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date in most cities of the United States has never been. The city is completely controlled and exploited by outside forces and this is what ACT stands against. We stand for complete control of the Negro community by Negroes, and we don't refer to black people in America as "Negroes" -- we refer to them as Afro-Americans, Africans, or black people, -- and that we feel that it is necessary that power come to the black community in order that they may develop those things that are necessary for them to function within the total society as equals.

SOUTH: "Thank you for calling, sir.

CALLER: "Thank you.

SOUTH: "Good night.

"This is the "Hot Line".

CALLER (female): "Hello?

SOUTH: "May we have your question or your comment?

CALLER: "Mr. SOUTH, I have a comment and a slight question too. I think that this organization that they are performing now, I think that this would be a very good thing to happen in our different neighborhoods, not only do we need this for demonstrations and we need it for violence or whatever they are talking about. As far as the police department, I have no kick against the police department as far as me. But I think it's a whole lot of things, because have you thought about, too, there's a many a people, and I know I'm a woman alone, and I know there's a many a people, even sick in bed, and you can call for help, you can even call for the police department. Sometimes you can't even get one and do you know it would be a nice thing to even have people that you could even call to see that you go into a hospital, because you can

go to none of these hospitals, you can't have
all kinds of insurance, they are prejudiced.
they don't want to do anything for you.
You can't even go to the counter, you have
to stay on the outside cut there. I have
gone out and stayed as long as 12 or 15 hours
and I would be sick and couldn't get waited
on. And I think that if they could
even get this organization built up that
they can protect the Negroes. I think that
this would be a great thing, not against the
police department, because I think Chicago
has a nice police department, I have no
kick against them...

BOYER:

"And what was your question?"

CALLER:

"And then the question that I wanted to
ask, would these people be able to do
these things -- not just people you can
pick -- are these people trained to do this
work?"

BOYER:

"The units that function in the South, or
they are in the process at the moment of set-
ting up a chapter in Chicago, but all of
the chapters in the South go through
rigorous training programs to be sure
every Deacon can operate at peak levels.
Now, these are things that I learned from
calling to Mr. THOMAS. As WILKIE says,
Mr. THOMAS is going to be able to answer
himself, or at least he's going to be able
to answer, and I would suspect that he would
be able to answer these questions in much
more detail."

CALLER:

"Thank you, sir."

BOYER:

"Thank you for calling."

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10 "Did I understand you to say at the beginning of
11 the program that you would have some representative
12 from this organization within the next few days?

13 South "Yes, sir.

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16 Caller "All right, now. Well my question is, do you think
17 that the Grand Dragon of the Ku Klux Klan is refusing
18 to expose anything connected with his organization?

19 South "I haven't the slightest idea.

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21 Caller "Well I just saying that since he refused.....
22 (unintelligible)

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24 South "Well I ask him when he comes on.

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26 Caller "I wish you could ask him that.

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28 South "I really couldn't say what this man would do.
29 I've never even met him.

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33 South "Hello, Hot Line.

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35 Caller "Hello, Mr. South. I'd like to comment on your
36 program tonight.

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38 South "Yes, sir.

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40 Caller "I've heard a lot of what the people are saying and
41 I disagree with just about every call you've had,
42 except one and I thought he was very articulate in
43 stating his composition and I cannot see where
44 Chicago needs (unintelligible) unless you are
45 going to work in areas (unintelligible) as far
46 as voting, as far as volunteering for youth
47 organizations to help (unintelligible), values
48 of education and a few other things of that
49 nature. Other than that, I don't see where we
50 need them because you cannot have two police
51 departments in one city. And by then not caring
52 whether its against the law in this state and
53 in the city, I do not see how they can protect
54 any civil rights workers who are demonstrating

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9 or anything else, in all white areas.

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11 South "Did you want to comment on that.

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13 Rogers "Yes. I think it deserves comment. Number one,
14 we here at the program do not know as yet exactly
15 what areas the Deacons have decided to work in
16 in Chicago. But on the other hand, I think that
17 there are too many organizations and individuals
18 throughout the community who are actually training
19 Negroes into submission. Now I think one of the
20 jobs that I would like to see the Deacons do is
21 to re-instill manhood in black men. That is to
22 re-instill the idea that men must of right and
23 ought to protect themselves, their property and
24 their family. And this is obviously lacking in
25 many Negroes over 21 years of age and I don't
26 thing you can be a man unless you possess the
27 qualities that go along with being a man and
28 that is to be willing to protect your family
29 and your home and your children.

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31 Caller "I don't thing you'll find any Negro man, unless
32 there are very few, who are not willing to
33 protect their rights and their family and their
34 home and what not. And a new organization coming
35 up, I agree with you a lot of organizations in
36 Chicago who are working for Negroes rights, but to
37 me they are all going and assuming different
38 directions until very few are making much headway.
39 We are making headway, and I don't say that
40 Chicago has the best police force in the nation
41 but it's a big organization and any big organization
42 that you find you're going to find a few goons.
43 These men are human. They've got their prejudice
44 too. They're police, but they've still got their
45 prejudice. I don't think that among the police
46 that Chicago has that it's running rampant through
47 the whole force. And to me, if you bring in
48 another group and something should start where
49 there is a peaceful demonstration and then there's
50 hecklers like there was at Mayor Daley's house,
51 and the Deacons are there to protect those peaceful
52 demonstrators, we would have a riot. And in a
53 riot, it's hard to tell who's right and who's
54 wrong. Especially when you have two groups at
55 odds with each other. They're both violent.

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10 It's much easier to tell if you have a non-
11 violent group here and a violent group here.
12 It's easy to spot those who were committed to
13 violence before than if you have two violent
14 groups. And this police force to me isn't
15 like the fatal police force in the South. If
16 I feel very wholeheartedly that the Deacons do
17 need to have an organization in the South because
18 there is a great lack of law and order there.
19 And I am not seeing any breakdown of law and
20 order here. This is what I'm wondering about.

21 Rogers

22 "I want to comment. Number one, I don't understand
23 that everytime the Deacon's name is brought up,
24 it's brought up in the framework of violence.
25 And that is in (unintelligible) to the police
26 force. I don't think anything has ever been
27 suggested that the Deacons of defense and justice
28 have any real relationship to being in opposition
29 to the police force. But what I am saying and
30 this is a position organizationally that I take
31 as being a part of ACT, an organization who is
32 out for justice and out for the equality of black
33 people in Chicago and in America. ACT and ACT
34 are a national organization. But I think that
35 we overlook too many things when we say that we
36 don't need the help of every organization that
37 has something to offer in the area of creating a
38 climate of equality on the part of all workers
39 and one of those qualities is that people act
40 and react like men to any given situation. I
41 don't want to take up a lot of time, but certainly
42 Chicago offers many areas where that same thing
43 is remiss in the treatment of Negroes. To say
44 that we have made a lot of headway is wrong. The
45 school system is worse today in 1965 than it was
46 in 1955. And getting more segregated every year.
47 So we are not making the kind of progress except
48 that we are making progress in the newspapers,
49 but in fact in many cases we're going backward and
50 there must be a reason. One of these reasons may
51 be that the organizations are not taking a militant
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Caller "I agree with you. But don't you think you could take a much more militant attitude if we would teach people how to vote, if we would teach our kids, not our kids individually, but say our kids as a race, and try teaching them the value of property and not destruction of property?"

Rogers "We have to first give them some property to (unintelligible)."

Caller "No, not necessarily."

