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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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

"OPERATION OPPORTUNITY" AND
"MISSISSIPPI MISSES ME" PROGRAM,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS,
JUNE, 1967, SPONSORED BY
COORDINATING COUNCIL FOR
BLACK POWER (CCBP)
RACIAL MATTER

Reference is made to Chicago memorandum dated July 25, 1967, under the above second caption, reflecting a "town meeting" on July 24, 1967, at the Senate Theatre, 3128 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois.

The purpose of the meeting was to obtain funds to aid the indigent Negroes in the Mississippi Counties of Bolivar, Hinds, Rankin, Sunflower, and Tallahatchie. The Director of this program is Edward L. "Fats" Crawford, who is the self-proclaimed leader of the Chicago Chapter of Deacons of Defense and Justice, Inc. (DDJ). At this program Cassius Clay, an admitted member of the Nation of Islam (NOI), was a speaker. There were several Negro, Mississippi political candidates introduced at this time, including Frank Davis of Bolivar County, Mississippi.

A characterization of the DDJ and NOI is attached as an appendix hereto.

On August 2, 1967, the Jackson Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), advised that a group of Chicago DDJ members arrived in Cleveland, Mississippi, on July 29, 1967, and resided with [redacted] b7C [redacted] civil rights worker at Cleveland, Mississippi.

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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS,
JUNE, 1967, SPONSORED BY
COORDINATING COUNCIL FOR
BLACK POWER (CCBP)

On July 29, 1967, the Special Agent in Charge of the Jackson, Mississippi, FBI Office and the Governor of Mississippi received a telegram from F. D. Andrews, 3838 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, who is identical to Frederick Douglas Andrews, the leader of ACT, which is a militant civil rights organization operating on Chicago's West Side. The telegram reflected that representatives of civic organizations from Chicago were presently in Mississippi to help the poor and needy Negroes of the above counties.

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[REDACTED] the Garfield Organization (GO), 9 North Keeler, Chicago. (GO is the political outgrowth of the Coordinating Council for Black Power (CCBP), which is a loose amalgamation of militant civil rights organizations on Chicago's West Side.)

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17 BLACK POWER (CCBP)
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21 [REDACTED] b7E
22 [REDACTED] Ed Crawford
23 [REDACTED] along with Frederick Douglas Andrews and others
24 [REDACTED], had returned to Chicago at 5:30 a.m.
25 that day via car from Mississippi. This individual
26 [REDACTED] had been in Mississippi regarding captioned
27 program and planned to return to Mississippi in about
28 two weeks to continue this program. [REDACTED]
29 while in Chicago he would endeavor to obtain additional
30 funds for this program prior to his returning to Mississippi.
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33 According to the Jackson FBI Office, one
34 [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were among the group
35 of workers in Mississippi. Reference is made to Chicago
36 memorandum dated March 31, 1967, and captioned, Deacons
37 of Defense and Justice, Inc. (DDJ), Racial Matter (organ- b7C
38 ization), and [REDACTED], Racial Matter; and Chicago
39 memorandum dated July 24, 1967, captioned, [REDACTED]
40 [REDACTED], Racial Matter, and Deacons of Defense and
41 Justice, Inc. (DDJ), Racial Matter (Organization). Both
42 referenced memorandums reveal [REDACTED]'s and [REDACTED]'s
43 membership in the DDJ.
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45 Copies of this memorandum are being furnished
46 the following agencies:

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48 United States Attorney, Chicago;

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50 United States Secret Service, Chicago;

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52 Region 1, 113th Military Intelligence Group,
53 Evanston, Illinois.
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55 MEMBERS OF DDJ SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED
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16 DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, INC.,
17 Aka. Deacons for Defense and Justice, Inc.
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19 The Articles of Incorporation of the Deacons of
20 Defense and Justice (DDJ) as on file with the Secretary of
21 State for the State of Louisiana, reflect that the Deacons
22 of Defense and Justice, Inc., is a Louisiana corporation
23 domiciled at Jonesboro, Louisiana. The location and business
24 office address of its registered office shall be Amos Service
25 Station (rear), Beach Spring Road, Drawer B., Jonesboro,
26 Louisiana.

27 "This corporation is organized for the following
28 purposes and to carry on the following purposes:
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30 "To instruct, train, teach and educate Citizens of
31 the United States and especially minority groups in the funda-
32 mental principles of the republican form of government and our
33 democratic way of life; to instruct, teach, train and educate
34 said persons in the provisions of the constitution and laws of
35 the United States and the State of Louisiana, as well as the
36 constitution and laws of any other state wherein this corporation
37 may operate; to instruct, teach, train and educate said persons
38 in the use, value, and purpose of the ballot and the right to
39 vote; to instruct, teach, train and educate said persons as to
40 the duties and responsibilities of good citizenship relative to
41 the obligation and duties of the community to the citizen; to
42 further instruct, teach, train and educate said persons in the
43 value of economic security and in the effective use of their
44 spending power; to inspire in said persons a sense of responsi-
45 bility and to develop leadership. This corporation has for its
46 further purpose, and is dedicated to, the defense of the civil
47 rights, property rights and personal rights of said people and
48 will defend said rights by any and all honorable and legal means
49 to the end that justice may be obtained. This corporation may
50 establish chapters and conduct its business at any place in this
51 State and elsewhere as permitted by law."
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APPENDIX

NATION OF ISLAM, Formerly referred to
as the Muslim Cult of Islam, also known
as Muhammad's Temples 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 5, 1967, a second source advised ELIJAH MUHAMMAD
is the national leader of the Nation of Islam (NOI); Muhammad's
Temple of Islam No. 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; that the
so-called Negroes are slaves of the white race, referred to as
"white devils," in the United States; and that 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.

On May 2, 1966, 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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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-2466)
FROM: SAC, JACKSON(157-3465)(P)
DEACONS OF DEFENSE
AND JUSTICE, WOODVILLE,
WILKINSON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
RM
(OO: New Orleans)

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Re Jackson airtels to Bureau, 8-5-67.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven copies of an LHM concerning captioned matter.

One copy of LHM has been furnished to USA, Jackson, and two copies to MIGp, Jackson.

██████████ was told he would have to look to local authorities for protection. Local authorities advised they were in receipt of all available information.

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Any pertinent information will be furnished the Bureau.

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BY: *BALL/...*

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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August 19, 1967

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DEACONS FOR DEFENSE AND JUSTICE,
WOODVILLE, WILKINSON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI,
RACIAL MATTERS

On August 5, 1967, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Woodville, Mississippi, advised Special Agents of the FBI that James Jolliff, Jr., President, Wilkinson County National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), was planning to hold a meeting on this date to provide an opportunity for the Negro candidates in the Democratic primary election to give speeches. This meeting was to be held at 1:00 PM on the lawn of the Wilkinson County Courthouse, Woodville, Mississippi. He further advised that he has received information that the Klan was to be present and had plans to cause trouble. In addition, [REDACTED] advised that there are rumors that the Klan is planning to kill him this date.

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[REDACTED] advised on August 5, 1967, that the NAACP, Wilkinson County, had sponsored a rally in Woodville, Mississippi, which started at approximately 1:00 PM. He stated that local Negro candidates running in the Democratic primary election to be held on August 8, 1967, spoke at the rally. In addition, [REDACTED] advised that approximately one hundred and fifty Negroes attended the rally which lasted until approximately 2:15 PM, whereupon the meeting dismissed without incident.

[REDACTED] was contacted and stated that he could furnish no additional information about the rumors that the Klan was going to kill him. He stated that he is

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not frightened and that the local authorities have reassured him that this matter will be investigated.

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FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-3465) (P)
DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND
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OO: NEW ORLEANS

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
AND FIELD OFFICES
ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP(S)

Re Jackson teletype to Bureau 8/2/67.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and ten copies of an LHM in captioned matter; one copy forwarded to USA, Jackson, and USA, Oxford; one copy forwarded Secret Service, Jackson and two copies to MIGp, Jackson. Information copies forwarded Louisville, Memphis, and Springfield as group mentioned in LHM passed through these divisions; information copy forwarded New Orleans as Office of Origin in this matter.

[REDACTED] (c) b1
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b7c Jackson and Chicago indices negative re [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].

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At Chicago, Illinois

Will contact sources in attempt to determine any plans group mentioned in LHM has for returning to Mississippi in the future.

MEMBERS OF DDJ SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Jackson, Mississippi

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By communication dated July 29, 1967, the
Springfield Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation
advised as follows:

[REDACTED] a group
of cars traveling South on United States Highway 51. These
cars contained a number of Negro persons all wearing buttons
with the words "Black Power." These individuals were questioned
and stated that they were going to Mississippi with food and
clothing. One car had a Citizen Band Radio and contained
two German Shepherd Dogs. Three cars were van type and
one of these was determined to have been rented from Hertz
Rent-A-Car in Chicago, Illinois.

