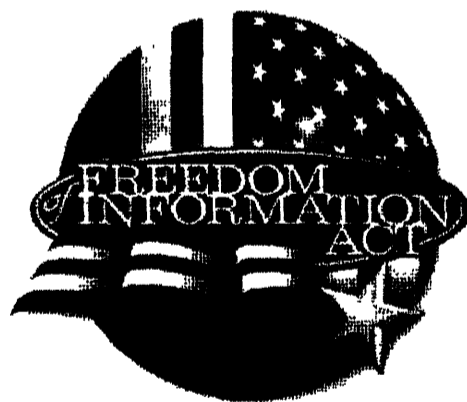


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SUBJECT: DEACONS FOR DEFENSE AND JUSTICE

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Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 10/11/65

FROM: PITTSBURGH (157-429) (RUC)

SUBJECT: THE DEACONS FOR DEFENSE
RM

Re Baltimore letter to the Bureau dated 9/22/65.

On 10/4/65, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that there is no known meeting place in Harpers Ferry, W. Va., which might be used for a meeting of the Deacons For Defense, with the exception of the high school auditorium and the National Park Service facilities at the Matner Training Center.

[REDACTED] said that to his knowledge there has been no effort made by any group to have any type of a meeting in Harpers Ferry, W. Va., on 12/4/65.

[REDACTED] identified 12/4 as the anniversary of the date of the hanging of JOHN BROWN at nearby Charles Town, W. Va.

It is noted that the Harpers Ferry, W. Va., Post Office services much of the nearby area located in the State of Maryland.

[REDACTED] said that the I.B.P.O.S. W. (Negro Elks) have their national headquarters at what is known as the Kennedy Farmhouse, which is actually the farmhouse used by JOHN BROWN and his raiders before their attack on the arsenal at Harpers Ferry in 1859. This farmhouse is located in Maryland, approximately one-half mile from the Samples Manor Church. [REDACTED] pointed out that the property owned by the I.B.P.O.S. W. includes various outlying buildings besides the Kennedy Farmhouse and specifically, a large hall which has offices and a large dance hall. He pointed out that meetings can be

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2 held in this specific building located at the Kenneby
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6 [redacted] said that the I.B.P.O.E.W. is now in the
7 process of selling their holdings at the Kennedy Farm-
8 house with the intention of moving their headquarters
9 to the West Coast, but that no buyer for the property
10 has been found to date.

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BALTIMORE

At Sandy Hook, Md.

Will locate the facility owned by the I.B.P.O.E.W.
and through established sources, identify the affair
planned for 12/4/65.

10/15/65

1 - Mr. Murphy

To: SACs Los Angeles (157-1184)
New Orleans (157-3290)

From: Director, FBI (157-2466)

DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE
RACIAL MATTERS

Reference Los Angeles teletype 10/14/65 captioned
above. Los Angeles should submit by return airtel the information
contained in referenced teletype in letterhead memorandum form.

The Los Angeles Office should also be kept in contact
with the Los Angeles Office of the Alcohol and Tobacco Division
and furnish all available information to the Bureau in letterhead
memorandum form.

Although the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Division has
primary jurisdiction regarding this matter, the New Orleans Office
should closely follow this matter and attempt to develop information
through New Orleans sources in connection with the continuing
investigation of the Deacons of Defense and Justice.

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NOTE:

Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Division advised that Czech manufacturer delivered 420 machine guns
the Deacons of Defense and Justice at Baton Rouge, Louisiana,
in July, 1965.

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NON-PROSECUTIVE SUMMARY REPORT

LEADS

NEW ORLEANS DIVISION

AT FERRIDAY, LOUISIANA

Will maintain contact with [REDACTED] Ferriday Unit of the Deacons for Defense and Justice.

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Copy to:

Report of: SA [redacted] *b7C* Office NEW ORLEANS

Date: OCTOBER 14, 1965

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Bureau File No.:

Title: DEACONS FOR DEFENSE AND JUSTICE,
FERRIDAY, LOUISIANA

Character: RACIAL MATTERS

Synopsis:

[redacted] Ferriday Unit of
the Deacons for Defense and Justice, Incorporated,
Ferriday, Louisiana, advised that although the unit
has been chartered by the National Organization the
unit has had no meeting nor is there any firm
commitment from prospective members.

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He stated efforts are now being made to secure at
least 20 members for the unit at Ferriday, La.

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DETAILS:

This investigation is predicated upon information that
a unit of the Deacons for Defense and Justice, Incorporated, had
been chartered at Ferriday, Louisiana.

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Date 9/6/65

[redacted] Ferriday, Louisiana,
furnished the following information:

[redacted] advised that he did not think that a
chapter of the Deacons for Defense and Justice had been
officially formed at Ferriday, Louisiana

He stated during the time when acts of violence
were being committed almost nightly in Ferriday, Louisiana,
a group headed by VICTOR GRAHAM contacted the Deacons in
Bogalusa, Louisiana, to ascertain the procedure for forming
the Deacons, at Ferriday, Louisiana. Initially, a repre-
sentative of the Deacons at Bogalusa was supposed to come to
Ferriday to get the chapter started; however, this never
materialized.

[redacted] stated
that since the violence has stopped in Ferriday, Louisiana,
he has heard no talk, either from GRAHAM or anyone else about
forming a Deacons for Defense and Justice at Ferriday.

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On 8/31/65 at Ferriday, Louisiana
by SA [redacted] / cal b7c

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Date: 10/15/65

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (105-2612)

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Re New Orleans teletype to Bureau 10/15/65.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of LHM which relate to proposed demonstration in New Orleans on 10/16/65 reported in referenced teletype.

Enclosed for Milwaukee and San Francisco are one copy each of LHM since these offices are origin in "National Coordination Committee to End The War in Viet Nam" and "Viet Nam Day Committee" respectively.

The confidential source referred to in LHM is

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No information has been developed at New Orleans concerning demonstrations at military bases or concerning draft card burnings. New Orleans will follow the proposed demonstration on 10/16/65 and the Bureau will be advised.

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- 1 - San Francisco (Info) (100-Viet Nam Day Committee) (Encl. 1) (RM)
- 4 - New Orleans (2: 105-2612) (1: 100-17231) (1: 157-3290)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

New Orleans, Louisiana
October 15, 1965

PROPOSED DEMONSTRATIONS
PROTESTING UNITED STATES
POLICY IN VIET NAM AT
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA,
OCTOBER 16, 1965

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that there would be a meeting in the school cafeteria at Loyola University at 7:30 p.m., October 15, 1965, in preparation for a demonstration in the form of picketing in front of the Federal Building at 701 Loyola Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana, at 2 p.m., October 16, 1965.

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] stated that Aubrey Woods, whom he identified as the New Orleans representative of the Deacons for Defense and Justice, would attend the meeting on October 15, 1965. However, the source did not know whether any members for the Deacons for Defense and Justice would take part in the picketing on October 16, 1965.

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INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 10/19/65

Department of Defense and Justice is an all-Negro organization based in Louisiana and having as its main purpose the arming of Negroes for protection against Klan violence. It is the subject of a pending Bureau investigation.

Attached reports Treasury investigation of the alleged acquisition of automatic weapons which is in the investigative jurisdiction of Treasury.

We are advising the Department and following this matter closely.

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TELETYPE

1059 AM PDT URGENT 10-19-65 PLS

TO DIRECTOR (157-2466)

NEW ORLEANS (157-3290)

FROM LOS ANGELES (157-1184) 2P

DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, RM, 00: NEW ORLEANS.

ATTU, USPT TREASURY, LOS ANGELES TODAY ADVISED

ATTU SOURCE HAS CONTACT WITH INDIVIDUAL CONNECTED WITH

CZECHOSLOVAKIAN FIREARMS MANUFACTURER. THIS INDIVIDUAL ADVISED

ATTU SOURCE THAT REPRESENTATIVE OF CZECH MANUFACTURER DELIVERED

FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY MACHINE GUNS, NOT FURTHER DESCRIBED, TO THE

DEACONS AT BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA, IN JULY, NINETEEN SIXTY FIVE.

WEAPONS ALLEGEDLY STORED BATON ROUGE.

ATTU SOURCE IS OF BELIEF HE CAN OBTAIN LIST OF SERIAL

NUMBERS OF A NUMBER OF MACHINE GUNS MANUFACTURED BY THE CZECH

FACTORY. SERIAL NUMBERS PERTAINING TO THE FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY

MACHINE GUNS TURNED OVER TO DEACONS WILL BE INCLUDED ON LIST.

ADVISED HIS SOURCE WILL HAVE TO OBTAIN SERIAL

NUMBERS FROM PLANT IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA. ATTU SOURCE HAS BEEN

INSTRUCTED TO ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN DETAILS RE ENTIRE WEAPONS

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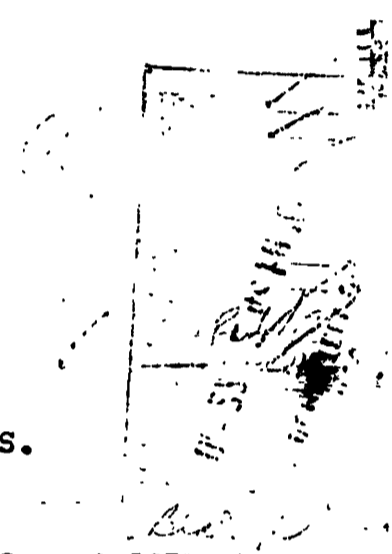
LOCATION OF WEAPONS IN BATON ROUGE.

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ATTU, LOS ANGELES, HAS ALERTED THEIR DALLAS OFFICE WHICH
COVERS LOUISIANA.

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LOS ANGELES WILL MAINTAIN CLOSE CONTACT WITH ATTU, LOS
ANGELES, FOR ANY ADDITIONAL PERTINENT DETAILS.

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RE: DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE
RACIAL MATTERS

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Remarks: ReLAtel 10/19/65 and Buairtel 10/19/65.

New Orleans should advise appropriate local authorities, Army intelligence and Secret Service of the contents of referenced teletype.

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Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (157-2466) (RM) DATE: 10/25/65

FROM : SAC, Birmingham (157-1446) (RM) - RUC

SUBJECT: DEACONS OF DEFENSE & JUSTICE, aka
RM

OO: New Orleans

Re BH tel to Bureau dated 9/2/65, AM copy to New Orleans; BH airtel, enclosing LHM, dated 9/3/65.

Referenced communications set forth all pertinent information available to Birmingham concerning captioned group. There are no outstanding leads in this matter in the Birmingham Office.

In view of above, BH is considering this case RUC to OO.

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1 - Mr. Murphy

To: SAC, Chicago (157-572)

From: Director, FBI (157-2466)

DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, INC.
RACIAL MATTERS

The following information was contained in a United Press International news release, dated 10/16/65:

"Chicago--the Deacons for Defense and Justice, a gun-carrying group of southern Negroes dedicated to meeting force with force, plans to establish its first chapter in the North in Chicago.

Earnest Thomas, Vice President of the group, said yesterday the group has 62 chapters in Dixie. The Chicago chapter was planned because the Ku Klux Klan, which the Deacons were formed to fight, is 'moving North and we're going to try to curtail some of its activity,' he said.

Thomas, who lives in Jonesboro, La., the birthplace of the Deacons, said the group operates in the South 'by riding armed with pistols and good rifles in radio-equipped cars.'

He said the primary purpose behind the group was to meet the KKK and similar groups on its own terms."

1 - New Orleans (157-3290)

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An extra copy of this report is being disseminated to the Bureau for further dissemination to Secret Service, inasmuch as members of the Deacons of Defense and Justice, in some instances fall within category 5(c). In view of this, a copy of this report pertaining to the organization is being furnished to Secret Service in order that they may have a better understanding of activities of various individuals in whom they have jurisdictional interest.

A copy of this report is being furnished to ICG, ONI, New Orleans, as well as OSI, Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana, in view of their respective interests in Klan matters.

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Airtel to SAC, Chicago
Re: DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, INC.
157-2466

As you are aware, the Deacons of Defense and Justice, Inc., (DDJ) is a Negro organization having as its main purpose the arming of Negroes for protection against Klan violence. Said organization has been active in demonstrations in Bogalusa, Louisiana.

In view of the foregoing and because of the potential for violence, Chicago should initiate immediate inquiry to determine available facts concerning the plans of the DDJ to start a chapter in Chicago. Follow closely any actual efforts in this regard and if a chapter is organized, develop necessary sources in order to fully obtain information concerning the activities of the DDJ leaders and the group's activities.

You should be alert to any indications of subversion and/or outside influences on the DDJ. Also, you should establish such sources as may be necessary to run out information regarding weapons reportedly possessed by the DDJ and any leads regarding weapons' suppliers.

Chicago should also be alert for any information indicating an extension of the DDJ to other northern cities. Leads should be promptly set out and New Orleans, the office of origin, fully informed concerning developments.

Bureau must be promptly advised of all developments regarding the DDJ and information suitable for dissemination should be submitted by letterhead memorandum.

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CHICAGO--THE DEACONS FOR DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, A GUN-CARRYING GROUP OF SOUTHERN NEGROES DEDICATED TO MEETING FORCE WITH FORCE, PLANS TO ESTABLISH ITS FIRST CHAPTER IN THE NORTH IN CHICAGO.

EARNEST THOMAS, VICE PRESIDENT OF THE GROUP, SAID YESTERDAY THE GROUP HAS 52 CHAPTERS IN DIXIE. THE CHICAGO CHAPTER WAS PLANNED BECAUSE THE KU KLUX KLAN, WHICH THE DEACONS WERE FORMED TO FIGHT, IS "MOVING NORTH AND WE'RE GOING TO TRY TO CURTAIL SOME OF ITS ACTIVITY," HE SAID.

THOMAS, WHO LIVES IN JONESBORO, LA., THE BIRTHPLACE OF THE DEACON, SAID THE GROUP OPERATES IN THE SOUTH "BY RIDING AROUND WITH PISTOLS AND GOOD RIFLES IN RADIO-EQUIPPED CARS."

HE SAID THE PRIMARY PURPOSE BEHIND THE GROUP WAS TO MEET THE KKK AND SIMILAR GROUPS ON ITS OWN TERMS.

10/16--TD1C:BAED

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17 DEACONS FOR DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, RM. [REDACTED]

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-2466)

DATE: 10/25/65

FROM : SAC, JACKSON (157-3465) (P)

SUBJECT: DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, INC., AKA RACIAL MATTER

(OO: New Orleans)

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Re Jackson airtel with LHM dated 9/3/65.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies and two copies are submitted for New Orleans. One copy is being forwarded to INTC, OSI, ONI, and Secret Service. [redacted] and [redacted] have been advised of results in LHM.

The investigation set forth in the LHM was conducted by SA [redacted] b7C

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NEW ORLEANS DIVISION

AT BOGALUSA, LOUISIANA

Will through sources conduct appropriate investigation to determine CHARLES SIMS and ROY BURRIS further plan for assisting in the organization of chapter in Mississippi. Advise Jackson in the event the Bogalusa Chapter or any other chapters send deacons to Mississippi for meetings.

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JACKSON DIVISION

AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

Will maintain contact with sources to obtain background concerning organization of Deacons of Defense and Justice (DDJ). If chapter in Mississippi organized, will attempt to determine leadership, strength of members, activities as well as arms acquired.

Will attempt to determine potentiality for violence and any outside influence on chapters.

Will determine if DDJ from Louisiana arrived in Mississippi for discussions with possible DDJ members.

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Jackson, Mississippi

October 25, 1965 ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

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RACIAL MATTERS

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised on September 23, 1965 he attended a meeting at the Masonic Temple located on Lynch Street in Jackson on August 30, 1965. The meeting was sponsored by the Hinds County MDP and the MFD. [REDACTED] arranged to have individuals with the Deacons of Defense and Justice, Incorporated (DDJ) Chapter at Bogalusa, Louisiana, to be there.

[REDACTED] stated he attended the meeting and there were approximately 175 to 200 people in attendance and the principal speakers were Charles Sims, President of the Bogalusa Chapter and Roy Burris, Vice President of the Bogalusa Chapter. There were other DDJ members from the Bogalusa Chapter present at the meeting. Arrangements were made to have the members of the DDJ from Bogalusa return to Jackson around September 15 to determine what steps had been made to arrange for DDJ Chapters in Mississippi, especially in Jackson. He said Sims and Burris had advised the persons in attendance they would have to raise funds to form chapters.

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[REDACTED] stated that to his knowledge Sims and Burris have not returned to Mississippi and there has been no great interest in forming chapters in Jackson or in Mississippi.

On October 15, 1965, [REDACTED] advised that to his knowledge there had been no chapters formed in the State of Mississippi and he does not believe Sims, Burris or

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any other representatives of the DDJ in Louisiana have returned to Mississippi.

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[REDACTED] has advised he has received no pertinent information of any DDJ Chapters being formed in the State of Mississippi. He said they were following this matter very closely.

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[REDACTED] has advised he has received no pertinent information concerning any chapters being formed in the State of Mississippi by the DDJ.

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that he had determined there was a group of Negroes in Natchez, Mississippi, who were interested in forming an organization of the DDJ in Natchez. He said there have been protest demonstrations in Natchez by the Negroes and several Negroes believe they should organize for their own protection. [REDACTED] what the [REDACTED] the Negroes in Natchez appears to be [REDACTED]

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to his knowledge there has been no DDJ Chapter formed in Natchez. Although there have been protest demonstrations and marches in Natchez almost on a daily basis, they have been orderly demonstrations. [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] has determined that Charles Sims and Roy Bourke may return to Mississippi around the last part of October, 1965, to confer with MFDP leaders concerning the forming of chapters in Mississippi.

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10 [REDACTED] b1
11 [REDACTED]
12 [REDACTED] attended the meeting in Jackson, Mississippi, on
13 August 30, 1965, at the Masonic Temple where Deacons from
14 the Bogalusa Chapter spoke to the assembled group. She
15 said Sims and his group were expected to return to Jackson
16 in September to assist in forming groups but they did not.
17 She believes that the Negroes in the State of Mississippi
18 are not interested in forming DDJ Chapters. She based this
19 statement upon the fact MFDJ has no funds to support
20 chapters in the State and the Negroes themselves will not
21 support chapters.
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25 She said Sims and Burris had stated they would
26 return to Mississippi but to her knowledge they have not
27 returned to date.
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29 The Jackson, Mississippi "Clarion-Ledger" dated
30 September 10, 1965, carried an article by the Associated
31 Press entitled "Natchez Negroes Reject Deacons for Defense."
32 The article related that Kenneth Dean, Director of the
33 Mississippi Human Relations Council, had told respondents
34 that Negroes in the racial torn city of Natchez had turned
35 down offers to organize a chapter of the militant "Deacons
36 of Defense."
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38 [REDACTED]
39 [REDACTED] that Charles Sims
40 had stated he had been in Jackson, Mississippi on August 30,
41 August 30, 1965, trying to organize the DDJ in Jackson.
42 [REDACTED] Sims had indicated the Negroes of (c)
43 Jackson were very reluctant to get involved in the DDJ.
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48 nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI
49 and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to
50 be distributed outside your agency.
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AIR MAIL - REGISTERED

(Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-2466)

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (157-1184) (P)

RE : DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE
RM
OO: New Orleans.

Re Los Angeles airtel to the Bureau dated 9/29/65 captioned as above, with eight copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) enclosed; New Orleans letter to Los Angeles, dated 10/15/65; Los Angeles teletype to the Bureau and New Orleans dated 10/19/65, and Bureau airtel to Los Angeles and New Orleans, dated 10/19/65.

Enclosed for the Bureau is an original and two copies of an LHM concerning the above-captioned organization possible receipt of machine guns from a Czechoslovakian firearms manufacturer.

Three copies of the LHM are enclosed for the office of origin, New Orleans, and one copy for Dallas, inasmuch as the Dallas Office of the Alcohol, Tobacco and Tax Unit, U.S. Treasury Department, covers Louisiana. One copy each is also being sent to OSI, Maywood, California, FIO, Los Angeles, and Secret Service, Los Angeles.

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 - 2 - New Orleans (157-3290) (Encs. 3) (Air Mail - Registered)
 - 1 - Dallas (Enc. 1) (Air Mail - Registered)
 - 2 - Los Angeles (157-1184)
- RNT:HMS
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AGENCY: ACSU
DATE: 10/21/65
BY: [Signature]

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Approved: [Signature]
Special Agent in Charge

Sent [Signature]

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10/11/65, [redacted] advised that there was no further activity in the San Bernardino-Riverside and Los Angeles area on the part of CHARLES SIMS and A.Z. YOUNG after their appearance at the "Freedom Festival" on 9/23/65, at San Bernardino, California. New Orleans advised 10/15/65, that a source had advised that SIMS and YOUNG have returned to the Bogalusa area.

The information concerning the machine guns was received from [redacted] Los Angeles, who obtained the information from an ATTU source.

This LHM is being classified confidential. This information tends to identify the ATTU source.

Los Angeles will maintain close contact with ATTU to any additional pertinent details.

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On October 19, 1965, a representative of the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Unit, U.S. Treasury Department, Los Angeles, California, advised that an ATF source had reported that a representative of a Czechoslovakian firearms manufacturer delivered 74.0 machine guns, not further specified, to the "Deacons" at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, in July, 1965. This source said that the weapons are allegedly stored in Baton Rouge.

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Efforts are being made by the ATF source to obtain serial numbers of the weapons and other details concerning the transaction, including the possible location of the weapons.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (157-1542) (P)
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Re Newark airtel and LHM to the Bureau, dated 9/20/65.

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[REDACTED] made available a leaflet indicating a "Discotheque party" was to be held 9/25/65, at 9:30 PM, under the auspices of "The John Brown Commemoration Committee" (JBCC), 100 W. 82nd St., NY 24, N.Y. Phone EN 2-4954. It is to be noted that this is the address where the benefit for the DDJ was held on 9/18/65.

IND indices negative re JBCC.

On 10/27/65, [REDACTED] advised their files contain no information re JBCC.

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[redacted] furnished information
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October 26, 1965

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Characterizations for individuals mentioned
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Confidential sources utilized in this
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the past.

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11 Leacons For Defense and Justice
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14 The subscriber to telephone 749-8745 is
15 Friends of the Leacons For Defense and Justice, 271 West 125th
16 Street, New York City.

18 [REDACTED]
19 [REDACTED] advised
20 October 25, 1965, that Charles Sims, President of the
21 DDJ in Louisiana, arrived in New York City at 1:15 p.m.
22 on Flight 976 Delta Airlines on October 23, 1965.

24 [REDACTED]
25 [REDACTED] advised on October 25, 1965, that Jessie
26 Gray of the Community Council on Housing held a street
27 rally at 125th Street and 7th Avenue, New York City, from
28 3 to 6 p.m., October 23, 1965, attended by about 115
29 people. No disturbances occurred during this rally.
30 [REDACTED] had no information to indicate that
31 Charles Sims participated in this rally.

33 [REDACTED] b1
34 [REDACTED]
35 A mass rally on black power politics,
36 spearheaded by Jesse Gray, Harlem rent strike organizer,
37 was held on Saturday afternoon, October 23, 1965, from
38 3 to 6 p.m. Jesse Gray brought a sound truck to this
39 location at 3:00 p.m. He left at the beginning of
40 the rally but returned later. Meantime, the sound
41 truck was loaned to LeRoi Jones and his Black Arts
42 Group. LeRoi Jones took occasion to belabor the Maryou-Act,
43 a Harlem anti-poverty organization, for cutting off his
44 pay. He wanted the group to conduct a demonstration
45 at the offices of Maryou-Act, but this did not
46 materialize.

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48 Charles Sims from Bogalusa, Louisiana,
49 did not show up at this rally; however, Mae Mallory was there
50 and was one of the speakers. She urged support for
51 the DDJ and praised its work for defense of negroes in the
52 South. She also appealed for funds for the DDJ.
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Jesse Gray and Rudolph Jones also spoke at the rally and criticized current candidates for political office in New York City. Jesse Gray wanted Negroes to unite and thus exert their own black political power. The rally terminated at 6:00 p.m.

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The Fair Play For Cuba Committee is characterized in the Appendix.

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1. APPENDIX

FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE

The April 6, 1960, edition of "The New York Times" newspaper contained a full-page advertisement captioned "What Is Really Happening In Cuba," placed by the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC). This advertisement announced the formation of the FPCC in New York City and declared the FPCC intended to promulgate "the truth about revolutionary Cuba" to neutralize the distorted American press.

"The New York Times" edition of January 11, 1961, reported that at a hearing conducted before the United States Senate Internal Security Subcommittee on January 10, 1961, Dr. CHARLES A. SANTOS-BUCH identified himself and ROBERT TABER as organizers of the FPCC. He also testified he and TABER obtained funds from the Cuban Government which were applied toward the cost of the aforementioned advertisement.

On May 16, 1963, a source advised that during the first two years of the FPCC's existence there was a struggle between Communist Party (CP) and Socialist Workers Party (SWP) elements to exert their power within the FPCC and thereby influence FPCC policy. This source added that during the past year there had been a successful effort by FPCC leadership to minimize the role of these and other organizations in the FPCC so that their influence as of May, 1963, was negligible.

The SWP has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

On May 20, 1963, a second source advised that VINCENT "TED" LEE, FPCC National Office Director, was then formulating FPCC policy and had indicated that he had no intention of permitting FPCC policy to be determined by any other organization. This source stated that LEE believed that the FPCC should advocate resumption of diplomatic relations between Cuba and the United States and should support the right of Cubans to manage their revolution without interference from other nations. LEE did not advocate supporting the Cuban revolution per se.

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The November 23, 1963, edition of "The New York Times" reported that Senator THOMAS J. IODD of Connecticut had called FPCC "the chief public relations instrument of the CASTRO network in the United States." It is to be noted that Senator DODD was a member of the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, which twice conducted hearings on the FPCC.

The December 27, 1963, edition of "The New York World Telegram and Sun" newspaper stated that the pro-CASTRO FPCC was seeking to go out of business and that its prime activity during its lifetime had been sponsorship of pro-CASTRO street rallies and mass picket lines, and the direction of an active propaganda mill highlighting illegal travel-to-Cuba campaigns. Its comparatively brief span of life was attributed to mounting anti-CASTRO American public opinion, the 1962 Congressional hearings which disclosed FPCC financing by CASTRO's United Nations Delegation, and ultimately, the bad publicity which the FPCC received from disclosure of activities on its behalf by suspected presidential assassin, LEE H. OSWALD.

On February 6, 1964, the previously mentioned second source advised that V. T. LEE had recently remarked that the FPCC was dead and that there were no plans to organize another similar organization.

On April 13, 1964, a third source advised that there had not been any FPCC activity in many months and that the FPCC had been dissolved.

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APPENDIX

WORKERS WORLD PARTY

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

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

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

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

On May 3, 1965, second source advised that the Workers World Party, which maintains headquarters at 46 West 23rd Street, New York, New York, supports the People's Republic of China in its ideological dispute with the Soviet Union.

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

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Via AIRTEL _____

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-2466)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-572)

SUBJECT: DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, INC.
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REASON - FCIM
DATE OF REVIEW 10-22-85

Re Bureau airtel to Chicago dated 10/23/65.

Enclosed for the Bureau are nine copies of a letterhead memorandum and for New Orleans three copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning captioned matter.

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On 10/23/65, _____ advised that intensive investigation has been conducted concerning EARNEST THOMAS while he has been in Chicago and there is no indication that he has any office in Chicago at the present time. _____ that spot surveillances of THOMAS have been conducted in Chicago but no address has been developed for THOMAS in Chicago.

One copy of this letterhead memorandum is designated for Secret Service, Chicago, and one copy for the USA, Chicago.

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- 3 - New Orleans (DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, INC.) (Encl 3) (RM)
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- 3 - Chicago
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AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA. Will furnish Chicago a photograph of EARNEST THOMAS and any information that Chicago Chapter of the Deacons of Defense and Justice, Inc., has been organized in Chicago.

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

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The following article captioned "Militant Negroes Here Forming Armed Unit to Fight the Klan" appeared in the October 15, 1965 issue of the "Chicago Daily News," a Chicago, Illinois newspaper:

"Militant Negroes are organizing a Chicago chapter of the gun-carrying Deacons for Defense and Justice, a vigilante group active in battling the Klue Klux Klan in the South.

"We believe there are Klansmen active in this city and we're confident they have thousands of sympathizers here," said Earnest Thomas, 32, the Deacons' vice president and their full-time paid national organizer.

"While we have 62 chapters quite active in the South, Chicago will be our first Northern chapter," he said.

"We expect to operate with freedom patrols up here and be alert for police brutality against Negroes. And we'll also campaign against shady deals that are often pulled off on us Negroes in the North.

"The extent of our stay in Chicago will depend on how things improve here for Negroes."

"THOMAS, father of five, told in an interview here how he and other Deacons do battle against Klansmen.

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"We don't teach hatred," Thomas said.

"We do teach that you have to meet force with force. The only thing that the Klan respects is force. It is also the only thing understood by the others who battle Negroes such as the John Birch-Society, the Minute Men, and the American Nazi Party.

"We usually operate down South by riding armed with pistols and good rifles in radio-equipped cars. We've had a couple of gun battles recently with the Klan but nobody was seriously hurt. We think we sent some Klansmen to the hospital."

"THOMAS said Deacons never shoot unless somebody else shoots first.

"We simply meet violence against Negroes with violence, and it has worked. The Klan is quieter now in the South because of us and the hearings set by the House Un-American Activities Committee in Washington next week."

"The local police have protected the Klan and even the federal government, the Federal Bureau of Investigation included, have been ineffectual in fighting Klansmen.

"The Deacons' activity is 'absolutely within the law,' Thomas maintains.

"We were organized in Jonesboro, La., about 18 months ago because of violence, and threats, by white gangs," he said. "Legally, we're above board because the Bill of Rights allows any citizen to bear arms in defense of life and property.

"In Louisiana we're allowed ownership of weapons as long as they are not concealed. Our weapons are

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never concealed. We're a civil rights group but we don't demonstrate in the streets. We observe and then act if it is necessary.'

"THOMAS, a Korean war veteran, is outspoken in his criticism of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King and his non-violent southern Christian Leadership Conference.

"Talk doesn't solve anything,' Thomas said.

"We Negroes are not going to gain our freedom by talking. We Negroes can't continue to let the Klan and similar hate groups trample on us. King and I really live in two different worlds.'

"Thomas is scheduled to debate the Rev. James Bevel, one of King's top aids, at 8 p.m. Saturday in the First Congregational Church, 1613 W. Washington Blvd.

"They will debate the topic, 'Non-violence vs. Self-defense.'"

The following article captioned "Rights Leaders Reject Plan to Start Deacons" appeared in the October 18, 1963, issue of the 'Chicago Defender,' a Chicago, Illinois newspaper:

"Two Chicago rights leaders gave a short shrift to the announcement that the gun-carrying Deacons for Defense and Justice was planning to establish its first Northern chapter in Chicago.

"Earnest Thomas, Deacons' vice-president, had said over the weekend in Chicago that his group, dedicated to meeting force with force, has 62 chapters in Dixie.

"The Chicago chapter was planned because the Ku Klux Klan, which the Deacons were formed to fight, is moving North and we are going to try to curtail some of its activity,' he said.

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Timuel Black, president of the Negro American Labor Council, said the people's frustrations had called such a group in existence.

"But I am personally not in favor of this kind of threat. I don't know these fellows or anything about their activities. We don't run with this kind of people."

Black, an executive in the Coordinating Council of Community Organizations, said, on the other hand, that 'unless Chicago changes its racial policies, it can expect many kinds of things.'

Rev. Lynward Stevenson, president of The Woodlaw Organization, said 'All my friends are non-violent.'

The militant leader said he didn't know anything about Deacons' activities in Chicago. 'But if their arring themselves, I'd want to know.'

This group knows only 'how to get rid of the Klan,' he said. They don't know anything about law and order and the ordinary ways of achieving justice.'

'It's just propaganda,' he said, 'that there are many Klansmen around, in Chicago or elsewhere. The K is not nearly as strong as the Grand Wizard has reported.'

Thomas, who lives in Jonesboro, La., the birthplace of the Deacons, said the group operates in the South 'by riding armed with pistols and good rifles in radio-equipped cars.'

He said the primary purpose behind the group was to meet the KKK and similar groups on its own terms."

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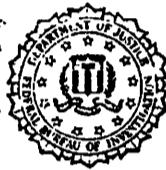
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Confidential informants who are acquainted with certain racial matters in the Chicago, Illinois, area advised during October, 1965, that Earnest Thomas of the DDJ has recently been in Chicago attempting to gain support for a Chicago Chapter of the DDJ. Thomas has not had any success in organizing a Chicago Chapter of the DDJ and has met considerable resistance from civil rights organizations in Chicago. These informants also advised that there has not been any indication that Thomas has attempted to purchase or obtain any weapons while in Chicago.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-2466) DATE: 11/3/65

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (157-1184)(P) ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

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Re Los Angeles airtel to the Bureau, 9/29/65, captioned as above with eight copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) enclosed; Los Angeles airtel to the Bureau, 10/25/65, captioned as above, with eight copies of an LHM enclosed.

Enclosed for the Bureau is the original seven (7) copies of an LHM setting out information concerning captioned organization. Three (3) copies of the LHM are enclosed for New Orleans.

This LHM is being classified "CONFIDENTIAL" because information from sources utilized in the LHM could result in the identification of sources of continuing value and compromise future effectiveness thereof.

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and the Deacons of Defense and Justice. [redacted]

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of no connection between [redacted] and the Deacons
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The above sources advised that should they
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being associated with the Deacons of Defense and Justice
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In May, 1965, [redacted] advised Special
Agents of the FBI that he rejects any philosophy of violence
but stated that in areas where law and order had broken down
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entitled to use force in return.

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On October 11, 1965, [redacted] advised a Special
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that he does not want to see any more violence of any kind.

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Enclosed are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum for the Bureau concerning captioned matter. Two copies of this letterhead memorandum furnished New Orleans for information.

Copies of this letterhead memorandum are being furnished Region I, 113th INTC Group; United States Secret Service; and the Office of the United States Attorney, all Chicago, Illinois.

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On October 20, 1965, Nahaz Rogers, Vice Chairman of ACT, a civil rights organization with headquarters at Chicago, Illinois, appeared on Wesley South's "Hot Line" over Chicago radio station WVON from 11:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight. The "Hot Line" is a show on which usually a controversial person is interviewed and as a result of the interview, telephone questions are received from the listening audience which are answered by the interviewee.

Rogers' subject for the evening was the Deacons of Defense and Justice, Inc. The following is a transcription of Rogers' remarks; the moderator, Wesley South's statements; and questions telephoned in from the listening audience; and Rogers' replies:

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WESLEY SOUTH:

"....The Deacons for Defense and Justice send a staff member here to Chicago to open an office. Now the Deacons were formed in Jonesboro, Louisiana, approximately two years ago for the purpose of protecting themselves and other Negroes in the South. They claimed that they did not receive protection from police in most areas of the South, so they had to set up their own protection.

"Since the first chapter was formed, there are now approximately 62 such chapters throughout the South. All of these, I understand, are in the Deep South. Well, as of last week, the organization -- the Deacons, we will call it from here on out -- has established a chapter in Chicago. The Chicago Courier has a news analysis on the page I noticed tonight regarding the Deacons, and they were saying that they had talked to the police, talked to the civil rights leaders, and they understood that they would stop taking a "wait and see" attitude. M. J. WILSON did not comment but Mr. -- his press secretary -- said if anyone carries a gun around as it is said the Deacons might, and if they're not concealed, they will be arrested immediately. It is supposed to be in violation of some law to have a pistol within the city. Now, what law this is, I don't know, but I think you're allowed to have firearms.

"Well, what do you think about the Deacons for Defense and Justice?"

"We have as our guest tonight a fellow -- I've met him many times, especially when I was in politics and still in politics, I guess you might say -- and he has been at many of my meetings. Referring to MARTIN ROGERS, and he is -- I understand, you're

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10 in contact with the Deacons?

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12 NAHAZ ROGERS: "Yes, I am.

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14 SOUTH: "First I say, welcome to "The Hot Line."
15 This is the first time you have been here.

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17 ROGERS: "Thank you, WESLEY, it's a pleasure to be
18 on your show.

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20 SOUTH: "What about the Deacons for Defense? I
21 wonder if you could tell us why they're
22 here. I know you can't speak for them,
23 you're not a member of them, I understand,
24 but you do know some -- you know their
25 organization.

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27 ROGERS: "Yes. I have met EARNEST THOMAS, and in
28 fact, I have met him in several other cities.
29 I understand from EARNEST that he is in
30 town to set up a chapter of the Deacons
31 for Defense in Chicago. And I really don't
32 know any more about the organization of
33 the Deacons for Defense and Justice than
34 most people do who have read the newspapers.
35 However, I have had long talks
36 organizationally, with EARNEST THOMAS who is
37 in town now, by an invitation, I might say.
38 He's in town because a group of people
39 came together and invited the Deacons for
40 Defense and Justice into Chicago because
41 they felt that there was a need for the type
42 of services that this organization could
43 render. Further than that, I can only say
44 that it seems to be a very well organized
45 group of men. I understand that there are
46 many, many chapters in the South and that
47 they have a large membership role. I
48 would think -- and this is pure speculation
49 on my part -- that their function would be
50 the type of thing that any red-blooded
51 American would feel proud to belong to an
52 organization who's addressing itself to the
53 problem of civil rights and addressing
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10 itself to the self-defense of individuals
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13 SOUTH:

14 "Now, you were saying that they were invited
15 here. I wonder if you could tell us
16 what organizations or what individuals
17 invited them to help.

18 ROGERS:

19 "I would have to confess, number one, that
20 I don't know that the group of people who
21 invited the Deacons for Defense and Justice
22 have an organizational form at this time.
23 It is my opinion that a group of men came
24 together in Chicago who felt that a chapter
25 of the organization would function well
26 here and they, in turn, got in contact with
27 the headquarters for the Deacons for Defense
28 and Justice and the headquarters, of course,
29 sent in EARNEST THOMAS, who is, I think,
30 their primary organizer.

31 SOUTH:

32 "Now, did they have to come to Chicago?
33 What would they do here to protect Negroes,
34 against what violence, that cannot be
35 performed by local authorities or state
36 authorities?

37 ROGERS:

38 "Well, what I would say on that point is
39 simply this: There certainly is room for
40 improvement on the part of all the law
41 enforcement agencies in Chicago where the
42 Negro rights are concerned. I don't think
43 that there could be a great deal of
44 argument on the point of the abuse of
45 Negroes in the city of Chicago, that they
46 certainly are not accorded equal treatment
47 under the law. And to cite some examples,
48 if you would allow me, just a casual
49 look at the number of police in a Negro
50 community would give rise for anyone to
51 suspect that this was not equal protection
52 under the law unless you would say that a
53 triple amount of police in a Negro
54 neighborhood constituted more protection,
55 which I am inclined to seriously doubt.

