it's asking too much. They don't ever name them, and all you fools freak out over a threat. Name it.

"My Mama and Daddy used to control us with the ghosts. She was out there working at the white folks' house, couldn't get home, would call us up and say, 'You in bed? If you not, the ghost going to get you.' Man, we got in bed at seven o'clock, waiting on the ghost.

"Let me say to you young people, probably the most important thing I could say to you tonight is what I'm going to say right now. Don't make the mistake in this or any other institution, don't make the same mistake us fools made when we

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sat in these institutions ahead of you. We were so busy trying to learn how to make a living, we forgot to learn how to live. Please, youngsters, learn how to live. You see so many people say 'I'm going to school to learn how to be somebody.' Hell, you was born somebody. If you're going to let somebody teach you how to be somebody else, that makes you two people. Read what Sigmund Freud says happens to you when you become two people. Why you got to go to school for four years and pay top dollars for somebody to teach you how to be crazy? You say well, you got to eat. Well, you know, do you know how powerful nature is? A gorilla has to eat. Have you ever known one to go to college so he can get him a job? Have you ever been shopping with a gorilla in a store? Have you ever read of a gorilla starving to death? You see, one thing you youngsters got to do when you change this system, one thing you must do, and people say why don't you all come inside and change the system? Tell them it's too corrupt, too corrupt.

"How in the hell are you going to change the system with the electoral college sitting there when you don't even vote for the President? Four years ago had these fools in this country picked up a paper and read, 'In Moscow, Russia they are going out to vote today, November 5, for a new Premier, but they don't count because on December 16 the Electoral College is going to meet in Moscow and they decide who the Premier is going to be.' You know what everybody would be saying in America? Hmmm - That's Communism for you.

"Now you youngsters change the system, one of the most corrupt establishments, more so corrupt than the church, is the institutions of higher education, because they are frauds, baby, they are frauds. Colleges and universities across this country do not educate; they indoctrinate, and there is a difference between educating a man and indoctrinating a man. You educate him to control him, you indoctrinate him to control him. You educate

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him so he can understand nature, and if you ever understand nature, baby, and find out the beauty of what you are, you'll be mighty powerful and mighty strong.

"Let me ask you a question, raise your hands. How many of you in this room tonight understand Chinese? One, two. I saw two people, maybe there's three. Look at this audience. I say that to show you how strong nature is. Two people in this gathering understand Chinese. Are you aware of the fact that dogs in China tonight understand Chinese? Never been to college. Dogs in Russia understand Russian. Do you? Dogs in Germany understand German. I say that to say you're born through nature with all the wisdom you need to find your way out of one of these tricks because you want dignity. Don't let anybody tell you you get that from an institution.

"And so I hope you youngsters open up your eyes. Stop being programmed. Oh, we got a way we program you in institutions. When you come, we give you a book. Here is for the class assignments. Now, that's not the way we program you, no. After you read the book, we give you what we call a test, and if you didn't read the book you can't pass the test. That's programming. Kids are hip to it; they do everything they can. They stoop to some of the lowest depths in their life to steal the test. Because if you can get the test, they put the grade on the transcript. That's all that counts, because the transcript don't make nobody nothing after you get out of here, but you.

"What's a transcript? Do you realize you leave this institution, or any other institution, ten years from now, five years from now, and get ready to get married, do you think your other partner is going to ask to see your transcript? Well, if you graduate from here tonight and this institution burned down to the ground and every record burned with it, do you think that would affect your life one way or the other? Oh, them transcripts help us fools understand how nice we've indoctrinated you.



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Hmmmm, Davy Jones, A's, A's, yes, bring him in with the company, we need him. And when we talk about some schools are better than the others, that don't mean education wise. It means like Harvard and Yale has tremendous backings to indoctrinate. And them are the wierdest fools you ever seen in your life, one of them Yale or Harvard cats. Little beady eyes, Brook Brothers suits, acting all strange. All of them talk alike now. They have that same indoctrination. Bit cat says, 'Yeah, hire a Harvard man, because you know you can hire him. He ain't going to steal from us for five years, anyway.'

"So, I say to you youngsters, you've got a lot of changes to make, but fight off the indoctrination as much as you can.

"You know, it's almost sickening to look at you young women. I think, sometimes I wonder if nature really put you here to be the fools you have ended up being. I mean, if you could just think for five minutes, it would give me faith in the whole world. You don't think. I know animals protect themselves and their kids better than you protect yourself and your kids. I can't believe you women. 'We want the right to vote, we want the right to work.' We going to have you doing all the work one day. I can't believe nature put you here, down flat on your feet, and some old man done jacked you up and got you up on your heels, and you're just like a damn fool, keep staying up there. We didn't get up on ours, and we made high-heeled shoes.

"I mean, somewhere, when you was born, nature made you a woman, and there is nothing you or nobody else can do to improve on your womanhood. You dumb broads spend billions of dollars a year trying to improve on your face. What's all that for? Nature carved you out at birth, and ain't a damn thing Helena Rubenstein can do for you.

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"But baby, if you women would ever wake up. Check the history books and find out the last time a woman started a war. The men start the wars and then we come back and get your babies to fight them. When are you ever going to wake up? I know animals wouldn't be so stupid. You carry that baby in your belly for nine months; then you spit it out; then you watch it grow up; you hug it when it's sick, hold it when it's cold, laugh with it when it's happy, and then us fool men get a war going and we say, 'All right, give me that boy.' And you send it. Are you out of your mind? Because one day when you women decide in the crib that you're not raising no killers, that's the day we're going to have to find another way to fight wars.

"All over the world, men's worried about the population explosion. Do you ever turn on the television, ever read an article where women are worried about the population explosion? All the men's worried about population explosion. Now it takes a man and a woman to have a baby. The women ain't worried about it; we're worrying about it, but we make you take the pill. Can you really be that simple? I mean, all you got to do is tell the men, you know, it takes two to tango, baby, 'you all take the pill, since you're worried about it.' Because if you men will stop it at your end, we ain't got nothing to worry about.

"Or if you don't want to be that dirty, just make a law. You women take the pill on the even months, we take it on the uneven months. You know, the Surgeon General of the United States, if he ever releases that secret data, that report on birth control pills, well they know damn good and well fifteen years from now they're going to be fatal to 85 per cent of everybody that's been using them for a long period of time.

"But it ain't the first time they held a report. They held the cigarette report up, thanks to this state, for twenty years. If you girls only knew what the men was doing, baby, if you only knew about those birth control. Well, you think you are tricking nature when you get under your little bush with

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your pill and you think you can really trick and fake out the business of bosses. I don't know if Nixon is morally dedicated enough to release that report. People in London found out about it. That's why they took birth control pills off the market, because of this report, here. So I say one day, after women ever wake up, somewhere, then you don't have to worry about us men, because once you change your attitude, we're going to have to change ours.

"So I say to you youngsters, keep your eyes open wide, stay alert, think. If you don't understand it, keep wrestling with it until you do. That's why when you see Brother Greg I've always got my Bible with me. I don't go nowhere without my Bible. I don't read it, oh, I used to didn't even carry it with me. Yeah. Ever since I found out the missionaries went to Africa, and when they arrived in Africa, the Africans owned all the land and the missionaries owned all the Bibles. And when the missionaries left, the Africans had all the Bibles, and the missionaries had all the land. I say this is a hell of a book, here. I'm going to keep this book, because one day I'm going to go in the Hilton Hotel, baby, with my Bible. And when I walk in Hilton will own the hotel and I'll have the Bible. And when I leave, I'll have the hotel, and you'll see Hilton standing there with the Bible.

