FBI 10/11/63 Date: Transmit the following in (Type in plain text or code) Via (Priority or Method of Mailing) DIRECTOR, FBI (157-6-61) TO: FROM: SAC, <u>MOBILE</u> (157-367)(P) RACIAL SITUATION SUBJECT STATE OF ALABAMA SELMA, ALABAMA Transmitted herewith to the Bureau are three sets of photographs which were taken 10/1,2/63, depicting covering of pickets that were picketing in the area of the Federal Building, Post Office and Dallas County Court-These photographs were taken by SA One set should be furnished to the Civil Right Division Department of Justice. Photographs : Pickets near Federal Building and Dallas County 1 - 11 Courthouse 12- 17 Arrest of pickets near Federal Building and Dallas County Courthouse Rev. L. L. ANDERSON, Selma, and PETER MALL, lawyer, 18 Birmingham, talking to reporters AIA. 19 . Placing of picket into Sheriff Deputy's car 20 Crowd in area of Dallas County Court House 3- Bureau (Enc. 3) 10/14/63 # OCT 14 1963 ENCLO. BEHIND F bre C . Wick

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27 - 28 Crowd in area of Dallas County Court House
29 Picket near side entrance of Federal Building
30 Front entrance of Dallas County Courthouse
31 Crowd in area of Dallas County Court House
32 - 36 Arrest of pickets near Federal Building and Dallas County Court House
37 Picket at Post Office Building
38 Rev. L. L. ANDERSON, Selms
39 - 42 Picket near side entrance of Federal Building leaving scene

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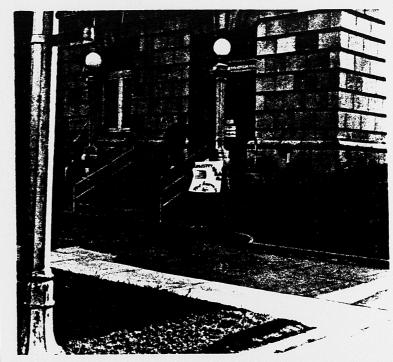
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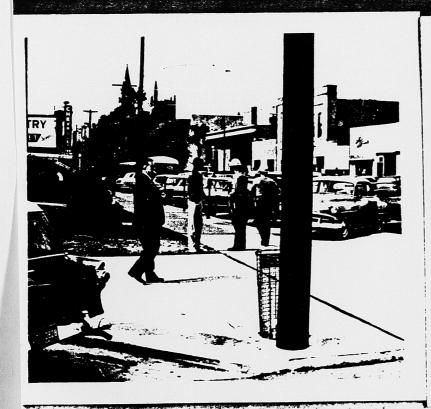
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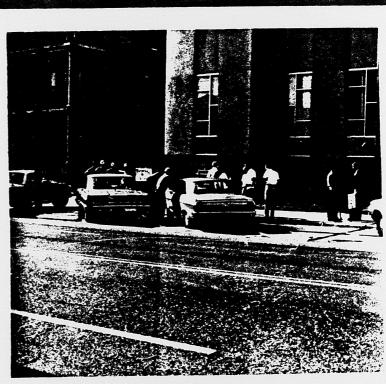




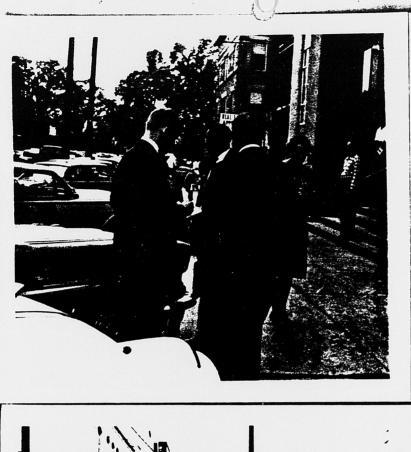






















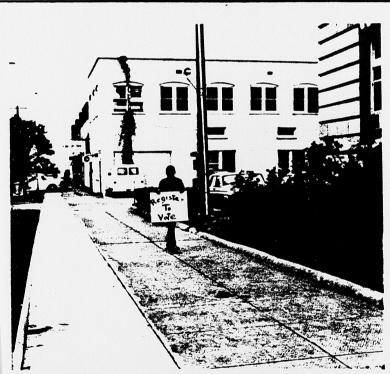




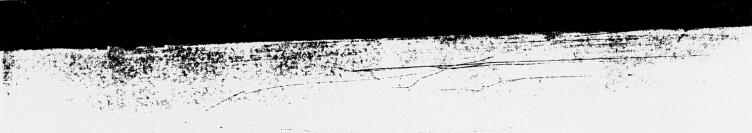




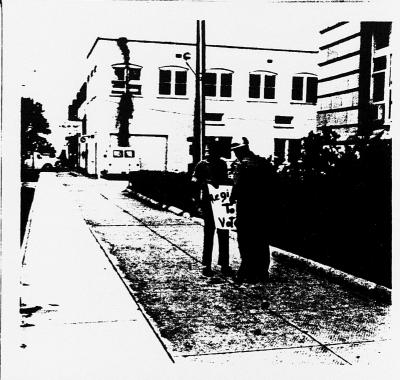








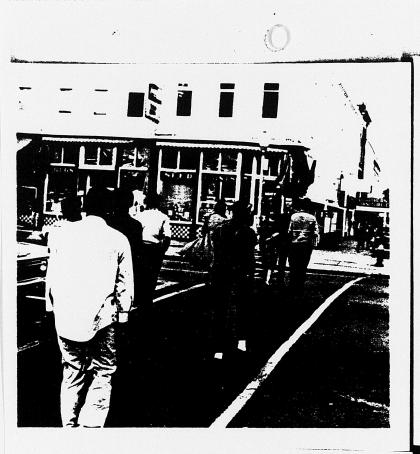






















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RACIAL SITUATION, STATE OF ALABAMA, SELMA, ALA. RM.

REMOTELS TODAY.

SOURCE SELMA, ALA., FURNISHED FOLLOWING INFO, WHICH IS SUMMARY OF INFO FURNISHED AT PRESS CONFERENCE HELD AT EXTH AVE BAPTIST CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM, ALA., TODAY - JAMES FORMAN, SNEC LEADER STATED THEY WIRED AG TO SEND FEDERAL MARSHALLS TO SELMA, THERE WAS QUOTE NO EXCUSE FOR NOT GETING HELP FROM FEDERAL GOV-T END QUOTE. HE STATED NEGROES NEED FEDERAL OFFICIALS TO SEE THERE IS NO SLOW DOWN IN REGISTRATION PROCEDURES AND TO PROVDE PROTECTION TO NEGROES FROM INTIMIDATION AND BRUTALITY ON PART OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS, SPECIFICALLY SHERIFF JAMES CLARK, DALLAS CO., ALA.

CARVER NEBLETT, FIELD SEC. SNCC AND ANOTHER NEGRO MALE
BELIEVED TO BE ALVERY LEE WILLIAMS AT PRESS CONFERENCE STATED
THEY WERE BEATEN BY CITY POLICE AND STATE TROOPERS WHILE STANDING
IN VOTER REGISTRATION LINE AND LATER IN JAIL AND HAD WITNESSES
TO THE BEATINGS. IN REGARD TO THIS INFO, BUREAU ATTENTION IS
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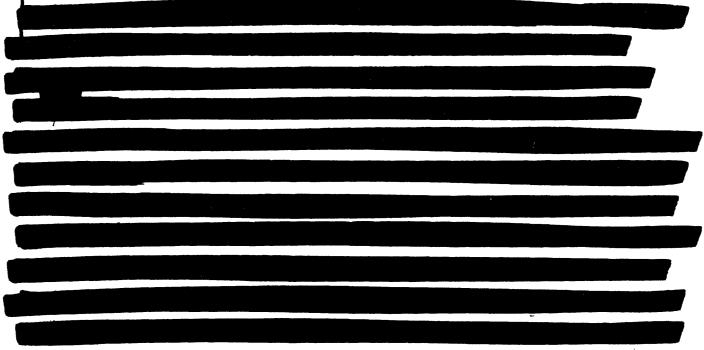
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CALLED TO MOBILE FILE FOUR FOUR DASH ONE ZERO FOUR ONE CAPTIONED UNSUB., ALA STATE TROOPERS INVOLVED IN ARREST OF VICTIMS TEN SEVEN SIXTYTHREE / CARVER GENE NEBLETT AKA QUOTE CHICO UNQUOTE / ALVERY LEE WILLIAMS DASH VICTIMS, CR. WHICH REPORT IS IN ROUTE TO BUREAU. AS NOTED THE TWO VICTIMS WERE ARRESTED BY STATE TROOPERS SELMA, ALA., ON TEN SEVEN SIXTYTHREE WHEN THEY ATTEMPTED TO SERVE PEOPLE IN VOTER REGISTRATION LINE SANDWICHES. BUAGENT OBSERVER ON SCENE AND PHOTOGRAPHED ARREST. NEBLETT WHEN APPROACHED BY TROOPERS SLUMPED TO GROUND IN PROTEST TYPE DEMONSTRATION, WILLIAMS TRIPPED OVER NEBLETT AND IMMEDIATELY WAS PICKED UP, OFFERED NO RESISTANCE AND WAS TAKEN TO WATING VEHICLE. NEBLETT STRUGGLED WITH OFFICERS FROM POSITION ON GROUND AND HAD TO BE BODILY CARRIED TO VEHICLE. BLOWS WERE STRUCK BY TROOPERS ABOUT ARMS, LEGS, AND SHOULDERS OF NEBLETT BUT WERE "PRODDING" TYPE BLOWS WITH ENDS OF NIGHT STICKS AND NOT FREE SWINGING. DEPT ATTORNEY INTERVIEWED BOTH VICTIMS TEN EIGHT SIXTYTHREE AND ADVISED AGENTS AT SELMA VICTIMS CONFIRMED THAT ONLY BLOWS STRUCK WERE PRODDING TYPE BLOWS. NO ALLEGATION MADE TEN EIGHT SIXTYTHREE OF ANY FURTHER BEATING IN JAIL AND WILLIAMS INFORMED AGENTS QUOTE I SUFFERED NO INJURY AS RESULT OF ARREST UNQUOTE. NEBLETT HAD SMALL ABRASION ON EACH SHOULDER BLADE ABOUT SIZE OF PENNY AND RED MARK LOWER RIGHT SIDE ABOUT SIZE OF A FIFTY CENT PIECE. PHOTOGRAPHS OBTAINED. END PAGE TWO

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AMELIA P. BOYNTON, NEGRO LEADER, SLMA, STATED AT PRESS CONFERENCE HUNDREDS OF NEGROES WILL TURN OUT NEXT TUESDAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE AND NEXT TUESDAY NIGHT A STATE MEETING OF SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD IN SELMA. SHE EXPECTS REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING TO SPEAK.

ELNORA COLLINS, NEGRO FEMALE FROM SELMA AT CONFERENCE SAID HER EMPLOYER TRIED TO TAKE HER PICTURE IN VOTER REGISTRATION LINE AND ATTACK HER WITH CATTLE PROD WHEN SE SHIELDED HER FACE. SHE AND ANOTHER NEGRO FIRED FROM JOBS BECAUSE EMPLOYER SAW THEM IN LINE.



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JAMES FORMAN MADE CLOSING STATEMENTS AT CONFERENCE STATING NEGROES WAS FORCED TO STAND IN LINE WITHOUT FOOD AND WATER OF TEN SEVEN SIXTYTHREE. WERE NOT ALLOWED TO TALK TO ANYONE. STATED HE TOLD SHERIFF CLARK HE HAD A RIGHT TO TALK TO THOSE IN LINE AND CLARK QUOTE YOUR CIVIL RIGHTS BE DAMED, IF YOU TALK TO THEM YOU WILL BE ARRESTED UNQUOTE. HE STATED NEGROES WAS STANDING ON FEDERAL BUILDING PROPERTY AT SELMA ON TEN SEVEN STYTHREE URGING VOTER REGISTRATION AND WERE ARRESTED. THE FEDERAL GOV-T SHOULD NOT PERMIT LOCAL OFFICERS TO ARREST NEGROES FOR CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVITIES ON FEDERAL PROPERTY.

IT IS NOTED CIRCUMSTANCES CONCERNING VOTER REGISTRATION LINE AND ARREST MADE BY SHERIFF TEN SEVEN SIXTYTHREE HAVE BEEN REPORTED IN CAPTIONED FILE BY LETTER HEAD MEMO. AGENTS OBSERVED, PHOTOGRAPHED AND REPORTED THE ABOVE INFO REFERRED TO BY FORMAN.

THE CONFERENCE CONCLUDED WITH THE STATEMENT THAT THE VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE WOULD BE REDOUBLED, NOT BE CONFINED TO SELMA BUT TO ALL DALLAS COUNTY.

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FROM SAC, MOBILE /157-367/ 2 P

()RACIAL SITUATION, STATE OF ALA., SELMA, ALA. RM.

NO RACIAL ACTIVITIES RELATIVE TO DEMONSTRATIONS, MASS RALLIES OR PICKETING SCHEDULED AT SELMA, ALA. FOR TODAY AND THE COMING WEEKEND, ACCORDING TO NEGRO SOURCE

STATES HAS NO AT SELMA DEFINITE PLANS FOR MONDAY AND TUESDAY, HOWEVER, REVEREND MARTIN LUTHER KING IS DEFINITELY EXPECTED AT SELMA ON TUESDAY, NEXT AND EXPECTS RENEWED ENTHUSIASM AMONG NEGROES AT SELMER AT THAT TIME. SOURCE STATES HE WILL MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH STIMA DA AND FURNISH ANY INFO RE CONTEMPLATED ACTIVITIES AS SOON AS THEY ARE PLANNED.

SEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY RICHARD WASSERSTROM STATES HE WILL ATTEMPT TO INTORDUCE PHOTOS MADE BY FBI OF ARRESTS OF PICKETS CARRYING VOTER REGISTRATION SIGNS, AT THE HEARING IN FEDERAL COURT, OCT. FIFTEEN, SIXTY THREE. STATES HE

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PHOTOS ARE ALLOWED TO BE INTRODUCED AT THE HEARING.

UACB, THESE AGENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR TESTIMONY.

WASSERSTROM REVIEWING THOSE PHOTOS THAT HE MAY DESIRE

FOR COURT PURPOSES AND STATES HE WILL REQUIRE ENLARGEMENTS

OF THOSE PHOTOS HE NEEDS. SELMA RA MAKING ARRANGEMENTS TO

HAVE THESE ENLARGEMENTS MADE FOR COURT PURPOSES.

CONTACT WITH SOURCES BEING MAINTAINED AND BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED.

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TO DIRECTOR FBI /157-6-61/

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FROM SAC, MOBILE /157-367/

10-14-63

 ${\cal O}$ racial situation, state of Alabama, selma, Alabama. Rm. REBUTEL TODAY.

FOR INFO BUREAU IT HAS BEEN STANDARD PRECEDURE TO NOTIFY DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS ON SCENE OF MASS RALLYS OCCURRING AT SELMA.

NEGRO MASS RALLY CHANGED FROM BAPTIST TABERNACLE TO BROWNS CHAPEL AME CHURCH, SYLVAN STREET, SELMA. MEETING BEGAN SEVEN THIRTY PM CST AND TERMINATED TEN PORTY TVE PM CST. ESTIMATED ATTENDENCE TWO HUNDRED FIFTY TO THREE HUNDRED NEGROES, SEVENTY TO EIGHTY PERCENT TEENAGERS. NO INCIDENT & OCCURRED.

COVERAGE HANDLED BY TWO SO CARS AND TWO PD CARS PATROLING AREA. CARS CONTAINED SIX DEPUTIES AND FOUR PD OFFICERS. NO OFFICERS STATIONED INSIDE CHURCH.

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TO DERECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, MOBILE /157-367/ 1 P

TACIAL SITUATION, STATE OF ALA., SELMA, ALA. RM. NEGRO SOURCE STATES NEGRO MASS RALLY SCHEDULED SEVEN THIRTY PM, CST BAPTIST TABERNACLE CHURCH, CORNER BROAD STREET AND MINTER AVE. PRINCIPAL SPEAKER IDENTIFIED MARGARET MOORE OF TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, A NEGRO COLLEGE AT

MILITARY AUTHORITIES ADVISED.

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UNITED STATES GO morandum TO Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 10-9-63

SUBJECT:

FROM

DETROIT, MICHIGAN

BALTIMORE, MARYI RACIAL MATTER - Nob

It will be recalled that the captioned individuals telephoned today for an appointment with the Director and when advised that Mr. Hoover's schedule did not permit an interview, they agreed to discuss the matter with another Bureau representative.

who said he resides at -At 2:15 p.m. today, Detroit 6, Michigan, accompanied by Baltimore, Maryland, appeared at the Bureau and spoke to Supervisor

of the Civil Rights Section and SA of the Crime Research

Section.

Both are

Negroes and they were in Selma, Alabama, 10-7-63, to observe Negroes efforts to register for voting.

They had been to speak to Burke Marshall in the Department and had discussed the seriousness of the situation in Selma, especially their feeling that when Negroes again attempt to register there will be widespread violence. They stated that only Federal intervention will prevent a blood bath and they had told this to Marshall. They related that the Dallas County Sheriff's office advertised on the radio for auxiliary police and had some 200 violent segregationists put in uniform and armed. They expressed concern as to whether the Government was sufficiently informed. They were assured the situation was being closely followed by the FBI and that information is being currently disseminated to the Department and appropriate Government agencies. The Bureau's position as an investigative agency was thoroughly explained to them and they appeared to understand that the FBI cannot afford protection or preserve the peace. They were furnished copies of the Director's statements concerning the FBI's role in civil rights matters.

1 - Mr. Belmont

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M. A. Jones to DeLoach Memo RE: They stated that they were present when police arrested two Negroes who attempted to bring sandwiches to those waiting in the line to register on 10-7-63 and that they saw 15 to 25 police surround the men and beat them to the ground where they were kicked and hit with billy clubs and cattle prods. This incident is presently under investigation at the request of the Department and they stated they had discussed it with Bureau Agents in Selma. They also stated that at approximately 6 p.m., 10-7-63 Selma, telephone number Negro, received a telephone call to the effect that "We're going to get you" because his wife had attempted to register that morning. He is being interviewed and the results will be promptly furnished to the Civil Rights Division. also said that a Selma, Alabama, has specific information concerning Negroes with graduate degrees who were refused registration. She is being interviewed and the results will be promptly furnished to the Civil Rights Division. bac knew of any other specific violation. Neither norThey inquired as to how many Negro Agents are assigned to Selma, Alabama, and were told that this was not known at the moment, that Agents are assigned as the needs of the said she wanted to urge the Bureau to use Negro Bureau's work dictate. Agents at Selma because she knows they could obtain information from Negroes which the Negroes would not reveal to white Agents. had seen Burke Marshall before coming Since here and since they both stated that they had furnished Burke Marshall all information they gave the FBI, there is no reason to advise the Department. called and the Director was advised Earlier, at 10:05 a.m., after of his request, the Director noted: "Since he is to see Marshall, there is no need to see called again he told the things he had to discuss involved FBI." When only the FBI and he insisted that they see an assistant.

For information.

RECOMMENDATION:

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION Mr. Tolson Mr. Belmont. Mr. Mohr. OCT 8-196 Mr. Casper. Mr. Callahan Mr. Conrad. Mr. DeLoach 67C Mr. Evans Mr. Gale Mr. Sulf Mr. Tavel Mr. Trotter Tele. Room Miss Holmes Miss Gandy. 5-33 PM CSG 10-8-63 URÉENT /157-6-61/ TO DIRECTOR, FBI FROM SAC, MOBILE /157-367/ 3 P PRACIAL SITUATION, STATE OF ALABAMA, SELMA, ALA., RM. REBUTEL TO MOBILE FOUR THIRTYFIVE PM EDT TODAY. MOBILE PREVIOUSLY AWARE OF INCIDENT INVOLVING MONTGOMERY, ALA. MATTER DISCUSSED WITH DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY RICHARD WASSERSTROM, WHO IS ON SCENE IN SELMA, THIS MORNING. WASSERSTROM STATED HE DESIRED INTERVIEW AND AFTER HE REVIEWED STATEMENT HE WOULD MAKE DETERMINATION AS TO WHETHER PRELIMINARY INVESTIAG, TION SHOULD **b7D** BE CONDECTED RELATIVE TO INCIDENT. INTERVIEWED TODAY. STATES HE WAS ON SCENE OCT. SEVEN, SIXTYTHREE AT DALLAS COUNTY OF VOTER REGISTRATION LINE AND COURT HOUSE RELATED ACTIVITIES. ADVISED: APPROBIMATELY TWO TWENTY PM CST STATE TROOPERS PUNCHED AT HIM WITH END NO DAMAGE DONE. OF NIGHT STICK WE LEV. EX-114 REG. 13

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TROOPER HIS NAME, TROOPER GRABBED HIM, SHOVED HIM AGAINST

TRUCK PARKED AT SCENE, TOLD HIM QUOTE GET OUT OF STREET UNQUOTE,

SPUN HIM AWAY AND SHIRT RIPPED. WALKED BACK TO SIDEWALK

AND UNKNOWN DALLAS COUNTY POSSE MEMBER SLAPPED HIM WITH BACKHAND

BLOW ON MOUTH BELIEVING HE WAS NOT MOVING FROM SCENE AS ORDERED

BY STATE TROOPER. NO EVIDENCE OF PHYSICAL INJURY APPARENT ON

FACE AND STATES QUOTE MORE SURPRISED AT BLOW

THAN HURT. UNQUOTE.

ABOVE DETAILS TO BE DISCUSSED WITH WASSERSTROM FOUR THIRTY PM CST TODAY.

REGARDING LEAFLET PUBLISHED BY DALLAS COUNTY WOMEN FOR CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT, REFERRED TO IN RETEL, WASSERSTROM CONTACTED SELMA AGENTS TODAY RE THIS MATTER ALSO. SELMA RA REFERRED HIM TO SELMA TIMES JOURNAL, DAILY NEWSPAPER WHICH PUBLISHED SAME INFO AS CONTAINED IN LEAFLET. WASSERSTROM LOCATED EDITION OF PAPER AT SELMA TIMES JOURNAL TODAY AND STATES FEI NEED MADE NO INQUIRY RELATIVE TO THIS MATTER AS HE HAS OBTAINED ALL INFO HE NEEDS FROM NEWSPAPER.

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FBI BY MAIL ON OCT. TEN NEXT. REPORT RE ASSAULT ON WILL BE FURNISHED BUREAU IN SEPARATE CAPTION FROM INSTANT CASE

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TO SAC MOBILE (157-367) **REC- 13** FROM DIRECTOR FBI (157-6-61)

RACIAL SITUATION, STATE OF ALABAMA, SELMA, ALABAMA,

RM

BEURTEL OCTOBER EIGHT SIXTY THREE.

BUTEL ON OCTOBER EIGHT REQUESTED INFORMATION REGARDING DATES AND PLACES WHERE SPECIAL REGISTRATION TO BE HELD IN DALLAS COUNTY, ALABAMA. SUTEL THIS INFORMATION AS PREVIOUSLY REQUESTED.

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NOTE:

Departmental Attorney John Doar advised on 10/8/63 information received that Dallas County plans to hold special registration during October and November on 15 different dates. He desired to know places and dates of special registration as such might be in conflict with provisions of an injunction obtained in U. S. District Court by the Department. Mobile teletype of 10/8 indicates information was in local paper regarding registration but no details were furnished to the Bureau.

Belmont Саврег Conrad Gale Sullivan Trotter \_ Tele. Room

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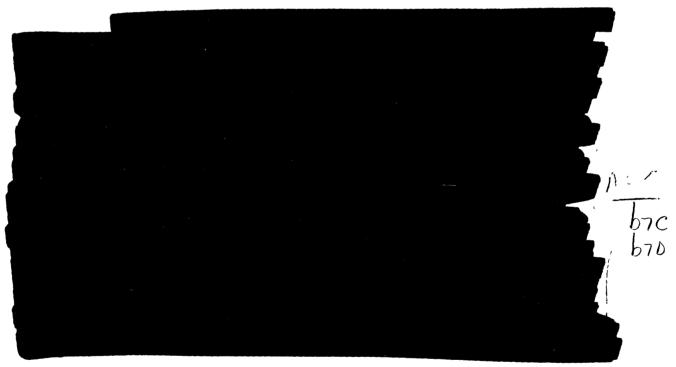
Mobile, Alabama October 5, 1963

RACIAL SITUATION STATE OF ALABAMA SELMA, ALABAMA Lote Form.

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On October 4, 1963 a reliable source of the Mobile Office advised that information had been developed that Negro comedian Dick Gregory and James Forman, Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) leader, would arrive in Montgomery, Alabama, at 3:20 p.m., Central Standard Time, by plane from Chicago, Illinois. Mrs. A. P. Boynton of the Dallas County Voters League at Selma would make arrangements to pick up both Gregory and Forman at the airport. Further, that a Dorothy Height, representative of the National Council of Negro Women, and a Shirley Paine (phonetic), representative of the National Council for Civil Rights, was due to appear in Selma on the evening of October 4, 1963 and would be in attendance at a Negro mass rally which was planned for the evening of October 4, 1963.



