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Atlanta, Georgia August 24, 1962

RACIAL SITUATION, ALBANY, GEORGIA

advised that the group of Ministers previously scheduled to arrive in Albany, Georgia, from the New York City area on August 24, 1962, will not arrive in Albany until August 27, 1962.

also stated that WYATT TEE WALKER and MARTIN LUTHER KING of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference will also be in Albany, WALKER arriving on August 24, 1962, and KING arriving August 27, 1962.

advised that no activity took place on the part of the Albany Movement during the day or evening of August 23, 1962.

Dr. W. G. ANDERSON, Head of the Albany Movement, was in New York City for the purpose of addressing an unidentified group on the evening of August 24, 1962.

The 111th CIC Detachment, Ft. McPherson, Georgia, was kept advised of the foregoing on a continuing basis.

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The following additional developments have occurred in connection with the racial situation in Albany, Georgia, &

On August 27, 1962, Reverend Martin Luther King, E., and Reverend Ralph Abernathy arrived in Albany, Georgia. They are presently residing at the home of Dr. W. G. Anderson, founder of the Albany Movement.

A mass meeting of the Albany Movement took place at the Shiloh Baptist Church, Albany, on August 27, 1962. Approximately 100 ministers both Negro and white attended.

Reverend Mr. King, Reverend Mr. Abernathy and Dr. Anderson addressed the meeting. Reverend Mr. King mentioned the two suits which would be heard in United States District Court, Albany, on August 30, 1962. These suits deal with Negro attempts to desegregate all public facilities in Albany and the enjoining of the City of Albany from interfering with demonstrations.

Reverend Mr. Abernathy spoke on the Georgia Democratic primary election to be held on September 12, 1962, and urged registered voters to cast votes against subernatorial

candidate Marvin Griffin REC- 13 157-6-2

The "Chicago Tribune" in its issue of August 27, 1962, reported that a group of 42 Chicago clergimen and Mc laymen under the name, Chicago Interreligious Delegation to Albany, departed for Albany on August, 26, 1962, in response to an appeal of Beverend Martin Luther King.

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Based on the above complaint, the Department has requested that investigation be conducted on an expedite basis.

Atlanta is being instructed to proceed with this investigation.

On 8-21-62, at 10:08 P.M., telephonically advised the Atlanta Office that he received a call from

According to a voter registration meeting was in session and masses of white persons were gathering around the residence. Could furnish no additional information and stated the matter was not reported to any other law enforcement agency.

Sheriff R. A. Forrester, Leesburg, Georgia, was furnished the above information at 10:12 P.M., 8-21-62. At approximately 11:45 P.M., 8-21-62, our Atlanta Office checked back with Sheriff Forrester and he had not gone to the residence. The Sheriff indicated that there was a phone at the residence and he had not received any complaint from the residence concerning crowds of white persons gathering.

ACTION:

A memorandum for the Attorney General is attached.

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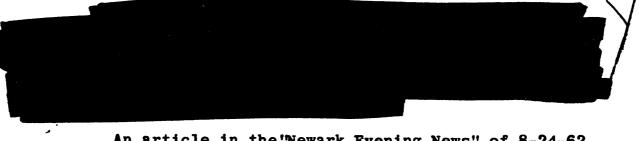
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Two Negroes attended church services at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, at Albany, Georgia, on Sunday, 8-26-62, without incident.



An article in the 'Newark Evening News" of 8-24-62, had indicated that five clergymen, along with others from New York and Connecticut, had made arrangements for a brief demonstration at the Metropolitan Baptist Church, New York City, on 8-26-62, following which they would leave for Albany, Georgia, by special bus. The article indicated the trip was in response to a call from Dr. Martin Luther King as a result of the burning of the Shady Grove Baptist Church in Leesburg, Georgia.

The article identified five of the clergymen as follows. Reverend John W. P. Collier, Jr., Newark, Rabbi Israel S. Bresner, Springfield, N. J., Rabbi Sidney D. Shanken, Reverend Frank Williams, Cranford, N. J., and Reverend Horace P. Sharper. Article stated that Collier and Dresner were coordinating the program in New Jersey.

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont RE: RACIAL SITUATION ALBANY, GEORGIA

The above facts were discussed with Mr. Judson Bowles of the Criminal Division, Department of Justice, on 8/20/62, by Supervisor He requested no investigation pending a review of a report in this matter.



A mass meeting of the Albany Movement was held on 8/20/62, at the Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Albany, with approximately 800 Negroes in attendance.

connected with the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, announced plans to lead pickets on 8/21/62. The destination and time of picketing is to be announced today, 8/21/62, at a mass meeting to be held at 11:00 a.m.

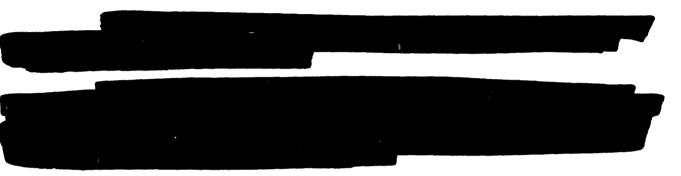
At the meeting on 8/20/62, school integration was discussed and an all out effort was called for, to register students at Albany High School and East Albany Junior High School.

An intensified boycott of white merchants of Albany was urged at the meeting.

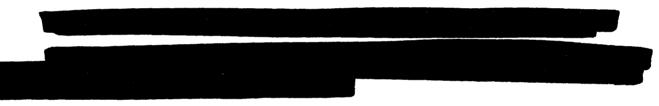
It was announced that a mass meeting of Albany Movement is scheduled for evening of 8/22/62, at the Mt. Zion or Shiloh Church in Albany and "all the preachers" will be in Albany for a mass meeting on the evening of 8/23/62, at Third Keokee Church.

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Primary purpose of the group is to effect an economic boycott by white residents against Negroes and to encourage white voter registration.



Local authorities at Albany are aware of plans of Albany Movement and have been advised of the meetings mentioned above.

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A memorandum for the Attorney General is attached.

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RACIAL SITUATION ALBANY, GEORGIA

CRACIAL MATTERS -

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this memorandum is to succinctly summarize events which have focused national attention on the racial situation in Albany, Georgia.

BACKGROUND:

On December 10, 1961, nine members of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee tested facilities of the Central of Georgia Railroad Station at Albany, Georgia. Eleven persons were arrested outside the station immediately thereafter by the Albany Police Department for disorderly conduct and obstructing traffic.

As a result of the above arrests, on December 12, 1961, Negroes in Albany, Georgia, demonstrated and 171 Negro adults and 96 juveniles were arrested. On December 13, 1961, 75 additional Negroes were arrested for demonstrations.

DEPARTMENT REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION:

The Department on December 14, 1961, requested interviews of persons arrested on December 10, 1961, concerning the circumstances of the arrests at the railroad station. This investigation was conducted and information was furnished to the Department.

On December 16, 1961, Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., Reverend Ralph Abernathy, and Dr. W. G. Anderson were arrested along with approximately 200 persons at Albany for demonstrations.

Toward the end of December a relative "truce" came into being between the Negroes and city officials in Albany. This truce 1sted until July 10, 1962, when Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., and Reverend Ralph Abernathy were convicted of the charges placed REC 30 157-6-11 against them in December, 1961.

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VIOLENCE OCCURS IN ALBANY, 7/11/62:

Vilence occurred in Albany on the evening of July 11, 1962. Approximately 850 Negroes attended a meeting at the Shiloh Baptist Church in Albany on the evening of July 11, 1962. A large group of unidentified Negroes outside the church threw stones and bottles at police cruisers. After this outbreak of violence, officials of the Albany Movement called off demonstrations during the evening hours although they have continued to meet in churches practically every night since that time.

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FEDERAL RESTRAINING ORDER ISSUED ON 7/20/62 AGAINST DEMONSTRATIONS:

On July 20, 1962, the City of Albany sought injunctive relief regarding demonstrations in Albany and the United States District Judge J. Robert Elliott, signed a temporary restraining order enjoining specified officers of the Congress of Racial Equality, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the Albany Movement, and persons acting in concert with these organizations from continuing to sponsor, finance, and encourage unlawful picketing in the City of Albany, as well as unlawful congregating or marching in the streets of Albany.

Following the issuance of this restraining order on the evening of July 21, 1962, the Albany Movement held a meeting at the Mount Shiloh Baptist Church and thereafter paraded in Albany. The leader of this demonstration was Reverend Samuel Wells. Approximately 138 persons were arrested.

DEPARTMENT REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION:

The Department on July 23, 1962, requested interviews of the official representatives of each of the organizations named in the restraining order to ascertain if there was possible contempt of the court order. A report dated July 24, 1962, was furnished to the Department covering this aspect of the investigation.

It should be also noted that on August 9, 1962, the U. S. Attorney, Middle District of Georgia, in conjunction with Assistant Attorney General Burke Marshall of the Civil Rights Division, requested additional interviews of the adults arrested on the evening of July 21, 1962, for their knowledge of the restraining order looking toward possible contempt action. All of the adults except three, who could not be located from available information, were interviewed and a report dated August 15, 1962, was furnished to the Department.

Memorandum to Mr. Belmont RE: RACIAL SITUATION ALBANY, GEORGIA

POSSIBLE ACTION BY GOVERNOR OF GEORGIA:

On July 25, 1962, Governor Ernest Vandiver of Georgia, issued a warning that he would send riot squads of the National Guard into Albany if necessary to prevent racial disturbances. To date the National Guard has not been used.

RESTRAINING ORDER ISSUED 7/20/62, STAYED ON 7/24/62:

In addition on July 24, 1962, the restraining order issued by Judge Elliott was stayed by Judge Elbert P. Tuttle of the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals. After the staying of this order, sporadic Negro sit-ins and demonstrations were carried on in Albany, Georgia. Mass meetings of Negroes have occurred almost every night at either the Mount Zion or the Shiloh Baptist Church in Albany.

On July 27, 1962, Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., Reverend Ralph Abernathy and Dr. W. G. Anderson were again arrested during a demonstration. They were charged with disorderly conduct, failure to obey a police officer, and obstructing a sidewalk. They were tried and convicted on 8/10/62 and sentenced to sixty days and \$200 fines, both suspended.

HEARING IN U. S. DISTRICT COURT ON INJUNCTION BROUGHT BY CITY OF ALBANY:

The U. S. District Court, Middle District of Georgia, on July 30, 1962, commenced hearing on the merits of the petition for an injunction brought by the City of Albany against various groups and individuals.

The Department on August 8, 1962, filed an amicus curiae brief in this suit indicating that the City of Albany had not come into court with "clean hands" since the city had failed to grant Negro citizens their Constitutional rights. The Department also urged the point that the court had no jurisdiction.

Both sides, the City of Albany and various Negro groups rested their case on August 8, 1962, and Judge Elliott advised he was leaving the case open for additional briefs and new evidence. Judge Elliott indicated that it might be a long time before he ruled on this case. To date no ruling has been forthcoming.

Mass meetings of the Albany Movement continue to be held.

Hemorandum to Mr. Belmont RE: RACIAL SITUATION ALBANY, GEORGIA

CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLAINTS ARISING OUT OF ALBANY SITUATION:

Several complaints alleging violations of civil rights have grown out of the arrests at Albany. Appropriate investigations were conducted and results were furnished promptly to the Department.

BURNING OF SHADY GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH, LEESBURG, GEORGIA, 8/15/62:

The Department requested various interviews of persons concerning the burning of the Shady Grove Baptist Church, a Negro church at Leesburg, Georgia, on 8/15/62, where Negro voter registration meetings have been held regularly in the past. Atlanta is presently conducting these interviews. Some interviews conducted already have been furnished to the Department.

ACTION:

A daily memorandum has been prepared for the Attorney General concerning events in Georgia since July 20, 1962, up to the present time and the Civil Rights Division of the Department has been kept currently advised.

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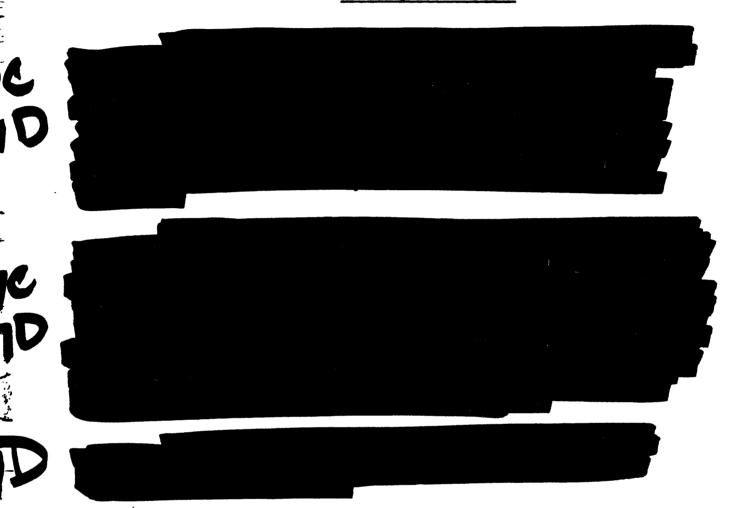
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advised that a mass meeting of the Albany movement was held from 8:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. on the evening of August 24, 1962, at the Third Kiokee Church, Albany, Georgia. Approximately one hundred persons attended. WYATT TEE WALKER, Administrative Assistant to Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, led the meeting, and was critical of the lack of enthusiasm on the part of participants in the Albany Movement. WALKER

encouraged voter registration so that candidates ravorable to Negroes could be elected to the Albany City Commission.

further advised that the trial for the three persons arrested by the Albany Police Department on August 19, 1962, for attempting to enter the First Baptist Church, Albany, was held on August 24, 1962, and each person was sentenced to pay two hundred dollars, or serve sixty days in Jail. A trial was also held for the three persons who attempted a sit-in at the Albany Bowling Lanes on August 14, 1962. Each person was sentenced to pay a \$54.00 fine, or serve ten days in Jail.

advised on August 25, 1962, that there was no activity on the part of the Albany Movement during the day or evening of August 25, 1962, and none scheduled for August 26, 1962.

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Negroes attended church services at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Albany, Georgia, on the morning of August 26, 1962, without incident.

did not receive any reports of attempts by Negroes to enter any other white church in Albany on that date.

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The Albany Movement at Albany, Georgia, has canceled all activities until a mass meeting scheduled for 8:00 P.M., Eastern Standard Time, August 31, 1962, is held. This meeting will be held at the Shiloh Baptist Church, Albany, Georgia.

Seventeen of the seventy-five persons arrested on August 29, 1962, on charges of congregating of the sidewalk, disorderly conduct and failure to obey an officer were released from jail after posting bond on August 29, 1962.

A hearing on the civil actions, filed by the Albany Movement against the City of Albany, in United States District Court, Albany, seeking desegregation of public facilities at Albany and an injunction prohibiting the city from interfering with demonstrations, is scheduled for 2:00 P.M., Eastern Standard Time, today, August 30, 1962,

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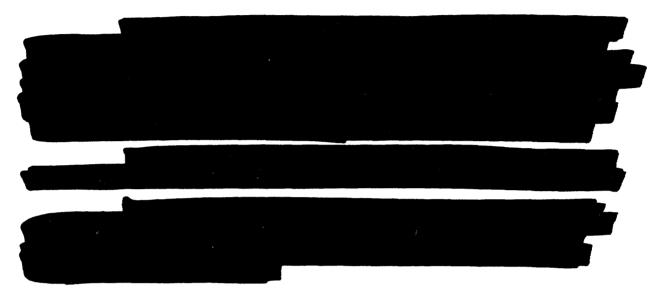
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Local authorities at Albany have been furnished this information.

Information concerning additional developments will be promptly furnished to the Department.

- 1 The Deputy Attorney General
- 1 Mr. Burke Marshall Assistant Attorney General
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1 - Liaison 14116 August 28, 1962 D: Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence Department of the Army Attention: Chief, Security Division From: John Edgar Moover, Director Subject: RACIAL SITUATION ALBANY, GEORGIA RACIAL MATTERS This will confirm the following information orally furnished by Special Agent this Bureau on August 25, 1962, to Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence, Department of the Army; of Maval Intelligence; Office of Special Investigations, Air Force. purpose of publicizing the racial tension currently taking place in Albany, Georgia. in Wellingence agencies of the armed services were aware of the Blined demonstration. and the local SEC.O LE Mr. Burke Marshall Assistant Attorney General 1 - Office of Special Investigations Air Forgeto. Tolson Belmont Mohr . Attention: Chief, Counterintelligence Division Callahan Director of Mava Asteldigenc BOMM-EBI HEREIT IS UNIDENT BYSOMME SEEL Tele. Room _ Holmes _ MAIL ROOM TELETYPE UNIT

Belmont. · UNITED STATES GOVERN. ENT Callaho 'emorandum Malone Sullivan TO DATE: 8/28/62 Tavel Trotter Holmes A. Rosen FROM RACIAL SITUATION - (1) SUBJECT: ALBANY, GEORGIA RACIAL MATTERS Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., and Reverend Ralph Abernathy arrived in Albany, Georgia, on 8/27/62, and are residing at the residence of Dr. W. G. Anderson, founder of the Albany Movement. A mass meeting of the Albany Movement took place at the Shiloh Baptist Church, Albany, on 8/27/62. Approximately 100 ministers both Negro and white attended. Reverend Mr. King, Reverend Mr. Abernathy and Dr. Anderson addressed the meeting. Reverend Mr. King spoke on the two suits (Number 730 and 731) being brought by Negroes of Albany against the City of Albany, one suit seeks desegregation of all public facilities and the other suit seeks to enjoin the City of Albany from interfering with demonstrations. Both suits are scheduled to be heard in U. S. District Court, Albany, on 8/30/62. Reverend Mr. Abernathy spoke on the Georgia Democratic primary election to be held on 9/12/62 and urged registered voters to cast votes against gubernatorial candidate Marvin Griffin. The "Chicago Raidy Tribune" in its issue of 8/27/62, reported that a group of 42 Chicago clergymen and laymen under the name, Chicago Interreligious Delegation to Albany, departed in hibany 19928/26/62 in response to an appeal of Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. 1 - Mr. Mohr 1 - Mr. DeLoach 1 - Mr. Evans 1 - Mr. Sullivan Enclosure sjs

Memorandum to Mr. Belmont RE: RACIAL SITUATION ALBANY, GEORGIA

The delegation is headed by Reverend Douglas_M.

Still, officer of Church Federation of Greater Chicago. The article indicates the group has been asked to spend at least several days in Albany jails before posting bond.

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t hat a number of participants in the delegation are considered reputable ministers of Chicago area.

The United Klans of America, Incorporated, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan held a public rally and cross burning near Savannah, Georgia, on 8/18/62. Attendance was estimated at up to 500 persons, approximately one half of whom wore Klan robes.