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I would think that it constitutes a type of oppression, not really protection. That's just a single area, but Negroes meet with an undue amount of violence -- and violence doesn't always take the form of getting one's head beat. You know there's a subtle type of violence that's practiced against the Negro in Chicago that I think needs some addressing.

SOUTH: "Do you think that the local civil rights organizations are not able to cope with this or the local courts or the local police, local law enforcement agencies, local organizations, churches -- that they are remiss in their order, I mean in their ... ?

ROGERS: "Addressing themselves to these situations?

SOUTH: "Uh huh.

ROGERS: "It is very difficult to place the blame on organizations, churches, civil rights or otherwise. But the fact that this condition continues to exist would certainly lead one to assume that whenever it was whose jurisdiction this fell under had not accomplished their aim, if it was equal justice and equal protection under the law.

SOUTH: "So they need someone, an organization like the Deacons.

ROGERS: "I would say that they need an organization and they need someone to further the cause of the Negro as far as being protected from the many and varied assaults on their person, property, etc.

SOUTH: "I understand that EARNEST THOMAS, who is the organizer for the Deacons, says that there's quite a bit of police brutality here and that they're here to help and protect Negroes. Now, does that mean there

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will be open insurrection if they know
that a Negro was being, say, resisting
arrest, and they happened to come around
a corner and saw a particular Negro
being beaten and saw that the police were
trying to put him under control. Would
they go into action then?

ROGERS:

"Now, I have to restate my position. I am
the Vice Chairman of ACT, an organization
in Chicago. We have been having many
meetings with Mr. THOMAS and I am in no
position to speak for the Deacons for
Defense and Justice. I am speaking from
the position of self-defense and defensive
measures. Now, you raise the
question that I certainly think that the
type of activity that's carried on in the
South would not be applicable in the city
of Chicago. I really don't feel that the
Deacons for Defense and Justice would
find themselves in juxtaposition to the
police activities. Certainly, there are
many cases documented, and cases now in
the courts, where that people feel that
they have been mistreated by police
officers. However, I think that there is
an over-playing of this as being the
area for work on the part of a group such
as the Deacons for Defense and Justice.
Certainly I would think that any
organization, the Deacons for Defense and
Justice included, would address themselves
to that problem. However, I don't think
that coming to the aid of an individual
being arrested by the law, as such, is
the type of tactic that that organization
would apply in a situation such as
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SOUTH: "Could you tell us in what area you would operate? I mean, just what would be their program? From what has been discussed, if you had discussed this with them?"

ROGERS: "I would suspect that their program would deal in the area of creating a climate where that the Negro community would be on record as being against police brutality and could take forms that I would think they would, organizational, etc., and I have no idea exactly what they would do, but there are a number of areas that they could represent themselves as representing in an area that a self-defense organization certainly could work."

SOUTH: "Such as?"

ROGERS: "Such as, you mentioned with the police. I think that, statistically, it has been proven that there are far more crimes of black citizens in the city of Chicago in proportion to their numbers, and in proportion to the crimes that occur. Just a casual observation of the city of California, where you have a high percentage of the incidents of police brutality against Negro. In fact, the Negro population is only about a third of the population of the city. It would seem that by looking at that you could see that there is a type of injustice that is being done by the overwhelming majority of the people themselves taking care. That's all I can say."

SOUTH: "Before you go to another -- What I would like to understand is what would the Deacons be doing with the police? Would they be talking with them? Would they be in an insurrection? Or just what would they be doing?"

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Saying "creating a climate," would they be at O.W. WILSON, "now this is what we want, this is what we have to have," or -- I agree that these conditions are there, I don't think anyone can disagree with that. But where would they fit in, this is what I was trying to find ...

ROCCERS:

"Well, I think that the group that invited the Deacons into Chicago are of the opinion that there has not been, up to this time, in Chicago a group of citizens who took a forceful enough position, and when I say "forceful enough position," -- there are many organizations, I would suspect, you would agree, who take an apologetic approach to conditions as they exist in Chicago, and of course it's true in other cities, that somehow the situation will change simply because of the pressure on the part of the structure of the enforcement agencies involved, that somehow the goodness of heart, you know, CORE will prevail. Well, I think at this late date, 1965, that we would have to admit, I would admit, as a person, that the goodness of the heart just is not going to prevail.

SOUTH:

"Would you say that the Chicago leaders in that area -- CORE or SCLC, I know SCLC is an amalgamation of many groups like -- AM BAY, NAACP, or -- would you say any of these?

ROCCERS:

"Well, I dislike very much getting into a situation where you address yourself to specific organizations. I would say this, in general, that there are organizations in the city of Chicago who claim to be civil rights organizations, and they have, of late, not been in a position where they were actually protesting anything. What comes to mind, of course, and I would

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suspect that it comes to mind to an awful lot of people. I am not going to put myself in a position of actually calling that organization's name. I think that they know, as well as I know, that many people around the city of Chicago are very disappointed that an organization of national stature who claims to be a protest organization and who claims to be out fighting for the rights and privileges of Negroes, has found themselves almost every single time on the side, either of the structure itself, or in a position of silence. And this is a terrible indictment of an organization that has the reputation that this particular organization has. As I say, I think that we should do ourselves a great injustice if we would go into actual name-calling, but that there are other organizations in the city who profess to be civil rights organizations and they function as an arm of the structure. Now, you mentioned some names. You mentioned AIR RAY, who happens to be a friend of mine, and who I feel is actually in the field doing a great and good job. He certainly is doing what protest organizations ought to do, that is, demonstrating so that it calls attention to injustices, and of course, this has been done. However, I think that we are in a stage of the civil rights movement where that one has to go a little further than the demonstrations. And when I say that, I mean, don't jump to the conclusion that I'm talking about armed insurrection. You know, there seems to be a great play on words today, in that anyone who no longer agrees with turning the other cheek and this sort of thing, is talking about armed insurrection. No. I'm talking about a firm position within the framework of the struggle for human dignity. A more militant

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11 approach, one where that you really talk to
12 American concept, as expressed by some of
13 the founding fathers, who adhered to the
14 principle, "Peace if possible, but justice
15 at any cost." I think that this is the
16 line that the Deacons would take.

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18 SOUTH:

19 "This is very well stated, but I don't --
20 uh -- maybe I'm a person who likes
21 specifics and maybe you can't be specific
22 -- I mean it's impossible to be specific
23 on -- what do you mean when you say
24 "within the framework"? What would an
25 organization do, getting back to the
26 Deacons? Just what would -- how would
27 they fit into this?

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29 ROCERS:

30 "Certainly, speaking as Vice-Chairman of
31 ACT, and speaking for our position, I
32 would hope that the Deacons would have
33 a purpose within the framework of our
34 organizational structure. There are
35 cases where that when people go out to
36 demonstrate, that hecklers and people,
37 you know, who are not a part of the
38 demonstration, come in and disrupt things
39 and on occasion the police seem to be
40 rather reluctant or, I would certainly
41 think, I would be using the wrong term
42 to say that they were incapable of
43 containing these over-zealous people
44 who choose to disrupt a peaceful
45 rights demonstration. I think that a
46 strong-armed organization, and when I
47 say "strong-armed," I'm not talking about
48 armed with guns or that type of thing, I'm
49 talking about just a steadfast, strong
50 organization who would be on the scene
51 and could put an end to this type of
52 harassment, on the part of the regular
53 civil rights movement.

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55 SOUTH:

56 "Now, that's what -- in other words, they
57 would be there, say they were having a
58 demonstration at someone's home and there
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10 are people who live in this particular
11 area who don't want this particular
12 demonstration. They'll come out and they'll
13 throw eggs or throw water on them. Do I
14 understand you correctly to say that the
15 Deacons, you would hope, would be there to
16 stop this type of thing?
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18 ROGERS:

19 "I would think that they would serve the
20 same purpose that they served in many
21 instances in the South. Um, in Bogalusa,
22 if you recall, and this is recorded in the
23 papers, that they did not, in fact,
24 participate in picket lines. They were
25 there to mingle with the crowd that
26 gathered, some of whom were a part, who
27 were sympathetic toward the demonstration,
28 and some who were not, and they would, in
29 effect, act as a buffer between those
30 people who were anti-demonstration and
31 who were prepared to take some physical
32 action against it, and just their presence
33 there, in many cases, was able to deter
34 overzealous people who felt that they ought
35 to interfere with the peaceful demonstration.
36 And I would suspect that they could serve
37 the same purpose here.
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39 SOUTH:

40 "Now, let's say that those who were against
41 such a demonstration, they were also
42 determined that they were going to be there
43 and they were going to do what they wanted
44 to do and they were going to stand behind
45 their friends and make certain that they
46 could exercise their rights as they see
47 them, and this could wind up in a real
48 fight or even worse. Is this right or wrong?
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50 ROGERS:

51 "I cannot disagree with your speculation
52 that the possibility of fist fights might
53 come out of something like this. I don't
54 think that there's any way of prior
55 determining anything of this nature. But
56 I would think that just the mere act of
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having some Deacons for Defense and Justice in a crowd of people who felt that they wanted to take law into their own hands, would be a deterrent to any activity of that nature.

SOUTH: Police could have sort of a handful, too, couldn't they?

ROGERS: "Well, police have their hands full in most situations that involve protests and what-have-you.

SOUTH: "And this might make a little bit more such a -- would I be using correct English by saying they would be "fuller"?

ROGERS: "Well, I don't know whether there is such a word, it is possible.

SOUTH: "Ladies and gentlemen, this is "The Hot Line," WESLEY SOUTH is your host. Our guest tonight is NAHAZ ROLLERS, who is the Vice-Chairman of ACT. We're speaking about the Deacons for Defense and Justice.

"If you have a comment or question, give us a call, we'll be here until midnight. Our telephone number -- 847-2602.

(Commercial)

SOUTH: "... This is the "Hot Line."

Caller: (Female) "Hello.

SOUTH: "May we have your question or your comment, please.

Caller: "Mr. SOUTH? Mr. THOMAS was interviewed on another program, on another radio show, and he said that he was invited to come up here and the reason why he was invited was

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10 because that the Ku Klux Klan was
11 chapters, starting in Indiana, and his
12 organization was formed primarily to act
13 as a buffer against the Ku Klux Klan in
14 the South because it was proved in Louisiana
15 that a lot of Klansmen were part of the
16 law officials, so therefore, naturally,
17 they were not doing their jobs and that is
18 the reason why they formed the Deacons --
19 because of this breakdown, that if the
20 Klan was the law, naturally the law wasn't
21 gonna protect the Negro. So, in Louisiana
22 it is legal to carry arms and that is why
23 they are able to carry guns and the only
24 reason that he is coming up here, in
25 made this perfectly clear, was only to
26 act as a counter-balance against the Ku
27 Klux Klan and for no other reason.

28 SOUTH: "We hope to have him on our program in a
29 few days."
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31 CALLER: "Well, it would be nice, but it would be so
32 he nice to make it clear -- I was referring
33 to Mr. ROGERS, and if you have non-violent
34 demonstrations, the reason why they could
35 stay non-violent is because a person does
36 not expect anyone in the demonstration to
37 have a weapon, but if you have the Deacons
38 in there and the supposition is that they
39 will have a weapon, and then naturally
40 anyone coming to counter the demonstration
41 will also have a weapon. So then you are
42 only asking for violence."
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44 SOUTH: "Thanks for calling."
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46 "Do you have a point on that, WHA??"
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48 ROGERS: "Yes. In talking to Mr. THOMAS, who
49 made this as a public statement at the
50 Saturday night that the organization
51 that would be set up in Chicago would not,
52 in fact, be armed in the manner that
53 I think of the Deacons being armed in
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Louisians. So I would think that anybody who gets the idea that the Deacons will be wandering around in Chicago haven't listened to Mr. THOMAS, himself.

CALLER:

"Well, then, Mr. ROGERS, as you've just said, if they were part of an organization and part of a demonstration, what do you think the good would be? By them just being there? You'd have other people there, I mean what would differentiate them from anybody else, why would they be of any use particularly?"

ROGERS:

"Well, I would suspect that from just listening to you, I didn't hear your name when you first started, that you have observed demonstrations in Chicago, I have observed them here and in other Northern cities -- that there are occasional incidents of violence that does not stem from the police, it just stems from, as I said earlier, overzealous spectators. And I think that there is an area there that could be addressed by a group such as the Deacons, and I have no authority to speak for the Deacons, to say that this is an area that they intend to work on, I'm just saying that this is an area that needs work."

CALLER:

"Well, I don't doubt that it needs work, but I don't know if it needs to be worked by the Deacons. I think it needs to be worked by the Negroes themselves if they would write more letters. I mean most Negroes are not writing enough letters. They can do a lot to stop a lot of things if they'd just write more letters to these people. In other words, no one knows you object to anything, well, they just continue to do it. I mean, they can write letters, I mean"

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for every man that's stopped
puts his hand in his pocket
letter, write a letter! And if
that doesn't work, well, then somebody
up there, get another form, but
how many letters are being sent
the South Side?

ROTFERS: "Not enough, I'm sure."
CALLER: "I mean, we all just holler
writing a letter?"
SOUTH: "Thank you very much for"
CALLER: "Surely. 'Bye."
SOUTH: "Good night."

WESLEY SOUTH here.
CALLER: "WESLEY, MARSH, this is WESLEY."
I'm very pleased to hear
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SOUTH and yours and LARRIE's.

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11 call on me if you need me, we are here
12 and therefore they can somewhat combat the
13 white sheet fellows from coming to do
14 some harm to them. And they do this --
15 they watch the registrars and they keep
16 tabs on the people who come to vote and
17 the people then can say, well, we have the
18 Deacons then to call on and I think this
19 is a good point. And he made this point,
20 where he at least has someone else besides
21 the white law agencies to call on to help
22 him protect his home, his family.

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24 SOUTH: "Are you referring to Chicago or other ..."

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26 LANDRUM: "I'm referring mainly to the South.
27 Of course, they do this in the South and
28 this is their job, where people are in fear
29 of danger, they have someone to turn to
30 besides the white people who control
31 almost the entire law enforcement body
32 down there.

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34 SOUTH: "How would that apply here in Chicago?"

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36 LANDRUM: "Well, we might reach that situation
37 in Chicago. I don't know exactly what it
38 does, but this certainly is an effect of
39 the ... They might go to bat for someone
40 in a case of police brutality. They would
41 help there, and of course, he pointed this
42 out ...

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44 SOUTH: "How do you mean, 'help'?"

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46 LANDRUM: "Well, engage in some kind of protest, they
47 could go to the captain of the police
48 station and point out these grievances of
49 people and act in this way, or if a person
50 needs protection, and we don't always have
51 enough -- I wish we did, but if a person
52 didn't have enough, he could call on us
53 and say, well, look, I'm in fear of ..."

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such, and he would at least have some
other protection other than the white power
structures and the police agencies.

SOUTH: "All right, thank you very much for calling.
Good night.

"This is "The Hot Line," Ladies and gentlemen,
WESLEY SOUTH your host. Our guest tonight,
NAHAZ ROGERS, our telephone number 847-2602.

"(Commercial)

CALLER:
(female) "...Mr. SOUTH?"

SOUTH: "Yes.

CALLER: "And your guest sounds most interesting.
I would be delighted if you have the pleasure
to, the representative of the Deacons...

SOUTH: EARNEST THOMAS, yes.

CALLER: "And I feel that acting and living with the
ordinary citizens are in the streets,
the Deacons might be helpful in providing
information about the cops that are
in our areas and in the South.
They protect the Negro people
and the Negroes who are
by the elected police officer
and our overcrowded conditions
brought into our communities,
women have been murdered and ALBERT
LEWIS, and even the Negro Daily
now we have a daily newspaper
sometimes I think they really
three days after the other press
can to give certain news, they are
they are really afraid to give
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SO: "You think that the Deacons would read this?"

CALLER: "I think they could help the policeman because we're so overcrowded here ..."

SO: "The police -- you know they have -- candidates can get applications, I understand, up until, oh, another week, and they are having Civil Service examination on September second or third. Do you think they should join the police department?"

CALLER: "No, sir. I read that there's a shortage that there are not very many people applying because the policemen are not getting their raises."

SO: "One question I'd like to ask."

"What do you think, if there are that many groups, so many groups, all of them, that they should be ... How long do you think it will take you the same thing -- before law and order -- do you think it would be law and order ..."

CALLER: "Well, as far as the law is concerned, we have the law ... people show such spirit ... who are not interested ..."

SO: "Yes, would they be helped by ..."

CALLER: "And if they could hear ... and hear about what ... South ... and I know for certain ... even on ..."

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go freely for social purposes in a areas. Well, you know that's not right, and I think that these people can really help the police without a warrant.

SOFTY: "Okay. Thank you for calling.

CALLER: "Thank you so very much.

SOFTY: "Would you comment on the question I asked you, NAHAZ?

ROBARS: "Well, number one, I would like to appear to me that other groups and defensive organizations. These are organized, primarily for the purpose of but it is obvious that there are many organizations in existence in Chicago. I would just like to say that a few questions ago, someone raised the question about areas of work for the Deacons for Defense and, as I said, in the Deacons for Defense, there are many cases where Negroes were arrested and someone burns their home down or throws bricks through the window or even invades their home. There's an area that's been a problem of ours our people and we might want to help to see that these people are not harassed, and we want to see that the police do not actually enter this type of area.

SOFTY: "This is the 'Hot Line'.

CALLER (w/ly): "WESLEY? Mr. MC KA..."

SOFTY: "Haven't heard from you in a while."

CALLER: "Yeah, I been pretty busy."

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CALLER: "I understand you have your own place now?"

CALLER: "Yes, I do, and it's located from the Edgewater Beach Hotel, WES. Like to have you as a guest sometime."

SOUTH: "Be glad to."

CALLER: "I have been listening but I have been pretty busy and I have been talking to a lot of people in the last two or three weeks, doing a lot of things, quite frankly. I have been in touch with the... I might say, -- probably not right now -- how much time do we have left?"

SOUTH: "Oh, minute or so."

CALLER: "Minute or so. That's unfortunate. What I wanted to say could have been done in a minute."

SOUTH: "Well, go right ahead."

CALLER: "I wanted to say this, that... I think that the pulse of... is being missed by many... elaborate... 40 years of violence... the world in a state of... I heard a statement... Senator YOUNG, is it, that... CIA had committed atrocious... and he just came and... went on to inflame opinion... Mr. (Trosby ??) and his... stimulating anti-Asian... the Negro Secret Service... abroad and kills yellow... doesn't kill the white... saying this as any... that exists, you... that this exists, and... hatred against the... prepare the American people..."

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for war and to murder millions of Asians with their nuclear weapons, and that we even debate whether or not Negroes need self-defense who are being murdered psychologically, physiologically, economically, sociologically, and every way possible. At 8.8 years left of life expectancy, just multiplying that by 20 million gives you about 1,760,000,000 years of life every time a generation passes out of existence among our nation. So what are we debating, whether we want to live or die, you know? Whatever means are necessary for us to live and for our youth to flower into the full fruition of their manhood and womanhood, I don't give a darn whether they're Deacons, whether it's guns, whether it's bombs, whether it's marches, whether it's demonstrations, whether it's books, whether it's bricks or stones or sticks. The people are the parasites, the white power structure. We are the hosts, they feed off of us, they suck our blood, they grow fat, we grow thin, we die, they live. Now we have a choice, it's very simple. I'm not advocating anything except survival and decency and human dignity for my people and for all people, whatever it takes, if we are men or if we are women. If we believe in the principles of Christianity, the principles of Judaism, the principles of Brahmanism, or Muslimism, any kind of religious doctrine, the principles of purely decent humanity, of kindness, of survival of human life on this planet we will take whatever steps are necessary to be sure then. And we are the only salvation, the black people of the world the non-Caucasians are the moral situation, the only possible salvation of this planet. And if we don't take whatever steps are necessary to stop this frenetic, headlong dash toward hell, and destruction of this earth, we'll wish we were never born.

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SOUTH: "Thanks for calling (Russ')."

CALLER: "Thank you."

SOUTH: "Talk to you later. Good night."

"This is 'The Hot Line.'"

CALLER (male): "Yes, I would like to agree with the last caller, but at the same time I would like to say that the Constitution of the United States and the laws of Illinois do give every individual, black or white, the right to protect himself and his property. There is no denying the fact that the Negroes in the city of Chicago, as well as in other places, are being denied their rights to protect themselves. At least, their rights are being abused. But I think that in all fairness, that we have to admit that, number one, the laws are on the books, the police are there for our protection, the Negroes have a right to join the police force, Negroes are in the courts, we have Negro lawyers, that can practice in the courts, I think we have a lot of things going for us here in the state of Illinois. I am one of the first ones to talk about some of the things that we don't have in the city of Chicago that we should have. But we have a lot of things going for us in the state of Illinois in general and in the city of Chicago, in particular, for our own protection. But at the same time, nobody is going to force protection upon us and the only thing that the Deacons could possibly do would be in the sense ... I heard Mr. THOMAS on the other program the other night also. I think he handled himself very well on that program for the audience that he had, which was predominantly white, but by the same token, I don't think

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that that type organization is needed in Chicago. I hope that ACT and DICK GREGORY, who is my idol, I hope that they are not fostering that type of organization here in the city of Chicago. We don't need that type of organization in Chicago. We do need vigilantes, it's true enough, but we need vigilantes number one, to wake people up, our people, and get them interested in how to use their legal rights to protect themselves with what they have on the books. We don't have people in the city of Chicago who even take advantage of things that are not even burned, I mean, as far as homes being burned, I work for a real estate office, I know about some of these things. But I have not as yet read where one Negro moved in any neighborhood has actually, in force, tried to protect himself against his home being burned. And he has that right in the state of Illinois, he has it under the Constitution of the United States. He's not using it. We have the right to vote for whomever we please, to even select our legislators. But in very, very few instances in the state of Illinois, and particularly in the City of Chicago, Negroes select -- they help select -- but they don't select anything. And the thing is, we need vigilantes here, as I say, but the vigilantes that we need are the type that can wake the Negro people of the city of Chicago up as to what their rights are now, how to take advantage of them. Simple little thing like calling the Internal Investigating Division when you feel that you're being abused, and I can personally say I have never been physically abused by any policeman, but I was verbally abused by a policeman and I can personally state that the Internal Investigation did make an investigation of it. And, uh, people are so afraid, I mean.

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but these things go against the record of any particular policeman, and nobody in their sensible mind, and I'm sure Superintendent WILSON does not want the type of man on the police force that's going to create havoc on the force. Now, but if the people don't say anything, but mumble to themselves, as I say, talk of trials for your doggone sins, I mean, well, nothing is going to happen.

SOUTH: Thank you for calling.

(Commercial)

SOUTH: This is the "Hot Line."

CALLER (male): Mr. SOUTH?

SOUTH: How are you, Mr. MUNFORD?

CALLER: Fine, and you, sir?

SOUTH: Fine. Haven't heard from you for a few days.

CALLER: Well, I have been listening to you, you know, 'cause this is my heart. First of all, I would say this, that I belong to, as you well know, the non-violent organization, but our leaders tell us this, they're training us this. And they say that we are glad the Deacons exist. I know that some are comparing them to the Ku Klux Klan, but then they say ask this question - how many lynchings have they committed, how many homes have they burned, how many churches? The Deacons, thank God, are not night riders. Anyone compare them like with the Klan is simply 'dacion (ph). Now, it's the same way, the Deacons. See, level-headed men that is leading us and I mean, God knows, if there is anything in prayer, I'm praying for it. Mr. SIMS said, one of the

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Deacons said this, "Leave your pistols, your knives, your hammers at home. Leave the protecting to us, that's our job, and to all men who is so like-minded, I think they would agree with me when I say this, that all men oughta be free but only those who are worthy of it. Who are valiant enough to win it -- to want it, to desire it, is not enough. One must pursue and capture it, knowing full well that freedom is not a gift, it's a victory. And let us all work for victory. Thank you, sir.

SOUTH: "Thanks for calling.

"This is the "Hot Line."

CALLER (male): "Good evening, Mr. WESLEY SOUTH. Can I make ...

SOUTH: "Well! Haven't heard from you in a long time, Mr. ...

CALLER: "Well, you barred me off of you!

SOUTH: "I haven't barred anybody off. Go right ahead, NICK."

CALLER: "First, I'd say, speaking about Negroes, protecting themselves. Someone said I have a lot of protection here. I haven't found it so much and I think you're gonna agree with me. I think, for the speaker tonight, I think the best way the Negroes can get protection in Chicago or anywhere else, and that is, number one, (word or two unintelligible) these organizations. The Negroes must get in these organizations and after getting in there he must support them. That is the number one. Now, of course, I feel this at this age of my life. I don't think anybody doing anything smart, throwing rocks in my car like I seen them throwing them in Negroes'. Now I don't know

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why this is so healthy when I am (unintelligible) ... I have everything that the car acquires me to have on my car. Now, God help anybody throwing a rock in my car. I'm gonna call the police after I call the undertaker. Because I think if a man don't stand up and protect his home and his family, he's less than a man, that's the number one thing the majority of us Negroes don't do. We get in an organization we don't even support it. Our alderman, -- and the alderman I'm talking about is about the only one we have, and its the 17th Ward alderman -- he made a statement here this summer that they ain't but about five per cent of us support these organizations. So, NAHAB, I think that one thing we got to do. When the more of these people support the organizations, I think the organizations will be in more of a situation to fight them. Thank you, Mr. SOUTH.

SOUTH: "You've never been barred from the "Hot Line," Mr. LAWS (ph).

"Thanks for calling, hope to hear your voice again.

CALLER: "Okay.

SOUTH: "This is the "Hot Line."

CALLER (male): "I would like to speak to Mr. ROGERS.

SOUTH: "Here on the line.

CALLER: "I would like to know if his group is a non-violent or violent group?

ROGERS: "Number one, I wonder how people get hung up in those type of thoughts, "non-violent" or "violent." The ACT organization is not a non-violent. That does not, in itself, make it a violent group. You see, violence is one thing -- ACT believes in self-defense,

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that every man, to be a man, has to have, number one, the feeling for protecting himself, his family and his possessions. Now, violence is something that has been constantly perpetrated upon the black man in this country and I know of no organized black organization that goes out to perpetrate violence against anyone. But I constantly hear people asking whether an organization is violent or non-violent. You know, we are not non-violent, if by non-violent you mean will we go out and offer our members up as sacrificial lambs to allow someone to beat their heads. No, we will not do that. On the other hand, we are not going out to inflict any violence on anyone else. But we teach and preach and hope and pray that every single ACP member will at all times conduct himself like a God-fearing man, and that is, that he will protect himself, he will protect his family, he will protect his property. This is not violence. This is how to deter violence.

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ROSEN:

"Yes, sir, does that answer your question, sir?"

WILLIAMS:

"Well, I wonder if he, do he think getting behind the voter registration, voters, that maybe this thing will be deterrent, if any person that runs for any elective office, if this group would support anybody that ran for elective office in the city of Chicago?"

ROGERS:

"Yes, we advocate -- this is part of our platform, and program, is that the black community must control the black community and this would mean in every sphere of operation, the political, the economic, black people must control the economics of their community, they must certainly control the political aspects, and they also must control the social aspects of their own community. This is something that to

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

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25 **SOBEN:** "Thank you for calling, sir."

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27 **CALLER:** "Thank you."

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29 **SOBEN:** "Good night."

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31 "This is the "Hot Line".

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33 **CALLER (female):** "Hello?"

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35 **SOBEN:** "May we have your question or your comment?"

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37 **CALLER:** "Mr. SOBEN, I have a comment and a slight
38 question too. I think that this organization
39 that they are performing, now, I think
40 that this would be a very good thing to
41 happen in our different neighborhoods, not
42 only do we need this for demonstration
43 and we need it for violence or whatever they
44 are talking about. As far as the police
45 department, I have no kick against the
46 police department as far as I'm concerned. But I
47 think it's a whole lot of things, because
48 have you thought about, too, there's a
49 many a people, and I know I'm a woman alone,
50 and I know there's a many a people, even
51 sick in bed, and you can call for help,
52 you can even call for the police department.
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54 you know it would be a nice thing to even
55 have people that you could ever call to see
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to some of these hospitals, you get all kinds of insurance, they are people they don't want to do anything for you. You can't even go to the counter, you have to stay on the outside cut there. I have gone out and stayed as long as 12 or 15 hours and I would be sick and couldn't get waited on. And I think that if they could even get this organization built up that they can protect the Negroes. I think that this would be a great thing, not to get a police department, because I think Chicago has a nice police department, I have no kick against them...

QUESTION: "And what was your question?"

ANSWER: "And then the question that I wanted to ask, would these people be trained to do these things -- not just pick up the phone -- are these people trained to do this work?"

QUESTION: "The units that function in the South they are in the process at the moment of setting up a chapter in Chicago, but all of the chapters in the South go through a rigorous training program to be able to do every detail that you are talking about. These are things that I learned from Chicago to Mr. THOMAS. As a matter of fact, I was going to go to the South to do this, or at least help to do this, and I would suspect that he would be able to answer these questions in much more detail."

QUESTION: "Thank you, sir."

QUESTION: "Thank you for calling."

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

South "Yes, sir."

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

South "I haven't the slightest idea."

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

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

Caller "I wish you could ask him that."

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

South "Hello, Hot Line."

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

South "Yes, sir."

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

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11 South "Did you want to comment on that.

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

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

Rogers

"I want to comment. Number one, I don't understand that everytime the Deacon's name is brought up, it's brought up in the framework of violence. And that is in (unintelligible) to the police force. I don't think anything has ever been suggested that the Deacons of defense and justice have any real relationship to being in opposition to the police force. But what I am saying is this is a position organizationally that is seen as being a part of ACT, an organization who is out for justice and out for the equality of black people in Chicago and in America. ACT is a national organization. But I think that we overlook too many things when we say that we don't need the help of every organization that has something to offer in the area of creating a climate of equality on the part of all whites and one of those qualities is that people act and react like men to any given situation. I don't want to take up a lot of time, but certainly Chicago offers many areas where the police is remiss in the treatment of Negroes. I think that we have made a lot of headway is wrong. The school system is worse today in 1965 than it was in 1955. And getting more segregated every year. So we are not making the kind of progress except that we are making progress in the newspapers, but in fact in many cases we're going backward and there must be a reason. One of these reasons may be that the organizations are not taking a militant enough stand.

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Caller "I agree with you. But don't you think you could take a much more militant attitude if we would teach people how to vote, if we would teach our kids, not our kids individually, but say our kids as a race, and try teaching them the value of property and not destruction of property?"

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

Caller "No, not necessarily."

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

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

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

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

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"You know, being the host here I can always have
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I don't think there's a man in Chicago Negro
white or otherwise where you could go in his
house where he would not stand up. Do you agree
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Re Boston letter to Director dated 10/8/65 and Bureau letter to Boston dated 10/11/65 captioned "Rebellion Information Concerning (IS)", which advised that New Orleans was Office of Origin on matter concerning the Deacons, and that that office should be furnished all pertinent information concerning same.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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APPENDIX

NATION OF ISLAM

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

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

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

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

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

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APPENDIX

NATION OF ISLAM

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

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APPENDIX

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11 STUDENT COMMITTEE FOR TRAVEL TO CUBA

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

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

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33 A second source advised on September 13, 1963, that during
34 the summer of 1963, fifty-nine individuals traveled to Cuba; the
35 leaders of the group were members of the Progressive Labor Movement;
36 and the trip was planned and organized by Progressive Labor Movement
37 members.

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39 A third source advised on October 9, 1963, the Student
40 Committee for Travel to Cuba was utilizing Post Office Box 2178,
41 New York, New York, as its mailing address.

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43 On March 12, 1965, [REDACTED]

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46 [REDACTED] advised as follows:

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48 The Student Committee for Travel to Cuba (SCTC) was
49 formerly known as the Ad Hoc Student Committee for Travel to Cuba
50 and the Permanent Student Committee for Travel to Cuba.

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52 [REDACTED] was a leader and participant of the 1963 trip to
53 Cuba and an organizer of the 1964 trip to Cuba. Both trips were
54 sponsored by the SCTC.

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APPENDIX

2.

STUDENT COMMITTEE FOR TRAVEL TO CUBA

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

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

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APPENDIX

PROGRESSIVE LABOR PARTY (PLP)
PROGRESSIVE LABOR MOVEMENT (PLM)

A source advised on April 20, 1965, that the PLP, formerly known as the PLM, held its first national convention April 15-18, 1965, at New York City, to organize the PLM into a PLP. The PLP will have as its ultimate objective the establishment of a militant working class movement based on Marxism-Leninism.

"The New York Times," City Edition, Tuesday, April 20, 1965, page 27, reported that a new party of "revolutionary socialism" was formally founded on April 18, 1965, under the name of the PLP. The PLP was described as an outgrowth of the PLM. Its officers were identified as Milton Rosen, New York, President, and William Epton of New York and Mort Scheer of San Francisco, Vice Presidents. A 20-member National Committee was elected to direct the party until the next convention.

According to the article, "The Progressive Labor Movement was founded in 1962 by Mr. Rosen and Mr. Scheer after they were expelled from the Communist Party of the United States for assertedly following the Chinese Communist line."

The PLP publishes the "Marxist-Leninist Quarterly," a theoretical magazine; "Progressive Labor," a monthly magazine; "Challenge," a New York City newspaper; and "Spark," a west coast newspaper.

The June 1, 1965, issue of "Challenge," page 6, states that, "this paper is dedicated to fight for a new way of life - where the working men and women own and control their homes, factories, the police, courts, and the entire government on every level."

The source advised that the PLP utilizes the address of General Post Office Box 808, Brooklyn 1, New York, but also utilizes an office in Room 622, 132 Nassau Street, New York City, where PLP publications are prepared.

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YOUNG SOCIALIST ALLIANCE

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

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

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

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

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

The SWP has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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

From: Director, FBI (100-106670)
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

CLASS. & EXT. BY 2842 (M.J.)/gjs
REASON: FBI
DATE OF REVIEW 11-4-85

Re WFO airtel 11/3/85 to the Bureau, New York, Chicago, and Chicago, "ICUA, Klan Investigation, Racial Matters." For the information of New York and New Orleans, information from [redacted]

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Chicago is instructed to immediately advise local authorities, Secret Service and the Army Intelligence on a highly confidential basis that the Bureau is in receipt of uncorroborated information that [REDACTED]

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

Chicago is referred to its airtel and letterhead memorandum of 10/23/55 concerning the Deacons of Defense and should attempt to obtain further information which may be available concerning the possibility of the Deacons being connected with Chicago must stay on top of this situation to insure that the organization of the Deacons is immediately known and reported.

New Orleans, as origin concerning the Deacons, should attempt to determine whether there is any indication that the organization has spread to Pennsylvania and New Jersey and, if appropriate, not out loud.

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

NOTE:

Memorandum from Baumgardner to Mr. Sullivan, 12/4/55, captioned "Martin Luther King, Jr., Security Matter - Communist" recommended dissemination of the information from [REDACTED] to the White House, Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General, Assistant Attorneys General Yeagley and Doar, Secret Service and the military intelligence agencies and additionally noted that appropriate instructions were going forward by a separate airtel to [REDACTED]. Instant airtel serves that purpose.

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

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

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

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RACIAL MATTER

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

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

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

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SEATTLE

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

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Seattle, if not already handled, report activities of DDJ at Seattle.

CHICAGO

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



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Chicago, Illinois
November 2, 1965

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

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

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

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

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

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On November 1, 1965, [REDACTED]

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

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Via **AIRTEL** _____

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To: Director, FBI and
SAC, New York

From: SAC, Pittsburgh (157-429) (P)

THE DEACONS FOR DEFENSE
RACIAL MATTERS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (157-572) DATE OF REVIEW 11-12-85
(157-840)
SUBJECT: DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, INC.
RM (ORGANIZATION)

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Re Chicago airtel to Bureau, 11/2/65.

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

One copy of this letterhead memorandum is being designated for Region I, 113th INTC Group, U.S. Border Service and USA, Chicago, Illinois.

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

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RACIAL MATTERS

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

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

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

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These informants also advised that there has not been any indication that Thomas has attempted to purchase or obtain any weapons while in Chicago. No information has been received concerning Thomas's whereabouts recently and Thomas may have returned to Louisiana.

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Character RACIAL MATTERS

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

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

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-2466)

FROM: SAC, PITTSBURGH (157-429)

SUBJECT: THE DEACONS FOR DEFENSE
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JOHN BROWN COMMEMORATION COMMITTEE
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REASON: 25X
DATE OF REVIEW: 11-15-85

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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1. Will expedite Pittsburgh request for characterization of The Deacons for Defense and related organizations such as West Side Unified Action Council and the John Brown Commemoration Committee, with the degree of relationship of those organizations, so that this information will be available for dissemination to the National Park Service and [REDACTED] by 12/1/65. It is noted that National Park Service may decide to have additional rangers available for duty.
2. Will advise Pittsburgh if informants from New York will be covering the Pilgrimage.
3. Will advise Pittsburgh what specific coverage at Harpers Ferry, W. Va., if any, is desired.

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

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TO: [Handwritten initials]
FROM: [Handwritten initials]

DIRECTOR, FBI (157-2466)

DATE: 11/24/65

SAC, NEW YORK (157-1542)

SUBJECT: CHANGED
DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE
RACIAL MATTERS

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DATE OF REVIEW 11-24-85

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

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

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

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

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- 2- Bureau (Encls. 8) (RM)
- 1- Chicago (Encls. 1) (Info) (RM)
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The information supplied by [REDACTED] was supplied to SA [REDACTED].

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On October 27, 1965, SA [REDACTED] made a pretext call [REDACTED]

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

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In Reply, Please Refer to
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New York, New York

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

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

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

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

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

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

"The Worker" is an east coast Communist newspaper.

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

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

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[REDACTED] advised that Charles Sims,

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

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The source stated Mae Mallory took up most of the time relating her experiences in the civil rights movement and praising Robert Williams. She pointed out the similarities between Robert Williams' approach and the approach of the DDJ to the civil rights movement. Robert Hicks spoke about the various incidents that occurred in Bogalusa, Louisiana, while attempting to register Negroes to vote. Jerry Gutman, introduced as an attorney for Charles Sims, differed with Mae Mallory, stating that the DDJ is a legally constituted organization which is defensive and will remain so.

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

Charles Sims spoke about the background of the DDJ and stated the purpose of the DDJ is to protect Negro and white civil rights workers. He stated the DDJ is able to effectively deal with the Ku Klux Klan, however, he was critical of the local sheriff's office, stating the past Wednesday (October 20, 1965) the sheriff obtained the names of the DDJ

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leaders and arrested them on various charges.