RACIAL SITUATION SELMA, ALABAMA

Bureau Agents observed that as of 11:15 p.m., Central Standard Time, the Negro mass rally which began at 7:30 p.m., Central Standard Time, had terminated. Negroes were filing out of the church and the Sheriff, his Deputies, and some thirty to forty Posse Members moved in close around the church and stationed themselves on all sides of the church.

sheriff and none of his Posse Members or Deputies entered the church but were waiting outside for a period of 45 minutes to an hour approximately 12:00 midnight, the lights were turned off in the church and the doors were secured. Sheriff Clark then withdrew from the scene with all of his Deputies and Posse Members and did not attempt to enter the church and

Agents, appeared to be the Sheriff's force, his Deputies, and some thirty to forty Posse Members, on the scene. The Seima Police Department had approximately eight officers on the scene. One Sheriff's Deputy, one Selma Police Department Patrolman, and one Alabama Safety Department Investigator were inside the church monitoring the meeting however they all were dressed in civilian clothes. The meeting terminated as herein set forth and the only unusual incident was the attempt to the original officers of violence occurred, law and order prevailed, and Negroes dispersed peacefully from the scene.

On October 5, 1963

Selma,

Alabama. Stated that

The principal speakers at the meeting were Dick Gregory, a Negro comedian from Chicago, Illinois, and James

### RACIAL SITUATION SELMA, ALABAMA

Forman, SNCC leader. Both Gregory and Forman spoke at various times during the times they were speaking from the rostrum of the church that Selma, Alabama, has made no effort at integrating any facilities, that Federal housing in Selma is not integrated, that there are not enough Negroes in Dallas County registered to vote and that the Negroes intended to do something about this. James Forman spoke concerning information that he had received that the Craig Air Force Base, Selma, Alabama, had a contract with some dairy in Selma to supply milk to the base and Forman stated he determined that this dairy did not employ any Negroes and "they were going to do something about that." Forman also stated during the course of his several talks from the rostrum of the church that the Negroes were not satisfied with the Commanding Officer at Craig Air Force Base and they also intended to take steps to have this Commanding Officer removed.

Both Forman and Gregory urged Negroes at the church to all appear at the Dallas County Courthouse, Selma, Alabama, on October 7, 1963 to register to vote. Forman and Gregory also stated that they wanted the Negroes, each one at the meeting, to bring twenty people with them to the Registration Board at the Dallas County Courthouse on Monday, October 7, 1963, and "bring a baloney sandwich and a cool drink with you" and urged the Negroes to be prepared to stay all day.

They pointed out that they knew all the Negroes could not be registered on October 7, 1963 but they wanted to focus attention upon the fact that the Negroes wanted to become registered voters. Forman specifically told the audience at the church that they were going to take steps to get Federal voter referees installed in Dallas County, Alabama, and told the Negroes that they did not have to worry about jail because they had plenty of money to bail the Negroes out. Forman told the Negroes not to agree with any Dallas County court official or City official concerning any of their children and told them not to sign any papers that the Dallas County officials requested them to sign.

Dick Gregory spoke for approximately one hour and fortyfive minutes in which he stated that law enforcement

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officers were "dogs," "idiots," "dumb." Referring to law enforcement officers, Gregory stated "these cats act like a bunch of moon folks that just got in and want to knock everything down."

Gregory stated that every Game Warden protects animals but law enforcement officers like Al Lingo and Sheriff James Clark come in on Negroes and they don't even like people. Gregory further stated that he didn't want to give away any secrets of the Negroes because there would be some changes in Selma in a few days. Gegory stated "white cops didn't know where to register to vote until the Negro showed him." He further stated that he observed white law enforcement officers in the audience and he stated "this is the first time I ever saw a white southern dumb cop writing and I don't believe that he has anything written on that paper." Gregory further stated that white cops slip into Negro churches to be among God fearing people but you don't see Negroes slipping into a white meeting because only fools want to be "around filth". Referring to the law enforcement officers in and outside of the church, Gregory called them "peons," "idiots," that do all the dirty work. He stated they are the "dogs that do all the biting." Referring to the southern white man, Gregory stated that the only way you can tell a southern white man is by one, his drinking fountains, two, his toilets, three, his right to call a Negro "a nigger." stated that as soon as the white man lost the toilets he was ready to kill, that when the white southerner called a Negro "a nigger," there "ain't no such thing." Gregory stated that since no such thing was in existence, it must exist only in the white man's mind and the white man is "sick." He further stated that he wished by the grace of God that some way all the Negroes could disappear while the white man was asleep and the white man would "go crazy lookin' for them." Referring to Governor Wallace, he stated that if there were no Negroes, Governor Wallace could not run on a segregation platform and he would have to run on a platform of "keep all Jews out of pizza parlors." He further stated that no slaves in the world have been as unfortunate as the American Negro in the things that the Negro had to go through. He said this was caused because the master was "lower than the slave" and the slave could not look up to anyone that he didn't have respect for.

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Gregory further stated that the white people talk about illegitimate children among the Negroes however they live in neighborhoods where they have "abortion credit cards."

James Forman also stated from the rostrum that he was "shook up" concerning the fact that Federal Marshals on October 3, 1963 took placards away from some Negro youths that were sent to the Federal Building to picket and tore those signs up. Forman stated that he was "gonna do something about that, too." According to also present at the meeting was a Dorothy Height from Washington, D.C., who stated that she had been interested in jails for over ten years and she had come to Selma, Alahama, to check into the jail situation here and to interview numerous Negro children that had been confined to these jails. Also present at the meeting was a Polly Cowan, white female, who was identified as being a representative of the Councils // for the Children's Citizens Committee.



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URGENT 10-9-63 TO DIRECTOR, FBI /157-6-61/ FROM SAC, MOBILE /157-367/

RACIAL SITUTION, STATE OF ALA., SELMA, ALA. RM.

REBUTEL TODAY.

BUREAU AGENT ON IMMEDIATE SCENE OF ARREST OF VICTIMS HE OBTAINED PHOTOGRAPHS IN SERIES OF WILLIAMS. ARREST IN FRONT OF DALLAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE. MOVIES OBTAINED OF VOTER REGISTRATION LINE AND AREATHROUGHOUT DAY BUT NOT OF PARTICULAR INCIDENT INVOLVING ARREST. AREA BEING FILMED COVERED OVER ONE BLOCK AREA OF VOTER REGISTRATION LINE AROUND COURTHOUSE. STILL FILM PROCESSED AND PRINTED LOCALLY TO EXPEDITE PER RE-QUEST OF DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY WASSERSTROM ON SCENE. PRINTS AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING BY ATTORNEY TODAY DEPICTING FOUR CLEAR SHOTS IN SERIES OF INCIDENT. BUREAU AGENT STATES THERE WAS LITTLE ACTION INVOLVED IN ARREST AS STATE TROOPERS COMPLETELY SURROUNDED BOTH NEBLETTO MOD WILLIAMS. VOLUNTARILY WHEN TROOPERS CONVERGED ON THEM OVER NEBLETT WHO WAS LYING ON SIDEWALK. DELIVERED BY TROOPERS CONSISTED OF QUOTE PRODDING NQUOTE TYPE END PAGE ONE

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BLOWS TO ARMS, LEGS, AND SHOULDERS. DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY HAS INTERVIEWED BOTH VICTIMS AND THEY CONFIRM THAT BLOWS WERE PRODDING TYPE AND NOT FREE SWINGING.

MOVIE FILM SENT TO BIRMINGHAM FOR PROCESSING BY KODAK CO.

AT REQUEST OF DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY ON SCENE. FILM EXPECTED

TO BE RETURNED TO SELMA TOMORROW MORNING FOR VIEWING BY

DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY. STILL PHOTOS REFERRED TO HEREIN BEING

FORARDED BUREAU TODAY DIRECTLY FROM SELMA.

AGENTS ON SCENE AT REGISTRATION AT MARION JUNCTION AND SUMMERFIELD SECTION TODAY BUT NO ACTIVITY OCCURRED. PHOTOS OBTAINED BUT NOT BELIEVED OF IMMEDIATE VALUE TO DEPARTMENT. END AND ACK

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Rourtel 10-9-63 captioned "Racial Situation, State of Alabama, Selma, Alabama," urfile 157-367, which shows that photographs were obtained throughout the day but none were obtained of the only instance of alleged brutality which occurred.

You should personally review this situation to determine why no photographs were obtained of the incident involving Neblett and Williams. If you determine that the Agents were derelict in their duty, forward memoranda of explanations and your recommendations as to administrative action.

Advise by 10-16-63 and impress upon all investigative and supervisory personnel that whenever photographic coverage is instituted the prime motive is to obtain good pictures of any violence, arrests, or other controversial events which may occur. Nothing is accomplished when photographs are obtained only of the peaceful aspects of the situation but not of alleged violence.

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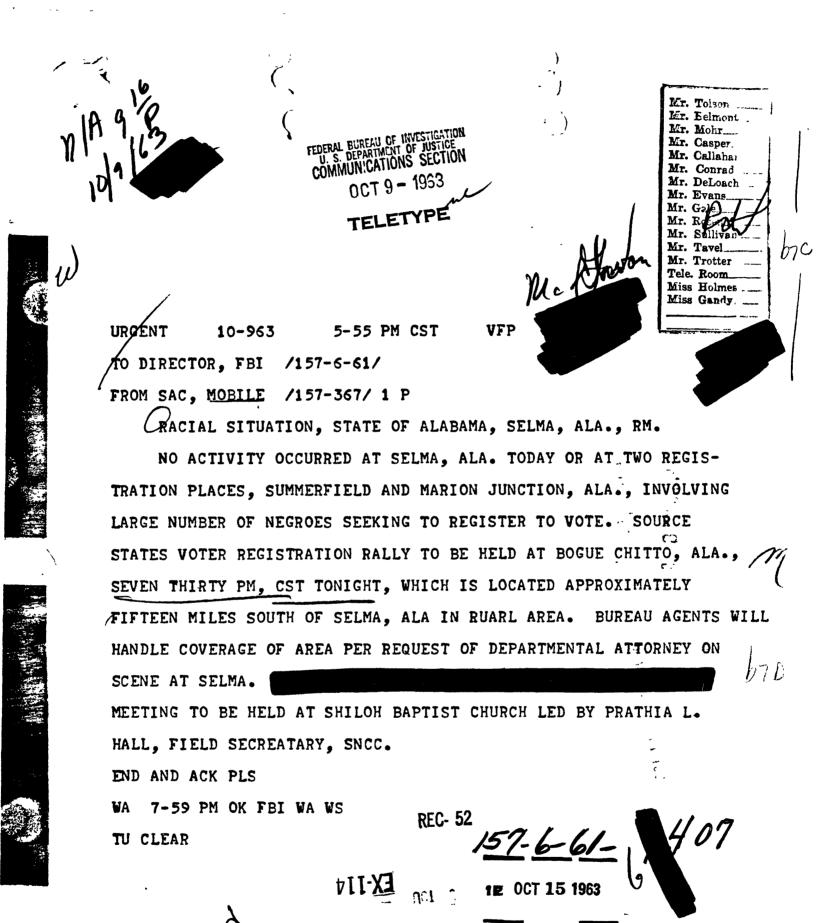
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TO DIRECTOR, FBI /156-6-61/ FROM SAC, MOBILE /156-367/

CRACIAL SITUATION, STATE OF ALABAMA, SELMA, ALA. RM.

RE BUREAU AIRTEL TEN FORTY SIX PM EDT, OCT. EIGHT, LAST.

DALLAS COUNTY REGISTRARS TO BE IN SUMMERFIELD SECTION OF DALLAS COUNTY, ALA. THIS MORNING FOR REGISTRATION PURPOSES AND AT MARION JUNCTION, ALA. THIS AFTERNOON. BOTH COMMUNITIES SPARSELY SETTLED RURAL AREAS WITH ONE OR TWO SMALL PUBLIC STORES IN EACH AREA.

COVERAGE OF BOTH REGISTRATION PLACES BEING AFFORDED BY BUREAU PERSONNEL.

SITUATION AT SELMA QUIET THIS MORNING. NO ACTIVITY OCCURRING AS OF NINE TEN AM CST.

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6-20 PM CST URGÆ 10/11/63 DIRECTOR, FBI /157-6-61/ AND SAC, BIRMINGHAM SAC, MOBILE /157-467/ FROM

RACIAL SITUATION, STATE OF ALABAMA, SELMA, ALA. RM. REMYTEL TODAY.

SOURCE, SELMA, ALA., STATES HE RECEIVED INFORMATION CON-CERNING FACT THAT WORTH WESTINGHOUSE LONG, AREA COORD NATOR **b7C** FOR SNCC AT SELMA, WAS TO MAKE PRESS RELEASE AT A CONFE AT THE SIXTH AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH IN BIRMINGHAM, ALA. TODAY THIS CONFERENCE WAS ALLEGEDLY AT TWO THIRTY PM CST, HOWEVER IT WAS DETERMINED THROUGH THE SOURCE AT FIVE FIFTEEN PM CST AT SELMA THAT LONG WAS AN HOUR AND THIRTYFIVE MINUTES LATE FOR THE PRESS CONFERENCE AND INFORMATION CONCERNING RELEASE WAS NOT AVAILABLE AT PRESENT. CONTACT WITH **5** OCT 14 1963 BIRMINGHAM, AND WILL FURNISH DETAILS OF PRESS CONFERENCE THIS. EVENING. MOBILE FOLLOWING AND THE BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED.

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TO

DIRECTOR, FBI (157-6-61)

DATE: 10/14/63

FROM

SAC, MOBILE (157-367)(P)

SUBJECT:

RACIAL SITUATION, STATE OF ALABAMA, SELMA, ALABAMA RM

ReMolet dated 10/10/63.

Transmitted herewith are three sets of photographs depicting voter registration line in front of the Dallas County Courthouse on October 7, 1963. Photographs taken by SA

Photograph #1 - Entrance of Dallas County Courthouse before voter registration line formed.

Photographs 2-30 - Sections of voter registration line.

Photographs 31-32 - JAMES FOREMAN, SNCC leader, JAMES BALDWIN, author.

Photographs 33-51 - Sections of voter registration line.

Photographs 52-56 - JAMES FOREMAN, SNCC leader and JAMES BALDWIN, author, attempting to enter Dallas County Courthouse.

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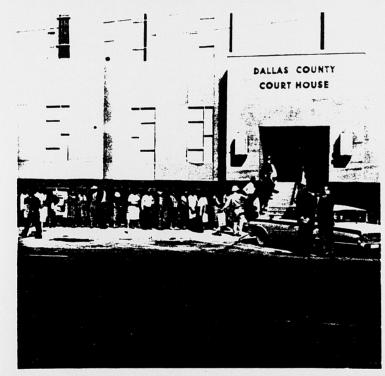
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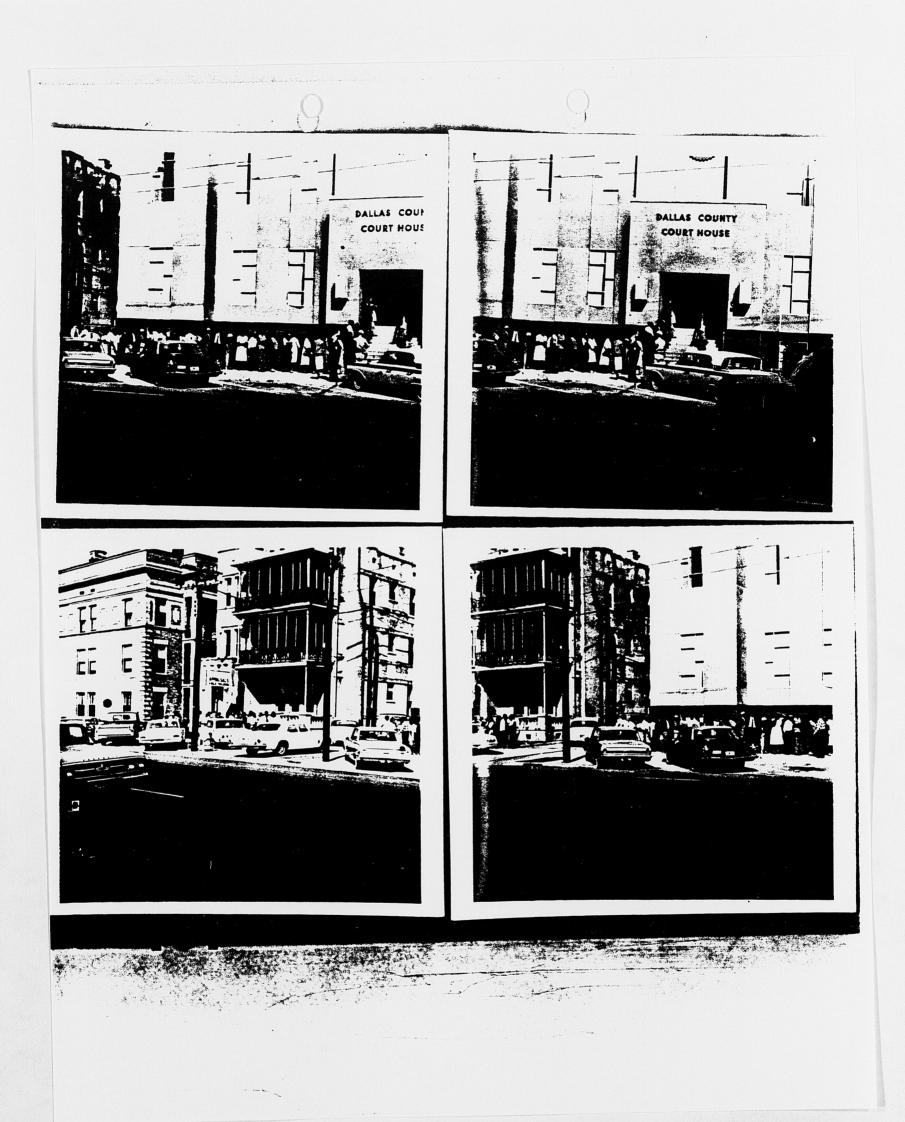
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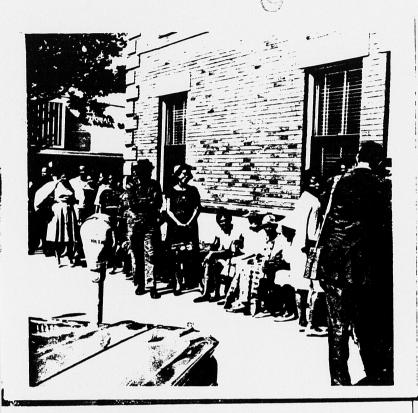