Rogers "Well, let me make that point. When most of the property that the Negroes that you're taking about live in are owned by absentee slum landlords, who do not care anything about the people who live there to ask these people to be constantly looking out for this man's interest so that he can live out of the city and take his kids to the better schools and ask these people to be peaceably and be nice while they live in abject poverty, I think is asking too much. I do not ask Negroes to be that way."

Caller "How about those Negro landlords who live in the area with the absentee landlords who own property and try to keep it up. And a few Negro absentee landlords although they live away still try to keep their property up. What are they to do with the destruction of these other kids from these absentee landlords that you're talking about?"

Scott "Well, we've just run out of time. Thank you for calling. I want to thank you very much Nahaz Rogers for being our guest tonight and I hope you might ask Mr. Ernest Thomas and see if you could get him on, say by the end of the week or the first of next week."

Rogers "I will certainly extend the invitation to him; Wesley, and thanks a lot for inviting me."

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"You know, being the host here I can always have
the last word and I want to say this. Regarding
what you think about Negro men not standing up,
I don't think there's a man in Chicago Negro
white or otherwise where you could go in his
house where he would not stand up. Do you agree
or disagree?"

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"I know of cases where....."

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Re Boston letter to Director dated 10/8/65 and Bureau letter to Boston dated 10/11/65 captioned "Rebellion Information Concerning (IS)", which advised that New Orleans was Office of Origin on matter concerning the Deacons, and that that office should be furnished all pertinent information concerning same.

Enclosed for the Bureau are nine copies of a LHM, one of which is meant for a Bureau file on "Rebellion Information Concerning", which is mentioned in the enclosed LHM.

- 2-Bureau (Encs. 9) ENCLOSURE
- 2-New York (Encs. 2)
 - (1 - 100- [redacted])
 - (1 - 100- [redacted])
- 3-New Orleans (Encs. 7)
- 15-Boston (157-387)
 - (1 - Secret Service, Boston) REC-41
 - (1 - 108th INTC Group, Boston)
 - (1 - 100-33026) [redacted]
 - (1 - 157-372) ("Rebellion") EX-101
 - (1 - 105-11846) [redacted]
 - (1 - 105-11847) [redacted]
 - (1 - 105-11724) [redacted] b7c
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 - (1 - 100-36576) [redacted]
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Enclosed for New Orleans are three copies of the LHM and two Zerox copies each of LHMs, one dated 9/30/65 captioned "Publication 'Rebellion', Information Concerning" and the other dated 10/6/65 captioned "Friends of the Deacons, aka Deacons for Defense and Justice, Deacons, Racial Matters."

Two copies of the LHM are being furnished New York due to their interest in [redacted] and [redacted]

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The LHM is being classified confidential since it contains information furnished by the above mentioned sources which could logically result in identification of sources of continuing value, jeopardize their future activity and be detrimental to the defense interest of the United States.

[redacted] was interviewed on 10/13/65 with SAC authority by SAs [redacted] and [redacted]

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In view of the fact that membership in the "Deacons" in Boston is limited to the four persons who organized it, the fact that it has been unable to expand beyond this point and that its activities have been limited to its original organizing public meeting, this case is being referred upon completion to New Orleans subject to being reopened if activities warrant. The activities of individual members will be followed in individual case files.

New Orleans and the Bureau will be kept advised of any pertinent activity with respect to the Deacons.

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The September 29, 1965 issue of "Rebellion", on Page 3, carried an article captioned "Deacons Hold Rally". This described the rally held at the Roxbury Branch of the YMCA a little over a month ago sponsored by the Boston Friends of the Deacons for Defense. It claimed the meeting was fruitful and encouraging and attended by 150 or more persons. The roster of speakers included Roland Bedford of the Boston Friends of the Deacons; Floyd Hardwick of "Rebellion" and Bill McAdoo and David Douglas, both of the Harlem Defense Counsel of New York City.

The central theme of the discussion was the growing need of the masses of black people to be made fully aware of the total insecurity of their portion in the framework of American society.

This issue of "Rebellion" states that the paper is a private publication published in the interest of the nonwhite communities of Boston, Massachusetts. Its masthead states,

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"Better to fight on your feet than to live on your knees".

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APPENDIX

NATION OF ISLAM

In January, 1957, a source advised Elijah Muhammad has described his organization on a nationwide basis as the "Nation of Islam" and "Muhammad's Temples of Islam."

On May 7, 1965, a second source advised Elijah Muhammad is the national leader of the Nation of Islam (NOI); Muhammad's Temple of Islam Number 2, 5335 South Greenwood Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, is the national headquarters of the NOI; and in mid-1960 Muhammad and other NOI officials, when referring to Muhammad's organization on a nationwide basis, commenced using either "Mosque" or "Temple" when mentioning one of "Muhammad's Temples of Islam."

The NOI is an all-Negro organization which was originally organized in 1930 in Detroit, Michigan. Muhammad claims to have been selected by Allah, the Supreme Being, to lead the so-called Negro race out of slavery in the wilderness of North America by establishing an independent black nation in the United States. Members following Muhammad's teachings and his interpretation of the "Koran" believe there is no such thing as a Negro; the so-called Negroes are slaves of the white race, referred to as "white devils," in the United States; and the white race, because of its exploitation of the so-called Negroes, must and will be destroyed in the approaching "War of Armageddon."

In the past, officials and members of the NOI, including Muhammad, have refused to register under the provisions of the Selective Service Acts and have declared that members owe no allegiance to the United States.

On May 5, 1958, the first source advised Muhammad had, upon advice of legal counsel, tempered his personal statements and instructions to his ministers concerning the principles of his organization in order to avoid possible prosecution by the United States Government; however, he did not indicate any fundamental changes in the teachings of his organization.

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On May 3, 1965, a third source advised Muhammad had, early in July, 1958, decided to de-emphasize the religious aspects of the teachings of Islam and to stress the economic benefits to be derived by those Negroes who joined the NOI. This policy change, according to Muhammad, would help him acquire additional followers and create more interest in his programs.

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1 STUDENT COMMITTEE FOR TRAVEL TO CUBA

2 "The Columbia Owl," weekly student newspaper of
3 Columbia University, New York City, December 12, 1962, issue,
4 page one, contained an article entitled "Students to Visit
5 Cuba During Holidays." This article stated in part that
6 the Ad Hoc Student Committee for Travel to Cuba was formed
7 October 14, 1962, by a group of students from New York City
8 universities, the University of Wisconsin, Oberlin College
9 and the University of North Carolina, who stated that as
10 students they would like a chance to see and evaluate the
11 situation in Cuba for themselves and had received an offer
12 of transportation and two weeks' stay in Cuba from the
13 Federation of University Students in Havana, as guests of
14 the Federation. The Committee accepted the offer and applied
15 to the State Department of the United States for passport
16 validation which was refused; however, over fifty students
17 planned to defy the State Department ban and go to Cuba.

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19 A source advised on December 6, 1962, it was learned
20 the Ad Hoc Student Committee for Travel to Cuba had recently been
21 formed by the Progressive Labor Group.

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23 A second source advised on September 13, 1963, that during
24 the summer of 1963, fifty-nine individuals traveled to Cuba; the
25 leaders of the group were members of the Progressive Labor Movement;
26 and the trip was planned and organized by Progressive Labor Movement
27 members.

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29 A third source advised on October 9, 1963, the Student
30 Committee for Travel to Cuba was utilizing Post Office Box 2176,
31 New York, New York, as its mailing address.