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The license numbers on these vans were, Illinois
license G20553; Illinois license G15643; Illinois license
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The other cars in the group were described as
follows:

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13 [redacted] advised [redacted]
14 had surveilled group until they left the State of Illinois
15 at Cairo, Illinois." b7C
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18 [redacted] M.L.S.S.
19 [redacted] that CLAUDELL KIRK (C)/L Z b1
20 is a member of the Chicago Deacons of Defense and Justice,
21 Incorporated.

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23 A characterization of the Deacons of Defense and
24 Justice (DDJ) is enclosed as an appendix to this document.
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28 [redacted]
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31 On July 29, 1967, [redacted] b7C
32 Jackson, Mississippi, Police Department,
33 [redacted] Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol,
34 and appropriate Federal authorities in Mississippi, were
35 advised of the above information.
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38 On July 29, 1967, the Special Agent In Charge of
39 the Jackson Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation
40 and Mississippi Governor, Paul B. Johnson, each received
41 telegrams from F. D. Andrews, 3838 West Jackson Boulevard,
42 Chicago, Illinois. The text of these telegrams was the same
43 and each read as follows:
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46 "Please see that the representatives of Civic
47 Organizations from Chicago who are now in Mississippi to
48 help the poor and needy Negroes of Sunflower, Rankin,
49 Tallahatchie, Hinds, and Bolivar Counties are given
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15 adequate protection where there are or have been threats
16 of violence."
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18 On July 29, 1967, Special Agents of the Federal
19 Bureau of Investigation, Jackson, advised local authorities
20 in the counties mentioned in the telegram of F. D. Andrews
21 of the contents of that telegram.
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24 [REDACTED]
25 [REDACTED] that F. D. Andrews, 3838 West Jackson Boulevard (c)
26 Chicago, Illinois, is a Negro male in his early twenties
27 who is the leader of ACT. ACT is a militant Civil Rights
28 group in Chicago.
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On July 30, 1967, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that
[REDACTED] had located the above mentioned group of Negroes
in Cleveland, Mississippi. He said they had spent the night
at the residence of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Cleveland, Mississippi. [REDACTED] is a very active Civil
Rights worker in Bolivar County.

[REDACTED] on July 31, 1967, advised that [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] had followed the group from Cleveland, Mississippi,
to the outskirts of Jackson, Mississippi. He said no
incidents had been reported regarding them since their arrival
in Mississippi.
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[REDACTED] that the Garfield Organization (GO) (C) is a political organization and neighborhood rehabilitation organization on the Chicago Westside.

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GO supporters include the Deacons of Defense and Justice and ACT.

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30 She said that they mentioned that they were
31 returning to Chicago, Illinois, and mentioned that they
32 had brought three truck loads of food and clothing to
33 Mississippi from Chicago, for needy Negroes.
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43 they mentioned
44 on one occasion that they were in Mississippi to "test
45 Mississippi, and see how they are treated."
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47 She said they advised that they had been to
48 Sunflower and Bolivar Counties and had left a load of
49 food and clothing at each county.
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51 She advised one of the members of the group said
52 he had two German Shepherd Dogs and that several of the
53 members had guns. She said that she did not observe anyone
54 with a weapon.
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12 She said each member of the group wore buttons
13 saying "Malcom X", and each was wearing a cord around
14 their necks from which was hanging a picture of a Negro,
15 possibly Malcom X.
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29 they had raised some money in Chicago to purchase food and
30 clothing for needy Negroes in Mississippi and had brought
31 food and clothing to Mississippi. He said they mentioned
32 that they were all members of some club from Chicago, but he
33 said he was not familiar with the name they gave and
34 can not recall the name of the organization they were
35 affiliated with.
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40 advised he had met several individuals in the Delta
41 area of Mississippi in April, 1967, who were from Chicago,
42 Illinois. He said these individuals had been in the
43 Delta at that time to support Negro voter registrations.
44 He had heard that the group planned to return to Mississippi
45 in the spring with food and clothing.
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19 [REDACTED] said
20 Andrews along with several other individuals were in Jackson
21 and were distributing a truck load of food and clothing at
22 the corner of Lynch and Dalton Streets in Jackson.
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24 He said the load consisted of canned goods and
25 servicable clothing. b7C
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28 He said the group then turned in the three van-
29 type trucks to Hertz Rent-A-Car in Jackson and checked into
30 the Summers Hotel on Pearl Street.
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32 [REDACTED] said there were fourteen Negroes in the
33 group and they were traveling in three automobiles. He
34 said there were twelve Negro males and two Negro females.
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36 He said they stayed in Jackson until about noon
37 on August 2, 1967, when they departed to return to Chicago.
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45 He said he believed each of these individuals
46 are members of the Deacons for Defense and Justice, in
47 Chicago.
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51 the self-proclaimed leader of the Deacons for Defense and
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27 [REDACTED] said that
28 this group did not say that they would return to Mississippi,
29 however, they did indicate that they had one more truck load
30 of food and clothing still in Chicago. [REDACTED] b7C
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48 Office of the FBI advised that they had determined that
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50 Crawford, and the other members of their group that had
51 traveled to Mississippi had returned to Chicago 5:30 a.m.
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MEMBERS OF THE DDJ IN POSSESSION OF FIREARMS AND
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16 DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, INC.,
17 Aka. Deacons For Defense and Justice, Inc.
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20 The Articles of Incorporation of the Deacons of
21 Defense and Justice (DDJ) as on file with the Secretary of
22 State, for the State of Louisiana, reflects that the Deacons
23 of Defense and Justice, Inc., is a Louisiana corporation
24 domiciled at Jonesboro, Louisiana. The location and business
25 office address of its registered office shall be Amos Service
26 Station (rear), Beach Spring Road, Drawer B., Jonesboro,
27 Louisiana.
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30 "This corporation is organized for the following
31 purposes and to carry on the following purposes:
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33 "To instruct, train, teach and educate Citizens of
34 the United States and especially minority groups in the funda-
35 mental principles of the republican form of government and our
36 democratic way of life; to instruct, teach, train, and educate
37 said persons in the provisions of the constitution and laws of
38 the United States and the State of Louisiana, as well as the
39 constitution and laws of any other state wherein this corporation
40 may operate; to instruct, teach, train and educate said persons
41 in the use, value, and purpose of the ballot and the right to
42 vote; to instruct, teach, train and educate said persons as to
43 the duties and responsibilities of good citizenship relative to
44 the obligation and duties of the community to the citizen; to
45 further instruct, teach, train and educate said persons in the
46 value of economic security and in the effective use of their
47 spending power; to inspire in said persons a sense of responsi-
48 bility and to develop leadership. This corporation has for its
49 further purpose; and is dedicated to, the defense of the civil
50 rights, property rights and personal rights of said people and
51 will defend said rights by any and all honorable and legal means
52 to the end that justice may be obtained. This corporation may
53 establish chapters and conduct its business at any place in this
54 State and elsewhere as permitted by law.
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Title DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, INC.

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Reference Letterhead Memorandum dated August 15, 1967, at Jackson, Mississippi.

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

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-2466)

FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-1017)(RUC)

RE: ~~UNIDENTIFIED GROUP OF ALLEGED SNIPERS~~
~~NEWARK, NEW JERSEY~~
JULY 1967
 IS - MISCELLANEOUS

Reference is made to Mobile letter to the Bureau, 8/18/67, advising that Mobile has no source in the Deacons of Defense and Justice or Revolutionary Action Movement to be contacted concerning captioned matter.

Copies of referenced letter inadvertently were not designated for Newark and New York.

- 3 - Bureau (RM)
 - 1 - Newark (Info)(RM)
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 - 1 - New York (Info)(RM)
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To: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-New) (2)

RE: MURKIN SPONSORED BY NAACP
IN JACKSON AND CLARKSVILLE, MISS.,
BY ERIC S. HARRIS, NAACP,
CLARKSVILLE, MISS., 9/4/67

By: SEP 14 1967

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Re Jackson teletypes to the Bureau, 9/2/67 and 9/4/67.

Enclosed herewith are eleven copies of an LHM concerning captioned matter.

The copy of the enclosed LHM is being furnished to the United States Attorney, Jackson, Miss., and two copies to NISp, Jackson, Mississippi.

An information copy is being furnished to the New Orleans Division as it is Office of Origin in all Bureau for Defense and Justice cases.

The Special Agent mentioned in the LHM is SA _____

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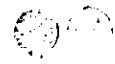
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On September 2, 1967, [REDACTED] advised a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation of a march of approximately 300 Negroes sponsored by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) in Woodville, Mississippi, at 10:00 a.m. on that date.