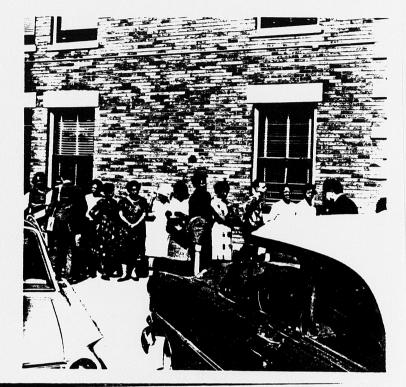


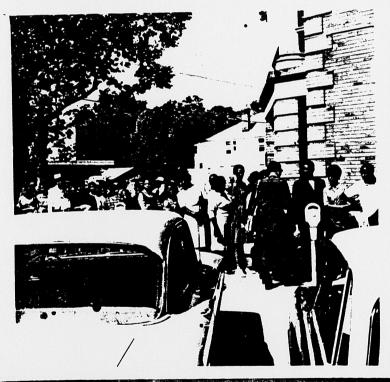








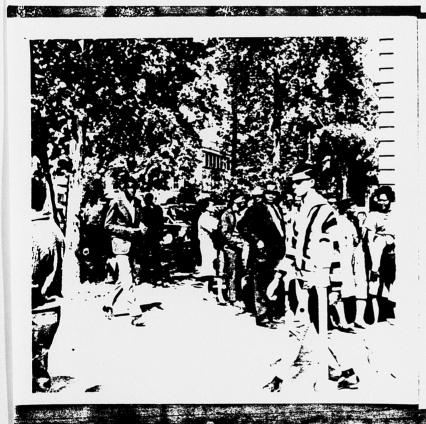




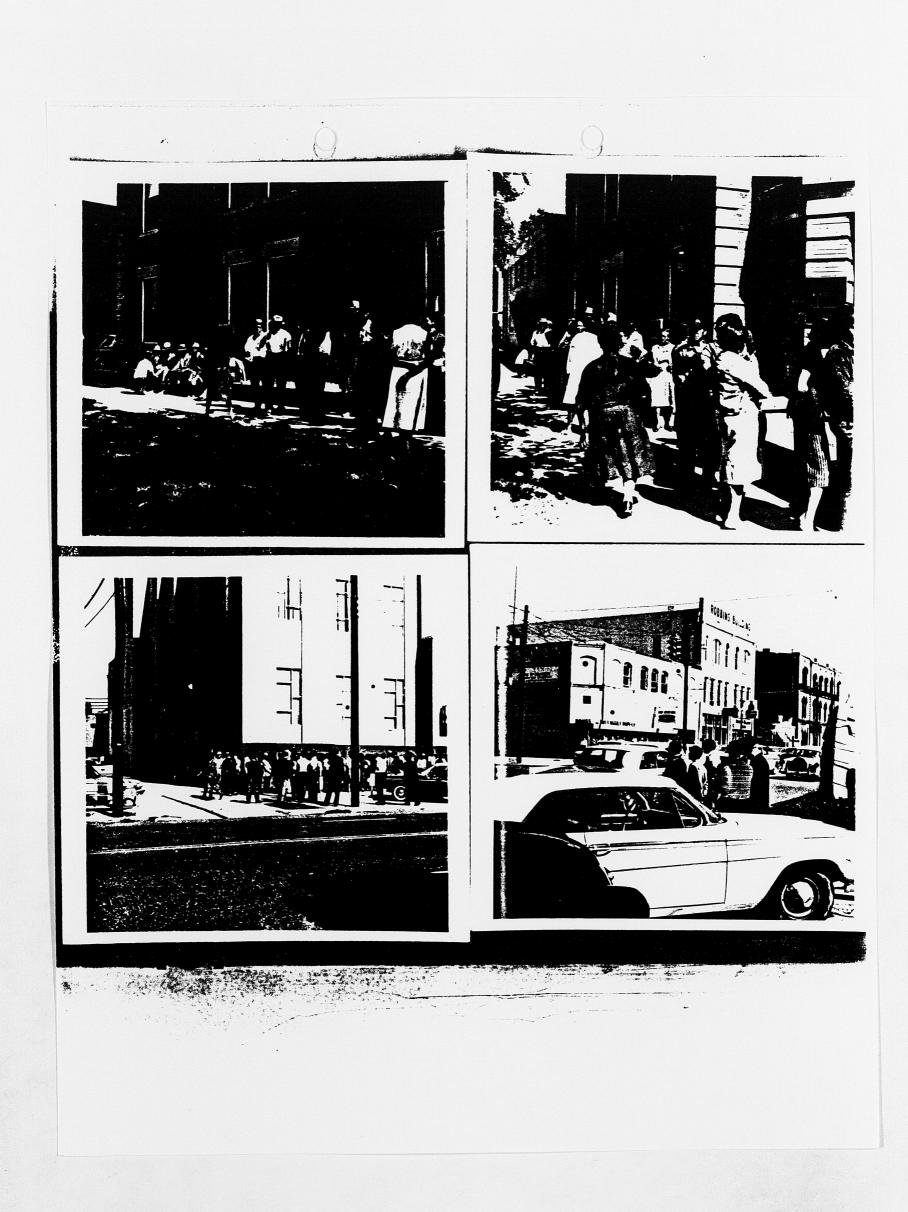


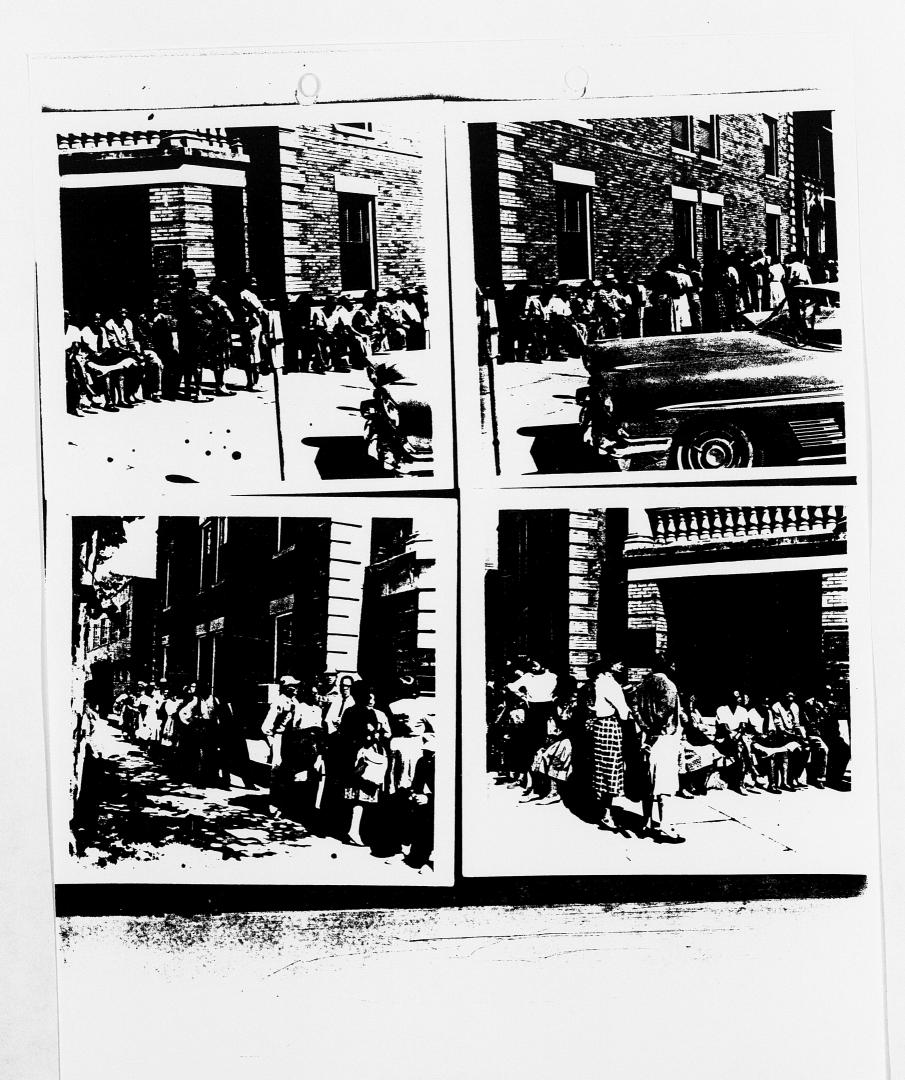


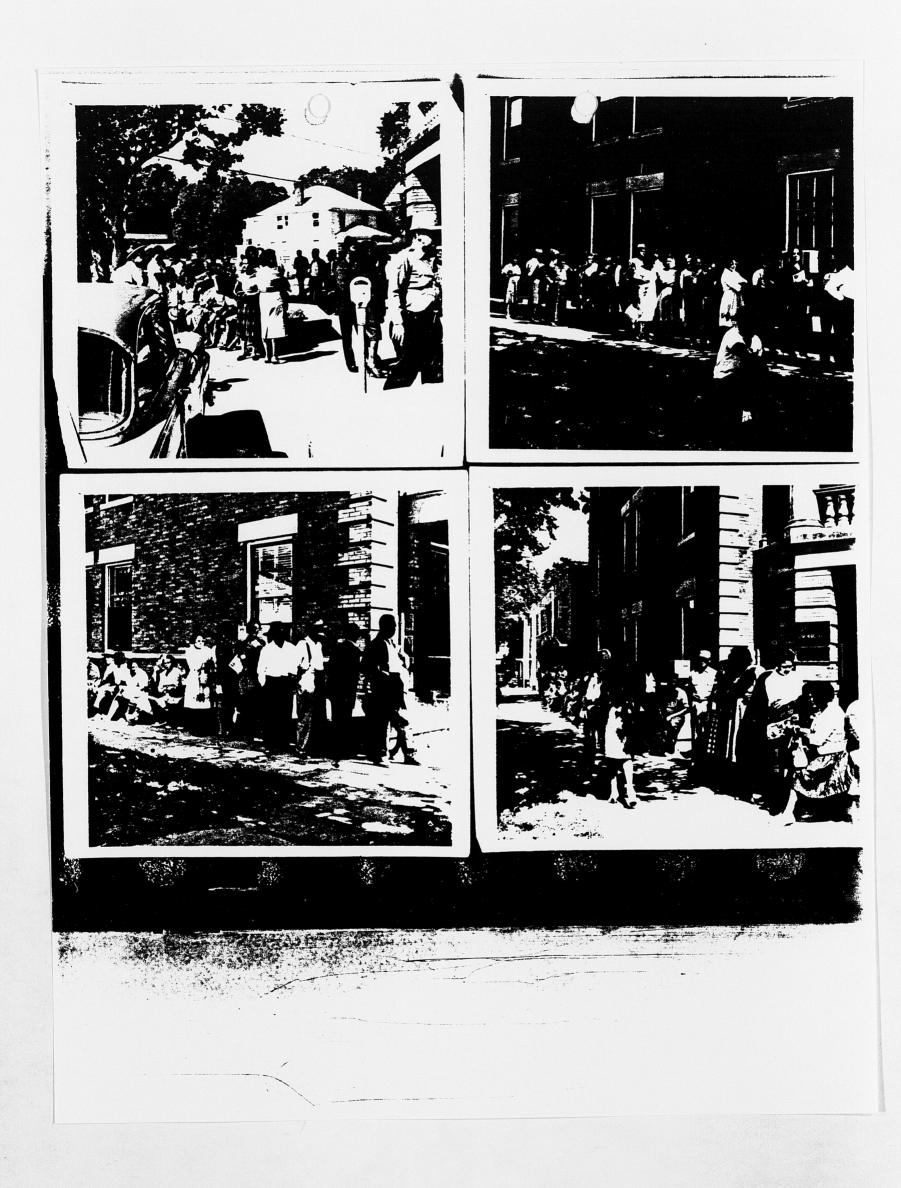


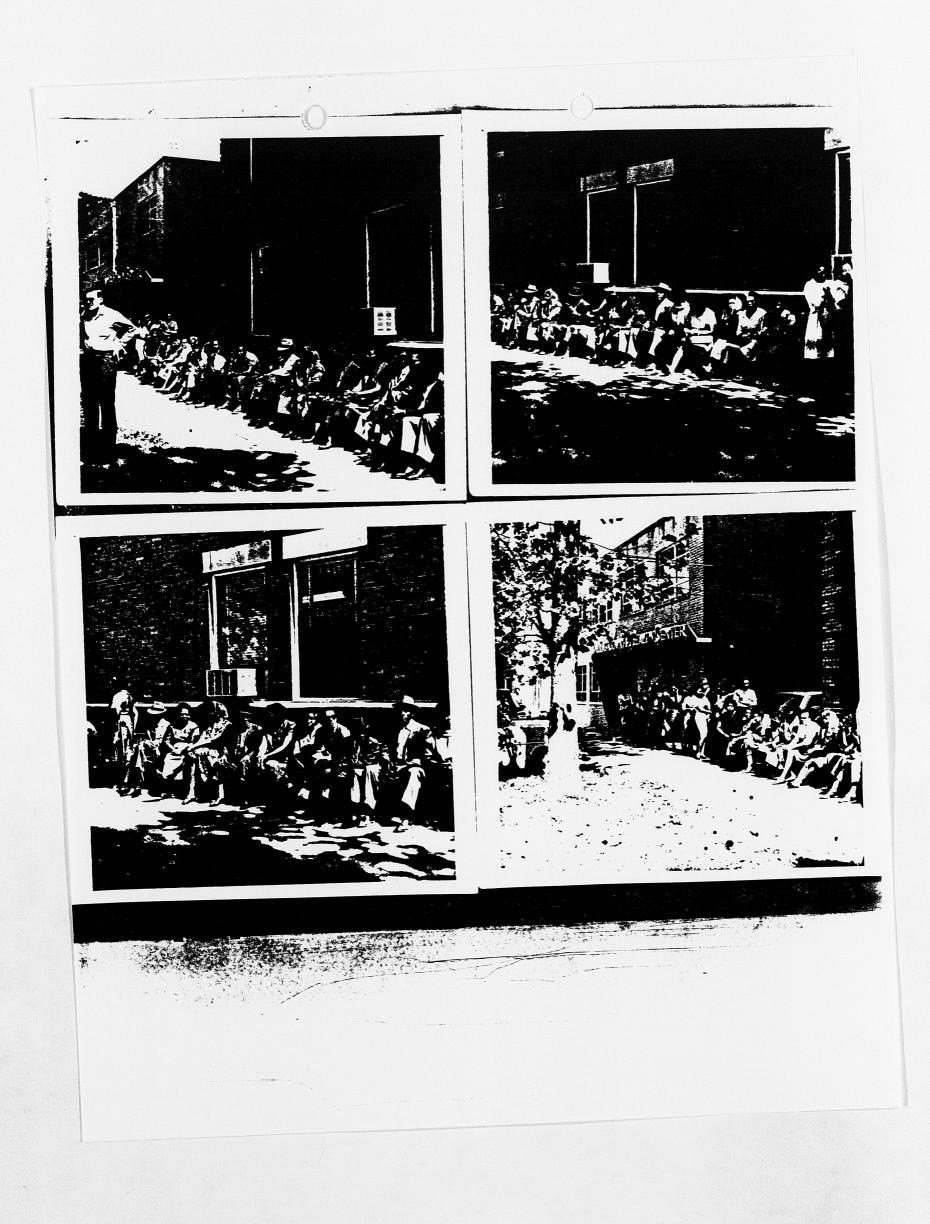


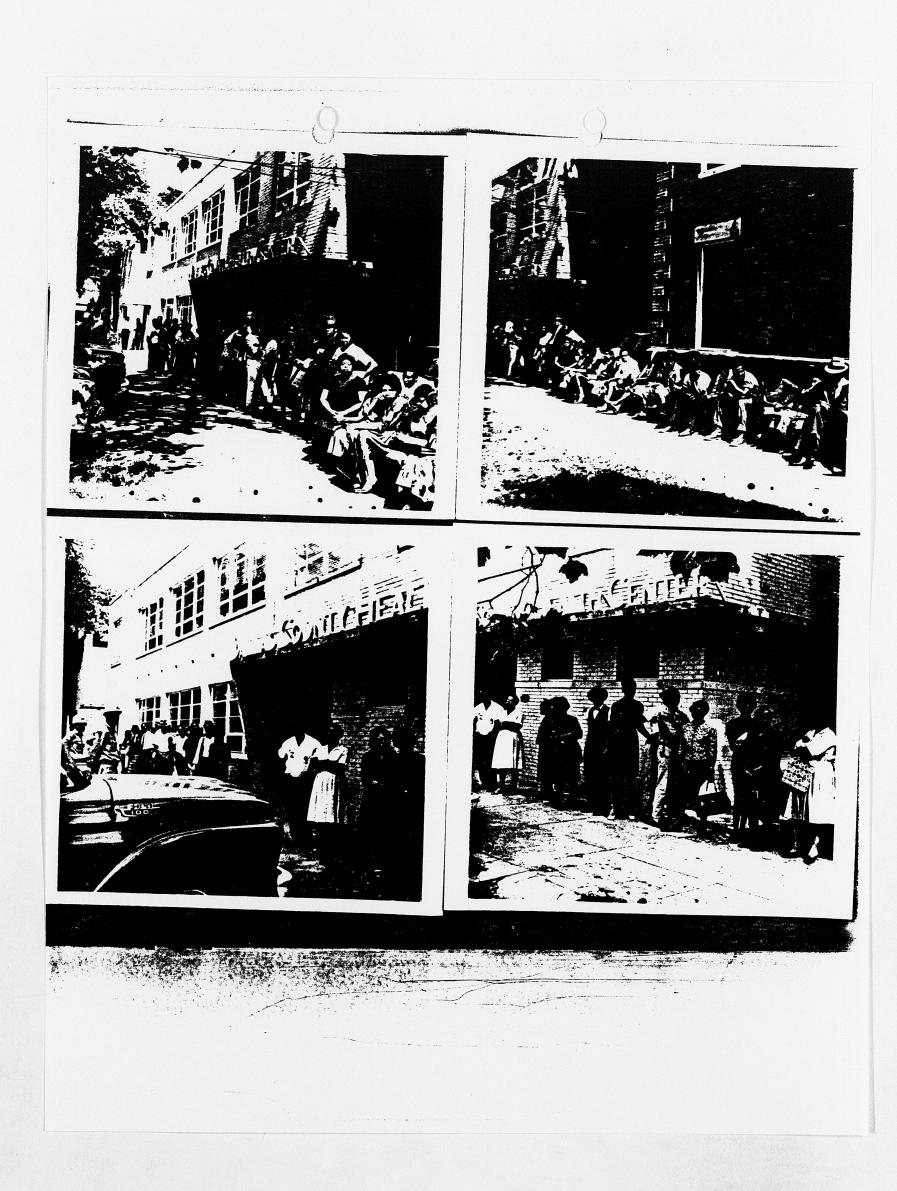




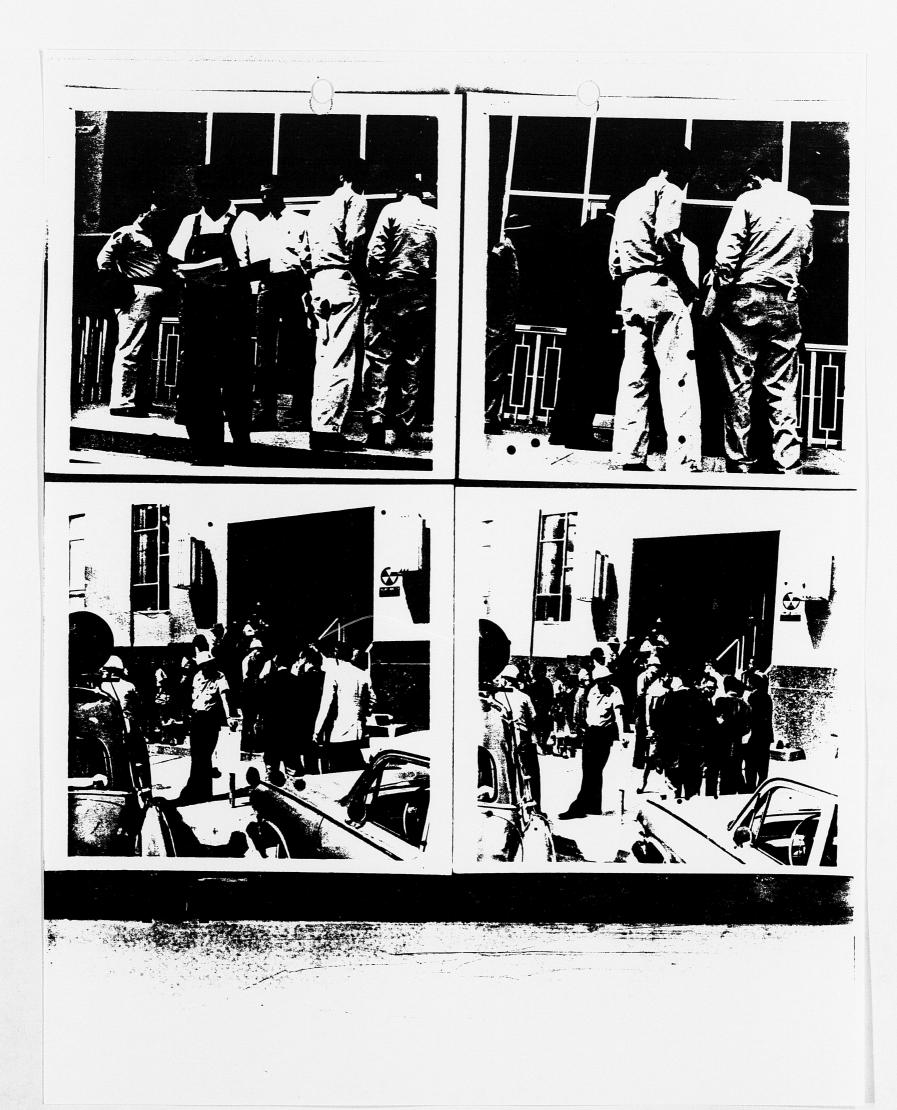












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URGENT 10-15-63 5-30 PM CST VFP TO DIRECTOR, FBI /157-6-61/ FROM SAC, MOBILE /157-367/ 2 P

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AS OF THREE FORTYFIVE PM, CST, THERE WERE THIRTYSIX INDIVIDUALS, ALL NEGROES, REMAINING IN THE VOTER REGISTRATION LINE AT THE DALLAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, SELMA, ALA. MAXIMUM NUMBER OF INDIVIDULAS IN LINE AT ANY ONE TIME TODAY WAS ESTIMATED AT SEVENTY PERSONS. THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE LEFT STANDING IN LINE WHEN BOARD CLOSED AT FOUR PM, CST, WERE FURNISHED NUMBERS SO THAT THEY WILL BE FIRST IN LINE TO REGISTER TOMORROW.

MASS NEGRO RALLY SCHEDULED FOR SEVEN THIRTY PM, CST, TONIGHT AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, CORNER OF SYLVAN AND JEFF DAVIS AVE., WHERE PRINCIPAL SPEAKER IS DENTIFIED BY NEGRO SOURCE AS REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING. A LARGE TE OCT 17 1963 CROWD IS EXPECTED AT CHURCH.

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AGENTS WILL OBSERVE. DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS ON SCENE COGNIZANT OF MASS RALLY AND WILL BE KEPT INFORMED. LHM FOLLOWS.

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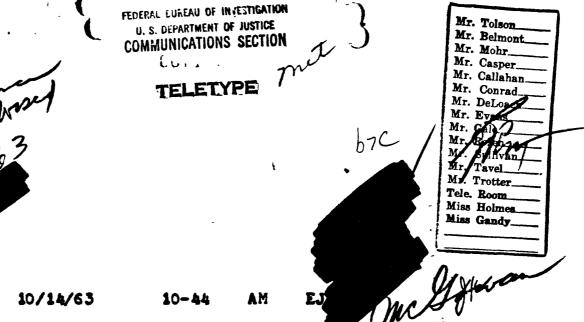
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FROM SAC, MOBILE /157-367/

Oracial situation, state of Alabama, selma, ala.

NO ACTIVITY OCCURRING SELMA, ALABAMA AS OF TEN AM, CST., TODAY. SOURCE STATES REVEREND MARTIN LUTHER KING EXPECTS TO ARRIVE IN SELMA TOMORROW AND SCHEDULED TO SPEAK AT LUNCHEON AT NOON TOMORROW. HE WILL SPEAK AT NEGRO MASS RALLY, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, CORNER OF SYLVAN STREET AND JEFF DAVIS AVENUE TOMORROW NIGHT.

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STATES CARDS WILL BE ISSUED TO SOME SIXTY PEOPLE WHO APPEAR FERST AT REGISTRATION BORAD, DALLAS COUNTY COURT HOUSE DOMORROW MORNING. HE INTENDS TO HAVE REGISTRATION LINE COME OUTSIDE GOOR OF COURT HOUSE INTO LARGE ALLEYWAY AND TO BLOCK OFF EACH ENDOF ALLEYWAY IN ORDER TO ELIMINATE CONFUSION VOTER REGISTRATION LINE AND TO PROHIBIT UNAUTHOR

FROM CONTACTING INDIVIDUALS WITHIN THE LINE.

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WILL ADVISE ALL INDIVIDUALS APPEARING TO REGISTER AFTER SOME SIXTY CARDS ISSUED THEY ARE WELCOME TO STAND IN LINE, HOWEVER, MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF PERSONS BOARD WILL BE ABLE TO PROCESS WILL BE FROM FIFTY OR SIXTY. BY USE OF CARDS EXPECTS TO AFFORD INDIVIDUALS STANDING IN LINE OPPORTUNITY TO GO TO REST ROOMS, GET DRINKS OF WATER, AND OBTAIN FOOD WHEN THEY DESIRE WITHOUT LOSING THEIR PLACE IN LINE AT TIME THEY RETURN.

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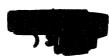
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RACIAL MATTERS.

REURTEL TODAY.

INSURE PERTINENT INFORMATION CONCERNING VOTER REGISTRATION ACTIVITIES AND INFORMATION CONCERNING VOTER REGISTRATION RALLIES IS PROMPTLY FURNISHED TO INTERESTED DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS ON SCENE, IF NOT ALREADY BEING DONE. FUTURE TELETYPES SHOULD CONTAIN INDICATION TO EFFECT DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS ON SCENE ADVISED. U. S DEPARTMENT OF TO COMMINICATIONS SECTION

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NOTE: If no further radio contact with Mobile, this date, send by urgent plain text teletype.

Incoming teletype contains information to the effect that Reverend Martin Luther King will speak at a mass rally (possibly timed to coincide with voter registration which is scheduled to Tolson commence at Court House, Selma, again on October 15) and also sets Mohr . Forth statements of the state of a state of the state of cards to be a state of cards to be Forth statements of Callahan Conrad be issued to first 60 arriving so they can hold their place in line. In view of the fact that Departmental Attorneys are Evans \_ present in Selma observing registration of veters and handling Federal suit on this subject, it appears that MO should keep the se Trotter trotter fully advised in addition to advising the Bureau.

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UNITED STATES GE ERNMENT

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Mr. Belmont

DATE 10/7/63

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SELMA, ALABAMA

John Doar of the Civil Rights Division of the Department called at 2:30 p.m. and advised there were two Departmental attorneys in Selma observing the situation there. He stated he had previously, while in Birmingham, requested that pictures be obtained with a movie camera of any incidents which might take place on October 7, which is one of the registration days in Selma.

He advised that two Departmental attorneys were in Selma today and he understood there were approximately five hundred people around the court house attempting to register; that Alabama Highway Patrol troopers were coming back into Selma; and there was a rumor out that the sheriff had put out word to get as many white people as possible to come to the court house. Doar commented he would be quite surprised if the day ended without some incidents at Selma and without someone getting hit.

Doar was advised that as many pictures as possible would be obtained of any incidents which occurred in Selma.

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Director, FBI

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memolet 10-14-63, which indicated three sets of photographs depicting voter registration line in front of Dallas County Courthouse on 10-7-63 were submitted.

The enclosure furnished by Mobile contained four sets of photographs and the exposed roll of film. One set of photographs and the roll of film are being returned herewith for the Mobile file.

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DIRECTOR, FBI /157-6-61/

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CRACIAL SITUATION, STATE OF ALA., SELMA, ALA.

APPEARED AT SELMA RESIDENT

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Mr. Sulliva Mr. Tavel. Mr. Trotter Tele. Room Miss Holmes Miss Gandy.

AGENCY APPROXIMATELY EIGHT A. M., CST, AND COMPLAINED THAT THEY OBSERVED NEGROES STANDING IN LINE AT VOTER REGISTRATION BOARD HOWEVER THESE NEGROES DID NOT RECEIVE A NUMBER THAT WAS CONSISTENT WITH THEIR PLACE IN LINE. THEY STATE THAT A NEGRO APPEARED TO BE FIRST IN LINE HOWEVER HIS NUMBER WAS THIRTY SIX. DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY JOHN DOAR ALSO ASCERTAINED THE SAME INFORMATION AND IN CHECKING AT THE DALLAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE HE LEARNED THAT SEVERAL NUMBERS HAD BEEN ISSUED PRIOR TO THE TIME THIS NEGRO SOURCE, SELMA, ALA., STATES NUMBERS ARRIVED IN LINE. BEING ISSUED TO INDIVIDUALS APPEARING AT VOTER REGISTRATION BOARD, SELMA, ON QUOTE FIRST COME; FIRST SERVED UNQUOTE 6-61-415 AS OF NINE FIFTEEN A MIZ CETTE STATE NUMBERS HAVE 12 OCT 16 1963 END PAGE ONE

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BEEN HANDED OUT WHICH IS ALL NUMBERS TO BE ISSUED. RATIO OF NUMBERS ISSUED ABOUT SIXTY PERCENT WHITE AND FORTY PERCENT NEGRO. SOURCE STATES AFTER PERSON RECEIVES NUMBER HE DOES NOT HAVE TO REMAIN IN LINE BUT CAN RETURN TO BOARD WHEN HE ESTIMATES HIS TURN TO REGISTER HAS COME UP. PERONS BEGAN ARRIVING AT BOARD SHORTLY AFTER SEVEN A.M., CST. DUE TO USE OF NUMBER SYSTEM, NO CROWD HAS FORMED AS YET. AT BOARD. APPROXIMATELY FORTY IN LINE INSIDE OF COURTHOUSE. LHM FOLLOWS.

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FEDERAL PHREAU OF HIVESTIGATION U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HUSTICE COMMUNICATIONS SECTION TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, MOBILE FROM SAC, SAN FRANCISCO /100-50885/ RE SAC LETTER SIX THREE DASH FOUR FOUR DATED SEPTEMBER FOUR ONE NIME SIX THREE. DELEGATION CONSISTING OF CAPTIONED INDIVIDUALS CALLED AT TH BEBKELEY, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT AGENCY P.M. OF OCTOBER EIGHT INSTANT, REQUESTING FIVE DEMANDS BE IMMEDIATELY TELEPHONED TO DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND FBI AT SELMA, ALABAMA. DELEGATION INTERVIEWED BY SENIOR -RA DEMANDS IN BRIEF WERE - ONE, (SEND FODERAL MARSHALS TO SELMA. TWO, FILE INJUNCTION AGAINST SELMA CITY OFFICIALS TO PREVENT THEIR DENYING RIGHT TO ASSEMBLE OR VOTE. THREE, SEEK IMMEDIATE ACTION IN SUIT CACLINGS PRESISTRAR OF WOTERS IN DALLAS COUNTY. FOUR URGE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE TO DECLARE, TOWN OF SELMA AND COUNTY OF DAL END PAGE QNE MR. BELMONT FOR THE DIRECTOR

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TO CRAIG AIR FORCE BASE. FIVE, ARREST SHERIFF CLARK AND OTHER PUBLIC OFFICIALS WHO ARE DEPRIVING NEGRO CITIZENS OF CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS.