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33 On March 12, 1965, [REDACTED]

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36 [REDACTED] advised as follows:

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38 The Student Committee for Travel to Cuba (SCTC) was
39 formerly known as the Ad Hoc Student Committee for Travel to Cuba
40 and the Permanent Student Committee for Travel to Cuba.

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42 [REDACTED] was a leader and participant of the 1963 trip to
43 Cuba and an organizer of the 1964 trip to Cuba and both trips were
44 sponsored by the SCTC.

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By the Spring of 1964, the Executive Committee of the SCTC was considered to be members of the Progressive Labor Movement.

No trip to Cuba or China was being planned by the SCTC for 1965.

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14 A source advised on April 20, 1965, that the PLP,
15 formerly known as the PLM, held its first national convention
16 April 15-18, 1965, at New York City, to organize the PLM into
17 a PLP. The PLP will have as its ultimate objective the
18 establishment of a militant working class movement based on
19 Marxism-Leninism.
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21 "The New York Times," City Edition, Tuesday, April 20,
22 1965, page 27, reported that a new party of "revolutionary socialis
23 was formally founded on April 18, 1965, under the name of the PLP.
24 The PLP was described as an outgrowth of the PLM. Its officers
25 were identified as Milton Rosen, New York, President, and William
26 Epton of New York and Mort Scheer of San Francisco, Vice Presidents.
27 A 20-member National Committee was elected to direct the party
28 until the next convention.
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30 According to the article, "The Progressive Labor Movement
31 was founded in 1962 by Mr. Rosen and Mr. Scheer after they were
32 expelled from the Communist Party of the United States for
33 assertedly following the Chinese Communist line."
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35 The PLP publishes the "Marxist-Leninist Quarterly," a
36 theoretical magazine; "Progressive Labor," a monthly magazine;
37 "Challenge," a New York City newspaper; and "Spark," a west coast
38 newspaper.
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40 The June 1, 1965, issue of "Challenge," page 6, states
41 that, "this paper is dedicated to fight for a new way of life -
42 where the working men and women own and control their homes,
43 factories, the police, courts, and the entire government on
44 every level."
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46 The source advised that the PLP utilizes the address of
47 General Post Office Box 808, Brooklyn 1, New York, but also utilizes
48 an office in Room 622, 132 Nassau Street, New York City, where
49 PLP publications are prepared.
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13 The May, 1960, issue of the "Young Socialist" ("YS"),
14 page 1, column 3, disclosed that during April 15-17, 1960, a
15 national organization entitled "Young Socialist Alliance" (YSA)
16 was established at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. This issue
17 stated this organization was formed by the nationwide supporter
18 clubs of the publication "YS."

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20 The above issue, page 6, set forth the Founding
21 Declaration of YSA. This declaration stated YSA recognizes
22 the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) as the only existing political
23 leadership on class struggle principles, and that the supporters
24 of the "YS" have come into basic political solidarity with the
25 SWP on the principles of revolutionary socialism.

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27 A source advised on May 7, 1965, that the original
28 YSA was an organization formed during October, 1957, in
29 New York City, by youth of various left-socialist tendencies,
30 particularly members and followers of the SWP. The leaders
31 of this group were the guiding forces in the establishment of
32 the national organization.

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34 The source further advised on May 7, 1965, YSA is
35 dominated and controlled on a national basis by the SWP through
36 having SWP members comprise exclusively the National Executive
37 Committee (NEC) and through an official SWP representative at
38 all YSA NEC meetings. The YSA, in reality, is the youth and
39 training section of the SWP and the main source of new SWP
40 members.

41 The headquarters of the YSA is located in Room 631,
42 41 Union Square West, New York City.

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To: SACs Atlanta (100-5533)
Chicago (100-3535C)
New York (100-136585)
New Orleans (100-16200)

From: Director, FBI (100-106670)

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
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Re WFO airtel 11/3/65 to the Bureau, Atlanta, Chicago
and Chicago, "KLAN, Klan Investigation, Special Agents (SAs)
For the information of New York and New Orleans, airtel re airtel
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Airtel to AT, CG, NY and NO
Re: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
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Chicago is instructed to immediately advise local authorities, Secret Service and the Army Intelligence on a highly confidential basis that the Bureau is in receipt of uncorroborated information that [REDACTED]

All recipients should attempt, through established reliable sources, to obtain information which would either corroborate or discredit [REDACTED] claims. Take due regard for security of the source.

Chicago is referred to its airtel and letterhead memorandum 10/26/55 concerning the Deacons of Defense and Chicago is to attempt to obtain further information which may be available concerning the possibility of the Deacons being organized in Chicago. Chicago must stay on top of this situation to insure that any organization of the Deacons is immediately known and reported.

New Orleans, no origin concerning the Deacons, is to attempt to determine whether there is any indication that the organization has spread to Pennsylvania and New Jersey and, if appropriate, set out leads.

[REDACTED]

The Bureau should be kept promptly advised of all developments in this matter and information obtained should be submitted in a form suitable for dissemination.

NOTE:

Memorandum from Baumgardner to Mr. Sullivan, 11/4/55, captioned "Martin Luther King, Jr., Security Matter - Communist" recommended dissemination of the information from [REDACTED] to the White House, Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General, Assistant Attorneys General Yeagley and Doar, Secret Service and the military intelligence agencies and additionally noted that appropriate instructions were going forward by a separate airtel to the field. Instant airtel serves that purpose.

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AIRTEL _____
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-2466) (157-

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-572) (157-840)

SUBJECT: DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, INC.
RACIAL MATTER (ORGANIZATION)

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RACIAL MATTER

Re Chicago airtel to the Bureau, 10/26/65.

Enclosed for the Bureau are nine copies of a letterhead memorandum, two copies for New Orleans for information and two copies for Seattle, concerning captioned matter.

One copy of this letterhead memorandum is being designated for Region I, 113th INTC Group; United States Secret Service; and United States Attorney, all Chicago, Illinois.

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AT SEATTLE, WASHINGTON. Enclosed letterhead memorandum contains information that the only known Northern branch of the Deacons of Defense and Justice (DDJ) is in Seattle, Washington.

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- 2 - New Orleans (157-3290) (Enc. 2)
- 2 - Seattle (Enc. 2)
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Seattle, if not already handled, report activities of DDJ at Seattle.

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will be alert for any information concerning the opening of a Chicago Chapter of the DDJ and the Bureau and New Orleans will be kept fully informed of developments in this matter.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Chicago, Illinois
November 2, 1965

DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, INC.
RACIAL MATTER (ORGANIZATION)

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The following article appeared in the October 21, 1965, issue of the "Chicago Defender", a Chicago, Illinois, newspaper:

"Wither Thou Goest, I go...seems to be the new pattern for the Deacons of Defense and Justice with regard to the movements of the Ku Klux Klan. Since the Ku Kluxers and its menagerie of prehistoric, fire-spewing characters, made its splashy entrance into our great State of Lincoln, the Deacons' vice president, Earnest Thomas, has announced his indefinite stay in Chicago. Word is that the Klan has organized four chapters in Illinois thus far; Thomas is looking for recruits to join his self-defense organization. The only known northern branch is in Seattle, Washington.

"Self-Defense vs. Non-Violence was the theme of a program sponsored by the Westside Organization last Sunday. Thomas and Nahaz Rogers of ACT spoke on the side of self-defense, while Rev. C.T. Vivian and Rev. James Bevel defended their non-violence stand. It played to a SRO crowd at the Westside's First Congregational Church.