James Joliffe, President, Wilkinson County Chapter, NAACP, and Anselm Joseph Finch, a candidate for Board of Education who was recently defeated in the Second Democratic Primary Election, gave speeches. Joliffe advised that the election was stolen from them and that they would begin a boycott of all white merchants in Wilkinson County, Mississippi, until they received another election.

[REDACTED] continued that Joliffe led a second march of approximately 210 Negroes in Centerville, Mississippi, at 11:00 a.m. on that date. Joliffe made a speech in which he advised the people of the boycott. [REDACTED] also said that Joliffe stated, "If any of you go into these

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR
MEMPHIS AND CHEROKEE, MISSISSIPPI
TO: BUREAU MEMPHIS RESULTS
DATE: 2. 4. 1967

stones; we are going to do something bad to you," and
"we are going to have to bury those Negroes who have
sold themselves out to the white people."

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On September 3, 1967,

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stated that the general racial situation in
Madison County was discussed with no definite conclu-
sions being reached. [REDACTED] advised that he suggested
to the Governor's representative that a law be enacted
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WOODVILLE AND CLARKSVILLE, MISSISSIPPI
TO DISTRICT ELECTION RESULTS
SEPTEMBER 2, 4, 1967

On September 4, 1967, [REDACTED] advised that at 10:00 a.m. on that date, approximately 200 Negroes attempted to march from downtown Woodville, Mississippi, to the Wilkinson County Training Center, the Negro high school, in protest of several Negro teachers who allegedly backed white candidates in the recent second Democratic primary election. The march was stopped by approximately forty-five MISSP officers to prevent interference with the school program which began on that date.

Three members of the Deacons for Defense and Justice, a militant Negro organization, were arrested for illegal possession of weapons and released on their own recognizance.

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Leack Forman, District Attorney, Southwestern District of Mississippi, was present and advised that it is illegal to bear arms when the purpose is to put the law in the hands of private citizens. He has given the MISSP authority to disarm all members of the Deacons for Defense and Justice.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR
FROM THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, MISSISSIPPI
RE: PROTEST ELECTOR RESULTS
SEPTEMBER 2, 4, 1967

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Charles Evers, Director, NAACP, State of Mississippi, was scheduled to speak at the Negro Methodist Church in Woodville, Mississippi, at 8:00 p.m. on that date.

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On September 5, 1967, [REDACTED] advised that Charles Evers spoke at the Negro Methodist Church in Woodville, Mississippi, before approximately 1,000 Negroes on September 4, 1967. Evers ordered that there would be no more marches or demonstrations in Wilkinson County but that the Negro boycott would continue to be in effect for an indefinite period of time.

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BLACK POWER (CCBP)
RM
(OO: Chicago) DEMONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE,
UNCORPORATED

Re Bureau letter dated 8/10/67.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 15 copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning captioned matter.

Noting that the status of the CCBP is reflected as defunct at the present time, as in the enclosed, Chicago is placing this matter in a closed status. In the event it should be reactivated, in form as originally constituted, the Bureau and any interested office will be suitably advised.

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In view of the status of the CCBP, as set forth in the enclosed, in the future Chicago anticipates handling the activity of combinations of the organizations and/or individuals originally involved with it, as for example in the matter captioned, "OPERATION OPPORTUNITY," and "MISSISSIPPI MISSES ME" PROGRAM, Chicago, Illinois, 6/19/67, Sponsored By Coordinating Council for Black Power (CCBP), under the individual case captions of the organizations involved.

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RACIAL MATTERS

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The CCBP, as originally constituted, began in Chicago in the Fall of 1966 and consisted of a loose amalgamation of local civil rights groups who were oriented to varying degrees to the concept of "black power" and "black nationalism."

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Of those organizations referred to previously as having been involved in CCRP activities, characterizations of the DDJ and the W.E.B. Du Bois Clubs, local and national are attached.

Sources utilized in the latter characterization have furnished reliable information in the past.

Copies of this communication are being made available locally to Secret Service, Office of the United States Attorney, and Region 1, 113th Military Intelligence Group, Evanston, Illinois.

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APPENDIX

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DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, INC.,
Aka. Deacons for Defense and Justice, Inc.

The Articles of Incorporation of the Deacons of Defense and Justice (DDJ) as on file with the Secretary of State for the State of Louisiana, reflect that the Deacons of Defense and Justice, Inc., is a Louisiana corporation domiciled at Jonesboro, Louisiana. The location and business office address of its registered office shall be Amos Service Station (rear), Beach Spring Road, Drawer B., Jonesboro, Louisiana.

"This corporation is organized for the following purposes and to carry on the following purposes:

"To instruct, train, teach and educate Citizens of the United States and especially minority groups in the fundamental principles of the republican form of government and our democratic way of life; to instruct, teach, train and educate said persons in the provisions of the constitution and laws of the United States and the State of Louisiana, as well as the constitution and laws of any other state wherein this corporation may operate; to instruct, teach, train and educate said persons in the use, value, and purpose of the ballot and the right to vote; to instruct, teach, train and educate said persons as to the duties and responsibilities of good citizenship relative to the obligation and duties of the community to the citizen; to further instruct, teach, train and educate said persons in the value of economic security and in the effective use of their spending power; to inspire in said persons a sense of responsibility and to develop leadership. This corporation has for its further purpose, and is dedicated to, the defense of the civil rights, property rights and personal rights of said people and will defend said rights by any and all honorable and legal means to the end that justice may be obtained. This corporation may establish chapters and conduct its business at any place in this State and elsewhere as permitted by law."

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W.E.B. DU BOIS CLUBS
OF CHICAGO (DCC)

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On May 3, 1965, a source advised that on June 30, 1964, a group of young people who attended the founding convention of the W.E.B. DuBois Clubs of America (DCA) met in Chicago and adopted a statement of purpose and constitution forming the DCC as an affiliate of the national DCA.

A second source advised on May 1, 1967, that DCA chartered clubs in the Chicago area are the West Side DCC and the North Side DCC, neither of which currently maintain a headquarters. There is no central headquarters for the DCC and there are no unchartered clubs in this area.

The second source advised that the majority of DCC members are also members of the CP.

During the past year DCC activity has been almost nonexistent.

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W.E.B. DU BOIS CLUBS OF AMERICA (DCA)

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A source advised that on October 26-27, 1963, a conference of members of the Communist Party (CP), including national functionaries, met in Chicago, Illinois, for the purpose of setting in motion forces for the establishment of a new national Marxist-oriented youth organization which would hunt for the most peaceful transition to socialism. The delegates were told that it would be reasonable to assume that the young socialists attracted into this new organization would eventually pass into the CP itself.

A second source has advised that the founding convention for the new youth organization was held from June 19-21, 1964, at 150 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California, at which time the name W.E.B. DuBois Clubs of America (DCA) was adopted. Approximately 500 delegates from throughout the United States attended this convention.

The second source advised on May 1, 1967, that the current officers of the DCA, as well as all members of the DCA National Executive Committee, are members of the CP and that the CP, USA furnishes the major financial support for the DCA national office.

The second source advised that in September, 1966, FRANKLIN ALEXANDER, DCA National Chairman, stated that the DCA is now in fact a functioning young communist league. Also in September, 1966, MIKE ZAGARELL, CP, USA Youth Director, stated that in Negro communities the Party still supported the plan to build "left" socialist centers and to solidify the Party base through the DCA.

The second source advised that in September, 1966, DANIEL RUBIN, CP, USA National Organizational Secretary, stated the Party believes the DCA should have a working class outlook and be a mass organization favorable to socialism, socialist countries and Marxism, and in April, 1967, GUS HALL, CP, USA General Secretary, indicated that the DCA primary emphasis should be on developing mass resistance to the draft.

As of May, 1967, the headquarters of the DCA was located at 180 North Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois.

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To: SACs Chicago
New Orleans
Philadelphia

From: Director, FBI

**"THE DEACONS"
INFORMATION CONCERNING**

RePH airtel dated 9/8/67 captioned "Possible Racial
Violence, Major Urban Areas, RM."

Philadelphia should submit by return mail in a form
suitable for dissemination the information contained in referenced
airtel, bearing the above caption. The source of this information
should be appropriately concealed.

For the information of Philadelphia, the organization
in Chicago known as "The Deacons" referred to in referenced airtel
in all probability is identical with the Deacons of Defense and
Justice, Inc.

Chicago should contact logical sources and conduct
appropriate investigation in an effort to prove or disprove
[redacted]'s allegations concerning a group known as "The
Deacons" in Chicago. Particularly, the information concerning
the supply of firearms allegedly in the possession of this group.

All pertinent information developed should be promptly
submitted in a form suitable for dissemination.