IN ADDITION DELEGATION STATED TELEPHONE CALL JUST RECEIVED FROM

JAMES FOREMAN, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, STUDENT NONVIOLENT COORDINATING

COMMITTEE, SELMA, ALABAMA, TO EFFECT THAT ON OCTOBER SEVEN, ONE NINE

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TROOPERS, BEATEN WITH NIGHT STICKS AND JAILED WITHOUT MEDICAL ATTENTION. ARREST WAS MADE WHILE NEBLETT AND WILLIAMS WERE CARRYING FOOD TO

NEGROES STANDING IN LINE IN SELMA TO VOTE.

DURING COURSE OF INTERVIEW OF DELEGATION, FORTY PICKETS MARCHED AND SANG ON STREET AT ENTRANCE OF BERKELEY RESIDENT AGENCY. ONE PLACARD STATED QUOTE ONE MAN, ONE VOTE END QUOTE. ANOTHER QUOTE MY BROTHER WAS BEATEN IN SELMA WHILE THE FBI WATCHED END QUOTE. DELEGATION WAS ASKED FOR SPECIFIC INFORMATION BUT STATED THEY HAD NONE AND ONLY INFORMATION IN POSSESSION WAS THAT RECEIVED IN TELEPHONE CALL REFERRED TO ABOVE.

DELEGATION STATED FORMAL COMPLAINT BEING FILED IN SELMA, ALABAMA, BY SNCC.

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DELEGATION WAS PROMPTLY AND COURTEOUSLY RECEIVED, AND FBI JURISDICTION IN CIVIL RIGHTS CASES THOROUGHLY EXPLAINED. THEY WERE INFORMED FBI WAS INVESTIGATIVE, NOT PROSECUTIVE AGENCY. DELEGATION WAS FURTHER ADVISED DEMANDS WOULD BE GIVEN PROMPT ATTENTION. DELEGA-TION WAS ORDERLY AND EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR COURTESY AND CONSIDERA-TION GIVEN.

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING CONCLUSION OF INTERVIEW OF DELECATION, PICKETS DISPERSED IN ORDERLY MANNER.

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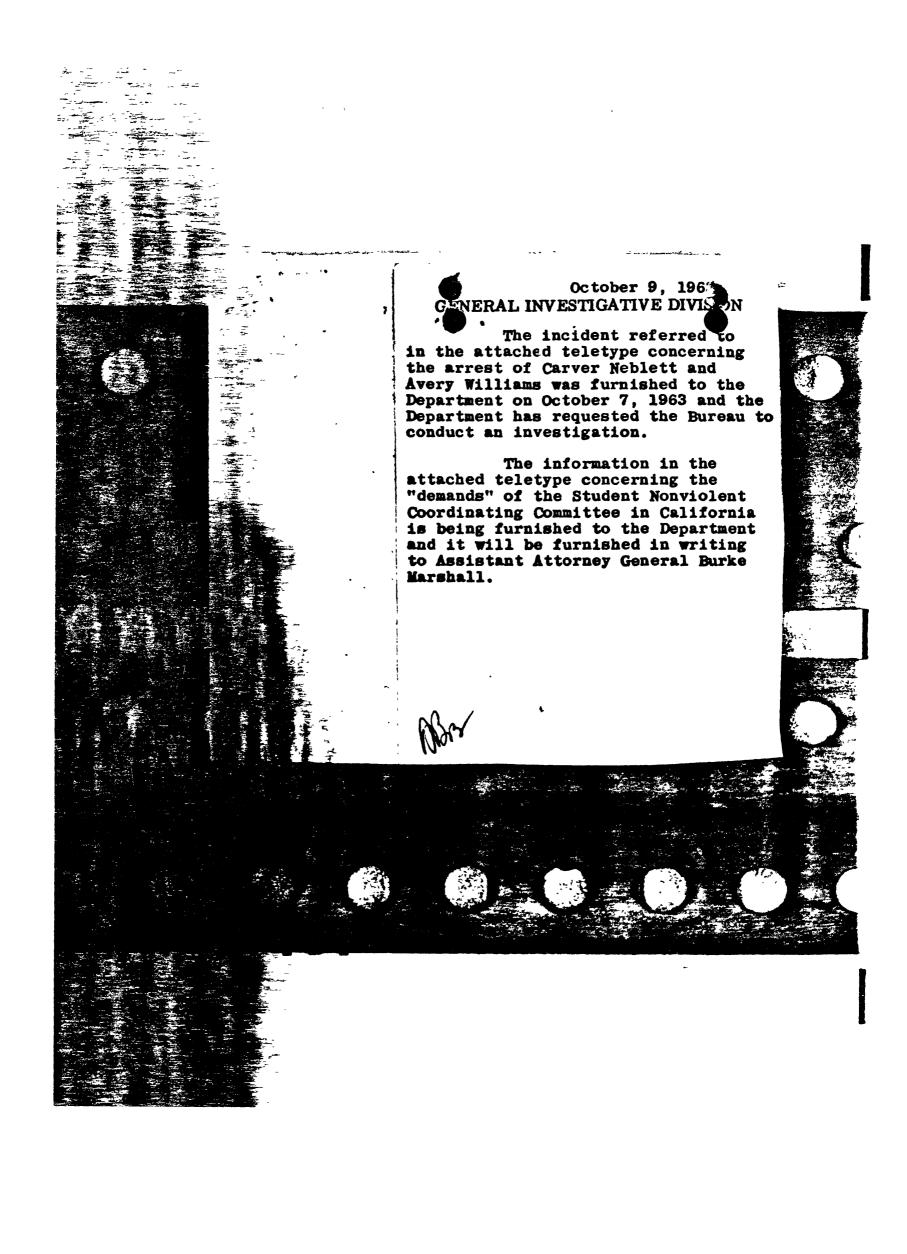
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## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Mobile, Alabama October 14, 1963

RACIAL SIUTATION STATE OF ALABAMA SELMA, ALABAMA

The following information concerning registration dates of the Dallas County, Alabama Board of Registrars at Selma, Alabama was contained in the Selma Times Journal, a daily newspaper published at Selma, dateline of September 18, 1963:

"In accordance with the provisions of the registration laws, Title 17, Section 26, Code of Alabama, 1940, the registrars of Dallas County, Alabama do hereby give notice that the following appointments are set for the purpose of registering those qualified under the law to register as electors:

"Precinct No. 23 at Memorial Garden, Selma on October 1, 1963, AM.

"Precinct No. 25 at Safford, Alabama, on October 1, 1963, PM.

"Precinct 23 at B. C. and G Construction Company, Selma, on October 2, 1963, AM.

"Precinct No. 8 at Orrville, Alabama on October 2, 1963, PM.

"Precinct No. 11 at Pine Flat on October 3, 1963, AM.

"Precinct No. 29 at Browns, Alabama on October 3, 1963, PM.

"Precinct No. 4 at Valley Creek on October 4, 1963, AM.





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"Precinct No. 1 at Plantersville, Alabama on October 4, 1963, PM.

"Precinct No. 30 at Kings on October 8, 1963, AM.

"Precinct No. 13 at Pleasant Hill, October 8, 1963, PM.

"Precinct No. 2 at Summerfield October 9, 1963, AM.

"Precinct 28, Marion Junction, October 9, 1963, PM.

"Precinct No. 22, Burnsville, October 10, 1963, AM.

"Precinct No. 35 at Mitchell, October 11, 1963, PM.

"Precinct No. 32 at Carlowville, October 14, 1963, PM.

"Precinct No. 36 at Courthouse on October 7, 15, 16, 17, 18, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 28, 29, 30, 31, and November 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 18, 1963.

"Signed V. B. Atkins, Chairman, A. C. Allen, J. R. Bibb, Registrars, Dallas County. No person shall be registered except at the courthouse or the precinct or ward where he or she resides."

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RACIAL SITUATION STATE OF ALABAMA SELMA, ALA. RM

Transmitted herewith are 3 sets of photographs depicting the following:

A. Photographs 1, 3-6, taken 9/26/63 by SA Brown's A.M.E. Chapel, Sylvan St., and Negro students singing on steps.

B. Photograph 2, taken 9/26/63, by SA "Freedom House", 1703 Union St. (frequent headquarters for Selma SNCC movement).

C. Photographs 7-21, taken 9/27/63 by SA
Dallas County Courthouse and vicinity with Negro
voters' registration pickets, local law enforcement officers
and Sheriff's buses loaded with arrested pickets.

D. Photograph 22 taken 9/27/63 by SA Unidentified Negro male near Dallas County Courthouse.

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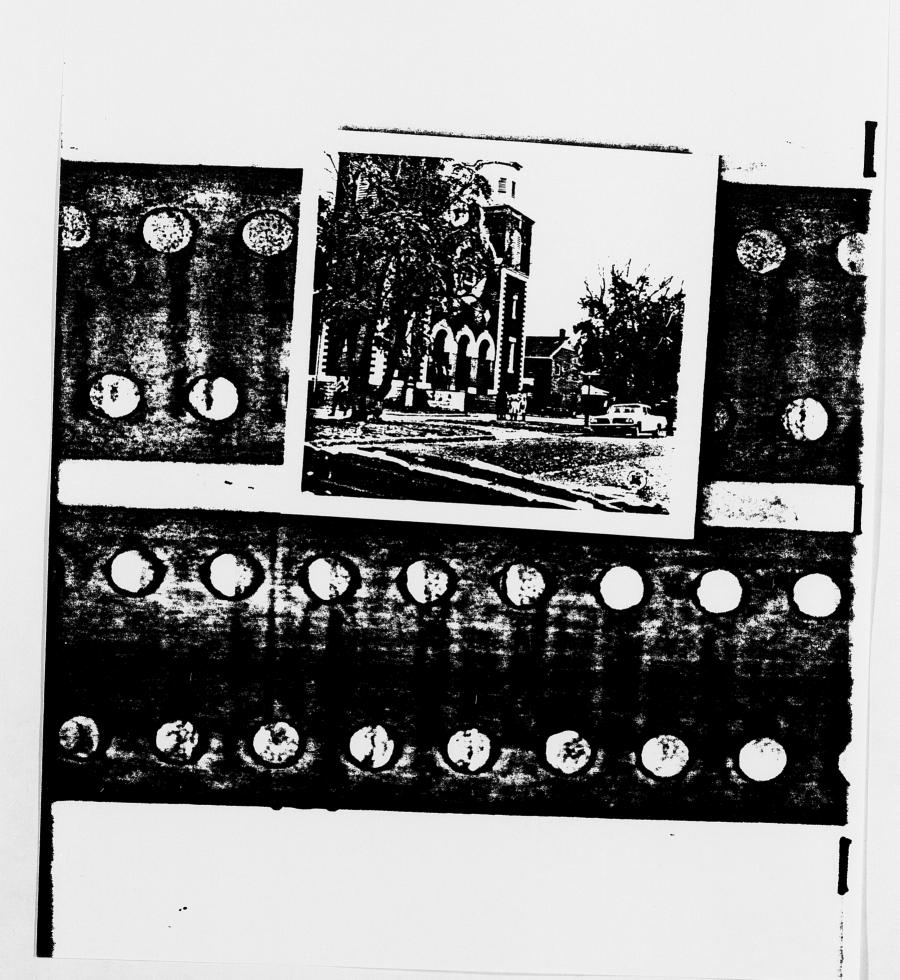
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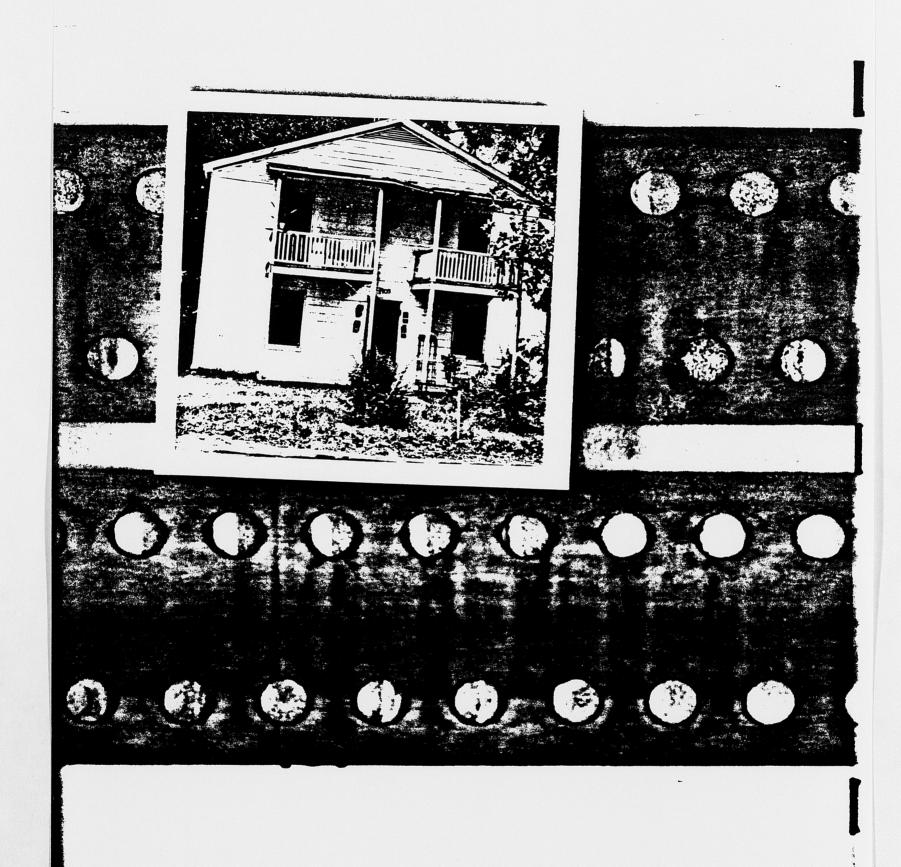
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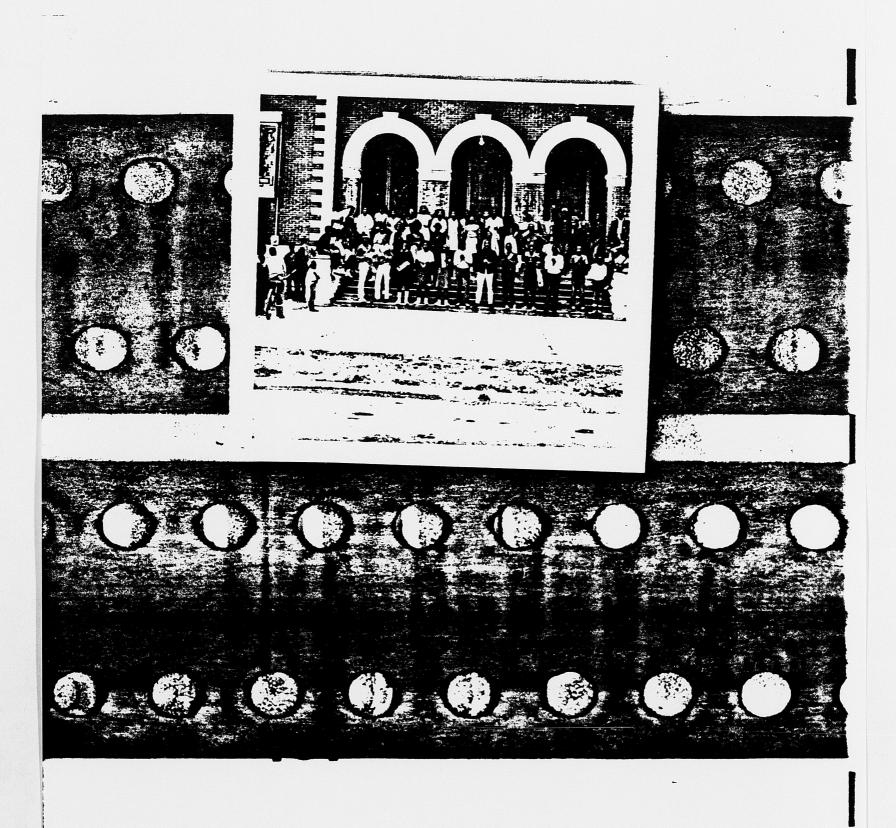
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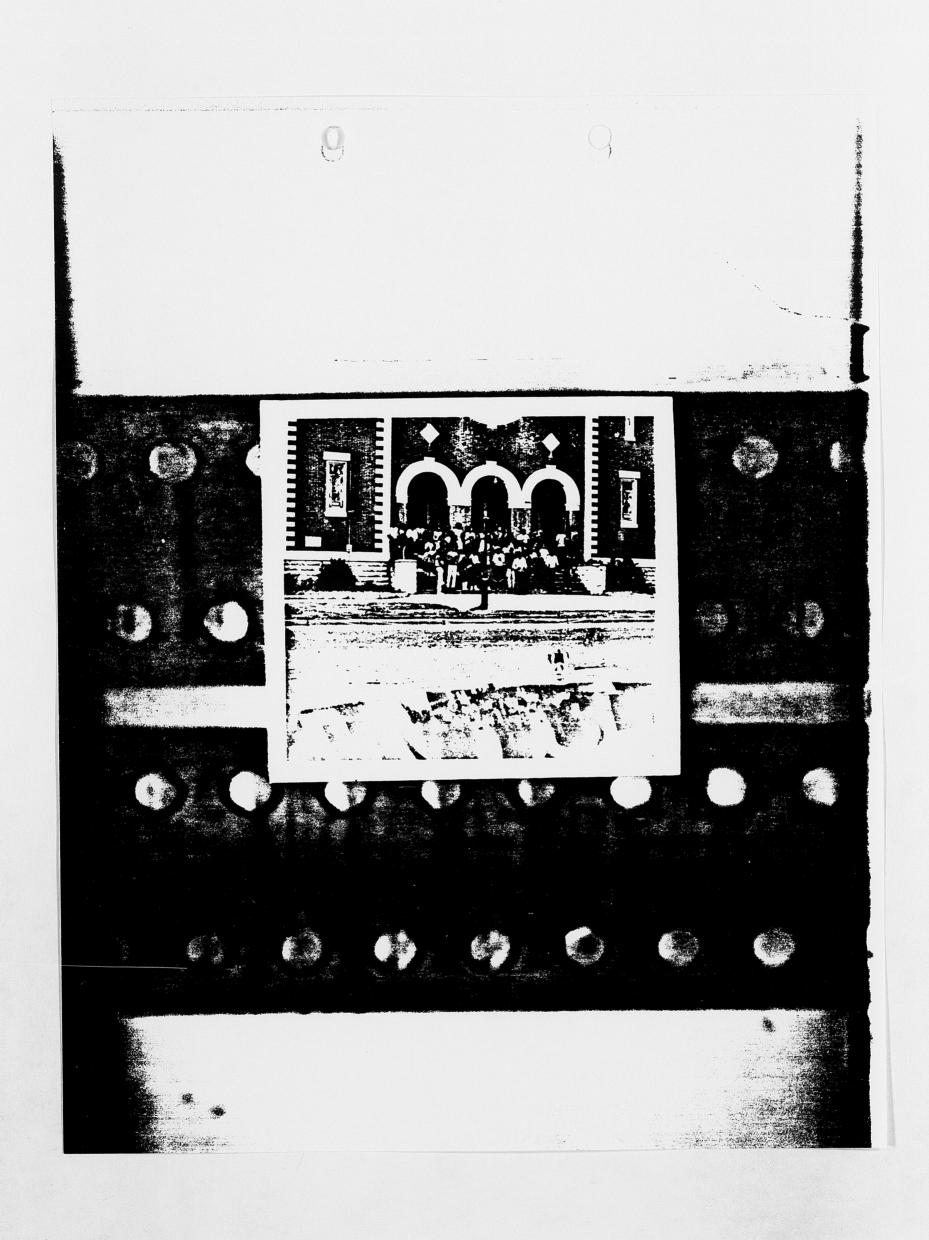


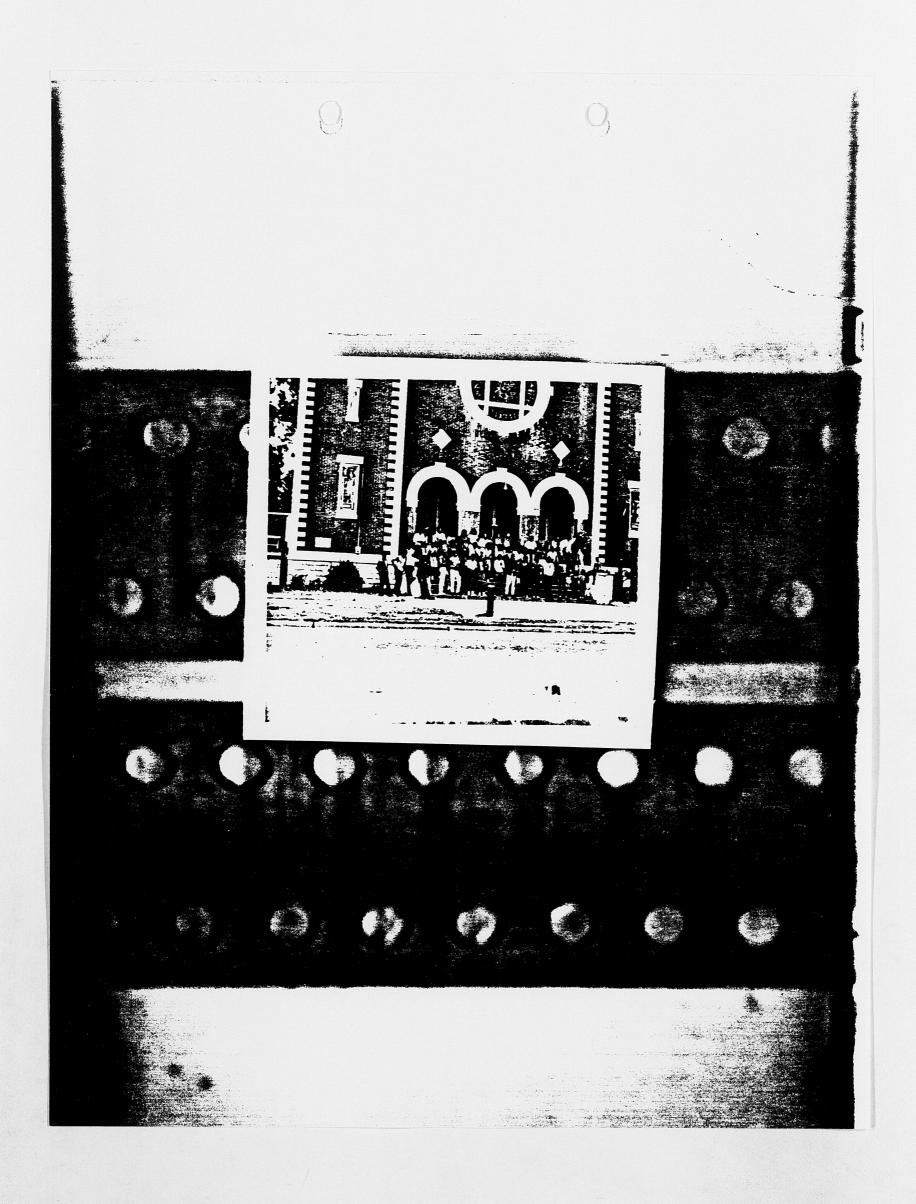
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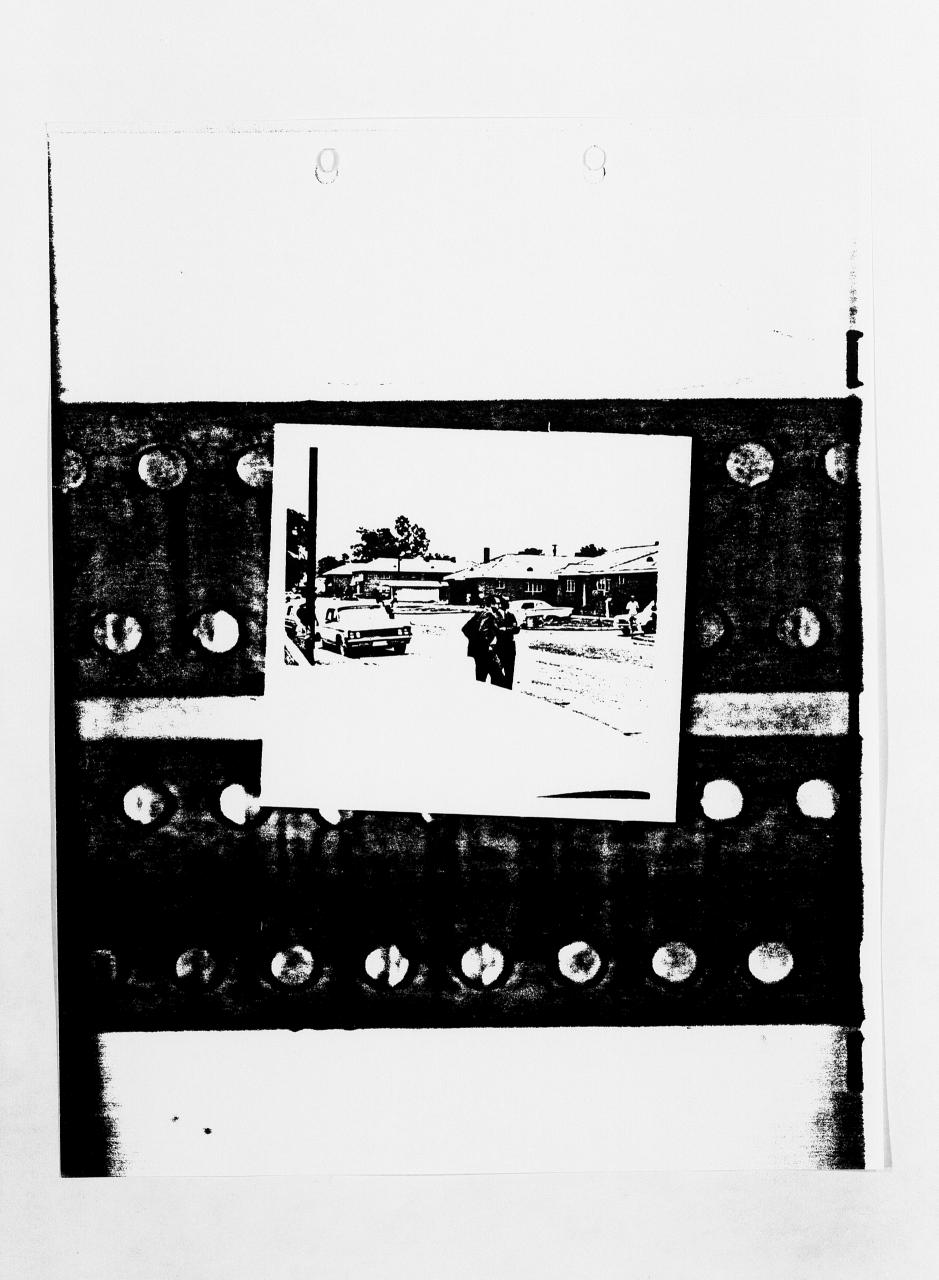