"Deacon Thomas discussed tactics of police and law enforcement officers and their one-way road of justice on the Lou House show Saturday. It is Thomas' belief that if the Deacons had been organized at the time NAACP leader Medgar Evers of Mississippi was murdered, it would not have happened. The Deacons claim they are dedicated to the protection of civil rights workers and defenseless Negroes."

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On November 1, 1965, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that no information has been developed that would indicate that a chapter of the Deacons of Defense and Justice, Inc. (DDJ), has been formed in Chicago. Earnest Thomas continues to remain in Chicago and is reportedly attempting to get office space on the west side of Chicago but to date he has not been able to obtain any office space. He added that it appears that Thomas has received very little encouragement, if any, from civil rights groups in Chicago. He added that there has not been any indication that Thomas has attempted to purchase or obtain any weapons while in Chicago.

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Date: 11/3/65

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Via AIRTEL

(Priority)

To: Director, FBI and
SAC, New York
From: SAC, Pittsburgh (157-429) (P)

THE DEACONS FOR DEFENSE
RACIAL MATTERS

Re Newark airtel to Bureau, 9/20/65; Baltimore
letter to Bureau, 9/22/65, and Pittsburgh letter to Bureau,
10/12/65.

It is noted that Newark LHM, which was forwarded
with re Newark airtel dated 9/20/65, indicated that some affair
was to be held at Harpers Ferry, Maryland, on 12/4/65 in honor
of JOHN BROWN.

On 10/25/65, [redacted] Harpers Ferry, West Virginia,
advised SA [redacted] that two Negro women,
[redacted] New York, New York,
and [redacted] Brooklyn, N. Y., were
in Harpers Ferry, W. Va., on 10/21/65 ostensibly representing,
to the best of [redacted]'s recollection, the "John Brown
Remembrance Society". [redacted] stated he had made this
identification of these individuals based on their signatures
on a guest register located at the Mather Training Center of
the National Park Service, Harpers Ferry (which was formerly
a Negro Baptist college, Storer College).

[redacted] continued that [redacted] and [redacted]
were seeking a place to hold a meeting which would be attended
by about 700 people and they indicated a desire to hold the
meeting on 12/4/65. The women determined that no facilities

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- 2 - New York (157-1542)
- 1 - Pittsburgh
- 1 - Baltimore (157-1003)(Info)

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Approved: [Signature] Special Agent in Charge

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were available for such a meeting on 12/4/65 and they therefore selected 12/11/65 as the proposed date for said meeting. They determined that a banquet could be held at the Hilltop House, a privately owned Harpers Ferry restaurant-hotel, and that the Hilltop House could accommodate 350 people.

██████████ stated that the women had spoken with Harpers Ferry Park Historian, ██████████ and were outspoken in complaints concerning various biographies of JOHN BROWN. It was ██████████'s recollection that the women were sympathetic to a man named DuBOIS, who had either attended Storer College in the past or was a benefactor of that college. ██████████ also stated that it was his recollection that this individual named DuBOIS later became a communist and went to Ghana.

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The indices of the Pittsburgh Office are negative concerning John Brown Remembrance Society, ██████████ and ██████████.

It would appear that the above meeting arranged to be held on 12/11/65 at the Hilltop House in Harpers Ferry might possibly be identical with the meeting referred to in above Newark LHM.

New York and the Bureau are requested to check their respective files with regard to the John Brown Remembrance Society, ██████████, and ██████████, and advise Pittsburgh of the results thereof.

New York is also requested to check with its informants to ascertain whether the above-mentioned meeting scheduled for 12/11/65 is an affair being held in behalf of The Deacons for Defense.

In the event it is determined that the John Brown Remembrance Society has some affiliation with The Deacons for Defense, New York is requested to furnish a suitable characterization of The Deacons for Defense which, UACB, will be disseminated by this office to the National Park Service and the West Virginia State Police detachment covering Harpers Ferry, W. Va.

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CHICAGO

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will remain alert for any information concerning the opening of a Chicago Chapter of the Deacons of Defense and Justice, Inc. and the Bureau and New Orleans will be kept fully informed of the development in this matter.

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RACIAL MATTERS

Reference is made to memorandum dated November 2, 1965, at Chicago, Illinois.

On the dates indicated the following advised that no information has been developed that would indicate that a chapter of the Deacons of Defense and Justice, Inc. (DDJ) has been formed in Chicago. Earnest Thomas who is associated with the DDJ is reportedly still attempting to obtain office space in Chicago for an office of the DDJ but to date there has not been any indication that he has obtained any office space. Thomas has received virtually no support from any civil rights group in Chicago. There has not been any indication that Thomas has attempted to purchase or obtain any weapons while in Chicago. No information has been received concerning Thomas's whereabouts recently and Thomas may have returned to Louisiana:

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Confidential informants who are acquainted with certain racial matters in the Chicago, Illinois, area advised during November, 1965, that Earnest Thomas of the DDJ has recently been in Chicago attempting to gain support for a Chicago Chapter of the DDJ. Thomas has not had any success in organizing a Chicago Chapter of the DDJ and has met considerable resistance from civil rights organizations in Chicago.

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Character RACIAL MATTERS

Reference Memorandum dated and captioned
as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities
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RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL
(U.S.D.C, D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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RE: 115

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-2466)

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REASON: 1.05
DATE OF REVIEW: 11-15-85

FROM: SAC, PITTSBURGH (157-429) (P)

SUBJECT: THE DEACONS FOR DEFENSE
RACIAL MATTERS

JOHN BROWN COMMEMORATION COMMITTEE
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Re Newark airtel to Bureau dated 9/20/65 and Pittsburgh airtel to New York dated 11/3/65 both entitled, "The Deacons For Defense"; and Washington Field Office airtel to Pittsburgh dated 11/5/65, titled "John Brown Commemoration Committee."

For the information of Washington Field Office, copies of the following in the case entitled "The Deacons For Defense" are enclosed:

- 1. Newark airtel to Bureau dated 9/20/65.
- 2. Newark LHM dated 9/20/65.
- 3. Pittsburgh airtel to New York dated 11/3/65.

For the information of the Newark Office, one copy of each of the following, in the case titled "JOHN BROWN COMMEMORATION COMMITTEE," are enclosed:

- 1. Washington Field Office airtel to Pittsburgh dated 11/5/65.
- 2. Xerox copy of announcement of the John Brown Memorial Pilgrimage.

- ③ - Bureau (RM)
- 2 - Newark (Enc. 2) (RM) (157-1992)
- 2 - New York (157-1542) (RM)
- 2 - Washington Field [redacted] (RM)
- 2 - Pittsburgh

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Approved: (11) [Signature] Special Agent in Charge

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It would appear that the John Brown Commemoration Committee may be an adjunct of The Deacons for Defense, and that the "Memorial Pilgrimage" scheduled for 12/11/65 at Harpers Ferry, W. Va., is identical with the planned meeting for 12/4/65, as set out in Newark LHM dated 9/20/65. In this connection, it is noted that the address for the John Brown Commemoration Committee is 100 West 82nd Street, New York, which was the address for the meeting of The Deacons for Defense mentioned in Newark airtel of 9/20/65. It is also noted that address for the West Side Unified Action Council is 100 West 82nd Street.

