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REGISTRARS OF VOTERS, DALLAS COUNTY, ALABAMA, VOTING DISCRIMINATION. CR, EL. MOBILE ORIGIN.

RE MOBILE TELETYPE TO BUREAU FIVE THIRTY ONE P.M., CST, THIS DATE.

NEGRO MASS MEETING HELD SEVEN THIRTY P.M., CST, THIS DATE AT BROWN'S CHAPEL AME CHURCH, SELMA, ALA., WITH ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE FOUR HUNDRED TO FIVE HUNDRED. PRINCIPAL SPEAKERS WERE REV. JAMES BEVEL, SCLC STAFF, FREDERICK D. REESE, DALLAS COUNTY VOTERS LEAGUE AND REV. L. L. ANDERSON. MEETING TERMINATED TEN P.M. WITHOUT INCIDENT.

NEGRO YOUTH RALLY HELD SEVEN THIRTY P. W.C-Al FIRST 4 - 12831-455 BAPTIST CHURCH, SELMA WITH APPROXIMATELY THREE HUNDRED TO FOUR HUNDRED IN ATTENDANCE. REV. JAMES BEVEL SPOKE AT THE 1965 END PAGE ONE

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MEETING ALSO. RALLY TERMINATED AT EIGHT FIFTY P.M.
WITHOUT INCIDENT. UPON COMPLETION OF YOUTH RALLY
MAJORITY OF NEGROES ATTENDING RETURNED TO VICINITY OF
BROWN'S CHAPEL WHERE THEY REMAINED UNTIL MASS MEETING
CONCLUDED.

TWO PLAIN CLOTHES OFFICERS, SELMA, ALA. PD ON SCENE
OCCUPYING UNMARKED PATROL CAR. TWO CARS DALLAS COUNTY SO
OBSERVED ON SCENE. EACH OCCUPIED BY DALLAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S
DEPUTIES. TWO CARS SELMA PD., ONE CAR DALLAS COUNTY SO
PATROLING AREA. BUAGENTS OBSERVING.

DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY JOHN NIXON AT SELMA BEING ADVISED.

AIRMAIL COPIES TO ATLANTA AND BIRMINGHAM.

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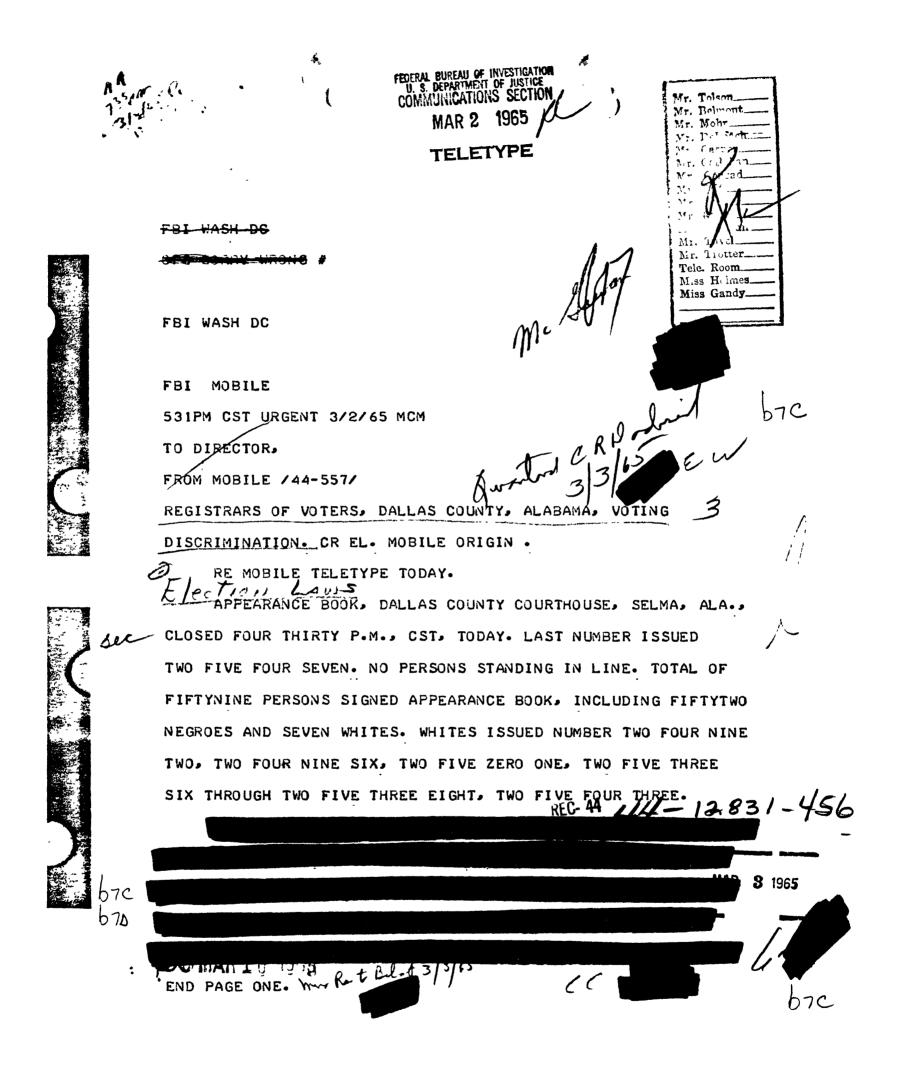
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ADVISED TODAY THERE ARE PLANS FOR MASS MEETING TONIGHT AT SEVEN THIRTY P.M., AT BROWN/S CHAPEL AME CHURCH, SELMA, ALA.