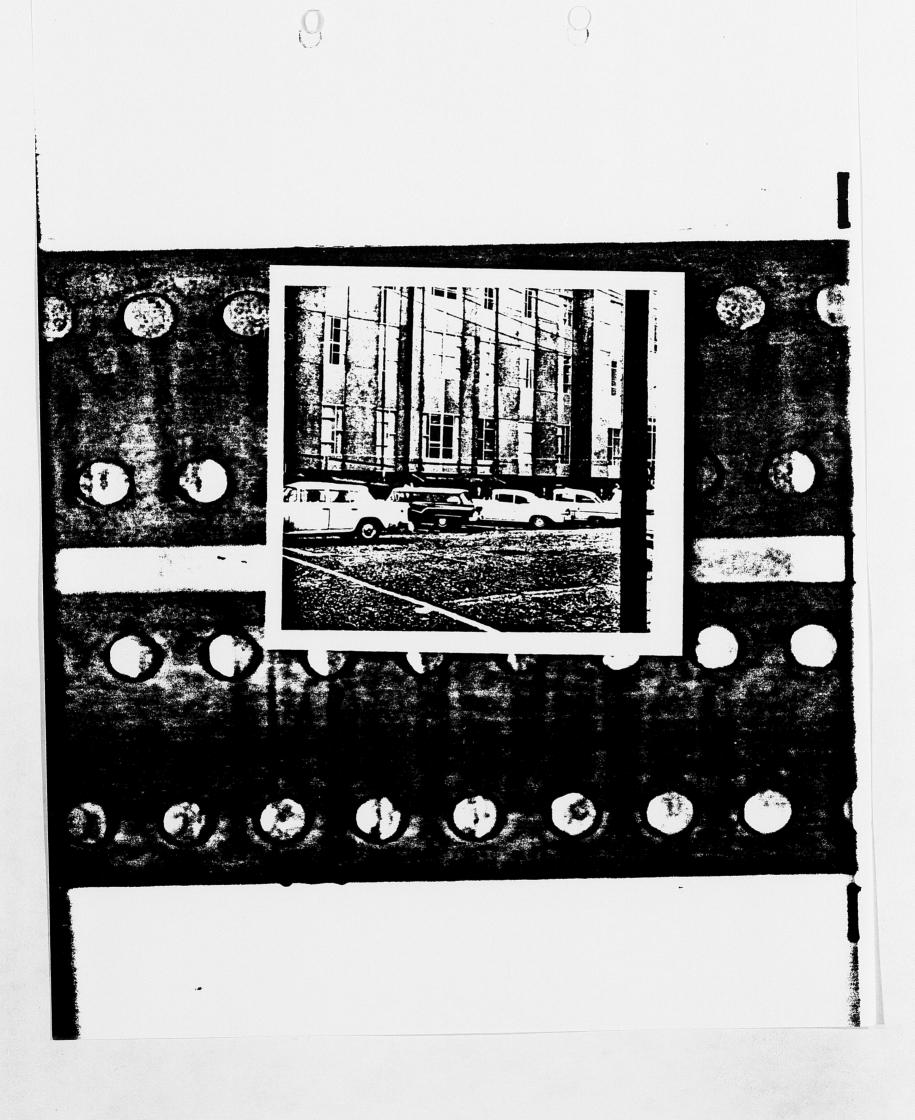


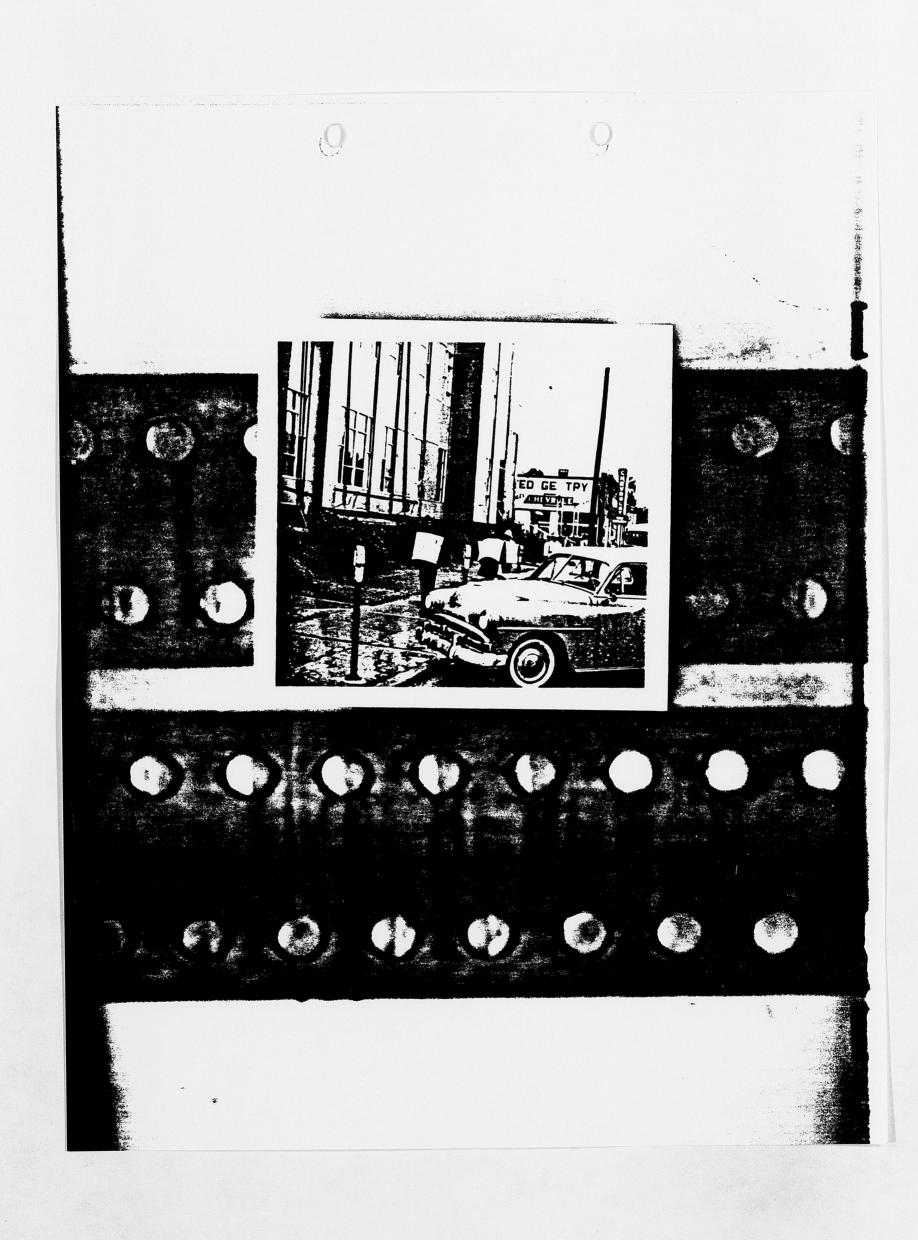


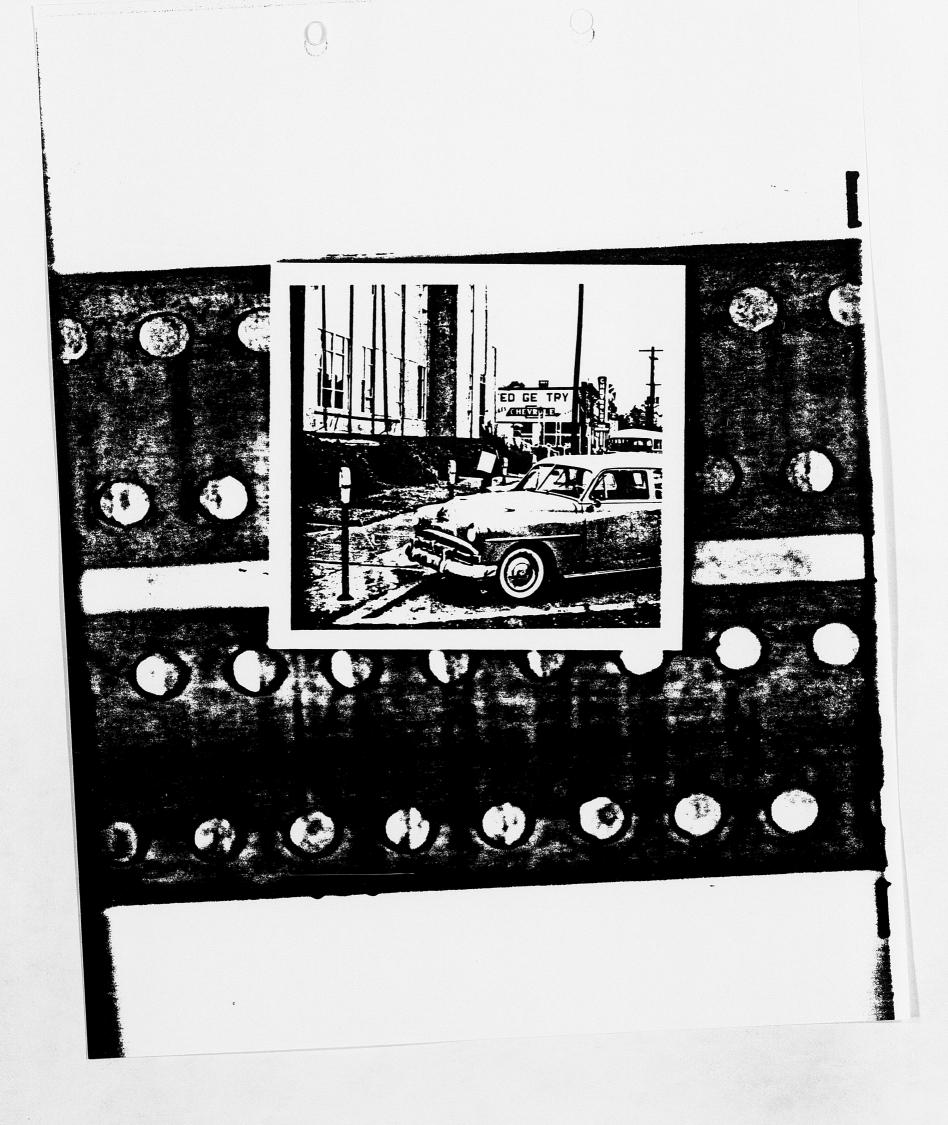


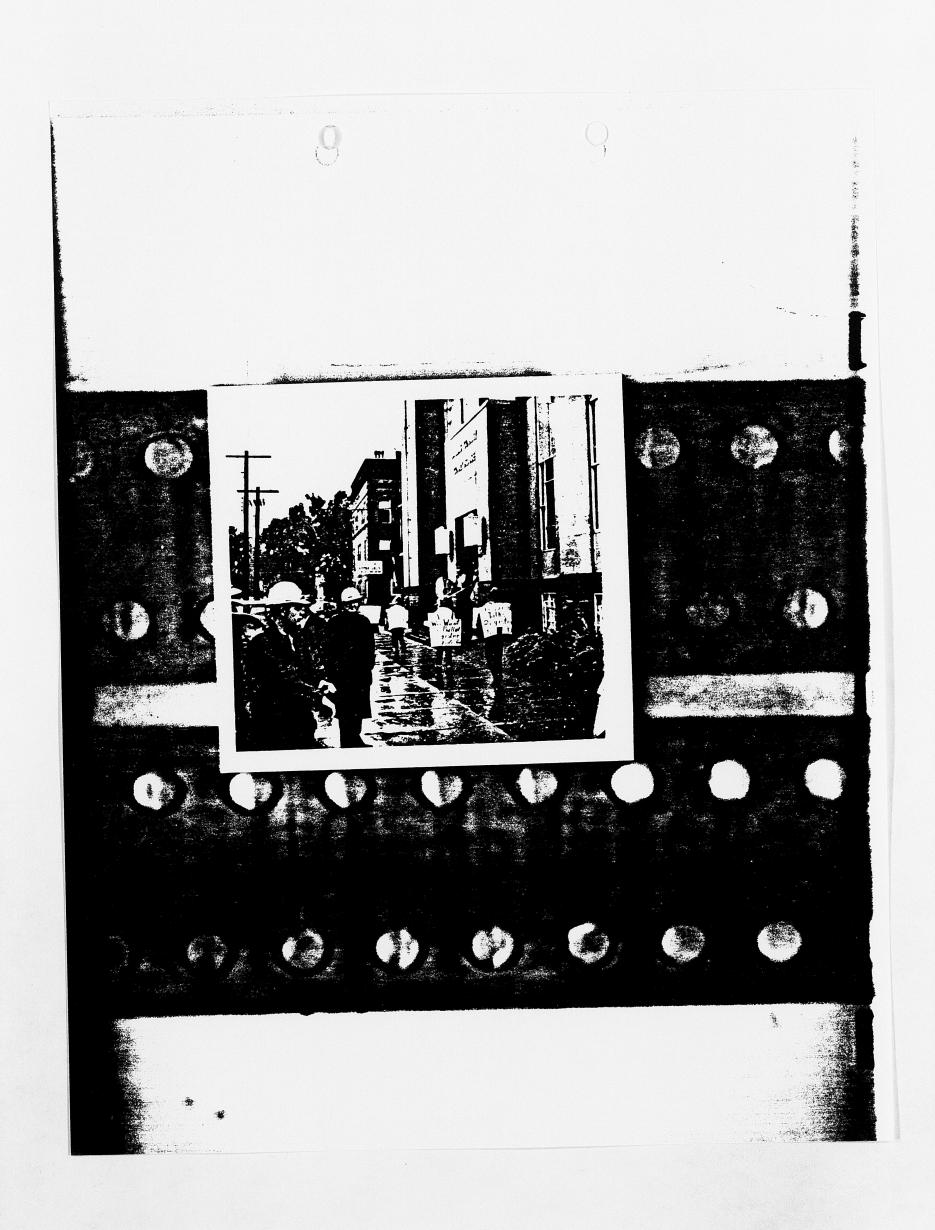


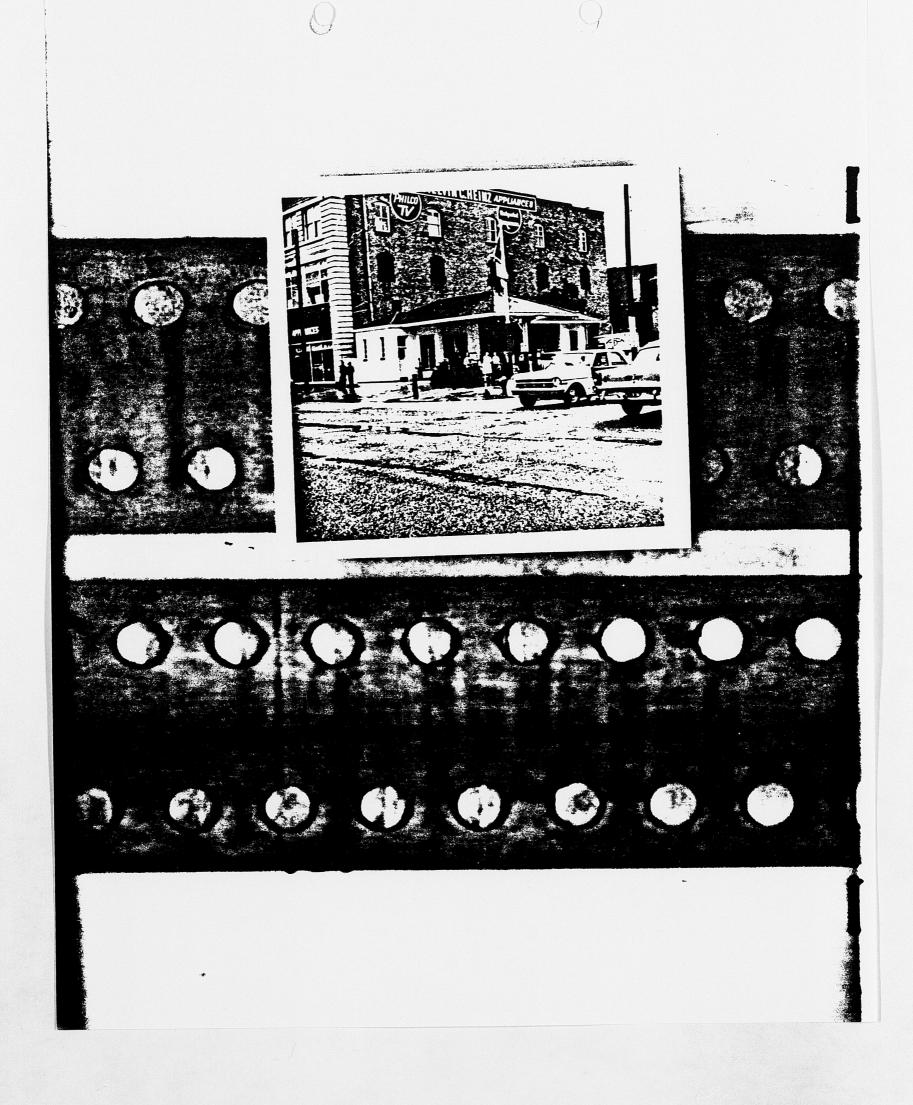


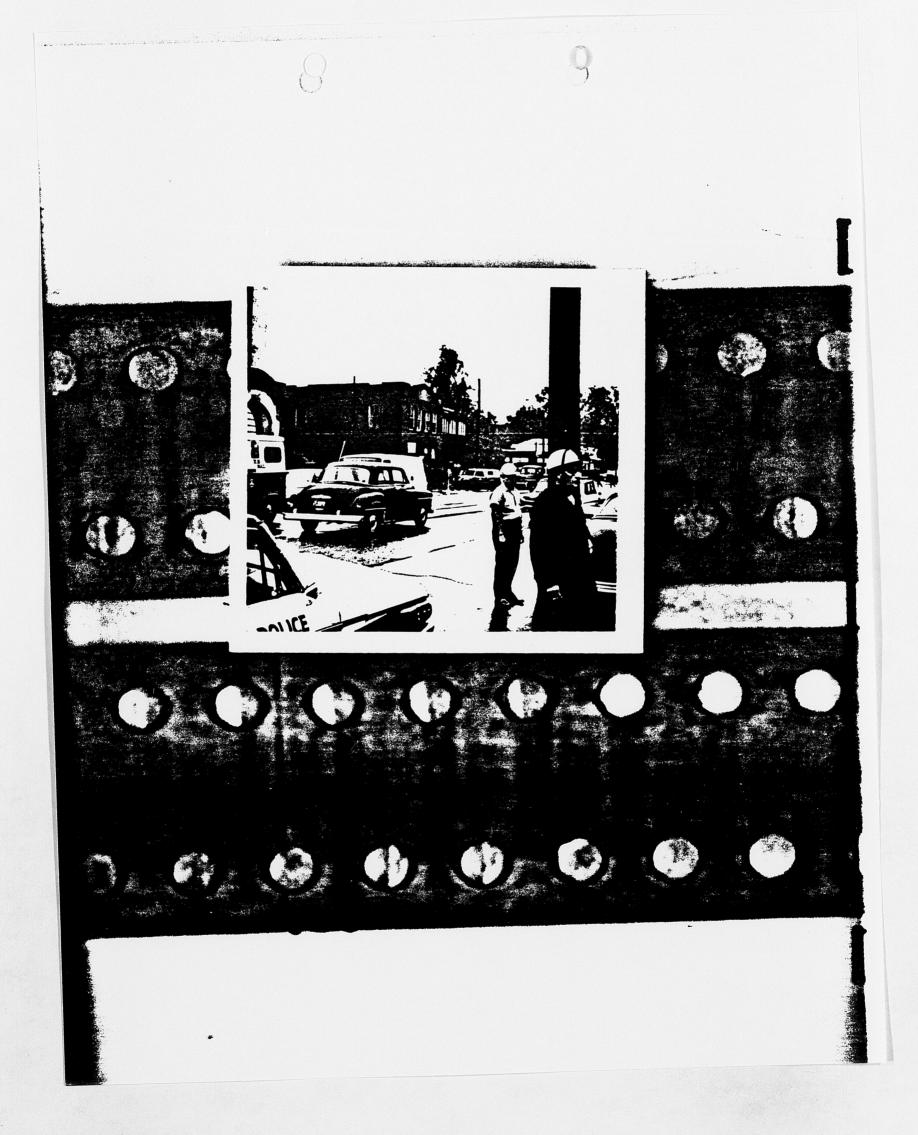


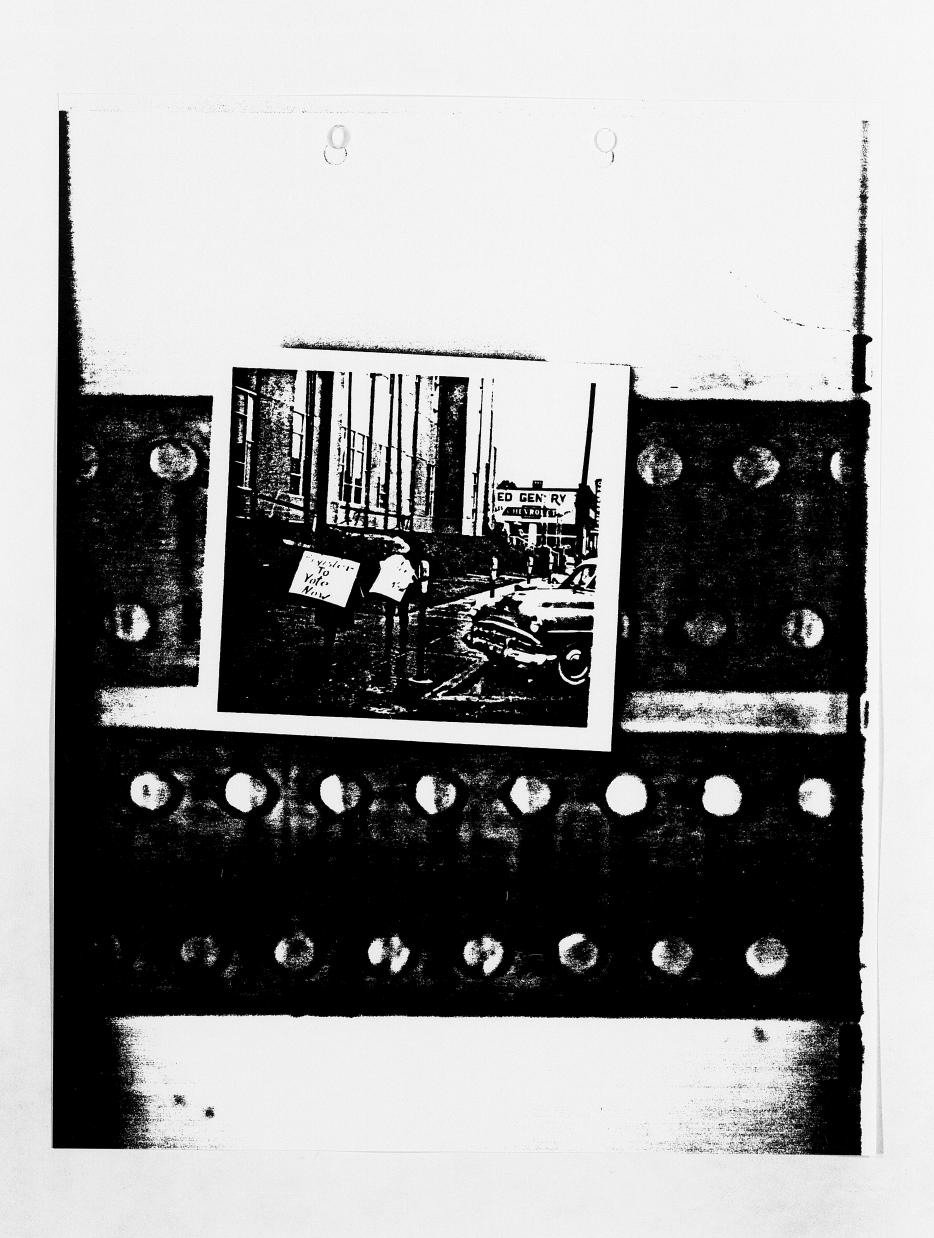


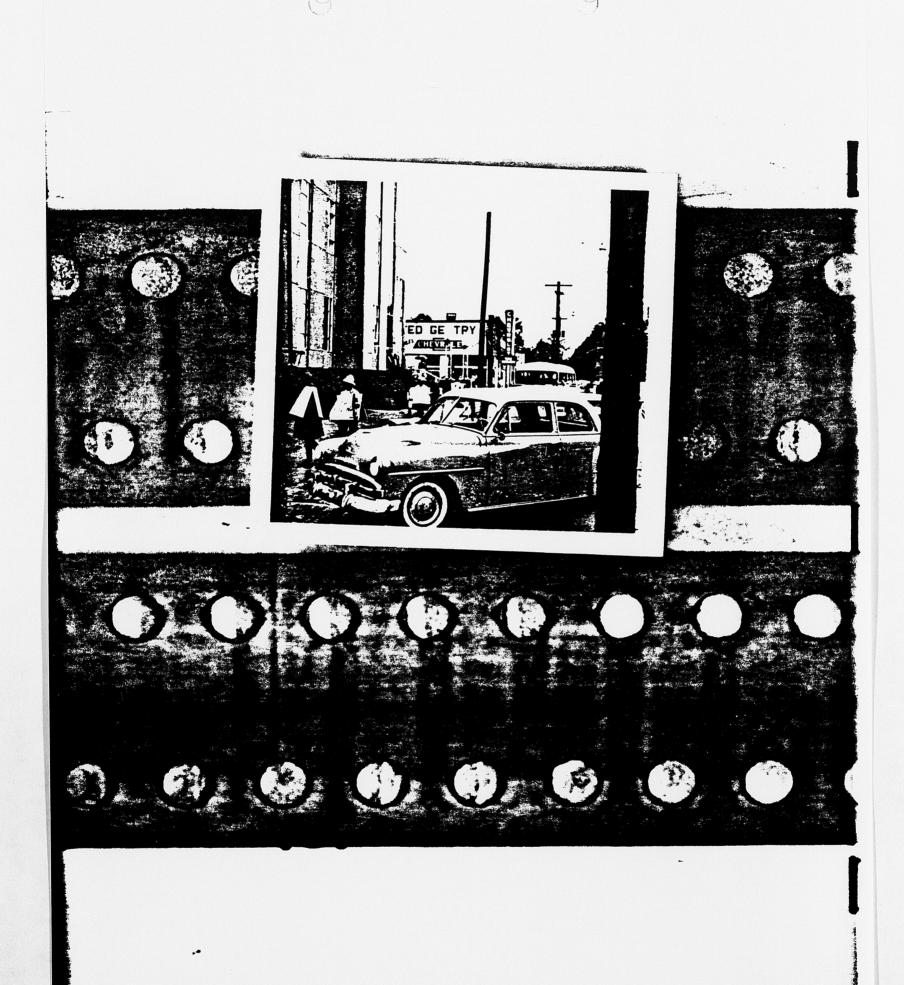


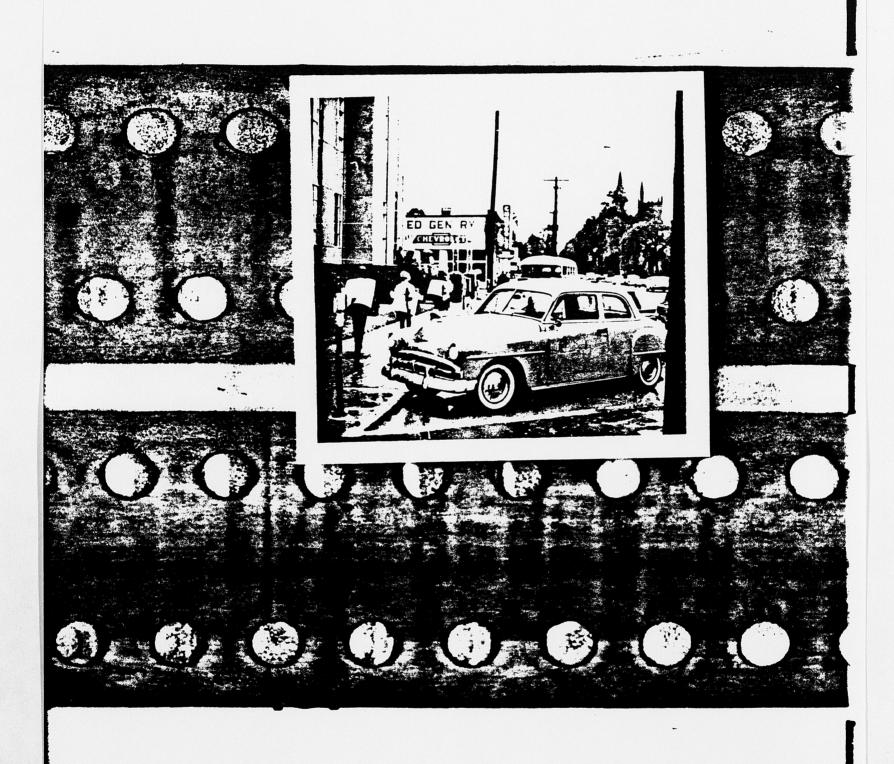




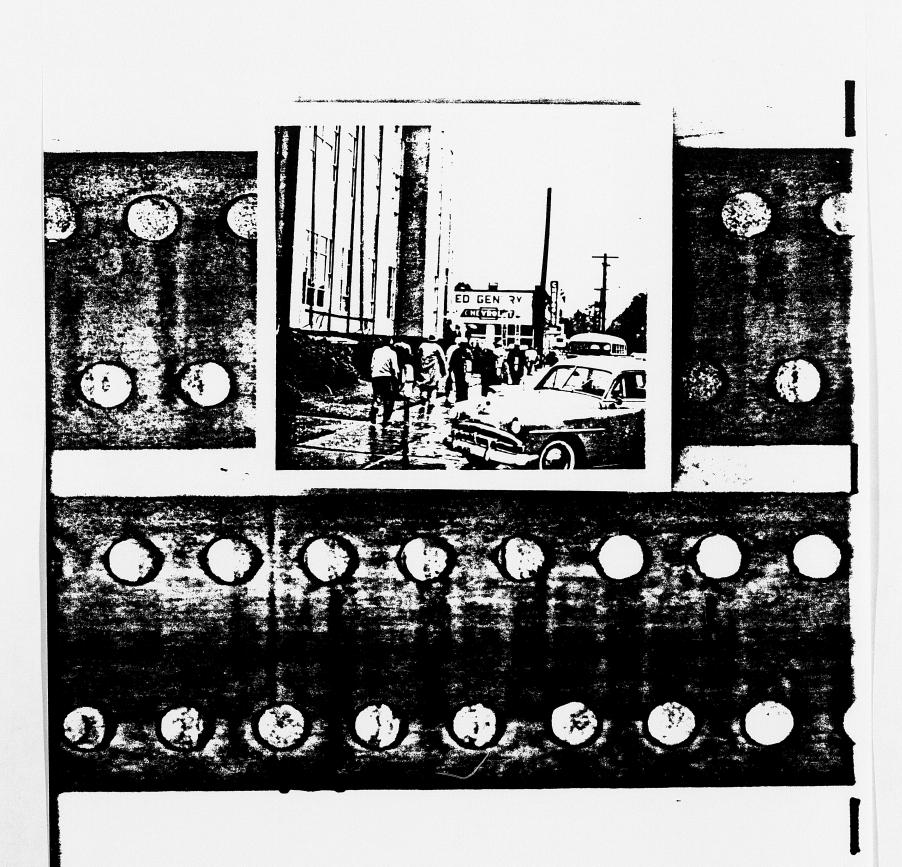








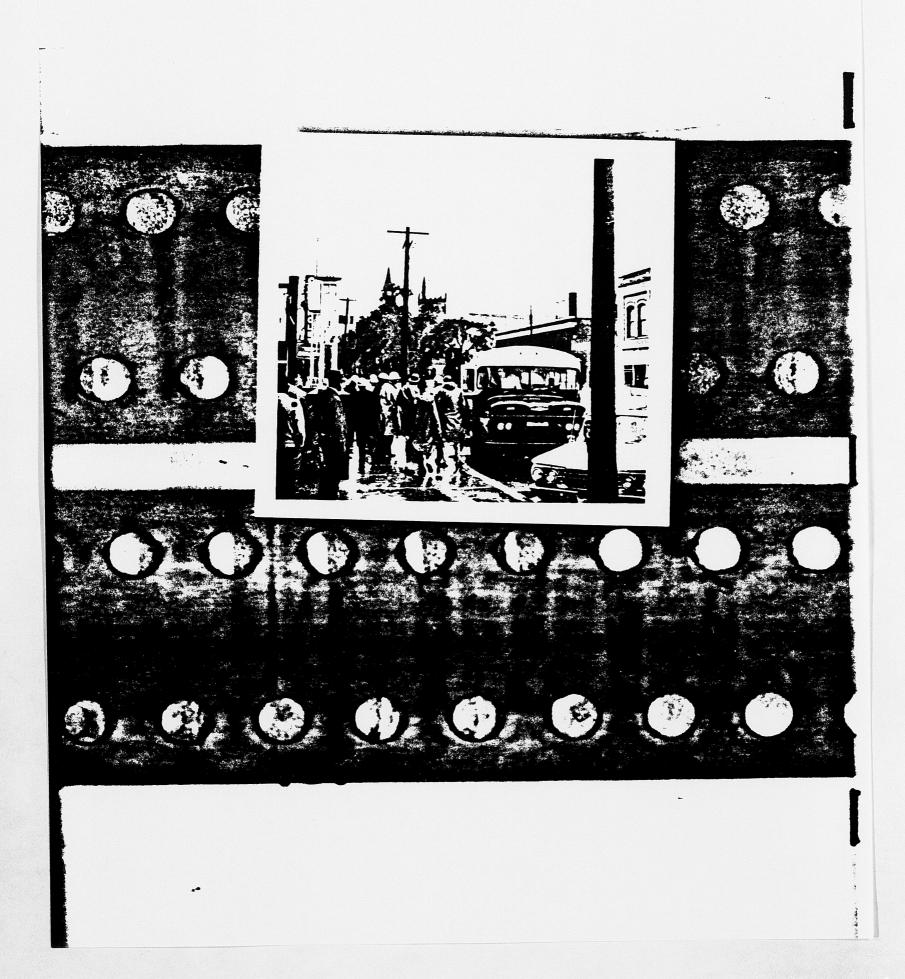
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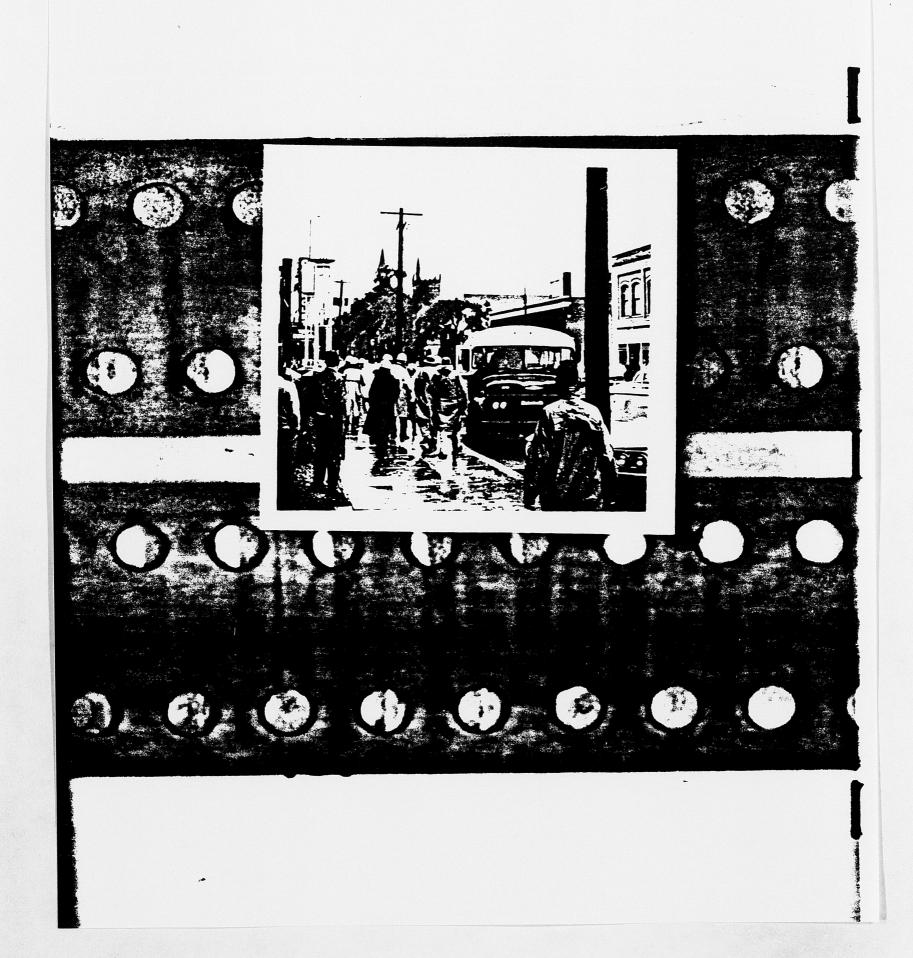


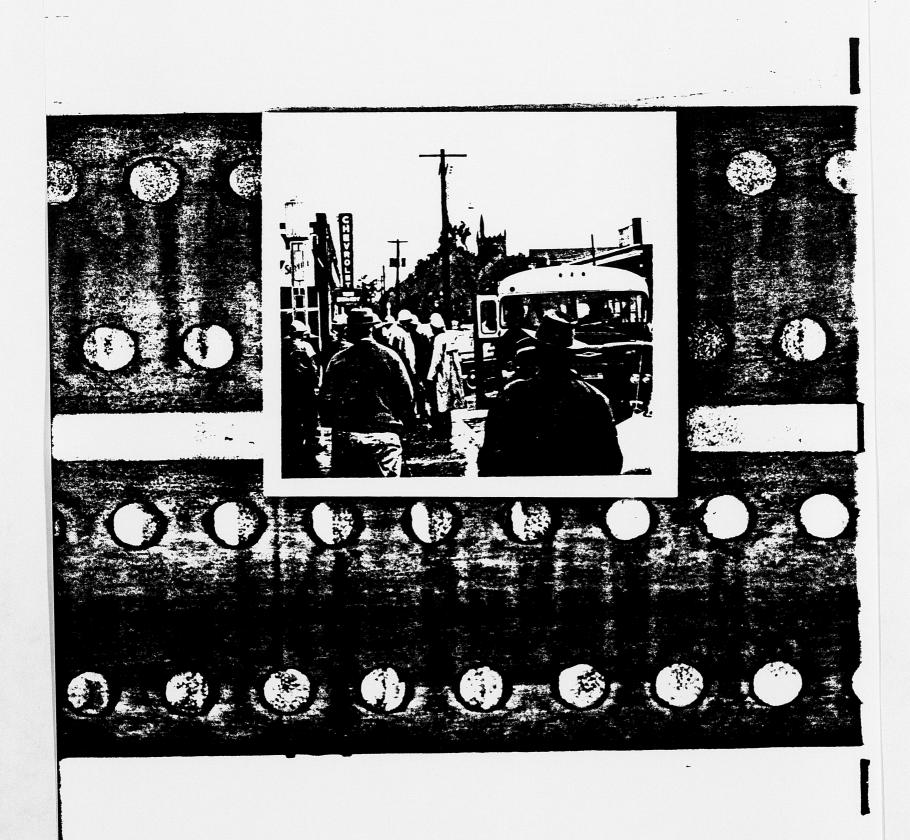
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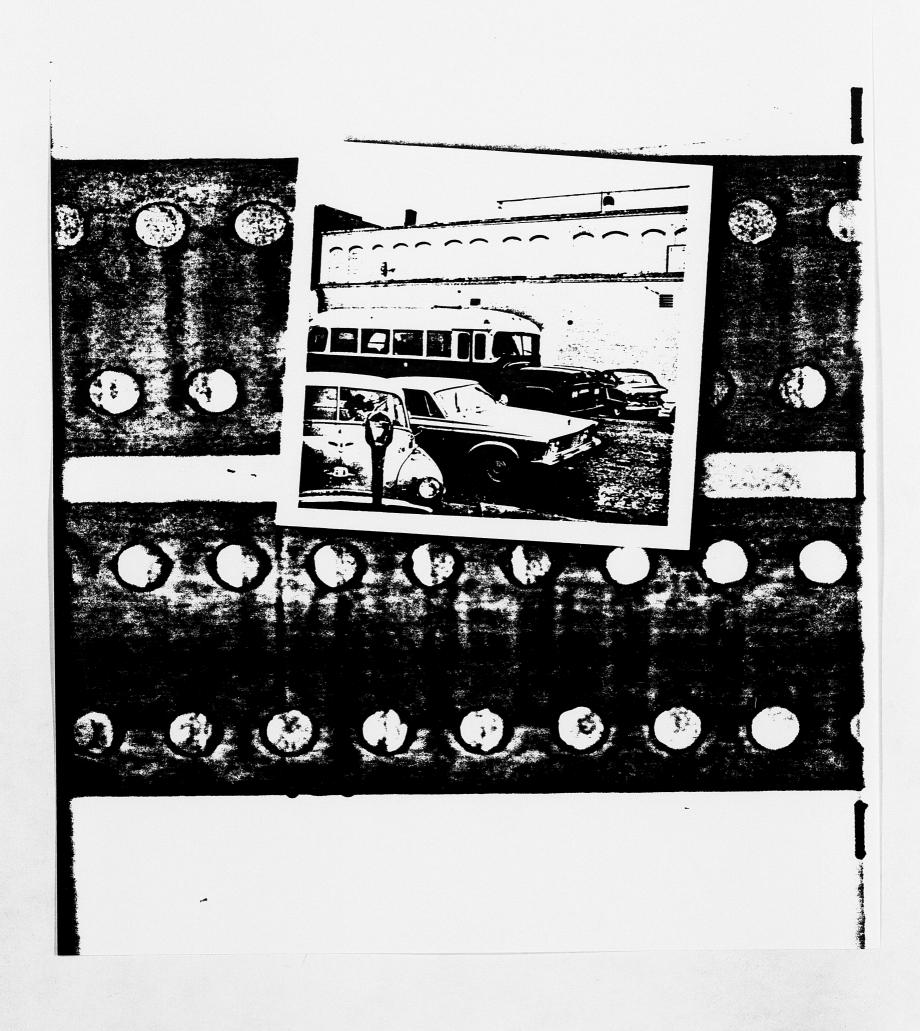