The main speaker was Calvin Craig, Grand Dragon of Georgia for the United Klans, who charged both Federal and local governments with "pushing around" the white people of Georgia. He announced a gigantic rally of the United Klans would be held at Albany, Georgia, on Labor Day, September 3, 1962, in order to "turn Albany white again." Craig stated he expected 5000 Klansmen from Georgia and at least 1000 Klansmen from Alabama and Florida.

Information concerning the 9/3/62 rally has been set forth in previous memoranda and state and local authorities have been alerted.

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A memorandum for the Attorney General is attached.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT !emorandum DATE: August 28, 1962 Mr. Belma A. Rose FROM RACIAL SITUATION - CITICA, to SUBJECT: ALBANY, GEORGIA RACIAL MATTERS The Atlanta Office received information that 67 of the visiting ministers and laymen plus one local minister of Albany, Georgia, planned to stage a prayer vigil demonstration at the City Hall in Albany, Georgia, today. Included in the group were four white women and one Negro woman. The 68 appeared at the City Hall at approximately 2:00 P. M. Eastern Standard Time (3:00 P. M. Washington time) and began the prayer demonstration. At approximately 2:15 P. M. the individuals were asked to leave. They refused and all 68 were arrested. The Atlanta Office did not have any information as to the specific charges which will be placed against the individuals. ACTION: Atlanta is closely following this matter. The Civil Rights Division of the Department is being advised. 1 - Mr. Mohr 1 - Mr. DeLoach CLM:jh 50 SEP 5 1962

FENERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE COMMUNICATIONS SECTION Mr. Tolson AUG 30 1962 Mr. Belmont. Mr. Mohr. Mr. Callahan Mr. Conrad. Mr. DeLcach Mr. Evans. Mr. Alog Mr. Su. A Mr. Tavel. Mr. Trotter Tele. Room. Miss Holmes. Miss Gandy. 3-35 PM EST GT 8-30-62 DIRECTOR, FBI SAC, ATLANTA /157-315/ FROM RACIAL SITUATION, ALBANY, GEORGIA, RACIAL MATTERS ADVISED MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., AND RALPH ABERNATHY, LEADERS OF THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, RETURNED TO ALBANY AM, AUGUST THIRTY, SIXTYTWO. DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY HARRISON J. GOLDIN APPEARED ALBANY RA AUGUST THIRTY, SIXTYTWO, AND ADVISED OF HIS INSTRUCTIONS TO -CONTACT PRIOR TO BEGINNING OF TI AUG 31 1952 HEARING IN USDC, TWO O- CLOCK, AUGUST THIRTY, SIXTYTWO. REASONS FOR CONTACTING NOT DISCLOSED. Roserto Believe 8/3/ a Bonero 8/3/ END PAGE P EX-116 6-19Th PAGE TWO

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The Attorney General

September 1, 1962

Director, FBI

RACIAL SITUATION ALBANY, GEORGIA RACIAL MATTERS _

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The Albany Movement at Albany, Georgia, held a mass meeting at the Mines Baptist Church in Albany on the night of August 31, 1962. Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., and Dr. W. G. Anderson, founder of the Albany Movement, were present. Dr. Anderson, in an address to the meeting, stated he will attempt to enroll his daughter in the Albany Senior High School, a white school, en September 4, 1962, and that further effort will be made on the same date to integrate the present all-white Albany and East Albany Junior High Schools. Following the meeting, Reverend Mr. King left Albany for Atlanta, Georgia, stating that he would return to Albany on an unspecified date next week.

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On August 31, 1962, United States District Judge J. Robert Elliott denied a motion for a temporary restraining order in the civil action seeking to abolish segregation in public facilities in Albany, Georgia. The plaintiffs rested the case and the hearing was recessed until an unspecified date during the week of September 23, 1962.

Righteen of the seventy-five persons who were arrested on August 28, 1962, in the prayer demonstration at City Hall, Albany, Georgia, still remain in jail.

The investigation requested by the Department into the shooting at the residence of on August 31, 1962, has disclosed that the residences or rour individuals were actually shot at during the early morning hours of that day. The residences involved were those

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From the number of shots fired and their pattern, it appears that the shots were fired from a moving automobile from either a high-powered rifle or a machine gan. He one was killed or seriously injured, the only actual injury being sustained by

While members of the families are active in the Albany Movement and in voter registration meetings, there is some indication that the shooting may have arisen out of a dispute over the expulsion last work of from the Lee County training school, a consolidated Regro school. He was expelled for "agitating"

at the school, have been leading a movement to have the boy reinstated.

reportedly distributed a handwill arging segroes to beyout the school and this has resulted in a bitter controversy as many of the Negroes violently eppese any beyoutt of the school fearing that it may result in the closing of the school.

On the night of August 31, 1962, received an anonymous telephone call from an Individual who said, "We're going to finish up tenight." No further violence occurred during the night of August 31, 1962, however.

The Sheriff's Office of Lee County, where the shooting occurred, and the Georgia Bureau of Investigation are conducting investigation into the matter. The Bureau is proceeding with the investigation requested by the Department.

Additional information concerning the situation at Albany will be promptly furnished to the Department.

- 1 The Deputy Attorney Concral
- 1 Mr. Burke Marshall Assistant Attorney General

The Attorney General August 31, 1962 ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED Director, FBI RACIAL SITUATION ALBANY, GEORGIA RACIAL MATTERS The fellowing additional developments have accurred in connection with the racial situation at Albany, Georgia; Fifty-two of the seventy-five persons who were arrested on August 28, 1962, charged with congregating on the sidewalk, disorderly conduct and failure to obey an efficer, have been released on bond. Twenty-three persons remain in jail. Forty laymen and ministers who had visited Albany from the Chicago area left Albany on August 30, 1962, to return to Chicago. Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., and Reverend Ralph Abernathy, leaders of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, returned to Albany on August 30, 1962. United States District Judge J. Robert Elliott at Albany, Georgia, consolidated three cases pending before his court on August 30, 1962. These suits involved the petition by the City of Albany for an injunctive order restraining the Albany Movement from further demonstrations; the petition by the Albany Movement to restrain the City of Albany from interfering with peaceful depenstrations; and the petition -4 by the Albany Movement for the immediate desegregation of public facilities. Attorneys for the City of Albany have moved for a dismissal of the suits by the Albany Movement alleging that the Albany Movement has failed to show any legal controversy and the City of Albany is immune from suit (i.9) Judge Elliott recessed the court at 5:00 P.M., August 30, 1062, and will rule on the motion when the court reconvenes today. Callaban -1 - Mr. DeLoach-10 SEP 4 1962 Tavel 57 SEP 4" 1562" SEE MEMO ROSEN TO BELMONT. _ABOVE CAPTION & DATE, cag (14) .cag.~ MAIL ROOM TELETYPE UNIT

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Mr. Bavid Robert Gwen of the Civil Rights Division, on instruction of Mr. Burke Marshall, contacted this Bureau today and requested an investigation into a civil rights complaint made by

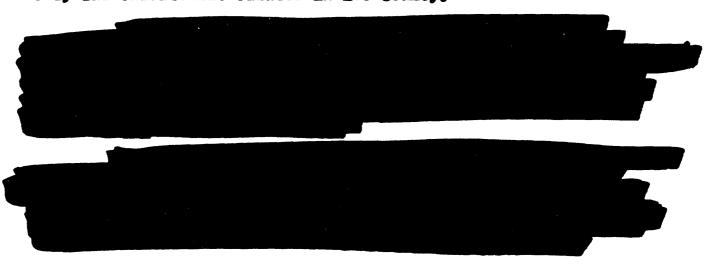
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to Mr. Owen,
informed him that at about \$:00 or
\$:30 A.M., today, some unidentified individual or individuals
whom she did not see fired about twelve shots at her home,
breaking windows and mirrors in the home. No one was injured,
She located footprints in the vicinity of the house, According
to the FBI as well as to the Sheriff's Office of Lee County,
Georgia, Lee County is only a few miles from Albany.

Pursuant to Mr. Marshall's request, an immediate investigation into this matter is being made.

In addition to the above information, our Atlanta Office has advised that

furnished a complaint that the house or

was also hit by hullets. Sheriff
Richard Forrester of Lee County, Georgia, immediately
proceeded to the scene to investigate. The Georgia Bureau
of Investigation was advised since Sheriff Forrester is the
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Appropriate local efficials at Albany have been advised.

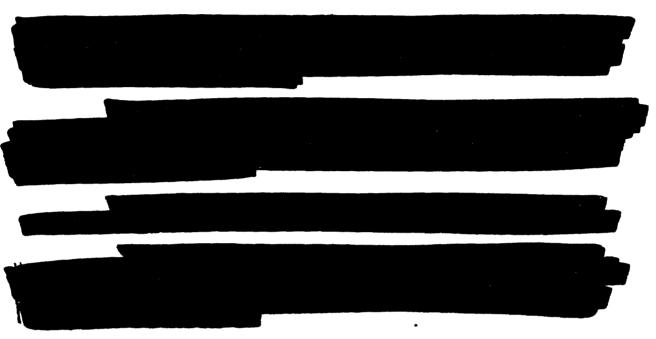
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- 1 The Deputy Attorney General
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emoranuum Sullivan TO Tavel _ Trotter FROM: SUBJECT: RACIAL SITUATION ALBANY, GEORGIA RACIAL MATTERS All activities of the Albany Movement have been cancelled until a mass meeting scheduled for 8:00 P.M. Eastern Standard Time 8/31/62, at the Shiloh Baptist Church, Albany, Georgia. Seventeen of the seventy-five persons arrested on 8/29/62, on charges of congregation on the sidewalk, disorderly conduct and failure to obey an officer have been released from jail after posting bond on 8/29/62. A hearing on the civil actions, filed by the Albany Movement against the City of Albany in United States District Court, Albany, seeking desegregation of public facilities at Albany and an injunction prohibiting the city from interfering with demonstrations, is scheduled for 2:00 P.M. Eastern Standard Time today 8/30/62. Enclosure o 1 - Mr. Mohr 1 - Mr. DeLoach 1 - Mr. Evans

Memorandum to Mr. Belmont RE: RACIAL SITUATION ALBANY, GEORGIA



Local authorities at Albany have been furnished this information.

ACTION

The Civil Rights Division of the Department has been kept currently advised. A memorandum for the Attorney General is attached.

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URGENT 8/29/62 10-00PM EST LG TO DIRECTOR, FBI /157-6-2/ FROM SAC, ATLANTA /157-315/ 1P RACIAL SITUATION, ALBANY, GA. RM.

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ACTIVITIES OF ALBANY MOVEMENT CANCELLED UNTIL MASS MEETING SCHEDULED EIGHT PM., EIGHT THIRTYONE SIXTYTWO AT SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH.

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HEARING ON CIVIL ACTIONS FILED BY ALBANY MOVEMENT AGAINST ALBANY CITY OFFICIALS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN TWO P. M., AUG., THIRTY-EX. - 115 SIXTYTWO.

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Above information furnished to 111th CIC Detachment at Fort McPherson, Georgia, on August 27, 1962.

Information was also furnished to Chief of Police LAURIE PRITCHETT, Albany, Georgia, on the same date.

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Memorandum regarding above-captioned matters dated August 27, 1962.

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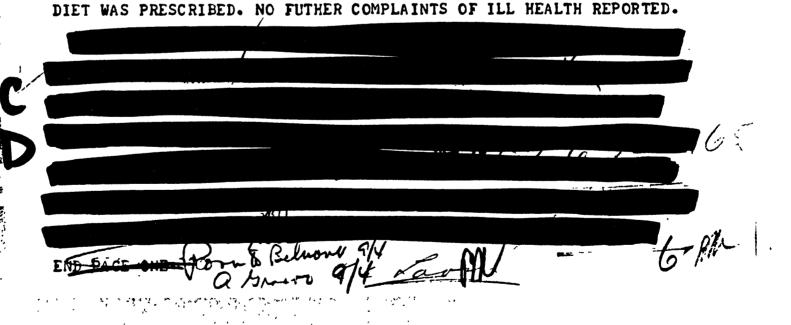
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UNITED STATES GO 1emorandum

: Mr. Rosen

SUBJECT: RACIAL SITUATION ALBANY, GEORGIA
RACIAL MATTERS

DATE: August 31, 1962

Callaba Mal and Trotter .

Reference is made to my memorandum to you today concerning the information furnished by SAC McMahon about the shooting of various homes near Leesburg, Georgia. The information concerning the shootings was telephonically furnished to Mr. David Robert Owen of the Civil Rights Division of the Department by SA today.

Mr. Owen indicated that he would discuss the matter with appropriate officials in the Civil Rights Division and the Bureau would thereafter be contacted if any further investigation is desired.

ACTION:

For information.

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September 4, 1962 The Attorney General - Mr. Belmont - Mr. Rosen Director, FBI - Mr. Malley - Mr. McGowan RACIAL SITUATION - Mr. Hohr ALBANY, GEORGIA 1 - Mr. Evans RACIAL MATTERS - Mr. DeLoach The following incidents occurred over the Labor = Day week end, September 1, to September 3, 1962, in Albany, Georgia, with relation to the racial situation. advised en September 3, 1962, that with the exception of ene Negro female, all persons arrested en August 28, 1962, a number of whom were ministers, have been released on bond. No meeting or other activity took place in Albany, Georgia, en September 1, 1962, by the Albany Movement. A meeting of the Albany Movement was held on September 3, 1962, with approximately eight hundred persons $ec{ec{v}}$ in attendance at the Mount Zion Baptist Church in Albany. Ministers and laymen who were released from jail on September 3, 1962, attended the meeting. Dr. W. &. Anderson of the Albany Movement announced that Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., has one thousand ministers from the morth ready to come to Albany, Georgia, for cause of 1962 integration. f Dr. Anderson announced that Albany Righ School Will 4 ntegrated September 4, 1962, and efforts will be made so integrate two Junior High Schools. Nothers and children villing to make integration efforts were instructed to meet at the Mount Zien Baptist Church today, September 4, 1962.

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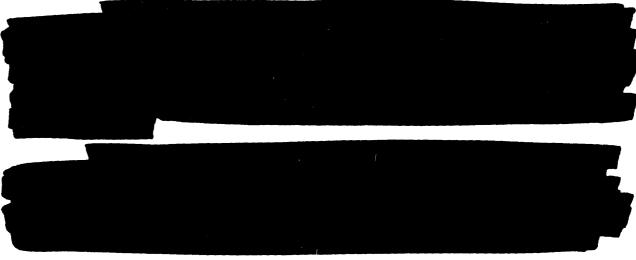
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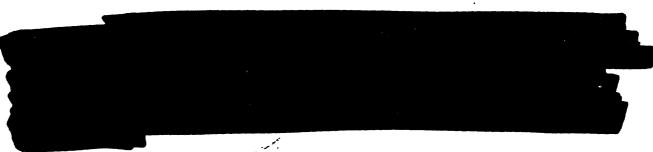
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There were no other incidents or arrests due to the Klan sally.

Persuant to a request from Mr. Burke Marshall, inquiry as to the status of ministers who were reportedly fasting in Albany jails was made. It was ascertained that fourteen ministers in Dougherty County Jail were fasting and pougherty County Physician, examined those persons who complained of ill health. It was ascertained that their complaints could be attributed to the lack of a balanced diet. Medication and a balanced diet were prescribed. Those persons have now been released from jail.



Information concerning additional developments will be prouptly furnished to the Department.

- 1 The Deputy Attorney General
- 1 Mr. Burke Marshall Assistant Attorney General
- 1 Mr. J. Walter Yeagley Assistant Attorney General

'emorandum DATE: August 29, 1962 Mr. Belmont FROM: SUBJECT: RACIAL SITUATION ALBANY, GEORGIA CRACIAL MATTERS set at \$200 on each person arrested.

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Seventy-five adults appeared in front of City Hall, Albany, Georgia, at 2:00 P.M., Eastern Standard Time, 8-28-62, and prayers were recited by two adult males.

Chief of Police Laurie Pritchett requested the group to disperse at 2:15 P.M., Eastern Standard Time. The group failed to disperse and Chief Pritchett placed the entire group under arrest charging individuals in the group with congregating on the sidewalk, disorderly conduct and failure to obey an officer.

The group was composed of fifty white males, nineteen Negro males, four white females and two Negro females. Bond was

A mass meeting of the Albany Movement was held on the evening of 8-28-62, at Kiokee Baptist Church, Albany, Georgia. The meeting was addressed by Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., and Dr. W. G. Anderson, neither of whom participated in the prayer demonstration in front of City Hall. Future plans of the Albany Movement will wait until Executive Committee meets. No time for such a meeting/was discussed.

Reverend Ralph Abernathy left Albany on evening of 18-28-62, en route to Atlanta, along with Reverend Mr. King.

Dr. Anderson left Albany the evening of 8-28-62, en route to New York City. Dr. Anderson, James H. Grey, Editor of "Albany Hearld," a daily newspaper, Chevene B. King, Negro Attorney and Mayor Asa B. Kelley are scheduled to appear on television program "Open End" in New York City. They are all scheduled to return to Albany on 8-30-62.

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ad Washington Sept. 2 was anor nounced Wednesday by the Rev. James Early, manager of the Gospel Express, weekly religious program heard on Station WCNX, er. Middletown.

ity Prayers will be offered in front ne of the White House for the civil he rights campaign at Albany, Ga. our and other communities.

The minister invited members of all churches of any denominabic tion to join the group, which will leave Hartford by bus at 1 a.m.

on Sept. 2 and will arrive in Labor Day weekend pilgrimage, Washington for a 9 a.m. prayer may write the Gospel Express, P. O. Box 1693, Hartford.