"Oh, I can't tell how much I have learned from the white Christian. I'll never forget when I first met my first white Christian. I was a little bitty kid, eight years old, walking down the street. I heard a cat say, 'Come here, boy.' That's how come I knew he was a white Christian. I said, 'Yessir, Mr. white Christian.' He said, 'Boy, what is it you want to do when you grow up?' I said, 'Mr. White Christian, when I grow up I wants to go to Africa so I can visit my ancestors.' He said, 'Boy, why do you want to go to Africa and visit them savages?' I said, 'Mr. White Christian, why do you want to call my ancestors savages?' He said, 'Because they're cannibals.' I said, 'What's

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a cannibal?' He said, 'They eat people.' I said, 'Ooh, ooh, real live human beings? They cook them?' Sounds funny? It's a hell of a thing to find out one day your folks eat folks. And I had to take his word for it because I know white christians ain't going to lie to us, right? Right. Right.

"About two weeks later, I got it confirmed. I went to see my first Tarzan movie. I walked in the middle of the movie and there them black cats was cooking them folks. I was eight years old. I didn't know them wasn't real, live Africans. Them was some old California niggers, but how did I know? Oh, I was upset.

"I rushed out of the movie and ran to the first church I came to." It happened to be a white christian church. I fell on my knees and said, 'Oh, please my God, forgive my savage cannibal ancestors for eating them folks.' The white christian ministor overheard my prayer. He was touched because he just lost three missionaries the week before. He was so touched by my prayer he walked out from behind the back room and walked up to the altar where I was kneeling down and reached down and put his hand on my head and rubbed it for luck. He says, 'Boy, I can't believe a black boy has got that much sense, to pray for them black savage cannibals.' I said, 'Yessir, Mr. White Christian Minister, I'm so sorry my ancestors eat folks. I sure want to thank you for letting me use this white church to pray in.'

"Just as I got ready to split, he grabbed me and said, 'Any black boy got that much sense to pray for them cannibals, I want you to stick around and share communion with us.' I said, 'No sir, Mr. White Christian Minister, I just wanted to pray for the cannibals. Communion, what's that?' He said, 'Get on your knees boy, open your mouth. This is his body, and this is his blood.' Yes, I've learned a lot from the white christians. Now, I pray for all the cannibals, even those who become cannibals by proxy.

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"So, I say to you youngsters, you have a powerful job. You know, if you really want to have some fun one day, take this American history book and read it without being programmed. Just get under a tree by yourself. You'll find out the American history book is the most vile, corrupt, dirty, stinking piece of literature that's ever been printed. Except the first page, I take that back. The first page of the American history book, every time I read it I just want to cry. The American History Book, page one, here was a white European who decided that he wanted to break the shackles that bound him to the king and queen. He decided that he wanted to strike out and find a new land where he could worship his own god, where he could seek out freedom of religion, freedom of expression, freedom of speech. Can't nobody go against that, that's page one. But don't turn the page. Page two says on the way over here to find his god, he stole us. That's a hell of a prayer meeting, ain't it? He's going to find God with some slaves. The more you read it, the worse it gets.

"Page 163, not only did he steal us, but he came to these shores and discovered a country that was already occupied. Ask yourself one day, how do you do that? How do you discover something that's not only occupied but being used at the time? And then print that in your history book and send it out all over the world. How do you discover occupied country? And wonder why the whole world don't trust us. How do you discover something somebody else owns? Now, you put that filth in your history books for your own kids to read, and wonder what's wrong with them.

"That's like me and my old lady walking out of here tonight and you and your lady sitting in your brand-new automobile. And my lady look at me and saying, 'My, that's a mighty nice looking car, sure wish I had it.' And I say, 'Let's discover it.' Yeah, this history book is a hell of a book here. I'll

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give you a little test on it. 'Give me liberty or give me death,' who said that? Rap Brown, didn't he? Who said this, 'Don't shoot till you see the whites, I mean of their eyes?' I don't know?

You know, I wish you youngsters would do me a favor sometime this week, if you would stop by the library and take a pen and a piece of paper with you, and check out a book that has the Declaration of Independence in it, and copy it down for me. Put it in your hip pocket and keep it 24 hours a day. Don't read it, just copy it down. Your girls put it in your pocketbook. And here's the favor I want you to do for me, when the riot season opens up again.

"Yeah, we even been programmed. White folks has told us we supposed to riot in seasons. July through August, that's the season. And we didn't show this year and just scared the hell out of them. After King got killed, we came out and tore the country up, but that didn't count because that wasn't the season. Oh, they got cats in the Pentagon who said, 'Wonder what happened to them? What happened.' They're nervous, they're scared. They asked George Wallace how come you think they didn't riot? Wallace said, 'You know them niggers is lazy and shiftless. They wasn't coming out three years in a row. They're tired.' I tell you where we was the last riot season. We decided we got tired of stealing all them old bad, no good products. And we decided to go underground and study the Consumer Reports. When the riot season opens up again, we ain't stealing no more Motorolas, baby.

"Would you believe I got a cousin in Chicago, the night the riot broke, his luck was so bad, now dig, my cousin wouldn't steal anything that isn't worth stealing. His luck was so bad that out of all the nights to pick to go get your television set out of the repair shop, yeah, he picked the night the riot broke. If you could have seen him trying to explain to that white cop this was his set. Yeah, my cousin would be dead now if that cop had

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not been hip. No, he just looked up at that cop and said, 'Do you know anybody in their right mind that would steal a Motorola?'

"Here's what I want you to do for me, the favor. When the riot season opens up again, I want you to go home and get around your parents. That goes for you black folks, too. You got some old black folks at home that thinks, some of them, more corrupt than the Ku Klux Klan. Put your television in the middle of the room and turn on the evening news, because they're going to show those black cats looting and burning and socking it to them towns. Now, turn on Huntley and Brinkley because they get close-ups. ABC and CBS, they're scared of the black neighborhood. They come by and try to get it over a helicopter. NBC gets such close-ups of the riots you can recognize your kinfolks. 'Looky there, there's Uncle Dudlow. I didn't know he was in Detroit. Look at him.'

"After you get NBC on, get your television adjusted, run upstairs and get your folks. Say, 'Come on down, I want to show you something.' And when they sit there and look at them niggers rioting and looting and socking it to them towns, just listen to them. 'Wonder what's wrong with them. Sometimes our folks just don't know how to act. Niggers, all of them act like that, need to be . . .' Just let them talk. Let them talk and get it out of their system.

"Then, I want you to go up to the television and cut the sound off. Reach in your pocket or your pocketbook and pull out your Declaration of Independence, and while they are looking at them niggers burn and sock it to them towns, I want you to read the Declaration of Independence as loud as you can, and maybe them fools will understand what they are looking at for the first time. 'We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal and endowed by the creator with certain unalienable rights, that when these rights are destroyed over a

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long period of time, it is your duty to destroy or abolish that government.' Now, I know them old fools are going to assume that's some message Malcolm X left for Rap Brown, but I'm sure with a minimum amount of persuasion, that is their beloved Declaration of Independence, the one with the mistake on it, that one where they forgot to write in, 'for white only.' Black folks read it, and you know we're so stupid when we read it, if you don't put it on there, it's for you, we didn't know it. We thought it was for all Americans. Yeah, we thought George Washington and Patrick Henry and Thomas Jefferson, them white heroes you pushed on me, we thought they were speaking for all Americans after long periods of time. We didn't know they were just speaking for white folks.