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DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, INC. (DDJ)

A confidential source advised on September 5, 1967, the Deacons of Defense and Justice (DDJ) is a Negro organization formed at Jonesboro, Louisiana, in late 1964. In March of 1965 the organization was incorporated in the State of Louisiana as an organization active in Louisiana. No papers are known to have been filed with any other state although various chapters have been formed in localities outside of Louisiana. The original purpose of the organization was to provide protection for Negro marchers active in civil rights demonstrations and activities, particularly in Jonesboro, Louisiana. Other chapters were later formed, the most active of which has been at Bogalusa, Louisiana.

EARNEST THOMAS severed his connection with the Jonesboro Chapter and has since traveled extensively throughout the United States representing himself as the Northern Regional Vice President of the DDJ. He has set up chapters in Chicago and other major cities, all of which are independent chapters not chartered by the official DDJ headquarters in Jonesboro. THOMAS is considered militant in his thinking and expresses great hatred for the white race.

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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are eleven copies of a letterhead memorandum, captioned as above. Seven copies of the letterhead memorandum are being furnished to the Chicago Office in the event that Chicago considers it desirable to disseminate copies to the local intelligence agencies, Secret Service, and USA. Two copies of the letterhead memorandum are being furnished the New Orleans Office since they received copies of referenced correspondence.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (157-2466)

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UNIDENTIFIED GROUP OF ALLEGED SNIPERS
NEWARK, N. J., JULY, 1967
IS - MISCELLANEOUS

Re New Orleans airtel to Bureau, 8/4/67.

Enclosed herewith to the Columbia Office is one copy of reairtel and the enclosure, an airtel from the Bureau dated 8/1/67.

A review of the files of the Savannah Office failed to indicate any activity or known groups associated with the Deacons of Defense and Justice, Inc., or the Revolutionary Action Movement (RAM).

It was noted, however, that at the time the Columbia Office was opened, some correspondence relating to the Deacons of Defense and Justice, Inc., was transferred from Savannah to the Columbia Office, Columbia file 157-123. There was some reference in the remaining serials in the Savannah file to an organization or group known as "Saints of St. George in South Carolina", possibly affiliated with the Deacons of Defense and Justice, Inc.

In view of the above, the Columbia Office is requested to review its files for any indication of activity in that division on the part of the Deacons of Defense and Justice, Inc., and RAM and if any such activity, will contact logical sources in accordance with the request of the New Orleans Office in reairtel.

- 3 - Bureau (RM)
- 2 - Columbia (Encls. 2) (RM)
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Sullivan

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Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: September 29, 1967

FROM: R. W. Smith *RS*

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PROPOSED MONOGRAPHS ON
BLACK EXTREMIST ORGANIZATIONS
RESEARCH-SATELLITE MATTER

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This is to recommend that monographs be prepared on several black extremist organizations.

All evidence points to continuing racial strife and violence in this country in the foreseeable future. A significant factor in this turmoil is the gospel of black nationalism or black power that is spreading throughout the Negro ghettos of our large cities.

In August, 1967, the Research-Satellite Section disseminated a monograph which had been prepared on the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), the black extremist organization with which the notorious Stokely Carmichael and H. Rap Brown are affiliated. This document was enthusiastically received by top Government officials and other interested Government agencies.

We are currently preparing a monograph on the Revolutionary Action Movement (RAM) which is a fanatical, all-Negro hate group that follows the Red Chinese Marxist-Leninist line and envisions a black revolution that will seize power in the United States.

There are additional black extremist organizations on the American scene on which it is believed studies should also be prepared. Among these are several organizations espousing the concept of black power, which include the following:

Deacons of Defense and Justice is a gun-carrying black vigilante group formed in Bogalusa, Louisiana, ostensibly for defensive purposes in retaliation for Klan acts against Negroes. It has a membership of several hundred located primarily in Louisiana communities, but, has contemplated forming units in Chicago and Washington.

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Memo to Mr. Sullivan from Mr. Smith

"PROPOSED MONOGRAPHS ON
BLACK EXTREMIST ORGANIZATIONS"
RESEARCH-SATELLITE MATTER

Black Panther Party of Self Defense operates in the San Francisco area. Many of its members, who number a hundred or more, own firearms. In May, 1967, a group of armed Black Panthers invaded the California Legislature in Sacramento to protest a bill restricting the carrying of firearms.

Organization of Afro-American Unity was formed by the late Malcolm X, a prominent Black Muslim who was assassinated in February, 1965. It has a membership of 75-100 in the New York City area, Boston, and Canada.

US is a small black nationalist organization in Los Angeles founded by Ronald McKinley Everett, who goes by the name Ron Karenga.

RECOMMENDATION:

That approval be given for the Research-Satellite Section to prepare studies on the Deacons of Defense and Justice, the Black Panther Party of Self Defense, the Organization of Afro-American Unity, and US.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-2254) (P)
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Re Philadelphia airtel to Bureau 9/19/67.

Enclosed for Philadelphia is one photo each of

[redacted] of
Deacons of Defense and Justice, Incorporated (DDJ), Chicago
Chapter; [redacted], DDJ member;
[redacted] former DDJ member and [redacted], self-admitted
DDJ member.

On 9/21/67, [redacted] (Protect Requested) Chicago Police Department, was furnished information regarding [redacted] as set forth in referenced airtel. This information was also furnished [redacted] Chicago Police Department, and after a check of their respective sources, advised on 9/25/67, that no information was developed regarding the identity of [redacted].

The following sources were contacted and advised that they could furnish no information as to the identity of

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A review of Chicago files CG 157-572, DDJ, developed no information identifying [REDACTED].

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AT PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA. Will exhibit enclosed photographs to [REDACTED] (Protect) to ascertain if, while he was in the company of [REDACTED], he had conversation with any of these individuals. b7C b7D

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will continue to develop information in an effort to identify [REDACTED].

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-2466)

DATE: 10/6/67

FROM : SAC, COLUMBIA (157-4148) (RUC)

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SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED GROUP OF ALLEGED SNIPERS
NEWARK, NEW JERSEY
JULY, 1967
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Re New Orleans airtel to Bureau, 8/4/67 and Savannah letter to Bureau, 9/25/67.

A review of the Columbia Division files failed to reveal any current activity on the part of any known group with Deacons of Defense and Justice, Inc. (DDJ) or the Revolutionary Action Movement (RAM). The files failed to indicate that any known group in the State of South Carolina has been active or connected with the DDJ and the RAM in the past.

In the event any information is received by the Columbia Division indicating activity on the part of the above-mentioned organizations, this information will be immediately furnished to the Bureau and interested offices.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-2443)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO

SUBJECT: DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, INCORPORATED (DDJ)
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OO: NEW ORLEANS
Chicago file 157-672 (RUC)

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Reference is made to the following Chicago memoranda:

"DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE; RACIAL MATTER (ORGANIZATION); and 'OPERATION OPPORTUNITY' and 'MISSISSIPPI MISSILE NET PROGRAM, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, JUNE, 1967, SPONSORED BY COORDINATING COUNCIL FOR BLACK POWER (CCBP); RACIAL MATTER, dated 3/1/67.

"DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, INCORPORATED (DDJ); RACIAL MATTER (ORGANIZATION)" dated 5/5/67.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 13 copies of a LHM suitable for dissemination. Two copies of this LHM are being furnished New Orleans in view of their interest in this matter.

A copy of this LHM is being disseminated locally to the United States Attorney, Chicago, U.S. Secret Service, Chicago and Region 1, 112th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois.
③ - Bureau (RM) (Enc. 13)
2 - New Orleans (157-344) (Enc. 2)
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Approved: *[Signature]*
Special Agent in Charge

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Chicago, Illinois
September 29, 1967

In Reply, Please Refer to
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DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, INCORPORATED (DDJ)
RACIAL MATTER (ORGANIZATION)

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Reference is made to the following Chicago memoranda:

"DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, INC.; RACIAL MATTER (ORGANIZATION); and "OPERATION OPPORTUNITY" and "MISSISSIPPI MISSES ME" PROGRAM, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, JUNE, 1967, SPONSORED BY COORDINATING COUNCIL FOR BLACK POWER (CCBP); RACIAL MATTER, dated August 4, 1967.

"DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, INCORPORATED (DDJ); RACIAL MATTER (ORGANIZATION)", dated May 5, 1967.

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[REDACTED] advised on August 4, 1967, that unverified reports had been received indicating the office of the DDJ, Incorporated, had moved from 119 North Keeler, to 4012 West Roosevelt Road, Chicago, Illinois.

[REDACTED] (that)
Edward L. "Fats" Crawford, self-proclaimed leader, Chicago chapter DDJ, had moved his office from 119 North Keeler to 4012 West Roosevelt Road. This source advised the name of the business at 4012 West Roosevelt Road was the A & B Construction Company, but is probably nothing more than the new headquarters of the "Deacons."