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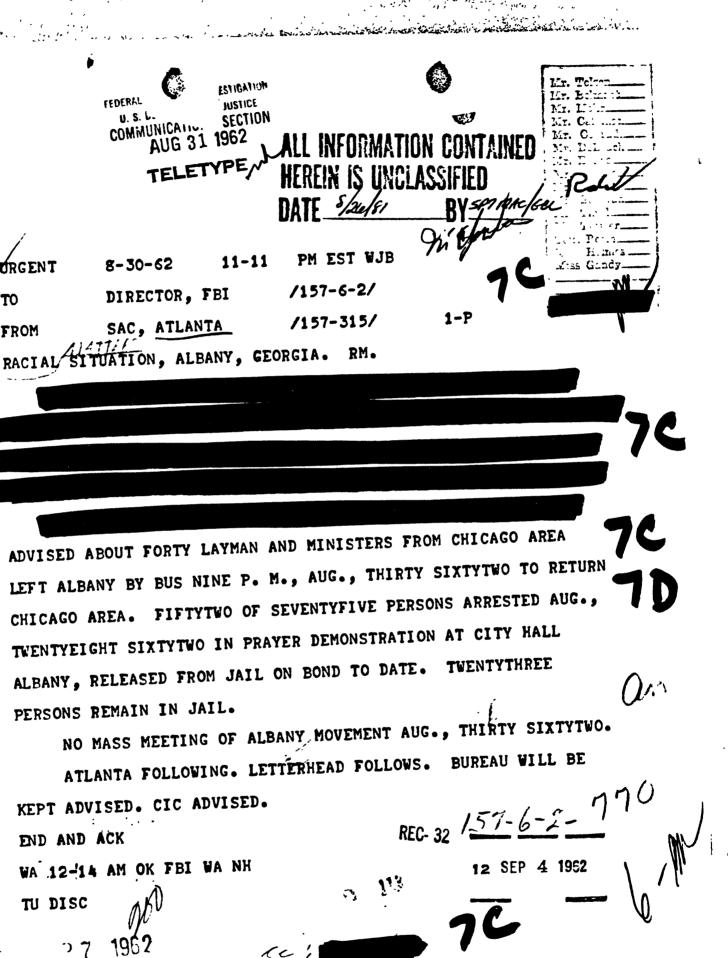
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DIRECTOR, FBI /157-6-2/

FROM SAC, ATLANTA /157-315/

RACIAL SITUATION, ALBANY, GA. RM.

SIXTYTWO THAT WITH RESPECT TO PERSONS ARRESTED ON AUG., TWENTY EIGHT SIXTYTWO WHICH INCLUDED A NUMBER OF MINISTERS, ALL HAVE NOW BEEN RELEASED ON BOND EXCEPT ONE NEGRO FEMALE

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Mr. Trotter. Tele. Room_

MEETING OF ALBANY MOVEMENT HELD NIGHT OF SEPT., THREE AT

MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH, ALBANY, GA., APPROXIMATELY EIGHT

HUNDRED PERSONS ATTENDED. MINISTERS AND LAYMEN RELEASED

FROM ALBANY CITY JAILS SEPT., THREE, SIXTYTWO ATTENDED MEETING.

DR. W. G. ANDERSON ANNOUNCED THAT DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

HAS ONE THOUSAND MINISTERS FROM THE NORTH READY TO COME TO

ALBANY FOR THE CAUSE OF INTEGRATION. ANDERSON ANNOUNCED ALBANY

HIGH SCHOOL WILL BE INTEGRATED SEPT., FOUR SIXTYTWO AND EFFORTS

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URGENT 9-2-62

8-45 PM EST WJB

TO

DIRECTOR, FBI /157-6-2/

FROM

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RACIAL SITUATION, ALBANY, GEORGIA. RM.

RE TELEPHONE CALL BETWEEN BUREAU AND ATLANTA SEPT., TWO SIXTY-TWO.

ALBANY, GA.,

ADVISED NINETEEN MINISTERS STILL CONFINED ON SEPT., TWO SIXTYTWO.

EIGHT MINISTERS IN ALBANY CITY JAIL, ELEVEN MINISTERS AT DOUGHERTY

CO., JAIL ALBANY, GA. NONE HAVE SOUGHT MEDICAL AID

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APPEAR TO BE IN GOOD SPIRITS.

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UNITED STATES GOVERN Mr. Belmont (V

DATE: September 1, 1962

A. Rosen

SUBJECT: RACIAL SITUATION ALBANY, GEORGIA RACIAL MATTERS

advised on 8-31-62 that a mass meeting of the Albany Movement was held at the Hines Baptist Church, Albany, Georgia, on the night of 8-31-62. Dr. W. G. Anderson told those attending the meeting that he will attempt to enroll his daughter in Albany Senior High School, a white school, on 9-4-62. He stated that on the same date, efforts will be made to integrate the Albany Junior High School and East Albany Junior High School, both of which are white schools. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who was also present at the meeting, left Albany after the meeting to go to Atlanta, Georgia. He stated he would return to Albany on an unspecified date, the week of September 2, 1962.

On August 31, 1962, United States District Judge J. Robert Elliott denied a motion for a temporary restraining order in the civil action seeking to abolish segregation in public facilities in Albany, Georgia. The plaintiffs rested the case and the hearing was recessed until an unspecified date during the week of 9-23-62.

Eighteen of the seventy-five persons who were arrested on 8-28-62, in the prayer demonstration at City Hall, Albany, Georgia, still remain in jail.

The investigation requested by the Department into the shooting at the residence of on 8-31-62, has disclosed that the residences of four individuals were actually shot at during the early morning hours of that day. The residences involved were those of

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont

From the number of shots fired and their pattern, it appears that the shots were fired from a moving automobile from either a high-powered rifle or a machine gun. No one was killed or seriously injured, the only actual injury being sustained by

While members of the families are active in the Albany Movement and in voter registration meetings, there is some indication that the shootings may have arisen out of a dispute over the expulsion last week of from the Lee County training school, a consolidated Negro school. He was expelled for "agitating"

at the school, have been leading a movement to have the boy reinstated.

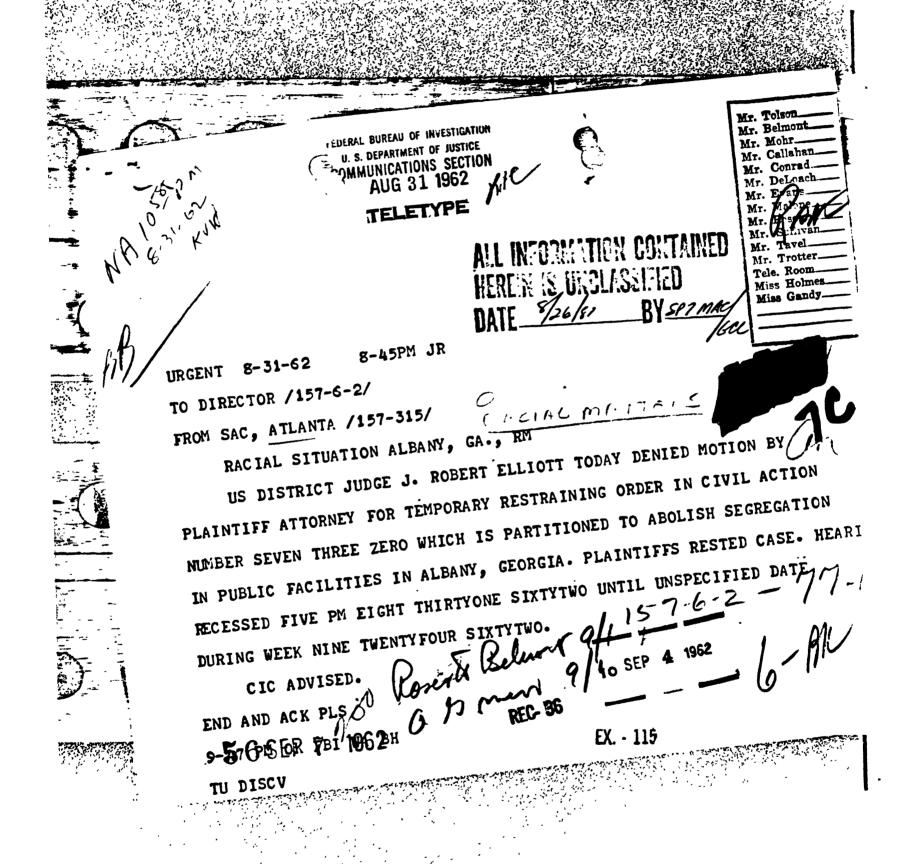
distributed a handbill urging the Negroes to boycott the school and this has resulted in a bitter controversy as many of the Negroes violently oppose any boycott of the school fearing that it may result in the closing of the school.

on the night of 8-31-62, received an anonymous telephone call from an individual who said, "We're going to finish up tonight." No further violence occurred during the night of 8-31-62, however.

The Sheriff's Office of Lee County where the shooting occurred and the Georgia Bureau of Investigation are conducting investigation into the matter. The Bureau is proceeding with the investigation requested by the Department.

ACTION:

A memorandum to the Attorney General is attached.



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Mr. Belmont

DATE: August 31, 1962

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RACIAL SITUATION ALBANY, GEORGIA

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Fifty-two of the seventy-five persons who were arrested on 8/28/62 in prayer demonstration at City Hall, Albany, Georgia, have been released on bond. Twenty-three remain in jail.

Forty laymen and ministers from the Chicago area left Albany on 8/30/62 to return to Chicago.

Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., and Reverend Ralph VAbernathy, leaders of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, returned to Albany on 8/30/62.

U. S. District Judge J. Robert Elliott consolidated 3 cases pending before his court on 8/30/62; namely, the City of Albany petition for an injunctive order to restrain the Albany Movement from further demonstrations and the two suits involving petitions of the Albany Movement to restrain the City of Albany from denying peaceful demonstrations and the petition for desegregation of public facilities.

Attorneys for the City of Albany have moved for dismissal of the suits on the basis that the Albany Movement has failed to show any legal controversy and the City of Albany is immune from suit. Judge Elliott recessed the court at 5:00 P.M. and will rule on the motion when the court reconvenes today.

At 4:20 A.M., today, 8/31/62, Mr. Robert Owen, Departmental Attorney, Civil Rights Division, contacted the Bureau and said he received a Civil Rights complaint at 4:00 A.M. today, 8/31/62, from one

Albany, Georgia,

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Informed Owen that at about 2:00 or 2:30 A.M. today, some unidentified individual or individuals whomeshe did pot see, fired about 12 shots at her house breaking windows and mirrors in the house. No one was injured. She located footprints in the vicinity of the house. According to she reported the incident to the Atlanta Office of the FBI as well as to the Sheriff's Office of Lee County.

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1 - Mr. DeLoach 1 - Mr. Evans 1 - Mr. Mohr

Memorandum to Mr. Belmont RE: RACIAL SITUATION, ALBANY, GEORGIA

Owen made no request but he was going to call Assistant Attorney General Burke Marshall, Civil Rights Division, for guidance and would call back.

Robert Owen called at 5:00 A.M., 8/31/62, and advised that he had discussed the matter with Burke Marshall, Assistant Attorney General, who requests that the FBI immediately investigate the matter with the idea of examining the area before crowds obliterate any possible evidence.

SAC McMahon was contacted at 5:57 A.M. and furnished the details of above. He advised that he would investigate the matter immediately and as soon as details were available he would advise the Bureau.

The Atlanta Office has furnished a teletype concerning the above incident and in addition has advised that advised that the house of was also hit by bullets.

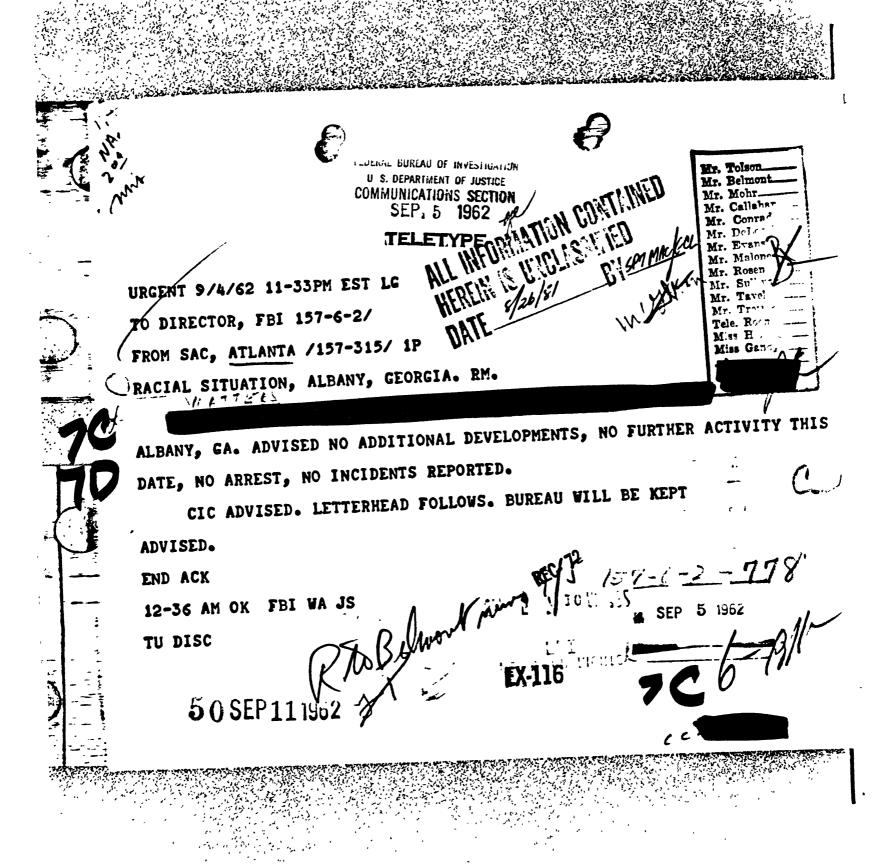
Appropriate local officials at Albany have been advised.

ACTION:

A memorandum for the Attorney General is attached.

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Mr. Tolson Mr. Belmont JUNEAU EUREAU DE INVESTIGATION U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE COMMUNICATIONS SECTION SEP. 3 1962 Mr. Mohr_ Mr. Callahan Mr. Conrag Mr. Del **TELETYPE** Mr. Tavel Mr. Trotter. URGENT PM EST RLH Tele. Room. Miss Holmes TO DIRECTOR, FBI Miss Gandy FROM SAC, ATLANTA /157-315/ RACIAL SITUATION, ALBANY, GA. RM. ADVISED FOURTEEN OF REMAINING DEMONSTRATORS ARRESTED AUG. TWENTYEIGHT, SIXTYTWO, RELEASED ON BOND TWELVE FORTYFIVE P. M., SEPT. THREE, SIXTYTWO. FOUR OF ABOVE DEMONSTRATORS REMAINED IN ALBANY CITY JAIL. ATLANTA FOLLOWING. LETTERHEAD FOLLOWS. END AND ACK 2-53 PM OK FBI WA DA TU DISC



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BUSINESSES WITH NEGRO EMPLOYEES BE BOYCOTTED.

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ADVISED MASS MEETING

OF ALBANY MOVEMENT HELD AT HINES BAPTIST CHURCH ALBANY NIGHT

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UNSPECIFIED DATE NEXT WEEK. DR. W.G. ANDERSON TOLD MEETING HE

WILL ATTEMPT TO ENROLL HIS DAUGHTER IN ALBANY SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL,

A WHITE HIGH SCHOOL SEPTEMBER FOUR NINETEEN SIXTYTWO. FURTHER

STATED EFFORTS WILL BE MADE TO INTERGRATE ALBANY JUNIOR HIGH

SCHOOL AND EAST ALBANY JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL BOTH WHITE SCHOOLS,

SAME DATE. ANDERSON DID NOT IDENTIFY PARTICIPANTS IN INTERGRATION

EFFORTS AT JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS. NO ANNOUNCEMENT OF DATE OF NEXT

MEETING.

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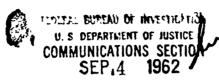
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DIRECTOR, FBI /157-6-2/

FROM SAC, ATLANTA /157-315/ 1P RACIAL SITUATION, ALBANY, GEORGIA. RM.

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DR. W. G. ANDERSON HELD

PRESS CONFERENCE PM NINE FOUR SIXTY TWO. ANDERSON STATED PARENTS OF STUDENTS REFUSED ENTRANCE TO WHITE SCHOOLS, ALBANY, GEORGIA, NINE FOUR SIXTY TWO, WILL IMMEDIATELY PETITION DOUGHERTY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR COMPLETE DESEGREGATION OF SCHOOLS IN DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA. FILE APPROPRIATE SUIT IN FEDERAL COURT.

ATLANTA FOLLOWING. LETTERHEAD FOLLOWS.

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MR. BELMONT FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Tolson

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Mr. Trotter. Tele. Room. Miss Holmes.

Miss Gandy.

The Attorney General September 5, 1962 - Er. Belmont Director, FB1 Br. Halley Mr. McGowan RACIAL SITUATION ALBANY, GEORGIA Mr. RACIAL MATTERS B The following developments occurred in Albany, Georgia, en September 4, 1962. At 9:02 a.m., a group of thirteen Megro students accompanied by Dr. W. G. Anderson, founder of the Albany Movement, arrived at the Albany Senior High School and entered the Principal's Office where the students signed entrance applications. A school official instructed the students to report to the school assigned them under the Student Placement System and the group departed the school at 9:10 a.m. were to crowds in the area and no incidents occurred. å ∰ Eu has been very active on behalf of the Albany Movement, took his and another Megro student, to the East Dougherty Junior High School at 9:15 a. in an apparent effort to register them in school. A school official instructed the two students to report to the Superintendent of Schools for assignment under the Student Placement System. The group then voluntarily departed the school. There were so growds at the school and no incidents occurred. Dr. V. G. Anderson held a press conference during the afternoon of September 4, 1962, at which time Dr. Anderson stated parents of the students refused admittance to Albany white schools that day would immediately petition the Dougherty County Board of Education for complete desegregation of schools in Dougherty County, Georgia, and, if refused, would file an appropriate suit in Federal Court. Information concerning additional developments will be promptly furnished to the Department. 1 - The Deputy Allternay General Callahan - Mr. Burke Marshall Malon See memo Rosen to Belmont same NOTE: date and caption. Holmes (13) AIL ROSE TELETYPE UNIT Trotter

WNITED STATES GOVERN FINT MemorandumMr. Rose August 31, 1962 DATE: SUBJECT: RACIAL SITUATION ALBANY, GEORGIA ○ RACIAL MATTERS With reference to the Department's request for investigation into the shooting at the residence of early this morning, SAC McMahon telephonically furnished the following information. Investigation has developed that the residences of four individuals were actually shot at during the early morning hours of 8/31/62. The residences involved were those of Gunshot pellets recovered at each of the residences appear to be approximately of . 32 caliber. From the number of the shots fired and their pattern it appears that the shots were fired from a moving automobile from either a high-powered rifle or a machine gun. All of the shots were fired at a height of approximately three feet and since a total of approximately 40 persons were sleeping in the four residences at the time of the shootings, it appears amazing that no one was killed or seriously injured. The only actual injury sustained was While members of all families are active in the Albany Movement and in voter registration meetings, there is, according to McMahon, all indication that the shootings may have arisen out of dispute over the expulsion last week , from the Lee County training school, was expelled for "agitating" and have been leading a movement to have the boy reinstated. reportedly distributed a handbill urging that Negroes in the area not send their children back to school until young The matter has been one of bitter controversy as many of the Negroes violently & 5 F SEP 1 1 1932 H

Memorandum for Mr. Rosen RE: RACIAL SITUATION

oppose any boycott of the school on the basis that it may result in the teachers currently assigned to the Lee County training school being assigned to other schools and the subsequent closing of the training school because of the unavailability of teachers.