"And one thing you better do is get that white-boy history book out of my ghetto, because, baby, there ain't no way in the hell you can teach me about Washington and Payne and Jefferson, and do you think 'Give me liberty or give me death' meant 'We shall overcome'?

"Do you think you can tell me about the white folks getting me out of school, every holiday I'm out of school. Some vicious white cat that wanted to beat up somebody for freedom, and now when I want to be like him, since you told me I was inferior to you and I had started acting like you. I had to start throwing dynamite like you and get my rights like you did. That's what you said in here. Now, were you lying? Funny thing's happening to Niggers today, is that we're acting white. Right out of this history book, baby. Patrick Henry, George Washington, and Tom Payne, and Thomas Jefferson. And if you don't like the way we're acting, we say get the damn book out of our community, or you're going to be in trouble.

"So I tell you youngsters today that you've got a lot of changes to make. You can make them. The system has to be completely, thoroughly overhauled, because it's not fair for



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you to say you see, we are so corrupt today, that when you finish high school you're too pure to join us. But after you get through college, you qualify. Yeah, you're ready to move on into the system then. I say you got a big job to do, a mighty powerful job to do.

"In closing, let me briefly discuss with you, we are going to run over a little bit tonight, so those of you that got another job to get to, a baby-sitter, and want to split, I hope that you will be honest enough with yourself that whenever you have to leave or want to leave, you can feel free to get up and leave without sitting there worrying about if you walk out on me, some fool's going to think you're a racist. If at any part you get ready to leave, I hope you just move out quietly. I hope you will not be one of the foul-minded people that will sit and worry about what some fool thinks your intentions were for leaving. I hope you can be that free.

"I want to tell you that black folks have got an attitude, and rightfully so. We're tired of these insults. We're tired of white America telling us to be non-violent. I wonder if you understand how bad that insults us. America telling us to be non-violent. The only country in the history of the world that's dropped the nuclear bomb on another human being, and they're asking us to be non-violent. Nobody knows any better than me. I'm a slave to non-violence. I believe in non-violence to the extent that I had to become a vegetarian five years ago, because I believed 'Thou shalt not kill' means just that, and so animals are covered under that. With me, I'm not pushing it on nobody else. My non-violentism, I don't go around preaching non-violentism. In the nation, the Constitution says you have a right to bear arms, and I'm not against that, but my belief I do not want to bear arms. If a man breaks in my house and kills my wife and kills my family, and the only way I can stop him is to kill him, I have a right to choose not to be violent, but I do not have a right

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to tell you you've got to stand by and watch anybody misuse your loved ones. Non-violence is my hang-up and mine alone. Vegetarianism, that's all me, baby, but I would never knock a steak off your plate, and never want you to put a pork chop on mine. I would never take no dynamite out of your hand and I will never let you take my picket sign out of mine. Non-violence is my hang-up baby. Don't teach it, don't preach it, in a nation where Matt Dillon comes into your house once a week to teach you it is a virtue to shoot straight. Non-violence, are you serious?

"Everybody wants us to be . . . ever heard of a nigger doing some underground nuclear testing? All the white boys got the nuclear bombs, yet them same cats want us to be non-violent. Are you serious? America owns the mightiest army, the mightiest navy, the mightiest air force, owns the state police, the local police, the federal police. And all them cats got guns, and then you look at us that don't have a damn thing and say, 'Be non-violent, boy.' We say, 'You go to Hell, baby, we tired of it.' Now, I say to you and to all America and to all the fools, if you really believe America freaks out for non-violence, I say prove it. And don't prove it to black folks because we proved to the world we'll burn a town down.

"If you really want the world and black folks to believe you are non-violent, prove it. Get up on that Indian Reservation and cut my Indian brother loose. You can't be no more non-violent than he has been in the last 75 years. I thought you liked non-violence. How come he's still up there? You ain't done nothing but trick him, baby. Non-violence ain't nothing but a cheap, whitey cop-out.

"We in Vietnam tonight with a half a million American boys to guarantee a foreigner a better way of life than you want to guarantee you own red brother, who you stole this country from, so we say to America, if you're non-violent, free my Indian

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brother. If you don't free him, quit talking like that. If that Indian wants to be free in the morning, it is said what he would have to do. That Indian would have to realize he is dealing with a system that's so insane that until you make them people through the muzzle of a gun, she is going to keep us a nigger. You youngsters got to change the system so a man do not have to become violent to get redress of grievances.

"Oh, if that Indian wanted a better way of life in the morning, all he got to do is get up on the \_\_\_\_\_, right here in the State of North Carolina, and catch white folks driving down the expressway in the morning and start shooting at you. POW, and yelling 'red power, whitey go home.' And when the Indian says whitey go home, he is talking about the big trip, baby, he is talking about all the way off the continent.

"And sure enough, that Indian gets to raising hell tomorrow, the whole country would be upset. I can just hear them now. 'Them stinking reds.' And you turn on the television and look at 'Meet the Press' Sunday, they'll be interviewing some old Uncle Tom-Tom Indian that'll be saying everything all the fools want to hear. I can just hear him now, 'Me like a-heap-a reservation. Problem come from them young bucks, them Stokely Running Horses, and Rap White Clouds.' Well, all the fools will go back to sleep believing them Indians was happy.

"They said the niggers was happy, them niggers was happy. But there's a new set coming through that ain't America's nigger no more. Just as sure as that Indian raises enough hell, baby, just as sure as he comes off that reservation and gets to socking it to you, burning down some of these colleges that's on his land and getting some of those blond scalps and raping some of your white ladies, oh, I'll bet you listen to them then. Oh, you'll be saying a bunch of foul, dirty things about him, but you'll listen to him.

"Oh, you turn on television next summer, if he gets to raising hell, and they'll be doing him on television like

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like they did us this summer. 'Tune in every Tuesday night to meet your Indian brother, seven-part series, no commercials, sponsored by Xerox.' Oh, if the Indians get to raising enough hell, y'all have an Indian speaking to you next year. Not now, because he's too peaceful. You don't give a damn about him now.

"Well, you know the Indian would have to create violence before making this nation understand what he is talking about. They're so peaceful, we don't care. The highest form of suicide rate among young people on this earth happens to be on our Indian reservations, and we don't even know about it. The highest form of tuberculosis among any minority group on the face of this earth happens to be upon the Indian reservations.

"In 1968, a sheriff can still walk up on the Indian reservation and he decides if the Indian Mama and Daddy can take care of their kids, and if he decides they can't take care of their kids, he has all the jurisdiction he needs to take that Indian baby away from them and put it in a home of white folks. And so they take their orders from out West. How many of these Indians you all need for maids? This is 1968, baby, why are you worrying about the Communists? You are worried about the Communists in Vietnam and you ain't worried about this Indian up here. Why, you're out of your minds.

"And then the Bureau of Indian Affairs is supposed to take care of Indian business. That's the government agency that handles Indian business. It makes about as much sense as the government hiring the Bureau of Indian Affairs to take care of Indian business as it would be to hire the Ku Klux Klan to implement the civil rights act. And the sad thing is if we did away with the Bureau of Indian Affairs in the morning, the money it cost this government to run the Bureau of Indian Affairs, if we wiped them out overnight, every Indian in America could get \$4,300 a year apiece.

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"So, I say you youngsters have a job. The Mexican brothers in California are saying, 'Please, brothers, don't buy grapes.' Are you listening to them, baby? Because if you buy grapes this year, and they don't win their battle, next year they're going to win. They might have to blow up the grape vineyards, but they're going to win. And then everybody will say, 'Why are them Mexicans so evil?' Because you didn't help them by non-violence when they asked.