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SAID THERE WILL BE ELEVEN O/CLOCK A.M. MEMORIAL SERVICE AT THIS CHURCH FOR JIMMY LEE JACKSON AND ALSO SERVICE FOR JACKSON AT TWO P.M., TOMORROW AT MARION, ALA. BUREAU AGENTS WILL COVER.

JOHN NIXON, DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY ON SCENE AT SELMA, ADVISED.

ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, LOS ANGELES AND WFO ADVISED AM.

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NEGRO MASS MEETING HELD TONIGHT BROWN'S CHAPEL AME CHURCH. SELMA, ALA, BEGINING SEVEN THIRTY P.M. CST AND ENDING TEN ZERO FIVE P.M. APPROX THREE HUNDRED FIFTY TO FOUR HUNDRED NEGROES IN ATTENDANCE. REV. JAMES BEVEL PRINCIPAL SPEAKER, SPOKE GENERALLY ON VOTER REGISTRATION FOR MONDAY, THREE ONE NEXT AND MENTIONED A QUOTE WALK ENDOUGTE FOR THREE EIGHT NEXT TO MONTGOMERY, ALA, HOWEVER, DID NOT SPECIFY ANY DETAILS RE QUOTE WALK ENDQUOTE. Police Department

COVERAGE OF MEETING HANDLED BY ONE PD-CAR OCCUPIED BY CAPT. T.L. PRYON ON SCENE AND ONE PD CAR PATROLING. ONE STATE INVESTIGATO CAR ON SCENE WITH TWO PLAINCLOTHES MENTEC 131 44 - 1283

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DEPT ATTORNEY JOHN NIXON ON SCENE BEING ADVISED.

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REGISTRARS OF VOTERS. DALLAS COUNTY, ALABAMA, VOTING

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RE MOTEL TO BU NINE THIRTY EIGHT PM THIS DATE. CENTRAL STANDARD THE NEGRO MASS MEETING HELD SEVEN THIRTY PM, CST, THIS DATE AT BROWNS CHAPEL AME CHURCH, SELMA, ALA., WITH ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE FOUR HUNDRED. PRINCIPAL SPEAKER REV. C.T. VIVIAN. SCLE, STAFF. MAJORITY OF VIVIAN'S SPEECH DEALT WITH DEATH AND EURIAL OF JIMMY LEE JACKSON. MEETING TERMINATED TEN PM

Police Department COVERAGE AFFORDED BY TWO PLAIN CLOTHES OFFICERS, SELMA PO, OCCUPYING UNMARKED CAR. TWO CARS, DALLAS COUNTY_SHERIFFS OFFICE OBSERVED ON SCENE. ONE CAR SELMA ALABAMA PD PATROLING AR BUAGENTS OBSERVING

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., DID NOT APPEAR AT BROWNSR 4 1965

CHAPEL, BUT DEPARTED SELMA, EIGHT TWO FIVE PM EN ROUTE, MONTGOMERY, ALA., WHERE HOT WAS REPORTED ENPLANE ON A NINE TWO KING IS REPORTEDLY SCHEDULED TO ZERO FLIGHT TO ATLANTA, GA. END PAGE ONE

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Mr. Tolson. Mr. Belmont Mr. Mchr. Fr. Dil oach Ir. Carper. "r. Calluhan. Mr. Tectter Tele. Room. M ss II la . s. Miss Gandy.

SPEAK THREE FOUR NEXT AT JEWISH FUND RAISING DINNER IN NEW YORK CITY.