According to SAC McMahon the Sheriff's Office of Lee County and the Georgia Bureau of Investigation are conducting investigation into the matter.

ACTION:

SAC McMahon was instructed to submit a detailed teletype immediately.

Pertinent information is being furnished to the Civil Rights Division of the Department.

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UNITED STATES GOVE Calibah temorandu.n Salls : Mr. Belmont DATE: 9-4-62 Tevel . Tole. Re FROM KY SP7 MACIECL SUBJECT: RACIAL SITUATION ALBANY, GEORGIA URACIAL MATTERS There was no activity or meeting of Albany Movement on 9-1-62, in Albany, Georgia. advised on 9-3-62, that with the exception of one Negro female, all persons arrested on 8-28-62, which included a number of ministers, have now been released on bond. A meeting of Albany Movement was held on the evening of 9-3-62 with approximately 800 in attendance at the Mount Zion Baptist Church, Albany. Ministers and laymen released from Albany jails on 9-3-62, attended the meeting. Dr. W. G. Anderson announced that Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., has 1000 ministers from the north ready to come to Albany for the cause of integration. Dr. Anderson announced that Albany High School will be integrated 9-4-62, and efforts will be made to integrate two Junior High Schools. Mothers and children willing to make integration efforts were instructed to meet at the Mount Zion Church today, 9-4-62. Enclosure seet 9-4-62 1 - Mr. Mohr SEP 6 1962 1 - Mr. Evans - Mr. DeLoach

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont



There were no arrests due to Klan rally.

Over the week end Assistant Attorney General
Burke Marshall made inquiry as to the status of ministers who
were reportedly fasting in Albany jails. It was ascertained
14 ministers in Dougherty County jail were fasting and
Dougherty County Physician, examined those persons
who complained of ill health. Their complaints were attributed
to lack of a balanced diet. Medication and a balanced diet
were prescribed. These persons have now been released.



Mr. Edwin O. Guthman of the Office of Public Information of the Department advised that President Kennedy received a telegram from Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., on 9-2-62, asking the President if he would mediate the Albany, Georgia, situation. According to Mr. Guthman, the Attorney General was instructed to send an appropriate telegram declining this request.

ACTION:

Appropriate officials of the Department were kept currently advised of developments over the Labor Day week end, 9/1-3/62.

A memorandum for the Attorney General is attached.

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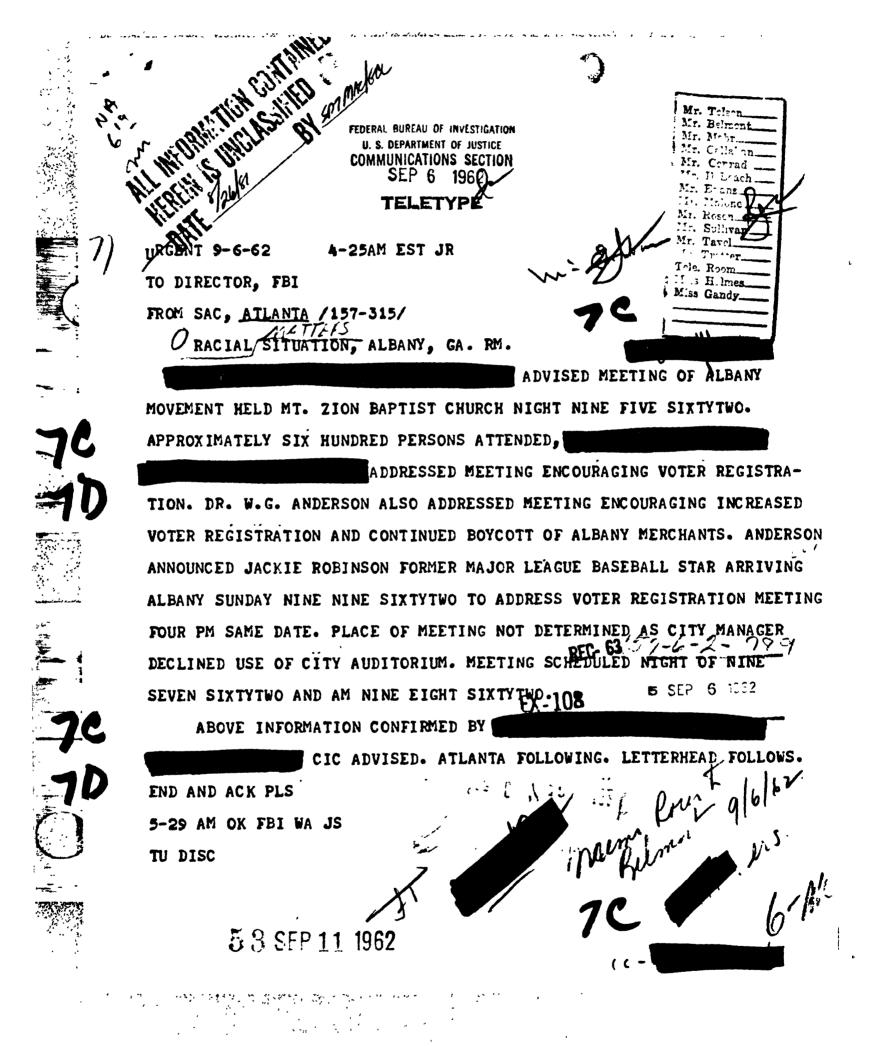
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UNITED STATES GO Callahan Malone Sullivan DATE: September 2, 1962 Trotter Holmes . MATTEL SUBJECT: RACIAL SITUATION ALBANY, GEORGIA 8/26/21 BY SPIMK/GCL At 6:30 p.m. Assistant Director Courtney A. Evans advised that Assistant Attorney General Burke Marshall requested, per Attorney General's instructions, that the Bureau make direct inquiry to ascertain the status of the fasting ministers in Albany, Georgia. "Are they all okay or have there been any unusual developments?" After making inquiry upon Bureau instruction, SAC James E. McMahon, Atlanta, Georgia, advised at 11:00 p.m. this date that

stated that there were eighteen ministers still in

Jail. Four are in the Albany, Georgia, City Jail and fourteen
are in the Dougherty County Georgia, Jail. The fourteen in
the Dougherty County Jail have refused to eat. On September 2,
1962, the fourteen complained of sore throats. A doctor was
called and after examining them stated that all are in good
physical condition and the sore throats are due to not eating. SAC McMahon further stated that his office would follow the situation and keep the Bureau advised. ACTION: Assistant Attorney General Burke Marshall was advised of the above facts at 11:15 p.m., September 2, 1962, and told that the Department would be kept advised of any further development. : CSW 1 - Mr. Rosen 1 - Mr. Malley 1 - Mr. McGowan 1 - Mr.1 - Mr.1 - Mr. Evans 50 SEP 11



emorandนี้m Mr. Belmon 9/2/62 Kacial Matters. Allanta FROM Try Cedar Are Albany, GA REVEREND MARTIN LUTHER KING SUBJECT: SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE **CIVIL RIGHTS** Mr. Ed Guthman called today and said that the Attorney General (AG) had told him to send a telegram to Reverend King and asked if we could give his address in Albany, Georgia. He added that Reverend King had sent a telegram to the President asking him to mediate the situation in Albany and that the President did not feel he should do this and had accordingly told the AG to send the telegram to Reverend King in accordance with this view. Also Guthman, who had been in touch with Assistant Attorney General Burke Marshall in addition to the AG, indicated there could possibly be some kind of incident in connection with the reported fasting of the group of ministers who went to Albany in connection with the situation there and were arrested by local authorities. Guthman asked that he be advised in the event information as to any incident or development came to our attention in this connection. REC- 16 157-6-2-793 IX 100 ACTION: The address Reverend King uses which is in care of Dr. W. G. Anderson, 914 Cedar Avenue, was obtained and telephoned to the Guthman residence. The Atlanta Office has been alert to the situation at Albany and is currently sending in information which we furnish to the AG on a daily basis. The SAC at Atlanta was advised of the additional expression of interest on the part of Mr. Guthman for the Department. 1 - Mr. Rosen 1 - Mr. McGowan HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED

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September 6, 1962 The Attorney General 1 - Mr. Belmont 1 - Mr. Rosen Director, FBI 1 - Mr. Malley 1 - Mr. McGowan 1 - Mr. RACIAL STUATION 1 - Mr. Mohr ALEANY GEORGIA 1 - Mr. DeLoach GRACIAL MATTERS -1 - Mr. Evans Allanta, 6d, A meeting of the Albany Movement was held at the Mt. Zion Baptist Church on the evening of September 5, 1962, with approximately 600 persons in attendance. addressed the meeting encouraging increased voter registration Dr. W. G. Anderson also addressed the meeting encouraging increased voter registration and continued boycott of Albany merchants. Dr. Anderson announced that Jackie Robinson, former major league baseball star, is to arrive in Albany on Sunday, September 9, 1962, to address a voter registration meeting to be held at 4:00 p. m., on that date. The place of the meeting has not been determined as the city manager has declined use of the auditorium. Local law enforcement authorities are cognizant of this situation. Meetings of the Albany Movement are scheduled for the mights of September 7 and September 8, 1962. The places of the meetings were not announced. A voter registration meeting was held at the Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Sasser, Terrell County, Georgia, on the might of September 5, 1962, which was attended by 41 Negroes and 4 whites. Previous information Shad been received of possible trouble, however, so incidents occurred at the meeting. desegregated schools for the second day without an incident. There have been no indications of public disapproval of the school desegregation.
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The Civil Rights Division of the Department has requested certain interviews in connection with the shooting and the ordering of people out of Sasser, Georgia.

has been advised that a civil rights investigation is being conducted and the investigation is continuing.

Information concerning additional developments will be promptly furnished to the Department.

- 1 The Deputy Attorney General
- 1 Mr. Burke Marshall **Assistant Attorney General**

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No additional pertinent identifiable information regarding members of the delegation to Albany, Georgia, identified in attached letterhead memorandum is contained in Chicago files other than that set forth in described memorandum and in referenced communication.

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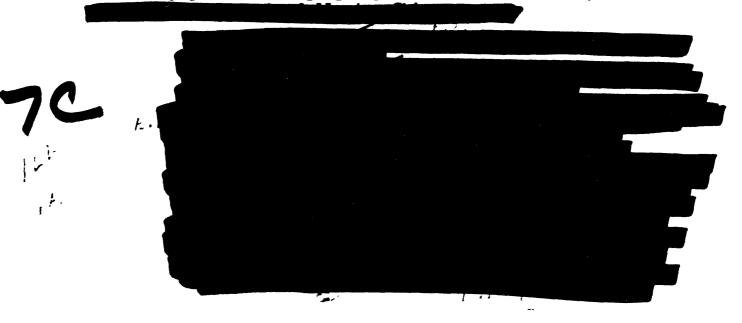
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RACIAL SITUATION ALBANY, GEORGIA RACIAL MATTERS

Reference is made to memorandum dated August 27, 1962, captioned as above.

The "Chicago Daily Tribune" and "Chicago Sun Times", daily newspapers published in Chicago, Illinois, issues of August 29, 1962, contained articles concerning a group of Chicago clergymen and laymen that departed Chicago, Illinois, on Sunday, August 26, 1962, for Albany, Georgia. The group travelling under the name "Chicago Inter-Religious Delegation to Albany" journeyed to Albany, Georgia, in response to an appeal made by the Reverend Martin Luther King, President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference for "anti-segregation reinforcements".

The article reports that police authorities in Albany jailed a large group of the demonstrators,



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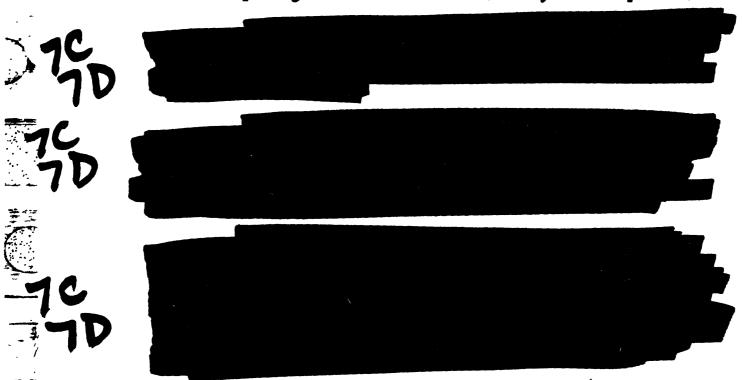
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Regarding Morton Sobell, it is noted that in March, 1951, Sobell was convicted for conspiring to commit espionage and was sentence to 30 years in prison.



A characterization of the Chicago Committee to Defend the Bill of Rights is attached hereto.

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RACIAL SITUATION ALBANY, GEORGIA

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Movement was held on the evening of August 28, 1962, at the Third Kiokee Baptist Church. The meeting was addressed by MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. and Dr. W. G. ANDERSON, who discussed the arrest of demonstrators by the Albany Police Department on the afternoon of August 28, 1962. No future plans of the Albany Movement were discussed.

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advised on August 29, 1962, that all activities of the Albany Movement were cancelled until a mass meeting, which was scheduled for August 31, 1962, at the Shiloh Baptist Church.

On August 30, 1962,

laymen and ministers from the Chicago area left Albany by bus approximately 9:00 p.m., on August 30, 1962, to return to

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The "Chicago Daily Tribune", a daily newspaper published in Chicago, Illinois, issue of August 27, 1962, Page 1, contained an article captioned "Chicagoans Join Dixie Race Protest".

The article reported that a group of forty-two Chicago clergymen and laymen departed Chicago Sunday evening August 26, 1962, by bus for Albany, Georgia. The group is making the journey in response to an appeal made by Reverend Martin Luther King, President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference for "anti-segregation reinforcements". The group, called the Chicago Inter-Religious Delegation to Albany, is scheduled to arrive in Albany, Georgia, at approximately 6:00 PM on August 27, 1962.

The delegation is headed by Reverend Douglas M. Still, 2634 Lakeview Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, Executive Secretary of the Department of Social Welfare for the Church Federation of Greater Chicago. The "Tribune" article reports the group has been asked to be ready to spend at least several days in Albany jails before posting bonds.

The following are identified in the article as members of this delegation:

Reverend Al Anderson and his wife
Reverend G. Robert Backer, St. John United Church
of Christ, Bensenville
George Beatty
Barbara Farandis
Reverend John Porter, Morgan Park Planning Organization
Janet Davis, Morgan Park Planning Organization
Reverend Lester Bell, Jr., Christ Deliverance Center
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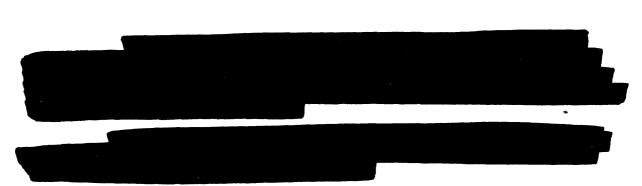
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It is noted the "Chicago Sun-Times", a daily newspaper published in Chicago, Illinois, issue of February 6, 1962, contained an article which reported that one Reverend Hugo Leaming, 37, of 5419 South Harper, Chicago, Pastor of the All Souls Unitarian Church, was one of those arrested on February 5, 1962, for participation in a "sit-in" demonstration held that date at the University of Chicago under the sponsorship of the Congress of Racial Equality.

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Regarding Morton Sobell it is noted that in March, 1951, Sobell was convicted for conspiring to commit espionage and was sentenced to thirty years in prison.

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UNITED STATES GOVE emorandu... Mr. Belmont TO DATE: 9/5/62 Trotter Holmes FROM * RACIAL SITUATION DATE SUBJECT: ALBANY, GEORGIA RACIAL MATTERS -A//11 to At 9:02 a.m., (Eastern Standard Time) 9/4/62, a group of thirteen Negro students accompanied by Dr. W. G. Anderson arrived at the Albany Senior High School and entered the Principal's office where the students signed entrance applications. A school official instructed the students to report to the school assigned them under the Student Placement System. The group departed the school at 9:10 a.m. There were no crowds in the area and no incidents occurred. who has been very active on behalf of the Albany Movement, took his son, and another Negro student, the East Dougherty Junior High School, Albany, at 9:15 a.m. in an apparent effort to register them in school. A school official instructed the 'two students to report to the Superintendent of Schools for assignment under the Student Placement System. The group then voluntarily departed the school. There were no crowds at the school and no incidents occurred. Dr. W. G. Anderson held a press conference during the afternoon of 9/4/62, at which time he stated parents of the students refused admittance to Albany white schools on 9/4/62, would immediately petition the Dougherty County, Georgia, Board of Education for complete desegregation of schools in Dougherty County and, if refused, would file an appropriate suit in Federal Court. There were no additional developments in Albany on 9/4/62. ACTION: A memorandum to the Attorney General is Stracked. Enclosure 1 - Mr. Mohr 1 - Mr. DeLoach 1 - Mr. Evans k j hm

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Who Gets The Money?

In Atlanta & Negro integrationist leader told Bawamen that Gov. Nelson Rockefeller of New York, an aspirant to the presidency of the United States, had given him a \$5,000 personal contribution to help fight segregation in Albany, Ga.

The Rev. Wyatt Tee Walker said he and other Negro leaders had toured the country raising funds for the Albany campaign. If the Rockefeller contribution is any sample, they should have met with tremendous success and their pockets should by now be well lined.

Of course, the integrationist groups have needed considerable sums of money to post bonds and pay fines for their dupes who have been arrested and sentenced. There have been such expenses as court costs, and the MAACP attorneys and other lawyers who have represented the demonstrators and their organizations in the courts don't work for free.

Moreover, there are bound to be certain costs connected with the operation of the training schools the various integrationist forces have operated to teach the fine art of leading and participating in demonstrations.

But there still should be quite a bit left over.

Are the self-appointed leaders like Martin Luther King receiving salaries and expense accounts? Are the demonstrators being paid wages or subsistence while marching, throwing rocks and singing in their jail cells?

Equally peresting to know is whether Mr. Rockefeller's \$5,000 contribution and other gifts from whomever are tax deductible.

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GREENVILLE NEWS Greenville, S. C.