"And so, brothers and sisters, I say to you tonight, black folks have an attitude, rightfully so, that we don't care about white folks reaction to us. We don't care what you think about our attitude because all we know in the last two years is much, is that white folks been saying we been bugging them. It must be doing something because we ain't been lynched in two years in this country. So, if bugging white America means it makes me safe, we ain't began to bug you.

"We're saying we're tired of these insults. Have you got a right to make me a nigger, you got a right to make me a nigger? You do anything you want to do inside your head, but you better keep it there. You got a right to burn all the crosses you want, but you better not never burn another cross on my front lawn. We're tired of these insults. Burn it on your lawn, but let everybody know you want to burn it on mine. We're tired of these insults.

"Now everybody is getting upset, saying how come y'all don't want to be called colored, how come y'all don't want to be called Negro? Just call us black, baby, that's all we want. And them old niggers that are running around, you call them anything you want. But don't listen to them old niggers and get your head busted. You don't play games with yourself.

"(clapping, and unintelligible for few seconds) If he's an Irishman over there, he's an Irishman here. You don't play no games with yourself. We left Africa Africans, and when we got here we got to be your Nigra, Nugru, colored folks. We say

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now don't play no games with yourself, damn it, and you better stop playing them with us. Just call us black. That's all. And if you want to play games with somebody, play them with your own self. You didn't change when you came across that water. How come I got to change?

"And so we don't feel like we putting you in imposition with our attitude. We feel like these insults have kept you in the imposition for 400 years, and we're tired of it. And just started getting tired. Twenty and thirty years ago, black people in this country had an empty stomach. Today black people in America have a full stomach but a hungry mind, and a hungry mind will not tolerate the same thing an empty stomach did. Empty stomachs deal on smell, and hungry minds deal on sound, and all at once this country don't sound right to us any more. Three years ago five white boys burned up their draft cards, and in two weeks time the Senate and Congress pushed through an Anti-Draft Card Burning law. We haven't been able to get a bill in 100 years. This country just told me America thinks more of a piece of cardboard than she thinks of my black Mammy.

"If I go to Vietnam tonight and get killed by the Viet Cong, this government gives my black wife \$10,000. Now, she can't take that \$10,000 and buy her a house anywhere in this country she wants to buy her one. Hell, are you out of your minds. I got to get a Fair Housing Bill passed to live next to you. Who in the hell do you think you are?

"That old white cracker broad who you are supposed to not like, came to my country, Stalin's daughter, a known Communist and a known Russian. How come you didn't make her get a Fair Housing Bill to live anywhere she wants to live in my country? Are you out of your minds? Do you really think we're going to put up with this nonsense another day?

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"All these Russian exchange students you bring over here." They don't want to be no American citizen. They want to lap up four years of this old bad education and then they are going back to Moscow and eight years from now might drop a bomb on you. You don't make these Russian exchange students get no Fair Housing Bill to live where they want to live. How come I need one?

"This is what we're talking about. This is what the issue is. And we don't give a damn who we make mad. We're tired of these insults. And so we're saying, we have an attitude and we're going to keep an attitude.

"Oh, you got a lot of white folks in this country think a nigger is the dirtiest, stinking, smelling, immoral beast that ever walked the face of this earth. You see, that's your hang-up, baby. I'm not here to convince you niggers don't stink. I say to you, go out and do your own research. Yes, check the records at the cosmetic industry and see how many more billion dollars a year in this country white folks spend on deoderant and look at them deoderant commercials on television and see if you ever see a black armpit. And then I say figure it out with your own intelligence if niggers is doing all the stinking, and white folks buying all the deoderant, who really stinks.

"There's a lot of white folks believes that we are the most immoral creatures . . . I don't have to tell you. You listen to your parents. I say I'm not here to tell you we're not immoral. I say go to the black community and watch. Every dirty, stinking, scroungy, immoral way black folks have, it is a white European scroungy, dirty, stinking, immoral way. You're right. We do not know what the Africans do in the bushes after dark, but we know what you do in the bushes after dark, and we're doing the same thing in the bushes after dark you're doing. Right, baby?

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"Oh, lots of white folks believe black folks are inferior to you. Well, that's your own hang-up. Hell, I'm not inferior to you. The whole world knows I go to bed with a Chinese woman and give her a baby, the baby is going to be colored. If I go to bed with an Irish woman, a Jewish woman, any woman I take to bed on the face of this earth and give her a baby, the baby is me. Any man my sister goes to bed with on the face of this earth and gets a baby, the baby is her. Is that inferior stock to you?

"Now, we say we're tired of these hangups. And we're reacting to them. And people say education is a problem. You in Vietnam tonight with a half a million American boys to liberate the Vietnamese in the morning. Have you ever heard one white or black American questioning that Vietnamese educational staff? But you are going to free him. You're not going to question his, and you better not question mine. And then you do question mine.

"Do you realize how many millions of people would be dead on the face of this earth today if it were not for blood plasma? Are you aware of the fact that an American black man by the name of Charlie Drew invented blood plasma? Don't take my word for it. Go to the library and check it out. Are you aware of the fact that Charlie Drew bled to death in an Atlanta, Georgia hospital waiting room after an automobile accident because they did not accept niggers? Are you going to tell us education is our problem when the man who gave blood plasma to the world died from the lack of his own invention? That didn't have a damn thing to do with education.

"We're tired of these insults. They say go down to the ghetto and pull your brother up by his boot straps. Why don't you give them some boots with some zippers on them? I would bet black women in America have had 20 per cent more



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illegitimate babies. We have had fun in the ghetto, baby. White women in America have 2 per cent illegitimate babies, but don't get no damn attitude, because your white lady got 2 per cent and my black lady got 20 per cent. That don't make you no better than me because if we ever get our hands on your white folks' abortion credit card, we'll show you how to knock a rate down too, baby.

"We're tired of these insults. You say, 'Why do you black folks have all them kids? You can't take care of them. You'll end up on relief.' We know that. I ain't never met a white man that would turn down some free money. And if words like relief and \_\_\_\_\_ and welfare upset you, change it and call it foreign aid. Or call it what you call that free money you give them white farmers, subsidies. Do you really think you're going to pay a farmer not to plant and then ain't going to pay my sister after she plants?

"And we say we are tired of all them babies white folks accuse us of having that we can't take care of. I've got news for you, baby. We're going to keep on having those babies in the ghetto, and I'll make a deal with you. The day this stinking system learns how to hire a black boy and give us good jobs like it gives you white boys, so we can afford all them whores and prostitutes you can afford, we'll quit having all them babies at home too. You say we don't have to ask you about that whore, because it's my sister, because she does talk when she comes home. So we know what you're doing, baby. So get that out of your head now. We're tired of these insults.

"So we are saying we wish this country would stop insulting us. I went to a play a couple of weeks ago. Here a white cat moved all the way out of his seat and come all the way over to me and said, 'Mr. Gregory, boy.' I said, 'Yeah, man, what you want?' 'I think you all should teach colored folks some responsibility. You're talking about jobs. Teach them how to get to work on time. Teach them how not to take too many

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days off. I know you're going to get mad, but I got the records to prove it. 'You don't need no records for me because I used to be one of them niggers you are talking about. How long you had your company?' 'Forty years.' 'All your records, if you go back and check them right, you'll find out. The records of the first day you gave a black man a job he got there two hours early. The first day I got my job I sat two hours waiting to punch in and then I punched in, and for the next eight hours I had to listen to all of that talk, niggers, coons, boy, push me on the butt, rub me on the head for luck. You know anybody in their right mind that's going to get to work on time with them insults, baby? You're not a fool. We come to work as late as we can and leave as early as we can and we take as many days off as we can, because a day away from that plant is a day of insults I don't have to take. So we say we're tired of it, insults, insults, insults.