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NEW YORK

1. Will expedite Pittsburgh request for characterization of The Deacons for Defense and related organizations such as West Side Unified Action Council and the John Brown Commemoration Committee, with the degree of relationship of those organizations, so that this information will be available for dissemination to the National Park Service and [REDACTED] by 12/1/65. It is noted that National Park Service may decide to have additional rangers available for duty.

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2. Will advise Pittsburgh if informants from New York will be covering the Pilgrimage.

3. Will advise Pittsburgh what specific coverage at Harpers Ferry, W. Va., if any, is desired.

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Will maintain contact with [REDACTED] who furnished the data concerning the Pilgrimage, and ascertain if he plans to attend the meeting on 12/11/65.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-2466)

DATE: NOV 26 1965

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (157-1542)

SUBJECT: CHANGED
DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE
RACIAL MATTERS

CLASS. & EXT. BY SP1 [signature]
REASON - FCIM 11, 1-2.4.2
DATE OF REVIEW 11-24-88

Title is marked "Changed" to reflect correct title of organization per New Orleans routing slip dated 11/9/65. Title previously carried as "DEACONS FOR DEFENSE AND JUSTICE; RACIAL MATTERS".

Re NYO teletype to New Orleans 11/8/65.

Enclosed for the Bureau and New Orleans are copies of LHM in captioned case. Information copies are also being supplied to Chicago, Los Angeles and Philadelphia in view of Philadelphia letter to New Orleans dated 10/14/65, indicating that an article appearing in a Philadelphia weekly publication entitled "Nite Life" reflects CHARLES SIMS, leader of the Deacons of Defense and Justice (DDJ), is due in Philadelphia this winter as part of a nation-wide tour.

An information copy is also being supplied to Jackson in view of the trip made by one CHARLES SIMS, not further identified, to Jackson on 10/27/65.

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Careful consideration was given to all sources concealed and T symbols were used only where necessary.

This LHM is classified "Confidential" to protect the identities of the above sources. Unauthorized disclosure of information attributed to these sources might impair their future effectiveness and such impairment could have an adverse effect on the national defense interests.

The information supplied by [REDACTED] was supplied to SA [REDACTED].

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It should be noted as set forth in attached LHM that it was announced that SIMS was unable to speak on 10/25/65, as he was required to return to Bogalusa, Louisiana, for a court appearance. However, the C. SIMS mentioned above departed New York City on 10/27/65. The NYO does not have sufficient background data available regarding the subject to determine if he is identical with the CHARLES SIMS who made the Jackson trip.

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Deacons of Defense and Justice

Confidential sources mentioned in this communication and the appendix attached hereto have provided reliable information in the past.

The "Workers World", volume 7, number 20, page 3, dated October 14, 1965, contained an article captioned "President of Deacons for Defense to Speak in New York" which reflects that it was announced by Rictue Le Seur, a friend of the Deacons, from the newly opened office of the Friends of the Deacons for Defense and Justice (FDDJ), 271 West 125th Street, Room 209, New York, New York, that Charles Sims, founder of the Deacons for Defense and Justice (DDJ) and Robert Hicks, Vice President of the Bogalusa, Louisiana, Voters League will speak in New York on October 23 and 25, 1965.

The meeting on October 23, 1965, will be at 8:30 p.m. in the Unitarian Hall, Clinton and Fillmore Streets, West Brighton, Staten Island, New York.

On October 25, 1965, a rally will be held at 8:00 p.m. in Emanuel Temple, 37 West 119th Street, New York City.

A characterization of the "Workers World" is attached in the appendix hereto.

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"The Worker", volume XXX, number 80, page 2, dated October 24, 1965, contained an article captioned "Deacons President to Speak in New York" which set forth substantially the same information as that contained in the above mentioned article.

"The Worker" is an east coast Communist newspaper.

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[REDACTED] that [REDACTED] is a member of the Workers World Party.

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A characterization of the YAWF appears in the appendix attached hereto.

[REDACTED] supplied substantially the same information set forth above but also advised that the DDJ was to hold a meeting on October 24, 1965, believed to be in Manhattan.

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On October 25, 1965, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that Charles Sims,

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13 President of the DDJ in Louisiana, arrived in New
14 York City, 1:15 p.m., October 23, 1965, at John F.
15 Kennedy International Airport (JFKIA) on Delta Airlines
16 Flight 976.

17 [REDACTED] ^{b1} he attended (c)
18 a fund raising affair for the DDJ at the Unitarian
19 Church Hall, Clinton and Fillmore Streets, Staten
20 Island, New York, from 8:50 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.,
21 October 23, 1965.
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24 The source stated Mae Mallory took up most of
25 the time relating her experiences in the civil rights
26 movement and praising Robert Williams. She pointed
27 out the similarities between Robert Williams' approach
28 and the approach of the DDJ to the civil rights movement.
29 Robert Hicks spoke about the various incidents that
30 occurred in Bogalusa, Louisiana, while attempting
31 to register Negroes to vote. Jerry Gutman, intro-
32 duced as an attorney for Charles Sims, differed
33 with Mae Mallory, stating that the DDJ is a
34 legally constituted organization which is defensive
35 and will remain so.

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37 Robert Williams is characterized in
38 the Revolutionary Action Movement which
39 appears in the appendix attached hereto.

40 Charles Sims spoke about the background
41 of the DDJ and stated the purpose of the DDJ is to
42 protect Negro and white civil rights workers. He
43 stated the DDJ is able to effectively deal with the
44 Ku Klux Klan, however, he was critical of the local
45 sheriff's office, stating the past Wednesday (October
46 20, 1965) the sheriff obtained the names of the DDJ
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leaders and arrested them on various charges.

A characterization of the Ku Klux Klan appears in the appendix attached hereto.

During the question and answer period which followed the speeches Sims stated his primary concern is with the Bogalusa chapter of the DDJ. He stated there are 50 DDJ chapters throughout the south although he declined to comment on the total number of members. Admission of \$2.00 per person was charged. Approximately 60 to 80 persons attended.

[redacted] He attended the above mentioned affair and provided essentially the same information as [redacted] but in addition stated Sims did not criticize any particular approach to the civil rights effort. Sim's main theme appeared to be that those engaged in bargaining on civil rights issues such as Robert Hicks should be assured protection for themselves and their families. (c) b1

After the meeting a reception was held for the persons who had appeared at the home of Ricque Le Seur on Staten Island.

[redacted] that [redacted] and 25 members of the Brooklyn, New York, chapter of Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) attended the above mentioned affair. b7C b1 b7C

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The CP has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450 by the Attorney General of the United States.

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16 [REDACTED] he attended (c) b1
17 a fund raising affair at Washington Temple Church of
18 God in Christ, 1372 Bedford Avenue, Brooklyn, New
19 York, on October 24, 1965, where approximately 40
20 persons were present. This meeting was held after
21 the regular church service which is from 9:00 p.m.
22 to 10:00 p.m.

23 Charles Sims stated during his speech that
24 he is not a speaker, he is a "fighter". He spoke
25 about the background of the DDJ but made no
26 mention of firearms. When Sims requested donations
27 for the organization, most of the audience walked
28 out, however, a collection was taken. The source
29 characterized Sims as a very reserved, very uninter-
30 esting speaker.