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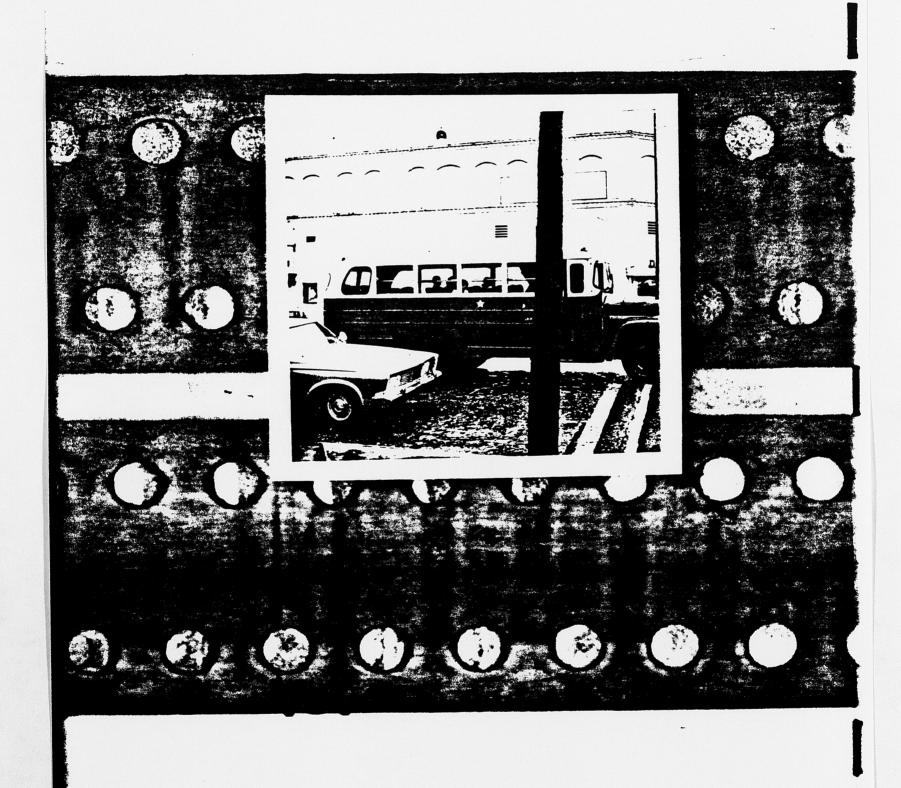
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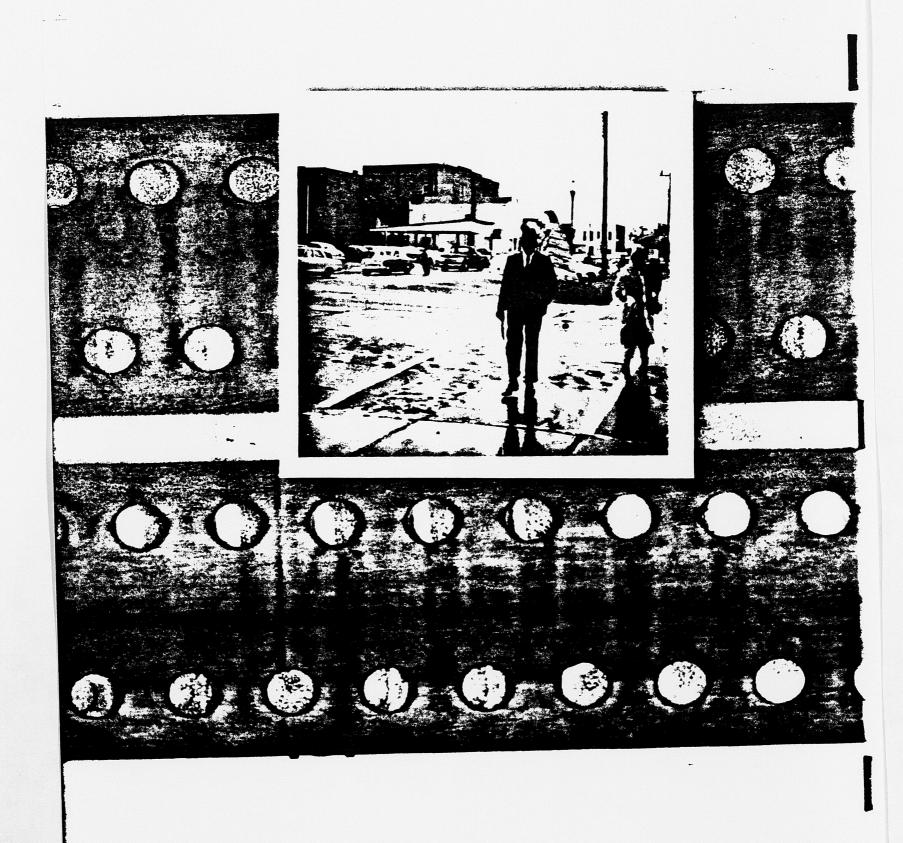












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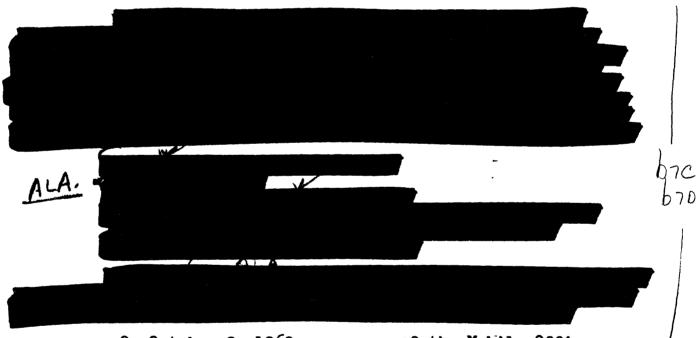
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Mobile, Alabama October 10, 1963

RACIAL SITUATION STATE OF ALABAMA SELMA, ALABAMA

On October 9, 1963, Bureau agents continued spot checks of Negro meeting places and contacted sources regarding activity of Negroes and contemplated activities in racial demonstrations in the Selma, Alabama area. No activity occurred during the day at Selma, Alabama.