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UNITED STATES GOVERS emorandum Malone Mr. Belmont (With Sullivar September 6, 1962 TO Trotter A. Rose FROM RACIAL SITUATION SUBJECT: ALBANY, GEORGIA RACIAL MATTERS A meeting of Albany Movement was held at Mt. Zion Baptist Church on evening of 9/5/62 with approximately 600 in attendance. addressed the meeting encouraging increased voter registration. Dr. W. G. Anderson also addressed meeting encouraging increased voter registration and continued poycott of Albany merchants. Dr. Anderson announced Jackie Robinson, former major league baseball star, is to arrive in Albany Sunday, 9/9/62, to address voter registration meeting to be held 4:00 p.m. that date. Place of meeting not determined as city manager declined use of auditorium. Local law enforcement authorities are cognizant. Meetings of Albany Movement are scheduled for nights of 9/7/62 and 9/8/62. Place of meetings was not announced. A voter registration meeting was held at Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Sasser, Terrell County, Georgia, night of 9/5/62 attended by 41 Negroes and 4 whites. Previous information had been received of possible trouble, however, no incidents occurred. advised classes held 9/5/62 in desegregated schools for second day without incident. There have been no indications of public disapproval of the school desegregation. REC- 16 157-6-2-77 76 2 1- Mr. DeLoach 1 - Mr. Evans

Memorandum for Mr. Belmont RE: RACIAL SITUATION

of the Department has requested certain interviews in connection with the shooting and the ordering of people out of Sasser, Georgia.

has been advised that a civil rights investigation is being conducted and the investigation is continuing.

ACTION:

Attached is a memorandum for the Attorney General.

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, , , ,	UNITED STATES GOVERALENT	Mohr Callahan Conrad
	Memorandum	DeLoach Evans Malone
	TO : A. Rosen DATE: 9/3/62	Rosen
	FROM : Clement L. McGowan, Jr.	Holmes
	SUBJECT: RACIAL SITUATION ALBANY, GEORGIA	
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7D	talked to the Mayor of Albany, Georgia, who assured him the calculations was watching the eighteen prisoners, both in the city jail and the county jail, and the fasting prisoners were to be re-exam same date by a doctor to make certain they are all right.	ity d in
10	Mr. Katzenbach said the Mayor was having the Albany Police Decover the meeting	<i>i</i> .
	At 11:45 a.m., SAC McMahon, Atlanta, was called to to the Department's interest in this matter. He was instruct the Bureau immediately should anything of importance arise. he would do this.	He said
	At 3:50 p.m., a teletype was received from the Atla advising of the release from jail of 14 of the 18 ministers. Katzenbach was apprised of this information, and asked that hadvised if we received any information	Mr.
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The Attorney General

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Dr. Anderson announced that Jackie Robinson, former major league baseball star, is to arrive in Albany at 2:30 p.m., September 9, 1962, aboard a Southern Airways flight and encouraged that a large crowd meet Mr. Robinson at the Albany airport. Mr. Robinson is to address a voter registration meeting to be held at the Third Kiokee Baptist Church at 4:00 p.m. that date.

Information concerning additional developments willbe promptly furnished to the Department. REC- 72

1 - The Deputy Attorney General

1 - Mr. Burke Marshall Assistant Attorney General 15 SEP 10 1032

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Atlanta, Georgia September 5, 1962

RACIAL SITUATION ALBANY, GEORGIA

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advised on August 31, 1962, that a mass meeting of the Albany Movement was held at the Hines Baptist Church, Albany, Georgia, during the evening of August 31, 1962. Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., attended this meeting, but left the meeting to return to Atlanta, Georgia. King said he would return to Albany during the week commencing September 2, 1962, but did not specify what date.

Dr. W. G. Anderson spoke at the meeting and stated he would attempt to enroll his daughter in the Albany Senior High School, a white high school, on September 4, 1962. Anderson also said that efforts will be made to integrate the Albany Junior High School and the East Albany Junior High School, both white schools, on September 4, 1962.

No further details were furnished by Anderson, and no announcement was made regarding any subsequent meeting of the Albany Movement.

On August 31, 1962, United States District Judge
J. Robert Elliott denied motion by plaintiff's attorney
for temporary restraining order in Civil Action number 730,
which is petitioned to abolish segregation in public facilities
in Albany, Georgia. The plaintiffs rested their case.

The court recessed at 5:00 p.m., August 31, 1962, until an unspecified date during the week of September 24, 1962.

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Tolson Belmont UNITED STATES GOV Mohr Callahan Contad lemoranaum DeLoach Malone Rosen Sullivan Tavel Mr. Rosen DATE: 9/7/62 TO Tele. Room FROM C. L. McGo RACIAL SITUATION ALBANY, GEORGIA RACIAL MATTERS SUBJECT: On 9/7/62 SAC McMahon of the Atlanta Office was contacted for additional details concerning Atlanta teletype dated 9/6/62 in the matter captioned Et al. -Victims, Civil Rights - Election Laws." Supervisor indicated that a report is being prepared and would be sent to the Bureau today. ACTION: For information. 16 SEP 11 1962 £ 5. T DATE 9/27/61 BY SPI MAR BOOK

Callahar DeLoach Malone Sullivan . TO DATE: 9/7/62 Trotter FROM SUBJECT: RACIAL SITUATION ALBANY, GEORGIA
RACIAL MATTERS - atlanta On 9/7/62 ASAC Frank Hitt of the Atlanta Office was contacted for additional details concerning the alleged shooting 9/4/62/ ASAC Hitt was instructed to immediately ascertain if any shots had been fired at all by and telephonically advise the Bureau. He was also instructed that after furnishing this information telephonically, attempts should be made to view the scene where the alleged shooting took place and if possible, attempt to recover any bullets which may have been fired by ACTION: ASAC Hitt stated he would immediately ascertain the information and telephone the Bureau concerning whether fired any shots and thereafter conduct the additional investigation. 3/5

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FROM SAC, ATLANTA /157-315/ 1P

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ADVISED MEETING

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OF ALBANY MOVEMENT HELD THIRD KICKEE BAPTIST CHURCH NIGHT OF NINE SEVEN SIXTYTWO. MEETING ADDRESSED BY DR. W. G. ANDERSON WHO ENCOURAGED MORE STRINGENT BOYCOTT OF ALBANY MERCHANTS. REQUESTED VOLUNTEERS MEET AT SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH, NINE AM, NINE EIGHT SIXTYTWO TO PICKET STORES DOWNTOWN AREA DURING DAY. ANDERSON ANNOUNCED, JACKIE ROBINSON, FORMER MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL STAR, ARRIVING ALBANY TWO THIRTY PM NINE NINE SIXTYTWO BY SOUTHERN AIRWAYS. ENCOURAGED LARGE CROWD TO MEET ROBINSON AT MUNICIPAL AIRPORT UPON ARRIVAL. ROBINSON SCHEDULED TO APPEAR THIRD KICKEE

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ADVISED CITY MANAGER GRANTED PARADE PERMIT FOR ALBANY MOVEMENT TO STAGE PARADE HONORING JACKIE ROBINSON WHO ARRIVES NINE NINE SIXTYTWO AT TWO THIRTY PM. ROBINSON SCHEDULED TO APPEAR BEFORE MEETING OF ALBANY MOVEMENT NINE NINE SIXTYTWO.

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RE MYTEL SEPT., EIGHT, SIXTYTWO.

JACKIE ROBINSON ARRIVED ALBANY, GA., TWO THIRTY P. M., SEPT., NINE, SIXTYTWO, VIA SOUTHERN AIRWAYS, ACCOMPANIED BY REV. WYATT TEE WALKER. ROBINSON ACCOMPANIED BY MOTORCADE FROM AIRPORT TO CHURCH. ROBINSON, WALKER AND DR. W. G. ANDERSON IMMEDIATELY LEFT ALBANY AND VISITED RUINS OF MT. MARY BAPTIST CHURCH AND MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH, SASSER, GA., AFTER WHICH RETURNED ALBANY, GA. ROBINSON ADDRESSED VCTER REGISTRATION MEETING AT THIRD KIOKEE BAPTIST CHURCH WHERE ENCOURAGED VOTER REGISTRATION. MEETING CONCLUDED SIX THIRTY P. M., SEPT., NINE, SIXTYTWO.

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NO FURTHER ACTIVITIES ALBANY MOVEMENT SCHEDULED THIS DATE.

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The Attorney Conoral September 10, 1962 Director, MI - Mr. Belmont - Mr. Rosen - Mr. Malley - Mr. McGowan ALBANY, GEORGIA RACIAL MATTERS - Mr. - Mr. Mohr - Mr. Evans 1 - Mr. Callahan The fellowing additional developments have occurred 1 - Mr in connection with general racial conditions at Albany, Georgia, DeLo and Ficinity: 8 youth meeting of the Albany Movement was held at the Shiloh Baptist Church, Albany, Georgia, on the morning of September 8, 1962. Approximately 30 persons attended. The picketers who were scheduled to appear on September 8, 1962, did not do so. No meetings were held on the evening of September 8, 1962. A parade permit was granted by Albany city efficials to the Albany Movement to honor Jackie Robinson, former baseball player, on his arrival in Albany on September 9, 1962. Mr. Bobinson arrived in Albany accompanied by Reverend Wyatt Tee Walker, Assistant to Reverend Martin Luther King, on September 9, 1962, and was received by a motorcade. Er. Robinson, Reverend Er. Walker and Dr. W. G. Anderson immediately left Albany and visited the ruins of Mount Mary Baptist Church and Mount Olive Baptist Church, Sasser, Georgia, 1.0 1962 The two churches mentioned above were ebserved by sitnesses to be burning between 2:00 A.M. and 3:00 A.M. on MAILED ! The two churches mentioned above were observed by September 9, 1962. Voter registration meetings have been held in the Mount Olive Baptist Church. Both churches were attended by Megrees. Mr. Robinson addressed a meeting of the Albany CEINCO-10120 Movement on the evening of September 9, 1962, at the Kiokee Baptist Church and encouraged those in attendance to figister SEE MENO ROSEN TO BELMONT, ABOVE CAPTION to vote. Callah Malone Sullivan Trotter Gandy 67 SEMPL TOTH 1962 LETYPE UNIT

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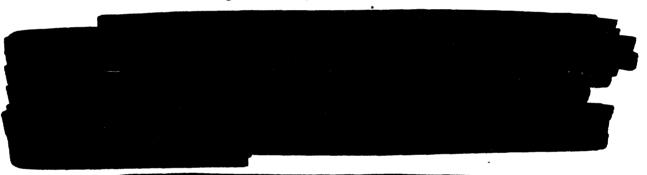
Concerning the burning of the two churches for Megroes, the following information has been received:

The State Fire Marshal, the Chief of Albany Fire Department E. E. Moody, Georgia Bureau of Investigation Agents and personnel of the Terrell County Sheriff's Office proceeded to the two churches and commenced investigations.

Mr. John L. Murphy of the Civil Rights Division was advised of the burning of the churches on September 9, 1962, and he requested a full investigation by this Bureau to determine if the churches were set on fire for the purpose of intimidating Megroes.

This investigation is presently being conducted.

Church officials of Mount Mary Baptist Church believe fire was set because Mount Olive Baptist Church four miles away burned at the same time. No voter registration meetings have been held at Mount Mary Church.



that if the fire at the Bount Mary Baptist Church was set, it was his epinion it was because of racial tension caused by white members of the Student Monviolent Coordinating Committee living with Megroes in Dawson, Georgia. He mentioned that resentment in the community is not due to actual registration of Megro veters.

Mr. E. E. Moody, Albany Fire Chief, and Joe Wheeler, Deputy State Fire Marshal, from examination, have not established the cause of the fire and no evidence of explosives has been found. The Atterney General

The damage to Nount Mary Church has been estimated at \$5,000. The church carried \$2,500 insurance.

Church efficials of Mount Olive Baptist Church, Sasser, Georgia, believe the church was set on fire because of recent veter registration meetings held at the church, but they have no evidence of this belief other than the circumstance of the other fire at Mount Mary Baptist Church.

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advised an official of the church
the insurance has been canceled since August 15, 1962.

comment concerning this church that if it was set en fire, it was due to racial tension caused by white members of the Student Monviolent Coordinating Committee living with Negroes in Dawson, Georgia, and not due to registration of Negro voters in Terrell County.

Mr. E. E. Moedy, Fire Chief, Albany, Georgia, and Mr. Joe Wheeler, Deputy State Fire Marshal also examined the ruins of this church and to date have not determined the cause of the fire. No evidence of explosives has been found.

Information concerning additional developments will be promptly furnished to the Department.

- 1 The Beputy Attorney General
- 1 Mr. Burke Marshall Assistant Attorney General

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT *[emorandum]* DeLoach Mr. Belmont Malone Sullivan DATE: September 7, 1962 ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HERE WIS UNCLASSIFIED Trotter FROM: RACIAL SITUATION SUBJECT: ALBANY, GEORGIA RACIAL MATTERS There was no activity of the Albany Movement on September 6, 1962, in Albany, Georgia. There were no meetings at any of the churches where meetings are usually held by the Albany Movement on the evening of September 6, 1962. Atlanta is furnishing a report on this matter today which will be promptly furnished to the Department. The above matter at Sasser does not particularly pertain to the Albany Situation and hereafter will be treated as a separate matter. ACTION: A memorandum for the Attorney General is attached. 23 SEF 11 1362 1 - Mr. Mohr 1 - Mr. DeLoach 1 - Mr. Evans cag con

September 7, 1962 The Atterney General FEC- 38 - Mr. Belmont Director, Mi 2 - 80 - Mr. Rosen - Mr. Malley Mr. McGowan Mr. ALBANY, GEORGIA Mr. Mohr BACIAL MATTERS Mr. DeLoach - Mr. Evans There were no meetings of the Albany Movement at Albany, Georgia, during the day of September 6, 1962. On the Albany, Georgia, during the day of September 6, 1962. On the evening of September 6, 1962, there were no meetings at any of the churches where meetings are usually held by the Albany September. evening of September 6, 1962, there were no meetings at any to of the churches where meetings are usually held by the Albany Movement. SEP 7-1962 Additional investigation is being conducted concerning the allegations against Information concerning additional developments will be promptly furnished to the Bepartment. Belmont Conrad _ 1 - The Deputy Attorney General DeLoach Evans 1 - Mr. Burke Marshall Malone Assistant Attorney General Sullivan Tavel . SEE MEMO ROSEN TO BELMONT, ABOVE CAPTION & DATE, Trotter cag. Tele. Room

U S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE COMMUNICATIONS SECTION SEP 1 11962

URGENT 9/11/62 12-21PM EST LG TO DIRECTOR, FBI /157-6-2/ FROM SAC, ATLANTA /157-315/ 1P RACIAL SITUATION, ALBANY, GEORGIA, RM.

MEETING OF ALBANY MOVEMENT HELD NIGHT OF SEPTEMBER TEN SIXTYTWO AT MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH. DR. W. G. ANDERSON ADDRESSED MEETING, STATED SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS RECEIVED FROM PERSONS NEW YORK AREA TOWARD REBUILDING MR. OLIVE AND MT. MARY BAPTIST CHURCHES, SASSER, GA., BOTH BURNED SEPTEMBER NINE SIXTYTWO. ENCOURGED CONTINUED CONCENTRATION ON VOTER REGISTRATION. ANDERSON ANNOUNCED MEETING OF ALBANY, MOVEMENT SEPT. ELEVEN SIXTYTWO AT THIRD KICKEE BAPTIST CHURCH FOR PURPOSE OF INSTRUCTING VOTERS CONCERNING CANDIDATES IN STATE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY TO BE HELD SEPTEMBER TWELVE, SIXTYTWO.

NO ARRESTS AND NO INCIDENTS REPORTED. LETTERHEAD FOLLOWS. CIC ADVISED, BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED.

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September 11, 1962 The Attorney General 1 - Mr. Belmont 1 - Mr. Bosen Director, TBI - Mr. Malley 1 - Mr. McGowan 1 - Er. Fehl RACIAL SITUATION ALBANY, GEORGIA BTISITA Hr. Beloach RACIAL MATTERS The following additional information has been developed concerning the general racial situation at Albany, Georgia, and vicinity. A meeting of the Albany Movement was held on B September 10, 1962, at the Mount Zion Baptist Church. Dr. W. G. Anderson, founder of the Albany Movement, addressed the meeting and announced that \$6,000 had been received from & persons in the New York area to help rebuild Mount Olive and Mount Mary Baptist Churches, Sasser, Georgia, which burned on September 9, 1962. Dr. Anderson urged continued voter registration and announced a meeting to be held September 11, 1962, at Kiokee Baptist Church, Albany, for the purpose of instructing voters concerning candidates in the state Democratic primary to be held September 12, 1962. ૡ૾ૺ Additional crime scene searches were made by " FBI Agents at both the Mount Olive and Mount Mary Baptast Churches on September 10, 1962; however, the ruins of both churches were still smoldering and further searches will be made today. Searches of areas where ruins had cooled pff were made and no material was found that was apparently connected with the fires. S Racial sources of our Atlanta Office have not been able to shed any light on the origin of the fires. · Heighbors in the vicinities of both churches have been contacted and no pertinent information has been developed. Additional interviews are being conducted today. REC-10120H ** REC- 60 157-6-2 Our Atlanta Office is maintaining close ligison with state and county officers and with the State Fire] his final decision as to the origin of both firms MOTE: SEE MEMO BOSIEN TO BELLIONY SERE BASE & CAPTION

The Attorney General

Additional information obtained concerning the situation at Albany and vicinity will be promptly furnished to the Department.

- 1 The Deputy Attorney General
- 1 Mr. Burke Marshall Assistant Attorney General

UNITED STATES Memore Sullivan Mr. Belmont 9/8/62 Tavel Tele. Room A. Rosed FROM: RACIAL SITUATION
ALBANY, GEORGIA
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RACIAL SITUATION ALBANY, GEORGIA

advised on September 3, 1962, that meeting of the in connection with U. S. Klans no arrests were made by the Albany Police
Department. While the meeting was in progress, firecrackers were discharged in the Negro section of Albany
by two teen-age white boys. These boys were questioned
by the Albany Police Department and then released. Their identities were not obtained.

A characterization of the U.S. Klans is attached hereto.

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Atlanta, Georgia September 6, 1962

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RACIAL SITUATION ALBANY, GEORGIA

Character

RACIAL MATTERS

Reference

Letterhead memorandum dæd September 6, 1962, at Atlanta, Georgia

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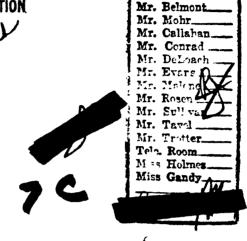
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FROM DIRECTOR FBI

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SITUATION AND BURNING OF MOUNT OLIVE AND MOUNT MARY BAPTIST CHURCHES AT SASSER DO. NOT INTERFERE WITH ATTEMPTS BY MEGROES OR OTHER PERSONS TO VOTE IN THE STATE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY TODAY. NO INTERVIEWS ARE TO BE CONDUCTED HEAR POLLING PLACES.