31 The "New York Herald Tribune", page 2, dated
32 October 25, 1965, contained an article captioned
33 "Armed Resistance By Negroes Urged" in which it
34 was indicated that at a news conference Robert
35 Hix, the Reverend William H. Melish and Charles
36 Sims said "Negroes are going to start hitting back
37 and perhaps should even arm themselves on the
38 picket line." Hix qualified his statement by
39 saying "Laws must be obeyed." The Reverend William
40 Howard Melish, identified as a DDJ member, said
41 "Arms were justified to protect life and property."

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14 Reverend William H. Melish

15 [REDACTED] that William (c) b1
16 H. Melish was a member of the Board of Directors
17 of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship (NCASF)
18 as of April 11, 1964.
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21 The NCASF has been designated pursuant,
22 to Executive Order 10450.
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24 [REDACTED] 300 to (c) b1
25 400 persons attended a meeting held at Emanuel AME
26 Church, 37 West 119th Street, New York City, from 8:15
27 to 10:45, October 25, 1965, at which Jesse Gray, the
28 master of ceremonies, apologized for the absence of
29 Charles Sims, who was to be the main speaker. Gray
30 stated that Sims had to return to Louisiana in
31 order not to forfeit bail on a local charge.
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34 Mae Mallory gave a speech in which she stated
35 each gun for the Deacons cost \$80.00. Mallory asked
36 those in attendance to pledge a gun individually for
37 the Deacons. Several persons signed pledges for guns.
38 A collection of \$126.00 was taken up for the Deacons.
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13 [REDACTED] Charles (C) b1
14 Sims of the Deacons spoke at a public meeting sponsored
15 by the YAWF at Academy Hall, 853 Broadway, New York
16 City. Sims recounted experiences of racial persecu-
17 tion and claimed that the persecution had been
18 somewhat alleviated through the formation of the
19 Deacons, which are armed for self defense. Sims
20 indicated that the DDJ in Bogalusa had about 200
21 followers and indicated a new unit was being formed
22 in Chicago. Sims asked for contributions to carry
23 on the work of the DDJ and a collection was made
24 for him.

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26 The "Workers World", volume 7, number 22,
27 page 1, dated November 11, 1965, contained an article
28 captioned "Charles Sims, Deacon of Defense President,
29 speaks in NYC" which reflects Sims addressed a
30 meeting of 300 at Academy Hall, New York City,
31 sponsored by the YAWF.

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33 The article reflects Sims stated civil rights
34 workers, some of them white, had been threatened
35 with physical violence by the Klan and were about
36 to be attacked when he and some friends started an
37 armed defense guard in Bogalusa, Louisiana, in the
38 early part of this year.

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40 Having staked out his men around the local
41 CORE headquarters, Sims saw the chief of police looking
42 things over. At first inclined to ignore the chief,
43 since he knew him as a racist probably in league
44 with the Klan himself, he changed his mind, went
45 over to him and said: "You better stop 'em. 'cause
46 if you don't we're gonna kill them all."

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48 The chief apparently did not take this
49 statement lightly. There was no trouble and Sims
50 reported: "That night a brand new Negro was born."

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A collection of \$400.00 was raised from the audience. Over \$200.00 was raised at a house party in Brooklyn later on.

On November 1, 1965, [REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] was contacted by an unknown individual [REDACTED] stated Charles Sims departed New York City on November 1, 1965, for return to Bogalusa, Louisiana.

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1.APPENDIXUNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.,
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN

Records of Superior Court of Fulton County, Georgia, reflect that this Klan organization was granted a corporate charter on February 21, 1961, at Atlanta, Georgia, under the name United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc.

A source advised on February 27, 1961, that United Klans was formed as a result of a split in U.S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. According to the source, the split resulted from a leadership dispute and United Klans has the same aims and objectives as the parent group. These are the promotion of Americanism, white supremacy, and segregation of the races.

The first source and a second source advised in July, 1961, that United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc., merged with Alabama Knights, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. The merged organization established headquarters in Suite 401, the Alston Building, Tuscaloosa, Alabama. (The organization is directed by ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, and is the dominant Klan group in the South, with units in several Southern states.)

Second source advised that at a meeting at Prattville, Alabama, on October 22, 1961, the U.S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, merged with the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

Third source advised on August 4, 1965, that the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, is currently an active organization, with Klaverns in several Southern states. This source said that ROBERT M. SHELTON is the Imperial Wizard of this organization, and was last elected to this position on September 5, 1964, at a National Klonvocation in Birmingham, Alabama. Source said that the activity of the United Klans of America is increasing and that the national office remains in Suite 401, Alston Building, Tuscaloosa, Alabama.



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REVOLUTIONARY ACTION MOVEMENT

On November 3, 1964, a source made available a document entitled "The Revolutionary Action Movement Manifesto," the document having been obtained by the source from an individual known to be a member of the Revolutionary Action Movement (RAM).

This document stated, in part, that RAM was officially organized in the Winter of 1963 by Afro-Americans who support the revolutionary objectives of ROBERT F. WILLIAMS, now residing in Cuba, and his concept of organized violence to achieve the liberation of the Afro-American people in the United States. This Manifesto disclosed that RAM had oriented its program to one of education and political revolution and the organization of a "black" political party with revolutionary objectives, having recognized the need for a "black revolution" that could and would seize power. RAM philosophy is described in this document as one of revolutionary nationalism, that is, one involving the struggles of the nonwhite races of the world against exploitation and enslavement by the white capitalist and imperialist nations.

Regarding WILLIAMS, it should be noted that on August 28, 1961, a Federal warrant was issued at Charlotte, North Carolina, charging him with Unlawful Flight to Avoid Prosecution for the crime of kidnapping. Subsequent to the issuance of this warrant, WILLIAMS fled the United States to Cuba, where he now publishes a monthly newsletter entitled "The Crusader" from Havana.

This source in September, 1964, advised RAM is dedicated to the overthrow of the capitalist system in the United States, by violence if necessary, and to its replacement by a socialistic system oriented toward the Chinese communist interpretation of Marxism-Leninism. RAM is entirely nonwhite in membership, clandestine in nature, and owes its primary allegiance to the "Bandung World," that is, the nonwhite races of the world rather than to any national entity, as such.

On November 16, 1964, a second source advised he learned recently from an RAM member that the organization began in Detroit, Michigan, largely under the impetus of DON FREEMAN, described as the "Father" of RAM and referred to





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as RAM's "Black Stalin." FREEMAN served as RAM Chairman, with MAXWELL STANFORD, now of New York City, formerly of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, serving as RAM Field Chairman.

This source stated in May, 1965, there has been no formal headquarters, as such, for RAM but that headquarters have been with FREEMAN since he has played such a dominant role in the leadership of and has directed the policies and activities of the organization.

Within recent months, according to the second source, dissension within RAM has become evident and some dissatisfaction with FREEMAN's leadership has arisen. So far as is known, however, he remains the titular leader of RAM.

To date, according to the second source in May, 1965, RAM has organized units and membership in several of the larger cities in the United States east of the Mississippi River and the organization is currently active in attempting to recruit new members and expand its sphere of influence.



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"WORKERS WORLD"

On May 3, 1965, a confidential source advised that the "Workers World" is the official newspaper of the Workers World Party, published twice monthly, with editorial offices located at 46 West 21st Street, New York, New York.

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WORKERS WORLD PARTY

On April 17, 1959, a confidential source advised that on February 12, 1959, a Socialist Workers Party (SWP) minority group under the leadership of National Committee member, SAM BALLAN, split from the SWP.