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[REDACTED] that the DDJ, headed by Crawford, is presently located at 4012 West Roosevelt Road. This source also advised that the DDJ has been inactive for the past month.

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11 A characterization of the DDJ is attached as an
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16 the United States Attorney, Chicago, United States Secret Service,
17 Chicago, and Region 1, 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois.
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APPENDIX

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14 DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, INC.,
15 Aka. Deacons for Defense and Justice, Inc.
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19 The Articles of Incorporation of the Deacons of
20 Defense and Justice (DDJ) as on file with the Secretary of
21 State for the State of Louisiana, reflect that the Deacons
22 of Defense and Justice, Inc., is a Louisiana corporation
23 domiciled at Jonesboro, Louisiana. The location and business
24 office address of its registered office shall be Amos Service
25 Station (rear), Beach Spring Road, Drawer B., Jonesboro,
26 Louisiana.

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28 "This corporation is organized for the following
29 purposes and to carry on the following purposes:

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31 "To instruct, train, teach and educate Citizens of
32 the United States and especially minority groups in the funda-
33 mental principles of the republican form of government and our
34 democratic way of life; to instruct, teach, train and educate
35 said persons in the provisions of the constitution and laws of
36 the United States and the State of Louisiana, as well as the
37 constitution and laws of any other state wherein this corporation
38 may operate; to instruct, teach, train and educate said persons
39 in the use, value, and purpose of the ballot and the right to
40 vote; to instruct, teach, train and educate said persons as to
41 the duties and responsibilities of good citizenship relative to
42 the obligation and duties of the community to the citizen; to
43 further instruct, teach, train and educate said persons in the
44 value of economic security and in the effective use of their
45 spending power; to inspire in said persons a sense of responsi-
46 bility and to develop leadership. This corporation has for its
47 further purpose, and is dedicated to, the defense of the civil
48 rights, property rights and personal rights of said people and
49 will defend said rights by any and all honorable and legal means
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Photographs furnished by Chicago of the following individuals were displayed to [REDACTED].

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[REDACTED] stated that he was unable to identify the photographs of [REDACTED] or [REDACTED].

Concerning [REDACTED], [REDACTED] could not make a positive identification of him either; however, [REDACTED] stated that he did resemble an acquaintance of [REDACTED], whom he had met [REDACTED].

As [REDACTED] recalled, this individual wore his hair in the Afro, bush, or pompadour style. The photographs of [REDACTED] show him with short hair. [REDACTED] stated that he could not make an identification, but that the resemblance existed.

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TO : SAC, Cincinnati (Philadelphia) (Your file _____) DATE: 12/4/67

FROM : Director, FBI (Bufile and Serial 157-2466)

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

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2. DATE airtel letterhead memo submitted
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Reporting employee _____

3. If valid reason exists for not submitting report at this time, state reason specifically and when report will be submitted _____

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5. Submit airtel letterhead memo
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Memorandum

Director, FBI (157-2466)

DATE: 11/21/67

SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-3290)

SUBJECT: DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND
JUSTICE Inc. aka.
RACIAL MATTER.

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This case will be delinquent.

Date of Bureau deadline: 11/23/67

Reason for the delinquency:

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (157-392) (C)
SUBJECT: H. RAP BROWN
SM - SNCC

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REASON - FCIM 11, 1-2.4.2
DATE OF REVIEW 11-16-87

Re Bureau airtel dated 11/7/67 and Minneapolis teletype dated 11/15/67 (no cc's New Orleans). Enclosed for Bureau are 14 copies of LHM re above. One copy of this LHM is provided for Richmond, New York, Atlanta and New Orleans.

Copies of this LHM have been furnished locally to the USA, USSS, OSI, NIS, and MI Group.

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It is noted that the sponsoring group announced that the purpose of bringing Brown to Minneapolis would be to assist in the formation of a Minneapolis unit of the Deacons for Defense and Justice (DDJ). At the present time no information has been developed indicating that these individuals have, in fact, been successful in establishing a chapter of the DDJ; however, Minneapolis is closely following this matter to obtain complete information concerning the possible formation of such a group and the Bureau and interested offices will be kept advised.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Minneapolis, Minnesota

November 16, 1967

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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 157-392

H. RAP BROWN

Reference is made to Minneapolis communication dated November 3, 1967 reporting that H. Rap Brown, Chairman of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) was scheduled to appear as a speaker in Minneapolis, Minnesota on November 18, 1967.

Local news media reported on November 15, 1967 that Matthew Eubanks, identified in the article as a member of the group sponsoring the appearance of Brown, announced that Brown's appearance had been cancelled because Brown's trial had been postponed in United States District Court in New York, New York, which restricts Brown's movement to the areas of New York or Atlanta, Georgia, or he must forfeit \$15,000 bail. Eubanks announced that SNCC leaders had told him they believed the trial would be over when they committed Brown to speak in Minneapolis and the prospect of further delays means that "Brown is being held a political prisoner."

Matthew Eubanks is employed by the Citizens Community Centers as a community neighborhood worker.

The Citizens Community Centers are a Hennepin County community action program founded under Title II of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964, and operate four centers in Hennepin County, supplying legal, financial, counseling, and social services for poor people in their own neighborhoods.

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[REDACTED] b1
[REDACTED] that the main reason for the cancellation of Brown's appearance in Minneapolis was that the local group sponsoring Brown's appearance had been unable to raise a fee of \$1,000, which was required by Brown to make the appearance.

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[REDACTED] that during the first part of November Eubanks and others sponsoring Brown's appearance decided that they would be unable to raise the \$1,000 fee for Brown through a fund drive. However, they hoped to have sufficient ticket sales to cover the necessary expenses. [REDACTED] b7D

[REDACTED] did not believe these sales had been such as to raise the required money.

The above sources each advised that at this time there is no definite plan to again schedule Brown as a speaker in the Minneapolis area.

The above information was made available to the following agency representatives:

J. Earl Cudd
Assistant United States Attorney
Minneapolis, Minnesota

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Office of Special Investigations
Fort Snelling
St. Paul, Minnesota

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Military Intelligence Group
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Minneapolis, Minnesota

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Sheriff, Hennepin County
Minneapolis, Minnesota

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Minneapolis Police Department
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-2466) ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ DATE: 10/30/67

FROM : SAC CHICAGO (157-2254) (P)

SUBJECT: "THE DEACONS"
INFORMATION CONCERNING
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Re Philadelphia airtel to the Bureau 10/11/67,
Chicago airtel to the Bureau 10/13/67, captioned "REVOLUTIONARY
ACTION MOVEMENT (RAM), IS - RAM."

Enclosed for Philadelphia is one photograph of
[redacted] Negro male, who may be identical to [redacted]
as set forth in referenced Chicago airtel, 10/13/67.

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Source concluded saying that [redacted], whom
[redacted] said resembled an acquaint-
tance of [redacted], does not wear his hair in the African style.

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[redacted] advised on October 26, 1967, that no addi-
tional information had been developed regarding the identity
of [redacted].

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AT PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA. Will exhibit photo-
graph of [redacted] to [redacted] to ascertain if identical
to [redacted].

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will maintain contact with
[redacted] and sources.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (157-)

SUBJECT: APPEARANCE OF H. RAP BROWN,
CHAIRMAN, STUDENT NONVIOLENT
COORDINATING COMMITTEE (SNCC)
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA
11/18/67.

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Enclosed for the Bureau are 17 copies of an LHM pertaining to the above; enclosed for Atlanta are 2 copies of LHM and enclosed for New Orleans is one copy, suitable for dissemination.

Copies of this LHM have been furnished locally to USA, U. S. Secret Service, OSI, NIS, and MI Group.

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- 9 - Bureau (Enc. 17) (RM)
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 - (1 - 157-2466 DDJ)
 - (1 - 105-138315 VIDEM)
 - (1 - 100-427226 YSA)
 - (1 - 157-6-43 PRV Major Urban Areas)
- 1 - New Orleans (Enc. 1) (RM)
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10 It is noted that [REDACTED] of the Board of
11 Education confidentially advised that it is Board policy
12 to make Board of Education space available on a rental basis
13 to organizations and after consulting their attorney see
14 no alternative but to allow BROWN to appear at Marshall
15 High School. He further noted that it was believed that
16 deny BROWN use of this space would serve to act as a
17 vehicle for the militant Negro community.

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19 Minneapolis is continuing liaison with local
20 authorities and sources to further clarify the details
21 concerning BROWN's scheduled appearance and the Bureau will
22 be kept advised of all pertinent developments.

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24 For the information of the Bureau, a separate
25 communication is being submitted concerning the National
26 Student Association Conference at the University of
27 Minnesota and the related protests which are anticipated.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Minneapolis, Minnesota

In Reply, Please Refer to
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APPEARANCE OF H. RAP BROWN, CHAIRMAN,
STUDENT NONVIOLENT COORDINATING
COMMITTEE (SNCC), MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA
NOVEMBER 18, 1967
RACIAL MATTERS

News articles appearing in local Minneapolis, Minnesota daily papers in October, 1967, announced the scheduled appearance of H. Rap Brown, chairman of SNCC, on November 18, 1967.