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

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

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

After the meeting a reception was held for the persons who had appeared at the home of Ricque Le Seur on Staten Island. b7C

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

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a fund raising affair at Washington Temple Church of
God in Christ, 1372 Bedford Avenue, Brooklyn, New
York, on October 24, 1965, where approximately 40
persons were present. This meeting was held after
the regular church service which is from 9:00 p.m.
to 10:00 p.m.

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

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

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Reverend William H. Melish

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H. Melish was a member of the Board of Directors
of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship (NCASF)
as of April 11, 1964.

The NCASF has been designated pursuant,
to Executive Order 10450.

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400 persons attended a meeting held at Emanuel AME
Church, 37 West 119th Street, New York City, from 8:15
to 10:45 October 25, 1965, at which Jesse Gray, the
master of ceremonies, apologized for the absence of
Charles Sims, who was to be the main speaker. Gray
stated that Sims had to return to Louisiana in
order not to forfeit bail on a local charge.

Mae Mallory gave a speech in which she stated
each gun for the Deacons cost \$80.00. Mallory asked
those in attendance to pledge a gun individually for
the Deacons. Several persons signed pledges for guns.
A collection of \$126.00 was taken up for the Deacons.

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Sims of the Deacons spoke at a public meeting sponsored by the YAWF at Academy Hall, 853 Broadway, New York City. Sims recounted experiences of racial persecution and claimed that the persecution had been somewhat alleviated through the formation of the Deacons, which are armed for self defense. Sims indicated that the DDJ in Bogalusa had about 200 followers and indicated a new unit was being formed in Chicago. Sims asked for contributions to carry on the work of the DDJ and a collection was made for him.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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1. APPENDIX
REVOLUTIONARY ACTION MOVEMENT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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1. Workers World Party

APPENDIX

"WORKERS WORLD"

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

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APPENDIX

WORKERS WORLD PARTY

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

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

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

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

On May 3, 1965, second source advised that the Workers World Party, which maintains headquarters at 45 West 118th Street, New York, New York, supports the People's Republic of China in its ideological dispute with the Soviet Union.

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



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1. APPENDIX

YOUTH AGAINST WAR AND FASCISM

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

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

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

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

RALLY OF DEACONS FOR DEFENSE AND JUSTICE SPONSORED BY CONGRESS OF RACIAL EQUALITY (CORE)
11/20/65
DETROIT, MICHIGAN
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Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of an LHM regarding captioned planned rally. Two copies of LHM are being furnished the New Orleans Division, which Office has an interest in the Deacons for Defense and Justice.

One copy of LHM being furnished G-2, ONI, OSI, US, and one copy being furnished Secret Service, all Detroit, Michigan.

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[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] are aware of contents of LHM. b7D

This matter will be followed and Bureau advised after rally.

ENCLOSURE (6)

- 3 - Bureau (Enc. 8) (RM)
- 2 - New Orleans (Enc. 2) (RM)
- 3 - Detroit
(1 - 157-706 POSSIBLE RACIAL VIOLENCE)

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AGENCY: _____
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DATE 7-27-00 BY SP4/AV

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, DETROIT (157-1140) (C)

RALLY OF DEACONS FOR DEFENSE
AND JUSTICE SPONSORED BY CORE,
11/20/65, DETROIT, MICH.

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Re myairtel and LHM 11/18/65.

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

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

Source utilized in LHM is [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] has been apprised of the date in LHM.

ENCLOSURE

- 3 - Bureau (Enc. 3) (RM)
- 2 - New Orleans (Enc. 2) (RM) 12 NOV 23 1965
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Approved: [REDACTED] Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Detroit, Michigan
November 22, 1965

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

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

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

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

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

This document contains neither recommendations
nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the
FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents
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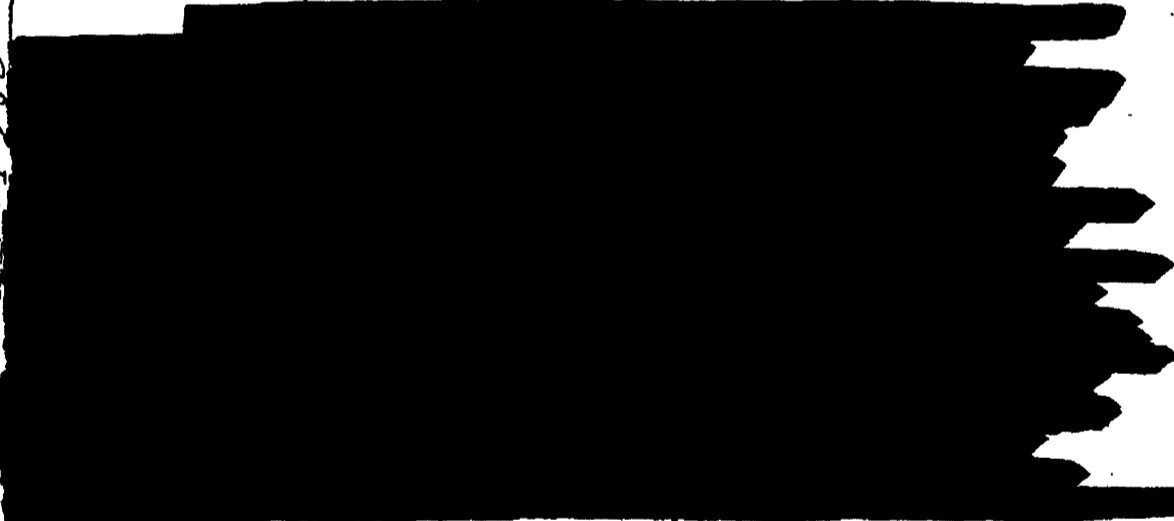
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DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, INC.
RACIAL MATTERS

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

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

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

1 - New Orleans (157-3290)

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

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Date: 11/19/65

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-2466)

FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (157-413)

RE: DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE

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

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

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

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Incorporate into airtel 10/13/65
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+ the military intelligence division.
Also send copy of the LHM as well as with
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SAC, San Antonio (157-413)

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SAC, Albany (157-163) (RUC)

DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE
RACIAL MATTER

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

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

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"The Civil Rights Movement has not been total non-violence. While the racists' reaction to the Movement has become more and more ferocious, legal authorities have at best given only token aid to the Negro and, at worse, actually aided the racists.

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

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

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

The throwaway then goes on to announce this meeting to be held at 8:15 PM on September 29, 1965, at Ives Hall on the Cornell Campus and states that "the formation of a committee at Cornell to aid the Deacons will be discussed".

The September 29, 1965, issue of the "Cornell Daily Sun", a daily student newspaper published at Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y. contains an account of this meeting. This account states that KLEIN, who was the speaker, received permission from Deacon leader CHARLES SIMS of Bogalusa, Louisiana, to raise money for the organization. During his speech, KLEIN stated that the Deacons of Defense and Justice are not an anti-segregation, not a terrorist revenge group, not a group dedicated to violence for violence' sake, but an organization to protect the home and family of the Southern Negro. He pointed out that between 1890 and 1950 there were over 5,000 documented Negro lynchings in the South and concluded that the situation has not greatly changed.

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

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

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12 claiming that sheriffs have beers with Klan members and
13 that the FBI "takes notes and pictures while you get
14 beat up". He said that the Deacons act as a deterrent
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16 trade their superior lives for Negroes' inferior ones".
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TO DIRECTOR, FBI //15// AND COLUMBIA (VIA SAVANNAH)

COLUMBIA VIA (SAVANNAH) ENCODED VIA WASHINGTON

FROM NEW YORK (157-1542)

ASS. & EXT. BY SP1 [Signature]
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-2466)

DATE: 11/30/65

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

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

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

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

On 11/19/65, [REDACTED]

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

[REDACTED]

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

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

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Date: 11/19/65

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-2466)

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

RE: DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE

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REASON: FCIM 11, 1-2.4.2
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AGENCY: ACSI, ONI, OSI, SEC, SER-1
DEPT. ISD, GND, WAG

Re San Antonio airtel dated 11/19/65, and Bureau routing slip dated 11/24/65.

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

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

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

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

- 3-Bureau (Encs. 8) RM
- 2-New Orleans (Encs. 3) RM
- 2-Houston (Encs. 2) RM
- 2-New York (Encs. 2) RM
- 2-Albany (157-163) (Encs. 4) RM
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San Antonio airtel to Bureau, 8/9/65,
captioned The Committee to Aid the Deacons.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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The throw away then goes on to advertise this meeting to be held at 8.15 p.m. on September 28, 1965, at Ames Hall on the Cornell campus and states that "the formation of a committee at Cornell to aid the Deacons will be discussed."

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On August 2, 1965, while in Austin, Texas, FBI described "the Deacons" as an armed Negro self defense group.

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At this time, KLEIN stated the address of the Committee is 3914 the Legends at [REDACTED] University Station, Austin, Texas. The addressee of the [REDACTED] letter was not known by [REDACTED] (c) b1

On October 12, 1961, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] had indicated that [REDACTED] was a [REDACTED] in the above organization in [REDACTED] on the vine.

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[REDACTED] pointed out that [REDACTED] in Austin and there is no [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] Department of Justice, [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] he had [REDACTED] no information indicating that [REDACTED] in Justice.

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San Antonio, Texas

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

CLASS. & EXT. BY SP184-1117-2
REASON - FCIM 11.4.2
DATE OF REVIEW 12-6-85

FROM: SAC, NEWARK

SUBJECT: THE DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, INC.
RM
Newark File 157-1922
Bureau File 157-2436

JOHN BROWN COMMEMORATION COMMITTEE
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Newark File 100-43717
Bureau File 100-

Re Pittsburgh airtel to Bureau, dated 11/15/45.

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- 6 - Bureau
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Approved: [Signature]
Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO : Director, FBI DATE: 12/1/65
FROM: *y m/j* SAC, Savannah
SUBJECT: DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, INC.
 RM

BUFILE NO: 157-2466
SAVANNAH FILE NO: 157-731
COLUMBIA FILE NO: *157-122*

Due to the opening of the Columbia Office, the following action is being taken in captioned matter:

A. LOCATION OF FILE

1. () Entire file transferred to Columbia herewith.
2. () File transferred to Columbia except one copy following serials retained at Savannah:
3. (x) File retained at Savannah but one copy of following serials transferred to Columbia:

see pg. 2

B. OFFICE OF ORIGIN

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2. Svmemo of SAC JAMES T. NEAGLE, 7/21/65
3. CEtel to Bureau, 7/14/65
4. Newspaper clipping, "Wall Street Journal", 7/12/65
5. Buairtel to SV, 7/19/65
6. NOairtel to Bureau, 8/4/65
7. Svmemo of SA [REDACTED], 8/12/65
8. NOrep. of SA [REDACTED], 8/17/65
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-441968)

FROM: SAC, WFO (157-425) (P)

ASSOCIATED COMMUNITY TEAMS (ACT)

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O DEACONS FOR DEFENSE

Reairtel from Philadelphia, 12/6/65. Also reWFOairtel and LHM captioned "ORGANIZATION FOR BLACK POWER, RACIAL MATTERS", dated 11/18/65, with no copies for Baltimore and New Haven.

5-Bureau

(1- 157-3022) (OBP)

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3-Baltimore (RM) (100-23349)

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4-Chicago (RM) (157-303)

(1- 157-373) (OBP)

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2-New Haven (RM) (100-18253)

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(1- 157-433) (POSSIBLE RACIAL VIOLENCE)

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- 5-Philadelphia (RM) (100-47502)
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On 12/10/65, [redacted] (protect identity, has furnished reliable information in the past) stated as follows:

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

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

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

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

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-2466)

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DATE: 12/16/65

FROM : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-3290)

SUBJECT: DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, INC., aka
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- 1 - Savannah
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Date: 12-10-65

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-2466)
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FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (157-572)
(157-840)

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REASON - 1.4
DATE OF REVIEW 12-10-85

SUBJECT: DEACONS OF DEFENSE
AND JUSTICE, INCORPORATED
RM
(ORGANIZATION)

RM

Re Chicago airtel to Bureau dated 11/12/65.

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

[Redacted] (protect
requested).

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- 4 - Bureau (Enc. 9)
(1 - 157-) [Redacted] b7C
- 3 - New Orleans (157-3290) (Enc. 3)
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One copy of this letterhead memorandum is being designated for Region I, 113th INTC Group; United States Secret Service, and the United States Attorney, Chicago, Illinois.

LEADS

NEW ORLEANS

AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA. Will furnish Chicago photograph of EARNEST THOMAS and any information received concerning the current whereabouts of THOMAS and any indication that a chapter of the Deacons of Defense and Justice, Incorporated, may be organized in Chicago.

CHICAGO

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

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Chicago, Illinois
December 10, 1965

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DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND
JUSTICE, INCORPORATED
RACIAL MATTERS
(ORGANIZATION)

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RACIAL MATTERS

Reference is made to memorandum dated November 22,
1965, at Chicago, Illinois.

On the dates indicated the following advised that
no information has been developed which would indicate that
a chapter of the Deacons of Defense and Justice, Incorporated
(DDJ) has been formed in Chicago. They also advised that
there has been no indication that Earnest Thomas, who is
associated with the DDJ, is presently in Chicago.

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Chicago, November 16, 1965. b7C

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Chicago, December 7, 1965. b7D

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December 8, 1965.

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Confidential informants who are acquainted with
certain racial matters in the Chicago, Illinois area advised
during December, 1965, that no information has been received

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that would indicate that a chapter of the DDJ has been formed in Chicago. They advised that Earnest Thomas has not been in Chicago for the past few weeks but is expected to return to Chicago sometime in the future.

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Title	DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, INCORPORATED [REDACTED] b7C
Character	RACIAL MATTERS (ORGANIZATION)
Reference	is made to memorandum dated and captioned as above.

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AIR MAIL

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-2466)

SAC, SEATTLE (157-502) (RM)

SUBJECT: DEFENSES OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, INC.
SOCIAL MATTER (ORGANIZATION)

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Re Chicago letter to Bureau 11/27/49 and
letter to Seattle 11/27/49 (IO).

Re enclosed are two articles, one
article appearing in the "Seattle Times"
which indicates that "part one" of the
and article in "Seattle, Washington"
and article in "Seattle, Washington"
which to furnish any information concerning
the organization in the Seattle area.
been requested to refer to the office
any information concerning the
mention of the "Social Matter" or any
of local news in the area. It is
not that a branch of the organization
is located in the area. It is
Mr. [REDACTED], while in Chicago.

In the event of any further information
of a confidential nature, all information should
be furnished to this office should be in the
of the area.

- 3 - Bureau
- 2 - Chicago (157-572)
- 2 - New Orleans (157-8900)
- 1 - Seattle

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Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEW ORLEANS	DATE 12/30/65	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 11/9/65-12/23/65
FILE OF CASE DEACONS FOR DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, FERRIDAY, LOUISIANA	REPORT MADE BY SA [REDACTED] b7C	CHARACTER OF CASE RM

SUMMARY REPORT

REFERENCE:

Report of SA [REDACTED] at New Orleans dated 10/14/65. b7C

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LEADS:

NEW ORLEANS DIVISION

AT FERRIDAY, LOUISIANA

Will maintain contact with individuals in the Deacons for Defense and Justice in order to be aware of their activities.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

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APPROVED <i>RK</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW
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AGENCY: ACSI, ONI, OSI, SEC. SERV.,

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An extra copy of this report is furnished to the Bureau for dissemination to Secret Service, Washington, D. C. in view of the fact that the subject falls within Category 5(c) of the Agreement Between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection.

A copy of this report is being furnished to ICG, ONI and Secret Service, New Orleans, as well as OSI, Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana, in view of their interest in Klan matters.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New Orleans, Louisiana WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535
December 30, 1965

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Director
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

Re: Deacons for Defense and
Justice, Ferriday, Louisiana

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2. Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
3. Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
4. U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
5. Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:
 - (a) Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior;
 - (b) Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
 - (c) Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.
6. Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

Photograph has been furnished enclosed is not available
 may be available through _____

Very truly yours;

John Edgar Hoover
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s))
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Copy to: 1 - Secret Service, New Orleans (RM)
1 - OSI, Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana (RM)
1 - ONI, New Orleans (RM)
1 - ICG, New Orleans (RM)

Report of: SA [redacted] b7C Office NEW ORLEANS
Date: 12/30/65

File Number: 157-5624 Bufile: 157-2466

Title: DEACONS FOR DEFENSE AND JUSTICE,
FERRIDAY, LOUISIANA

Character: RACIAL MATTER

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Synopsis: Local unit of Deacons at Ferriday, Louisiana has present membership of 23 members. Increase in membership and activities due to recent acts of violence committed against Negroes at Ferriday, Louisiana. Activities include weekly meetings and an all night patrol of the Negro section. Each deacon has at least one weapon and the unit has three semi-automatic Corbines and two walkie-talkies which are used for patrolling.

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DETAILS:

On November 9, 1965, [redacted] advised that the Deacons for Defense and Justice at Ferriday, Louisiana has still not gotten off the ground.

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[redacted] the Deacons were completely disorganized and their membership was null.

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[REDACTED] stated he knew nothing about machine guns which are allegedly in the possession of the Deacons of Defense and Justice at Bogalusa, and Jonesboro, Louisiana. He stated that if he did come across information as to their origin, descriptive data and serial numbers he would furnish this information to the FBI.

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FROM: NEW ORLEANS (157-231)

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FROM : Director, FBI (Bufile and Serial 157-2466)
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2. DATE report 90-day progress letter will be submitted by 12/23/65
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Reporting employee _____

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

4. Status of Appeal Inquiry Investigation Prosecution

5. Submit airtel letterhead memo
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Place reply hereon and return to Bureau. Note receipt and acknowledgment on top sheet in case file.

3 UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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6 TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-2466)

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10 FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (157-1184) (P)

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19 Re Los Angeles airtel to Bureau dated 10/25/65,
20 with enclosed letterhead memorandums.

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22 ON 12/22/65, [redacted] and Tobacco
23 Unit, [redacted] at
24 Los Angeles, [redacted] receives information
25 the shipment of machine guns
26 the Deacons
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29 [redacted] advised that the details of this transaction
30 may take several months to obtain.

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32 In view of the Bureau's interest in this matter,
33 Los Angeles will maintain close contact with ATTU for information
34 concerning this matter.

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36 Los Angeles is placing this case in a pending in-
37 active status, to be opened again in 60 days.

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TITLE OF CASE DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, INC., aka. Deacons for Defense and Justice, Inc.		REPORT MADE BY SA [REDACTED] b7C	CHARACTER OF CASE RM

REFERENCE:
 New Orleans report of SA [REDACTED] b7C

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LEADS:
CHICAGO DIVISION
AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Will maintain contact with sources and informants in order to determine if EARNEST THOMAS organizes a Chapter of the Deacons in that city.

NEW YORK DIVISION

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LEADS CONTINUED:

AT NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK

Will, through informants and sources, be alert to any information concerning the Deacons attempting to establish Chapters in that area.

NEW ORLEANS DIVISION

AT BOGALUSA, LOUISIANA

Will maintain contact with informants and sources in order to be aware of the activities of the Deacons in Washington Parish, Louisiana.

AT HOMER, LOUISIANA

Will maintain contact with leaders of the DDJ in that area.

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Report of: SA [REDACTED] *b7C* Office: NEW ORLEANS

Date: JANUARY 10, 1966

Field Office File No.: 157-3290 Bureau File No.: 157-2466

Title: DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, INC.

Character: RACIAL MATTERS

Synopsis:

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Characterizations of Revolutionary Action
Movement (RAM), Spartacists, Socialists Workers Party,
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Section of this report.

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ORGANIZATION

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

PURPOSES

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

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CHAPTERS

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2. Bogalusa, Louisiana
3. Homer, Louisiana

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[redacted] that he under- (c)
stood that Negroes in Plaquemine, Monroe, and Ferriday,
Louisiana, had requested assistance in forming DDJ Chapters

On August 20, 1965, [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that they had received information that the DDJ b7D
had started a chapter in the New Orleans area and that
[redacted] was the co-ordinator
of this movement in the New Orleans area.

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On September 9, 1965, information was received
from [redacted]
[redacted] that in a conversation b7C
with [redacted] b7D
[redacted] the Deacons of
Defense and Justice, Inc. was discussed, and [redacted]
informed [redacted] that he had attended a meeting concerning this
organization, which was held at Tuskegee on or about
August 15, 1965. [redacted] advised that [redacted]
[redacted] informed [redacted] that he had attended this meeting, but
did not discuss the organization with [redacted], nor admit actual
membership in such an organization.

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[REDACTED] that members (c)
of the DDJ from Bogalusa, Louisiana, area had gone to
Columbia, Mississippi, to establish a DDJ chapter in that
area; and [REDACTED] that individuals from Holmes County (c)
Mississippi, as well as individuals from Columbia,
Mississippi, made inquiries concerning the establishment
of Deacon Chapters.

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MEMBERS

[REDACTED] that the following (c)
individuals were members of the Bogalusa Chapter of the DDJ:

- CHARLES SIMS, President
- ROYAN BURRIS, Vice President
- [REDACTED] former secretary

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On August 20, 1965, [REDACTED] a self-admitted member of the DDJ, advised that the following individuals were members of the Bogalusa Chapter:

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[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED] that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] Bogalusa, were members.

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FINANCES

[redacted] b1 that the (c) present monetary payment to join the DDJ was \$10.00, with a \$2.00 monthly dues payment.

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[redacted] b1 that he had (c) received information which indicated that at a meeting set up to formulate plans for the Deacons, it was reported that there was to be a \$10.00 individual initiation fee and a monthly dues of \$2.00. A \$100.00 membership fee was indicated for a Unit to affiliate with the State Organization, and this \$100.00 membership fee was to be used principally for the purchase of radio and other communications equipment.

[redacted] (c) b1 b7I

[redacted] b1 that, in his opinion, A. Z. YOUNG (c) who is connected with the civil rights movement in Bogalusa is out to "milk" the civil rights activities in that area and he further believed that CHARLES SIMS would not be above siphoning off some of the money obtained ostensibly for the Deacons for his own personal use.

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[REDACTED] that CHARLES (c) b1
SIMS and ROBERT HICKS, member of the DDJ, had recently been
in New York in an effort to raise money for the Deacons, but
very little money had been collected [REDACTED] that it was (c) b1
his understanding that the current plans of the Deacons in
Bogalusa were to contact those individuals throughout the
U. S. who have been active in fund raising for the Deacons
to obtain as much money as possible for the Bogalusa Chapter
in order to continue their activities in that community.

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Re Chicago letter dated 12/3/65, captioned as MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SM-C; Chicago airtel and LHM dated 2/28/66, captioned as above (U), and Bureau 0-1, dated 3/22/66, captioned as above (U).

The sources referenced in referenced letter, with whom Chicago is in constant contact, have provided no information which would indicate that KING, through the SCLC or the Deacons, as alleged by original source of this information, has been involved in the above mentioned activities.

The current status of the Deacons is set forth in referenced Chicago LHM of February 28, 1966. Any information obtained by Chicago which appears to have a bearing on this matter will be expeditiously provided the Bureau and interested offices.

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The "Workers World," Volume 7, Number 20, page 3, dated October 14, 1965, containing an article captioned, "President Of Deacons For Defense To Speak In New York," reflected that it was announced by RICHIE LE SEUR, a friend of the Deacons from the newly opened office of the Friends of the DDJ (FDDJ), 271 West 125th, Room 209, New York, New York, that CHARLES SIMS, founder of the DDJ and ROBERT HICKS, Vice President of the BVL will speak in New York on October 23, and October 25, 1965.

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

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

"The Worker," Volume XXX, Number 80, page 2, dated October 24, 1965, contained an article captioned, "Deacons' President To Speak In New York," which set forth substantially the same information as that contained in the "Workers World." "The Worker" is a east coast Communist newspaper.

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open forum sponsored by the Socialist Workers Party was held at Eugene V. Debs Hall, Room 25, 5927 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio. At the conclusion of the meeting, HENRY AUSTAN of Bogalusa, Louisiana, spoke and advised that he was in Cleveland to organize a local "Deacons For Defense" Committee. According to the informant, AUSTAN stated that he is not a non-violent pacifist, but rather he believes in violence on the part of the Negro in order to protect himself, even to the extent of armed violence.

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[REDACTED] ^{b1} that ROBERT (e) HICKS, President of the Voters League in Bogalusa and a charter member of the Deacons for Defense and Justice (DDJ), and CHARLES SIMS, member of the DDJ in Bogalusa, spoke at a dinner held in Detroit, which dinner was held for the Deacons of Bogalusa, Louisiana, and sponsored by Group on Advanced Leadership. During this meeting HICKS and SIMS talked about the experiences and background of the civil rights struggle in Louisiana and told how the Deacons came into being. At this meeting, a collection was taken up for the Deacons and \$509.00 was turned over to ROBERT HICKS.

The "Chicago Daily News," a Chicago Illinois, newspaper, issue of October 15, 1965 carried an article captioned "Militant Negroes Here Forming Armed Unit to Fight the Klan." This article went on to relate that EARNEST THOMAS, a Deacons Vice President and full-time paid national organizer, indicated that the Deacons were organizing a Chicago chapter.

On October 25, 1965, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] advised that THOMAS had reportedly attempted to interest various groups and individuals in Chicago in forming a Chicago chapter but had no success in these attempts.

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REVOLUTIONARY ACTION MOVEMENT

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On November 16, 1964, a second source advised he learned recently from a RAM member that the organization began in Detroit, Michigan, largely under the impetus of Don Freeman, described as the "Father" of RAM and referred to as RAM's "Black Stalin." Freeman served as RAM Chairman, with Maxwell Stanford, now of New York City, formerly of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, serving as RAM Field Chairman.

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

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

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

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REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE OF THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL

A source advised on September 9, 1964, that the Revolutionary Committee of the Fourth International (RCFI) was also known as the Spartacist Committee and the Spartacist Group. This source described the RCFI as being composed of former members of the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) who had split from the SWP and who were led by James Robertson. This source stated that this political unit has its main center in New York City, where it publishes "Spartacist" on a very irregular basis, but their formal meetings are held at least once a week.

A second source advised on March 4, 1964, that Farrell Dobbs, National Secretary of the SWP, sent a letter to all SWP branches in February, 1964, in which he advised that the expelled leader of a minority faction of the SWP, James Robertson, announced on February 10, 1964, that his faction would publicly criticize the SWP and had followed this with a public organ called "Spartacist" in which they attacked the SWP.

The July-August, 1964, issue of "Spartacist," in its masthead describes this publication as follows: "... published bi-monthly by supporters of the Revolutionary Tendency expelled from the Socialist Workers Party." This masthead sets forth that the editor of the publication is James Robertson, and its main address is Post Office Box 1377, General Post Office, New York, New York.

The SWP has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY -
NEW YORK LOCAL

A source stated on August 25, 1960, that the New York Local (NYL) of the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) was founded during 1938 in New York City.

A second confidential source stated on April 8, 1964, that the NYL was affiliated with and followed the aims and purposes of the National SWP.

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APPENDIX

"WORKERS WORLD"

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

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New Orleans, Louisiana
January 10, 1966

Title	DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, INC.
Character	RACIAL MATTERS
Reference	Report of SA [REDACTED] b7 dated January 10, 1966, at New Orleans, Louisiana

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

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Detroit, Michigan
March 24, 1966

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Re: Appearance of Ernest Thomas,
Vice President, Deacons of
Defense and Justice, Incorporated,
Jonesboro, Louisiana, Sponsored
By the Friday Night Socialist Forum,
Detroit, Michigan
April 1, 1966

A characterization of the Friday Night
Socialist Forum is contained in the
appendix attached hereto.

All unidentified sources utilized in the
appendix have furnished reliable information
in the past.

On March 23, 1966, a source, who has furnished
reliable information in the past, advised that Ernest Thomas,
Vice President of the Deacons of Defense and Justice, Incorporated,
from Jonesboro, Louisiana, will speak at Detroit, Michigan, on
April 1, 1966, at a forum sponsored by the Friday Night Socialist
Forum which will be held at 3737 Woodward Avenue, Detroit,
Michigan.

The source advised that some of the proceeds derived
from this affair would be utilized to assist the Deacons of
Defense and Justice, Incorporated, in connection with their
activities in the Louisiana area.

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

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Re: Appearance of Ernest Thomas, Etc.

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

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APPENDIX

FRIDAY NIGHT SOCIALIST FORUM

On May 19, 1965, a source advised that the Friday Night Socialist Forum (FNSF) is a name used by the Detroit, Michigan Branch of the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) in sponsoring forums, socials and other functions which are open to the public. Primarily, FNSF pertains to weekly public forums held at SWP headquarters, for the purpose of spreading propaganda of the SWP, developing contacts, facilitating recruitment and members into the SWP, and presenting subjects of a controversial nature in the social, political and economic fields. Usually speakers are members of the SWP and they give the socialist viewpoint of the subject discussed. The money collected at these FNSFs goes to the Detroit Branch, SWP treasury.

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

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (9-2104)

SUBJECT: UNSUB; DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, GRAMBLING, LA.;

VICTIMS
EXTORTION - RACIAL MATTERS
(OO: NEW ORLEANS)

Re New Orleans airtels 4/14 and 4/15/66.

Enclosed herewith are eight copies of a LHM.

One copy of instant LHM is being designated to the U. S. Attorney, Shreveport, La., ICG and Secret Service, New Orleans.

Final report will be submitted in this matter once the report has been received from the FBI Laboratory concerning the extortion letters to

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD;
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of Granting, Louisiana, were interviewed
concerning letters they had received from the Secretary
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DIRECTOR, FBI (157-2466) ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ DATE: 1/11/66

FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-3465) (P)

SUBJECT: DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, INC., aka; RM

OO: New Orleans

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REASON - FCIM 11, 1-2.4.2
DATE OF REVIEW 1-11-86

Re Jackson letter to Bureau, 10/26/65 and Jackson letter to San Francisco, 12/13/65, no cc Bureau.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of an LHM with two copies for New Orleans and one copy for San Francisco. One copy each is being forwarded to INTC, OSI, ONI, and Secret Service, Jackson.

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] have been advised of results in the LHM.

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[REDACTED] was interviewed by SA [REDACTED].

An information copy is being submitted to San Francisco in view of their interest in this matter.

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At Bogalusa, Louisiana

Will, through sources, continue to advise the Jackson Division of any Deacons reportedly traveling to Mississippi for meetings or attempting to form chapters in Mississippi.

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At Jackson, Mississippi

Will maintain contact with sources to obtain background concerning organization of Deacons of Defense and Justice. If chapters in Mississippi organized, will attempt to determine leadership, strength of members, activities, as well as arms acquired.

Will attempt to determine potentiality for violence or any outside influence on members or chapters if formed.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

January 11, 1966

In Reply, Please Refer to
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DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, INCORPORATED
RACIAL MATTERS

On November 10, 1965

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[redacted], advised b7

a Special Agent of the FBI that he had been informed that on the previous day an individual representing the Deacons of Defense and Justice appeared as a speaker at the College of San Mateo, San Mateo, California. At the time of the speaker's appearance, a handbill was passed out to those in attendance indicating the organization is located at 1015 North First Street, Natchez, Mississippi. A copy of the handbill was made available and it is set forth as follows:

DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE

Natchez, Mississippi

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

DATE 1/11/66

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE

... necessary for the Negro citizens to organize ... The purpose ... protect the lives and property ... and members ... whose objective ... by violence, ...

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DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, INCORPORATED

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Any contribution that you give will be greatly appreciated. Make all checks, money orders payable to the Natchez Sportsmen Club. The name "Sportsmen Club" is used in order to obtain a Mississippi state charter.

Yours truly,

"NATCHEZ CHAPTER OF DEACONS FOR
DEFENSE AND JUSTICE

"JAMES JACKSON, PRESIDENT"

[redacted] stated that based on information he had received, no mention was made of purchase of guns in the leaflet, however, during the course of the speaker's appearance, he indicated that any donations received would be used among other things for the purchase of firearms for self defense.

[redacted] stated that the leaflet contained a telephone number 362-7747 which was to be called for further information. b
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October 10, 1965

[redacted] College of San Mateo, advised a Special Agent of the FBI that on the previous day an individual had appeared as a speaker on the campus from captioned organization. He stated that the appearance had been cleared by the college, however, he did not know of the details of the talk.

[redacted] College of San Mateo, advised on [redacted] that on the previous day Thomas Stokes, [redacted] Weapons for Defense and Justice had appeared as a speaker on the campus. [redacted] stated that Stokes' appearance was unsponsored, however, he had been introduced by the chairman of the Faculty-Student Civil cc

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Rights Club and had been in the company of [REDACTED], a student at the College of San Mateo. [REDACTED] stated that at the time Stokes requested permission to speak on the campus, a check had been made by the college with responsible personnel of the local National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). Through this organization, they had been advised that the Deacons for Defense and Justice were legitimate and responsible individuals, however, they personally did not agree with the goals or their proposed use of arms for self-defense. As a result, it was decided by college officials to permit Stokes to speak, however, permission to appeal for funds was denied.

[REDACTED] stated that he was present during the entire speech by Stokes and that after listening to him talk, he was convinced that Stokes was sincere and felt that he made a good impression. He advised that Stokes' statements appeared to be responsible with the exception of one statement in which he indicated that the Ku Klux Klan had infiltrated "every phase of American government."

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[REDACTED] stated that Stokes respected the college's request that he not appeal for funds, however, during the question and answer period did state that the men in the organization carried guns but would not use them first, however, would defend their lives if necessary. Stokes was asked where he obtained firearms and he replied that this information was secret and that he could not tell.

[REDACTED] further stated that there was no direct statement that donations would be used for the purchase of firearms, however, based on the questions asked Stokes it would be possible for someone to believe this was implied.

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[REDACTED] stated that actually there was no organization of the Deacons of Defense and Justice in the Natchez area. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised on October 29, 1965 that he has made inquiries concerning the Deacons of Defense and Justice and he has received no pertinent information concerning the organization.

[REDACTED] Walthall County, Mississippi, advised that he has contacted numerous sources in his county and around Tylertown, Mississippi and he has obtained no information that chapters of the Deacons of Defense and Justice are being organized.

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[redacted] Lexington, Mississippi, advised on November 18, 1965 that he has received no information that there are any Deacons of Defense and Justice chapters in Holmes County.

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[redacted] Hattiesburg, Mississippi, advised on December 13, 1965 there were no chapters of the Deacons of Defense and Justice in Forrest County, Mississippi to his knowledge.

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[redacted] that to his knowledge, there are no chapters formed within the State of Mississippi. [redacted] he has obtained no pertinent information regarding the Deacons of Defense and Justice.

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[redacted] that there is no Deacons of Defense and Justice organization in the State of Mississippi.

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[redacted] that there is no organization or chapters in existence in the State of Mississippi. This source advised he is in daily contact with Negro civil rights workers.

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SAC, New Orleans (157-3290)

1/21/66

Director, FBI (157-2466)

1 - Mr. Murphy

DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND
JUSTICE, INCORPORATED
RACIAL MATTERS

Re: Rep of SA [redacted] ^{b7c} dated 1/19/66 at
New Orleans. Your attention is directed to Part 1, Page 102,
FBI Handbook which requires the submission of seven copies
of investigative reports regarding racial matters.

It is noted, however, that reports regarding
captioned organization are disseminated to seven government
agencies at the Seat of Government.

In view of the foregoing, in the future you are
instructed to submit to the Bureau nine copies of investigative
reports or letterhead memoranda regarding this organization.

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NOTE:

Deacons of Defense and Justice communication are
disseminated at the Seat of Government to the three military
intelligence agencies, Civil Rights and Internal Security
Divisions of the Department, and the Community Relations
Service at the request of that agency.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-2466)

DATE: 1/31/66

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (157-1184)(P*)

SUBJECT: DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE
RM

OO: New Orleans

Re Los Angeles letter to Bureau dated January 7, 1966; Bureau 0-7 dated January 17, 1966.

Enclosed for the Bureau is an original and seven copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning information received from Agent [redacted] Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Unit, (ATTU) U. S. Treasury Department, Los Angeles. Three copies of the LHM are being designated for the Office of Origin, New Orleans, and one copy for Dallas, inasmuch as the Dallas Office of the ATTU covers Louisiana. One copy each is also being sent to OSI, Maywood, California, FIC, Los Angeles and Secret Service, Los Angeles.

This LHM is being classified confidential as this information could possibly identify the ATTU source.

- 3 - Bureau (Encls. 8)(RM)
 - 1 - Dallas (Encl. 1)(RM)
 - 2 - New Orleans (157-3290)(Encls. 3)(RM)
 - 2 - Los Angeles
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AGENCY: [redacted]
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Los Angeles, California
January 31, 1966

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DEACONS OF DEFENSE
AND JUSTICE

On December 20, 1965, [redacted] representative of the
Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and U. S. Treasury Department,
Los Angeles, [redacted] advised that no further [redacted] on
[redacted] the shipment of machine [redacted]
[redacted] in Firearms Manufacturer to the Deacons
of Defense and Justice.

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referral

He said that it may take several months to obtain
the details of this transaction.

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-3022) DATE: JAN 4 1966
FROM: SAC, WFO (157-583) (P)
SUBJECT: ORGANIZATION FOR BLACK POWER (OBP)
RM RACIAL MATTERS
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On 1/7/66, [redacted] (protect identity)
[redacted] has furnished reliable information in the past,
advised [redacted]

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- 3 - Bureau
- 2 - Chicago (157-678) (RM)
- 2 - Detroit (157-958) (RM)
- 2 - New York (157-1469) (RM)
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

1/31/66

FROM: ^{PWS} _{WR} SAC, NEWARK - euc -

SUBJECT: ^O THE DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, INC.
RM
Newark File 157-1922
Bureau File 157-2466

JOHN BROWN COMMEMORATION COMMITTEE
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Newark File 100-48717
Bureau File 100-

Re Pittsburgh airtel to Bureau, dated 11/15/65. 0/

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 - 1 - New York (157-1542) (Info) (RM)
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Date: 1/31/66

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AIRTEL

(Priority)

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

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

SUBJECT: DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, INCORPORATED - RM
(ORGANIZATION)

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Remyairel to Bureau, 12/10/65; and report of SA [Redacted] 1/10/66, at New Orleans captioned, b7C "DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, INCORPORATED, aka - RM."

On the dates indicated, the following advised that no information has been developed which would indicate that a chapter of the Deacons of Defense and Justice, Inc., (DDJ), has been formed in Chicago. They also advised that there has been no indication that EARNEST THOMAS, who is associated with the DDJ is presently in Chicago, nor has there been any indication that he has been in Chicago within the past several months:

- 1 - Bureau (RM) (1 - 157-) [Redacted] REC-9 b7C
- 3 - New Orleans (157-3290) (DDJ) (RM) (1 - 157-) [Redacted] 9466-
- 2 - WFO (Deacons of Defense and Justice, Inc.) (RM) FEB 2 1966
- 3 - Chicago (1 - 157-413)

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NEW ORLEANS

AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA. Will furnish Chicago any information received concerning any indication that a chapter of the DDJ may be organized in Chicago.