The source stated that this minority group, referred to as the Marcyites, after many years of program and policy differences on varied issues concerning tactics and interpretation of political events, split from the SWP on the grounds that the Party was liquidating itself by departing from the Marxist precepts of LEON TROTSKY and retreating from the fight for the world socialist revolution. The final issue which ultimately forced the split was the minority's opposition to the SWP regroupment policy which involved co-operation with the Communist Party (CP) periphery-individuals characterized by the minority as petty-bourgeois.

The minority program, according to source, advocated unconditional defense of the Soviet Union and has as its goal the building of a revolutionary party with a complete proletarian orientation for the purpose of overthrowing capitalism in the United States and throughout the world.

On May 12, 1960, source advised that this minority group had chosen the name Workers World Party.

On May 3, 1965, second source advised that the Workers World Party, which maintains headquarters at 46 West 21st Street, New York, New York, supports the People's Republic of China in its ideological dispute with the Soviet Union.

The SWP and the CP have been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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YOUTH AGAINST WAR AND FASCISM

A confidential source advised on March 29, 1965, that the Youth Against War and Fascism (YAWF), formerly known as the Anti-Fascist Youth Committee, was established by the Workers World Party (WWP) in the summer of 1962, to bring college and high school youth into the periphery of WWP activities and thereby gain recruits for the organization.

A second confidential source advised on October 23, 1964, that a flyer distributed by the YAWF describes that organization as a militant organization of young workers and worker-students for combating war and fascism.

The first source advised on March 29, 1965, that the YAWF maintains an office in Room 1214, 1123 Broadway, New York City, and publishes a magazine called "The Partisan."

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TO: Director, FBI
 FROM: SAC, Detroit (157-NEW) (P)

RALLY OF DEACONS FOR DEFENSE AND JUSTICE SPONSORED BY CONGRESS OF RACIAL EQUALITY (CORE)
 11/20/65
 DETROIT, MICHIGAN
 RM

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP(S)
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Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of an LHM regarding captioned planned rally. Two copies of LHM are being furnished the New Orleans Division, which Office has an interest in the Deacons for Defense and Justice.

One copy of LHM being furnished G-2, CNI, OSI, USA and two copies being furnished Secret Service, all Detroit, Michigan.

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[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] are aware of contents of LHM.

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This matter will be followed and Bureau advised after rally.

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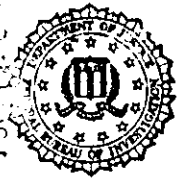
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Re: Rally of Deacons for Defense and
Justice Sponsored by Congress Of
Racial Equality (CORE)
November 20, 1965
Detroit, Michigan

On November 17, 1965, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that CORE is the sponsor of a rally for the Deacons for Defense and Justice to be held on Saturday, November 20, 1965, beginning at 8:00 p.m. at the new St. Peters Baptist Church, Woodrow Wilson and Pingree Streets in Detroit.

According to the source, this rally is being held in an effort to raise money for the Deacons for Defense and Justice who are having difficulty raising funds in the South because of local hostility and economic pressures against them there. Source advised that Ernest Thomas, a Vice President of the Deacons for Defense and Justice from Jonesboro, Louisiana, will be the featured speaker at this rally.

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RALLY OF DEACONS FOR DEFENSE
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11/20/65, DETROIT, MICH.
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Remyairtel and LHM 11/18/65.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning captioned rally, which was held as scheduled on 11/20/65. Two copies of the LHM are being furnished the New Orleans Division which office has an interest in the Deacons for Defense and Justice and two copies are being furnished the Chicago Division in view of reference in enclosed LHM to plans for establishing northern branch of the "Deacons" at Chicago, Ill.

One copy of LHM is being furnished G-2, GMI, OSI and USA, and two copies of LHM being furnished U.S. Secret Service, all Detroit, Mich.

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Detroit, Michigan
November 22, 1965

Re: Rally of Deacons for Defense
and Justice Sponsored by
Congress of Racial Equality (CORE),
November 20, 1965, Detroit, Michigan

Reference is made to memorandum at Detroit,
Michigan, dated November 18, 1965.

On November 22, 1965, a source, who has
furnished reliable information in the past, advised
that on November 20, 1965, beginning at approximately
8:00 PM and ending at approximately 11:00 PM, a rally
for the Deacons for Defense and Justice, sponsored by
CORE, was held at the new St. Peter's Baptist Church,
Woodrow Wilson and Pingree Streets in Detroit. Source
advised that approximately 100 individuals attended
this rally and admission was charged for same.

According to the source, the keynote speaker
was Ernest Thomas, a vice-president of the Deacons for
Defense and Justice from Jonesboro, Louisiana, and
several other local individuals also spoke. The tenor
of the rally was a relating of the racial situation both
in the North and the South and an explanation of the need
for and purpose of the Deacons for Defense and Justice.
It was stated that the main purpose of the rally was to
raise funds which are to be used in plans toward establish-
ing the first northern branch of the Deacons for Defense
and Justice at Chicago, Illinois.

According to the source, the rally was peaceful
and orderly.

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Savannah should check the accuracy of the above telephone listing as same appears to be one digit short.

New Orleans as Office of Origin regarding captioned organization, should make the necessary inquiries for any available information regarding the formation of the self-defense unit in Saint George, South Carolina.

The above caption should be utilized in this investigation until such time as the proper title of this organization is determined.

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NOTE: The Deacons of Defense and Justice is a Negro organization whose main purpose is to arm Negroes for protection against Klan violence, and also has been active in racial demonstrations.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-2466)
 FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (157-413)
 RE: DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE

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Re San Antonio airtel and LHM dated 9/16/65 and O-1 Form dated 11/12/65.

This case has been closed in the San Antonio Office since 9/16/65, in view of the fact that there has been no further activity on the part of the above captioned organization in San Antonio Division.

There is enclosed for the Bureau a copy of the Albany letter to San Antonio 10/13/65 captioned as above, and setting forth information that MARK KLEIN and DOUGLAS HAINLINE are both at Cornell University.

0-7 to SA 11/24/65
Incorporate info. in Airtel of 10/13/65
into LHM + dis. to Albany to see Sen.
+ the military intelligence agencies.
Also send copy of the LHM as well as all
correspondence relating to the Deacons of
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DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE
RACIAL MATTER

Re San Antonio airtel and LHM dated 9/16/65 to Bureau.

On 9/22/65, [redacted] Cornell University, advised SA [redacted], that MARK HENK and DOUGLAS HAINLINE had both returned to Cornell University. On 9/23/65, [redacted] made available a copy of a one page throwaway which he stated that he had learned was being distributed on the Cornell University Campus. DOUGLAS HAINLINE obtained authority for this distribution. This material is captioned "Armed Negro Unit Spreads in South" and contains an account from the June 6, 1965, issue of the "New York Times" concerning the activities of the Deacons of Defense and Justice in various Southern states. The following is set forth:

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"The Civil Rights Movement has espoused total non-violence. While the racists' reaction to the Movement has become more and more ferocious, legal authorities have at best given only token aid to the Negro and, at worst, actually aided the racists.

"The Civil Rights Movement must now take up arms for its own protection--so that it can continue to exist and struggle.

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- 1-Albany

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"Here at firsthand an account of the Deacons Movement by Mark Klein who is speaking on 'Armed Self Defense--The Next Stage in the Negro Struggle'.

"Mr. Klein, a Cornell senior, participated in the Civil Rights Movement in Texas and has met and talked with Charles Sims, a major leader of the Deacons Movement who has given Klein permission to publicize the Deacons and to raise money for them."