On October 9, 1963, a source of the Mobile Office reported that a Negro voter registration rally would be held at Boguechitto, Alabama, a rural area located about three miles Southwest of Orrville, Alabama, at 7:30 PM CST at the Shiloh Church.

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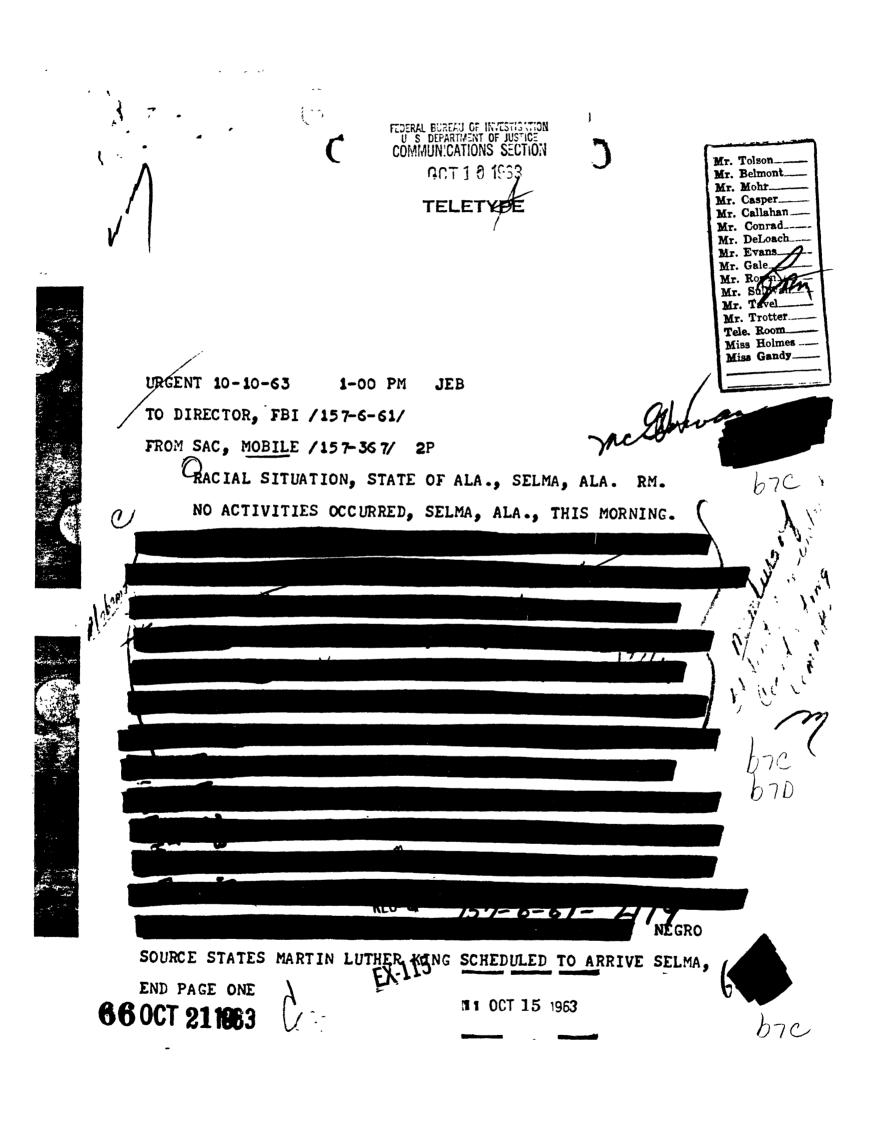
On October 9, 1963, Bureau agents observed a rally which lasted from 7:40 PM CST until 9:30 PM CST. Coverage of the meeting on the part of local law enforcement authorities was handled by two deputy sheriffs of Dallas County Sheriff's Office in one patrol car who spot checked the meeting, and one Alabama Department of Public Safety Investigator who A A accompanied the deputies. Approximately 60 Negroes attended the meeting and the principal speaker was Rev. L. L. ANDERSON. Pastor of the Negro Baptist Tabernacle Church at Selma. He spoke on voter registration urging rural Negroes to enter into the "fight for freedom." About one-half of the entire group at the meeting was comprised of Negroes who came to Boguechitto from Selma. Speeches were made by CLAUDE M. PORTER, also known as CLAUGHTON M. PORTER; ALVERY L. WILLIAMS, CARVER "CHICO" NEBLETT, and JAMES AUSTIN, all representatives of the SNCC. No incidents occurred at the meeting.

On October 10, 1963,

Selma, advised that MARTIN LUTHER/KING of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference was to appear in Selma/on October 15, 1963, to aid Negroes in the Selma area in their drive for voter registration and freedom.

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Agents spot checking meeting places in Selma on 10/8/63 were SAS and and The source mentioned who furnished information on

The confidential source of the Mobile Office who reported the number of people who filled out applications on 10/7/63, is

Local law enforcement officers and military authorities have been advised.



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## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Mobile, Alabama October 9, 1963

RACIAL SITUATION STATE OF ALABAMA SELMA, ALABAMA

On October 5, 1963, Bureau agents observed a Negro mass rally at the First Baptist Church, corner of Jeff Davis Avenue and Sylvan Street, which was occurring on that night. The rally lasted from 7:30 PM CST, to 11:15 PM CST. DICK GREGORY, Negro comedian, was again featured speaker and according to

Selma, his talk was quite "toned down" from the talk he gave on the night of October 4, 1963. No incidents occurred at the rally and coverage was handled by two Selma Police Department cars with five officers on the scene. No Sheriff's deputies or posse members were on the scene.

On October 6, 1963,
GREGORY spoke at the meeting on the night of October 5, 1963,
and was not the fiery speaker as he was on the night of
October 4, 1963. He stressed voter registration and urged
Negroes to appear at the Dallas County Courthouse on Monday,
October 7, 1963, to register to vote.
GREGORY had left Selma on the morning of October 6, 1963, after
he made bond totaling \$2,000 for his wife, LILLIAN ESTELLE
GREGORY, about 9:00 PM CST on the night of October 5, 1963.
GREGORY left Selma en route to New York City to fill a night
club engagement.
Further advised that JAMES BALDWIN, a
well known Negro author, was to appear at Selma on October 7,
1963, and is scheduled to speak at a Negro mass rally on the
night of October 7, 1963.

On October 6, 1963, a Bureau agent observed at 10:00 AM CST, church service at the Church of the Assumption, a white Catholic church, Washington Street, Selma, was attended by four Negro males ranging approximately from age 15 to 19. No incidents occurred at church relative to these Negroes attending.

On October 7, 1963, at approximately 8:15 AM CST, it

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was observed by Bureau agents, that lines of Negroes and whites began forming at Dallas County Courthouse, one line leading to the Voter Registration Board and one to the automobile tag registration window at the Courthouse. At approximately 9:15 AM CST there appeared to be approximately 125 Negroes and whites waiting in the voter registration line and approximately 50 Negroes and whites in the tag registration line.

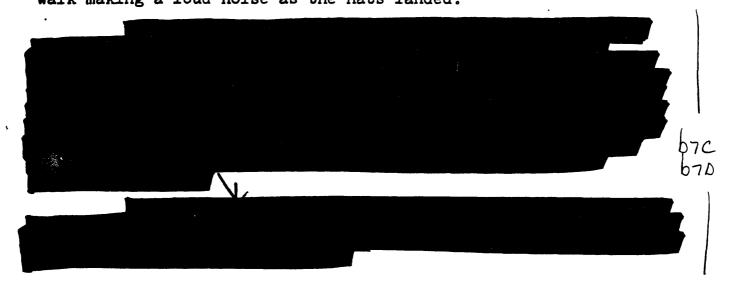
At 11:00 AM CST, it was observed there were approximately 212 Negroes in the voter registration line. Deputy sheriffs and posse members were maintaining order in the line. JAMES FORMAN, SNCC leader, JAMES BALDWIN, Negro author, and Mrs. MENIA P. BOYNTON of the Dallas County Voters League were on the scene at the Dallas County Courthouse and had attempted to talk to Negroes standing in the line concerning voter registration applications. However, they were prohibited from doing this by the officers that were on the scene. At approximately 11:30 AM CST, 15 to 20 Alabama State Troopers appeared on the scene under the command of JOE SMELLEY, NA, Chief, Alabama State Troopers.

At approximately 12:00 Noon CST, Bureau agents observed that three pickets were arrested on the steps of the Federal Building, which is located directly across the street from Dallas County Courthouse, by Sheriff JAMES G. CLARK, JR. and Chief Deputy Sheriff L. C. CROCKER. These Negroes were carrying signs urging voter registration.

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On October 7, 1963, at approximately 2:20 PM CST, a Bureau agent observed two Negro males attempt to serve Negroes standing in a voter registration line at the Dallas County Courthouse with sandwiches and drinks. As they walked up to the line, they were converged upon by about ten Alabama State Troopers. The first Negro dropped to the ground to lie down and the second Negro tripped over him and fell down. The second Negro who had tripped was immediately pulled off the ground by State troopers and hustled off to a waiting bus. The first Negro began struggling and kicking at the State troopers. He was struck about the arms, legs and shoulders with the ends of night sticks by the State troopers in a prodding type of blow. It was then necessary for the troopers to bodily carry this Negro to the bus for transportation to the Dallas County Jail. During the arrest, some of the troopers' hatsfell to the sidewalk making a loud noise as the hats landed.



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On October 7, 1963,
that a Negro voter registration mass rally was to be held at 7:30 PM CST at the Baptist Tabernacle Church, Corner of Broad and Minter Avenue at Selma.

On October 7, 1963, Bureau agents observed progress of the Negro mass rally. The estimated attendance at the rally was approximately 600 Negroes, about 40% teenagers. No incidents occurred during the meeting and the immediate area around the church was peaceful with nothing but normal traffic on Broad Street, a main thoroughfare in Selma. Coverage of the meeting was handled by three Selma Police Department cars patroling the area and at irregular intervals, one Sheriff's Office car could be seen patroling the area.

No law enforcement officers were inside the church. The meeting terminating at 11:15 PM CST and the Negroes dispersed peacefully.

On October 8, 1963.

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the following summarization of the talks made by various speakers:

JAMES FORMAN, Leader, SNCC, opened the meeting with reviewing Negro efforts at voter registration in Dallas County.

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He recalled to the audience that the first meeting held was on May 14, 1963 in that same church at Selma, the Baptist Tabernacle. He stated this rally was held just a few days before Rev. L. L. ANDERSON, Pastor of the church was to go on trial in Dallas County on a "trumped-up charge for hitting some white man in the back." (It is noted that ANDERSON was to to be tried for man laughter in connection with the death of another Negro in an automobile accident; however, the case was continued). FORMAN advised the audience that at the first mass rally on May 14, the Negroes were held inside the church until 11:30 PM by Sheriff CLARK and some 350 members of the Sheriff's posse. (It is noted that at the first rally, CLARK had some 60 posse members on the scene; some 15 to 20 were in the immediate area of the church and the remainder were stationed a block away from the church directing traffic at intersections). FORMAN then reviewed events of the day of October 7, 1963, wherein some 350 stood in voter registration line throughout the day to fill out applications to vote. (A confidential source of the Mobile Office reported that 20 whites and 34 Negroes filled out voter registration applications on October 7, 1963). FORMAN stated that Sheriff CLARK was "rubbin his head and big fat belly because he had never seen so many niggers before in a line waiting to register. He stated that the Sheriff had arrested three pickets on federal property on October 7 who were holding signed urging people to register and the "FBI and Department of Justice were on the scene making pictures and writing notes, whatever that means."

FORMAN further stated that in the evening, he and Mrs. BOYNTON and JAMES BALDWIN, Negro attorney, had talked to Sheriff CLARK about delivering food to the people in the registration line and also to discuss registration with them. He said they were told by the Sheriff that his orders were specific and that was that no one was going to bother or molest any one in the registration line. Thereafter, FORMAN stated he sent CHICO NEBLETT and another Negro to deliver food to the people in line and these two were arrested, which arrests FORMAN stated were "absolutely unnecessary." He further stated that the Sheriff had arrested PRATHIA HALL, Field Secretary of SNCC, that morning at the residence of Mrs. AMELIA P. BOYNTON in Selma for "contributing to the delinquency of minors." He told the audience to attempt to get names of all Dallas County

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posse members that they came in contact with and to "watch each other's houses, get tag numbers of strange cars driving in Negro neighborhoods at odd hours in order to identify these cars, because things are going to get rough." He stated that the white man is not going to give up political power without a fight. He told the audience that they could bring damage suits against officers who hit them with a club and that "after a few suits, our meat is going to be so high they won't want to beat on us anymore." He stated that the white man does not want the Negroes to gain any political power and have Negroes in public offices because the Negroes would "find out where his tax money had gone." FORMAN stated that "peoples from all over the United States is coming to Selma, Alabama to help in the fight."

JOHN CONYERS, JR., identified as a lawyer from Detroit, Michigan, made a short talk at the meeting and stated that he came to Selma to aid Negroes in their fight and to defend them in court without fee. He stated he was "heartened" by the Civil Rights Revolution taking place in Selma. He said he would bring attorneys from Detroit to defend people in Selma.

JAMES BALDWIN, principal speaker and well known Negro author, gave a very short address which last only 15 or 20 minutes, and was completely ineffective to the audience as he expounded philosophy which did not reach the general understanding of the crowd.

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The meeting terminated at 11:15 PM CST and estimated that some 500 Negroes attended the meeting, about 40% of which were teenagers.

On October 8, 1963, a source of the Mobile Office reported that no Negro mass rally would occur at Selma on that evening.

On October 8, 1963, a spot check of the Negro meeting places where rallies could be held was made by Bureau agents.

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This spot check disclosed that no rally was held the night of October 8, 1963.

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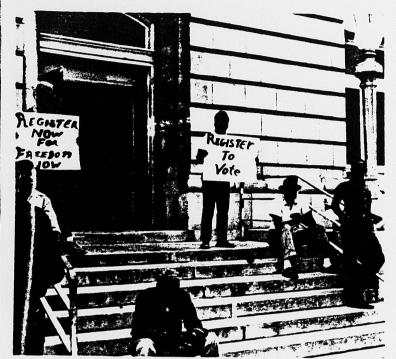
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26-39- Arrests of two Regroes, WILLIMB and PERIOT, by Alabama State Troopers. These Regroes attempted to distribute sandwiches to Voter Registration Line.

40-44- Scenes of area around the Courthouse after the arrests were made at about 2:20 P.M. (CST).

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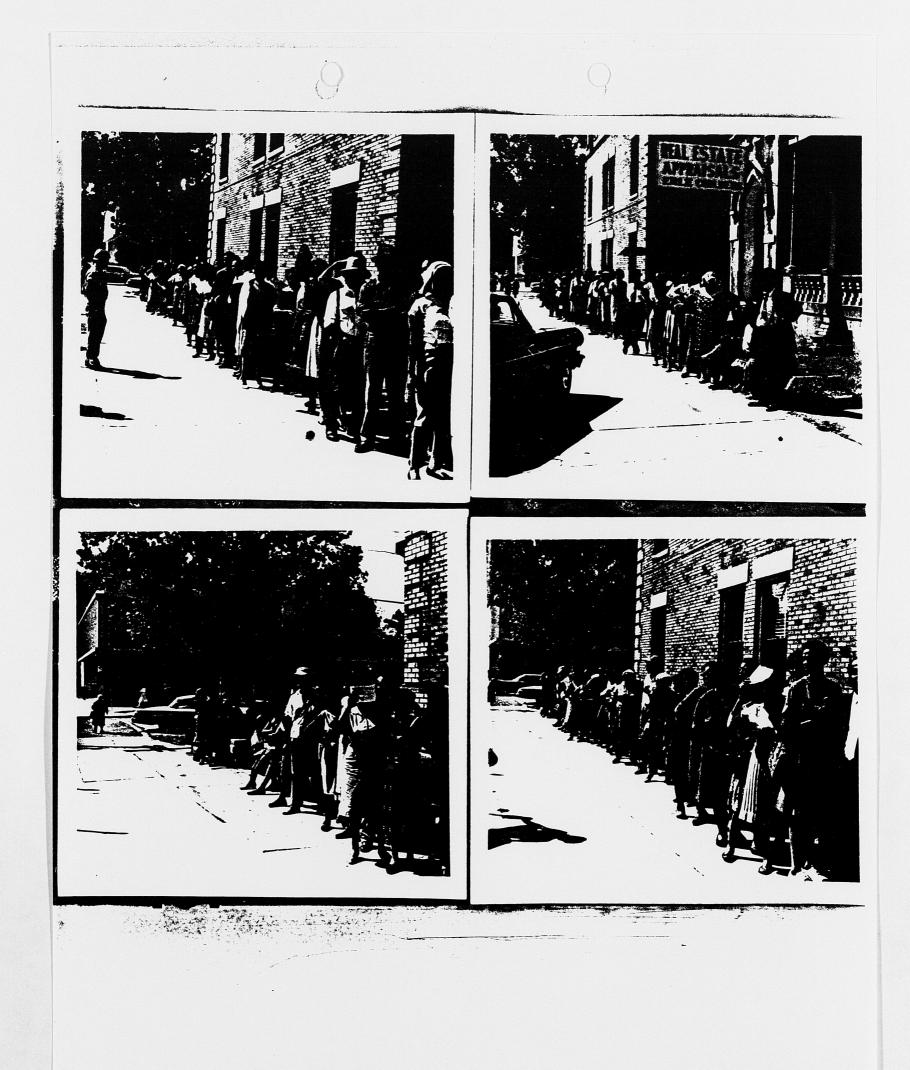










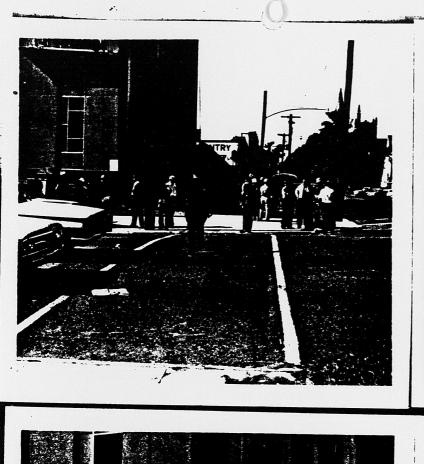


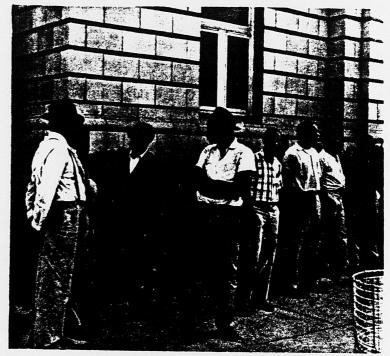


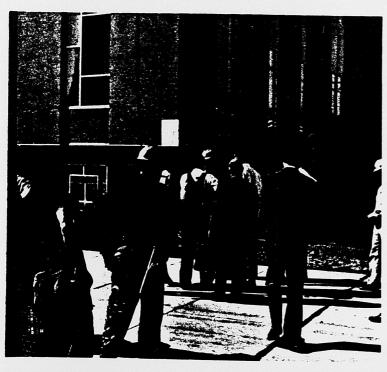


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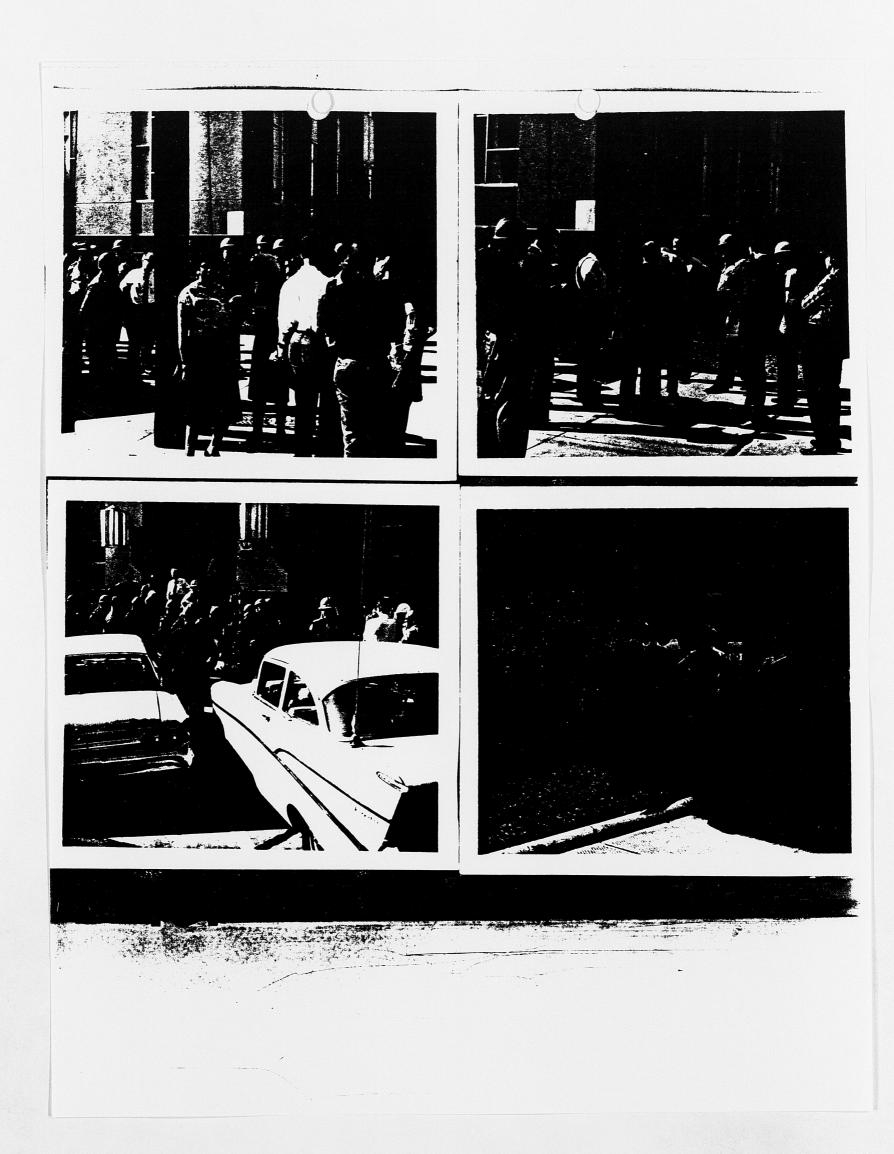


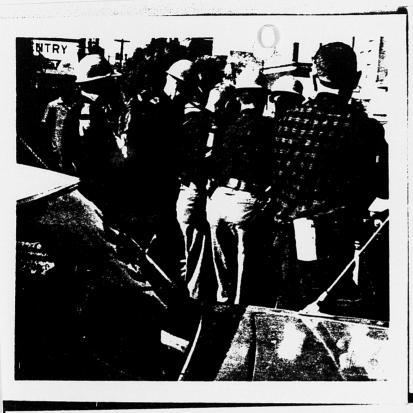














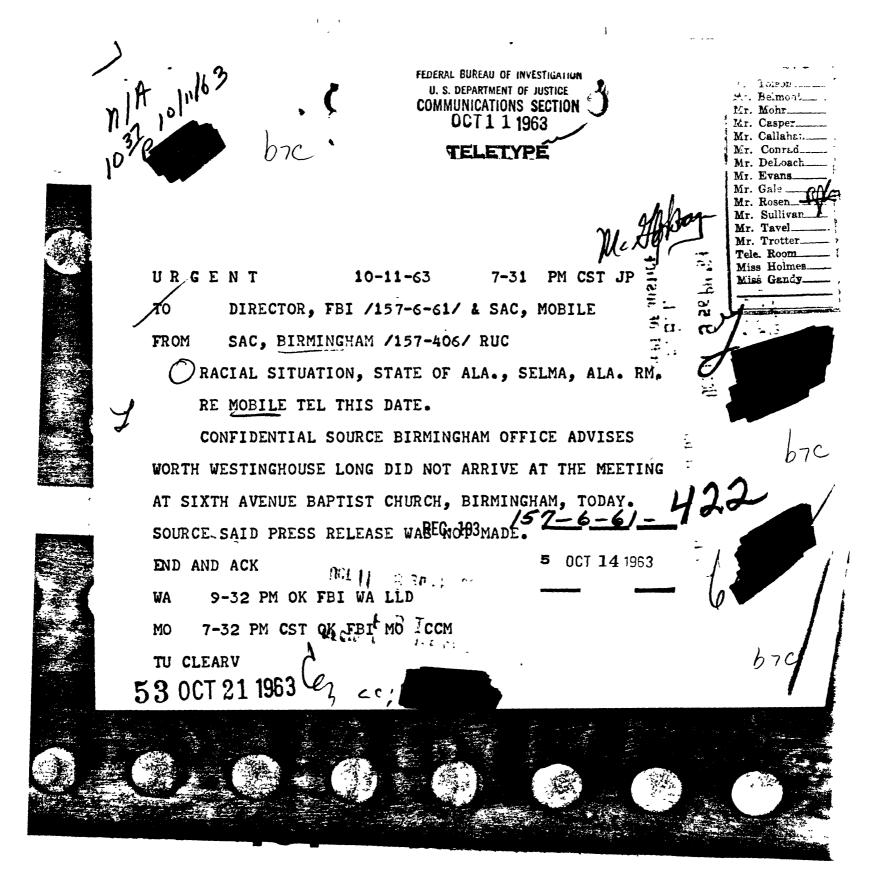












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URGENT 10-15-63 2-47 PM HR
TO DIRECTOR, FBI 157-6-61
FROM SAC, MOBILE 157-367 2-P

ORACIAL SITUATION, STATE OF ALABAMA, SELMA, ALA. R M.