WASHINGTON FIELD

AT WASHINGTON, D. C. By letter to the Bureau dated 1/5/66, from Washington Field captioned, "Organization for Black Power - RM", Washington Field advised that on 12/15/65,

[REDACTED] (protect identity), who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the DDJ had recently organized an office in Chicago.

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Washington Field re-interview [REDACTED] concerning any information that he has which would indicate that a chapter of the DDJ has actually been formed in Chicago.

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

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

SAC, WFO

DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, INCORPORATED

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Re Chicago air dated 1/31/66
On 2/4/69, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, is as follows:

[REDACTED]

- 5 - Bureau (1-157-3022) (OBP)
- 8 - Chicago (RM) (1-157-572) (DODJ) (157-678) (OBP) (1-157-840) ([REDACTED]) (157- [REDACTED]) (ACT)
- 4 - New Orleans (RM) (1-157-3290) (DODJ) (1-157- [REDACTED]) ([REDACTED]) b7C
- 4 - New York (RM) (1-100-91911) ([REDACTED]) (1-157-1469) (OBP)
- 2 - Philadelphia (RM) (1-157-1508) ([REDACTED])
- 7 - WFO (1-157-52 [REDACTED]) ([REDACTED]) (1-157-277) (LIAISON SOURCES) (1-157-46 [REDACTED]) ([REDACTED]) (1-157-425) ([REDACTED]) ([REDACTED]) (OBP)

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WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

AT WASHINGTON, D.C. Contact will be made to [REDACTED] to ascertain [REDACTED] to furnish when completed.

WFO will submit information from [REDACTED] for [REDACTED]

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URGENT 2-8-66 7:01PM

TO DIRECTOR

FROM NEW ORLEANS 082322

SPEECH MATTERS.

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LETTER DATED FEBRUARY 4, 1966 RECEIVED NEW ORLEANS
OFFICE FEBRUARY 8, 1966 FROM EXECUTIVE SECRETARY JOSEPH F. HENRY,
JR., DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA,
REQUESTING SAC OR SOMEONE FROM "YOUR LEGAL STAFF REPRESENT
YOU" AT A PUBLIC DEBATE ON LAW AND CITIZENSHIP ON FEBRUARY 10, 1966,
NEW ORLEANS. LETTER STATED SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE, THE
MAYOR, CORE, NAACP AND MISSISSIPPI FREEDOM DEMOCRATIC PARTY
REPRESENTATIVES WOULD BE PRESENT.

THIS LETTER BEING ORALLY ACKNOWLEDGED, ADVISING MR. HENRY
DUE TO HEAVY WORK COMMITMENTS I WILL BE UNABLE TO ATTEND
OR SEND A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FBI AND HE WILL BE OFFER
COPIES OF THE PAMPHLET "THE FBI, GUARDIAN OF CIVIL RIGHTS".

RECEIVED: 7:24PM DLH

MR. [Name]

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[REDACTED] stated there are no DDJ profiles available in
organization in Washington, D. C. No further investigation being
conducted regarding the DDJ.

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WASHINGTON FIELD

AT WASHINGTON, D. C. FILE # [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] through [REDACTED] with
report concerning [REDACTED].

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FBI

Date: 2-28-66

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Via AIRTEL (Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-2408) (157-)
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-572) (157-840)
SUBJECT: DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, INCORPORATED (ORGANIZATION)

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REASON - FCIM 11, 1-2.4.2
DATE OF EL. LEV 2-28-82

Re myairtels to Bureau dated 12/10/65, and 1/31/66, and Washington Field airtel to the Bureau dated 2/11/66.

Enclosed for the Bureau are nine copies of a LHM, three copies for New Orleans, and two copies for Washington Field concerning captioned matter.

Referenced Washington Field airtel to advise that information was received on 2/16/66, that EARLEST ... of the Deacons of Defense and Justice, ... has an office at 4050 Cermak, Chicago, ... phone 521-6413. There is no Cermak Road ... and ... apparently should be Cermak Road.

A telephone call to Chicago telephone number 521-6413 was made by ... on ... and ... operator advised that this number ... and all calls for this number are being taken by ...

- 3 - Bureau (Encl. 9) (RM) (1 - 157-)
- 3 - New Orleans (157-3290) (Info.) (RM) (200) (Deacons of Defense and Justice, Incorporated) (1 - 157-)
- 2 - Washington Field (Encl. 2) (Info.) (1 - 157-791) (RM) (Info.) ()
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On 2/24/66, [REDACTED] advised SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] that

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there is no office of the DDJ at 4054 West Cermak Road and EARNEST THOMAS has never resided at this address and he is not personally acquainted with [REDACTED].

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that on several occasions he had noticed that [REDACTED] had received mail from EARNEST THOMAS and literature concerning the DDJ.

Chicago files reveal the following:

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

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DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE,
INCORPORATED
RACIAL MATTERS (ORGANIZATION)

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RACIAL MATTERS

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Reference is made to Chief of Bureau memorandum dated
December 10, 1965, at Chicago, Illinois.

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Earnest Thomas, Vice-President and Regional Organizer of
the Deacons of Defense and Justice, Incorporated (DDJ), was
the speaker at the meeting of the Friday Night Socialist
Forum (FNSF) held on February 18, 1966, at Chicago, Illinois.

Thomas stated that the DDJ was formed at Jonesboro,
Louisiana, in July, 1964, for the purpose of protecting Congress
of Racial Equality (CORE) and Student Non-Violent Coordinating
Committee (SNCC) workers in Louisiana who were being beaten
and sometimes murdered by the "red necked sheriffs". Thomas
said that in one week the DDJ had 500 armed members.

Thomas referred to the civil rights movement as a
"game" and said that he cannot understand people who
demonstrate for their rights and then they should take what
is rightfully theirs. He said that the people should
take what is rightfully theirs.

Thomas said that the anti-poverty legislation was
enacted just to placate and "sugar coat" the Negro. He said
people who will benefit from this legislation are the
politicians; they get the cream while the Negro gets the
"milk". He ridiculed education as being the "mother of the
poor".

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Negro problem because he knows that many Negroes with college degrees are nothing but janitors.

Thomas claimed that 50% of the soldiers in Vietnam are Negroes and stated "I guess the power structure feels if they can kill off seven or eight million of us that will solve the problem." The power structure ought to arm the Negroes in the South and solve the problems there before taking on international problems.

Thomas stated that he foresees a black revolution in Chicago this summer and that the Federal Government better do something to solve the problems of the Negroes or it will not be safe for white people to go through Negro neighborhoods. He mentioned the Watts Riot in Los Angeles and said the Jews were exploiting the Negroes and the Negroes probably earned stores and records so that the Jews would not know what Negroes owed money to them.

Thomas said that Chicago is going to be the regional headquarters for the northern area of the DDJ and stated they have 62 chapters of the DDJ strategically located so that whenever necessary they can apply pressure if necessary. He said they have a broad base of operations and if he is killed there will be someone to take over the leadership. He said that if he was killed there will be a retaliatory act, an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth and for every one of those that are killed, three of the best whites will be killed so that they are not going to bow to the power structure or anyone else.

A characterization on the DDJ is located in appendix pages of this memorandum.

On February 24, 1966, [redacted] advised that no information has been developed which would indicate that a chapter of the DDJ has been formed in Chicago or that the DDJ has obtained any office space in Chicago. He also stated that

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Earnest Thomas reportedly is in and out of Chicago frequently and is not known to have any permanent residence in Chicago.

Confidential informants who are acquainted with certain racial matters in the Chicago, Illinois, area advised during February, 1966, that no information has been developed which would indicate that a chapter of the DDJ has been formed in Chicago or that the DDJ has obtained any office space in Chicago."

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APPENDIX

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FRIDAY NIGHT SOCIALIST FORUM,
Aka. Militant Labor Forum

On May 3, 1965, a source advised that the Forum is a paper organization set up by the Chicago Branch, Socialist Workers Party (CBSWP), Chicago, Illinois, for Socialist Workers Party (SWP) members and sympathizers. Open meetings held under the auspices of this Forum are geared to the activities that the SWP is pursuing at a particular time, e.g., unemployment, election campaign, Cuba, segregation, etc.

SUZANNE BUCH, a CBSWP member, is in charge of the Forum and schedules meetings under the name of the Forum in order to conceal the SWP sponsorship of same. The meetings of the Forum generally are held at Chicago SWP headquarters although the Forum, in the past, has sponsored other affairs, such as meetings, socials and picnics held at other locations.

The SWP has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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APPENDIX

SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY,
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On May 3, 1965, a source advised that it was his understanding that the currently active Chicago Branch of the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) was one of the founding branches of the SWP at a 1938 Chicago Trotskyist Convention, and it follows the aims and principles of the SWP, which maintains national headquarters in New York City.

Members of the Chicago Branch serve on the SWP National Committee, and per capita membership dues and a sustaining fund quota are sent by this branch on a monthly basis to SWP National Headquarters.

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Chicago, Illinois
February 27, 1968

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Title DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE,
INCORPORATED
BARNESY THOMAS

Character RACIAL MATTERS

Reference Chicago letterhead memorandum
dated and captioned as above.

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

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Director, FBI (157- 2466)

1 - Mr. Murphy

**DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, INC.
RACIAL MATTERS**

Enclosed is a copy of an article appearing on Page B-5 of the February 27, 1966, edition of "The Evening Star," published in Washington, D. C., which notes the plan of captioned organization to form an armed chapter of the Deacons of Defense and Justice in Washington, D. C.

Enclosed article notes that Julius Hobson will be as coordinator of the chapter which is to be formed in the summer. Hobson is the leader of the Washington branch of Associated Community Teams (ACT).

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Enclosure
1 - New Orleans (157-3290)

NOTE:

The Deacons of Defense and Justice is an armed Negro organization organized in Louisiana for protection against Klan violence. The Deacons have also been active in racial demonstrations in Bogalusa, Louisiana.

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Associated Community Teams is a militant civil rights organization

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1 - Mr. Rushing

DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, INCORPORATED
RACIAL MATTERS

SPARTICIST
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[redacted] and [redacted]

called at the Bureau on 3/10/66 and expressed concern over what they termed a close liaison between Spartacist and the Deacons of Defense and Justice, Incorporated.

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[redacted] said that his sources had indicated that Spartacist is collaborating with and helping to finance the Deacons of Defense and Justice, Incorporated. He noted also that Spartacist had made frequent favorable references to Robert F. Williams. Williams is a Negro racist who fled to Cuba in August, 1961, to avoid a kidnapping trial and is now a Bureau fugitive. He has since carried on a violently anti-United States propaganda campaign through a radio program called "Radio Free Dixie," which is broadcast into the southern part of the United States from Cuba, and through the publication of a newsletter entitled "The Crusader," which is introduced into the United States through a source in Toronto, Canada.

[redacted] speculated that Spartacist may be receiving funds from Cuba through Williams and he wanted to know if Williams' broadcasts revealed any favorable comments regarding Spartacist and the Deacons of Defense and Justice, Incorporated, in Louisiana. He wondered if any public source material was available concerning the above.

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Letter to New Orleans
RE: DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, INCORPORATED

SPARTICIST

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Contact [REDACTED] and advise him that based upon available information regarding the Williams' broadcasts, no comments appear concerning either Spartacist or the Deacons of Defense and Justice, Incorporated. At that time, advise [REDACTED] that we would like any information he has available regarding Spartacist and the Deacons of Defense and Justice, Incorporated, that would be of interest to this Bureau. Properly classify any information furnished.

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NOTE:
[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] called at the Bureau and furnished the above information to Inspector [REDACTED] and Section Chief [REDACTED].

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-2466)

FROM: SAC, WFO (157-794) (P)

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ReBulet dated 3/9/66. Also reWFOlet and LHM
captioned "ASSOCIATED COMMUNITY TEAMS (ACT); RACIAL MATTERS",
both dated 3/14/66, and 3/16/66.

Enclosed for the Bureau are nine copies of an LHM
also two copies to Chicago and four copies to New Orleans.

Copies of LHM being disseminated to Secret Service,
local military intelligence agencies and AUSA.

LEAD [redacted] is the LHM source.

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AT WASHINGTON, D.C. Will maintain contact with
[redacted] regarding "Deacons For Defense".

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AGENCY: ACT, [redacted]
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Washington, D. C. 20535

March 16, 1966

DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND
JUSTICE, INCORPORATED (DDJ)

The source mentioned in this memorandum
has furnished reliable information in
the past.

"The Sunday Star", a weekly Washington, D. C.,
newspaper, issued February 27, 1966, page B-5, had an
article captioned "Negroes Plan Armed Unit On Rights".
The article stated the "Deacons for Defense and Justice"
(DDJ), planned to form an armed chapter of the DDJ in
Washington, D. C., with Julius Hobson, leader of a
Washington organization called Associated Community
Teams (ACT), as acting coordinator of the new chapter of
DDJ. This had been announced at a meeting held in Radio
Station WUST Music Hall, Washington, D. C., on February 20,
1966.

The March 13, 1966, issue of "The Washington
Post", a weekly Washington, D. C., newspaper, on page
B-6, had an article captioned "Brutality, Laid To Police
By Pickets".

The above article reported that eight members
of the Washington, D. C., group of ACT, picketed the Fifth
Precinct, 500 E Street, S. E., of the Metropolitan Police
Department (MPD), on March 12, 1966. Julius Hobson, Chair-
man of ACT led the pickets and according to the article,
stated the eight pickets were ACT members and that two of
them also belonged to "Deacons For Defense". The two
"Deacons" were helping the forming of a Washington chapter
to protest police brutality, according to Hobson's comments.

On March 15, 1966, a source advised that Julius
Hobson, Chairman of the Washington, D. C., chapter of ACT
is of the following opinion regarding the "Deacons For

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ENCLOSURE

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11 INCORPORATED (DDJ)
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13 "Defense" mentioned in the two newspaper articles:
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15 Some of the comments made on February 26, 1966,
16 at the rally sponsored by ACT at the WUST Radio Hall were
17 deliberately made to create the impression that the
18 "Deacons For Defense" would organize in Washington, D. C.,
19 with Hobson as acting coordinator. There is no "Deacons
20 For Defense" organization in Washington, D. C., nor is
21 such a group to be organized in D. C. An understanding
22 to that fact exists between Ernest Thomas, a leader of
23 the "Deacons For Defense", Chicago, Illinois, and Julius
24 W. Hobson. Thomas would like to organize such a group
25 in D. C., but will abide by Hobson's desires that the
26 Deacons stay out of the D. C. area. Hobson does not want
27 a group that advocates arming its members.
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29 The source stated further as follows:
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31 Julius Hobson was one of the eight ACT pickets
32 who marched in front of the Fifth Precinct Station of the
33 MPD, on March 12, 1966, protesting police brutality in
34 Precinct Number Five. Hobson was very angry concerning
35 the incorrect information attributed to Hobson in the
36 "Washington Post" issue of March 13, 1966, page E-3. The
37 article indicated Hobson had said two of the eight ACT
38 members were members of the "Deacons For Defense" and were
39 to form a Washington chapter of the "Deacons For Defense".
40 Hobson denied ever making such a statement to a newsmen
41 or anyone else. Hobson stated ACT, to his knowledge, has
42 no members who belong to "Deacons For Defense" of which
43 Ernest Thomas is an organizer.
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45 The source also recalled as follows:
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47 Recently a Negro family in MPD Precinct Number
48 Five, had a wedding reception. Members of the MPD forced
49 their way into the reception and created a disturbance
50 while making arrests. This resulted in accusations that
51 the MPD used brutality. "High Up" officials of the MPD
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then refused to hold a hearing to determine whether the police were at fault. The general feeling among Negroes is that the MPD should have an open hearing regarding the foregoing incident in order to bring out the true facts. The Negroes in the MPD Precinct Number Five, feel the MPD officials have "white washed" the entire incident. ACT plans to demonstrate at Precinct Number Five on March 18, 1966, in furtherance of ACT's protest against the "police brutality" as displayed at the wedding reception. The protests will continue until the MPD agrees to discuss "Police Brutality".

ACT does not desire a large number of pickets at Precinct Number Five. A large group is difficult to control and could get out of hand. ACT desires that only ACT members, willing to abide by Hobson, will be welcome to future picket lines.

The source also stated as follows:

The references to ACT and Deacons For Defense on the signs carried by the ACT pickets on March 12, 1966, were made to create a feeling that the "Deacons" are coming to D. C. to organize. This hint of possible alliance is deliberate and psychological which had the approval of Ernest Thomas. It does not exist. Hobson believes these hints may bring about changes in the attitudes displayed by the privileged toward those less fortunate as it regards jobs, housing, freedom from police brutality.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-2466) (100-441753) DATE: 3/23/66
(100-387728)

FROM : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-3290) (100-17230) (88-3588)

SUBJECT: DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE,
INCORPORATED
RACIAL MATTERS

SPARTICIST
SECURITY MATTER - SWP

INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA

Re Bureau letter 3/14/66.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] contacted on March 21, 1966, by SA [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] was advised that based upon available information regarding the broadcasts of LOEB [REDACTED] no comments appear concerning [REDACTED] or the Deacons of Defense and Justice, Incorporated. [REDACTED] was also advised that the Bureau would like to have any information he has available regarding Spartacist and the Deacons of Defense and Justice, Incorporated, that would be of interest to the Bureau.

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[REDACTED] stated that if he received any information he felt was of interest to the Bureau he would be happy to make the information available to the Bureau. He stated that he was trying to obtain information regarding the Spartacists and had received some information from the House Committee (House Committee on Un-American Activities) on March 21, 1966. He did not state what the information was, but appeared to be a clipping from a newspaper and a copy of a publication apparently put out by the Spartacist.

[REDACTED] asked that the following be specifically called to the attention of [REDACTED] and stated that [REDACTED]

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stand; he, [REDACTED], has "learned since in Washington, D. C., through a source, that the big money shipment came into country from Canada several months ago and ended up in Atlanta, Ga."

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Any information furnished by [REDACTED] will be submitted to the Bureau under appropriate caption.

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To: Director, FBI

Att. Civil Rights Section
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From: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-1515) - P -

Subject: [REDACTED] aka **b7C**

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pertaining to id of [redacted] title,
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most [redacted] of
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Enclosed are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum.

Two copies of above LHM are being enclosed for
New York, Atlanta, Louisville and New Orleans.

Copies of this LHM were also furnished INTC,
OSI, ONI and Secret Service, Birmingham.

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On December 13, 1965,  ^{b7C}
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literature in the possession of the subject, known
member of the Deacons for Defense and Justice, and
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Characterizations of the organizations mentioned herein are a part of the appendix section of this report.

CHAPTERS OF THE DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND WISDOM, INC. (DDJ)

Bogalusa, Louisiana, Chapter

[redacted] that the DDJ (c)
chapter in Bogalusa has the following active members:
CHARLIE SIMS, President; ROYANN SURRIS, Vice President;

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[redacted] b1 (c)
in Bogalusa and Jonesboro have been in a constant effort presently making an attempt to regain the interests of the DDJ.

[redacted] b1 (c)
President of the DDJ in Jonesboro, Louisiana, is [redacted] of the Jonesboro chapter.

Ferriday, Louisiana, Chapter

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██████████ said that for the past six or seven weeks, the Ferriday chapter has not been too active and that about the only thing that the Deacons have been doing prior to that time was patrolling the Negro area at nighttime. ██████████ said that during the past month or so, no one wanted to patrol the area at nighttime because they were wasting money on gas. ██████████ said that the chapter has financial problems and has been unable to buy gas to enable the members to patrol. ██████████ said that to his knowledge, the Ferriday chapter has had no meetings during the past month and that it appears to him that the chapter will not stay together for any length of time.

Homer, Louisiana, chapter

On January 5, 1966 ██████████ ██████████ at Homer, Louisiana, advised on January 5, 1966 that the last meeting of the DDJ at Homer was on December 14, 1965. He said that there were only a few men at this meeting. He stated ██████████ that no weapons of any kind have been purchased.

██████████ on March 4, 1966 stated that the chapter has been very inactive and that a meeting scheduled for February 8, 1966 had been canceled due to bad weather and lack of interest. ██████████ stated that the chapter does not own any guns, and there are no plans to purchase any guns.

Minden, Louisiana, Chapter

██████████ Minden, Louisiana, advised on January 15, 1966 that there were about a half dozen of the DDJ in Minden.

On March 2, 1966 ██████████ advised that the Minden chapter of the DDJ was organized on January 1, 1966 and that the chapter has weekly meetings at the headquarters of the Congress Of Racial Equality (CORE) in Minden.

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9 [REDACTED] stated
10 that he has been informed by the DDJ leaders in Jeanerose,
11 Louisiana, that a charter will be filed for the Minden
12 chapter. He further stated that the chapter does not own
13 any firearms and has no intention of purchasing any weapons
14 and that the main purpose of the chapter is to assist local
15 police by observing Civil Rights activities and furnishing
16 the names or license numbers of anyone who bothers Civil
17 Rights workers.

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19 New Orleans, Louisiana, Chapter
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28 [REDACTED] (c)

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30 Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, Chapter
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32 [REDACTED] that there is (c)
33 no chapter of the DDJ in Plaquemines Parish as yet but that
34 [REDACTED] of Bogalusa, Louisiana, is attempting to
35 organize a chapter. (c) b1

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37 [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] (c) b1
38 [REDACTED] and ABERLY WOOD, head (c) b7
39 of the New Orleans chapter, have attempted to organize a
40 chapter in Plaquemines Parish and that if successful, the
41 chapter would probably be located at Bogalusa, Louisiana.
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43 Tallulah, Louisiana, Chapter
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45 [REDACTED] that a chapter (c)
46 of the DDJ has been established at Tallulah but that he had
47 no further information about this chapter.
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49 On February 23, 1966
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52 [REDACTED] advised there is no chapter of the DDJ in
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██████████ stated that in June, 1965, ERNEST THOMAS, Jonesboro, Louisiana, attempted to organize a DDJ Chapter at Tallulah ██████████ told THOMAS there was no need for a chapter since the Negroes could rely on the local police to take whatever action which would be appropriate.

Attempts to organize DDJ chapters in Mississippi

██████████ that there (c) (b) are currently three areas in Mississippi where attempts are being made to form chapters of the DDJ; namely, Hinds County, Holmes County, and Edwards, Mississippi. (c) (c) that CHARLES SIMS, ROYANN BURRIS, ██████████, and ██████████, all members of the DDJ in Bogalusa, have visited the above areas, in Mississippi, for the purpose of organizing a DDJ chapter. (c) that the Jonesboro chapter of the DDJ was the chapter designated to form other chapters outside of Louisiana and that there appeared to be a struggle between Jonesboro and Bogalusa chapters with regard to forming chapters in Mississippi.

Columbia, Mississippi, Chapter

██████████ that he (c) (b) understands a chapter of the DDJ has been formed at Columbia, Mississippi, but that he has no further information concerning this chapter.

Natchez, Mississippi, Chapter

██████████ that a chapter (c) (b) of the DDJ has been formed at Natchez but that he has no further information concerning this chapter.

On November 10, 1965 ██████████ (b) (b) advised

██████████ a Special Agent of the FBI that he had been informed that on the previous day an individual representing the Democrats For Defense and Justice appeared as a speaker at the College of San Mateo, San Mateo, California. At the time of the speaker's appearance, a handbill was passed out to those in attendance indicating the organization is located at 313 North Pine Street, Natchez, Mississippi. A copy of the handbill was made available, and it is set forth as follows:

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"DACONS FOR DEFENSE AND JUSTICE"

"319-North Pine Street Natchez, Mississippi

"October 23, 1965

"TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

"Because of recent violence in Natchez and Adams County, it became necessary for the Negro citizens to organize a chapter of Deacons for Defense and Justice. The purpose of this organization is to protect the lives and property of the Negro citizens from hooded night riders and members of such organizations as the Ku Klux Klan, whose objective is to deprive the Negro of his civil rights by violence, intimidation, bombing and other violent acts.

"We are in need of funds to purchase such items as: Walkie Talkies, Radio Equipment, Uniform Equipment and Cars that are radio equipped to patrol the Negro neighborhood. Any contribution that you give will be greatly appreciated. Make all checks, money orders payable to the Natchez Sportsmen Club. The name "Sportsmen Club" is used in order to obtain a Mississippi state charter.

"Yours truly,

"NATCHEZ CHAPTER OF DEACONS FOR DEFENSE AND JUSTICE

"JAMES JACKSON, PRESIDENT"

██████████ stated that based on information he had received, no mention was made of purchase of guns in the leaflet; however, during the course of the speaker's appearance, he indicated that any donations received would be used among other things for the purchase of firearms for self-defense.

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██████████ stated that the leaflet contained a telephone number 369-7747 which was to be called for further information.

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[redacted] College of San Mateo, advised a Special Agent of the FBI that on the previous day an individual had appeared as a speaker on the campus from captioned organization. He stated that the appearance had been cleared by the college; however, he knew nothing of the details of the talk.

[redacted] College of San Mateo, advised on November 10, 1965 that on the previous day Thomas Stokes, representing the Deacons for Defense and Justice had appeared as a speaker on the campus. [redacted] stated that Stokes' appearance was unsponsored; however he had been introduced by the Chairman of the Faculty-Student Civil Rights and had been in the company of [redacted] at the College of San Mateo. [redacted] stated that the time Stokes requested permission to speak on the campus, a check had been made by the college with [redacted] personnel of the local National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). Through this organization, [redacted] had been advised that the Deacons for Defense and Justice were legitimate and responsible individuals; however, they personally did not agree with the goals or their use of arms for self-defense. As a result, [redacted] permission to appeal for funds was denied.

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[redacted] stated that he was present during the entire speech by Stokes and that after listening to [redacted] he was convinced that Stokes was sincere and felt that he made a good impression. He advised that Stokes' speech appeared to be responsible with the exception of one statement in which he indicated that the Ku Klux Klan had infiltrated "every phase of American Government."

[redacted] stated that Stokes respected the college's request that he not appeal for funds; however, during the question and answer period, he did state that the men in the organization carried/SC would not use them first but would defend their lives if necessary. Stokes was asked where he obtained firearms, and he replied that this information was secret and that he could not tell.

[redacted] further stated that there was no direct statement that donations would be used for the purchase of firearms; however, based on the questions asked Stokes, it would be possible for someone to believe this was implied.

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[REDACTED] stated that actually there was no organization of the Deacons for Defense and Justice in the Natchez area.

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[REDACTED] Columbia, Mississippi [REDACTED] advised on October 29, 1964 that he has made inquiries concerning the Deacons of Defense and Justice and he has received no pertinent information concerning the organization.

[REDACTED] Walthall County, Mississippi, advised that he has contacted numerous persons in his county and around Tylertown, Mississippi and he has obtained no information that chapters of the Deacons of Defense and Justice are being organized.

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[redacted] that there is (c)
knowledge, there are no chapters formed within the state of Mississippi. The source was recontacted on January 7, 1966, and he advised he has obtained no pertinent information regarding the Deacons of Defense and Justice.

[redacted] that there is (c)
no Deacons of Defense and Justice organization in the state of Mississippi.

[redacted] that there (c)
is no organization or chapters in existence in the state of Mississippi. This source advised he is in daily contact with Negro civil rights workers.

On January 17, 1966 [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that there is no local chapter nor has he made any attempt to establish a chapter in the San Mateo County area.

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[redacted] intended to send funds raised to Natchez. [redacted] stated that the Deacons organization is a protective organization for Negro people in the South, and that it is within the boundaries of law and order and is not against law enforcement. He identified the speaker who appeared at the College of San Mateo as JAMES STOKES rather than THOMAS STOKES as was initially reported and stated that STOKES is from Natchez, Mississippi.

Huntsville, Alabama, Chapter

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[redacted] that CHARLES (c) /
SINS, President of the DDJ in Bogalusa, has claimed that a chapter of the DDJ has been formed at Huntsville, Alabama. [redacted] he did not know if this was true (c)

Eutaw, Alabama, Chapter

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On January 26, 1966

[REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] had been in Greene County attempting to recruit members for the DDJ movement.

Chicago, Illinois, Chapter

On January 6, 1966 and January 31, 1966

[REDACTED] advised that there was no information which would indicate that a chapter of the DDJ has been formed in Chicago.

[REDACTED] b1 that he had no (c) information which would indicate that a chapter of the DDJ had been formed in Chicago.

[REDACTED] b1 that he (c) information had come to his attention which would indicate that a chapter of the DDJ had been established in Chicago.

[REDACTED] b1 that he had no (c) information which would indicate that a chapter of the DDJ had been formed in Chicago.

New York, New York, Chapter

The "Workers World" Vol. 7, Number 20, dated October 14, 1965, contained an article indicating that RICTUE (RICQUE) LeSEUR, a friend of the Deacons in New York announced that he had opened an office of the Friends of the Deacons of Defense and Justice at 271 West 125th Street, Room 209, New York City. //

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FUND RAISING EFFORTS BY DEACON LEADERS ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

- A. Association with Subversive Groups
- B. Inflammatory Statements by Deacon Leaders

[redacted] that a rally (c) for the DDJ was held on October 25, 1965 at the Emanuel AME Church, 37 West 119th Street, New York. [redacted] that (c) b1 about 300 people were present to hear CHARLES SIMS, head of the DDJ. [redacted] however, that SIMS was not present (c) since it was necessary for him to return to the South for a court appearance on October 25, 1965.

[redacted] b1 that on December 17, 1965 CHARLES SIMS spoke to about 75 people at 115 University Place, New York. Source stated that SIMS, who was identified as Chairman of the DDJ, spoke about Negro jobs and Negro voting in the South and that he would return to the South to get on the picket line. Source said that SIMS was relating that his automobile had been broken into and that he had lost all of his clothing. A contribution of \$158 was given to SIMS, who said that this money would not go to buy guns.

[redacted] b1 that on December 18, 1965 leaflets were being distributed in the Harlem section of New York City, which advertised a speech to be given by CHARLES SIMS, head of the DDJ at the St. Morris Presbyterian Church, 122nd Street and Mt. Morris Park on December 18, 1965.

[redacted] (c) b1 that on December 3, 1965 the fund raising party for the DDJ was held at the residence of MARY KOCHIYAMA. Source said about 150 people attended a party and that one of the Deacons addressed those present. He described the organization of the DDJ in Bogalusa, Louisiana, and stated that the Deacons had armed themselves in Bogalusa to protect themselves from the Ku Klux Klan.

[redacted] b7 advised that on December 10, 1965 a lecture was given on the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee and its work in the "Black Belt" (Louisiana, Alabama, Georgia). The speakers were CHARLES SIMS, President of the DDJ, and CLOVE SELLERS, National officer of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee.

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SIMS described the Deacons as a group organized for the defence of the Negroes against the Ku Klux Klan attacks throughout the South. SIMS, when questioned on the possibility of a rebellion by the Negroes in the South, replied that even if he were in favor of a rebellion, the time is not right. SIMS also said that if the Federal, State, and local authorities will not protect the rights of the Negroes in the South, the Deacons would manufacture their own law.

[REDACTED] b1 that CHARLES (c) SIMS representing the DDJ was guest speaker on a radio program known as "The Listening Post" on radio station WDAS, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. SIMS in his talk stated that while the Deacons will not start trouble, they did not intend to sit down. He stated there were about 40 to 50 chapters of the DDJ and claimed that white hostility and terror will vanish. SIMS stated that if the radio audience would contribute, they could send their contribution to CHARLES SIMS, 1220 Oak Street, Bogalusa, Louisiana.

[REDACTED] b1 that CHARLES (c) SIMS, head of the DDJ, was principal speaker at a meeting held at the residence of MARTHA RUCCA, 5759 N. Carro, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on December 13, 1965. Source said that the meeting was not sponsored by any local organization and that about 50 individuals attended the affair. SIMS as principal speaker gave a history of the DDJ since it was formed in March, 1965, and pointed out that since the Deacons have armed themselves in Bogalusa, the Klan has not held any Klan rallies in Bogalusa.

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meeting was held at the Masonic Temple, East 105th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, on December 19, 1965, which featured CHARLES SIMS, a leader of the DDJ. Source stated that DON FREEMAN, chairman of the Revolutionary Action Movement (RAM) spoke on self-defense and that SIMS spoke after FREEMAN. Source said that SIMS talked about defending the community and Civil Rights workers and claimed that if the Klan armed themselves, then the Negroes have the right to do the same.

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THOMAS, Vice President and Regional Organizer of the Deacons of Defense and Justice, Incorporated (DDJ), was the speaker at the meeting of the Friday Night Socialist Forum (FNSF) held on February 18, 1966, at Chicago, Illinois.

THOMAS stated that the DDJ was formed at Lake Charles, Louisiana, in July, 1964, for the purpose of protecting Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) and Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) workers in Louisiana who were being beaten and sometimes murdered by the "red necked sheriffs." THOMAS said that in one week the DDJ had 500 armed Negroes.

THOMAS referred to the Civil Rights demonstrations as a "game" and said that he cannot understand people who demonstrate for their rights and said they should take what is rightfully theirs. THOMAS did not specifically mention how people should take what is rightfully theirs.

THOMAS said that the anti-poverty legislation was enacted just to placate and "sugar coat" the Negro. The only people who will benefit from this legislation are the "fat politicians; they get the cream while the masses get the non-fat milk." He ridiculed education as being the solution of the Negro problem because he knows that many Negroes with college degrees are nothing but janitors.

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8 THOMAS claimed that 50 percent of the soldiers
9 in Viet Nam are Negroes and stated "I guess the power
10 structure feels if they can kill off seven or eight million
11 of us that will solve the problem." The power structure
12 ought to arm the Negroes in the South and solve the problems
13 there before taking on international problems.
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15 THOMAS stated that he foresees a black revolution
16 in Chicago this summer and that the Federal Government should
17 do something to solve the problems of the Negroes or it will
18 not be safe for white people to go through Negro neighborhoods.
19 He mentioned the Watts Riots in Los Angeles and said the Jews
20 were exploiting the Negroes, and the Negroes probably burn
21 stores and records so that the Jews would not know what
22 Negroes owed money to them.
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24 THOMAS said that Chicago is going to be the
25 headquarters for the northern area of the DDJ and that they
26 have 62 chapters of the DDJ strategically located so that
27 whenever necessary they can apply pressure if necessary. He
28 said they have a broad base of operations and if someone is
29 killed, there will be someone to takeover the law. He
30 said that if Jews killed, there will be a retaliatory act,
31 an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, and for every one of
32 them that are killed, three of the best whites will die. He
33 added that they are not going to bow to the power of the
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On December 20, 1965 a representative of the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Unit, U.S. Treasury Department, Los Angeles, California, advised that no further information had been received concerning the shipment of machine guns from a Czechoslovakian firearms manufacturer to the DDJ. This was in reference to information received by the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Unit (ATTU) at Los Angeles, California, which indicated that the Deacons at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, allegedly received on July 19, 1965, 420 machine guns which had been manufactured in Czechoslovakia. The ATTU representative said it may take several months to obtain the details of this transaction.

[redacted] b1 that he (c)
had learned that there was in existence an article, not further described, which requested individuals to send 10 cents to HENRY AUSTIN, 1210 Ann Street, Bogalusa, Louisiana, to purchase bullets for the DDJ.

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12 "The Sunday Star," a weekly Washington, D.C.,
13 newspaper, issued February 27, 1966, page B-5, had an
14 article captioned "Negroes Plan Armed Unit On Rights."
15 The article stated the "Deacons for Defense and Justice"
16 (DDJ), planned to form an armed chapter of the DDJ in
17 Washington, D.C., with JULIUS HOBSON, leader of a Washington
18 organization called Associated Community Teams (ACT), as
19 acting coordinator of the new chapter of DDJ. This had been
20 announced at a meeting held in Radio Station WUST Music Hall,
21 Washington, D.C., on February 26, 1966.

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23 The March 13, 1966 issue of "The Washington Post,"
24 a weekly Washington, D.C., newspaper, on page B-6, had an
25 article captioned "Brutality, Laid To Police By Pickets."

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27 The above article reported that eight members
28 of the Washington, D.C., group of ACT, picketed the
29 Precinct, 500 E Street, S.E., of the Metropolitan Police
30 Department (MPD), on March 12, 1966. JULIUS HOBSON, Chairman
31 of ACT led the pickets and according to the article, stated
32 the eight pickets were ACT members and that two of them
33 also belonged to "Deacons For Defense." The two "Deacons"
34 were helping the forming of a Washington chapter to protest
35 police brutality, according to HOBSON's comments.

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37 [redacted] b1 that JULIUS
38 HOBSON, Chairman of the Washington, D.C., chapter of ACT
39 is of the following opinion regarding the "Deacons For
40 Defense" mentioned in the two newspaper articles:

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42 Some of the comments made on February 26, 1966,
43 at the rally sponsored by ACT at the WUST Radio Hall were
44 deliberately made to create the impression that the "Deacons
45 For Defense" would organize in Washington, D.C., with HOBSON
46 as acting coordinator. There is no "Deacons For Defense"
47 organization in Washington, D.C., nor is such a group to
48 be organized in D.C. An understanding to that facts exists
49 between ERNEST THOMAS, a leader of the "Deacons For Defense",
50 Chicago, Illinois, and JULIUS W. HOBSON. THOMAS would like
51 to organize such a group in D.C., but will abide by HOBSON's
52 desires that the Deacons stay out of the D.C. area. HOBSON
53 does not want a group that advocates arming its members.
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8 The source stated further as follows: ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

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10 JULIUS HOBSON was one of the eight ACT pickets
11 who marched in front of the Fifth Precinct Station of the
12 MPD, on March 12, 1966, protesting police brutality in
13 Precinct Number Five. HOBSON was very angry concerning the
14 incorrect information attributed to HOBSON in the "Washington
15 Post" issue of March 13, 1966, page B-6. The article
16 indicated HOBSON had said two of the eight ACT members were
17 members of the "Deacons For Defense" and were to form a
18 Washington chapter of the "Deacons For Defense." HOBSON
19 denied ever making such a statement to a newsmen or anyone
20 else. HOBSON stated ACT, to his knowledge, has no members
21 who belong to "Deacons For Defense" of which ERNEST THOMAS
22 is an organizer.

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24 The source also recalled as follows:

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26 Recently a Negro family in MPD Precinct Number
27 Five, had a wedding reception. Members of the MPD
28 forced their way into the reception and created a disturbance
29 while making arrests. This resulted in accusations that the
30 MPD used brutality. "High Up" officials of the MPD then
31 refused to hold a hearing to determine whether the police
32 were at fault. The general feeling among Negroes is that
33 the MPD should have an open hearing regarding the foregoing
34 incident in order to bring out the true facts. The Negroes
35 in the MPD Precinct Number Five, feel the MPD officials have
36 "white washed" the entire incident. ACT plans to
37 demonstrate at Precinct Number Five on March 19, 1966, as
38 furtherance of ACT's protest against the "police brutality"
39 as displayed at the wedding reception. The protests will
40 continue until the MPD agrees to discuss "Police Brutality."