"You know when I stop and think how the Germans killed my daddy during World War II, how the Germans killed my daddy in 1942. I was ten years old then. I'm 36 years old now. That means I would have gone 26 years without a daddy. That's not the insult, because when daddies go to war they go to kill or be killed. The insult is the same German who killed my daddy, that same German tonight can come to my daddy's country and live where my daddy's boy can't live.

"And so as I leave you tonight, I say, please no more insults. No more civil rights legislation, we don't want civil rights legislation. We want the United States Constitution. Fair Housing Bills, even when we tried to be good niggers and give us Fair Housing Bills, you played games with us. We get a Fair Housing Bill that covers 80 per cent of the housing. What am I supposed to do with the other 20 per cent of me? Join the Communist party?

"There is one more bill we would like for you to pass. We'd like for you to pass what we call an 'Honest White Folks Bill.' Now don't get uptight cause it ain't got nothing to do

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with you. We'll just name it, as a matter of fact, we'll just name it the 'Concerned Honky Law.' It's a simple bill and will just read 'All five year old male black baby boys (it don't pertain to no white folks.) . . . all five year old male black baby boys will have to go to a government camp for one year and stay at that camp from the age of five to the age of six.' And you'll stipulate those black kids to sleep eight hours a day and the other sixteen hours a day, now this is where the 'Concerned Honky Law,' the 'Honest White Folks Bill,' comes in, will take all the five year olds from this year on, keep just the boys for one year, and sleep eight hours a day for a solid year every day, and sixteen hours a day for a solid year, the government teach them, 'Nigger, when you grow up don't date no white woman, don't make love to no . . .' Let me tell you something, we can believe that nothing bugs you no more than a nigger with a white woman, and you ain't got enough backbone to even talk about it. Who in the hell do you think you are?

"Have your white sister passing a nigger half-naked with a living bra on, who in the hell do you think you are? And so I say to you as loud and as clear, why don't you talk about your damn hang-ups and maybe you can get that broad back. Because you see, I went to see my first movie when I was four years old, baby. My mind was pure, honest, didn't know nothing about no white lady or no black lady. Never seen nobody make love in my life. Four years old, looking at the movie. Who's making love on the screen? Them white ladies, Ava Gardner. Humphrey Bogart was doing it.

"Four years old--I didn't know what they was doing. I just knew that one day I wanted to grow up and do it, baby. Yes, I nudged my friend. I said, 'Ooh, ooh, looky there.' Yeah, I went to the movie every night. Not to see that white woman. I was going to the movie because in my home town it was warmer in the movie than it was at home in the winter time, and in the summer time it was cooler in the movie. We could go free till you was twelve.

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"The next thing I knew, I'm eight years old. For four years you been brainwashing me, showing me the epitome of womanhood is that white broad, the epitome of decency is that white broad. You programmed me, just like if you program one of your electric machines that two and two is ten, when it gives it back to you, you should be mad at yourself because you programmed it that way, baby. You programmed me. Yeah, eight years old I sat there at the movie and watched Ava Gardner and Alan Ladd get into the hang of it. I nudged my friend and I said, 'Man, when I grow up, I'm sure going to get me one of them.' He said, 'Which one?' And I said, 'I don't know. I think I'll try them both.'

"I got news for you. I'm grown now, and I'm going to get me a white lady, and the madder it makes you, the more of them broads I'm going to get me and I hope it makes you so mad you'll quit programming my little black kids that's coming up. I hope you get so mad you'll show them some black women making love in the movie. You'll show them some black women holding some Pepsi-cola bottles. You'll show them some black women walking across that screen half naked with them living bras on, and once you do that you can have that broad. Take her to the moon. You can do any damn thing you want to do with her, but we're saying quit programming these black folks since you got such a tremendous hang-up.

"So, as I leave you tonight, I say you youngsters got to think the faith and destiny of the world depends on you.

"Briefly let me discuss two quick things with you. The package that I had mailed here, did anyone check to see if it got here? Did it get here? It didn't get here? Okay, I'll tell you what to do with that in just a minute.

"In the Turner Report on Civil Disorders it says it will take the government 80 billion dollars to solve the problem in the black ghetto, and I say to you young folks, don't be no fool.

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Don't send no 80 billion dollars to the black ghetto. You can't buy it. To solve the problem in the black ghetto, America is going to have to do one thing that will not cost you one nickel as far as black folks are concerned. You are going to have to create an atmosphere where for the first time in the history of this country, black folks trust white folks. And how do you do that?

"It won't cost you a nickel as far as we're concerned. You're going to have to get up on that Indian reservation and cut my Indian brother loose. You're going to have to free my Puerto Rican brother. You're going to have to give my Mexican brother his constitutional rights. And last, but not least, because my Jewish brother keeps playing games with himself, but he should paint his face as black as mine and see what you Gentiles got to say about him every day in the week, and then he'll understand he's in the same bag as the rest of us. So we say when you free my Jewish brother, my Puerto Rican brother, my Mexican brother, my Indian brother, at that point we will trust you. We will say 'My white brother, I trust you. Together would you hold my hand and let us solve our problems.' If you think you're going to solve our problems without freeing these other people, then we say to you take that 80 billion dollars and buy yourself some of the biggest guns money can buy, because you're damn sure going to need them. That's out of the history book, it's called Patrick Henry.

"The final issue I want to talk to you about tonight, which will take two seconds and then we're going to let everybody split that's got to split and those of you that have time for some questions, we'll take about three or four minutes, and then we'll get with the questions.

"On election night I sat up late watching television because I was kind of hoping that North Carolina might come through late for me and put me over the top. I was waiting, but you didn't

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do it. About three o'clock in the morning Nixon's office started lying and said, 'did any of you stay up late and watch the returns? Nixon's office says, 'Uh, uh, Nixon has retired and gone to bed and gone to sleep.' Well you knew that was a lie. Then the Humphrey people said, 'Yes, Humphrey has gone to bed two hours ago.' I said you know that's a lie. But being that all of them was in bed but me, I held a press conference and I declared myself the independent write-in President of the United States in exile, and wasn't nobody there to stop me. And we recieved a million and a half votes, and that's pretty good when you think how many got stolen, which is not the issue, but that probably counted 10 per cent. And so we received more write-in votes than anybody in the history of the country so we declared ourselves the exile write-in President of the United States.

"We're opening up an office in Washington, D. C. in a few weeks, going to paint it black, call it the 'Black House.' And we're going to set up a worldwide food program to see if we can solve the problems of hunger in America and on the face of this earth. This is going to be my project for the next three years. This is what this fast was all about. I get ashamed of the fact that when I read the Field Foundation Report of how the people in Appalachian and Mississippi, and Alabama, and North Carolina, and South Carolina, goes to bed hungry, I get ashamed of how much food I have locked away. I get ashamed of the fact that my wife can go to the store and spend \$2,000 a day for food if she cared to, in a country where my brother goes to bed hungry.

"And so I decided I would go forty days if I could without eating to kind of dramatize that it is our responsibility to feed our brother and so I'm starting up a food army. That's the good thing about being the President of the United States in exile-- it gives you the right to have an army. And so I mailed some application blanks here that's already self-explanatory. If you want to join the Food Army and work with me to help solve the problem of feeding folks all over the world and in America.