The October 18, 1967, edition of the "Minneapolis Tribune," a daily newspaper, in an article captioned, "H. Rap Brown Scheduled to Speak in City," described him as the "militant chairman of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee." According to the article, Brown agreed to come to Minneapolis, Minnesota, at the request of a committee organizing a "Minneapolis Unit of the Deacons for Defense and Justice (DDJ)," an armed Negro force in the South."

News articles identify the organizers of this appearance as Matthew Fabanks, 1001 Russell Avenue North, Minneapolis, Minnesota, and Dr. Herman Billard, 1214 12th Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

The October 18, 1967, article reported Brown is free on \$15,000 bond in New York on a federal charge of illegally transporting a firearm across state lines and is free under another \$15,000 bond pending an appeal to the Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals of an order extraditing him to Maryland for trial on charges of "inciting to arson and riot."

The October 20, 1967, edition of "Minneapolis Tribune" on page eight, announced advance ticket sales for the November 18, 1967 appearance of Brown would be sold through "The Way" at \$2.50 each. According to the article, Brown would address a racially mixed audience, and would also speak to an all-Negro audience during his two-day visit.

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8 to the Twin Cities. No locations for these appearances have
9 yet been selected.

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11 A characterization of the DDJ is contained
12 in the appendix attached hereto.

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14 "The Way" is a community center located in
15 the heart of the near North Side Minneapolis
16 Negro community at 1913 Plymouth Avenue,
17 Minneapolis, Minnesota, and is located
18 in the general area of the August, 1966,
19 and July, 1967, racial disturbances.

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21 Matthew Eubanks is employed by the Citizens
22 Community Centers as a community neighbor-
23 hood worker.

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25 The Citizens Community Centers are a
26 Hennepin County community action program
27 funded under Title II of the Economic
28 Opportunity Act of 1964, and operate
29 four centers in Hennepin County, supplying
30 legal, financial, counseling, and social
31 services for poor people in their own
32 neighborhoods.

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34 Liaison with local officials and sources who have
35 furnished reliable information in the past, and who are acquainted
36 with various phases of racial tensions in the Minneapolis area,
37 developed the following information:

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39 It is contemplated that H. Rap Brown will speak before
40 an all-Negro group at "The Way" during his appearance in
41 Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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43 The Minneapolis Board of Education has been requested,
44 by Matthew Eubanks and Dr. Herman Dillard, representing the
45 DDJ, for permission for the use of the auditorium facility
46 at Marshall High School, 14th Avenue and Talle Street Southeast,
47 Minneapolis, Minnesota, immediately adjacent to the University
48 of Minnesota campus, for an evening public meeting which will
49 feature H. Rap Brown as the principal speaker on Saturday,
50 November 18, 1967.

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As of November 3, 1967, no definite commitments have been made concerning Brown's appearance in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Local law enforcement authorities are in receipt of complaints concerning the appearance of H. Rap Brown in the Twin Cities area. These complaints originate from both Negro and Caucasian residents and particularly from those residents in the near North Side area of Minneapolis.

It is noted that Minneapolis is one of 14 cities chosen for an experiment using funds of various Federal agencies under the "Pilot City" plan to provide a variety of social services for a segment of the community which includes approximately 52,000 residents of the near North Side in Minneapolis, Minnesota. In recent weeks, this segment of the community has been subject to extensive publicity in connection with an election of a board of directors for Pilot City held on October 30, 1967. On October 31, 1967, it was announced that Federal funds were not being provided for this Pilot City program by Congress and at the present time feelings in the community are running extremely high over failure to appropriate these funds.

In connection with the appearance of H. Rap Brown in Minneapolis, Minnesota, information has been received that the following campus organizations at the University of Minnesota have been solicited to participate as co-sponsors of this appearance at Marshall High School:

Young Socialist Alliance (YSA)

Campus Committee to End the war
in Vietnam (CCEWV)

Characterizations of the YSA and the
CCEWV are contained in the appendix
attached hereto.

The National Student Association (NSA) has scheduled a three-day conference on "student power" November 17-19, 1967, on the University of Minnesota campus, Minneapolis, Minnesota, and approximately 400 students are expected to attend.

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Representatives of the University of Minnesota Campus Police Department are anticipating a number of protests by various student organizations in connection with this conference calling for additional student participation in administrative affairs of the university.

The following agency representatives were advised of the above information on November 3, 1967:

J. Earl Cudd
Assistant United States Attorney
Minneapolis, Minnesota

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Naval Investigative Service
Minneapolis, Minnesota

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United States Secret Service
Minneapolis, Minnesota

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Minneapolis Police Department
Minneapolis, Minnesota

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Hennepin County Sheriff's Office
Minneapolis, Minnesota

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Military Intelligence Group
Fort Snelling
St. Paul, Minnesota

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Special Agent [REDACTED]
Office of Special Investigations
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APPENDIXDEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, INC.,
Aka. Deacons for Defense and Justice, Inc.

The Articles of Incorporation of the Deacons of Defense and Justice (DDJ) as on file with the Secretary of State, for the State of Louisiana, reflects that the Deacons of Defense and Justice, Inc., is a Louisiana corporation domiciled at Jonesboro, Louisiana. The location and business office address of its registered office shall be Amos Serv Station (rear), Beach Spring Road, Drawer B., Jonesboro, Louisiana.

"This corporation is organized for the following purposes and to carry on the following purposes:

"To instruct, train, teach and educate Citizens of the United States and especially minority groups in the fundamental principles of the republican form of government and our democratic way of life; to instruct, teach, train and educate said persons, in the provisions of the constitution and laws of the United States and the State of Louisiana, as well as the constitution and laws of any other state wherein this corporation may operate; to instruct, teach, train and educate said persons in the use, value, and purpose of the ballot and the right to vote; to instruct, teach, train and educate said persons as to the duties and responsibilities of good citizenship relative to the obligation and duties of the community to the citizen; to further instruct, teach, train and educate said persons in the value of economic security and in the effective use of their spending power; to inspire in said persons a sense of responsibility and to develop leadership. This corporation has for its further purpose, and is dedicated to, the defense of the civil rights, property rights and personal rights of said people and will defend said rights by any and all honorable and legal means to the end that justice may be obtained. This corporation may establish chapters and conduct its business at any place in this State and elsewhere as permitted by law."

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9 MINNESOTA COMMITTEE TO END THE WAR IN VIETNAM
10 also known as
11 Campus Committee to End the War in Vietnam
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14 A source who has furnished reliable information in
15 the past, advised on November 8, 1965, that the Minnesota
16 Committee to End the War in Vietnam (MCEWV) had its first
17 meeting on April 17, 1965, the Sunday following the return
18 of the Minnesota delegation from the peace march in Washington,
19 D. C. There appeared to be no real organization of this
20 newly formed group from April until July, 1965, when the
21 local Socialist Workers Party (SWP) decided to really
22 organize this group and take control.

23 The MCEWV publishes a regular newsletter entitled
24 "Vietnam Crisis."

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26 The July 7, 1965, issue of the MCEWV newsletter
27 states that the MCEWV is opposed to the present war in
28 Southeast Asia. Members of the group are basically united
29 on the goal of ending United States military involvement.
30 Membership is open to whomever shares concern in changing
31 this aspect of the present United States policy.
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33 The August 16, 1965, issue of the newsletter stated
34 that the local organization voted to affiliate with the
35 National Coordinating Committee to End the War in Vietnam.
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37 The same source, on May 29, 1967, advised that
38 members of the local SWP continued to control policies of
39 the MCEWV until October, 1966.
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41 In October, 1966, at an annual election of officers,
42 the anti-Trotsky elements were successful in removing all
43 SWP members from office in the MCEWV. In January and February,
44 1967, the newly elected officers resigned because of pressure
45 by Trotsky elements and formed a new group known as the
46 Campus Committee to End the War in Vietnam. This new group
47 was to be confined to students and faculty members of the
48 University of Minnesota and to be free of Trotsky influence
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50 In recent months, the local SWP members have been
51 successful in joining and controlling, to a great extent,
52 the actions of this new campus group. The SWP is again in
53 complete control of the MCEWV. Although both groups operate
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separately, they have joined forces in many protest activities and in publishing a regular newsletter known as the "Vietnam Crisis." This newsletter is printed at SWP headquarters in Minneapolis.

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

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9 YOUNG SOCIALIST ALLIANCE

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12 The May, 1960, issue of the "Young Socialist"
13 (YS), page 1, column 3, disclosed that during April 15-17,
14 1960, a national organization entitled "The Young Socialist
15 Alliance" (YSA) was established at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
16 This issue stated that this organization was formed by the
17 nationwide supporter clubs of the publication YS.