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42 ACT does not desire a large number of pickets at
43 Precinct Number Five. A large group is difficult to control
44 and could get out of hand. ACT desires that only ACT
45 members, willing to abide by HOBSON, will be welcome to
46 future picket lines.

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48 The source also stated as follows:

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50 The references to ACT and Deacons For Defense
51 on the signs carried by the ACT pickets on March 12, 1966,
52 were made to create a feeling that the "Deacons" are coming
53 to D.C. to organize.

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This hint of possible alliance was deliberate and psychological which had the approval of ERNEST THOMAS. It does not exist. MORSON believes these hints may bring about changes in the attitudes displayed by the privileged toward those less fortunate as it regards jobs, housing, freedom from police brutality.

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FRIDAY NIGHT SOCIALIST FORUM,
aka. Militant Labor Forum

On May 3, 1965, a source advised that the Forum is a paper organization set up by the Chicago Branch, Socialist Workers Party (CBSWP), Chicago, Illinois, for Socialist Workers Party (SWP) members and sympathizers. Open meetings held under the auspices of this Forum are geared to be the activities that the SWP is pursuing at a particular time, e.g., unemployment, election campaign, Cuba, segregation, etc.

SUZANNE BUCH, a CBSWP member, is in charge of the Forum and schedules meetings under the name of the Forum in order to conceal the SWP sponsorship of same. The meetings of the Forum generally are held at Chicago SWP headquarters although the Forum, in the past, has sponsored other affairs, such as meetings, socials, and picnics held at other locations.

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"WORKERS WORLD"

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

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NATION OF ISLAM, Formerly Referred
to as the Muslim Cult of Islam,
Aka. Muhammad's Temples of Islam

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

On May 7, 1965, a second source advised ELIJAH MUHAMMAD is the national leader of the Nation of Islam (NOI); Muhammad's Temple of Islam No. 2, 5335 South Greenwood Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, is the national headquarters of the NOI; and ELIJAH MUHAMMAD and other NOI officials, when referring to MUHAMMAD's organization on a nationwide basis, commenced using either "Temple" or "Temple" when mentioning one of "Muhammad's Temples of Islam."

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

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

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

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

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SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY -
NEW YORK LOCAL.

A source stated on August 25, 1960, that the New York Local (NYL) of the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) was founded during 1938 in New York City.

A second confidential source stated on April 8, 1964 that the NYL was affiliated with and followed the aims and purposes of the National SWP.

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REVOLUTIONARY ACTION MOVEMENT

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

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

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

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

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On November 16, 1964, a second source advised he learned recently from a RAM member that the organization began in Detroit, Michigan, largely under the impetus of Don Freeman, described as the "Father" of RAM and referred to as RAM's "Black Stalin." Freeman served as RAM Chairman, with Maxwell Stanford, now of New York City, formerly of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, serving as RAM Field Chairman.

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

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

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

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REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE OF THE
FOURTH INTERNATIONAL

A source advised on September 9, 1964, that the Revolutionary Committee of the Fourth International (RCFI) was also known as the Spartacist Committee and the Spartacist Group. This source described the RCFI as being composed of former members of the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) who had split from the SWP and who were led by JAMES ROBERTSON. This source stated that this political unit has its main center in New York City, where it publishes "Spartacist" on a very irregular basis, but their formal meetings are held at least once a week.

A second source advised on March 4, 1964, that FARRELL DOBBS, National Secretary of the SWP, sent a letter to all SWP branches in February, 1964, in which he advised that the expelled leader of a minority faction of the SWP, JAMES ROBERTSON, announced on February 10, 1964, that his faction would publicly criticize the SWP and had followed this with a public organ called "Spartacist" in which they attacked the SWP.

The July-August, 1964, issue of "Spartacist," in its masthead describes this publication as follows: "... published bi-monthly by supporters of the Revolutionary Tendency expelled from the Socialist Workers Party." This masthead sets forth that the editor of the publication is JAMES ROBERTSON, and its main address is Post Office Box 1377, General Post Office, New York, New York.

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THE COMMUNIST PARTY

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March 28, 1966.

Title: DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, INC.

Character: RACIAL MATTERS

Reference: Report of SA [redacted] ^{b7C}
at New Orleans, Louisiana dated
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All sources (except any listed below) whose identities
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Enclosed for the Bureau are 9 copies of an LHM, also 2 copies for Chicago and 2 copies for New Orleans.

Copies of the LHM are being disseminated to Secret Service and local military intelligence agencies.

[REDACTED] gave his information to [REDACTED]

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WFO is conducting no additional investigation concerning the DDJ as [REDACTED] stated there is no DDJ organization in the District of Columbia and has no plans to organize in the District of Columbia.

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An article appeared on page B-1 of the March 30, 1966, issue of "The Washington Post and Times Herald", a daily Washington, D. C., newspaper, captioned "Dogalusa Unit Plans Move to D.C.," authored by William Raspberry. A copy of the article is attached.

The article by Raspberry indicated that the DDJ planned to establish a chapter in Washington, D. C., and questioned the plans for such a move. The article stated that according to Julius W. Hobson, "militant leader of ACP and a prospective Deacon," the move to the area was due to increasing brutality on the part of police officers and the failure of officials to punish it. Hobson, according to the article, said that the Deacons could probably recruit as many as 300 to 400 men in the Washington, D. C., area, and it was Hobson's theory that Negroes must organize to strike back at brutal officers.

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"The Washington Post and Times Herald," dated March 31,
1966, page A-20, contained a letter signed "Julius W. Hobson,
Chairman of ACT and friend of the Deacons of Defence." A copy
of the article is attached. In the letter Hobson denied that
he had told Raspberry or any other newspaper reporter that
Hobson thought the Negro citizens of the District of Columbia
should arm and attack the policemen.

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Bogalusa Unit Plans Move to D.C.

'Deacons' Protest Alleged Police Brutality Here

By William Raspberry

The Deacons for Defense and Justice, organized a year ago in Bogalusa, La., to retaliate for white attacks on Negroes, have been branching out and plan to establish a chapter here. Already they claim scores of active chapters in several Southern states. They reportedly are moving north as well.

The Deacons insist their purposes are purely defensive—to protect the Negro community against white violence. Primarily they have operated in the South, striking back at the Ku Klux Klan and protecting civil rights demonstrations.



Raspberry

Why are they coming to Washington, where demonstrators almost never are subjected to violence and where there has been no reported Klan activity?

According to Julius W. Hobson, militant leader of ACT and a prospective Deacon, it is because of increasing brutality on the part of police officers and failure of officials to punish it.

He blamed brutality for two recent jail-cell suicides and cited the case of a wedding party melee in southeast Washington during which seven persons, including four policemen, were injured. Hobson said the judge in that case "upheld the police before he even heard the witnesses." He said there have been "five or six people to die in jail recently, and the only explanation we get is from the police who put them there."

NOT ONLY can Negroes not expect justice from officials in cases of brutality, said Hobson, but "the middle-class Negro leadership acquiesces in this mistreatment by sitting on these committees." Hobson himself sat for two years on the Police Chief's Citizens' Advisory Committee, which during that time "took a hundred cases (of alleged brutality) and never did anything about them."

He finally quit the committee.

As to the Deacons, Hobson's theory is that since neither the Police Department, the courts nor the Complaint Review Board acts with sufficient vigor against allegations of police brutality, Negroes must organize to strike back at brutal officers.

It is a dangerous theory. It is one thing for a Negro in Bogalusa to take a shot at a fleeing car whose occu-

pants have just fired into his home. It is quite another for an armed group to be running for a policeman because they have heard rumors of brutality.

ASKED ABOUT the danger of a misguided attack on an officer who had used force to maintain a legitimate arrest, Hobson noted that the "police make a lot of mistakes; the people will make a lot of mistakes too." He didn't appear to be unduly bothered by the prospect.

Hobson said the Deacons probably could recruit as many as 300 to 400 "good men" in the Washington area. It will be difficult to tell whether that estimate is high. While the Deacons operate more or less openly in Bogalusa, they have been inclined to secrecy in other areas.

Capt. Thomas Herlihy, head of the Police Department's Special Investigations Squad, said he was aware that officials of the Deacons for Defense had been to Washington and were scheduled to return this week. He said, however, that the information given him indicated that the Washington group would be essentially a fund-raising organization to support Deacon chapters in Chicago and elsewhere.

Herlihy said he had no knowledge of Minuteman activities in Washington, but for Hobson the fact that the FBI uncovered a Minuteman rifle range and training site last year in northern Virginia is reason enough for Negroes here to arm themselves. The Minutemen are a militant group who say they train themselves against a "Communist" takeover of the U.S.

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Hobson on the Deacons

I would like to make the following observations about "Potomac Watch," William Raspberry's article appearing in the March 30 issue, and dealing with the organization of a D.C. chapter of the Deacons for Defense.

I categorically deny that I have told Mr. Raspberry or any other newspaper reporter that I think the Negro citizens of D.C. should arm and attack the policemen of this city. However, I did say to Mr. Raspberry that I think there is widespread police brutality practiced with official sanction against the black citizens of this city. I further stated that the black community should organize to combat this brutality.

As to what the Deacons for Defense are going to do here, I refused to discuss that with Mr. Raspberry, and referred him to Ernest Thomas, executive vice president of the Deacons who is now in Chicago.

JULIUS W. HOBSON,
Chairman of ACT and friend
of the Deacons for Defense,
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Town Hall

TOWN OF
GRAMBLING

"Home Of Grambling College"

Grambling, Louisiana



Mayor B. T. Woodard

Greetings

Welcome to Grambling! We, the officials and citizens of the Town of Grambling, are exceedingly proud of the growth, continuing development, and bright potential of our community.

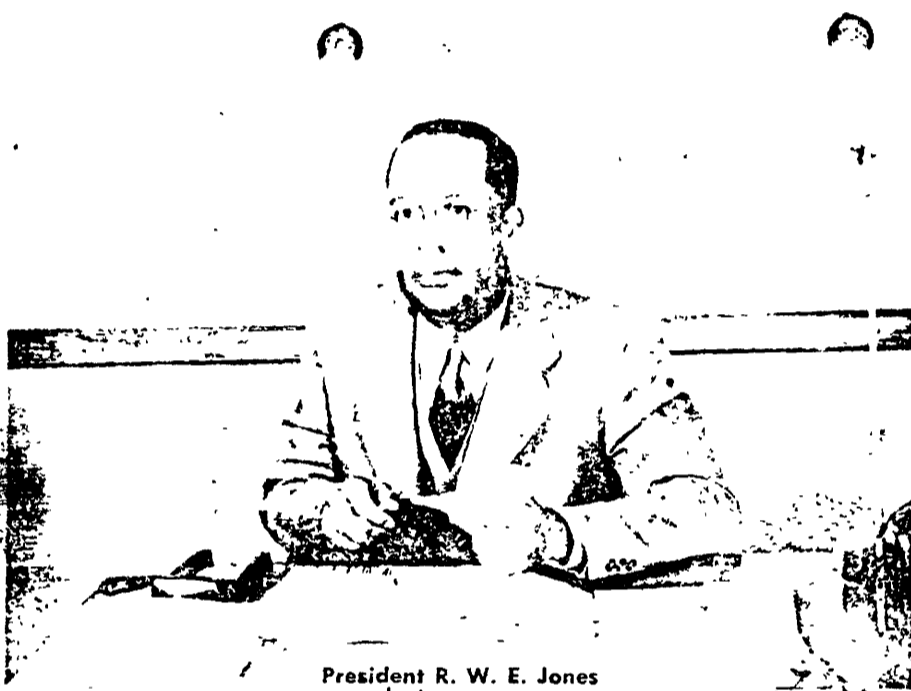
Better than anyone else, we know that life here is full and rich; we know that the social, cultural, and civic climate is of the best, and we firmly believe that we reside, labor, and play in one of the finest places in this great state and nation.

With the publication of this brochure, it is our hope that you gain a quick but thorough introduction to the Town of Grambling. Using it as a guide, we trust that you will come to appreciate our community and its fine citizens to the fullest extent.

In this connection, please be assured that you are completely welcome to our town and that we sincerely feel that your presence here will add considerably to the tenor of life in this beloved community.

Your complete comfort and pleasure are always our enduring aim, your slightest wish, therefore, shall be to us a propelling command. Call upon us *any* of us, if necessary to insure the success of your visit. Be assured that you will be served to the best of our ability, for not only do we want you here now, we want you to want to come back again—and again.

B. T. WOODARD
Mayor, Town of Grambling



President R. W. E. Jones

Greetings

To those of us who call Grambling home, as I have been privileged to do for the past 35 years, there is no place anywhere exactly like the Town of Grambling.

Many towns, of course, make a similar claim, but we of Grambling have the word of too many of the citizens of these other towns not to believe that there is a special something called "the Grambling spirit".

What this spirit springs from is not alone the scores of fine residences dotting the landscape here and there and the hundreds of fine citizens who reside there.

It springs not alone from the fact that Grambling College, considered by many as one of the most unique and fastest growing institutions of higher learning in America, is located here nor that it contributes in no small measure to the ebb and flow of Grambling life.

Nor does the spirit spring from the fact that Grambling is one of the few all-Negro incorporated towns in the nation, as distinctive an achievement as that is.

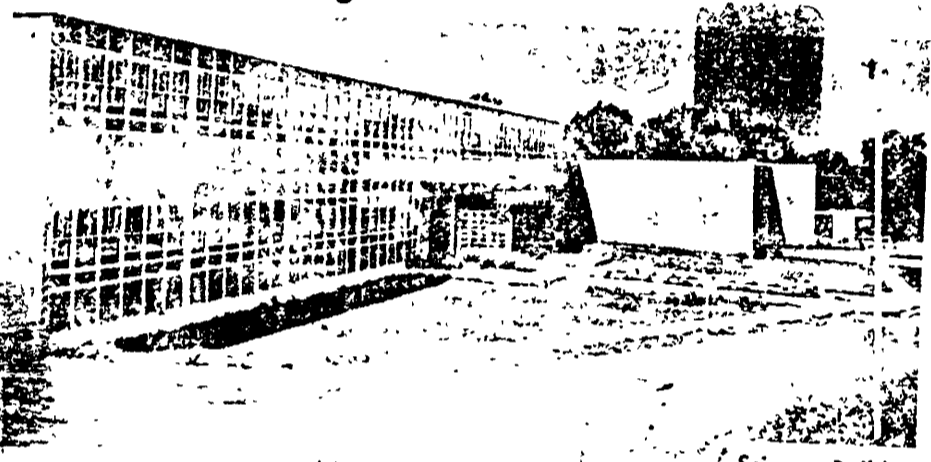
Rather, we believe, the Grambling Spirit springs from a happy combination of all of these and, above all, from the happy existence of community-wide warm heartedness, cooperation, understanding, and service.

We do not hesitate, therefore, to tender you a warm welcome to the Town of Grambling. We think you will find that the Grambling Spirit compels us to take you to our hearts. We, in turn, hope that you will take us to yours.

R. W. E. JONES, President
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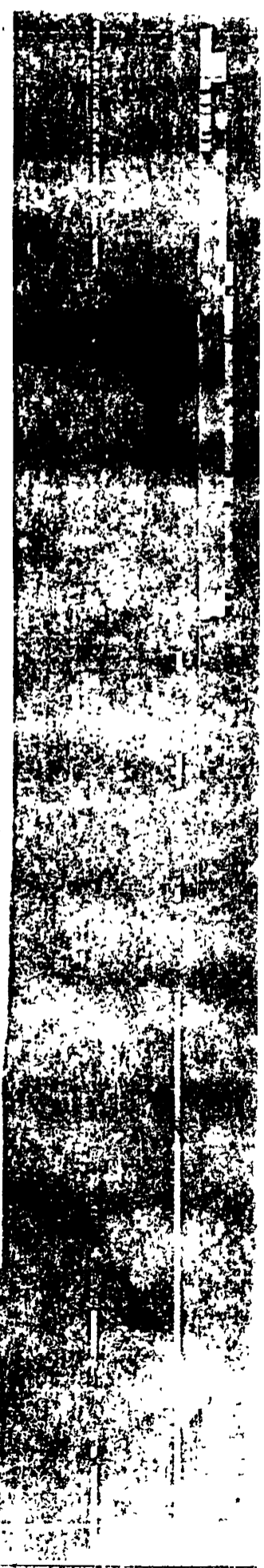
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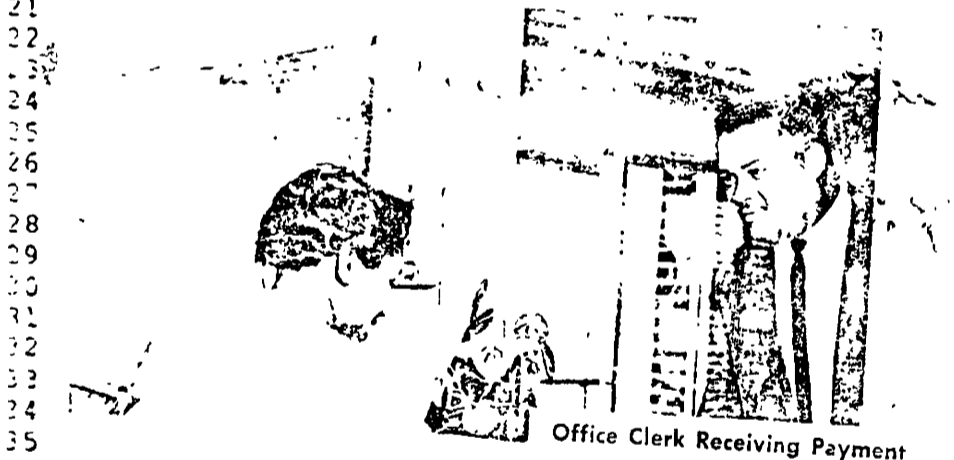
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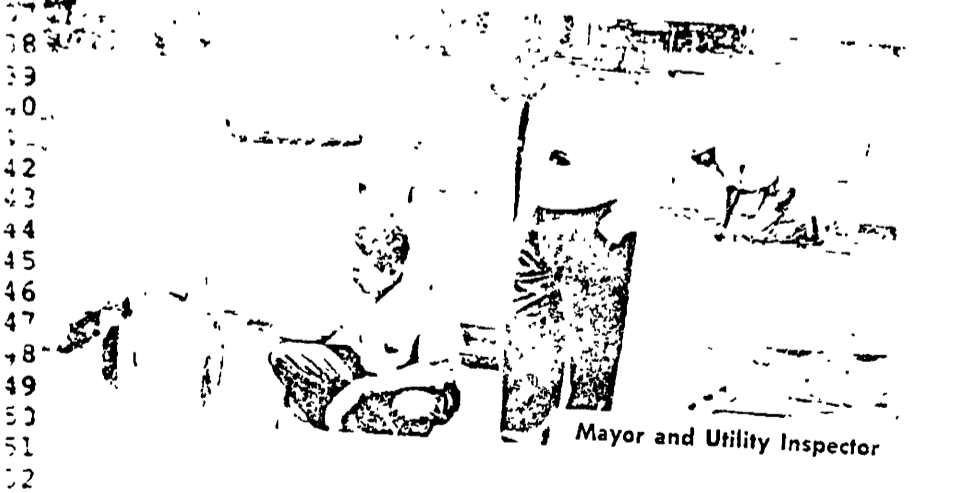


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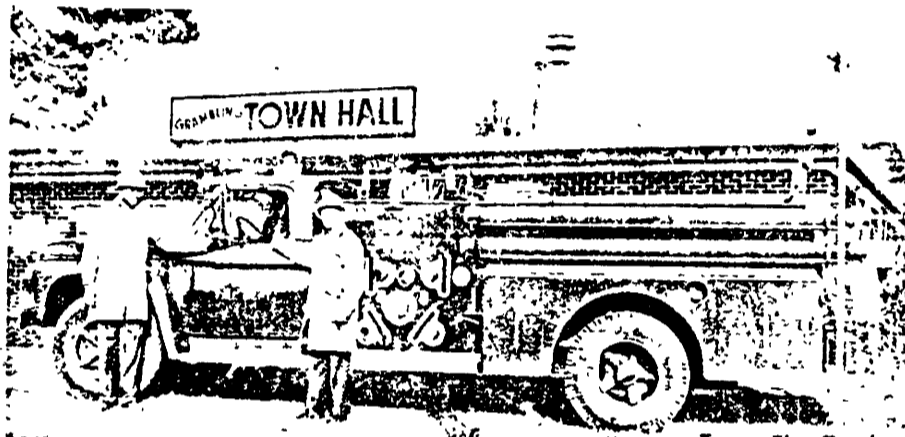


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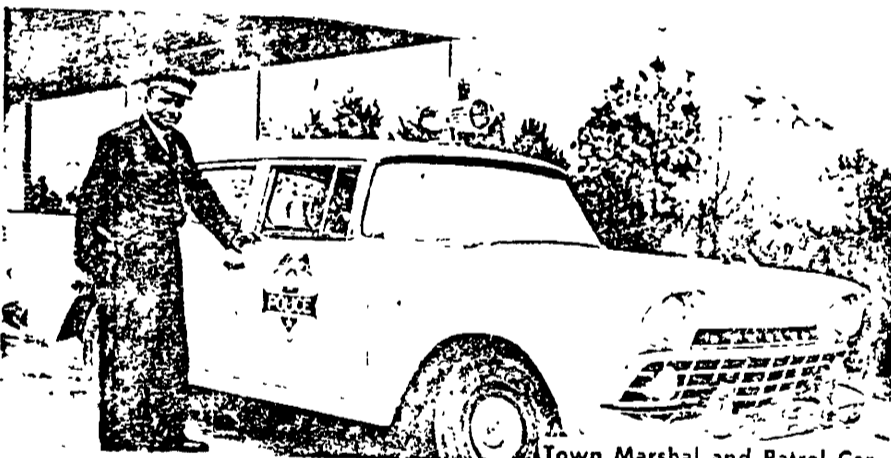


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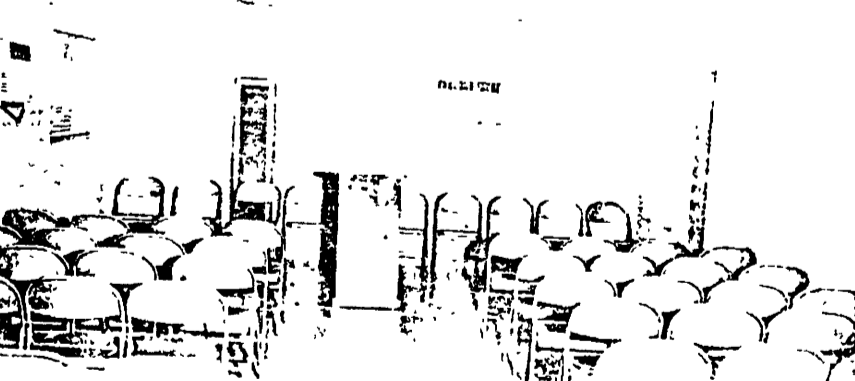
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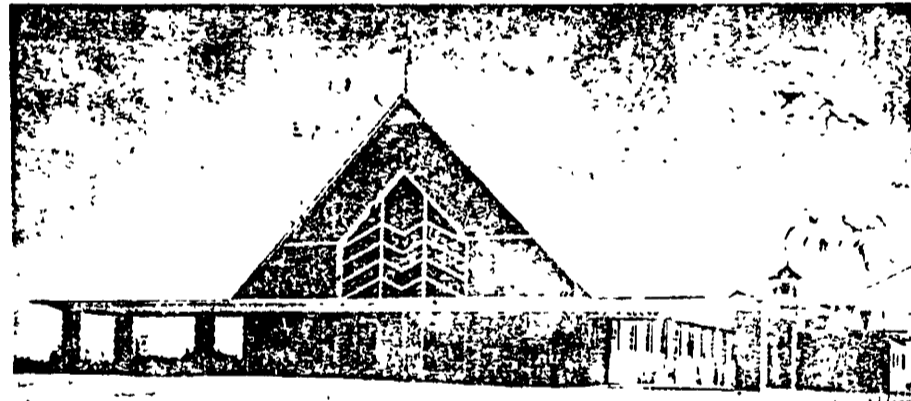
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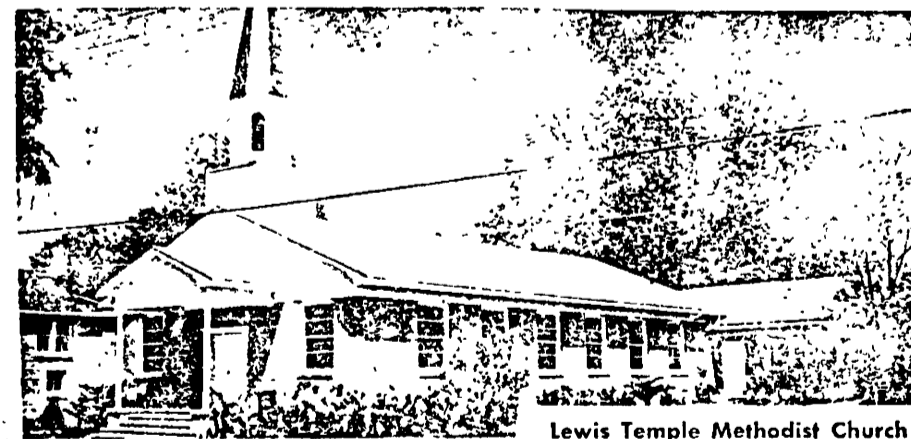
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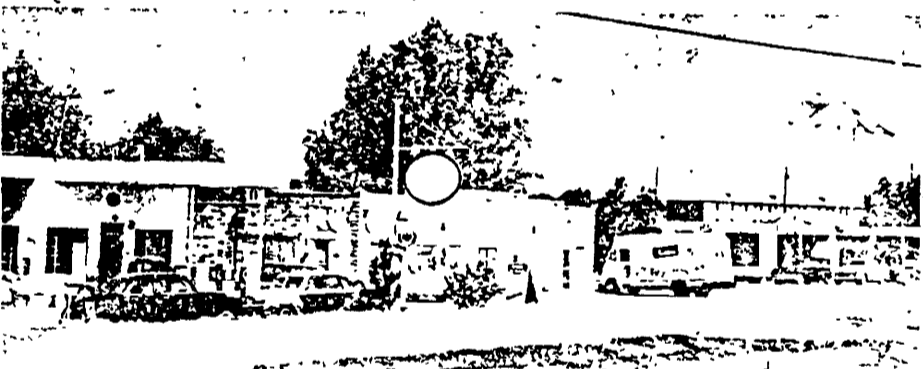
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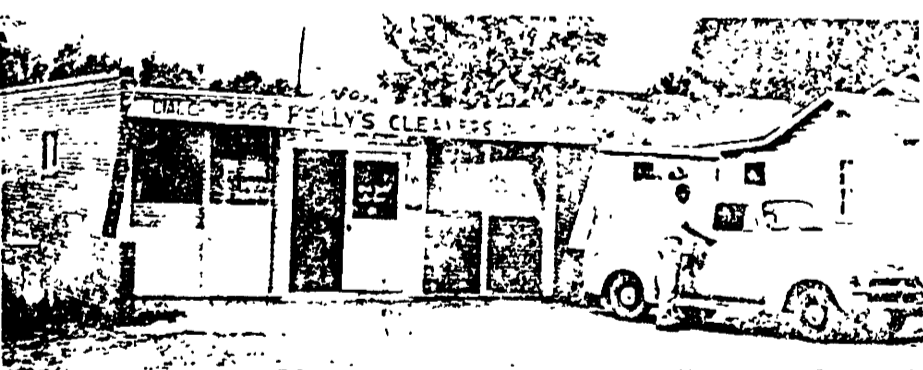
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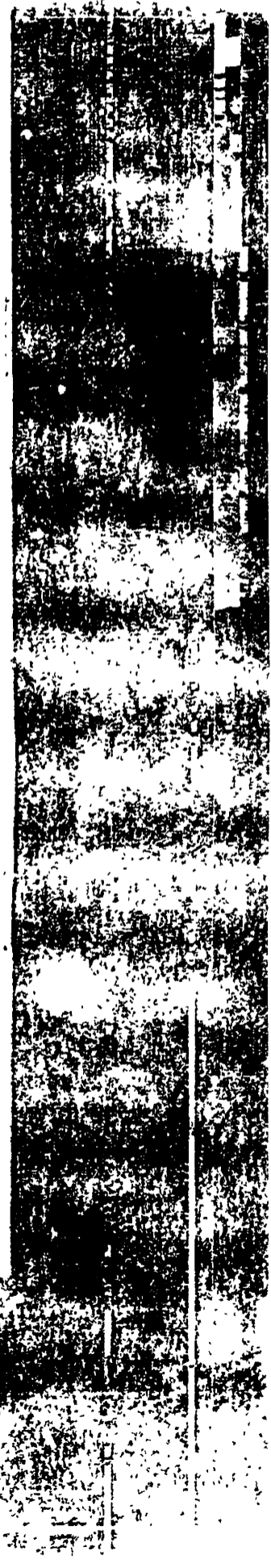
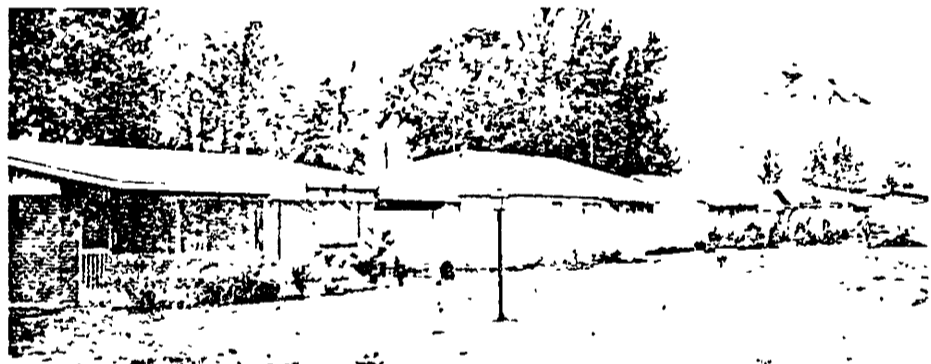
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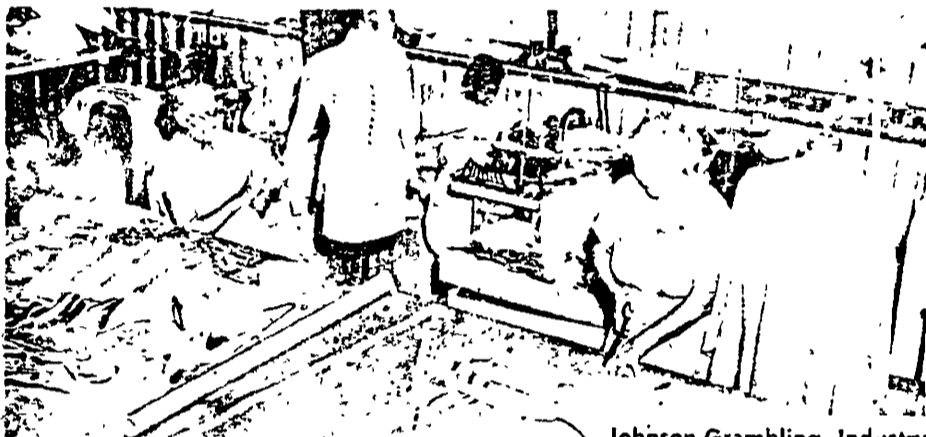


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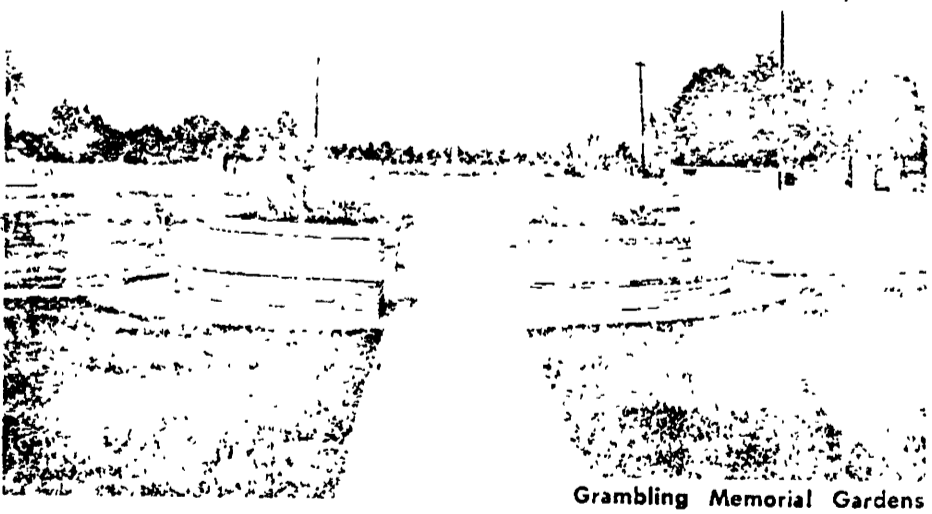
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Beyond The Limits



Mount Zion Baptist Church



Grambling Memorial Gardens



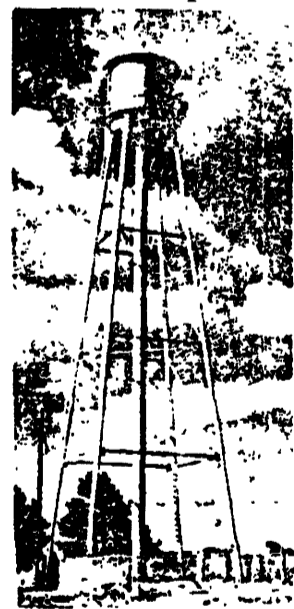
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6 more than a location from whence someone came
7 or to whence someone is going. It is more than
8 houses and roads and institutions. A town is people—
9 people, human beings, living, working, learning,
10 playing.

11 Grambling has a noteworthy record of being a
12 people-centered town. The efforts of its leaders in
13 the past were so directed, and all current plans are
14 geared to making and keeping Grambling a good
15 place for people to live.

16 Organizations like the Grambling Improvement
17 Association are working continuously to insure good
18 housing for Grambling citizens, to secure agencies
19 and industries which will provide employment outlets,
20 and to give direction to recreational development.

21 A thriving Federal Credit Union is working
22 steadfastly to provide area citizens the opportunity
23 to establish financial strength for themselves and to
24 provide a source of help in time of need.

25 Grambling College steadfastly lends its assist-
26 ance and leadership to all worthwhile community
27 endeavors, and the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Grambling
28 work unceasingly to coordinate the efforts for betterment on the part of all
29 individuals and agencies and to sponsor those legal pathways to progress for
30 which it is responsible.



31 Grambling Water Supply

32 In addition to an expanding city-maintained rec-
33 reation park, the area abounds with good fishing
34 and hunting regions for those who like these recrea-
35 tional pursuits. Swimming facilities are available in
36 nearby Ruston and on the Grambling College campus.
37 Three standard movie theatres and one drive-in op-
38 erate in the Grambling environs. Dozens of outstand-
39 ing cultural attractions open to the general public
40 are sponsored on the college campus each year along
41 with many first-rate games in football, basketball,
42 and baseball.

43 Social and fraternal groups of wide description
44 and broad purpose abound in the community.

45 In regard to medical services, close ties have
46 long been maintained between the Grambling Col-
47 lege Infirmary and the Grambling Community. A
48 hospital, three clinics, and numerous physicians, sur-
49 geons, and dentists are available in the Grambling
50 area.

51 Continuous efforts are being made by the offici-
52 als of the Town of Grambling, civic and educational
agencies, and various leaders to the end that the
people of Grambling may have life and have it
more abundantly.



Grambling Water Supply

History Of Grambling

The beginnings of Grambling actually go back to the establishment of Lincoln Parish in 1873 from portions of Jackson, Union, Claiborne, Bienville and Ouachita parishes when cotton growing became increasingly profitable in the area and many modest farms were developed in the region.

The birth of Ruston occurred in 1884 when a subdivision of 80 acre, belonging to a large landowner named Robert E. Russ was laid out as a townsite by the VS & P Railroad (Illinois Central) in exchange for a right-of-way through the Russ property. The VS & P mainline ran from Shreveport to Vicksburg and around the turn of the century one P. G. Grambling established a sawmill near the present site of Grambling. The Railroad established a spur and way-station to service the timber business and the stop was named for Mr. Grambling.

The sawmill soon went out of existence, but meanwhile several small businesses had been established, churches built, and in 1901, the North Louisiana Colored Farmer's Relief Association, made up of more than fifteen hundred persons from five parishes, set about establishing an industrial school. The association contacted Tuskegee's Booker T. Washington and secured on August 4, 1901, the services of Charles P. Adams, who founded the Colored Industrial and Agricultural School of Lincoln Parish in the Allen Green Community just north of the present location of Grambling. The history of Grambling has been linked almost inseparably with the growth and development of this school in the community.

By 1905 the industrial school was moved to its present site. In 1918 it became Lincoln Parish Training School; in 1928, it became Louisiana Negro Normal and Industrial Institute, a state-supported junior college. In 1940 a four-year, degree-granting program was initiated at what was now to be called Grambling College. Meanwhile, more and more families began to cluster in the immediate vicinity of the village and the college, more businesses were started a post office put in operation, and the town began to grow.

During the 1958-59 school year, the duly authorized Liberal Arts Program was put into effect. For the 1959-60 school year, the College was reorganized under the following divisions: Division of Applied Sciences and Technology, Division of Education, and Division of Liberal Arts. Beginning September, 1963, the College instituted the Division of General Studies.

In September, 1953, Grambling was incorporated under the Statute laws of the State of Louisiana. The first official meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen were held October 1, 1953 for the Village of Grambling, Louisiana. The first officers were a Mayor, three Aldermen and Marshal, appointed by the Governor of the State of Louisiana.

In 1959, by proclamation of the Governor of the State of Louisiana the Village was declared a Town, with a population of 3,144 citizens.

Since the incorporation of the Town, major bond issues have been floated for the establishment of water, sewerage and a town hall. Many other developments such as streets, street lights, natural gas, telephones, etc., have been initiated by the town.

The present officers of the town are a Mayor, five Aldermen, and a Marshal elected by popular vote. Appointed by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen are Public Utilities Commissioner, Treasurer-Clerk, Secretary-Tax Collector, and Street Commissioner. Also a Planning and Zoning Commission, consisting of nine persons.