AS OF ELEVEN THIRTY AM CST, A TOTAL OF APPROXIMATELY

SEVENTY PERSONS PRESENT IN THE VOTER REGISTRATION LINE AT THE

DALLAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE. REGISTRAR V. B. ATKINS WAS EXCUSED

FROM FEDERAL COURT AT TEN FORTYFIVE AM CST BECAUSE NO REGISTRATION

COULD TAKE PLACE AT THE DALLAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE UNTIL HECOULD

BE PRESENT AT THE REGISTRATION BOARD. STATE LAW PROHIBITS REGISTRATION

WITH LESS THAN TWO MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT AND ONE MEMBER,

AUBREY ALLEN, IS PRESENTLY IN HOSPITAL, ACCORDING TO SOURCE.

ATKINS REQUESTED TO BE EXCUSED ON GROUNDS HE FELT PERSONS WERE

BEING DEPRIVED THEIR RIGHT TO REGISTER BY THE FACT THAT HE

HAD BEEN SUBPOENAED TO BE PRESENT IN FEDERAL COURT. FEDERAL

JUDGE DANIEL H. THOMAS EXCUSED HIM AT THAT TIME. AS ON ONE

TITY M CST, THE HEARING IN FEDERAL COURT AT SELMA WAS TERMINATED

AND NO INCIDENTS OCCURRED. NO DEMONSTRATION OF ANY TYPE TOOK

PLACE AND NO RULING WAS HANDED DOWN BY JUDGE THOMAS AS YET.

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PERSONS PRESENT AT THE DALLAS COUNTY REGISTRATION BOARD. NO CROWDS OR OTHER ACTIVITY OCCURRING. DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS ON SCENE COGNIZANT. L H M FOLLOWS.

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Director, FBI

O RACIAL MATTERS - MOBILE Reference is made to my memorandum dated October 16, 1963, regarding information furnished by MAILED 2 OCT. 18 1963 REC-52 157-6-61-424
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The Attorney General

You will be advised of any additional information concerning activities at Belma, Alabama.

1 - The Deputy Attorney General

1 - Mr. Burke Marshall Assistant Attorney General

MOTE: See memo Rosen to Belmont dated 10-18-63 captioned "Racial Situation, State of Alabama, Selma, Alabama, Racial Matters

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To:

SAC, Mobile (157-367)

From:

Director, FRI

RACIAL SITUATION STATE OF ALABAMA SKIMA, ALABAMA RACIAL MATTERS

One set of photographs furnished by Mobile under the above caption is being transmitted in each instance to the Civil Rights Division of the Department inasmuch as the Civil Rights Division has specifically requested photographic coverage of incidents involving the registration line and related demonstrations at Selma, Alabama. It has been the practice of the Mobile Division to transmit photographs by letter and the description of the photographs has been set forth only in the letter to the Bureau, therefore requiring additional typing at the Seat of Government in order to provide the Civil Rights Division with the descriptive data concerning the photographs.

Accordingly, in future submissions rather than listing the description of the photographs in the body of the letter or airtel, it is suggested that such description be set forth on a letterhead memorandum, which will be used to transmit the photographs to the Civil Rights Division. In this particular situation, since the dissemination will be only to the Civil Rights Division, it will be satisfactory to furnish an original and two copies of the letterhead memorandum relating to photographic coverage of the registration line. Of course, in all other racial matters continue to submit an original and seven copies of a letterhead memorandum.

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As to other activities at Selma coming within the racial classification, your teletype summaries should slearly—indicate in each case, where pertinent, "LHM being submitted," or THM follows." For example, your teletype of 10-14-63 concerning

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Airtel to SAC, Mobile RE: RACIAL SITUATION

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Alabama, relating to this plan to issue cards to the first sixty persons who appeared at the registration line, did not indicate a letterhead memorandum was being submitted. This information was of interest to the Department, and your teletype should have shown it was being submitted in letterhead memorandum form. Handle if not previously done.

You should submit letterhead memoranda promptly as required under instructions set forth in Bureau airtel to Albany and all offices on 7-22-63 under the caption, "Eacial Matters."

Matters which involve reported civil rights violations should be furnished to the Bureau under the appropriate civil rights caption to facilitate administrative handling.

## NOTE:

Mobile has followed the practice of submitting photographs requested by the Department in the above matter in an enclosure envelope with only description of the photographs being set forth in the body of the transmittal letter. In order to furnish the appropriate description to the Department, it has been necessary to retype the description at the Seat of Government resulting in duplicating effort. It appears that the description data could be furnished in letterhead form with the approximate same effort, and thus eliminating extra typing at SOG. It was necessary to follow Mobile on teletypes submitted within the period of October 2-9, as to the furnishing of LHMs.



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10-56 AM JEB URGENT 10-16-63 TO DIRECTOR, FBI /157-6-61/ FROM SAC, MOBILE /157-367/ 1P CRACIAL SITUATION, STATE OF ALA., SELMA, ALA.

DALLAS COUNTY REGISTRATION BOARD OPEN FOR REGISTRATION EIGHT THERTY AM, CST, TODAY. THIRTYFIVE NEGROES WHO RECEIVED NUMBERED TICKETS WHEN BOARD CLOSED TEN FIFTEEN INSTANT, FOUR PM, CST, WERE ELIGIBLE TO BE FIRST IN LINE THIS MORNING. SPPROXIMATELY TWENTY APPEARED. BUREAU AGENT OF NUMBER SYSTEM. THE ABOVE TWENTY RECEIVED FIRST NUMBERS FOR DAY/S REGISTRATION AND THE FIRST INDIVIDUALS WHO ARRIVED TODAY RECEIVED NUMBER THEREAFTER UP TO NUMBER SIXTY. DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS ON SCENE AT SELMA APPRISED OF THIS ADMINISTRATION. NO LARGE CROWD IN LINE AS OF TEN AM, CST. APPROXIMATELY THIRTY PERSONS STANDING IN LINE, ALL NEGROES. SOME OF PERSONS WHO RECEIVED NUMBERS HAVE LEFT LINE TO RETURN WHEN THEY ESTIMATE THEIR NUMBER WILL COME UP TO REGISTER.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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NO ACTIVITY OCCURRED SELMA, ALABAMA TODAY WITH EXCEPTION OF REGISTRATION ACTIVITY AT DALLAS COUNTY BOARD. BOARD CLOSED FOUR PM CST. TWENTY THREE PERSONS, NEGROES AND WHITES, HOLDING NUMBERED TICKETS STILL IN LINE WHEN BOARD CLOSED. THESE TWENTY THREE RECEIVED NUMBERED TICKETS ONE THROUGH TWENTY THREE FOR TOMORROW- S REGISTRATION AND NUMBERED TICKETS TWENTY FOUR THROUGH SIXTY TWILL BE GIVEN EARLIEST ARRIVALS AT BOARD TOMORROW. BUREAU AGENTS OBSERVED AND PHOTOGRAPHED LINE PERIODICALLY THROUGHOUT DAY. MAXIMUM NUMBER IN LINE AT ANY GIVEN TIME THIRTY TO FORTY PERSONS. 157-6-61-42

DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY JOHN BOAR AT SELMA TODAY REQUESTED BUREAU AGENTS ON A CONTINUING BASIS TO OCT 18 1963

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ONE DETERMINE THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE EACH MORNING REGARDING THE ISSUING OF TICKETS TO PEOPLE APPEARING AT THE BOARD.

TWO PHOTOGRAPH AND IDENTIFY THOSE INDIVIDUALS STANDING IN VOTER REGISTRATION LINE PERIODICALLY THROUGHOUT THE DAY TO ASSISTANT DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY KENNETH MC IN TRE WHO IS REMAINING AT SELMA, AND

THREE ASCERTAIN HOW MANY INDIVIDUALS REGISTERED DURING DAY AND BREAKDOWN OF THESE INDIVIDUALS BY RACE.

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UNITED STATE GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

το : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-6-61)

DATE: 10/18/63

FROM SAC, MOEILE (157-367) (P)

UBJECT: RACIAL SITUATION, STATE OF ALABAMA, SELMA, ALABAMA

Transmitted herewith are three sets of photographs of area surrounding Dallas County Courthouse taken on 10/7/63 and registration office at Marion Junction, Alabama and Summerfield, Alabama, taken on 10/8/63. Photographs taken by SA

## PHOTOGRAPHS #

1 - 4 Area around Dallas County Courthouse
5 - Negroes leaving voter registration line
after registration office closed.

6 - 8 Unidentified Negro in area of Dallas County Courthouse.

9 -12 Registration office at Marion Junction, Alabara
15 -18 Registration office at Summerfield, Alabama.

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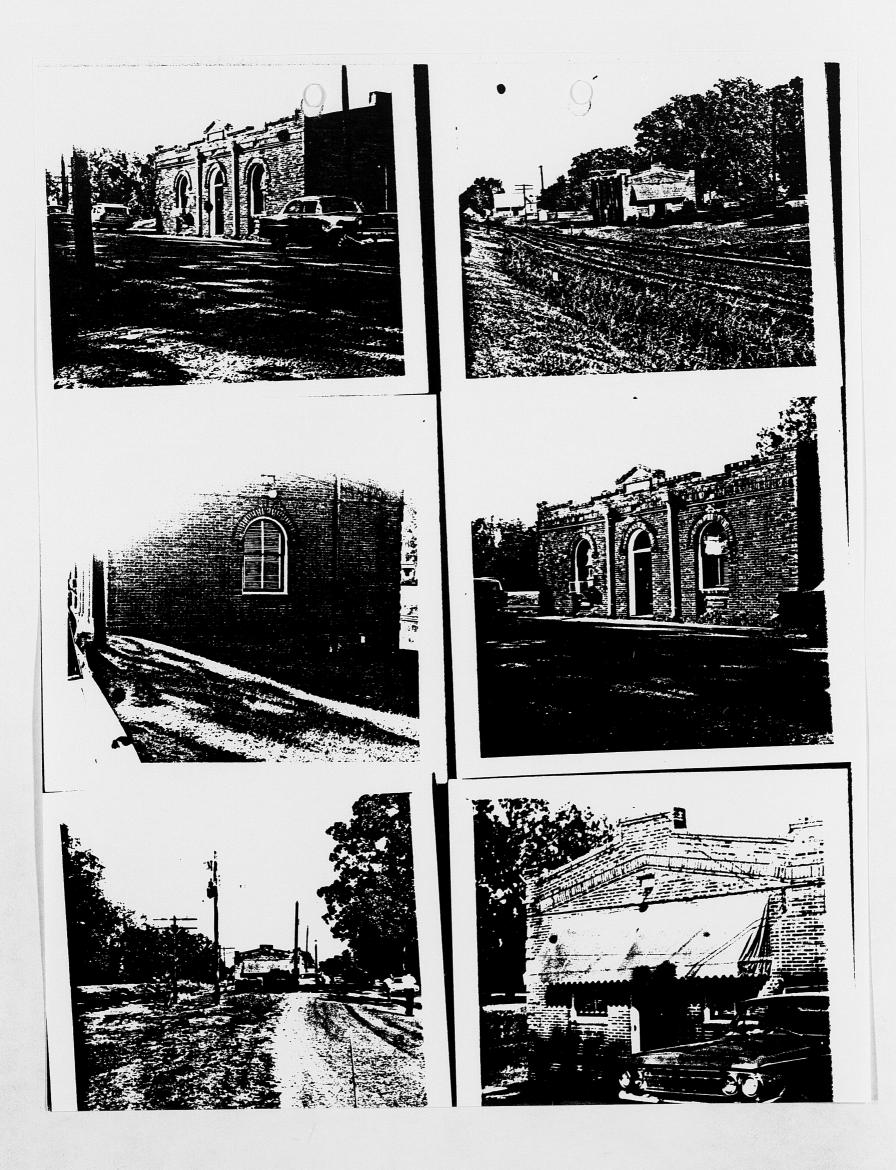
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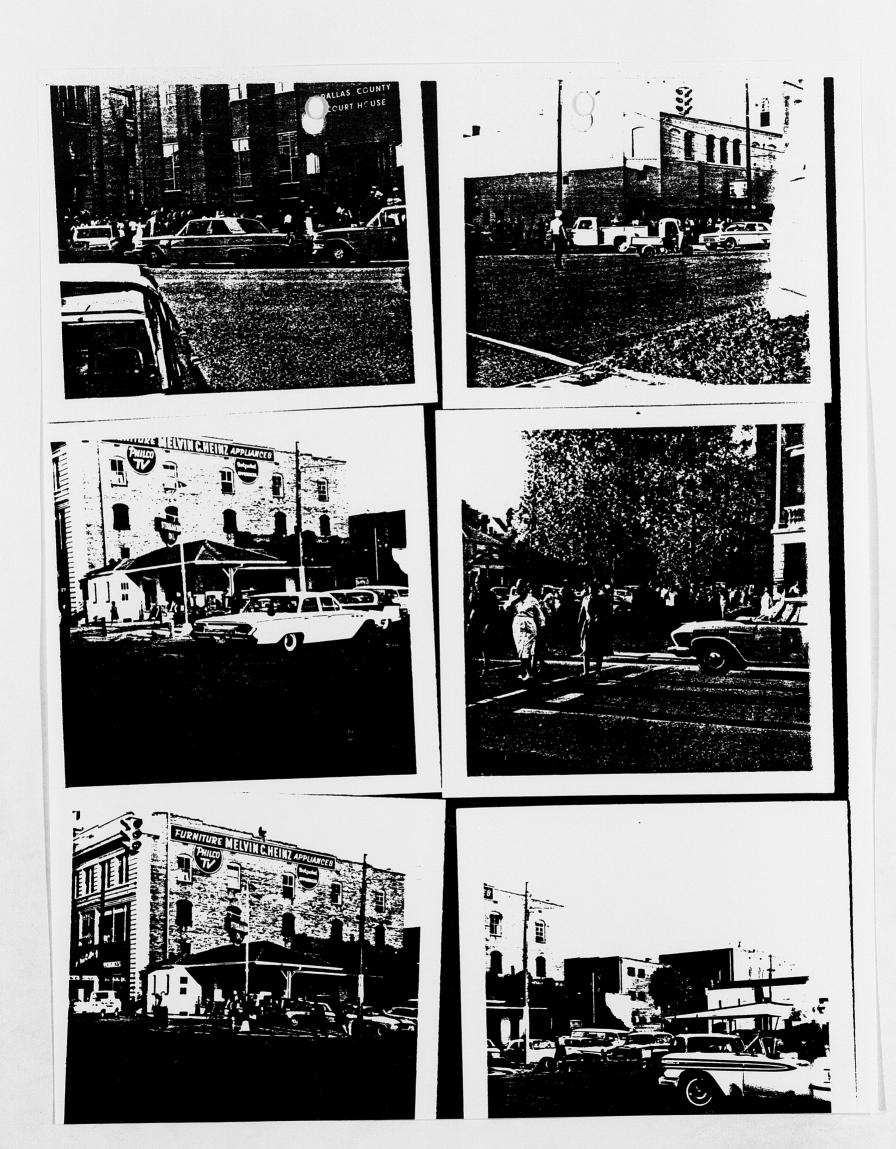
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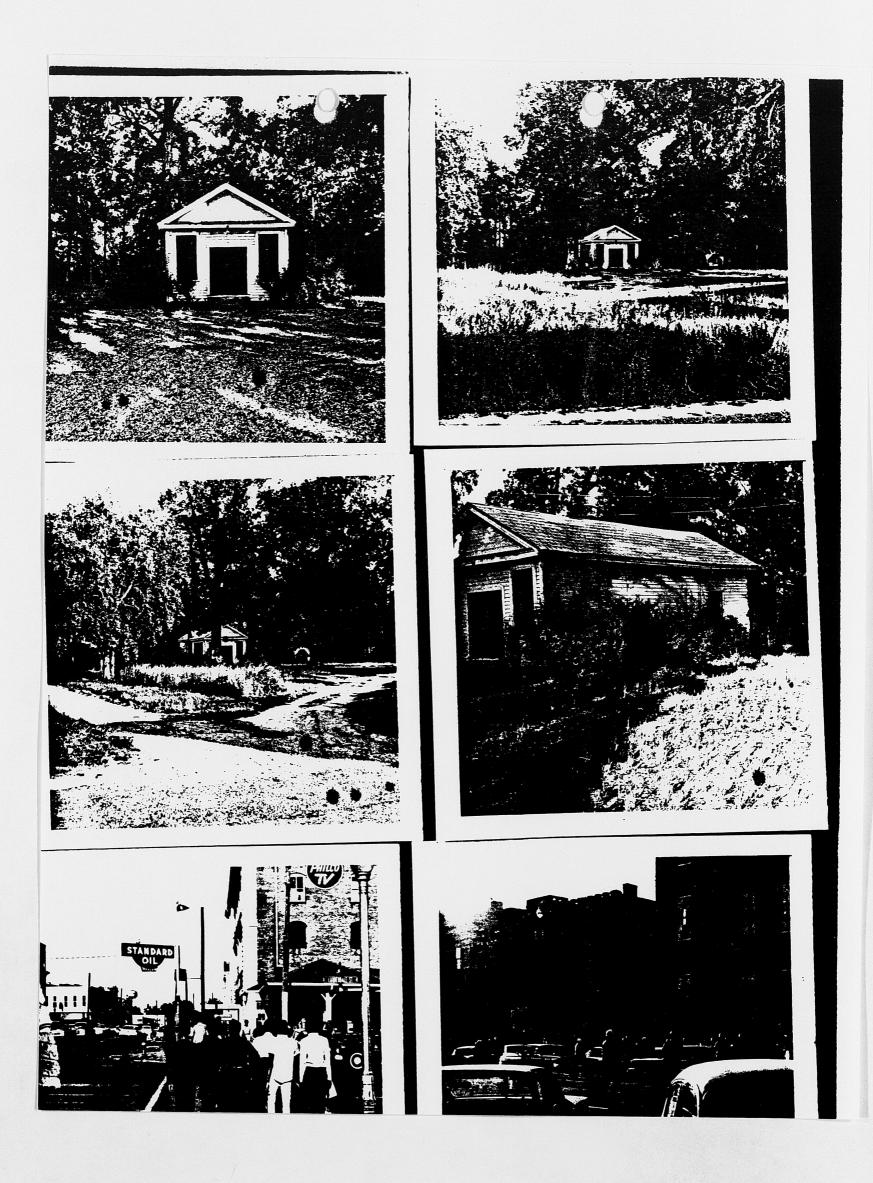
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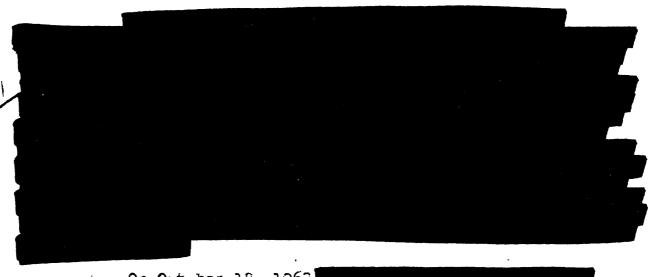
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Mobile, Alabama Cotober 14, 1963

RACIAL SITUATION STATE OF ALABAMA SELMA, ALABAMA



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On October 13, 1963
Selma, Alabama, advised that three young Negro
males had attended church services at the Church of the
Assumption, a white Catholic Church located on Washington
Street, Selma, at 10:00 AM (CST) services. No incidents
occurred as a result of their attendance at the church.

Alabama, advised that on October 15, 1963 he intended to follow the following plan in handling Negroes and whites who appeared at the Dallas County Voter Registration Board in order to fill out forms in order to register to vote. He stated that he intended to have the line lead out of the side door of the Dallas County Court House which opens into an alleyway between the Dallas County Court House and other buildings. He stated that the local

registration board intended to issue cards with numbers on them to the first sixty odd people that show up at the Board to register to vote. He said that these cards would enable the persons standing in line to leave the line to go to the rest room or get a drink of water or obtain food without losing their place in the line. He stated anyone that appeared at the board beyond the number of cards issued would be advised that they were welcome to stand in this line if they so desired, however, it would be impossible for the board to service more than the number of cards handed out.

Advised that the line would be confined to this alleyway and both ends of the alley would be blocked off

no one with the exception or police efficiers would be blicwed to enter this alleyway and in any way "molest" or talk to the individuals standing in line. He stated he wanted to prohibit confusion and confine the line to this one area without it staggering out over one or two plocks, which would necessitate a large force of officers, in order to maintain order.

further advised that he had received information that three Student Non Violence Co-ordinating Committee representatives, one of them being WORTH WESTINGHOUSE LONG, had appeared at Craig Air Force Base in the afternoon of October 13, 1965, and had apparently contacted several Negro airmen on the base for the purpose of organizing them to participate in some type of a demonstration. Stated that this is an effort on the part of Student Non Violence Co-ordinating Committee, in his opinion, to inject the military into the racial situation in Selma, Alabama.

Or. Obtober 14, 1963 Office of Special Investigation, Graig Air Force Base, advised as follows:

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At 4:20 PM. (CST) on October 13. 1963. three air-

had boarded a Selma City bus at the bowling alley which was located on Craig Air Force Base. They took seats that were located two seats in back of the driver. The driver said, "Go to the rear and take a seat in back of the rear exit of the bus". They refused and asked why. The driver said, "The seats in the back are for you". They requested their money which was returned to them, and they rode one block and alighted from the bus. All of the above sirmer involved in this

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instance were Negroes.

SA further reported that he had obtained information from
Craig Air Force Base, that at 8:00 PM (CST) on October 13,
1963, a 1957 Chevrolet, 1963 Alabama license number 27-5208,
entered Craig Air Force Base and proceeded to the bowling
alley. The occupants were a list a United States Army dependent.
The operator of the automobile was and
the tag was registered to
Selma, Alabama. The two males in the car were wearint lapel buttons "we will overcome".

No activity took place at the bowling alley; they only entered the alley for about fifteen minutes and departed.

On October 14, 1963, a confidential source of the Mobile office advised that Reverend Martin Luther King was scheduled to arrive in Selma, Alabama before noon on October 15, 1963. He would hold a luncheon and an all afternoon "workshop" at the First Baptist Church, corner of Sylvan Street and Jeff Davis Avenue and thereafter he would speak at a mass Negro rally at this courch on the night of October 15, 1963.

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URGENT 10-18-63 10-31 AM HRT
TO DIRECTOR, FBI 157-6-61
FROM SAC, MOBILE 157-367 1-P

RACIAL SITUATION, STATE OF ALABAMA, SELMA, ALABAMA.

ISSUED NUMBERED TICKETS FOR DALLAS REGISTRATION AT

RE MOTEL PM OCTOBER SEVENTEEN SIXTY THREE.

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EIGHT THIRTY AM CST. ONLY FIFTY TWO PERSONS IN LINE. APPROXIMATELY TWELVE PERSONS OF THE TWENTY THEE WHO HAD NUMBERS
WHEN BOARD CLOSED AT FOUR PM CST OCTOBER SEVENTEEN SIXTY
THREE APPEARED BY EIGHT THIRTY AM TODAY. OF THESE ONLY FOUR
WERE NEGROES. OF TOTAL FIFTY TWO NUMBERS ISSUED TODAY TO
PERSONS IN LINE, SIXTEEN WERE NEGROES. AT SIX FORTY FIVE
AM BUREAU AGENT OBSERVED THREE WHITES AND THREE NEGROES IN
LINE. SEVEN FIFTEEN AM THIRTY PERSONS IN LINE, TEN NEGROES.
EIGHT FIFTEEN WM, FORTY FOUR PERSONS IN LINE, TWELVE NEGROES.

DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY SELMA ADVISED LAM POLICUS 430

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