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

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27 On March 10, 1967, a source advised that the YSA
28 was formed during 1957 by youth of various left socialist
29 tendencies, particularly members and followers of the SWP.
30 The source further advised that the YSA has recently become
31 more open about admitting that it is the youth group of the
32 SWP and that an SWP representative has publicly stated that
33 the YSA is the SWP's youth group.

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35 The headquarters of the YSA are located in Rooms
36 532-536, 41 Union Square West, New York City.

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38 The SWP has been designated pursuant to Executive
39 Order 10450.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-2466)
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-1723) (P)
(157-572) (RUC)
SUBJECT: [REDACTED] b7C
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DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE,
INCORPORATED (DDJ)
RM (ORGANIZATION)
(OO: NEW ORLEANS)

Reference is made to the following Chicago airtel and LHM: "DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, INCORPORATED (DDJ) RACIAL MATTER (ORGANIZATION); [REDACTED] aka, RM" and instant caption dated 9/29/67. b7C

Enclosed for the Bureau are 12 copies of an LHM suitable for dissemination. A copy of this LHM is being disseminated locally to the USA, Chicago, U. S. Secret Service, Chicago, and Region I, 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois.

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[REDACTED] stated that he would be willing to talk to this Agent at any time but that he will not in any way cooperate or work with any law enforcement agency.

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As noted in referenced airtel, Chicago source has advised that the DDJ in Chicago is completely inactive at this time. In view of this, Chicago is not reopening the DDJ case at this time but will remain alert to any reactivation of this organization. Should this occur, the Bureau will be appropriately advised.

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will submit non-prosecutive summary report with appropriate recommendations concerning [REDACTED] being placed in the Security Index or Rabble Rouser's Index.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois

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RACIAL MATTER

DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE,
INCORPORATED (DDJ)
RACIAL MATTER (ORGANIZATION)

Reference is made to the following Chicago memorandum: "Deacons of Defense and Justice, Incorporated (DDJ), Racial Matter (Organization); [REDACTED] Racial Matter" and under captioned name dated September 29, 1967.

On October 11, 1967, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that the purpose of his organization is to provide protection for Negroes which they otherwise cannot obtain from local law enforcement. He stated that he feels that this is the only way that Negroes can survive the acts of violence perpetrated upon them by whites.

[REDACTED] stated that it is his opinion that no white man means the Negro any good and that this includes President Johnson and the late John F. Kennedy. He stated that in his opinion not only America but the whole world is ripe for a revolution by the black man and the other people of color and that he believes it will happen within the next five years.

He stated that he believes the coming Presidential election is nothing but a farce and that President Johnson will steal the election regardless of the way the people of the country vote.

[REDACTED] advised that he classes the Russians with the American white man and believes that they both expound

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18 DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, INC.,
19 Aka. Deacons for Defense and Justice, Inc.
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21 The Articles of Incorporation of the Deacons of
22 Defense and Justice (DDJ) as on file with the secretary of
23 State for the State of Louisiana, reflect that the Deacons
24 of Defense and Justice, Inc., is a Louisiana corporation
25 domiciled at Jonesboro, Louisiana. The location and business
26 office address of its registered office shall be Amos Service
27 Station (rear), Beach Spring Road, Drawer B., Jonesboro,
28 Louisiana.
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30 "This corporation is organized for the following
31 purposes and to carry on the following purposes:
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33 "To instruct, train, teach and educate Citizens of
34 the United States and especially minority groups in the funda-
35 mental principles of the republican form of government and our
36 democratic way of life; to instruct, teach, train and educate
37 said persons in the provisions of the constitution and laws of
38 the United States and the State of Louisiana; as well as the
39 constitution and laws of any other state wherein this corporation
40 may operate; to instruct, teach, train and educate said persons
41 in the use, value, and purpose of the ballot and the right to
42 vote; to instruct, teach, train and educate said persons as to
43 the duties and responsibilities of good citizenship relative to
44 the obligation and duties of the community to the citizen; to
45 further instruct, teach, train and educate said persons in the
46 value of economic security and in the effective use of their
47 spending power; to inspire in said persons a sense of responsi-
48 bility and to develop leadership. This corporation has for its
49 further purpose, and is dedicated to, the defense of the civil
50 rights, property rights and personal rights of said people and
51 will defend said rights by any and all honorable and legal means
52 to the end that justice may be obtained. This corporation may
53 establish chapters and conduct its business at any place in this
54 State and elsewhere as permitted by law."
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LEADS:

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AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI. Will continue to follow and report any activities of the DDJ in Mississippi.

NEW ORLEANS

AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA. (1) Will continue to follow and report the activities of the DDJ in Louisiana.

(2) Will continue to follow and report the activities of EARNEST THOMAS.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

One copy of this report is being provided to the offices previously indicated for information purposes inasmuch as information has been provided from these Divisions in the past indicating DDJ activity in the past or alleged activity.

Specific leads are not being set forth for these Divisions; however, they should remain alert for any DDJ activity and report same.

Information contained in this report whenever of interest to local or state authorities was furnished to these authorities upon receipt.

Only limited information is being set forth in this report in regards to EARNEST THOMAS and his overall activity,

The investigative period of this report sets forth the dates of file review utilized for reporting purposes and not the dates of actual investigation.

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12 Copies of this report are being furnished to MIG,
13 Secret Service, and NISO at New Orleans, as well as to OSI,
14 Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana, in view of their
15 interest in racial matters.

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17 The results of investigation in a particular
18 city where it was alleged that the DDJ was active and
19 subsequent determination through investigation and contact
20 with sources determined the allegation to have no basis in
21 fact is not being set forth in this report. Information
22 contained in the details of this report is of a positive
23 nature to show the extent of DDJ chapters and various locales
24 of DDJ activity.

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26 This report is being classified "~~Secret~~" because
27 unauthorized use of the information furnished by informants
28 could possibly reveal these highly placed confidential
29 informants. Some of these informants are of continuing
30 value and their future effectiveness might be impaired, and
31 such impairment could have an adverse effect on the
32 National Defense interests of the United States.

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New Orleans, Louisiana

November 27, 1967

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

RE: DEACONS OF DEFENSE
JUSTICE, INC.

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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 - (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,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Date: 11/27/67 Office: NEW ORLEANS

Field Office File #: NO 157-3290 Bureau File #: 157-2466

Title: DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, INC.

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Characterizations of the following listed organizations and mentioned in the details of this report can be located in the appendix section of this report:

- ✓ Deacons of Defense and Justice, Inc. (DDJ);
- ✓ Revolutionary Action Movement (RAM); and
- ✓ Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC).

I. ORIGIN AND PURPOSE

 that the DDJ (c) b1 is a Negro organization formed at Jonesboro, Louisiana, in late 1964. In March, 1965, the organization was incorporated in the State of Louisiana, as an organization active in Louisiana. No papers are known to have been filed with any other state although various chapters have been formed in localities outside of the State of Louisiana. The original purpose of this organization was to provide protection for Negro marchers active in civil rights demonstrations and activities particularly in Jonesboro, Louisiana. Other chapters were later formed, the most active of which has been at Bogalusa, Louisiana.

II. CHARTER INFORMATION

As previously reported, the DDJ is incorporated in the State of Louisiana only, and is not known to have filed papers to do business in any other state.

III. NATIONAL LEADERS

EARNEST THOMAS

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THOMAS again allegedly departed Jonesboro, Louisiana, on June 20, 1967, en route to San Francisco, to attend some type of a convention and it is rumored that THOMAS hopes to subsequently travel outside of the United States.

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[REDACTED] that EARNEST (c) b1
THOMAS, the self-proclaimed official officer of the DDJ, has severed all official connections with the Jonesboro, Louisiana chapter of the DDJ. THOMAS continues to travel throughout the United States participating in meetings with various civil rights and Negro extremist groups. At these meetings THOMAS represents himself as the spokesman for the DDJ, but is actually the only DDJ member from Louisiana known to be active at the present time.

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According to the Monroe, Louisiana "Morning World" newspaper, a daily newspaper published at Monroe, Louisiana, EARNEST THOMAS described in this article as Vice President of the militant Negro Deacons for Defense and Justice had recently been arrested at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, for contempt of court and received a sentence of fifteen days in jail and a \$500.00 fine. THOMAS was convicted of failing to appear in court on June 14, 1967, on a previous charge of carrying a concealed weapon. This charge arose in May, 1967, during a visit of STOKLEY CARMICHAEL to the Southern University campus at Baton Rouge, during the time that THOMAS was accompanying CARMICHAEL.