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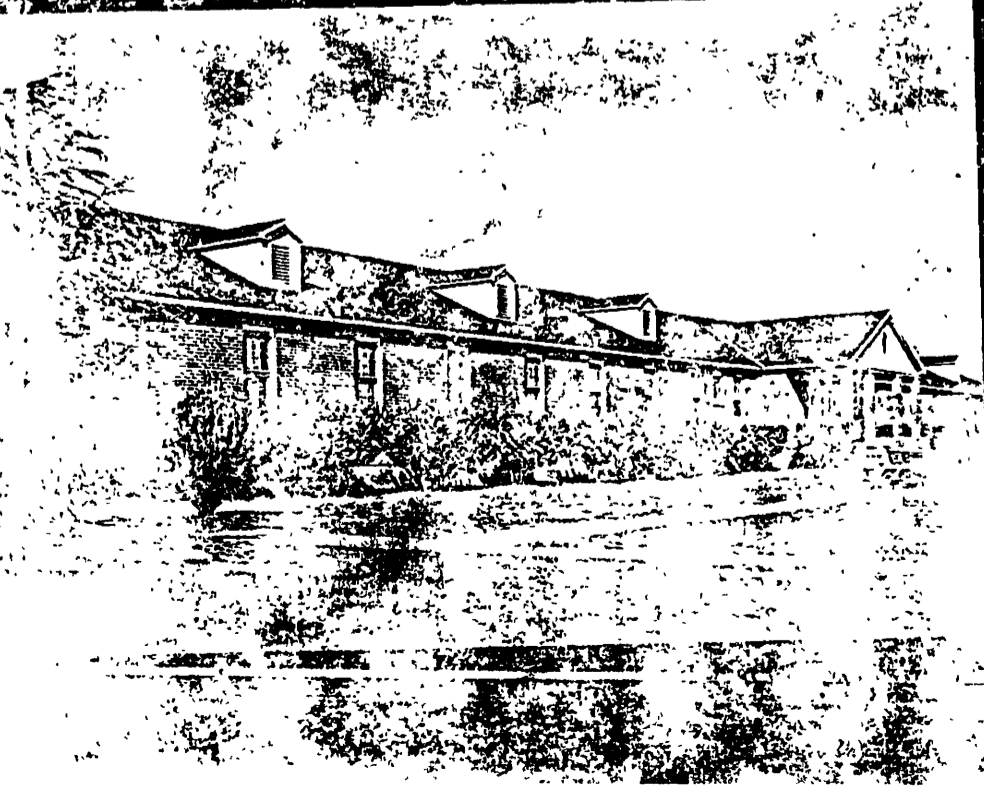
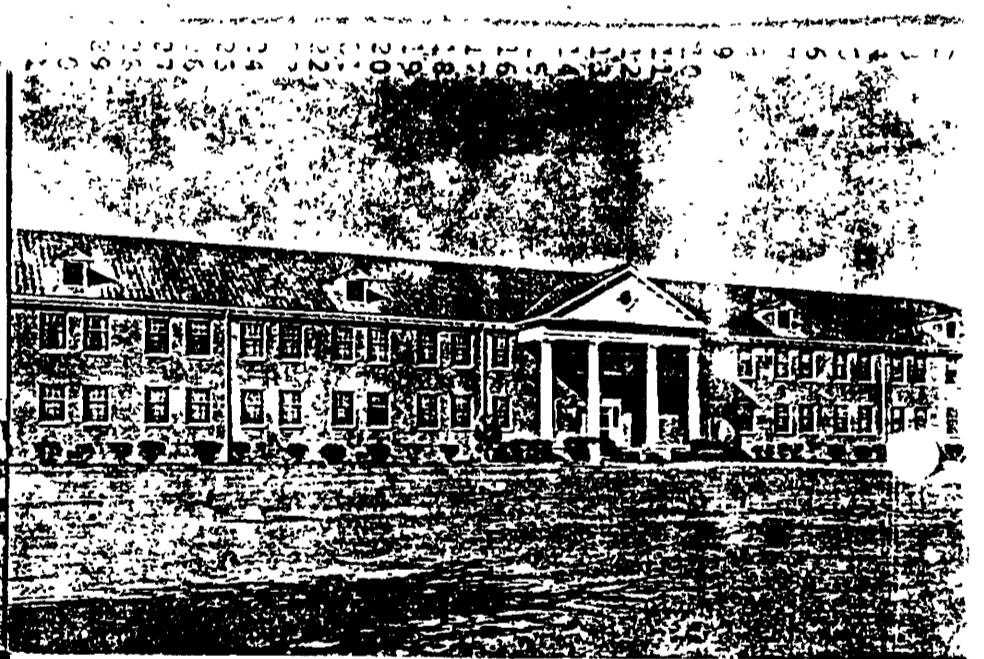
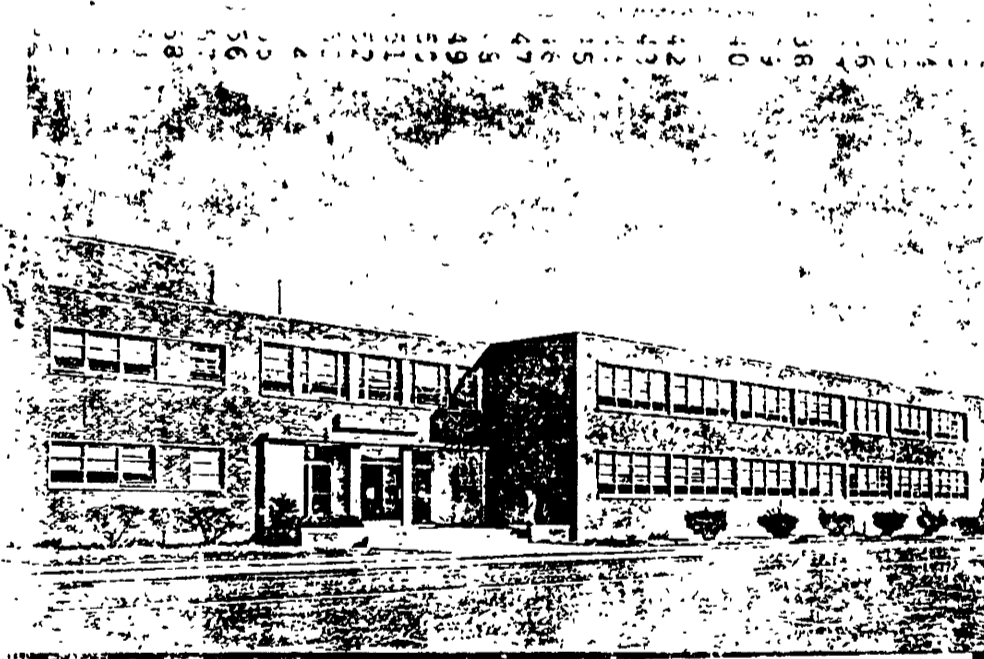
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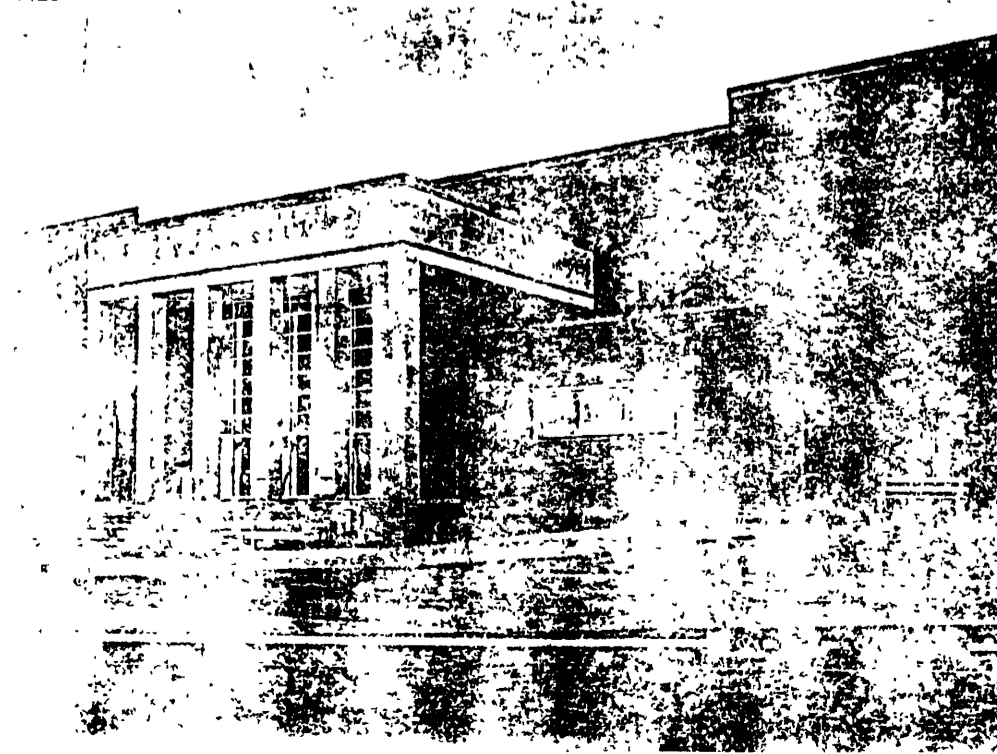
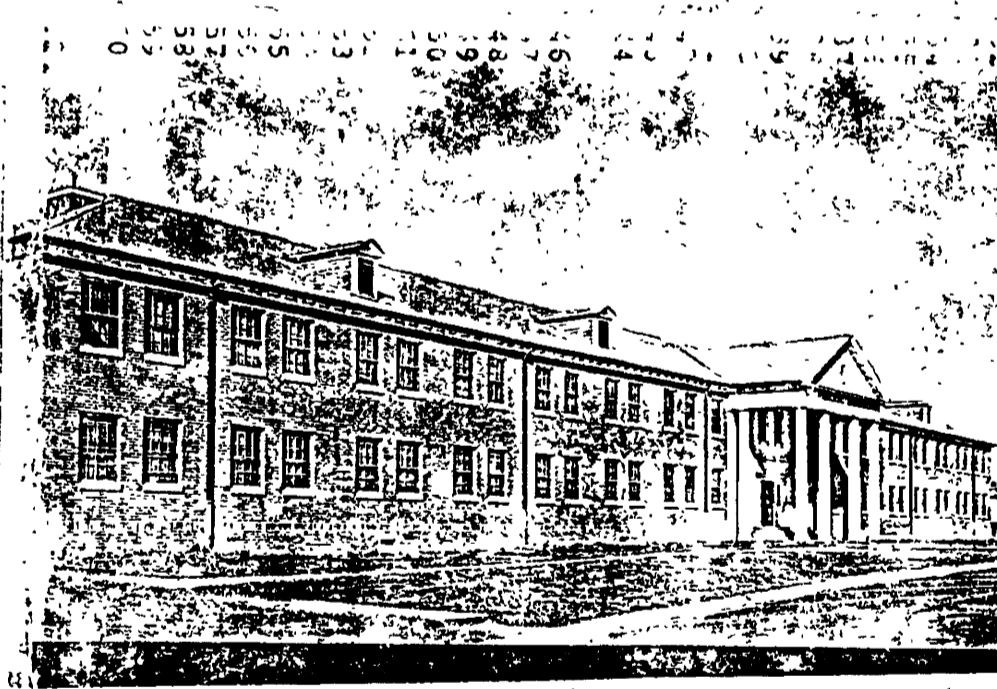
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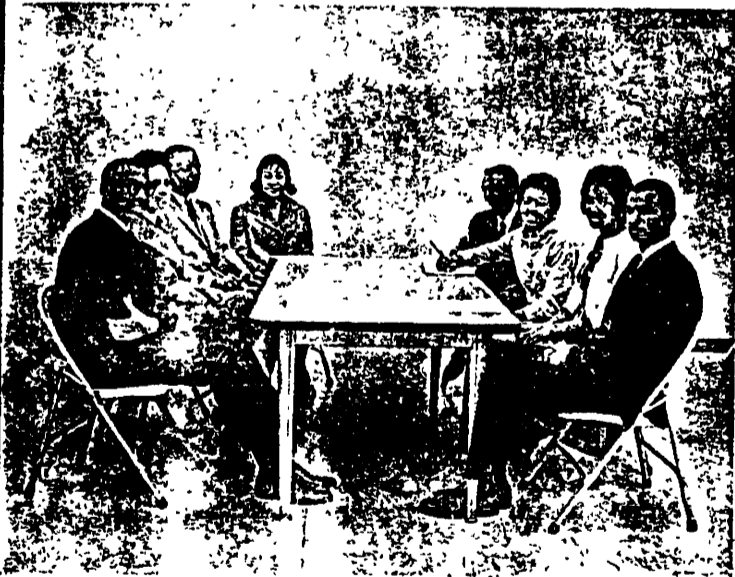


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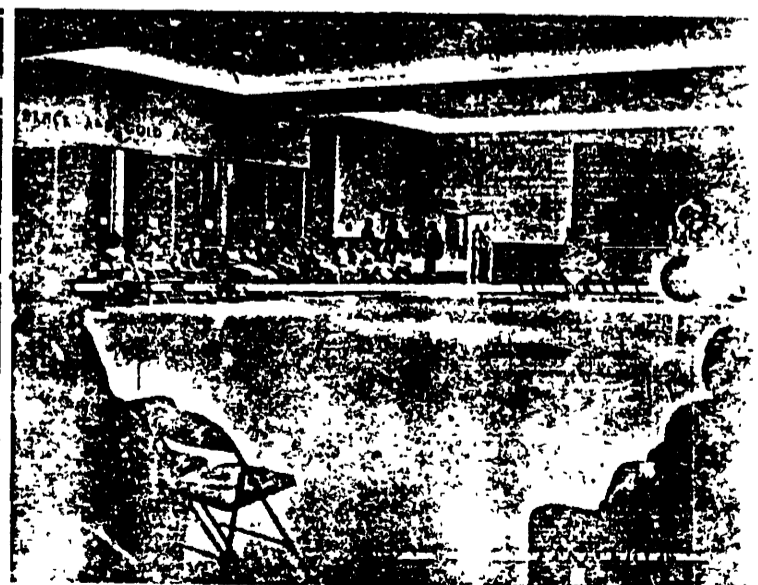
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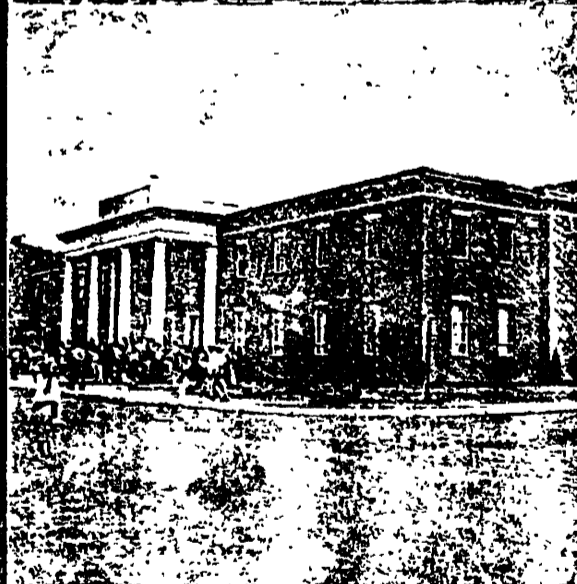
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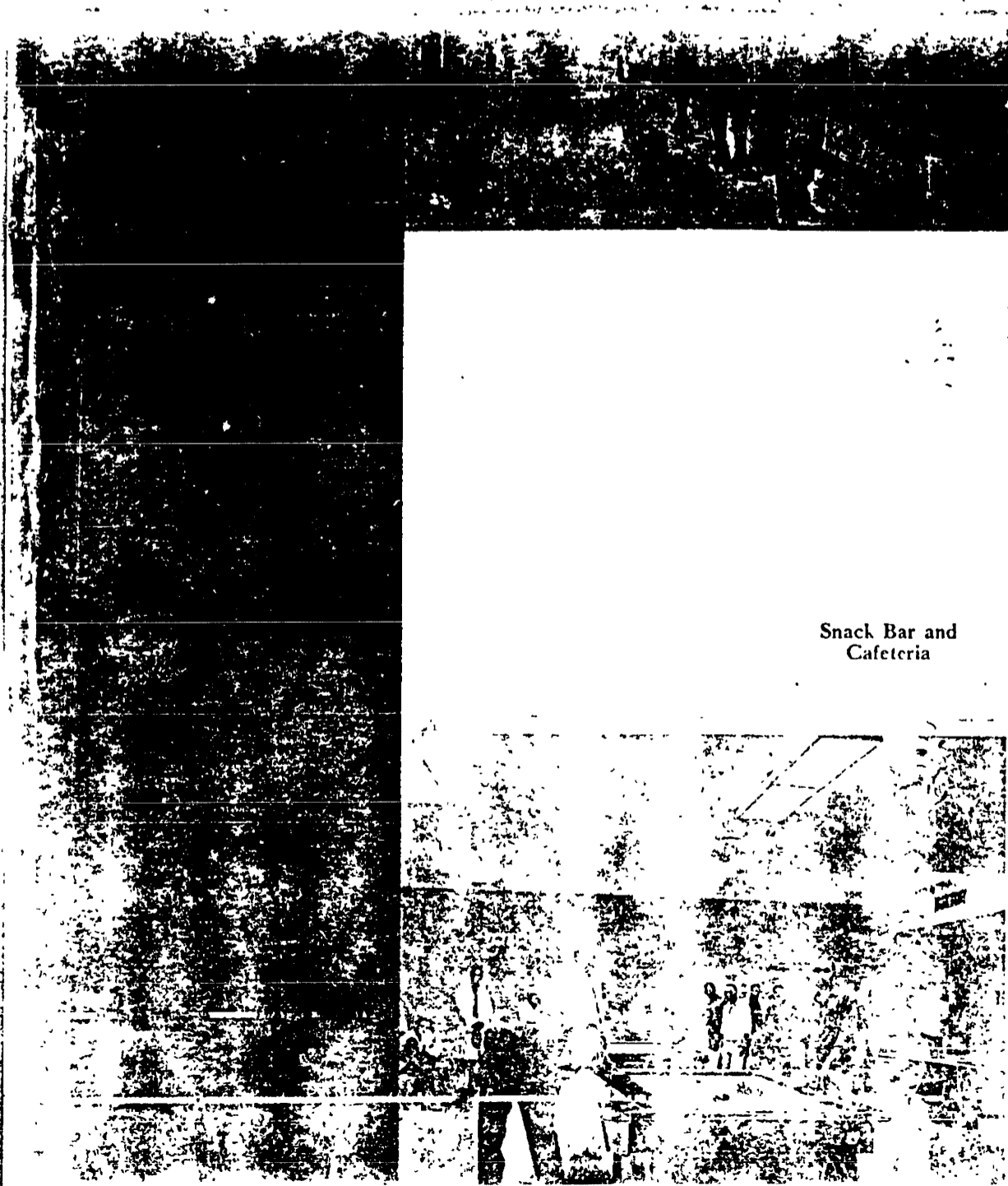
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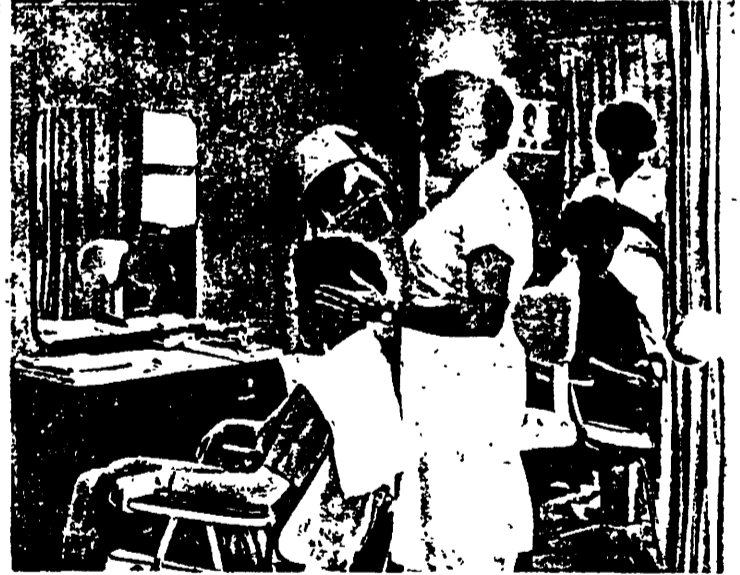


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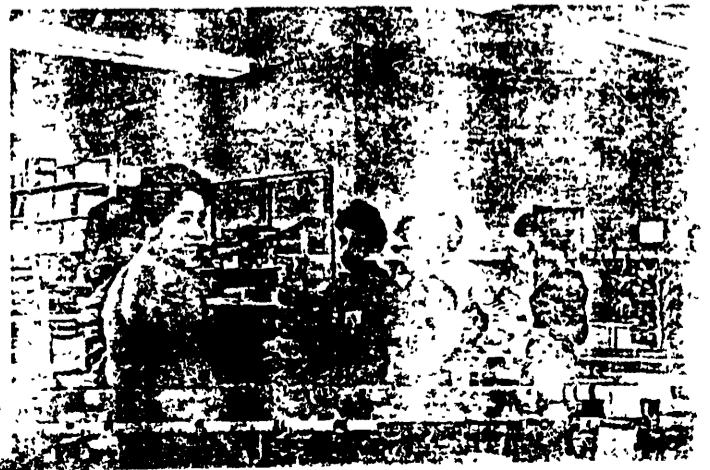
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FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (157-572)
(157-840)
SUBJECT: DEACONS OF DEFENSE
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a LHM, one (1) copy is being furnished Jackson, and two (2)
copies for New Orleans, concerning captioned matter.

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- 1 - Jackson (157-Deacons of Defense
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- 2 - New Orleans (157-3290) (Encl. 2) (Info)
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- 4 - Chicago
(1 - 157-413) AGENT [REDACTED]

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will conduct appropriate investigation to ascertain whether Chicago Chapter of the DDJ has actually been formed and whether Chicago headquarters will be at 30 West Washington, Chicago.

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Reference is made to memorandum dated February 28,
1966 at Chicago, Illinois.

All of the sources mentioned in this memorandum
have furnished reliable information in the past.

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"CORNELIUS, the third member of the Bogalusa (La.) Deacons chapter have been in Chicago helping to organize the Chicago chapter.

"They were invited here by Olive Branch Lodge 94 of Prince Hall Masons," said Cornelius. "They are here also to appeal for funds for the defense of civil rights workers arrested in Bogalusa."

"CORNELIUS, when asked why he thought a Deacons chapter was essential to Chicago, said, 'It was only last week a cross was burned on a street in Waukegan. There's no doubt that we need a chapter here.'"

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TO: Director, FBI
FROM: SAC, Detroit (157-1200) (C)

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APPEARANCE OF ERNEST THOMAS,
VICE PRESIDENT, DEACONS OF
DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, INC.,--
JONESBORO, LOUISIANA,
SPONSORED BY THE
FRIDAY NIGHT SOCIALIST FORUM,
DETROIT, MICHIGAN
4/1/66
RM

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DATE 4/1/66

Re Detroit airtel and LHM to the Bureau, 3/24/66, captioned as above (no copies furnished Chicago).

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of an LHM concerning captioned matter. Two copies are being furnished the New Orleans Office, which is office of origin of the Deacons of Defense and Justice, Inc.

In addition, two copies are being furnished the Chicago Office since ERNEST THOMAS mentioned during his speech that the Headquarters of the Deacons is located in Chicago.

One copy of LHM being furnished G-2, LSA and OSI, Detroit, Mich., and one copy being furnished ONI, Chicago. Two copies are also being furnished U.S. Secret Service, Detroit, Mich.

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- 4 - Detroit
(1 - 157-706 POSSIBLE RACIAL VIOLENCE)
(1 - 157-1042 DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, INC.)

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Detroit, Michigan
April 4, 1966

CLASS. & EXT. BY SP/SLH/1
REASON - 1.2
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Re: Appearance of Ernest Thomas,
Vice President, Deacons of
Defense and Justice, Incorporated,
Jonesboro, Louisiana, Sponsored
By the Friday Night Socialist Forum,
Detroit, Michigan
April 1, 1966

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Reference is made to memorandum at Detroit, Michigan dated March 24, 1966, captioned as above.

A characterization of the Friday Night Socialist Forum is contained in the appendix attached hereto.

All unidentified sources utilized in the appendix have furnished reliable information in the past.

On April 4, 1966, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Ernest Thomas, Vice President of the Deacons of Defense and Justice, Incorporated, from Jonesboro, Louisiana, spoke in Detroit, Michigan, on April 1, 1966, at a forum sponsored by the Friday Night Socialist Forum which was held at 3737 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, Michigan.

Source advised that Thomas was the featured speaker at this forum and spoke for approximately one hour. According to source, approximately 60 to 70 individuals, the majority of whom were Negro, were in attendance at this forum.

Thomas, during his talk, indicated that by the summer of 1966, there will be "groups of Deacons" in every community in both the North and South. Thomas indicated that the headquarters of the Deacons is located in Chicago and that the Deacons also receive their training in Chicago before being dispatched to various cities throughout the United States to form Deacon clubs.

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Re: Appearance of Ernest Thomas, Etc.

Thomas indicated, at the present time, that the Deacons are direly in need of funds and that the Deacons in order to obtain these funds, plan on putting pressure on rich Negroes. Thomas indicated, during his talk, if the white power structure in the United States does not maintain law and order, then the Deacons plan to take law and order into their own hands. He stated that the Deacons would deal in a harsh manner with any informants of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) or Central Intelligence Agency within their organization and plan on utilizing all their resources in an effort to get Negro citizens to vote in the forthcoming elections throughout the United States.

Thomas indicated that his organization was protecting civil rights workers in the South and preventing anyone from harming these civil rights workers while engaged in their activities. Thomas discussed the recent rioting in the Watts area of Los Angeles, California, and that which took place during the summer of 1965. He indicated it was significant that in the recent rioting which took place in the Watts area, that many of the individuals involved were armed with rifles and other weapons, whereas during the summer of 1965, very few of the Negroes were armed.

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

"This corporation is organized for the following purposes and to carry on the following purposes: To instruct, train,

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Re: Appearance of Ernest Thomas, Etc.

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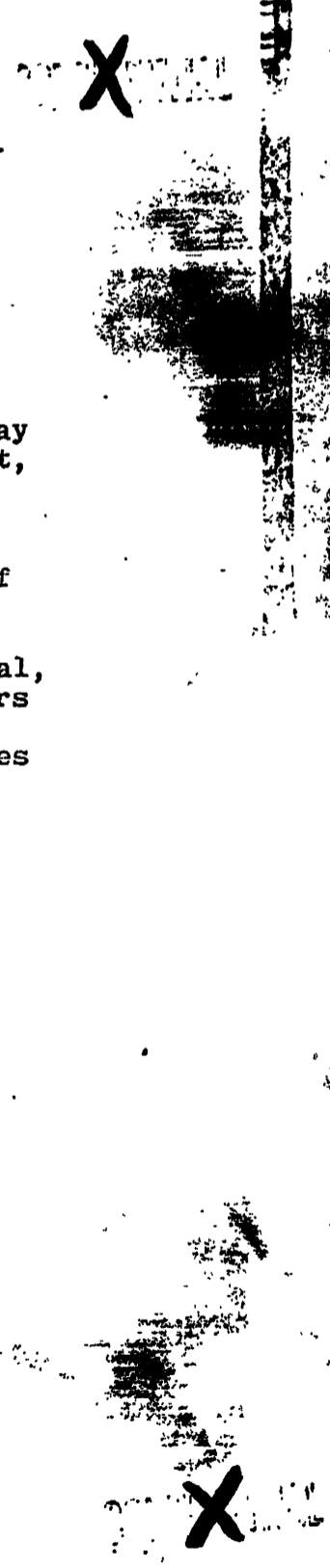
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APPENDIX

FRIDAY NIGHT SOCIALIST FORUM

On May 19, 1965, a source advised that the Friday Night Socialist Forum (FNSF) is a name used by the Detroit, Michigan Branch of the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) in sponsoring forums, socials and other functions which are open to the public. Primarily, FNSF pertains to weekly public forums held at SWP headquarters, for the purpose of spreading propaganda of the SWP, developing contacts, facilitating recruitment and members into the SWP, and presenting subjects of a controversial nature in the social, political and economic fields. Usually speakers are members of the SWP and they give the socialist viewpoint of the subject discussed. The money collected at these FNSFs goes into the Detroit Branch, SWP treasury.

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



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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-35356)

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr.
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Re Chicago teletypes 4/7, 8/66.

Enclosed for the Bureau are nine (9) copies and for Atlanta three (3) copies of a self-explanatory Letterhead Memorandum concerning captioned individual and his activities in Chicago as known during the period for 4-8-66. Also enclosed for the Bureau is a copy of the envelope and letter received by [redacted] b7c

The Special Agent monitoring the broadcast on 4/10/66, was SA [redacted] b7c

The investigative Clerk conducting [redacted] on 6/4/65, was IC [redacted] b7 b7c

on 6/4/65, by IC [redacted] reviewed

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A case is being opened concerning [redacted] b7C
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and through which the Chicago Office will follow local
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Copies of this Letterhead Memorandum are being
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States Secret Service and Region I, 113th INTC Group.

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

On April 7, 1966, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised the Chicago
Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation as follows:

Doctor Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern
Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) arrived in Chicago during
the evening of April 6, 1966. On April 7, 1966, King spent
the morning at the offices of the Chicago Urban League, and in
the afternoon, King was to appear before a gathering of students
and faculty at the University of Illinois, Circle Campus,
Chicago, Illinois.

In the evening of April 7, 1966, King was to appear
at a church located on Chicago's south side, the purpose of
or details regarding this meeting were not known.

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Re: Martin Luther King, Jr.

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The "Chicago Daily News" on April 6, 1966, contained an article stating that on April 5, 1966, an order was handed down in Circuit Court, Chicago, Illinois, enjoining Martin Luther King and the SCLC from interfering with the operation of an apartment building at 1321 South Homan, Chicago, Illinois, or collecting rents from the tenants at this building. An accounting was ordered for rents which had been collected and repair expenditures made by King since he took over the building.

This article reported that a SCLC official at Atlanta, Georgia, had advised that the court order would be contested and that this was only the first step to build up a body of legal precedent to guarantee tenants' rights.

On April 8, 1966, [redacted] advised that King was to attend a SCLC workshop at Woodstock, Illinois, during the afternoon of April 8, 1966, and at 8:40 p.m. King was scheduled to depart Chicago, Illinois, for Atlanta, Georgia.

On April 10, 1966, a program "Sunday with Martin Luther King" was aired on radio station WAAF-AM from 10:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

In monitoring this program, it was noted that it consisted of the sermon by King pointing out that just as Christianity had overcome evil, Negroes would overcome the evil standing between them and freedom.

Listeners were requested to contribute to the SCLC at 123 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois, and were invited to tune in each Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m. to hear Martin Luther King.

The "Daily News" on April 5, 1966, contained an article identifying Laverson Cornelius, 7354 South [redacted] Chicago, Illinois, as one of the sponsors of a "Negro Unit" in Chicago known as "The Deacons of Defense and Justice" (DDJ). Cornelius was reported in this article as saying the deacons are primed to fight a war if necessary to protect Negro rights.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-2426)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (157-572)

SUBJECT: ~~DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE,~~
~~INCORPORATED, aka~~
Deacons For Defense And
Justice, Incorporated
RM (ORGANIZATION)

Re Chicago airtel to Bureau 4/8/66, captioned as
above and New Orleans teletype to Bureau, dated 3/31/66,
captioned "RACIAL SITUATION, BOGALUSA, LOUISIANA."

Enclosed for the Bureau are nine copies of a LHM
and nine copies for New Orleans concerning captioned matter.

[redacted] in the enclosed LHM is [redacted] (protect -
requested), and [redacted] is [redacted] (protect - requested).

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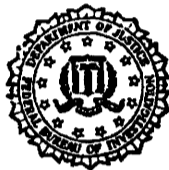
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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will ascertain whether a Chapter of the DDJ is actually formed in Chicago and the Bureau and New Orleans will be kept advised of all pertinent developments.

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Chicago, Illinois
April 13, 1966

DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE,
INCORPORATED, ALSO KNOWN AS
DEACONS FOR DEFENSE AND JUSTICE,
INCORPORATED
RACIAL MATTERS (ORGANIZATION)

Reference is made to memorandum dated April 5,
1966, at Chicago, Illinois.

An article appeared in the "Chicago Daily News",
a Chicago, Illinois, newspaper, dated April 5, 1966, which
in part stated that a Chapter of the Deacons of Defense
and Justice, Incorporated (DDJ), had been formed at Chicago
and that LaVernon Cornelius of 7354 South Michigan Avenue,
Chicago, was one of the sponsors of the Chicago branch.
The article also stated that the headquarters for the Chicago
Chapter would be located at 30 West Washington, Chicago.

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49 issue of the "Chicago Daily News", a Chicago, Illinois, newspaper:
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15 "'Not Trying to Start Movement in North'

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17 "Negro Vigilantes Here Will Aid Dixie Fight

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19 "The Deacons for Defense and Justice, an armed
20 Negro self-defense organization, is starting a Chicago branch
21 'to help in the struggle in the South,' says president Charles
22 Sims.

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24 "'We're not trying to come up here and start a
25 movement,' said the massive, soft-voiced native of Bogalusa,
26 La., at a press conference in a home at 7354 S. Michigan.

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28 "Sims said the Deacons hope to raise money and
29 manpower here for civil rights campaigns in Bogalusa and
30 other Southern cities.

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32 "With him at the press conference was A. Z. Young,
33 president of the Bogalusa Voters League. The Voters League is
34 the local civil rights group in Bogalusa, focus of marches
35 and demonstrations last summer.

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37 "Sims said the Deacons were organized when local
38 police could not protect Negroes and civil rights workers.

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40 "He said armed Deacons patrol Negro neighborhoods,
41 guard the homes of civil rights leaders and watch Negro
42 churches 'so they don't get bombed.'

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44 "Sims and Young said they are trying to raise money
45 for the defense of 90 children and six adults going on trial
46 in Bogalusa Friday on charges growing out of demonstrations
47 last October.

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"They said they have no money to pay fines in the event of a guilty verdict.

"Young said he also was seeking support for a 105-mile march from Bogalusa to the Louisiana state capital in Baton Rouge, to take place within 60 days.

"We're going to clean up the whole state of Louisiana," said Young. "The whole state is out of line."

"THE BOGALUSA leaders said they wanted to confer with the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King 'to ask his support in out struggle in Bogalusa.' King was expected to return to Chicago Thursday.

"Sims said he 'hadn't planned on' working with King in Chicago. 'We want Dr. King's help for Bogalusa,' he said.

"King, who preaches nonviolence, has been critical of the Deacons, but Young said 'King might have been misled about the Deacons and the Voters League in Bogalusa.'

"The Bogalusa Voters League is nonviolent, just like Dr. King's organization," said Young. "And the Deacons are nonviolent -- up to a point."

"In Chicago, Sims suggested, a Deacons' chapter might try to register more Negro voters.

"I understand Dick Gregory is running for mayor," he said. "If there was a Deacons chapter here, it could endorse Mr. Gregory."

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"Sims said it was 'not true' that the Deacons were a black Ku Klux Klan.

"We're a defensive organization, organized to defend people," he said. "We have a constitutional right to defend our home, our children and our lives."

"He said the organization has chapters in many Southern cities. 'In the South,' he said, 'the (white) man is making us pick up arms in order to live.'

"While the Northern Negro can use ballots instead of bullets, he said, 'there's a need for Deacons anywhere in the country where black men exist.'"

The following article appeared in the April 8, 1966, issue of the "Chicago Daily News", a Chicago, Illinois, newspaper:

"Prince Hall Masons Deny Deacons Link

"The head of the state Prince Hall Masons has strongly denied his organization has any connection with the Deacons for Defense and Justice, a Southern-based Negro vigilante group that reportedly is starting a chapter here.

"Oscar Statton DePriest, grand master of the organization, said, 'We most certainly disown any intention of affiliation with any group... which carries guns or other weapons.'

"The Deacons are said to carry guns in their fight against the Ku Klux Klan.

"LaVernon Cornelius, worshipful master of the Olive Branch Lodge 94 of Prince Hall, had said that a recent visit to Chicago by several Deacons was backed by his lodge.

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15 "I have ordered a sweeping investigation into the
16 affairs of Olive Branch Lodge," DePriest said Thursday night
17 at the Masons office, 4227 S. Cottage Grove.
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19 "I have already contacted several members (of
20 Lodge 94) who say they know nothing concerning any invitation
21 to the so-called Deacons from Louisiana."
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23 "DE PRIEST SAID he had ordered Cornelius to 'cease
24 and desist' any activity connected with the Deacons and his
25 capacity as worshipful master. Cornelius was not present
26 at the press conference.
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28 "DePriest said he would ask for the minutes of
29 past meetings of Lodge 94, which has about 100 members. He
30 said the over-all membership in Prince Hall Masons in the
31 state is about 10,000.
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33 "Meanwhile, Mary Lowe, who manages the building
34 at 30 W. Washington, where Cornelius reported the Deacon
35 chapter was located, said there is no such group in the
36 building."
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38 [redacted] that it was (c) b1
39 ascertained that there is no Office of the DDJ at 30 West
40 Washington, Chicago. [redacted] that no (c)
41 information has been received which would indicate that a
42 chapter of the DDJ has been formed at Chicago.
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44 On April 11, 1966, [redacted] b7C
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15 Confidential informant who are acquainted with
16 certain racial matters in the Chicago, Illinois area,
17 advised during April, 1966, that to their knowledge, no
18 chapter of the DDJ has been formed in Chicago.
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Character	RACIAL MATTERS (ORGANIZATION)
Reference	Memorandum dated and captioned as above.

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

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Civil Day is when the Klansmen were putting up posters advertising a Klan rally to be held on 4-9-68.

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Informant stated that the public rally held on 4-9-68 attended by approximately 300 individuals, went off without incident even though approximately 100 Klansmen were armed during entire rally.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI(157-2466)

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DATE: 4-22-66

FROM : SAC, JACKSON(157-3465) (P)

SUBJECT: DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, INC., aka
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Rerep SA [redacted] 3-28-66, at New Orleans

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of an LHM with two copies being submitted for New Orleans. One copy each is being forwarded to ICG, Jackson and Secret Service, Jackson.

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Other individuals set forth in the LHM were interviewed by SA [redacted]

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At Jackson, Mississippi

Will maintain contact with sources to obtain background concerning possible organization of Deacons of Defense and Justice if chapters in Mississippi organized and attempt to determine leadership, strength of members, as well as arms acquired.

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[redacted] Mississippi
Freedom Democratic Party (MFDP) [redacted]

[redacted] on April 13, 1966, that the MFDP, to his knowledge, has no one in their organization who is a member of the Deacons of Defense and Justice (DDJ). He said the MFDP has been the center of the civil rights movement within the State of Mississippi for the past year along with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and there have been attempts made to recruit chapters of the DDJ. To the best of his knowledge, there have been no members of the DDJ from Bogalusa, Greener, or Jonesboro, Louisiana, in Jackson for the past several months attempting to recruit members for the DDJ.