NOTE:

The Democratic State Primary is being held in Georgia today and our Atlanta Office is conducting extensive investigation in connection with the burning of 2 churches near Sasser, Georgia. It is believed this teletype needed to insure no emparrassment results to the Bureau due to interviews being conducted during the polling.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

To: Mr. Belmont

DATE: 9/10/62

FROM: A. ROSEN

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SUBject: RACIAL SITUATION DATE

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RACIAL MATTERS -

A youth meeting of the Albany Movement was held at the Shiloh Baptist Church, Albany, Georgia, on the morning of 9/8/62. Approximately 30 persons attended. The picketers who were scheduled to appear on 9/8/62 did not do so. No meetings were held on the evening of 9/8/62.

A parade permit was granted by Albany city officials to the Albany Movement to honor Jackie Tkobinson, former baseball player, on his arrival in Albany on 9/9/62.

Robinson arrived in Albany, accompanied by Reverend Wyatt Tee Walker, Assistant to Reverend Martin Luther King, on 9/9/62 and was received by a motorcade. Robinson, Reverend Mr. Walker and Dr. W. G. Anderson immediately left Albany and visited the ruins of Mount Mary Baptist Church and Mount Olive Baptist Church, Sasser, Georgia, after which they returned to Albany.

The two churches mentioned above were observed by witnesses to be burning between 2:00 A.M. and 3:00 A.M. on 9/9/62. Voter registration meetings have been held in the Mount Olive Baptist Church. Both churches were attended by Negroes.

Jackie Robinson addressed a meeting of the Albany Movement on the evening of 9/9/62 at the Kiokee Baptist Church and encouraged those in attendance to register to vote.

Concerning the burning of the two churches for Negroes, the following information has been received:

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REC-52 /5-/-6-3 The State Fire Marshal, the Chief of Albany Fire Department E. E. Moody, Georgia Bureau of Investigation Agents and personnel of the Terrell County Sheriff's Office proceeded to the two churches and commenced investigations.

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont RE: RACIAL SITUATION, ALBANY, GEORGIA

The Civil Rights Division of the Department was advised on 9/9/62 and Mr. John Murphy requested a full investigation by the Bureau to determine if these fires were for the purpose of intimidating Negroes.

SAC James McMahon, Atlanta, was instructed to proceed personally to the scene to take personal charge of the investigation. SAC McMahon was told to answer press inquiries that we were investigating at the request of the Department of Justice to determine whether there was a violation within our jurisdiction.

MOUNT MARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Church officials of Mount Mary Baptist Church believe fire was set because Mount Olive Baptist Church four miles away burned at the same time. No voter registration meetings have been held at Mount Mary Church.

has advised that if fire was set, it was his opinion it was because of racial tension caused by white members of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) living with Negroes in Dawson, Georgia. He mentioned that resentment in the community is not due to actual registration of Negro voters.

E. E. Moody, Albany Fire Chief and Joe Wheeler, Deputy State Fire Marshal, from examination, have not established the cause of the fire and no evidence of explosives has been found.

The damage to Mount Mary has been estimated at \$5,000. The church carried \$2,500 insurance.

MOUNT OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Church officials of Mount Olive Baptist Church, Sasser, Georgia, believe the church was set on fire because of recent voter registration meetings held at the church, but they have no evidence of this belief other than the circumstance of the other fire at Mount Mary Baptist Church.

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The church was valued at \$15,000 and is insured for \$8,000.

Cotton States Mutual Insurance Company,
Dawson, advised an official of the church the insurance has been
canceled since 8/15/62.

made the same comment concerning this church that if it was set on fire, it was due to racial tension caused by white members of SNCC living with Negroes in Dawson, Georgia, and not due to registration of Negro voters in Terrell County.

E. E. Moody, Fire Chief, Albany, Georgia, and Joe Wheeler, Deputy State Fire Marshal also examined the ruins of this church and to date have not determined the cause of the fire. No evidence of explosives has been found.

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Memorandum for the Attorney General is attached.

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UNITED STATES *1emorandum* Mr. Belmon Woo TO DATE: September 10, 1962 A. RoseR 7C 7124 7 FROM: SUBJECT: RACIAL SITUATION ALBANY, GEORGIA 1.7111111 RACIAL MATTERS -In connection with the preparation of a daily memorandum in instant matter and a memorandum for the Attorney General, the Director has inquired concerning the memorandum prepared on 9/10/62, "The memo to A. G. re burning of churches and attack upon our Agent I have not received. This should have been on my desk at 9 A.M. Why the delay?" This matter is assigned to Special Agent in the Civil Rights Section of the General Investigative Division. SA reviewed pertinent serials on Sunday, 9/9/62, and made arrangements for a stenographer to report to work on Monday morning, 9/10/62, at 7:00 A,M. SA reported for work at 5:55 A.M. and reviewed additional pertinent teletypes and memoranda which were incorporated into a memorandum from Mr. Rosen to Mr. Belmont. The memorandum for the Attorney General was immediately thereafter prepared and was sent forward just short of 9:00 this morning. Extreme care will be taken in the future that there is no delay in the preparation of memoranda in this matter. REC- 16 15 SEP 13 1909 (6)

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A meeting of the Albany Movement was held on the evening of 9/11/62, at the Kiokee Baptist Church, Albany, Georgia. Approximately 1000 persons attended.

Dr. W. G. Anderson, founder of the libany Movement, instructed persons attending on the proper method to mark the ballot when voting in the state Democratic primary which will be held today 9/12/62.

Negro churches will be open today at 7:00 A. M. and a representative will be present to assist voters with the problem of getting to the polls and proper voting procedure.

The candidates themselves were not discussed other than the gubernatorial race in which Marvin Griffin was not endorsed.

Crime scene searches of Mount Olive Baptist and Mount Mary Baptist Churches, which burned on 9/9/62, have been completed. No obvious combustible material was found among the ruins of either church. Samples of debris together with samples of burned tin cans, wood and fabric are being submitted to the FBI Laboratory for examination.

The arson investigator of the State Fire Marshal has examined ruins of both churches and he advised he found no physical evidence of arson. He stated the fires were started from undetermined sources.

A five mile radius neighborhood investigation in the rural area of Mount Mary Baptist Church was conducted with no pertinent information being developed.

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Zeke T. Mathews, Sheriff, Terrell County and
Georgia Bureau of Investigation, are
conducting investigation of burning of both churches.
W. T. Adams, Town Marshal of Sasser, Georgia, is investigating
burning of Mount Olive Church which is in the town of Sasser.

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have advanced the theory that members of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) may have burned churches in order to gain public sympathy and monetary donations. They have no evidence to support this theory. They stated, however, racial tension is not due to voter registration but to white members of SNCC residing in Negro homes.

Neighborhood investigations are being expanded and close contact is being maintained with logical informants, sources and local authorities. The possibility of substantial monetary reward for information is being discussed with informants and other logical sources.

Vigorous all out efforts are being made to identify subjects as soon as possible.

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advised a meeting of the Albany Movement was held at the Third Kiokee Baptist Church, Albany, during the evening of September 7, 1962. This meeting was addressed by Dr. W. G. ANDERSON.

ANDERSON announced that JACKIE ROBINSON, former major league baseball star, would arrive in Albany during the afternoon of September 9, 1962, and requested as large a crowd as possible meet ROBINSON upon his arrival in Albany. According to ANDERSON, ROBINSON would address the Albany Movement at 4:00 p.m., September 9, 1962, in the Third Kiokee Church.

ANDERSON also encouraged more stringent boycott by participants of the Albany Movement of white Albany merchants. He requested that volunteers meet at 9:00 a.m., September 8, 1962, at the Shiloh Baptist Church, Albany, for the purpose of picketing stores in downtown Albany, on September 8, 1962.

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RACIAL SITUATION ALBANY, GEORGIA

advised on September 9, 1962, that JACKIE ROBINSON, former baseball star, arrived in Albary at 2:30 p.m., September 9, 1962, accompanied by WYATT TEE WALKER, Administrative Assistant to Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

ROBINSON, WALKER, and Dr. W. G. ANDERSON proceeded to Sasser, Georgia, where they visited the ruins of the Mt. Mary Baptist Church and the Mt. Olive Baptist Church.

ROBINSON then addressed a voter registration meeting held at the Third Kiokee Baptist Church, Albany, which meeting concluded at 6:30 p.m. ROBINSON encouraged participation in voter registration.

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Atlanta, Georgia September 11, 1962

RACIAL SITUATION, ALBANY, GEORGIA

advised that a meeting of the Albany Movement was held on the evening of September 10, 1962, at the Mount Zion Baptist Church, Albany, Georgia. Dr. W. G. ANDERSON, President of the Albany Movement, addressed the meeting. He stated that \$6,000.00 had been received from persons in the New York area, which money was to be used for the rebuilding of the Mount Olive and Mount Mary Baptist Churches, Sasser, Georgia, which churches burned on September 9, 1962. Dr. ANDERSON also encouraged continued concentration on voter registration.

Dr. ANDERSON announced at the meeting that another meeting of the Albany Movement was scheduled for September 11, 1962, at the Third Kiokee Baptist Church in Albany, Georgia, for the purpose of instructing voters concerning candidates in the State Democratic Primary to be held September 12, 1962.

of the 112th CIC Detachment, Fort McPherson, Georgia, was advised of this; information.

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The Attorney General September 1 - Mr. Belmont - Mr. Rosen Director, FBI - Mr. Malley - Mr. McGowan - Mr. RACIAL BITUATION - Mr. Mohr ALBANY, GEORGIA 1 - Mr. Evans - ATLANTA 1 - Mr. DeLoach RACIAL MATTERS The following additional developments have occurred in regard to the general racial situation at Albany, Georgia, and vicinity. A meeting of the Albany Movement was held at the Riokee Baptist Church, Albany, Georgia, en September 117 1962. Approximately 1000 persons attended. Br. W. C. Anderson, founder of the Albany Movement, instructed persons attending on the proper method to mark the ballot when voting in the state Democratic primary to be held today September 12, 1962. The candidates themselves were not discussed except that Marvin Griffin, gubernatorial candidate, has not endorsed. Grime scene searches of Bount Mary Baptis Cand ... Mount Olive Baptist Churches, Easser, Georgia, which burned on September 9, 1962, have been completed. No obvious combustible material was found among the ruins. Samples of debris from both churches are being subsitted to the Federal EP 12 1952 COMMEDIA Bureau of Investigation Laboratory for examination. The office of the State Fire Harshal has examined the ruins of both churches and has advised that it found no physical evidence of arson. SEP physical evidence of arson. A neighborhood investigation within a five wild 1962 radius of the rural Mount Mary Church was conducted and no pertinent information was developed. A meighborhood investigation within a ene-half mile radius of the urban ... Kell Mount Olive Church was conducted and no pertinent information was developed. Meighborhood investigations and being expanded today. expanded today.

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Vigorous efforts are being made to identify subjects as soon as possible.

Additional information concerning the Albany situation will be promptly furnished to the Department as it is received.

- 1 The Deputy Attorney General
- 1 Mr. Burke Marshall Assistant Attorney General

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Mr. Mohr **September 13, 19**62 The Attorney General 1 - Mr. Evans 1 - Mr. DeLoach Director, TM LBANY, GEORGIA PACIAL MATTERS - a +/auta The investigation at Albany, Georgia, involving the ratial situation discloses that the activity of the Albany Movement on September 12, 1962, was confined to assisting Negro voters with transportation to the polls from churches for the purpose of voting in the state Democratic primary. There were no incidents or arrests in the Albany area citributable to racial conditions. Our investigation continues to be directed to the development of any information pertaining to the burning of the Mount Olive Baptist Church and the Mount Mary Baptist Church in Sasser, Terrell County, Georgia. The churches were destroyed by fire on September 9, 1962. It is noted that the Governor of Georgia, S. Ernest Vandiver, has publicly announced a reward of \$250 for pertinent information leading to the identification of the person responsible for the church burnings. Numerous interviews of all persons who could & Slogically be in a position to furnish information concerning athis matter are continuing. The investigation is being vigorously pursued and the Department will be promptly advised of developments. MAILED 25 1 - The Deputy Attorney General SEP 1 3 1962 bomME. Butte Marshall !! .?! Assistant Attorney General EX-116 F.B.I. SEE MEMO ROSEN TO BELMONT, ABOVE (12)CAPTION, 9/13/62, MAIL ROOM TELETYPE UNIT 67 SÉP 14 1962'

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September 14, 1952 The Attorney General 1 - Mr. Belmont - Mr. Rosen 1 - Mr. Malley Director, FBI 1 - Mr. McGowan 1 - Mr. Fehl Tractal Struation 1 - Mr. Maleany, Georgia 1 - Mr. Mohr GRACIAL MATTERS 1 - Mr. DeLoach There was no activity on the part of the Albany Movement at Albany, Georgia, on September 13, 1962. There were no arrests or incidents stemming from the racial situation at Albany. Dr. W. G. Anderson, President of the Albany Movement, advised that Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., is due to arrive in Albany, Georgia, today, September 14, 1962, to conduct a prayer vigil in the early evening of september 14, 1982, at the site of the burned Mount Utive Church, basser, Georgia. Reverend Mr. King will thereafter attend a meeting of the Albam Mövement scheduled for September 14, 1982, Logical leads in connection with the burning of the two churches, Mount Mary Esptist and Mount Olive Paptist Churches in Terrell County, are being pursued and interviews with persons who may be able to supply pertinent information are being conducted. 141962 Contact is being maintained with local authorities and sources Ithis Bureau are actively engaged in attempting to obtain information oncerning the fires. The Department will be promptly advised of developments. The Deputy Attorney General Mr. Burke Marshall Assistant Attorney General EX-1103 PM 7 SERVE SEE MEMO ROSEN TO RELMONT DATED 9/14/62, BAME CAPTION, ers. 3/94AIL ROOM TELETYPE UNIT

September 15, 1962 - Mr. Belmont 1 - Mr. Rosen Director, FBI 1 - Mr. Malley 1 - Mr. McGowan RACIAL STIUATION 1 - Mr. Fehl ALBANY, GEORGIA - Mr. 1 O RACIAL MATIERS - Mr. Mohr 1 - Mr. DeLoach 1 - Mr. Evans The following additional developments have occurred in 1 - Mr. Sulliva connection with the racial situation at Albany, Georgia, and vicinity. On the evening of September 14, 1962, a meeting was held at the site of the Mount Olive Baptist Church, Sasser, Georgia, which Reverend Mr. King announced that Governor Nelson A.

Rockefeller of New York offered to pay one third of the reconstruction and the Mount Olive Paptist Church, the Mount Mary Esptist Church and the shady Grove Esptist Church, which last church burned on Aspect 15, 1962. In lieu of this, he offered to pay the total cost of rebuilding any one church. was burned on September 9, 1962. Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., King to each of the pastors of each of the above churches drawn on the account of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. **\$1962** A meeting of the Albany Movement was fall stitute evening of September 14, 1962, at the Beulah Reptist Church, Albany, and Reverend Mr. King arged the approximately 75 persons attending to committe efforts to integrate schools and churches. He announced a \$5,000 gift from Governor Rockefeller to rebuild Mount Give Espitist and Mount Mary Espitist Churches.

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The Attorney General

The candidacy of Mr. Elater King, who has been active in the Albany Movement, for a position on the City Commission of Albany, was urged by Reverend Mr. King.

A news release on September 14, 1962, indicated that 65 ministers from Hartford, Connecticut, are planning to visit Albany, Georgia, on October 25, 1962, to aid integration efforts at the request of Reverend Mr. King.

A mass meeting of Albany Movement is scheduled for Monday, September 17, 1962, at the Friendship Esptist Church, Albany.

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A slug was subsequently recovered from the macadam road were the incident occurred and it has been determined by our laboratory that this slug is a . 38 caliber lead revolver-type bullet. It is so mutilated and deformed, however, that it is impossible to make any determination as to the manufacturer, and there are no rifling impressions present for a ballistic comparison.

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The Attorney General

Interviews with numerous persons in the Albany, Georgia, area are being conducted concerning the shooting which occurred into the residence of the Mount September 5, 1962, and in connection with the burning of the Mount Olive Baptist and Mount Mary Baptist Churches, Sasser, Georgia.

These matters are continuing to receive vigorous investigative attention.

- 1 The Deputy Attorney General
- 1 Mr. Burke Marshall Assistant Attorney General
- 1 Mr. J. Walter Yeagley
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FBI Date: 9/12/62 AIRMAIL AIRTEL Transmit the following in (Type in plain text or code) (Priority or Method of Mailing) DIRECTOR, FBI (157-6-2) TO SAC, ATLANTA (157-315) FROM RACIAL SITUATION SUBJECT ALBANY, GA. O RACIAL MATTERS Enclosed are eight copies of a letterhead memo suitable for dissemination. Information in attached letterhead memo was furnished to SA 3 Bureau (Encls 1 - Atlanta mel Angular C 2, CM, CE 13 SEP 13 1962 Approved: Special Agent in Charge



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Atlanta, Georgia September 12, 1962

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advised that a meeting of the Albany Movement was held on the evening of September 11, 1962, at the Third Kiokee Baptist Church. Approximately one thousand persons attended the meeting.

Dr. W. G. ANDERSON, President of the Albany Movement, addressed the meeting, and he instructed persons attending concerning the proper way to mark a ballot when voting in the State Democratic Election on September 12, 1962. He advised them that Negro churches will be open at 7:00 a.m. on September 12, and a representative will be present to assist voters with the problem of getting to polls and the proper voting procedure.

Although candidates in general were not discussed at the meeting, a discussion was had concerning the gubernatorial race, and candidate MARVIN GRIFFIN was not endorsed by the Albany Movement.

The 111th CIC Detachment, Fort McPherson, Georgia, was advised of the foregoing.

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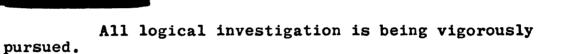
UNITED STATES GO · Memoranaum DATE: 9-13-62 TO Trotter FROM: SUBJECT: RACIAL SITUATION ALBANY, GEORGIA RACIAL MATTERS - / The activity of the Albany Movement on 9-12-62 was confined to assisting Negro voters with transportation to the polls to vote in the state Democratic primary. There were no incidents and no arrests made on 9-12-62, as a result of racial difficulties. Enclosure 1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. Evans 1 - Mr. DeLoach

Memorandum to Mr. Belmont

Governor S. Ernest Vandiver of Georgia has publicly offered a reward of \$250 for pertinent information leading to identification of person responsible for the fires at the churches.

Interviews with all logical residents in vicinities of both churches have been completed. Reinterviews with some of these persons will be conducted where it is felt they might logically be expected to have information but have failed to furnish any positive information to date.