[REDACTED] that EARNEST THOMAS has severed his connection with the Jonesboro, Louisiana chapter of the DDJ and has since traveled extensively throughout the United States. During these travels THOMAS represents himself as the Northern Regional Vice President of the DDJ. THOMAS is known to have started a chapter of the DDJ in Chicago, and is alleged to have started chapters in other cities which are independent and not chartered by the official DDJ headquarters at Jonesboro, Louisiana. [REDACTED] that THOMAS is considered to be militant in his thinking and has expressed great hatred for the white race.

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IV. ACTIVITIES OF KNOWN OR ALLEGED CHAPTERS OF THE DDJ

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Bogalusa, Louisiana Chapter

[REDACTED] that the following are the officers of the DDJ chapter at Bogalusa, Louisiana:

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President
Vice President

MEMBERS OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION
ROYAN BURRIS
T. J. PLATTER

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Secretary
Treasurer

ALBERT DAVIS
WILLIE BICHAM

MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] that the DDJ (c) chapter at Bogalusa is very inactive at the present time. No official scheduled meetings are held; however, a group of members will on occasions hold informal discussions and agree to assist each other should the necessity arise.

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[REDACTED] chapter at Bogalusa is currently inactive.

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Homer, Louisiana Chapter

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[REDACTED] that the following individuals (c)
are current officers of the Homer chapter:-

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| President | GEORGE DODD, Homer, Louisiana |
| Vice President | FRED LEWIS, Lisbon, Louisiana |
| Secretary | JOE LESTER GREEN, Homer, Louisiana |
| Treasurer | ROY SMITH, Haynesville, Louisiana |
| Sergeant at Arms | GEORGE LEWIS, Lisbon, Louisiana |

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Jonesboro, Louisiana Chapter

[redacted] that the (c) b1
Jonesboro chapter is not currently holding any meetings.

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[redacted] that the (c)
Jonesboro chapter is presently inactive. b1

[redacted] that the Jonesboro (c)
chapter continues to be completely inactive. Former officers
of the Jonesboro chapter continue to participate in civil
rights activities in the Jonesboro area on an occasional
basis.

Minden, Louisiana Chapter

[redacted] that there (c) b1
has been no meeting of the Minden chapter during the past
month.

MEMBER OF SECRET ORGANIZATION

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advised on August 21, 1967, that he does not know of any
plans for violence of any kind. He said the DDJ are not
obtaining any weapons of any type and he does not know of
any groups or individuals who are obtaining weapons.

MEMBER OF SECRET ORGANIZATION

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advised on September 27, 1967, that there have
not been any meetings of the DDJ in Minden since last
contacted and no meetings are planned for the near future.

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New Orleans, Louisiana Chapter

[REDACTED] that up until (c) b1
eight to ten months ago, weekly meetings of the New Orleans
chapter were held on each Tuesday evening in a residence
located at the corner of Felicity and Dryades Streets. At
this time the President of the New Orleans chapter was
AUBREY WOODS and the membership of the chapter consisted
of between twelve and twenty members. MEMBER OF ST

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The philosophy of the members of the New
Orleans chapter was that if one of the members got into
trouble the rest of the members would aid this individual.

[REDACTED] that at (c) b1
the present time the New Orleans chapter of the DDJ does
not hold any regular meetings. The former President,
AUBREY WOODS, has been criticized because he has been
giving less of his time towards the DDJ.

[REDACTED] that during contacts with (c) b1
former members of the New Orleans chapter these individuals
indicate that the New Orleans chapter no longer meets;
however, some of the members hangout at the Dew Drop Inn
located on La Salle Street, in New Orleans.

West Feliciana Parish, Louisiana Chapter

On September 1, 1967, [REDACTED] b7C
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[REDACTED] advised that he has heard that a group
of Negroes are organizing a DDJ organization in West Feliciana
Parish, Louisiana. He advised that he could furnish no
information regarding their purpose in forming the group nor
could he name the leaders of the group.

On September 1, 1967, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED]

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12 group of Negroes into a DDJ group. He stated that he has no
13 idea of the number of members in the group or who are the
14 officers of the group. He stated that the group was organized
15 partially through the efforts of the Wilkinson County,
16 Mississippi DDJ group.

MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

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18 On October 13, 1967, [REDACTED]

19 [REDACTED] while being
20 interviewed on another matter, refused to furnish any
21 information regarding the West Feliciana Parish chapter of
22 the DDJ. The only admission that [REDACTED] would make is that
23 he stated that this DDJ chapter had been organized to protect
24 the Negroes.

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44 [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]
45 [REDACTED]

46 advised on January 16, 1967, and January 17, 1967,
47 respectively that it would appear that from recent activities
48 on the part of certain Negroes, that the members of the DDJ
49 organization are again active in Port Gibson, Mississippi.
50 They advised Negroes wearing black hats were on the streets
51 on January 14, 1967, harassing other Negroes.

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[REDACTED] would neither confirm nor deny that he is a member of the Deacons of Defense.

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[REDACTED] The interview was terminated.

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by SA [REDACTED] ^{b7C} wgj Date dictated 3/28/67

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would neither confirm nor deny that he is a member of the Deacons of Defense.

[REDACTED] The interview was terminated.

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[redacted] advised as far as he has been able to determine, there is no active unit of the DDJ presently in Port Gibson, or Claiborne County, Mississippi.

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Woodville, Mississippi Chapter

[redacted] that the Woodville, Mississippi chapter of the DDJ consists of approximately forty members all of whom possess firearms and reside in Wilkinson County, Mississippi. (c) b1

[redacted] that the following are officers of the Woodville chapter: (c) b1

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|----------------|------------------|
| President | WILLIAM FERGUSON |
| Vice President | HERMAN BURKES |
| Spokesman | EDWARD CANE |

[redacted] that the group meets approximately 5:00 P.M., every fourth Sunday at the Negro Masonic Temple in Woodville, Mississippi. Candidates for membership are screened to exclude the individuals with reputations for violence or lawlessness. b1

[redacted] that the purpose of this organization is to provide protection for local Negro citizens during marches, meetings, demonstrations; and for this reason, all members possess firearms. (c) b1

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[redacted] that the organization is defensive in nature and as such, is dedicated solely to the maintenance of peace, law, and order.

[redacted] that at the present time, his organization is attempting to establish a similar chapter in West Feliciana Parish, Louisiana. The Louisiana group, at the present time, is in the initial stages of development.

[redacted] that members of the Woodville chapter of the DDJ had recently met with state and local law enforcement officials of Wilkinson County, Mississippi. The purpose of this meeting was in regards to an incident which had occurred in Centerville, Mississippi, on September 4, 1967, when approximately twenty-five armed members of the DDJ drew their weapons on a white individual who had aimed a rifle at the participants of a National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) sponsored march. [redacted] that these DDJ members told the law enforcement officials that the DDJ is dedicated to the maintenance of law and order to provide protection for local Negro citizens during marches, meetings, and demonstrations and this is the reason that DDJ members possess firearms.

These DDJ officials told the law enforcement individuals all of the members who were involved in the incident at Centerville, Mississippi, would be promptly dismissed from all further activities of the DDJ, and that in the future only persons who are considered non-violent in nature would be admitted to membership.

[redacted] that the local law enforcement officials at the conference took the position that the DDJ were a vigilante group who were attempting to take the law into their own hands and it was the job of law enforcement in general to maintain law and order.

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[REDACTED] that (c) b1
officials of the Woodville chapter had been ordered to
contact all members and advise the members of the true
reason for their existence and that anyone who could not
measure up would be discharged from the group.

[REDACTED] that five (c) b1
members of the Woodville chapter of the DDJ was arrested
by local authorities on October 5, 1967, following a true
bill being issued by a local grand jury in regards to their
participation in the incident at Centerville, Mississippi,
in early September, 1967.

[REDACTED] that the (c) b1
weapons which had been confiscated from the members of the
Woodville chapter who had been arrested as a result of the
incident at Centerville, Mississippi, had been returned.

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Chicago, Illinois Chapter

On December 22, 1966, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that EDWARD
"FATS" CRAWFORD is the Vice President of the "Deacons"
and CLAUDELL KIRK is the Secretary. [REDACTED] is an
admitted member. Total membership for the DDJ in the Chicago
area is between five to fifteen.

MEMBERS OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

On January 24, 1967, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that the DDJ does not
maintain an office as such at 712 South Webster Street but
merely rents the hall on an infrequent basis along with
leaders from ACT, a militant civil rights west side
organization. It was the opinion of [REDACTED] that
EDWARD "FATS" CRAWFORD has publicly proclaimed himself as the
Vice President and leader of the Chicago Chapter of DDJ in
order to receive publicity in his bid in the Aldermanic
elections scheduled for February, 1967. [REDACTED]
concluded saying that the DDJ is practically non-existent
at the present time and is in poor financial condition.

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