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[redacted] that no additional information has been received concerning forming chapters in the State of Mississippi since last contacted. The source advised that there are no chapters of the DDJ within the State of Mississippi. The source advised that the NAACP within the State of Mississippi has refused to have any association with the DDJ in Louisiana and there is no one in the MFDP strong enough to form a chapter of the DDJ within the State of Mississippi.

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[REDACTED] that he has traveled throughout the State (c)
of Mississippi on behalf of the civil rights movement and he has
received no information that chapters have been organized within
the State of Mississippi.

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[REDACTED] The source advised that there has (c)
been no information obtained concerning the existence of any
DDJ chapters or actual members. The source advised that daily contact
had with Negro and white civil rights workers.

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[REDACTED] Jackson, Mississippi,
advised on April 22, 1966, he could furnish
pertinent information concerning the DDJ. He said that since
the DDJ held a meeting at the Masonic Temple, Lynch Street, Jackson,
August 29, 1965, there has been no other efforts, to his
knowledge, to recruit members. [REDACTED] stated that he has attempted
to determine if the NAACP and the MFDP have recruited members of
the DDJ for protection in the Jackson area and he has been unable
to substantiate [REDACTED] any activity on behalf of the

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[REDACTED] advised on
April 22, 1966, he could furnish no pertinent information concern-
ing the DDJ not previously furnished. He said there have been several
racial situations occurring within the State of Mississippi the
past several months, but [REDACTED] has
disclosed no activity on behalf of the DDJ.

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REASON - FCIM 11, 1-2.4.2
DATE OF REVIEW 4-17-80

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (~~157-370~~)
FROM: SAC, NEWARK (157-1892)
SUBJECT: UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA,
INC., KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX
KLAN (UKA)
RE (KLAN)

Handwritten notes:
157-2466
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Re Philadelphia teletype dated 4/27/66 and Newark airtels to the Bureau dated 4/8/66 and 4/15/66.

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No information has been developed indicating any rallies by the UKA, or other Klan organizations, prior to May 20 - 23, 1966. A farm in Fairfield Township, which is in southern New Jersey, has been leased by the UKA for the period May 20 - 23, 1966, as reflected in referenced Newark airtels. The rally is expected to be held on Saturday, May 21, 1966.

Newark files contain no information concerning the existence of a Dragons of Defense and Justice (DDJ) organization in Paterson or any other city in New Jersey. Philadelphia will recontact the "other sources" referred in referenced teletype and furnish any specific information developed regarding DDJ activity in the New Jersey area.

- 3 - Bureau (RM)
 - 1 - Baltimore (157-275) (Info) (RM)
 - 1 - New York (157-1558) (Info) (RM)
 - 2 - Philadelphia (157-341) (RM)
 - 2 - Newark
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Newark sources alerted. Bureau and interested offices
will be kept advised of any pertinent developments.

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CLASS. & EXT. BY SP1 [signature]
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DATE OF REVIEW 4-18-86

RE PHILADELPHIA TELETYPE, APRIL SEVENTEEN LAST.

[REDACTED] PHILA-(-) b1

PHILADELPHIA NEWSPAPER ARTICLE IN QUOTE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER
END QUOTE, APRIL SEVENTEEN LAST REFLECTING A MILITANT NEGRO
ORGANIZATION IN THE SOUTH HAD VOWED TO MAKE PHILADELPHIA A
QUOTE "HOT SPOT" END QUOTE AND THAT A PHILADELPHIA SCHOOLTEACHER
WOULD HEAD THE DEACONS FOR DEFENSE AND JUSTICE /DFDAJ/ IN
PHILADELPHIA, AND THAT HE WOULD MEET WITH JESSE GRAY IN NEWARK
TO SET UP PHILADELPHIA OPERATION. REC-47 157-2466-168

[REDACTED] APR 22 1966
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ADVISED THAT QUOTE "NEGRO RIFLE CLUBS" END QUOTE ARE, ACCORDING
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TO EARNEST THOMAS, BFBAJ SPOKESMAN, BEING SET UP AND THAT
A RALLY OF A NEGRO RIFLE GROUP IS SUPPOSED TO TAKE PLACE IN
MILITARY PARK, NEWARK, N.J., ON APRIL THIRTY NEXT AT TWO P.M.

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EARNEST THOMAS IN ARTICLE DESCRIBED HIMSELF AS AN OFFICIAL
OF BFBAJ, JONESBORO, LA.

NEW ORLEANS ALERT SOURCES FOR ANY PLANNED ACTIVITY
OF BFBAJ IN PENNSYLVANIA, NEW YORK, AND NEW JERSEY. COLED
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CC. MR. SULLIVAN

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1 - Mr. Harlan
1 - Mr. Shackelford

To: SACs Newark
New Orleans (157-3290)
Philadelphia (157-1878)
Washington Field (157-794)
From: Director, FBI (157-2466) - 128

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

RePHlets 4/17, 10/63 captioned "CMA, CMAA, ..."

Information available to the Bureau from New Orleans
Does not indicate a Deacons chapter exists in New Orleans, Louisiana,
or Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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1 - Bufile 157-33022 (OBP)

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Re: DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, INC.
157-2430

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While the subject matter is not identical, it probably is pertinent that several of the same individuals appear to be involved in both incidents.

Newark and New Orleans should immediately contact appropriate sources and determine if a Deacons of Defense and Justice chapter is known to exist in Paterson, New Jersey, as planned for Philadelphia.

Philadelphia should press sources to determine if activities described in referenced teletype are actually connected with the Deacons or merely a Philadelphia-based nationalist group organized by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. b7C
Deduce name for publicity purposes.

WFO should immediately contact [REDACTED] in view of his presence at the meeting referred to in information available to him concerning this matter.

All offices should expeditiously handle all matters on this matter and the Bureau and New Orleans, in addition to the Deacons case, be kept promptly advised of all significant developments.

Philadelphia must insure local and national offices are fully advised of all pertinent developments on this matter. Results of investigations should be furnished in form suitable for caption in form suitable for dissemination.

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FROM : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
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APRIL 20, 1956

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A characterization of [REDACTED] is attached hereto.
The article appeared in the "Morning Inquirer," a daily newspaper, on April 17, 1956, in Part One of the Second Section.

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headlines, "Negro Group Vows to Make City 'Hot Spot.'" The story
quoted DR. ROSE THOMAS, of Somersboro, Louisiana, an official of
DDJ, as stating that, "Philadelphia will be the hot spot in
America this summer." He claimed in the article that the police
in Philadelphia oppress and harass the Negro community. "The
Philadelphia voter structure should be such that if there was
trouble, the Negro will defend himself against the police."

The article also said that the NAACP will organize in Philadelphia
a "Summer of Solidarity" which will include a "Summer of Solidarity"
at the head of the DDJ's. The school which was mentioned
in the article; however, he was quoted as saying he would have
"something to say about the school." The article also said
that plans for a "National Conference on the Negro" will be held
on April 17, 1968. This conference would be held in the
ballroom of the White House Hotel, 1400 G Street, N.W.,
Washington, D.C., to prove to the fact that there were no
people with the Negro ghetto included in the conference.

The article stated that DR. ROSE THOMAS, DDJ, Chairman
of the NAACP Philadelphia Branch, Philadelphia, said, "I cannot
imagine that the NAACP, the NAACP of Philadelphia, ever before
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OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (UNITED WEARS)

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The "Philadelphia Inquirer" story also stated that [REDACTED] had been in Philadelphia several times recently; however, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised on April 17, 1968, they had no information, past the DDU's were contemplating any organization of their group in Philadelphia.

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UNRECORDED MEANS OF ALIENS, SUBJECTS
OF THE SU KHUX KLAN (UNRECORDED MEANS)

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Reference

Philadelphia memorandum dated and
captioned as above.

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

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-2466)

DATE: 4/25/66

*WU
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FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (157-1184)(C)

SUBJECT: DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE
RM
(OO: New Orleans)

Re Los Angeles letter to Bureau 4/31/66, with enclosed letterhead memorandum.

Enclosed for the Bureau are an original and seven copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) concerning information received from [redacted] Alcega and [redacted] Unit (ATTU), U. S. Treasury Department, Los Angeles. Three copies of the LHM are being designated for the [redacted] origin, New Orleans, and one copy each to appropriate intelligence agencies.

This LHM is being classified confidential because this information could possibly identify the ATTU source.

Inasmuch as [redacted] source feels that he received false information in the beginning, Los Angeles is closing this case until pertinent information is received concerning this matter.

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 - 2 - New Orleans (157-3290) (Encs.-3) (REGISTERED)
 - 1 - Los Angeles
- RWT:nlb
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Los Angeles, California
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DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE
RACIAL MATTERS.

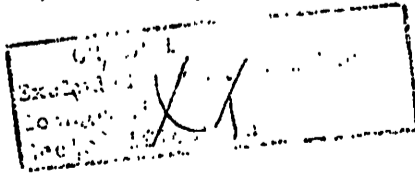
On April 19, 1966, a representative of Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Unit, U. S. Treasury Department, Los Angeles, California, advised that his source has been unable to obtain any information concerning the shipment of machine guns from the Czechoslovakian Firearms Manufacturer to the Deacons of Defense and Justice. His source said that he now feels that he received false information from the beginning and does not feel that this matter has any merit. His source said that he would continue to be alert for information reflecting upon this matter.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-2466)

DATE: 4/28/66

FROM : SAC, WFO (157-801) (RUC)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] b7C
RACIAL MATTERS

Re WFO airtel and LHM both dated 3/31/66, captioned "Deacons of Defense and Justice, Inc." (DDJ).

On 4/26/66, [REDACTED] b7C b7D stated ERNEST THOMAS, organizer for the DDJ, who had been living in Chicago, Illinois, has returned to Bogalusa, Louisiana, to reside.

In view of the above, WFO will conduct no further investigation.

- 2 - Bureau
- 2 - New Orleans (RM)
- 1 - Chicago (RM) (Info)
- 2 - WFO (1-157-794) (DDJ)

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TO : Mr. Wick

DATE: 4-26-66

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: DEACONS FOR DEFENSE

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██████████ called and advised as follows: He stated that on Saturday, 4-23-66, he received an anonymous long-distance telephone call. He stated that he ascertained from the operator that this call emanated from a pay telephone in Newark, New Jersey.

According to ██████████, the anonymous caller merely advised him that the Deacons for Defense are holding a meeting in Military Park, Newark, New Jersey; at 2 p.m. on April 30, 1966. According to the anonymous caller, the word was being circulated in regard to this meeting, "pocket weapons only."

██████████ had no further information regarding this call and just wanted us to have the benefit of this information.

RECOMMENDATION:

That this memorandum be forwarded to the Domestic Intelligence Division for their information and guidance.

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Wick
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan

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- 1 - Mr. Martin
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To: SAC, Newark
 From: Director, FBI (157-2466)

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

RePHtel 4/18/66 captioned "UKA, KKKK, RIF" and Bureau airtel 4/20/66.

advised the Bureau he received an anonymous telephone call from a Newark, New Jersey, pay telephone station on 4/23/66. The caller advised that the "Deacons for Defense" are holding a meeting in Military Park, Newark, New Jersey, at 2 p.m., 4/30/66. The anonymous caller stated word is being circulated concerning this meeting, "pocket weapons only." No additional information was available concerning this call or the caller.

Newark should insure that local police authorities are made fully aware of the above information concerning this proposed meeting and any other information available to the Newark Office in this regard.

Newark should closely follow this matter through police and other logical sources and the Bureau should be promptly advised of any pertinent developments in form suitable for dissemination.

- 1 - New Orleans (157-3290)
- 1 - Philadelphia (157-1638)

- 1 - Bufile 157-4430 (UK, KKKK)
- 1 - Bufile 157-3022 (OBP)

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-2466)
FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-3290) (P.C.)
SUBJECT: DEACONS FOR DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, INC.
RM (ORGANIZATION)

Re Philadelphia teletype to Bureau captioned "UKA, KKKK; RM", dated 4/18/66, and Bureau airtel to Newark, New Orleans, Philadelphia and WFO, dated 4/20/66.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 8 copies and for Philadelphia, New York, WFO and Newark are 2 copies each of a LHM regarding interview of _____

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A copy of the LHM is being furnished locally to Secret Service & ICG, New Orleans.

- 3 - Bureau (Enc. 8)
- 2 - Philadelphia (Enc. 2) (Info)
- 2 - New York (Enc. 2) (Info)
- 2 - Newark (Enc. 2) (Info)
- 2 - WFO (Enc. 2) (Info)
- 2 - New Orleans

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AGENCY: APT. ONI, UNISEC. SER. ST-105
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Approved: [Signature]
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

New Orleans, Louisiana
April 22, 1966

DEACONS FOR DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, INC.

On April 22, 1966, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that he has no knowl-
edge of any planned activities of the Deacons for Defense
and Justice, Inc: (DDJ) in the Pennsylvania, New Jersey
or New York area.

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that Ernest Thomas is the vice
president of the Jonesboro, Louisiana, DDJ, of which
Percey Bradford is the president. He stated that Thomas
is presently in Jonesboro, Louisiana, and he has not
indicated to him that he has any knowledge of planned
activities of the DDJ in the Pennsylvania, New York or
New Jersey area. [REDACTED] emphatically stated that if any

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14 such plans did exist he would certainly be aware of them.
15 [redacted] advised that he himself has no desire to become active
16 in that area and has heard no [redacted] leaders of the DDJ express
17 a desire to do so.
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19 He further advised that he is not aware of any
20 proposed rallies in the New York or New Jersey area of
21 any Negro groups.
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23 [redacted] said that [redacted] is unknown to him.
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URGENT 4-21-66 6:26 PM

TO DIRECTOR (157-9-11)

FROM CLEVELAND (157-513) 212121

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM, INTERNAL SECURITY, DISRUPTION
OF HATE GROUPS (DEACONS FOR DEFENSE; MEDGAR EVERS RIFLE CLUB)

CLEVELAND DIVISION IS IN POSSESSION OF COPY OF LETTER
BEING CIRCULATED UNDER LETTERHEAD OF THE LEGITIMATE
ASSOCIATION OF PROTESTANT CHURCHES IN THE CLEVELAND AREA,
"THE COUNCIL OF CHURCHES OF CHRIST OF GREATER CLEVELAND",
SIGNED BY CHARLES A. RAWLINGS, ANNOUNCING THE FORMATION OF A
GROUP CALLED "SUPPORT OUR YOUTH," AS THE RESULT OF DIALOGUES
CONDUCTED BY REV. PAUL YOUNGER WITH PEOPLE FROM THE JFK HOUSE,
CLEVELAND. THIS LETTER STATES JFK HOUSE WAS OPENED SEPTEMBER 11,
1964, BY LOUIS ROBINSON AND OTHERS AND WAS CLOSED IN FEBRUARY 11,
1965 DUE TO LACK OF FUNDS AND "POLICE HARASSMENT." LETTER
FURTHER STATES THE GROUP HAS DECIDED TO RAISE OVER \$1,000 PER
MONTH TO BE GIVEN TO JFK HOUSE WITH NO STRINGS ATTACHED. LETTER
CONCLUDES WITH AN APPEAL FOR PLEDGES OF AT LEAST \$10 MONTHLY.

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PAGE TWO FROM CLEVELAND 212121

IS BEING SENT TO PROTESTANT CHURCHES AND ORGANIZATIONS AS WELL AS TO CIVIC GROUPS IN CLEVELAND AND SUBURBS.

REV. YOUNGER AND REV. RAWLINGS ARE BOTH REGARDED AS DISRUPTIVE INFLUENCES BY THE LEGITIMATE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT AND HAVE BEEN MILITANTLY ACTIVE IN RACIAL DEMONSTRATIONS AND CIVIL DISORDERS IN THE CLEVELAND AREA.

[REDACTED]

HARLEL ROBERT JONES, OTHER LEADER OF JFK [REDACTED] WHO IS SOLICITING ORGANIZATIONS PERSONALLY, HAS RECENTLY DECLARED IN WYU TV TAPED INTERVIEW, NOT YET RELEASED, THAT HE IS VICE PRESIDENT OF DEACONS FOR DEFENSE, CLEVELAND, WHICH ORGANIZATION HE STATED IS ARMED TO PROTECT NEGROES AGAINST KKK AND POLICE, WHOM HE STATED ARE AGENTS OF KKK. JONES HAS PREDICTED RIOTS IN CLEVELAND IN 1966 AND STATED FIRST ONES TO SUFFER WILL BE THE "UNCLE TOM" NEGROES.

[REDACTED]

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PAGE THREE FROM CLEVELAND 212121

RE POLICE HARASSMENT OF JFK HOUSE, IN 1964, MORE THAN
FIFTY BURGLARIES WERE SOLVED WITH ARREST OF YOUNG NEGROES FROM
JFK HOUSE WHO CONFESSED. IN 1965, TWO YOUNG WHITE BOYS AND
THEIR FATHER WERE BEATEN UP BY YOUNG NEGROES. ONE ADULT AND
ABOUT FOURTEEN YOUNG NEGROES FROM JFK HOUSE WERE ARRESTED,
AND ADMITTED GUILT IN SIGNED STATEMENTS. JUST RECENTLY,
ALTHOUGH JFK HOUSE CLOSED, POLICE FOUND YOUNG MALE AND FEMALE
MEMBERS HAD BROKEN IN AND WERE DRINKING AND ENGAGING IN IMMORAL
ACTIVITIES. ALL ABOVE MATTERS HANDLED BY NEGRO POLICE OFFICERS.

BUREAU AUTHORITY REQUESTED TO FURNISH LEAD INFORMATION
RE FOREGOING TO [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AUTHORITY ALSO REQUESTED TO ALERT SOURCES
[REDACTED] AND [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
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DIVISION BELIEVES SWIFT ACTION NECESSARY IN THIS MATTER TO

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PRECLUDE PLEDGES BEING MADE FOR SUPPORT OF JFK HOUSE BY
UNSUSPECTING CHURCH GROUPS, IT BEING NOTED THAT LETTER
BEING CIRCULARIZED DOES NOT GIVE TRUE PICTURE OF JFK HOUSE.

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11 Via AIRTEL

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15 TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-2466)
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17 FROM: SAC, NEWARK (157-1922) (P)
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19 SUBJECT: DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, INC.
20 RACIAL MATTERS (ORGANIZATION)
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APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
ADVISED BY SLIP
DATE 4/28/66
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24 ReBuairtel to Newark 4/27/66 and Newark airtel to
25 Bureau with accompanying LHM 4/25/66 captioned LABOR NEGRO
26 VANGUARD CONFERENCE, IS - C, and CIRM, IS - C.
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28 For information of New Orleans and Philadelphia,
29 referenced Newark airtel and LHM reflect that the LABOR NEGRO
30 VANGUARD CONFERENCE (LNVC) is scheduled to hold a rally at
31 Military Park, Newark, N.J., on 4/30/66 at 2:00 p.m. during
32 which CLARENCE COGGINS, member of LNVC [redacted] will speak on behalf of his candidacy for N.J. State Senator
33 and against U. S. policy in Vietnam. b7C

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36 [redacted] Newark, N.J., advised 4/28/66 that captioned organization is unknown
37 to him and that this group has not requested a permit to hold
38 a rally in Newark, N.J. b7C b7D

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43 Above [redacted] advised he will notify Newark FBI
44 should he develop any information regarding captioned group
45 and/or pertinent information on rally scheduled for 4/30/66. b7C b7D

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48 (5) - Bureau (RM)
49 (1 - 100-436462) (LNVC)
50 (1 - 100-442529) (CIRM)
51 1 - New Orleans (157-3290) (Info) (RM)
52 1 - Philadelphia (157-1638) (Info) (RM)
53 2 - Newark
54 (1 - 100-46365) (LNVC)

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59 App. [redacted] Special Agent in Charge

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

FROM: SAC, WFO (157-794) (RUC)

DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, INCORPORATED
RACIAL MATTERS (Organization)
(OO:NEW ORLEANS)

ReBuairtel 4/20/66.

Enclosed for Bureau are 8 copies of an LHM, and two copies to each following office: Newark, New Orleans, Philadelphia.

The source in attached LHM is [redacted] He furnished his information to SA [redacted].

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[redacted] advised on 4/28/66, that he did not know [redacted].

WFO is conducting no further investigation in this matter.

- (3) - Bureau (Enc. 8)
- 2 - New Orleans (Enc. 2)
- 2 - Newark (Enc. 2)
- 2 - Philadelphia (Enc. 2)
- 3 - WFO
 - (1- 157-528) ([redacted])
 - (1- 157-237) (Liaison Sources)

AGENCY: _____
DATE FOR: 5/4/66
HOW FOR: [redacted]
BY: [redacted]

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DATE 7-23-84 BY [redacted]

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Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D. C. 20535
April 29, 1966

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND
JUSTICE, INCORPORATED

The source in this memorandum has furnished reliable information in the past.

On April 28, 1966, a source advised that he had no knowledge that a chapter of the Deacons of Defense and Justice (DDJ), existed in Patterson, New Jersey. The source had no information that the DDJ was planning to organize a chapter in Patterson, New Jersey.

The source stated the DDJ was supposedly interested in making an attempt to organize a DDJ chapter in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in the near future. The source believes the DDJ hopes to organize in Northern cities for the purpose of getting some funds and not for protection against the "Klan" as was necessary in some of the Southern states. The need for protection does not exist in the Northern cities.

The source also advised that recently [redacted] of Pennsylvania was supposedly planning some type of activity to show opposition to a "Klan" meeting to be held in New Jersey, date and place not known. The source stated this was not a DDJ activity against the Klan as far as the source knew.

The source stated Ernest Thomas, the DDJ organizer, who recently resided in Chicago, Illinois, has returned to Bogalusa, Louisiana, to live.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-2466)
 FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-572)
 (157-840)
 SUBJECT: DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE,
 INCORPORATED, aka
 Deacons For Defense and Justice,
 Incorporated
 RM (ORGANIZATION)
 [REDACTED] b7C
 RM (ORGANIZATION)

Handwritten initials/signature

Re Chicago airtel and Letterhead Memorandum (LHM) dated 4/13/66.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight (8) copies of a LHM, and two (2) copies for New Orleans concerning captioned matter.

One copy of this LHM is being designated for U.S. Secret Service and the USA, both Chicago, Illinois, and Region 1, 113th INTC Group, Evanston, Illinois.

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will follow and report activities of DDJ and EARNEST THOMAS in Chicago.

- ④ - Bureau (Enc. 8)
(1 - 157- [REDACTED] b7C)
- 2 - New Orleans (157-3290) (Enc. 2) (INFO)
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- 3 - Chicago
(1 - 157-413)

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17 of the United States and especially minority
18 groups in the fundamental principals of the
19 republican form of government and our democratic
20 way of life; to instruct, teach, train and educate
21 said persons in the provisions of the consitution
22 and laws of the United States and the State of
23 Louisiana, as well as the constitution and laws
24 of any other State wherein this corporation may
25 operate; to instruct, teach and educate said persons
26 in the use, value and purpose of the ballot and the
27 right to vote; to instruct, teach, train and educate
28 said persons as to the duties and responsibilities
29 of good citizenship relative to the obligation and
30 duties of the citizen to the community and the
31 obligation and duties of the community to the citizen;
32 To further instruct, teach, train and educate said
33 persons in the value of economic security and in
34 the effective use of their spending power; to inspire
35 in said persons a sense of responsibility and to
36 develop leadership. This corporation has for its
37 further purpose, and is dedicated to, the defense
38 of the civil rights, property rights and personal
39 rights of said people and will defend said rights
40 by any and all honorable and legal means to the end
41 that justice may be obtained. This corporation may
42 establish chapters and conduct its business at any
43 place in this State and elsewhere as permitted by
44 law."

45 A copy of this memorandum is being furnished United States
46 Secret Service and the Office of the United States Attorney, both
47 Chicago, Illinois, and Region 1, 113th INTC Group, Evanston, Illinois.
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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-6-23)
FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (173-201) (P)
SUBJECT: RACIAL SITUATION,
BOGALUSA, LOUISIANA
RACIAL MATTERS

Re New Orleans teletype to Bureau, 5/13/66.

Enclosed herewith are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum which is self-explanatory.

Copies also furnished Secret Service and ICG.

Agency G-2, ONI, OSI, CRD
Date Forw. MAY 18 1966
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Approved: [Signature] Sent _____ M Per _____
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

New Orleans, Louisiana
May 13, 1966

RACIAL SITUATION,
BOGALUSA, LOUISIANA

[redacted] Bogalusa, Louisiana, advised on May 13, 1966, that shortly after 1:00 AM, May 13, 1966, a shooting had occurred outside the Acme Cafe located in the 400 hundred block of Columbia Street, Bogalusa, and there were no injuries.

[redacted] stated prior to the shooting, three Negro males, [redacted] and [redacted] had entered the Acme Cafe, which is currently under Federal court order to integrate. [redacted] states no incidents took place in the Cafe; however, [redacted] shortly after entering, stepped outside of the Cafe and was apparently struck by some unknown individual. Thereafter, [redacted] and [redacted] left the Cafe, and the three individuals went to their automobile. [redacted] stated apparently shots were then fired at the Acme Cafe from the direction of the car which the Negroes had entered.

[redacted] Bogalusa, Louisiana, advised that at about 4:00 AM, May 13, 1966, about 20 Negroes went back to the Acme Cafe, but that no incidents occurred.

[redacted] Bogalusa, Louisiana, advised that at 12:00 noon, a group of 11 or 12 Negroes entered various cafes in Bogalusa and as of that time, 11 were eating at the La Plaza Cafe, and no incidents were reported.

[redacted] advised that in view of the shooting which occurred at the Acme Cafe, the shooting info:

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14 the residence of [REDACTED] which occurred on April 15,
15 1966, the activities of the Negroes in the Bogalusa Voters League
16 and the fact that information indicated Charles Sims,
17 President, Deacons of Defense and Justice, Bogalusa, reported
18 had 20 carbines, the situation appeared to be becoming more
19 tense in the Bogalusa area. He advised there might be trouble
20 in Bogalusa on the evening of May 13, 1966, as they expected
21 numerous white people to make it a point to be at the Acme
22 Cafe and if Negroes attempted to enter, there could be trouble.
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24 [REDACTED] is scheduled to have a meeting with
25 [REDACTED] at 3:00 PM,
26 May 13, 1966, to discuss the situation, and called [REDACTED]
27 [REDACTED] on the morning of May 13, 1966, and [REDACTED] sent the
28 head of his Crime Laboratory to Bogalusa to check on the
29 bullets fired into the Acme Cafe.
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31 At 3:10 PM, Special Agent [REDACTED], 112th
32 Intelligence Corps Group, New Orleans, Louisiana, was advised
33 of the above.
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35 At 3:20 PM, [REDACTED] Clerk-Stenographer,
36 United States Secret Service, New Orleans, Louisiana, was
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SUBJECT: RACIAL SITUATION,
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a LHM reflecting the results of a conversation with
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New Orleans, Louisiana
May 14, 1966

RACIAL SITUATION, BOGALUSA,
LOUISIANA

On May 14, 1966, [redacted]
Bogalusa, Louisiana, Chapter of the Deacons for Defense
and Justice, approached an agent of the Federal Bureau of
Investigation and, made certain derogatory remarks regarding
the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Department of
Justice in connection with Civil Rights activities.

It was explained to [redacted] the FBI's jurisdiction
in Civil Rights and related matters.

[redacted] then answered that he did not think that
the Department of Justice was worth a "sh*t". [redacted] stated
that he did not want anything else to do with the FBI or
the Department of Justice and that if either agency at any
time wanted to talk to him, he would not do so unless they
had a warrant for his arrest.

[redacted] then stated that in the event any more Negroes
were "picked up" at the Acme Cafe in Bogalusa, "We will come
to the Acme and tear that place up." [redacted] then walked away.

[redacted] remarks about the Acme Cafe were immediately
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SUBJECT: DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, INC.
RACIAL MATTERS (ORGANIZATION)
(OO: NEW ORLEANS)

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[Redacted block]

Other appropriate sources of the Newark Office were unable to furnish any information concerning the existence of a DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, INC. (EDJ) Chapter in Paterson, New Jersey, or in any other part of New Jersey.

What he knew nothing of a proposed demonstration on June 1-2, 1966, at the White House, Washington, D.C., in opposition to the White House Conference on Civil Rights.

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He said he knew of [redacted] whom he described as a "pinko", but by reputation only. He denied having any knowledge of [redacted] or [redacted]. He knows [redacted] and his group in the LABOR NEGRO VANGUARD CONFERENCE (LNVC). He said that [redacted] and the others in the LNVC are known in the Negro community as communists.

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RACIAL MATTERS (ORGANIZATION)

[redacted] that he had (c)
learned from a source he would not divulge that [redacted]

[redacted] Newark, New Jersey, is
Chief of the "Deacons for Defense" in Newark, and
meetings of this organization have been held in homes in
Newark.

[redacted] that he believes (c)
that [redacted] took the name of the "Deacons for
Defense and Justice" for a group of individuals he is
attempting to organize but that he has no connection with
the DDJ of Louisiana. He stated that [redacted] wants
publicity and notoriety for his group which he believes
is small but which could get bigger if the desired
publicity is forthcoming. He added that [redacted] is busy
at this time [redacted]

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[redacted] (c)
[redacted]
[redacted] advised on May 24, 1966, that he is [redacted] of a
group of Negroes who call themselves "Deacons of Defense
and Justice" as a result of their admiration for the real
DDJ in Louisiana. He added that they have no connection
either official or unofficial with the DDJ. He added
that he estimated that about 70 persons had expressed an
interest in his organization.

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13 [redacted] further advised that his organization
14 is loosely organized and that they have held no meetings
15 nor elected any officers. They have an implied agreement
16 among themselves to protect each other in the event of
17 an attack on any of them by the "Klan". In the event
18 of a racial riot he said they would do what they could to
19 stop it.
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21 [redacted] described himself as a law-abiding,
22 God-fearing individual. He said he is "not anti white"
23 but he is "pro-Negro".
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25 [redacted] described as follows:

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27 Name: [redacted]
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Enclosed for the Bureau are 9 copies of a LHM
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on "Hot Line", WVON radio, Chicago, Illinois, on May 23,
1966, by WESLEY SOUTH, Moderator.

"Hot Line" was taped on May 23, 1966 by IC ██████████ b7c

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Two copies of the LHM are enclosed to WFO and two copies to New Orleans.

In addition, one copy each of the LHM has been disseminated locally at Chicago to the USA, Secret Service, and Region I, 113th INTC Group.

LEADS

NEW ORLEANS

AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA 1. Will contact informants and sources to substantiate or disprove statements of THOMAS that about 2,000 Deacons (evidently nationwide) were to picket the President's conference on civil rights on June 1 - 2, 1966 at Washington, D.C.

2. Will also attempt to substantiate or disprove THOMAS's numerical figure of an "expected" influx of 10,000 to 15,000 Deacons into Chicago, where they will live in the city, within the next three months.

3. Will develop and furnish any information regarding opening and operation of Deacons of Defense and Justice (DDJ) office in Chicago and the identity of persons involved.

THOMAS indicated that a DDJ office has been opened at 1230 South Pulaski, Chicago, and that somewhere around 455 persons have been recruited. New Orleans will attempt to verify or disprove this figure through informants and sources.

WFO

AT WASHINGTON, D. C. Will contact informants and sources to substantiate or disprove statements of THOMAS that about 2,000 Deacons were to picket the President's conference on civil rights on June 1-2, 1966 at Washington, D.C.

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CHICAGO

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 1. Will continue investigation into the alleged organization and activities of a branch of the DDJ at Chicago.

2. Will contact confidential informants and sources and maintain contact with them to substantiate or disprove THOMAS's claim that 455 persons have been recruited into the DDJ at Chicago.



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Chicago, Illinois

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RACIAL MATTER

Ernest Thomas, characterized as the local organizer for the Deacons For Defense and Justice (DDJ) and as Regional Vice-President and Northern Director for the DDJ, appeared on the program "Hot Line" on WYON radio, Chicago, Illinois on May 23, 1966. "Hot Line" is a radio program on which a controversial figure is usually interviewed. Telephone questions are solicited from listeners which are answered by the interviewee. A transcript of the program pertaining to THOMAS is as follows:

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ERNEST THOMAS, local organizer for the Deacons for Defense and Justice, appeared on "Hot Line," May 23, 1966, 11:00 to 12:00 Midnight, on WVON Radio. WESLEY SOUTH was the Moderator.

THOMAS

Well, I've been in and out of Chicago for the last seven months. Presently it's around 455 actual members of it now. But the number is going to grow quite large. Actually, we got to open an office on the north and south side now because we have such a great number that is coming in we won't be able with the space that is ...

Moderator

Listen, I want to ask you. I noticed you opened on the west side first. Why did you open over there and not on the south?

THOMAS

Well, you take the west side for instance. I think it is more or less of a place where something is really about to explode. It is just like being in with a load of dynamite with the fuse lit, and we felt if we could come into the west side and begin to relate to the man

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the problems there and if he really wants to solve them he could go about doing it. Hopefully that he will try to do something about the problem on the west side. Because, see, as long as you let the problem exist we can keep hollering about crime rates and all of this but if we really want to stop crime rates then we get some jobs for people because ain't nobody in the world. I wouldn't even recommend that a man stand out in front of the A&P or the Acme (phonetic) markets and look at a ham and starve to death there. So the best thing for him to do would be to break the glass to get him some ham. Now so the structure wants to deal with this then they have to begin to give some jobs, make some jobs.

Moderator

Will you also be a job seeking agency?

THOMAS

Certainly. We will be trying to seek out employment for, as the structure say, qualified personnel. We will be trying to find them some qualified personnel.

Moderator

What are the requirements to belong to the Deacons for Defense and Justice?

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THOMAS

Well, first thing you must be a Negro, you must be 21 years of age, as the board say you must have the character of becoming a Deacon.

Moderator

Now that is the crucial question.

THOMAS

Well, the board figure that you must feel as though you have to make a decision whether you stand for freedom or you are out here just saying you represent freedom or you are fighting for freedom. And this means whatever necessary to gain freedom, this is what you are willing to do.

Moderator

In other words, if a person who say he is for freedom and is fighting for freedom unless he, well, joins your group then you don't believe that he really wants it. Where you would go all the way possibly in order to get the freedom that another person would take to the courts.

THOMAS

Well, what I mean. I hope it don't be misleading. We're glad to see the other groups here.

Moderator

Well, I mean if they don't join you they are not, from what you just said a moment ago, if I am interpreting you correctly, then they are just

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THOMAS

out here talking and they really don't mean what they say.

Well, that's true. You see, because how can you tell a man that you are going to be out here after this freedom and are going to let him whip your head and when he whip your head you are coming back tomorrow and let him whip your head. To us this does not seem like being a man. Now we are after what is rightfully ours and upon action for what is rightfully ours then I expect to get it and we don't expect you to use brute force against us to deny us this.

Moderator

Ladies and gentlemen. I just got a note from the control room that we had a little difficulty before we went on the air and probably you didn't hear who our guest is tonight. He is Mr. ERNEST THOMAS, who is the Regional President and Northern Director of the Deacons for Defense and Justice. They opened an office on the west side three weeks ago. As I said, I want to welcome him back. You know he was our guest, I think it was back in October, wasn't it?

THOMAS

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Moderator

So in case you were listening and wondering who that was on the "Hot Line" his name is ERNEST THOMAS and he's the top Deacon here. Is that right?

THOMAS

That's true.

Moderator

Why do you say Deacon? Why not pastor?

THOMAS

It was a name that was kicked around and it was beginning to look... All this was church orientated and so the Deacons more or less taking care of the business of the church and so we said this is a good name because we're out here protecting the civil rights workers so that is the name we settled on, Deacons for Defense and Justice.

Moderator

Is there any way of just recognizing a Deacon on the street?

THOMAS

No, there is really no way because as you know Deacons are black so, you see a lot of black people.

Moderator

You want to see a million Deacons. What about women? Can they join?

THOMAS

Yes, women can join too. We have a Deaconess started. This is only in the Northern chapters, though, that we have Deaconess.

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Moderator

Will they be in the gun clubs too, rifle club?

THOMAS

Well, certainly.

Moderator

Talking about the requirements in order to be a member of Deacons, and that's when I was handed this note, and you were telling us the different requirements. Did you finish? I cut you off there.

THOMAS

Well, I pretty well covered it.

Moderator

What about a fellow who has been in prison?

THOMAS

Well, a man being in prison doesn't...

Moderator

He can still be a Deacon.

THOMAS

He still can be a Deacon because man you have to face this fact, and this is one thing I blame society for. If a man has a criminal record and if we're trying to reform the man certainly he needs employment. And we find as a whole your criminals are mostly unemployed and with no hopes of getting a job because as soon as a man looks at his record then he refuse him so therefore you are telling him go back out and stick somebody up or go back out and do the same crime over again and let the state take care of you. This is bad.

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Moderator

Do the Deacons intend to protect civil rights workers here?

THOMAS

Well, we intend to protect civil rights workers to a point in the city of Chicago. If we're called upon to help out then we will do this

Moderator

Now what do you mean by that. That's rather ambiguous. If we're called - say that they are marching as they did down near Mayor DALEY's home as they did last summer and they ask you for protection. Now maybe, oh maybe 200 or 300 policemen there. Would they feel they needed some protection from you? I mean just say that someone said well here's a good chance for us to have a confrontation. Let's call the Deacons. What would you do in a case like this?

THOMAS

Well, we would come in more or less as witnesses to the fact. We wouldn't participate openly in the march but we would be there as spectators and we would be looking out for police brutality and John Bigot coming around and agitating them whereas they have committed them to non-violence. So that if the police would not handle John Bigot we would take care of John Bigot for them.

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Moderator

In other words, you put John Bigot in his place.

THOMAS

That's right.

Moderator

Would you be armed?

THOMAS

Well, I wouldn't feel that we would need to be.

Moderator

You wouldn't feel a need to be but would you be?

THOMAS

Well, no. If we didn't feel that we need to be

armed...

armed...

Moderator

If you felt that you need to be you would be

armed.

armed.

THOMAS

Oh, certainly.

Moderator

Even though the police are there.

THOMAS

Certainly. Because, you know, like one has to

protect himself and if you lack the confidence

protect himself and if you lack the confidence

in the police to protect you then you have to

in the police to protect you then you have to

protect yourself.

protect yourself.

Moderator

And then what about if the Governor would send

in the National Guard and they declare martial

in the National Guard and they declare martial

law?

law?

THOMAS

Well, if they declared martial law then like I

say we would kind of go along with it like to a

say we would kind of go along with it like to a

point as long as the police is capable of carry-

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Now you say to a point. You indicate that there might be a point that you would not go.

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As I plainly stated we are fighting for our freedom and this means at all cost. Now if the man don't want to give any ground then that is what it is. It's a fight. But I am hoping and I think that somewhere along the line that the man will give some ground. But we intend to have our freedom one way or the other. It's not if/and about that.