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A memorandum for the Attorney General is

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The Attorney General September 17, 1962 1 - Mr. Belmont 1 - Mr. Rosen Director, TM 1 - Mr. Malley 1 - Mr. McGowan 1 - Mr. Fehl RACIAL SITUATION ALBANY, GEORGIA - Mr. Mohr 1 - Mr. DeLoach 1 - Mr. Evans There was no pertinent activity in Albany, Georgia, on September 15 or 16, 1962, and no arrests occurred. The Sheriff's Office, Valdosta, Georgia, has advised that on September 15, 1962, it was reported that on September 14, 1962, an attempt was made to burn the Payton African Methodist Episcopal Church, Lowndes County, Georgia. A window was broken and a bottle believed to have contained an inflammable liquid was placed on the floor. The floor and a bench were scorched. Damage is estimated at two dollars. $\Box 1 \stackrel{!}{\Rightarrow}$ R was also reported to the Sheriff's Office at Valdosta on September 16, 1962, that an attempt was made to burn the Church de Christ, a Negro church in Lowndes County. This occurred between 3 September 9 and September 16. A windowpane was broken and soft ? drink bottles were found inside the church which it is believed contained an inflammable liquid. Damage was estimated at less than ten dollars. The churches in Lowndes County are approximately one 1962 hundred miles from Albany, Georgia. The Sheriff's Office states there COMM-FB SEP 17 have been no voter registration meetings and there has been no racial tension. The Sheriff has effered a reward of two hundred and fifty dollars. We have offered the cooperative facilities of the Bureau to local authorities in regard to the attempted church burnings in Lowndes County

and material from the churches is being forwarded to Washington, D. C., for laboratory examination,

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These littempted church burnings are being considered in Riv connection with the previous church burnings which have occurred in Lee Counties, Georgia. 830 Tolson Belmont Callaha mrp:ige TP SEP CAPTION E /17/62, mrp DeLoach (14)Malane **REC-60** Sullivan Trotter Tele. Room MAIL ROOM TELETYPE UNIT

The Attorney General

Information has been received that a Negro church burned early this morning in Terrell County, Georgia. This church is the I Hope Baptist Church. It is located approximately three miles north of Dawson, Georgia.

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The fire occurred sometime after 12:30 a.m., September 17, 1962, and was reported to the Dawson Fire Department at 1:12 a.m. The fire department did not respond because the church is located outside the city limits.

at \$5,000 and was insured for \$2,000. The building was of frame construction and more than 75 years old. It was completely destroyed by the fire.

we have been informed that no voter registration meetings or political meetings have been held at the church. Tesides in Albany, Georgia.

We have instituted a full investigation into this matter and the Department will be advised of pertinent developments.

- 1 The Deputy Attorney General
- 1 Mr. Burke Marshall Assistant Attorney General

UNITED STATES GOVERN emorandum De Loach Malone Mr. Belmont 9/11/62 Trotter FROM A. Rosen BYSPIMMEGEC SUBJECT: RACIAL SITUATION ALBANY, GEORGIA RACIAL MATTERS - ATI-A meeting of the Albany Movement was held on the evening of 9/10/62, at the Mount Zion Baptist Church, Albany, Georgia. Dr. W. G. Anderson, founder of the Albany Movement, addressed the meeting and announced that \$6,000 had been received from persons in the New York area for the rebuilding of Mount Olive and Mount Mary Baptist Churches, Sasser, Georgia, which burned on 9/9/62. Dr. Anderson encouraged continued voter registration and announced a meeting for 9/11/62, at Kiokee Baptist Church to instruct voters concerning candidates in the state Democratic primary scheduled to be held 9/12/62. There were no arrests or incidents at Albany on 9/10/62, stemming from the racial situation. Additional crime scene searches were conducted 9/10/62, by Agents at the Mount Olive and Mount Mary Baptist Churches, Sasser, Georgia; however, the ruins were still smouldering and further crime scene searches will be conducted today. To date, no evidence for the reason for the fires has been located. Cor Cor Racial informants have been contacted concerning the burning of both churches and they were unable to furnish any information of value. information of value. Neighbors in vicinity of both churches have been contacted and they could furnish no information as to origin of fires, nor had anyone seen anyone around the churches. Additional persons being interviewed today. Close liaison is being maintained with county and state officers and State Fire Marshal.

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont

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Three witnesses to the assault have been interviewed and report is being forwarded to Bureau today.

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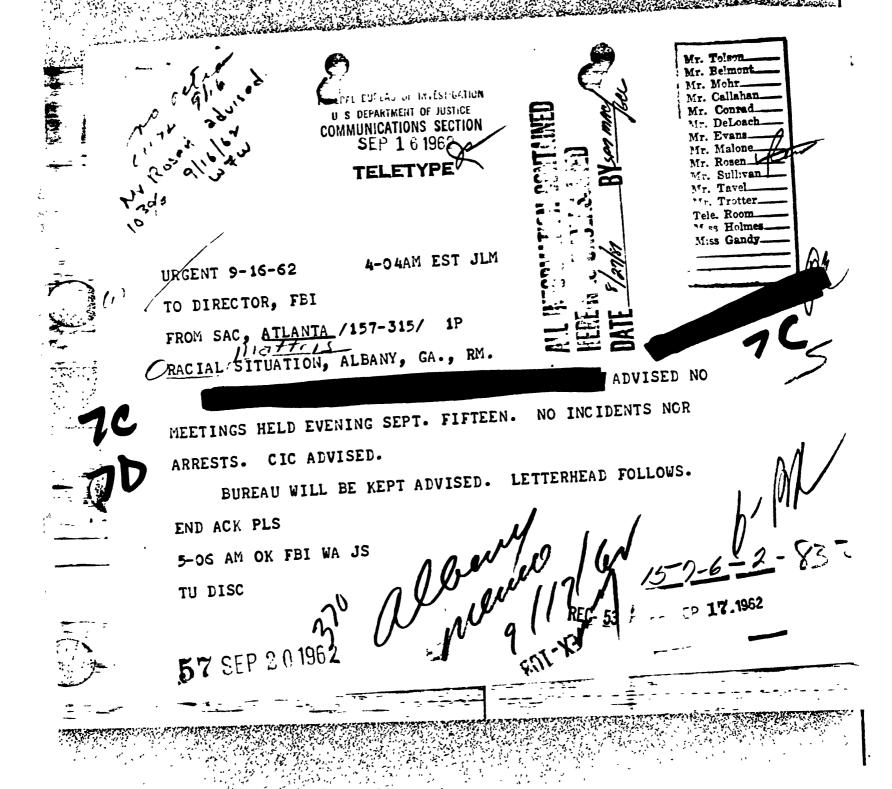
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Memorandum for Mr. Belmont RE: RACIAL SITUATION

President Kennedy at his press conference yesterday assailed
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President Kennedy at his press conference yesterday assailed "cowardly as well as outrageous" recent violence against Southern Negroes. Referring to the burning of two Negro churches in Georgia, the President told his news conference, "I don't know any more outrageous action which I have seen occur in this country for a good many months or years."

He also called deplorable a recent shooting in Mississippi of two young people "involved in an effort to register people" to vote.

The local news article indicates President Kennedy said FBI Agents are investigating the incidents and "as soon as we are able to find out who did it, we will arrest them and bring them before a jury and I am sure that they will be appropriately dealt with."

In connection with the shooting in Mississippi, it should be noted that on 9/10/62 shots were fired into three homes in Ruleville, Mississippi. In one of these shootings, two young women suffered minor wounds. Vigorous investigation is being conducted.

The local news article also indicates the President said he was in contact with Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., and others.

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A memorandum for the Attorney General is attached.

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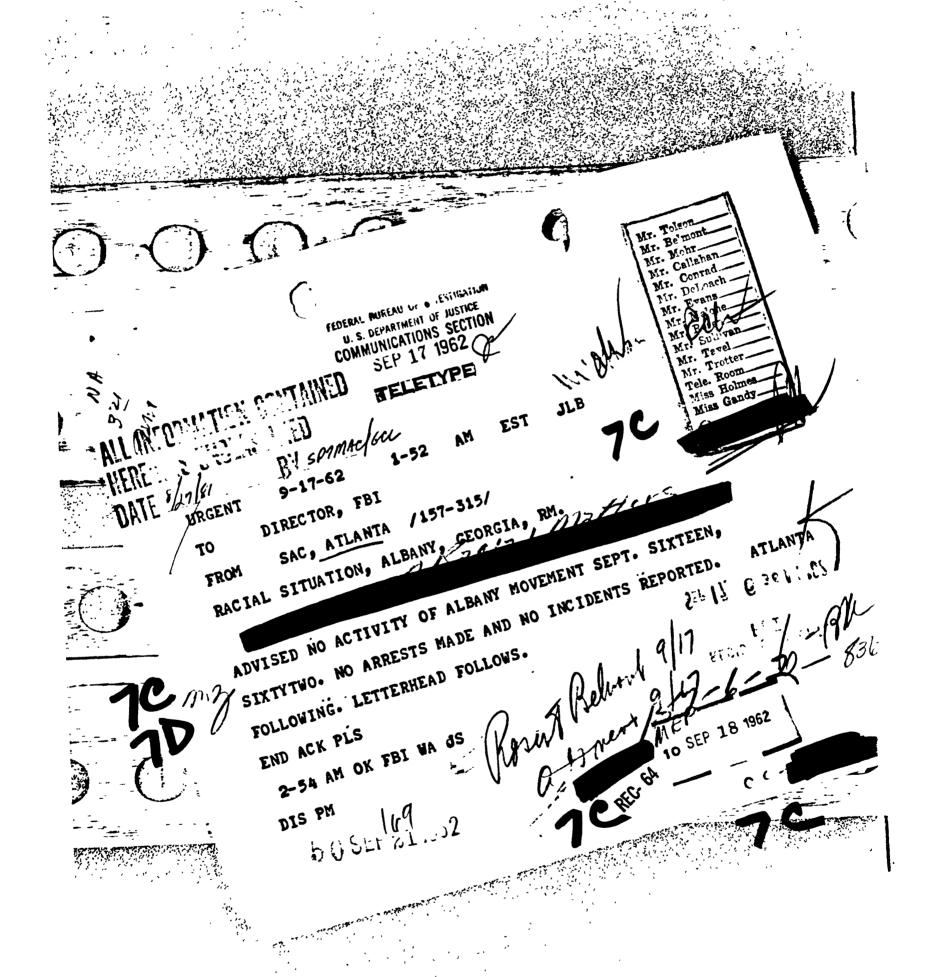
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advised on September 12, 1962, that the only activity of the Albany Movement on September 12, 1962, was assisting Negro voters with transportation to the polls from Negro churches in the area. There were no arrests or incidents.

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September 18, 1962 The Attorney General 1 - Mr. Belmont 1 - Mr. Rosen Director, FBI 1 - Mr. Malley 1 - Mr. McGowan - Mr. Fehl RACIAL SITUATION - Mr. ALBANY, GEORGIA - Mr. Mohr CRACIAL MATTERS - ATTAINTS - Mr. DeLoach 1 - Mr. Evans No racial incidents or arrests were reported in Albany, Georgia, yesterday. A mass meeting of the Albany Movement was held last hight at the Friendship Baptist Church. The meeting reportedly was addressed by Dr. W. G. Anderson who encouraged in the Negross to continue their boycott of Albany merchants. Dr. Anderson also advocated increased registration of Negroes for votings An announcement was made of an Albany Movement meeting to be held on the night of September 18, 1962, at the site of a burned church in Sasser, Georgia. The church was not further identified but it is noted that we are investigating the burning of the Mount Olive Baptist Church which was destroyed by fire at Sasser on September 9, 1962. This was in reference to whate members of the Student Monviolent Coordinating Committee who have been in the area to encourage Negroes to register for who have been in the area to encourage aggrees to registry voting and who have stayed in Negro homes. SEP 18 Assistant Attorney General Burke Marshall advised that there was no basis for Federal prosecution in the above case. The facts were therefore made available to Joe M. Ray, Roll Solicitor General, Papaula Circuit, Cithbert, Georgia. SEE MEMO ROSEN TO BELMONT, ABOVE, CAPTION, 9,18-62, mrp. Tavel THE CERTIFICATION TO SELECTIVE UNIT

The Attorney General

The Sheriff's Office, Walton County, Georgia, has advised that the Good Hope Baptist Church, Good Hope, Georgia, burned at approximately 12:50 A.M., September 16, 1962. This was a Negro church.

that the fire resulted from old wiring which may have been frayed by squirrels. It is believed that there was a nest of squirrels near the roof of the church.

The church has been described as being of pine construction, more than one hundred years old and tinder-dry. It is located approximately one hundred and sixty miles from Albany, Georgia.

residents in the vicinity of the church who were awake at the time that they did not observe anyone in the vicinity of the church or hear any vehicles prior to the fire.

that the wiring needed renewing badly and he had no reason to believe the fire resulted from anything ether than accidental causes.

There reportedly have been no voter registration meetings at the church. Tracial harmony exists in the area and that Negroes have no difficulty in voting in Walton County.

Since the facts do not indicate arson we have not instituted active investigation of the Good Hope Baptist Church burning. We have offered our cooperative facilities to the Sheriff and we are following the situation closely for any information of interest.

The Department will be promptly advised of further developments.

- 1 The Deputy Attorney General
- 1 Mr. Burke Marshall Assistant Attorney General

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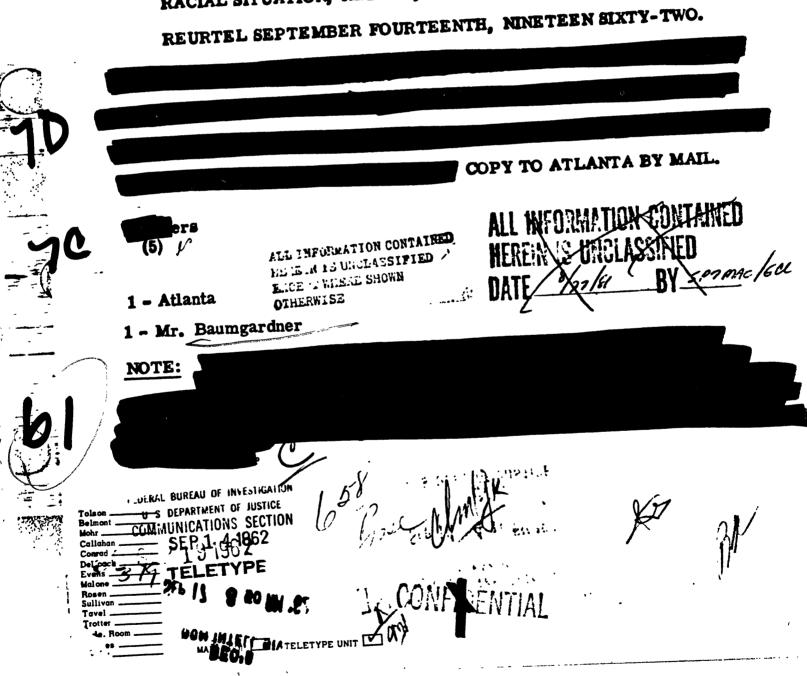
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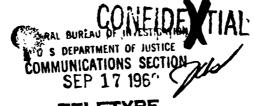
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UNITED STATES GOVERY MemorandumMr. Belmon DATE: 9-17-62 TO FROM SUBJECT: ALBANY, GEORGIA RACIAL NATTERS -There were no meetings of the Albany Movement on 9-15-62, or on 9-16-62. No incidents were reported and no arrests were made. With regard to the burnings of the Mount Mary Baptist Church, Terrell County, Georgia, and the Mount Olive Baptist Church, Sasser, Georgia, and the shooting into house of The debris from the church burnings has been examined by the FBI Laboratory and no evidence was found of any liquid accelerant.. Surrounding offices are checking out their potential bombing suspects for possible involvement into church burnings or shootings. Informants have been sent into the area and full investigation is being expedited to check out all suspects who have been developed and to develop additional suspects. DAMAGE TO CHURCHES, VALDOSTA, GEORGIA:
On 9-16-62, the Sheriff's Office, Valdosta, Georgia, advised that an attempt was made to burn the Payton African Methodist Episcopal Church, Lowndes County, Georgia, on 9-14-62 A small windowpane had been broken and inside the window was found a soft drink bottle which the Sheriff's Office Senciosure 2009-17-62 (57-6-) - QUE - Mr. Mohr - Mr. DeLoach

Memorandum for Mr. Belmont

through the window but was placed on the floor and heat from the fire was believed to have broken the bottle. Damage to the church consisted of a one foot square scorched area on the floor and one bench was also scorched. Damage was estimated at \$2. This is approximately 100 miles from Albany, Georgia. No voter registration meetings have been held in the county states that a spirit of harmony exists between the races. The Sheriff's Office offered a \$250 reward. The soft drink bottle and samples from the floor are being submitted to the laboratory. We have offered cooperative facilities to local authorities.

The Sheriff's Office, Valdosta, Georgia, advised on 9/16/62, that an attempt had been made to burn the Church of Christ, Negro church, Lowndes County, Georgia, which is located approximately seven miles from the Payton African Methodist Episcopal Church. Services are held only on Sundays and the attempt could have occurred at any time since 9/9/62. A window pane was broken and soft drink bottles believed to have contained inflammable liquid were left on the sill and on the floor. Damage amounted to less than \$10. The soft drink bottles and debris are being forwarded to the laboratory. This attempted burning is also being considered with our investigation of the church burnings near Albany, Georgia. We have again offered the cooperative facilities of the Bureau to local authorities.

BURNING OF I HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH, TERRELL COUNTY, GEORGIA, 9/17/62:

A Negro church was burned early on the worning of 9/17/62, in Terrell County, Georgia. This is the Y Hope Baptist Church, located three miles north of Dawson, Georgia.

The fire occurred sometime after 12:30 a.m. and was reported to the Dawson Fire Department at 1:12 a.m. The fire department did not respond to the call because the church is located outside the city limits of Dawson. The church was a frame building over 75 years old and was completely destroyed for the church placed the value of the church at \$5000 and said that \$2000 insurance was carried.

Agents arrived on the scene at 2:15 a.m. and found a fruit jar containing an unknown liquid which smells as though it is volatile.

Memorandum for Mr. Belmont

At 3:20 a.m. the Agents observed a car containing four white men drive past the church. The Agents pursued the car and stopped it for the purpose of identifying the occupants.

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Baptist Church, advised that there have been no voter registration meetings held at the church nor have any type of political meetings been held there.

There was no thunderstorm in the area last night but a heavy rainstorm did occur at 5:20 a.m.

Sheriff Z. Thathews, and Deputy Sheriff Manse Mathews of Terrell County were on the scene conducting investigation.

An extensive crime-scene search is underway although the ruins themselves are not cool enough to permit searching for sometime.

Memorandum for Mr. Belmont

ACTION:

(1) Full investigation has been instituted in connection with the burning of the I Hope Baptist Church, a complete neighborhood investigation is being conducted, referred to above are being brought in for questioning, appropriate material will be forwarded to the FBI laboratory, and all leads will be vigorously pursued.