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Can we put those in the Union tomorrow, when they get here, or whenever they get here, they'll put them in the Union. We also have some envelopes here that says 'Dollars for the Hungry.' You know it's getting so much publicity now, did you see where the FBI has started to investigate hungry folks? Did you see that in the paper the other day? Raise your hand if you did? Did you see it? None of your saw it, none of you? I don't believe that.

"It is in the New York Times, the morning paper. That great big investigation is going on. I hope you'll feel the way about the New York Times that I do. I read that just to get my government's position every morning. That paper is something else, and it is the most over-read scratch sheet ever been invented.

"No, I hope, when they come in I have a thousand of them, that if you care to participate in feeding people, now let me say this. When we talk about feeding, I want to tell you how simple it is to feed everybody on the face of this earth. Do you realize if our organization gets big enough, we can feed everybody on the face of this earth, and it won't cost nobody a nickel? That's right. You're familiar with Green Stamps, right? You go to a store, you shop, you get Green Stamps. Do you have Plaid Stamps here? You get gasoline, you get Plaid Stamps? Can you imagine if this army gets so big that we decide where we shop, we don't want Green Stamps, we want Food Stamps? Can you imagine if a company put out a food stamp, and if you shop at Sears and Roebuck or bought a new car, and they give you a food stamp, and you didn't send it in and get a lamp like a Green Stamp? After you get it filled up, you send it in to one central location and that food stamp buys food for people all over the world. Do you realize America spends enough money in six months to get food stamps to buy enough food to feed the world for the next twenty years? It don't cost nobody a nickel. This is the type of program we're trying to get together.

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"Please, youngsters, don't forget about the one man who everybody is not looking at today, and that's the poor white man in America. Riots, said to believe that poverty causes riots. If poverty caused riots, this white hillbilly would have burned this country down 75 years ago. It is insults that cause riots, and I say to you youngsters that's interested in the black cause and the Mexican cause, and the Indian cause, you want to join VISTA and the Peace Corps. That's good, but please do not forget about the poor white man who has missed his day.

"Now, we treat him bad. Black folks give him the credit for being the world's biggest racist when he's the victim of the system. Young, hip white kids don't want to be around him because that represents something that you detest. Somebody got to organize this poor white man and see to it that he gets him a job too. To see to it that if he can't eat, he can get his check that he can feed his kids, that he can get his kids in school. And as black folks is telling these institutions we want you to relax your standards so we can get in since you kept us out so long, you got to get these young white poor kids and get these schools to relax their standards so he can get in too. I beg you, my brothers and sisters, don't forget about this poor white man. If you forget about him, we're going to do the same thing all over again five years from now, and you, as you move into your comfortable house, will wonder why he's burning and why he's looting.

"And so I say we have a chance to get all the brothers and go in the same direction. I hope you youngsters will take this fight into the arena of human rights, and not into the arena of civil rights. Because if you go for human rights, then my white brother in that ghetto, in his ghetto, that don't know where he's going to get his turnip from in the morning. I've got the pressure, pressure, pressure, to get projects going in Appalachian. He counts too.



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"And because he's white don't mean he's rich. So, somewhere I hope you youngsters solve the problem and bring America to the level where America should have been since the founding day.

"Again I say that I'm sorry that the slips and the envelopes didn't show up. They are self-explanatory. If you want to feed the hungry and you got a dollar, most of you got a dollar, put it in, mail it in. If you want to join the army for the poor, fill out the application and we'll get you information. For those of you who want, I'll have some time in a few minutes for the question and answer period. I'll gladly entertain that for you.

"Again, my brothers and sisters, I thank you. May God bless you, and may nature have fun with you."

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (157-1472) (RUC)

SUBJ: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RM  
(00: Chicago)

1/7/69, Re Jacksonville airtel to the Bureau, dated

Enclosed for the Bureau are 8 copies of an LHM in captioned matter. Also enclosed for the Bureau is the original and 1 copy of an FD-376.

Two copies of the LHM are enclosed for Chicago, Mobile and Charlotte. One copy each of the LHM is being disseminated locally to USA, Tallahassee, Secret Service, Jacksonville, Fla., and Military Intelligence, Jacksonville.

Source One set forth in the LHM is

Fla., to SA ROBERT P. ROMANS.

On 1/23/69

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advised that in view of the hilarity of subject's text and inherent acoustical problems in Westcott Auditorium, an unsuccessful attempt was made to record subject's presentation.



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File No.

Jacksonville, Florida  
January 27, 1969

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

Director  
United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
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4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
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  - (b) ☐ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
  - (c) ☒ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.
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Very truly yours,

  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

1.- Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s))  
U. S. Secret Service, Jacksonville

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January 27, 1969

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

On January 23, 1969, a source who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised Richard Claxton Gregory appeared at Westcott Auditorium on the Florida State University Campus, Tallahassee, Florida, on January 22, 1969.

Source further advised Gregory began his performance at 7:30 PM, which lasted for approximately 2 hours, followed by one-half hour question and answer period.

The audience, approximately 1500 persons, consisted of mostly students of mixed racial composition. Source advised Gregory's diversified subject matter (that is, attire of students, Chicago Police) was humorous in nature and obviously designed to entertain. Source advised Gregory made no inflammatory remarks toward inciting the gathering; consequently, there were no incidents or arrests following Gregory's appearance.

The foregoing information was made available to [redacted]  
[redacted] Tallahassee, Florida,  
and local law enforcement agencies in Tallahassee, Florida.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, DETROIT (157-New) (P)

SUBJECT: SPEECH BY DICK GREGORY,  
WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY,  
KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN  
1/28/69  
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Two copies of this LHM are being designated for  
Secret Service, G-2 and one copy for the USA, all Detroit.

Michigan State Police and local law enforcement  
agencies notified and representatives of these groups  
stated they expect no disturbances in connection with  
GREGORY's appearance.

Source utilized in enclosed LHM is [redacted]

[redacted] Michigan (concealed by request).

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protect a source of continuing value.

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Detroit, Michigan  
January 25, 1969

Re: Speech by Dick Gregory  
Western Michigan University  
Kalamazoo, Michigan  
January 28, 1969

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DATE 12-20-79 BY 5180 lcb/ew

Source, who has furnished reliable information  
in the past, furnished the following information:

On January 22, 1969, source advised that Dick  
Gregory, controversial civil rights leader and comedian,  
will make a speech in the University auditorium, Western  
Michigan University, at 8:00 PM, January 28, 1969.  
Gregory's appearance is being sponsored by the Student  
Association, Western Michigan University. There is no  
charge and the speech is open to all students and to  
the public.

Gregory is to arrive at Metropolitan Airport,  
Romulus, Michigan, at 2:49 PM, January 28, 1969, on a  
flight from Toronto, Ontario, Canada. He will be met  
by a delegation of Student Association officers and a  
representative of the Western Michigan University Safety  
and Security Department, and will be driven to Kalamazoo  
in a state owned vehicle.

Gregory is scheduled to stay at the Howard  
Johnson Motor Inn, Kalamazoo, and depart Kalamazoo at  
9:05 AM, January 29, 1969, via North Central Airlines  
flight #800. He reportedly will proceed to Iowa.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (157-5865) (P)

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, Aka  
Dick Gregory  
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(OO: CHARLOTTE)

Re Charlotte airtel to the Bureau, 1/7/69.

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Chicago for their information.

Investigation at Durham, N. C., was conducted  
by SA CHARLES S. MILLER.

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Will follow speech of GREGORY at Duke University  
2/10/69 and thereafter submit LHM.

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File No.

Charlotte, North Carolina

January 24, 1969

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTERS

Reference is made to memorandum at Charlotte,  
North Carolina, dated January 7, 1969.