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Now what do the Deacons, what do you think about the Chicago Police Department?

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Well, here on the off and on periods that I have been in the city here could stand a lot, could be changed in Chicago here with the police department to make it function a little better. For an instance, on the west side here you see sometimes two white police. Well, a lot of times you see two white policemen in the car together, two blacks together, then you see, at night I see detectives riding four whites in the car. When you see things like this you know

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that some black person is going to get abused because when they riding like that that is what they're out there big. Ninety per cent of the time. And this is bad. And if the man really wanted to make a change in Chicago then there should be integration here. Black and white police together. And this way the black one couldn't abuse the white one and the white one couldn't abuse the black one because after all he belongs to the black race and he belongs to the white race. This would seem to be a way of balancing it out. But I've been told they have done it last year, you know, during the riots for a while but then they put them back together. So I don't know what the situation is going to be here. That would be one of my suggestions to, as a matter of fact I have a meeting with Superintendent WILSON on Thursday evening. I am going to strongly suggest this would be one of the best things really if they intended to try to keep it cool some, is to put a little integration in the Chicago Police Department.

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Moderator

Did you say you will be meeting with Superintendent WILSON? When?

THOMAS

Thursday evening.

Moderator

Thursday evening. Now you were talking about riots. Do the Deacons believe there is a possibility of a riot in Chicago this summer?

THOMAS

Yes. We are hoping strongly it doesn't be a riot in the city of Chicago and if we can get the cooperation from the people in the city of Chicago we might be able to stop a riot.

Moderator

What do you call cooperation?

THOMAS

Well, from the various groups and from the various agencies, from the police department, from the city officials, you know. We have gotten a pretty cold shoulder since we've been in town from the power structure, and this in itself says that it's something that is wrong somewhere.

Moderator

Would you expect them to give you a welcoming in open arms?

THOMAS

No, I am not looking for any welcome in open arms but just a lot of things that have happened

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since I've been in the city in and out here they have indicated that at this particular point they were more or less ignoring us and wondering what's going on.

Moderator

Just ignoring you. How did you happen to get an interview or conference with Superintendent WILSON? Did you request it?

THOMAS

The only thing I know that his secretary called my secretary and.

Moderator

You had put in a request for it.

THOMAS

No.

Moderator

He is requesting you to come to see him.

THOMAS

Right. It's some more groups that's going to be there - supposed to be. So, I'll find out really. Well, I said what's going to be the topic and she said she didn't know, so I'll find out when I get there.

Moderator

Now, getting back to this riot. This is a very sensitive issue here. What do you think will be the major cause of a riot, if there is one?

THOMAS

Well, that would go into quite a few parts. The frustration that the black people live in the ghetto from day to day creates a certain

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threat of a riot. Then with unemployment, with not being able to be a man of his house or head of the household and then on top of all of that police brutality. I think if a riot occurred it will occur from police brutality.

Moderator

You think that will be the incident that will trigger it off, as it did in Watts?

THOMAS

That is true.

Moderator

Do you think the same disastrous results would...

THOMAS

Well, I think if a full scale riot would get rolling in the city of Chicago it would be much more difficult than the one in Watts. I would say it would be three times as worse as the LA riot for the location of the city, the way Chicago is located. You have blacks on the north side and the west side and the south side. Now this would create, I think, a more worse riot than the LA riot.

Moderator

Now there was a cross burning here over the weekend out in, oh I think it was, Kenilworth. Did the Deacons have any idea of that? (Inaudible)

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THOMAS

Yes, well, we haven't been out there yet but we have contacted some people that live out there and we have been gathering some information. Of course, it never fooled us for any minute that Chicago was any different from Mississippi because you have more bigots in Chicago than they have in Mississippi and Louisiana put together. So this is a known fact so we're not assuming that these are all the good guys but we are not assuming that all of them are bad guys either, but we know that there are more Birchites and Klansmen, Minutemen in the city of Chicago than they could muster in Mississippi, Alabama and Louisiana put together.

Moderator

What do you think of the white teenagers who attacked at a Negro last night? If you remember this was in the news today.

THOMAS

Yes, I did. Well, you take a situation like this. You know these things like this is good to really point out to the people here in the city that although they live as though they are in the North and they expect to live in the different

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surroundings they don't feel that they are going to get attacked on the streets and some of them are just misled, and this shows you that whether you are involved in anything as long as you are black you are in it. And he could have been the mayor or the judge or the prosecutor of Chicago, if he'd have been black and he'd have been there at that particular time he would have got his head whipped. And this is the whole thing. You are black and whether you are a bad black guy or a good black guy, if you are at the wrong place at the wrong time you get messed around.

Moderator

Do you think that slum conditions are as bad in Chicago as the, well, Southern Christian Leadership Conference has said? You know Dr. KING has come up here as you have and established a headquarters on the west side also.

THOMAS

Yes, well, after looking over the community I would say that it is worse than what SCLC says that it is because in some way or another I think it's time to let the man know the real the facts, and not sugar coating the words and

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not telling him things are so good in the ghetto
and stuff like this because things are important
words. You ride down through some of those
streets there and see the rats how large they are
and you look at this and you say now here is
city of this size, not a poor city and I'm
quite sure they could get rid of the rats.

Moderator

I'd like to ask, when did you see your last rat?

THOMAS

Today.

Moderator

You saw a rat today?

THOMAS

Today.

Moderator

Was he a live rat?

THOMAS

A live rat. And as big as the squirrels we
kill down South.

Moderator

Four legged one.

THOMAS

That's right.

Moderator

Do you think that the Chicago Welfare Agency is
doing a good job?

THOMAS

Well, that would have to be determined, you
would have to determine that whether they are
doing a good job, that would be a pretty difficult
question. Now I think the welfare is doing the
job that the men, the structure, want them to do.

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But it is not doing the job that needs to be done to help the people, you see. There's a difference. A lot of people get confused even with the poverty program. It's serving the purpose that the man wants it to serve but it is not serving the purpose that we want it to serve and that is to help black people.

Moderator

Getting back to a question just a previous one, you were talking about the slums and you were saying that it is not as good as people see it. Who is saying it is good? Everybody I've heard here in Chicago in the last few years I think everybody is saying it's bad.

THOMAS

Everyone's saying it is bad but yet we don't see any changes.

Moderator

But then nobody is saying it, then you will retract that saying that we are saying it is good living in the slums.

THOMAS

Why, sure. If I made that mistake I certainly retract that.

Moderator

What do you think about the unemployment situation here? What are you going to do about that?

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THOMAS

Well, it is pretty bad and somehow or another we're going to have to meet, I am quite sure, with the city officials here and the state employment agency and the poverty program people and see about getting some of these people some jobs.

Moderator

How are you going to be able to help get jobs and help people in their housing problems and this very intricate education problem?

THOMAS

It's going to be quite a problem. That is why I say we are going to need some help from various groups to help put this together, put a program together to where it will be effective, and unless we get some help like I say it's going to be very difficult to help people.

Now when we are not able to help people then we are not going to have any further say if the man don't listen to our plea and when we relate to the ghetto to him what the ghetto is saying and he don't act, then if something erupt then don't come to us, because we are not going out there to try to stop them people from throwing no bricks.

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Moderator

Do you think they would come to you in the first place?

THOMAS

Well, I think they would try to come to anybody that perhaps could have a little influence on the ghetto.

Moderator

From indications they might think that you are trying to start it.

THOMAS

No. They may do that but that is up to their own opinion, but we are not out to riot or create a riot but we're here to let him know that the situation exists and if he don't do something about it then it is going to be a riot. It's if/and about that and they don't need to tell the man there ain't going to be no riot it's going to be a cool summer because then you get a lot of innocent people hurt when you tell them that things are pretty good, we'll make it over this summer without any incident. And you have 50 or 20 white people coming through the ghetto and getting trapped in something like that and they might be some pretty decent white people and they get messed around. And the same

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thing if some blacks coming through that don't even know anything they could get messed around. So these are things I look at as the innocent person. Now if he was John Edgar coming into the community abusing someone in the community I wouldn't have any sympathy for him. You know what I mean. But you have to have sympathy for people.

Moderator

Listen, you know you were talking about what you intend to do and I understand you are in charge of all the branches that you will be setting up in the North.

THOMAS

That is true.

Moderator

What do you think of the civil rights conference which is to be held in Washington next week on June first and second which hopes to alleviate many of the problems of both North and South.

THOMAS

Well, I find it pretty hard to believe. I went to one of the pre-conferences in Philadelphia and after listening at the discussion there and participating in the discussion I could see plainly that you could have had civil rights

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conferences a year and you are not going to accomplish too much. Now, the Federal Government knows the problem. You got FBI Agents and all other kind of agents and then the city police have intelligence agents and the man really ought to know the problem better than I do. But now the point is does he intend to do something about it. Now, I don't need to sit around and talk to him 40 or 45 minutes, two hours, three hours and get up and leave and nothing is done. That's just a waste of my time and a waste of his time and I think it's very bad. I don't think too much is going to come out of it. As a matter of fact I am supposed to go to Washington on the first and second and picket it. We are supposed to bring up about 2,000 Deacons.

Moderator

In other words, you can't think too much about the conference.

THOMAS

No. I don't think too much good for the black people will come out of the conference.

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Moderator

Listen. I've been listening to you now for 29 minutes and I want to ask you one question. Do the Deacons intend to demonstrate in Chicago this summer?

THOMAS

Well, we really don't intend to demonstrate. I think demonstrations are played out just about and I think this is one approach we have used to the fullest. I find when you go out in the street demonstrating the man says he has a Constitutional right to picket, you have a lawful right to demonstrate and then he comes around and locks you up, and you pay thousands of dollars in court fees and then after paying all that you cut it loose, you know. We don't have any intention of spending no great fortune on no demonstration, the man arrests you and all that, so I don't see that we would be in the streets too much demonstrating because this does not get us too far. We get the short end of the stick every time.

Moderator

If you should have any trouble next summer or while you are here will the Deacons ask for help from other chapters across the United States, if you need it here?

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THOMAS

Yes, well we feel as though we need a little help in the city of Chicago now and we have called in and in the next two months, up to three months, there will be approximately ten to fifteen thousand outside Deacons coming in to the city of Chicago to try and help.

Moderator

How many?

THOMAS

Ten to fifteen thousand.

Moderator

Ten to fifteen thousand Deacons. They going to live here?

THOMAS

They'll live in the city.

Moderator

They will live in the city.

THOMAS

That's right.

Moderator

So we can expect an influx of ten to fifteen thousand Deacons.

THOMAS

Over the next three months.

Moderator

Over the next three months.

Ladies and gentlemen, our guest tonight is ERNEST THOMAS, Regional Vice-President and Northern Director of the Deacons for Defense and Justice, which opened an office on the west side here three weeks ago. If you have a

question or comment we invite you to give us a
call here on the Hot Line. Our telephone
number is 847-2602.

(Commercial)

Well, we are back with you ladies and gentlemen.
Our guest tonight ERNEST THOMAS, Regional
President and Northern Director of the
Deacons for Defense and Justice. Our telephone
number 847-2602, and from all indications a lot
of people are going to have something they want
to talk with you, Mr. THOMAS. I'd like to ask
you two or three other questions before we go
to the telephone and that is - you know that
we have a lot of young people here in Chicago.
They have associated themselves in what we call
gangs, west side gangs, east side, south side,
north side. You name it and they've got gangs.
Will there be a youth program with the Deacons?
Yes, we are hoping strongly that we can get a
pretty decent youth program.

THOMAS

Moderator

THOMAS

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Moderator

Do you intend to draw the youth from the gangs?

THOMAS

Any, whether he is a gang youth or a youth we want to try to work with through some type of way to keep them primarily in something, in an active way, and we hope to try and form softball leagues all over the city and maybe a little participation in that baseball league and what happens, you know.

Moderator

Well, one other question. What do you think about the peace demonstrations? We've been having some peace demonstrations against our involvement in Viet Nam for a few months now.

THOMAS

Well, I've been more or less pushed into several of them. I didn't understand them until I was in them. I ended up the police said go this way, go this way and I ended up there. But what's puzzling me it is so many whites out there talking about our war in Viet Nam and they are the ones that mostly prospers from whatever the U.S....

Moderator

But you didn't say these individual whites who are asking; I am thinking about the young man who is

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going to be on my show tomorrow night,
EARL SILBAR. Now he is very much against the
profit that's in the...

THOMAS

Well, that's true. But what I am say is
I don't see Negroes on a mass scale out there
talking about the war in Viet Nam. I think
this is really what need to be that blacks say
well why should I go to Viet Nam.

Moderator

Oh, you think they should be out on the peace
move, or are you?

THOMAS

I'm saying that Afro-Americans should be out
there. I'm not so much concerned with whether
they are integrated out there but I'm saying
that because there is a difference out of the
pie when although some the ones that are
protesting now the war in Viet Nam whites may
eventually end up working on the space ship
that goes to the moon or somewhere. But, I'm
speaking of black people that are dying and
that have died in every war in this country and
now when we come back home we cannot get our
rightful slice of the pie. And every group,

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every other minority group has gotten a slice of the pie. This is why I am saying black people are going to have to say well why don't you go fight your battle until you give me my rightful share of the pie. See, because I believe in this law is the sea. You know, the ship is sunken and damaged and you tow it in you get so much of the cargo. So I think if we help you exploit the people then we should have a rightful cut off the pie.

Moderator

One other question. What do you think of the political structure here in Chicago?

THOMAS

Well, from all indications it is a pretty bad thing.

Moderator

In what respect?

THOMAS

Well, in all respects.

Moderator

Such as.

THOMAS

Well, all these problems exist, unemployment; like I say the fuse is lit to blow up and this is because X number of things. Welfare is not giving the welfare recipient enough money, they are taking the man and tearing him away from his

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family and support his wife and kids and run
him out of the house so it is just a whole lot
of things that cause this and I think the
political structure mostly everything in the
city of Chicago is political tied anyway.

Moderator

Okay. Ladies and gentlemen, our guest ERNEST
THOMAS, our telephone number 847-2602. We're
going to stop here for a short message.

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Moderator

Well, we are back with you ladies and gentlemen. WESLEY SOUTH is your host. Our guest ERNEST THOMAS and our telephone number 847-2602. Let's go and see what some of our listeners have to ask you.

This is the Hot Line.

First Speaker

Hello Mr. SOUTH.

Moderator

Yes.

First Speaker

This is EARL YOUNG. I haven't caught all of your program but I did catch a portion of it for your interview with the Deacons and I would like to say with all due respect to the Deacons and any constructive approach they may have to solving the situations and many problems that we are having in Chicago I do hope that if they have the chance to meet with city officials that they will make it clear that they do not represent the Negro population as a whole because judging from the appearance that they seem to be giving on the program I for one would not want to be represented by them. Thank you.

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9 THOMAS Thank you sir.
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11 Moderator This is the Hot Line.
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13 Second Speaker Hello.
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15 Moderator Yes, may we have your question.
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17 Second Speaker Mr. THOMAS, did I hear you say that you are
18 expecting from ten to fifteen thousand Deacons
19 in the city of Chicago very shortly.
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22 THOMAS Yes, in the next three months.
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24 Second Speaker How are they going to live? Will they be
25 working on jobs or will they bring money
26 enough to support themselves?
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28 THOMAS Well, the organization will worry about that.
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30 Second Speaker You say that you are not going to participate
31 in demonstrations and you are not going to
32 offer any...
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34 THOMAS Now I said. Wait a minute. I think you
35 misinterpreted me. I said we as an organization
36 was not too concerned about demonstrating in
37 the streets.
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39 Second Speaker Yes, and I inferred from your conversation
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resistance to the police, so I would like to know what you would describe as the exact function of the Deacons in Chicago.

THOMAS Well, we would probably be pretty busy telling a man the problems, and I think by telling him the problem and pointing to the problem and the street groups can more or less demonstrate around them if they like.

Second Speaker I would like to ask you one more question. Will the Deacons participate in any political campaigns while they are here?

THOMAS Sure we will participate in political campaigns while we are here.

Second Speaker Here is one more thing. This is the last question. What sort of success have you had in recruiting people from the city of Chicago?

THOMAS Well, as I say we have somewhere around 455 now and I consider that for the time we have had to work with them it's been pretty successful.

Second Speaker That is since you had your office open for three weeks.

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THOMAS

No. We have been in the city of Chicago for the last seven months but I've been off and on in the city.

Second Speaker

Okay, well, thank you very much.

Moderator

Thanks for calling.

Where is your office located?

THOMAS

1230 South Pulaski.

Moderator

Let's get back to the telephone.

This is the Hot Line.

Third Speaker

Hello. Mr. THOMAS please.

Moderator

Go right ahead.

Third Speaker

Mr. THOMAS, I understand you to say that you are going to point up the problems to the man.

Aren't the problems already pointed up? I mean, aren't they aware of the problems?

THOMAS

I think I made that statement that the man knows more about the problem than I and put together.

Third Speaker

Why do you need fifteen thousand other people in here to crowd the situation that we now have to point up a problem that is already self-evident?

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THOMAS

Because I'll tell you why. Because as I say we're not one of the nonviolent groups and we don't think that we are not in the city to get hurt or beat.

Third Speaker

To incite a riot?

THOMAS

Pardon?

Third Speaker

You here to incite a riot?

THOMAS

If a riot occurs it will occur on its own. We are not here to incite a riot but then also we are not intending to be intimidated and beat by anyone and if you know the gentleman that's running out on the south side that HERBERT (phonetic), the man that came in his office and shot him up. Now we don't intend to have that either.

Third Speaker

But that was not the man. That was the colored man.

THOMAS

The colored man.

Third Speaker

Yes, he was shot by a Negro.

THOMAS

Well, you know you white people can put Negroes up to do things too. We have some black people with black skin that's white, you know. And when I see that happen that's a weak-minded black man.

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Third Speaker

Yes, well another thing you spoke of the slums and the rats. Who creates the slums?

THOMAS

Who creates the slums?

Third Speaker

Yes.

THOMAS

The people.

Third Speaker

The people, right. So if the Negroes create their own slums...

THOMAS

No. When they move into an area that's 35 to 40 years old, they never moved into a ghetto or a large community of 40 or 50 blocks of new housing like white developments goes up.

Moderator

You don't mean that to be true in Chicago. You're talking about in some areas.

THOMAS

In some areas of Chicago, that is right. In the ghettos is what I'm speaking of.

Third Speaker

Negroes have moved in Chicago into brand new houses and have created slums right in their present house. They move into old housing that has been kept clean in spite of the age and dirty it. They steal light bulbs out of their own community, they write on the walls. Do we blame the white man for this?

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THOMAS

Well, you see where the responsibility comes is if the man don't make enough money...

Third Speaker

Shouldn't this be taken up with the Negro?

THOMAS

Pardon?

Third Speaker

If they are creating their own problems.

THOMAS

Well, do you want me to answer it or I'll listen to you?

Third Speaker

I want you to answer it.

THOMAS

Well, now you see when a man do not have a decent job, because the only reason he can't have a decent job is that he is black. And all of this perpetuate the whole situation to make it be like it is. Here a man. He is worried how he is going to make another buck and you worried about whether you going to paint your house this week or next week or what color you going to change it. And he can't even see where he can get any point, you see. And these are the problems that exist to create a slum. Then you bring in all the slum buildings that are supposed to really be torn down and the city inspectors come by and they

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check the building and they slip him a buck
and they go head on. The building go on and
the next minute it is a fire trap and it kills
fifteen or twenty kids in the buildings.

Third Speaker

Well, what about the housing that the
Negroes buy and they in turn rent to the
Negroes and the Negroes go about destroying
the properties that they are renting from
Negroes. Do they blame the white man for that?

THOMAS

Well, I observe by what you are saying I'm
quite sure you are caucasian.

Third Speaker

Oh, I'm quite black.

THOMAS

Well, you are caucasian minded, so when I say
that I don't mean the pigments of your skin.
We have a lot of black people that more or less
white/black and they don't understand the
problems of their own race. And I am quite
sure you fall into this category that you don't
understand your own fellow (inadvisable).

Third Speaker

I think we're using black as an excuse.

THOMAS

Well, if you show me any black man in America or
black woman in America that is free then I'll
give up.

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Third Speaker Well, being free has nothing to do with being clean.

THOMAS Whether you got two million dollars or two hundred million dollars. A black man with two hundred million dollars is not free. Pardon?

Third Speaker Being free has nothing to do with being clean.

THOMAS Sure it does. You think the troops in Viet Nam is clean?

Third Speaker Well, we're not speaking of Viet Nam.

THOMAS No, but I'm saying do you think they're clean. (inaudible).

Third Speaker We're not speaking of Viet Nam because the Deacons did not go to Viet Nam they came to Chicago.

THOMAS We have some in Viet Nam too. For your information.

Third Speaker Well, yes, I heard that about Viet Nam. But what I'm saying the problem here is Chicago and what we want to do is make the living conditions in Chicago...

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THOMAS

Well, we are striving for the conditions of the whole U.S. We are not just concerned just with Chicago. I want to be able to go to New York, anywhere else. We are not just concerned with just Chicago because I have some sixty seventy chapters and I am concerned about what is going on in all these seventy different places. And this is my concern. Now your concern might be just right here in Chicago, but mine's not.

Third Speaker

Well, since you are here in Chicago don't you think part of the program could be geared toward helping the black man help himself?

THOMAS

That's true.

Third Speaker

I mean like not only fighting for your rights...

THOMAS

And one of those ways is to fight himself and to be a man. And we cannot fight ourselves and be a man by letting you whip or side the head.

Third Speaker

Now everybody isn't whipped side the head.

THOMAS

Well, you whip one way or the other or you whip side the head or you whip mentally.

Either way you whipped.

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Third Speaker

So what do we do? Do we go through physical violence or do we try to alleviate the problems that create the situation?

THOMAS

Well, when you go to try to deal with the problem that creates the situation then that brings on violence because the man never wants to go give any ground. You understand? Why, you think you never seen the civil rights people get their heads whipped down South?

Third Speaker

Oh, yes...

THOMAS

You never seen them get arrested in Chicago? Pardon?

Third Speaker

I've never been in the South but they have had heads whipped in other areas other than the South.

THOMAS

Right. Have you heard of police brutality in Chicago?

Third Speaker

Yes, there's police brutality in Chicago but what I'm speaking of is the fact that there are more areas to work than just the violence.

Moderator

So you would bypass the court and we'll take care of this, is this what the Deacons are saying?

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THOMAS

No. We are not saying that, but I think the lady got mixed up for when we as an organization was not intending to spend a fortune going through the courts when the one Federal law says you have the right to picket to lawful assembly and all this and then the city official comes in and arrests you and you go through courts, city courts...

Moderator

You say you are not going to demonstrate.

THOMAS

No, we are not going to get out there and do that.

Moderator

We have to cut you off here mam. We have a couple commercials coming up. Thank you for calling. Good night.
Our telephone number 847-2602.

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Moderator

This is the Hot Line.

Fourth Speaker

Yes, Mr. SOLTE. What is your guest, Mr. THOMAS?

Moderator

Yes, ERNEST THOMAS.

Fourth Speaker

Is he on? Well, Mr. THOMAS.

THOMAS

Yes sir.

Fourth Speaker

You said that you were asked to come here. Would you mind explaining who asked you to come here?

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THOMAS No, I don't think it is necessary to answer you.

Fourth Speaker It is none of my business.

THOMAS Pardon?

Fourth Speaker You say you don't think it is none of my business?

THOMAS I say I don't think it is necessary for me to answer that.

Fourth Speaker I don't see why.

Moderator This man lives here. He is a Negro you come here to help him.

Fourth Speaker Come here to help you do what.

Moderator Sir, he has come here to help you. I would say too I would say it's your business to know.

Fourth Speaker I am a Negro.

Moderator That's what I say.

Fourth Speaker Yes, and that's why I asked.

Moderator I know the NAACP say they didn't ask you. The Urban League say they didn't ask you.

THOMAS I don't mean established groups such like that. These are various people and from small groups.

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10 Moderator I know churches have said they didn't ask you
11 to come in.

12 THOMAS Yes, like I say we are not going to disclose
13 who invited us in.

14 Moderator Is there any reason? I mean is this a secret
15 organization?

16 THOMAS Not an organization. We got our signs up.
17 We're here. But I'm speaking of who invited
18 us. And this have a tendency to get the people
19 that invited us into a bind because they do
20 work for the power structure.

21 Moderator You would say that someone invited you in.

22 THOMAS A lot of people, yes.

23 Fourth Speaker Would you explain who the lot of people are.
24 Can't you give me some...

25 THOMAS I thought I explained this to you. Say if you
26 worked for the mayor and your name was on there
27 would you want me to give that name out?

28 Fourth Speaker Listen, we have a lot of groups here. In other
29 words we have got too many groups here.

30 THOMAS No, we never have too many because we haven't
31 solved the problem. Meantime whether we've got
32 too many...

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Fourth Speaker

Will you listen to me. You know you say it again that you was going to bring in about fifteen thousand Deacons. Now you know you ain't got no fifteen thousand Deacons. There ain't an organization among the Negroes today got fifteen thousand Negroes in it.

THOMAS

Wait three months and call me back and say that.

Fourth Speaker

Wait three months. Look. I've been here in Chicago long before you were born.

THOMAS

Well, we're not arguing that point.

Fourth Speaker

And you say you've been here six months.

THOMAS

Yes, six to seven months off and on.

Fourth Speaker

Now you don't know what's going on in Chicago no more than what somebody tell you.

THOMAS

Well, I don't see... In other words you saying I can't see the problem.

Fourth Speaker

Wait a minute. You going to hear me now. We do not want no pistol packing Deacons here because we get along without a riot and you know you can't accomplish nothing in no boisterous way and I don't like your attitude. You spoke about the man looking in the store at the kan. Don't you know that's a match for a riot? Don't you know that?

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THOMAS

Pardon?

Fourth Speaker

Huh?

Moderator

He said don't you know that your statement of the hungry man looking at a ham in the store is a match for a riot.

THOMAS

Well then I can't help that.

Fourth Speaker

Yes you can help that by not speaking and things. And here's another thing I want to tell you. Any time the groups get together like that you've been...you see we are American citizens.

THOMAS

That's right.

Fourth Speaker

Don't deal just on black, black and white, black and white. Don't you know what you're doing? You just building up more hatred between the two races.

THOMAS

I'm not striving for love. We're striving for respect for one another.

Fourth Speaker

We don't want no pistol packing Deacons here.

THOMAS

Well, we didn't say we was pistol packing.

Fourth Speaker

I'm a Negro myself, and I'm going to tell you so far as I'm concerned you should never have come here.

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THOMAS

Well, you are entitled to your opinion.

Fourth Speaker

Then you was talking about the police department and all such as that. We don't need you to come here. You don't know nothing about no ghettos or no slums or nothing like that. You ain't been here long enough to know.

THOMAS

Oh, that's no difference.

Fourth Speaker

I've been here forty some odd years and don't know all about it.

THOMAS

It's no different here than New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, no where.

Fourth Speaker

Speak a little louder please.

Moderator

He said no difference here than New York or Chicago. At New York, Philadelphia, other places.

THOMAS

That's right. It's no different.

Moderator

Okay. Thank you for calling sir.

Fourth Speaker

Okay.

Moderator

Good night.

This is the Hot Line.

Fifth Speaker

Yes. WESLEY SOWEN told me to call.

Moderator

Speaking.

Fifth Speaker

I would like to talk with a Mr. THOMAS.

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Moderator

Who is this - did you say I told you to call?

Go right ahead.

Fifth Speaker

Yes, my name is Mr. CYERTON.

Moderator

Well, he said I told him to call; go right ahead.

Fifth Speaker

Yes, am I talking with Mr. THOMAS?

THOMAS

Yes you are.

Fifth Speaker

Well, here's what I would like to bring out.

I've been listening to your program very long

here and I want to... You know, I'm not

condemning you for being here and I'm not

condoning you, but I want to say some of the

things that's going on that you're speaking of

really, actually happening here. I am living

in a slum which you called and I see a lot of

things and one way or the other it looks like

its something going to be happening that's

going to be right.

THOMAS

That's true.

Fifth Speaker

Far as the explosion... I'll tell you

what goes on here, see. A lot of times these guys

from suburbs and what have you they come around.

They'll be looking for prostitutes and things like

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thing and another. And it has been called to the
police department's attention and everything,
and nothing's really been done about it.
And so what else can you do about it? I would
really like for some of the listeners to give
their opinion.

Moderator Would you and I know each other, sir? I'm
trying to rack my brain for someone by the
name of OVERTON.

Fifth Speaker Yes, you do.

Moderator Okay. Thanks for calling.

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Sixth Speaker

I would like to address a remark or two to
Mr. THOMAS. Mr. THOMAS, I'm white and I've
been struggling for integration and against
segregation and for civil rights for probably
more than you have years. In other words before
you were born, and I just wonder why it is you
want to exclude white people from your organization.

THOMAS

You say why?

Moderator

Yes, why.

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THOMAS

Well, for the simple reason...

Sixth Speaker

That I've earned it. You know I've gone through a lot in the last 30 years or so. Ever since the days of the Scottsberg (phonetic) case. You'll defend white civil rights workers, won't you?

THOMAS

Sure, certainly.

Sixth Speaker

Well, why don't you let them participate in your organization too?

THOMAS

Wait a minute. It's just like the Jews having a Jewish organization that they only let Jews in and just like the White Citizens Council only let white people in; the John Birchers only let white people in. I could name you so many groups that don't have anything but whites...

Sixth Speaker

You are mistaken about many of these organizations because most organizations have stopped their bars.

THOMAS

I don't know of any blacks in the Ku Klux Klan or the Minutemen or the Birchers.

Moderator

Are you comparing yourself to the Ku Klux Klan?

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THOMAS

No. It's just being a black organization, and
nothing wrong with being a black organization.

Sixth Speaker

No, but you say that the purpose of your
organization is to defend the rights of the
Negro, to work for his dignity. I approve of
these aims, generally speaking, although I
don't know about the pistol packing part. But
suppose a white person was just as much
interested as you in defending the dignity and
the rights of the Negro people. Why should he
be barred from a group like that?

Moderator

And before you answer I would like to ask you
this question. A moment ago you said to a
woman that the pigmentation of her skin may
have been... that she was white on the inside
but her skin was dark. What about a person
being...

THOMAS

White and dark inside?

Moderator

Yes.

THOMAS

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Sixth Speaker

You know how many white civil rights workers have been killed in the South?

THOMAS

Pardon?

Sixth Speaker

You know how many whites have been killed in the South.

THOMAS

True.

Sixth Speaker

People who have gone in there fighting against segregation and for civil rights.

THOMAS

And we've protected more white civil rights workers than we did black civil rights workers, but anyone that even was down South and ran across any of the Deacons or happen to know me personally know that I'm a pretty nice fellow to meet but when we hold our membership this is what it is. We have a lot of whites that we work with.

Sixth Speaker

But when you treat white civil rights workers and people who are on your side whose skin happen to be white, when you treat them as if they are the enemy and they can't belong to your organization then you're giving a lot of fuel to the fire then....

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APPENDIX

DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE,
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DEACONS FOR DEFENSE AND JUSTICE,
INCORPORATED

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

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

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

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-3013)
SUBJECT: DEMONSTRATION TO PROTECT THE SHOOTING
OF JAMES H. MEREDITH
RM

Re New Orleans teletype to Director and
Jackson dated 6/22/66.

Enclosed for the Bureau are two (2)
copies of LHM captioned as above suitable for
dissemination; with five (5) copies for the Jackson
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TO DIRECTOR AND NEW ORLEANS AND JACKSON
FROM BALTIMORE 157-1008

Mr. Tolson
Mr. DeLoach
Tele. Room
Miss Holmes
Miss Gandy

DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE (DDJ) RM.

b7D [REDACTED] CONFIRMED TODAY THAT ERNEST THOMAS IS IN BA AND
DRIVING CHRYSLER SARATOGA, LA. LICENSE [REDACTED] (FIRST
THREE DIGITS ONLY). THOMAS ACCOMPANIED BY CHARLES SIMMS WHO
IS DRIVING TAN OLDSMOBILE NINETY EIGHT, WITH MISS. LICENSE
[REDACTED] THEY ARE STAYING AT MT.
ROYAL HOTEL, BA.

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BA FILES REFLECT SIMMS PRESIDENT OF BOGALUSA CHAPTER
DDJ.

ADVISE IF THOMAS OWNS SUCH AN AUTOMOBILE AND FURNISH
COMPLETE NUMBER. JACKSON CONFIRM MISS. LICENSE FOR SIMMS. FURNISH
ALL PERTINENT INFO INCLUDING DESCRIPTIVE DATA RE SIMMS. ADVISE
OF OTHER MEMBERS OF DDJ WHO MAY BE ACCOMPANYING THOMAS AND SIMMS
AND FURNISH ALL DETAILS RE SUCH PERSONS.

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CONTACT ALL LOGICAL SOURCES AND DETERMINE PURPOSE OF D.D.J.
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BALTIMORE AT PRESENT TIME. CARE SHOULD BE TAKEN
IN HANDLING THE ABOVE INFORMATION IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE
SOURCE.

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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (157-1561) (C)

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SUBJECT:

FRIENDS OF THE DEACONS FOR
DEFENSE AND JUSTICE
RACIAL MATTERS

The "Workers World", Volume VII, Number 20, dated 10/14/65, contained an article indicating CHARLES SIMS, founder of the Deacons for Defense and Justice, and RICHARD HICKS, Vice President of the Bogalusa, Louisiana, Voters League, will speak in New York on 10/23 and 25/65.

The article indicated RICTUE (RICQUE) LE SEUR, a friend of the Deacons in New York, announced the events from the newly opened office of the Friends of the Deacons for Defense and Justice (FDDJ), 271 West 125th St., Room 209, NY, NY.

The following information was furnished by [redacted] on the dates indicated:

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[REDACTED] that there will be (c)
a rally 12/26/65 at the Mount Morris Presbyterian Church for
BILL EPTON. One of the sponsoring groups is the Harlem Friends
of the Deacons. The purpose of the rally is to try to get
BILL EPTON out of jail and to raise money for him.

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MEMORANDUM FOR SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

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On 3/9/66, an attempt was made to pretext the FDDJ telephone number 749-8745, at which time it was determined that the number had been disconnected.

On 4/1/66, [REDACTED]

reflect that on 6/14/65, RICQUE LE SEUR was listed as Treasurer, Staten Island Chapter, CORE. The record further reflects that LE SEUR is assistant to CHARLES SIMS of the Deacons, and that LE SEUR has been making use of the Deacons' funds and not advancing the cause of the group.

[REDACTED]

On 4/6/66, a pretext telephone call to 666-0787, the number listed on a pamphlet issued by the Harlem Committee for the Defense of Free Speech, was answered by an unidentified male who stated that neither he nor any of the other persons in the office know who to contact to join the Deacons. In fact, he stated he wished he did because he would join. He stated he does not believe there is such an organization in New York at the present time. (The number 666-0787 is listed to the Harlem Unemployment Center, 139 West 125th St.)

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On 4/22/66, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that he has no knowledge of any planned activities of the DDJ in the Pennsylvania, New Jersey or New York areas.

He stated that [REDACTED] is in no way associated with the DDJ and has never expressed an interest in becoming affiliated with the organization. Although [REDACTED] did not elaborate, he expressed the feeling that [REDACTED] in his opinion, is not the type of individual he would want in the DDJ. [REDACTED] advised that EARNED THOMAS, Vice President of the Jonesboro, Louisiana, DDJ, is presently in Jonesboro, Louisiana, and has not indicated that he has any knowledge of planned activities of the DDJ in Pennsylvania, New York, or New Jersey. [REDACTED] emphatically stated that if any such plans did exist, he would certainly be aware of them. He advised that he, himself, has no desire to become active in that area, and has heard no [REDACTED] leaders of the DDJ express a desire to do so.

On 5/4/66, [REDACTED] Branch Office of the Governor's Office of Urban Affairs, Room 209, 271 West 125th St., advised that the office, which they currently occupy, was empty when they moved in approximately the middle of April, 1966.

On 5/5/66, [REDACTED] 271 West 125th St., NYC, advised that Room 209 was sublet by a lawyer, (FNU) [REDACTED], to an unknown male whose name and nature of business [REDACTED] could not recall. He stated that he did recall a rent check from the "Friends of Deacons for Justice" or a similar name. He advised he would contact other persons more familiar with the former tenant in an effort to determine the individual's identity and nature of business.

[REDACTED] b1 there is no known current activity of the DDJ in the NYC area at the present time. Nothing has been heard recently about this group in Harlem or NYC. [REDACTED] b7C

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The following informants, familiar with racial activities in the NYC area, contacted during the month, of May, 1966, and could supply no additional information concerning the DDJ, are identified as follows:

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It should be noted that various names have been set forth for this organization in accordance with literature and informant reports received by the NYO. However, there is a close relationship existing between the captioned organization and the DDJ to the extent that the names have, on occasion, been used interchangeably. Many of the individuals, mentioned herein, as being associated with the captioned organization, have also been or are affiliated with other organizations and are now or have been subjects of Bureau cases. The informants, mentioned herein, with the exception of those so indicated, have provided reliable information in the past.

This case was opened to investigate the captioned organization to determine its organizational structure, officers, members and purposes. This case is being closed administratively for the following reasons:

(1) In view of the information previously set forth which indicates that the office, which at one time was rented by [REDACTED] under the organization's name, has since been vacated [REDACTED]

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12 indicating that he has no knowledge of any planned activities b7D
13 of the DDJ in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, or New York, and that
14 if such plans did exist, he would certainly be aware of them.

15 (3) [REDACTED] who has reported on the captioned (C) b1
16 organization, indicated that there is no known current activity
17 in the Harlem or NYC area.

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19 (4) Other sources, who are familiar with racial
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FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-1446) (RUC)
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RM

Re New Orleans airtel and LHM dated 6-30-66.

Enclosed for Mobile is copy of referenced communication for its information and assistance in this matter.

Mobile is requested to handle the lead set forth in referenced airtel regarding notifying appropriate authorities concerning Alabama Governor GEORGE WALLACE.

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ReNOairtel 6/30/66.

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The DDJ is an all Negro organization which claims to afford armed protection to civil rights workers where local law enforcement protection is insufficient in the opinion of the DDJ. Disseminated to military agencies, Department, Community Relations Service and Internal Revenue Service at the Bureau.

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During course of contact SA [redacted] attempted *b7C*
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New Orleans, Louisiana

June 20, 1966

DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE

On June 13, 1966, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that the DDJ of Bogalusa is planning to go to Baltimore, Maryland, sometime after the completion of the present Meredith march in Mississippi.

[REDACTED] stated that no specific date has been set for the trip to Baltimore but added that it is definitely planned. He further stated that the number of Deacons who will participate in this endeavor has not been decided upon at this time.

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[REDACTED] declined to furnish a membership list and indicated he would not do so at any time.

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