(2) Attached is a memorandum for the Attorney General advising him of the incidents in Valdosta, Georgia, and of the destruction of the I Hope Baptist Church and informing him that investigation is being conducted by this Bureau.

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Memorandum for Mr. Belmont RE: RACIAL SITUATION

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A memorandum for the Attorney General is attached.

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The Department filed suit on 8/13/62 for a temporary restraining order and permanent injunction against and others to enjoin them from disrupting Negro voter registration meetings or otherwise intimidating persons for the purpose of interfering with the right of Negroes in Terrell County to register to vote. The temporary restraining order was denied and the petition for a permanent injunction has not been heard.

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On the evening of 9/14/62 a meeting was held at the site of the Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Sasser, Georgia, which was burned on 9/9/62. Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., addressed the meeting of approximately 75 persons.

Reverend Mr. King announced that Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller offered to pay one-third of Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Mt. Mary Baptist Church, both Sasser, Georgia, and the Shady Grove Baptist Church, Lee County, Georgia, which burned on 8/15/62, or to pay total cost of rebuilding any one church.

Reverend Mr. King presented check for \$1000 to each of the pastors of the above churches drawn on the account of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) at the First State Bank, Albany, Georgia.

A meeting of the Albany Movement was held on the evening of 9/14/62 at the Beulah Baptist Church, Albany, and Reverend Mr. King urged the approximately 75 persons attending to continue efforts to integrate schools and churches. He announced a \$5,000 gift from Governor Rockefeller to rebuild Mt. Olive Baptist and Mt. Mary Baptist Churches.

Reverend Mr. King also encouraged the support of Slater King, a Negro, as a candidate for City Commissioner of Albany.

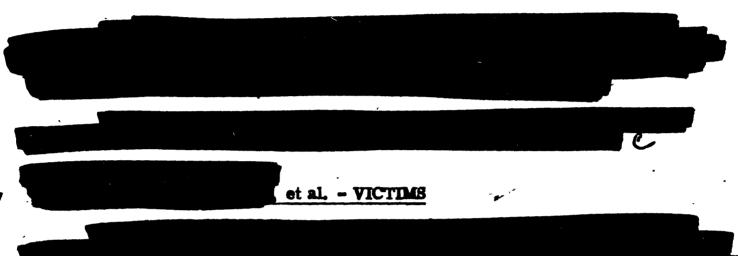
A news release 9/14/62 indicates that 65 ministers from Hartford, Connecticut, are planning to visit Albany, Georgia, on 10/25/62 to aid integration efforts at the request of Reverend Mr. King.

A mass meeting of Albany Movement is scheduled for Monday, 9/17/62, at the Friendship Baptist Church, Albany.





Memorandum for Mr. Belmont RE: RACIAL SITUATION



Agents subsequently recovered a slug from the macadam road where the incident occurred. The slug was examined by the FBI Laborabry and it is a .38 caliber lead revolver type bullet; however, it is so mutilated and deformed its manufacturer cannot be determined and there are no rifling impressions present for ballistic comparison.

SHOOTING INTO HOUSE OF BAWSON, GEORGIA, 9/5/62
BURNING OF MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH AND MT. MARY BAPTIST CHURCH SASSER, GEORGIA, 9/9/62

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Twenty-seven persons, all civilian employees at the Marine Corps Supply Center, Albany, Georgia, have been interviewed concerning the shooting into the house of and the burning of the churches and they could furnish no pertinent information.



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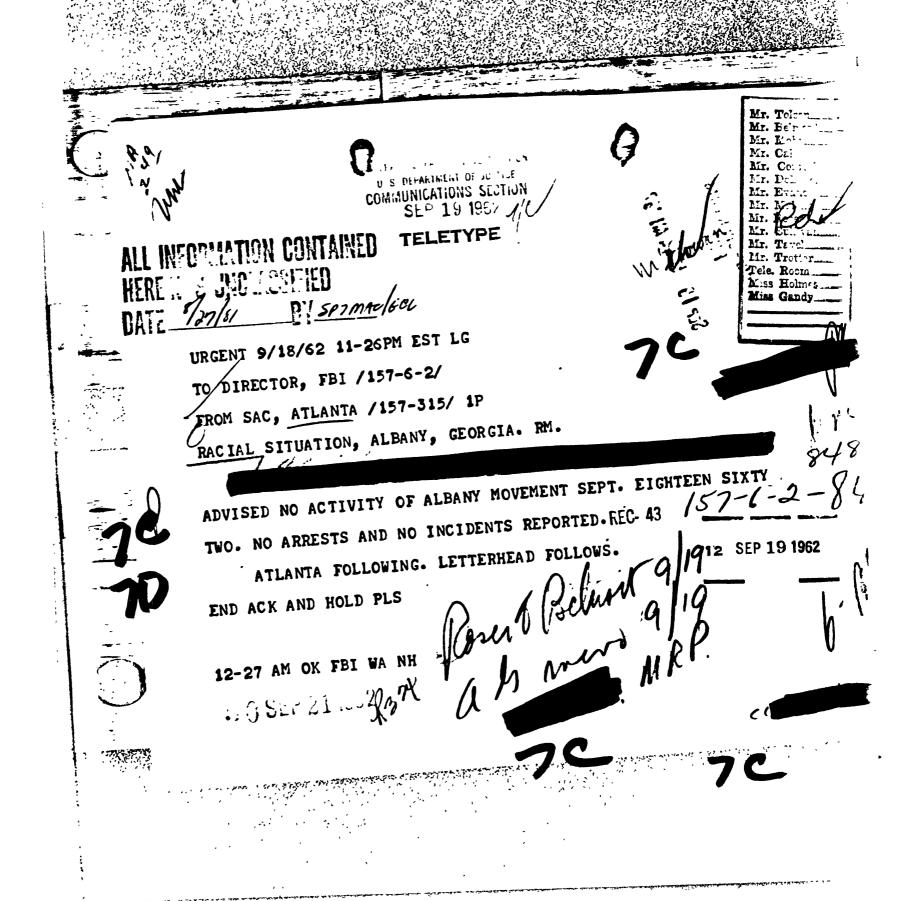


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investigation into is being pursued.

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September 19, 1962 The Attorney General 1 - Mr. Belmont 1 - Mr. Rosen Director, FBI 1 - Mr. Malley 1 - Mr. McGowan 1 - Mr. Fehl RACIAL SITUATION PACIAL MATTERS - Ciller to ALBANY, GEORGIA 1 - Mr. Mohr 1 .- Mr. DeLoach 1 - Mr. Evans There was no activity of the Albany Movement on September 18, 1962, and no racial incidents or arrests occurred in Albany, Georgia. It was previously reported that the Albany Movement would hold a mass meeting on September 18, 1962, at the site of a burned church in Sasser, Georgia. This meeting is now scheduled for the evening of September 19, 1962. We are continuing to vigorously press the investigations concerning other churches which have been MAILED 2 SEP 1 9 1962 burned in Georgia and houses which have been shot into in Georgia and Mississippi. Further pertinent developments will be brought to the attention of the Department promptly. **REC-36** 1 - The Deputy Attorney General 1 - Mr. Burke Marshall ERT Assistant Attorney General 204 SEE MENO ROSEN TO BELMONT, ABOVE OF 9-19-62, Thep. 19 4. CAPTION, 9-19-62, 20 13 M 61 6 6 1 229



UNITED STATES GOVERNMEENT *lemorandum* Mai one Mr. Belmont DATE: 9-19-62 A. Rosen FROM: RACIAL SITUATION SUBJECT: ALBANY, GEORGIA RACIAL MATTERS - Wolanta There was no activity of the Albany Movement on 9-18-62 and no racial incidents or arrests occurred in Albany, Georgia. It was previously reported that the Albany Movement would hold a mass meeting on September 18, 1962, at the site of a burned church in Sasser, Georgia. This meeting is now scheduled for the evening of September 19, 1962. The investigations of other church burnings and shootings are being intensively pursued on a special basis. Suspects are being identified and their alibis are being checked out. Suspect automobiles are being located and extensive investigation is being vigorously pursued to locate the weapons which fired bullets that have been recovered from the scenes of shooting. ACTION: Attached is a memorandum for the Attorney General. Enclosure 7,19 1 - Mr. Mohr 1 - Mr. DeLoach 1 - Mr. Evans (10) prop 5 3 SEP 26 106?

Mohr UNITED STATES GOV. emorandu, n DeLoach Malone Sullivan DATE: 9-18-62 Tavel Trotter Holmes A. Rosen FROM: RACIAL SITUATION SUBJECT: ALBANY, GEORGIA C RACIAL MATTERS -ALBANY, GEORGIA No racial incidents or arrests were reported in

Albany, Georgia, yesterday.

A mass meeting of the Albany Movement was held last night at the Friendship Baptist Church, Albany. The meeting reportedly was addressed by Dr. W. G. Anderson who encouraged the Negroes to continue their boycott of Albany merchants. Dr. Anderson also advocated increased registration of Negroes for voting.

An announcement was made of an Albany Movement meeting to be held on the night of 9-18-62 at the site of a burned church in Sasser, Georgia. The church was not further identified but it is noted that we are investigating the burning of the Mount Olive Baptist Church which was destroyed by fire at Sasser on 9-9-62.

I HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH TERRELL COUNTY, GEORGIA

The I Hope Baptist Church, Terrell County, Georgia, was destroyed by fire in the early morning hours of 9-17-62.

reference to white members of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee who have been in the area to encourage Negroes to register for voting and who have stayed in Negro homes.

Assistant Attorney General Burke Marshall advised that there was no basis for Federal prosecution. The facts were therefore made available to Joe M. Ray, Solicitor General, 10 SEP 19 1962

1 - Mr. Mohr 1 - Mr. DeLoach

Memorandum to Mr. Belmont

Papaula Circuit, Cuthbert, Georgia.

It is noted that the prompt solution of this case resulted from the fact that Agents were on surveillance duty at the Mount Mary and Mount Olive Baptist Churches when they heard a Georgia State Police radio report of the I Hope Baptist Church fire and proceeded to the scene. The Bureau had specifically instructed that the Mount Mary and Mount Olive Baptist Churches be surveilled.

BURNING OF GOOD HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH GOOD HOPE, GEORGIA, 9-16-62

The Sheriff's Office, Walton County, Georgia, has advised that the Good Hope Baptist Church, Good Hope, Georgia, burned at approximately 12:50 A.M., 9-16-62, (a Negro church).

and an official of the electric company expressed the opinion that the fire resulted from old wiring which may have been frayed by squirrels. It is believed that there was a nest of squirrels near the roof of the church.

The church has been described as being of pine construction, more than one hundred years old and tinder-dry. It is located approximately 160 miles from Albany, Georgia.

Negro and white residents in the vicinity of the church who were awake at the time that they did not observe anyone in the vicinity of the church or hear any vehicles prior to the fire.

the wiring needed renewing badly and he had no reason to believe the fire resulted from anything other than accidental causes.

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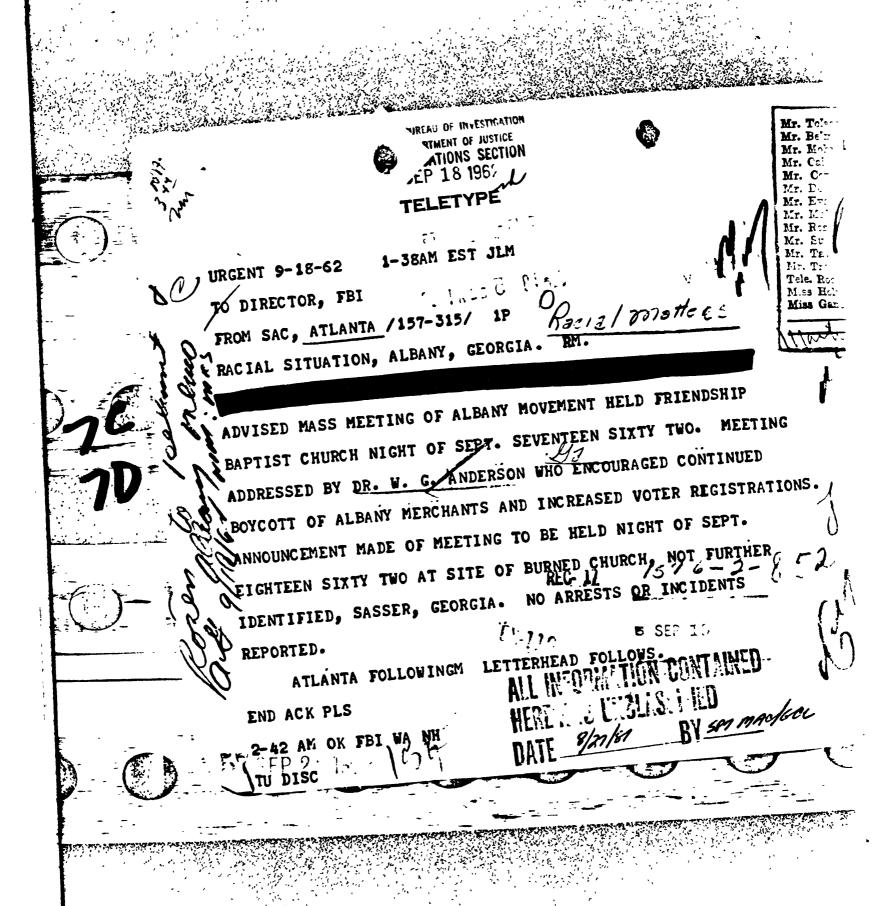
There have been no voter registration meetings at the church. The racial harmony exists in the area and that Negroes have no difficulty in voting in Walton County.

We have offered cooperative services and are closely following the situation.

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A memorandum for the Attorney General is attached.

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Newark, New Jersey September 14, 1962

RACIAL SITUATION ALBANY, GEORGIA

The June 14, 1961 issue of the "Newark Evening News", a daily newspaper published in Newark, New Jersey, contains an article reflecting that Rabbi Israel D. Dresner, age 31, of the Temple Sharey Shalom, of Springfield, New Jersey, was one of a group of four rabbis, eight white Protestant ministers, and six Negro ministers, who spent the night of June 13, 1961 in Raleigh, New Jersey, while en route to Jacksonville, Florida, as "Freedom Riders".

An article which appeared in this same newspaper on June 17, 1961 reflects that Rabbi Dresner was among seventeen white and Negro Freedom Riders arrested on June 16, 1961 in Talahassee, Florida, on a charge of breach of the peace arising out of their demand for service at an airport restaurant.

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SAC McMahon, Atlanta, advised at 6:25 k.M., 9-19-62, that the mass meeting of the Albany Movement which was to have been held at a burned church in Sasser, 9-18-62, is now scheduled to be held on the evening of 9-19-62.

McMahon had no further details as to time, place, or the identity of those who will attend.

ACTION:

SAC McMahon was instructed to include a full report in tonights summary.

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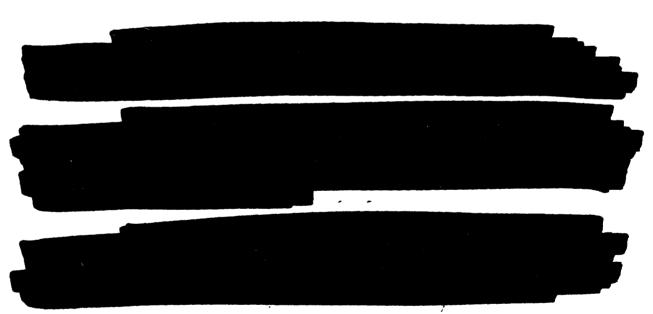
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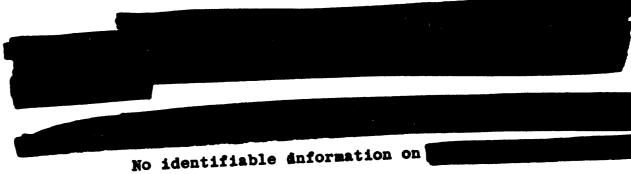
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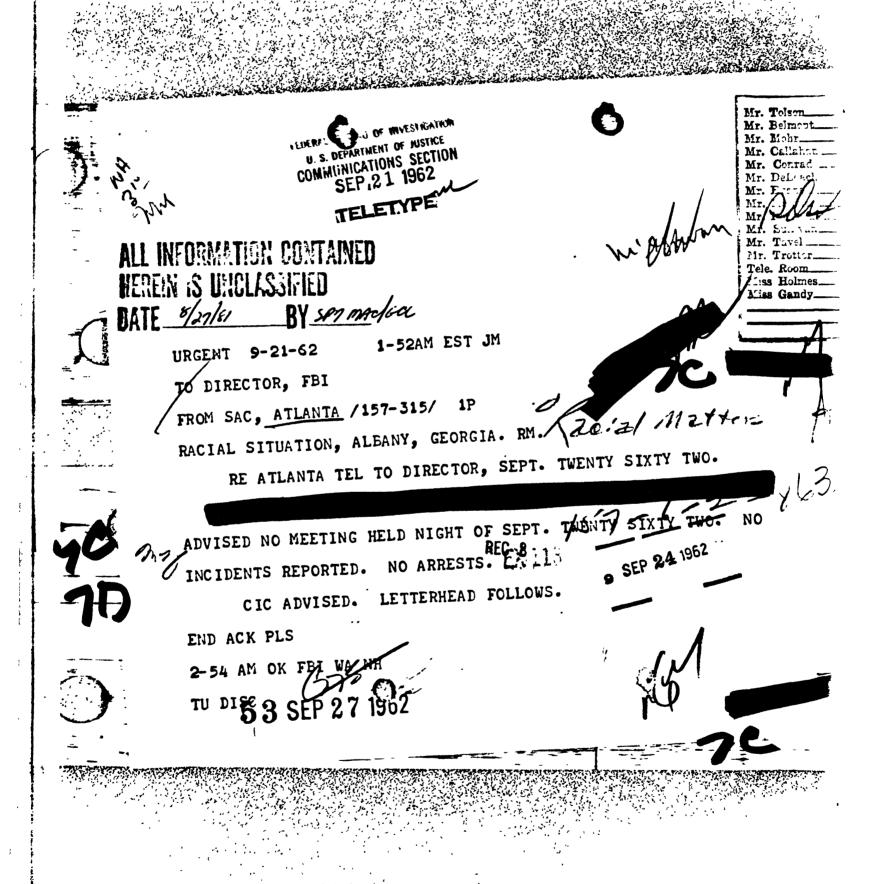
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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont

BURNING OF I HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont

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It would therefore appear that he will be of no value to the Department in this case. Results of the interview are being furnished the Department.

ACTION:

A memorandum for the Attorney General is attached.

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