On January 14, 1969, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] North  
Carolina, advised RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY was scheduled  
to appear on the Duke University campus February 10,  
1969. His sponsor was the Major Speakers Committee  
of Duke University on behalf of the Afro-American  
Student Society on campus.

GREGORY's tentative schedule was as follows:

February 10: Arrival - early afternoon  
3:00-4:00 p.m.: Page Auditorium - discussion  
with students  
4:00-5:00 p.m.: Reception for Major  
Speakers Committee and  
Afro-American Students,  
invited University  
Community members  
Flowers Lounge ???

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RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

6:00-7:30 p.m.:

Dinner with Committee  
Members --?? place unknown  
(probably off campus?  
depending on security &  
feeling)

8:15-10:30 p.m.:

Major Address and question  
period - Page Auditorium

10:30 p.m.:

Reception - Open - Living  
groups or Flowers Ballroom???

Stay at Statler-Hilton Hotel

Departure:

Tuesday, morning, February 11th.

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[redacted] and [redacted] advised on 3/28/67 and 4/7/67, respectively, that a leaflet issued by the African-American Heritage Association (AAHA) urged people to support Dick Gregory in his write-in campaign for mayor of Chicago in the forthcoming city election.

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This serial indicated that the AAHA was strongly influenced by the CP.

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(S) It was noted that [redacted] was the telephone number of [redacted] the [redacted]

This information appeared in the file captioned "International War Crimes Tribunal," which was organized by the [redacted]

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*CAH.F.* The following references in the file captioned "National Conference of Negro Elected Officials" contain information pertaining to Dick Gregory's participation in this conference, which was held in Los Angeles, May 26-28, 1967, and was sponsored by a coalition of activists, nationalists, and civil rights groups. Gregory was chairman of the last session of the conference.

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SPEECH BY DICK GREGORY, WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY,  
KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN, JANUARY TWENTY EIGHT, NINETEEN SIXTY  
NINE, RM

SOURCE, RELIABLE IN PAST, ADVISED THAT SPEECH BY  
DICK GREGORY AT WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY, KALAMAZOO,  
MICHIGAN, ON JANUARY TWENTY EIGHT LAST WAS CANCELLED AT  
SIX PM, JANUARY TWENTY EIGHT LAST BECAUSE GREGORY WAS UNABLE  
TO OBTAIN FLIGHT TO MICHIGAN IN TIME FOR HIS SCHEDULED SPEECH  
DUE TO WEATHER CONDITIONS.

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RE DETROIT AIRTEL TO BUREAU, JAN. TWENTYFIVE LAST

SOURCE REFERRED TO IS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY, KALAMAZOO,  
MICHIGAN.

NO LHM BEING SUBMITTED.

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SPECIAL MATTERS

APPEARANCE OF DICK GREGORY AND ROY INNIS AT WESTERN ILLINOIS  
UNIVERSITY, MACOMB, ILLINOIS, ONE TWENTYTHREE LAST THROUGH ONE  
TWENTYSIX NEXT. RM. 00: SI.

RE SI AIRTEL TO BUREAU ONE SIXTEEN LAST.

TODAY

WESTERN ILLINOIS

UNIVERSITY, MACOMB, ILLINOIS, RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM

STATE OF ILLINOIS, ALLEGEDLY COMING

FROM

THAT EIGHT BLACK PANTHER

MEMBERS FROM CHICAGO AREA, NAMES UNKNOWN, INTEND TO ATTEND

REMAINDER OF SESSION AT MACOMB. ALSO ALLEGED THAT

WHITE PANTHERS INTEND TO ATTEND SESSIONS TO COUNTERACT APPEARANCES

OF BLACK PANTHERS. DOES NOT KNOW HOW RELIABLE THIS

INFORMATION IS AND NO OTHER INFORMATION RECEIVED RE WHITE PANTHERS.

CHICAGO CONTACT

FOR BASIS

AND DETAILS ABOVE INFORMATION. CONTACT SOURCES FAMILIAR

WITH BPP AND ASCERTAIN IDENTITY OF PANTHERS COMING TO MACOMB.

FURNISH DATE RE WHITE PANTHER GROUP.

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UNIVERSITY, MACOMB, ILL., JAN. TWENTYTHREE LAST THROUGH  
JAN. TWENTYSIX NEXT, RM.

RECORDS, BUREAU OF IDENT., HAMMOND, IND. PD REFLECT  
[REDACTED] BORN [REDACTED] WAS ARRESTED MAY  
THREE SIXTYSIX, AND CHARGED WITH TEN TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS. NINE  
COUNTS OF RUNNING STOP SIGN, ONE COUNT OF RECKLESS DRIVING AND  
ONE COUNT OF RESISTING ARREST. ON JULY SEVEN SIXTYEIGHT,  
ARRESTED FOR SPEEDING. BUREAU OF RECORDS FAILED TO REFLECT  
JAN. TWENTYTWO SIXTYNINE ARREST FOR POSSESSION AND SALE OF  
OBSCENE LITERATURE. PREVIOUS ARREST REFLECT ADDRESSES OF

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ON PAGE ONE A OF THE JAN. TWENTYTHREE SIXTYNINE CITY EDITION OF THE POST TRIBUNE, GARY, IND. , A STORY REVEALS LAKE CO. PROSECUTOR'S INVESTIGATORS ARRESTED [REDACTED]

FOUR EIGHT TWO SIBLEY ST., CHARGING HIM WITH POSSESSION AND DALE OF OBSCENE LITERATURE. NAME OF [REDACTED]

AGE [REDACTED]

IND. RELEASED ON ONE THOUSAND DOLLAR BOND.

THIS DATE SOURCES RECONTACTED AND NO INFO DEVELOPED RE THE WHITE PANTHER PARTY. NO INFO DEVELOPED AT EITHER THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY OR WPP ATTEND MACOMB CONFERENCE.

REFERENCE CHICAGO TEL JAN TWENTYFOUR SIXTYNINE AND INDIANAPOLIS TEL TO BUREAU JAN. TWENTYFOUR SIXTYNINE.

SOURCES REFERRED TO ARE [REDACTED]

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INDIANAPOLIS MAINTAINING CONTACT OVER WEEKEND WITH SOURCES. BUREAU AND OO WILL BE IMMEDIATELY ADVISED IF ANY POSITIVE INFO DEVELOPED.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM SPRINGFIELD (157-198) P

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UNIVERSITY (WIU), MACOMB, ILL., JANUARY TWENTYTHREE LAST THROUGH  
JANUARY TWENTYSIX NEXT, RM.

*d* [REDACTED] WIU, ADVISED THAT

AFTERNOON SESSION BEGAN WITH SPEECH BY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AT OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY (OSU), WHO SPOKE  
CONCERNING RACIAL PROBLEMS AT OSU, WAS CRITICAL OF OSU ADMINISTRATION  
AND CAMPUS POLICE. ATTENDANCE AT SPEECH ONE HUNDRED FIFTY. THIS  
FOLLOWED BY COFFEE HOUR, CBS FILM OF BLACK AMERICA AND DANCE BY  
BLACK WOMEN STUDENTS, ATTENDED BY LESS THAN ONE HUNDRED PERSONS.  
THERE WERE NO INFLAMMATORY REMARKS OR DEMONSTRATIONS.