The throwaway then goes on to advertise this meeting to be held at 8:15 PM on September 28, 1965, at Ives Hall on the Cornell Campus and states that "the formation of a committee at Cornell to aid the Deacons will be discussed".

The September 29, 1965, issue of the "Cornell Daily Sun", a daily student newspaper published at Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y. contained an account of the above meeting. This account states that KLEIN, who was the speaker, received permission from Deacon Leader CHARLES SIMS to raise money for the organization. During his speech, KLEIN stated that the Deacons of Defense and Justice are not an armed rebellion, not a terrorist revenge group, not a group dedicated to violence for violence' sake, but an organization to protect the home and family of the Southern Negro. He pointed out that between 1890 and 1950 there were over 3,000 documented Negro lynchings in the South and concluded that the situation has not greatly changed.

He claimed that CORE found out that their field workers were safer when the Deacons were around and that they then took the hypocritical attitude of "protected non-violence".

KLEIN stated that guns are not a solution to the problem of the Negro, but merely a protection under which to work. He said that local police, State justice and Federal help are all ineffective in protecting the Negro,

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13 that the FBI "takes notes and pictures while you get
14 beat up". He said that the Deacons act as a deterrent
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16 trade their superior lives for Negroes' inferior ones".
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DIRECTOR, FBI (157-2466)

DATE: 11/30/65

FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE (157-1008) -RUC-

SUBJECT: DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, INC.
RACIAL MATTERS
OO: NEW ORLEANS

Re Pittsburgh letter to Bureau 10/12/65; New York letter to Bureau 10/28/65; Pittsburgh airtel to Bureau 11/3/65.

Enclosed for New Orleans is one copy each of Baltimore airtel to Bureau 8/17/65 and re Pittsburgh letter and airtel.

On 11/19/65, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was discretely interviewed by SA [REDACTED] relative to the Kennedy farm and farmhouse, commonly referred to as "JOHN BROWN's Farm" located in the southern part of Washington County, Md., mailing address of Rt. 1, Harper's Ferry, West Va. It was determined that this property, previously utilized as a "regional" headquarters for the "Negro Elks", has been for sale for sometime.

It was further determined [REDACTED] that there has been no affairs held at "JOHN BROWN's Farm" in recent months, and he was unaware of any meetings or gatherings of any size to be held at this site within the coming months. [REDACTED] is unaware of the use to which [REDACTED] plans to put this property; he thought [REDACTED] might have intentions of establishing a boys camp there.

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In view of the above and the information contained in re Pittsburgh airtel 11/3/65 reflecting that captioned organization apparently has scheduled the affair, planned for 12/4/65, at the Hilltop House, Harper's Ferry, West Va., on 12/11/65, no further investigation of this matter is being conducted by Baltimore and no contact with [REDACTED] is being considered. Baltimore indices contained no information on [REDACTED].

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-2466)

FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (157-413) RUC

RE: DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE
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AGENCY: DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE
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REASON: FCIM 11, 1-2.4.2
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AGENCY: DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE
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Re San Antonio airtel dated 11/19/65, and Bureau routing slip dated 11/24/65.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 8 copies of LHM on captioned subject matter.

Enclosed for Houston and New York are two copies each of LHM on captioned matter for informational purposes since these offices have an interest in the organization.

Four copies of the LHM are enclosed for Albany which is requested to disseminate two copies to Secret Service locally.

Two copies of the LHM are enclosed to New Orleans, office of origin, together with the following communications which may be of interest to the New Orleans Office:

- 3-Bureau (Encs. 8) RM
- 2-New Orleans (Encs. 1/3) RM
- 2-Houston (Encs. 2) RM
- 2-New York (Encs. 2) RM
- 2-Albany (157-163) (Encs. 4) RM
- 2-SA

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San Antonio airtel to Bureau, 8/9/65,
captioned The Committee to Aid the Deacons.

San Antonio airtel and accompanying LHM
dated 8/20/65, captioned The Committee to
Aid the Deacons.

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dated 8/20/65, captioned The Committee to
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San Antonio airtel and accompanying LHM dated
8/26/65, captioned The Committee to Aid the
Deacons.

San Antonio airtel and accompanying LHM dated
8/28/65, captioned The Committee to Aid the
Deacons.

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New York letter to San Antonio, dated 10/7/65,
captioned Committee to Aid the Deacons, RM.

One copy each of LHM has been disseminated locally to
CSI, ONI, and 112th INTC. Two copies of LHM have been furnished
Secret Service, San Antonio.

INFORMANTS

[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
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The enclosed LHM is classified "Confidential" due to the fact that information furnished by [redacted] could (c) b1 reasonably result in identification of a confidential informant of continuing value and compromise future effectiveness thereof.

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On August 8, 1965, while in Austin, Texas, [redacted] described "the Deacons" as an armed Negro self-defense group."

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At this time, KLEIN listed the address of the Committee to Aid the Deacons as P. O. Box 1800, University Station, Austin, Texas. The addressee of the above letter was not known by [REDACTED] (c) b1

On October 17, 1964, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] had indicated that there was no membership list kept in the above organization in Austin and that it would "fall on the vine."

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[REDACTED] pointed out that both KLEIN and [REDACTED] were born in Austin and there is no leadership in the organization, Department of Defense and Justice, in Austin.

[REDACTED] b1 he had [REDACTED] (c) no information indicating that the above organization is active in Austin.

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Reference	San Antonio memorandum dated and captioned as above.

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 12/1/65

FROM: *g m j* SAC, Savannah

SUBJECT: DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, INC.
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BUFILE NO: 157-2466
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Due to the opening of the Columbia Office, the following action is being taken in captioned matter:

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1. () Entire file transferred to Columbia herewith.
2. () File transferred to Columbia except one copy following serials retained at Savannah:
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3. CETel to Bureau, 7/14/65
4. Newspaper clipping, "Wall Street Journal", 7/12/65
5. Buairtel to SV, 7/19/65
6. NOairtel to Bureau, 8/4/65
7. Svmemo of SA [REDACTED], 8/12/65
8. NOrep. of SA [REDACTED], 8/17/65
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Reairtel from Philadelphia, 12/6/65. Also reWFOairtel and LHM captioned "ORGANIZATION FOR BLACK POWER, RACIAL MATTERS", dated 11/18/65, with no copies for Baltimore and New Haven.

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On 12/10/65, [redacted] (protect identity, has furnished reliable information in the past) stated as follows:

He has no information that [redacted] Pennsylvania, plans to lead a new civil rights organization. [redacted] of ACT, Organization For Black Power (OBP), Deacons For Defense and Justice (DFDJ) and others (not named) on a future date (not named) to discuss future plans of activity. [redacted] does not expect such meeting will take place until 1966, [redacted]

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[redacted] a "fund raising" rally in Washington, D. C. for the benefit of the Deacons For Defense and Justice. This has to be approved by ERNEST THOMAS, currently in Chicago. THOMAS is Regional Vice President, DFDJ, and is to appear at the rally. The rally will not be held in 1965, but awaits plans for 1966.

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██████████ stated that he knows of no plans for any future demonstrations by ACT in Washington, D. C. He had no information regarding future plans by ACT, OBP, and DFDJ elsewhere.

Liaison will be maintained with ██████████.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-2466)
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DATE: 12/16/68

FROM : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-3290)

SUBJECT: DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, INC., aka
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Re Bulet to Savannah, 11/26/65 (J)

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