NIGHT SESSION TODAY ATTENDED BY THREE HUNDRED PERSONS.  
SPEECH BY LEE F. PALMER, JR., CHICAGO DAILY NEWS, REPORTER, DEALT  
CHIEFLEY WITH NEED FOR NEGROES TO STUDY IN COLLEGE TO PREPARE  
THEMSELVES FOR A USEFUL FUTURE. PALMER MADE FAVORABLE STATEMENTS  
CONCERNING MALCOM X AND BPP. PALMER MADE NO INFLAMMATORY  
STATEMENTS AND THERE WERE NO DEMONSTRATIONS. PALMER FOLLOWED BY

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PLAY, SKITS AND A DANCE.

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EVANSTON, ILLINOIS, JANUARY 3-9, 1969  
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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 12 copies of  
a letterhead memorandum (LHM) regarding activities at the  
captioned Symposium. Also enclosed for the Bureau is one  
copy of the printed Symposium program.

Confidential sources utilized in enclosed LHM  
are as follows:

- ④-Bureau (Enc. 13)(RM)
  - 1-100-440423)(RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY)
  - 1-New York (100- ) (JERRY RUBIN)(Enc. 1)(Info)(RM)
  - 2-San Francisco (Enc. 2)(Info)(RM)
    - (1-100- ) (THOMAS HAYDEN)
    - (1-100- ) (CARL PRESTON OGLESBY, JR.)
  - 9-Chicago
    - (1-100-39500) [REDACTED]
    - (1-100-42010) [REDACTED]
    - (1-100-42555) [REDACTED]
    - (1-100-43245) [REDACTED]
    - (1-100-44715)(NU SDS)
    - (1-157-347 ) (RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY)
    - (1-157- ) (Rev. JESSE JACKSON)
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The enclosed LHM has been classified CONFIDENTIAL to adequately protect sources one through four which are of continuing value, the unauthorized disclosure of which could have an adverse effect on the security of the country.

Only those individuals and organizations were characterized herein where sufficient identifying data was contained in the files of the Chicago Office to subversively characterize those individuals and/or organizations.

Information copies of this communication are being furnished to New York in view of their interest in JERRY RUBIN and San Francisco in view of their interest in THOMAS HAYDEN and CARL PRESTON OGLESBY, JR.

Copies of the enclosed LHM are also being furnished to USA, Chicago; Secret Service, Chicago; and Region I, 113th MI Group, Evanston, Ill., in view of their continuing interest in matters of this nature.

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On December 6, 1968, first source advised that the Symposium Group of Northwestern University (NU), a legitimate University-sponsored function, has planned their "Symposium '69" to be entitled, "Confronting Change," for January 3-9, 1969. The purported purpose of this event is to consider the issues of the New Left and social change. Source advised that the program is to be as follows: ~~(S)~~ (U)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Participants</u>
January 3, 1969	Films	7:30 p.m.	
January 4, 1969	Films	7:30 p.m.	12-20-79 CLASS. & EXT. BY 5180 LUB/ce REASON-FCIM II, 1-2.4.2 2 DATE OF REVIEW 1-15-89
January 5, 1969	Play "Futz"	7:00 and 9:30 p.m.	APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP ON 12-20-79/ce
January 6, 1969	Keynote Address	8:00 p.m.	Richard Claxton Gregory
January 7, 1969	Seminar	3:00 p.m.	Carl Preston Oglesby, Jr.
	Panel Presentation	8:00 p.m.	Carl Preston Oglesby, Jr.; Michael Harrington; Anthony Downs

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Participants</u>
January 8, 1969	Seminar	10:00 a.m.	Michael Harrington
	Panel Presentation	8:00 p.m.	Reverend Jesse Jackson; Thomas Ayers; James Herndon; Richard Goodwin
January 9, 1969	Panel Presentation	8:00 p.m.	Raymond Mack; Lawrence Lavengood; Seymour M. Miller; Thomas Hayden; Mike James

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

Gregory is a Negro entertainer and civil rights activist.

CARL PRESTON OGLESBY, JR.

Second source described Carl Oglesby as a "modern day Saul," completely and personally committed to the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) program, enthusiastic in his work and the promotion of same. ~~(S)~~ (U)

The December 4, 1968, edition of the "Daily Northwestern," the student newspaper of NU, Evanston, Illinois, in an article entitled, "Hayden Panel to Wind Up Symposium," stated that Carl Oglesby is the consulting editor of "Ramparts" magazine.

Characterizations of "Ramparts" magazine and SDS are attached hereto.

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Reverend JESSE JACKSON

Jesse Jackson is the National Director of Operation: Breadbasket which is the economic arm of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC).

THOMAS HAYDEN

The "New York Daily News," in its issue of January 10, 1968, carried an article entitled, "Word From The Left," in which it identified Hayden as one of a party of three who had traveled to North Vietnam in defiance of the United States Department of State ban on such travel. This article also identified Hayden as a founder of SDS.

MIKE JAMES

Third source advised that on March 25, 1967, a peace march and rally was held in Chicago, Illinois, which was sponsored by various peace and civil rights organizations. During demonstrations, Mike James, who was introduced as an SDS leader, spoke and urged that draft eligible youths defy the draft and called for continued protests and sit-in demonstrations on every campus protesting the Vietnam war. ~~(U)~~

On December 31, 1968, a fourth source made available the "official" printed program for the NU "Symposium, 1969." Source advised that Carl Oglesby's name did not appear in the program and source stated that he did not believe Oglesby would appear. Source noted that the place where Oglesby was originally scheduled to appear now reflected the name of Jerry Rubin. ~~(U)~~

JERRY RUBIN

In a biographical note on Jerry Rubin, the printed program of NU's "Symposium, 1969" notes that Rubin is currently a leader of the Youth International Party which was a prime mover in the demonstrations against the war in Vietnam in New York City two years ago, and the demonstrations at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago in August, 1968.

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Source further advised that the films to be shown on January 3-4, 1969, were "The Magnificent Ambersons," "The Married Woman," "The Rules of the Game," "The Roaring Twenties," and "L'Avventura." All are "feature" films which supposedly have to do with some social attitude or condition.

On January 6, 1969, fourth source advised that the play "Futz" held on January 5, 1969, dealt with the "clash of values within society" by using the example of a man deeply in love with his pig. Source advised that the main element of the play's script appeared to be obscenity which was both strong and frequent. ~~(U)~~

On January 7, 1969, first source advised that Dick Gregory's keynote address on January 6, 1969, was attended by approximately 1,100 persons, of whom only 85 to 95 were Negro. Source advised that Gregory's attempts at humor were generally well received; however, his serious points were only applauded by the Negro students and/or identifiable SDS members. These remarks were received by the majority of the audience with apathy. Gregory's main topics were: 1) President John F. Kennedy and Senator Robert F. Kennedy were killed as a result of a Central Intelligence Agency conspiracy; 2) civil rights of women and American Indians; 3) FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover constantly "covers up dissent and unrest by claiming it is communist-inspired or subversive"; 4) suggested a youth (anyone younger than 27) boycott of the recording and cigarette industries as a means of ending the Vietnam war and obtaining the right to vote at age 18; and 5) America's racist attitudes make it "the rottenest country in the world." ~~(U)~~

On January 7, 1969, fourth source furnished essentially the same information and advised that there had been no incidents or arrests to the source's knowledge. Source advised that Gregory continued until 11:25 p.m. and that approximately 300 to 400 people had left the auditorium prior to 11:00 p.m. ~~(U)~~

On January 8, 1969, first source advised that the panel discussion on January 7, 1969, lasted from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. with more than 1,100 persons attending although only 10 to 15 Negro students were observed. Source advised that the panel consisted of Jerry Rubin, who wore a Viet Cong flag as a cape, Michael Harrington, who has been publicly ~~(U)~~

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