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ADVISED FROM INFO RECEIVED

FROM NEGRO SOURCES ONLY ACTIVITY PLANNED AT SELMA THREE FOUR NEXT IS AREA WARD MEETINGS.

DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY JOHN NIXON AT SELMA BEING ADVISED.

NEW YORK AND ATLANTA CONTACT LOGICAL SOUCES AND SUTER

ANY INFO DEVELOPED PERTAINING TO KING'S FUTURE ITINERARY

AND RETURN TO SELMA.

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REGISTRARS OF VOTERS, DALLAS COUNTY, ALABAMA, VOTING

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RE MOBILE TELETYPES MARCH ONE, LAST.

APPEARANCE BOOK OPEN NINE THIRTY A.M., CST, TODAY AT DALLAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, SELMA, ALA. FIRST NUMBER ISSUED TWO FOUR EIGHT NINE, FOUR NEGROES AND ONE WHITE STANDING IN LINE.

TWO HUNDRED SIXTYSIX FILLED OUT APPLICATIONS TO REGISTER YESTERDAY, MARCH ONE, LAST, ONE HUNDRED EIGHTYNINE WERE NEGROES AND SEVENTYSEVEN WHITES. OF SEVENTYNINE SIGNING APPEARANCE BOOK YESTERDAY, FIFTYSEVEN WERE NEGROES AND TWENTYTWO WHITES ISSUED NUMBERS TWO FOUR ONE FOUR. TWO FOUR FORRAGEXS 1965 TWO FOUR FOUR EIGHT THROUGH TWO FOUR FIVE ONE, TWO FOUR FIVE THREE, TWO TOUR FIVE FIVE THROUGH TWO FOUR FIVE EIGHT, TWO FOUR SIX TWO, TWO FOUR SEVEN ZERO, TWO FOUR SEVEN ONE, TWO

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DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY JOHN NIXON, ON SCENE SELMA, ALA.,

ADVISED TODAY HE AGAIN DISCUSSED PROPOSED MARCH FROM SELMA TO

MONTGOMERY, ALA., WITH

ACCORDING TO

THIS MARCH NOW DEFINITE; HOWEVER, DETAILS NOT FINAL.

MARCH WILL BE ON MARCH TEN OR ELEVEN, NEXT AND ABOUT TWO

HUNDRED NEGROES WILL PARTICIPATE. PRESENT PLANS ARE THAT ALL

PARTICIPANTS WILL WALK ONLY DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS. ATTEMPTS

BEING MADE BY

TO LOCATE PROPERTY ON WHICH MARCHERS COULD

CAMP DURING NIGHT.

AWARE OF ALL PROBLEMS THAT WILL

EXIST, INCLUDING SLEEPING AND EATING AND TOILET FACILITIES.

THESE PROBLEMS WILL BE WORKED OUT, ACCORDING TO

AIRMAIL COPIES TO ATLANTA AND BIRMINGHAM.

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REMOTELS MARCH SECOND LAST.

APPEARANCE BOOK, DALLAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, SELMA, ALA., OPENED NINE THIRTY AM, CST, TODAY. FIRST NUMBER ISSUED TWO FIVE FOUR EIGHT. NO ONE STANDING IN LINE. AT TWELVE NOON, ONLY FIFTEEN PERSONS SIGNED VOTER REGISTRATION APPEARANCE BOOK WITH NUMBER TWO FIVE SIX TWO ISSUED AT THIS TIME.

FUNERAL SERVICES HELD BROWNS CHAPEL AME CHURCH, ELEVEN AM, CST, TODAY FOR JINMIE LEE JACKSON, SNCC, WHO DIED FEB. TWENTY SIX LAST. SIGN OBSERVED OVER CHURCH RACISM KILLED OUR BROTHER UNQUOTE. NEWS MEDIA COVERING SERVICES AND PROCEEDINGS AT CHURCH. HUNDRED PERSONS ATTENDING SERVICE WITH OVERFLOW CROWD OF YOUNG NEGROES ATTENDING SERVICE AT THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH TAPPROR ONE BLOCK FROM BROWNS AME CHAPEL. END PAGE ONE

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AS OF TWELVE FORTY FIVE PM, CST, TODAY, DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. WHO IS SCHEDULED TO APPEAR AT FUNERAL SERVICE FOR JACKSON IN MARION, ALA. AT TWO PM TODAY HAS NOT ARRIVED THIS AREA. INFORMATION RECEIVED AT TWELVE FIFTY PM FROM

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THAT PLANE CARRYING KING HAS HAD SOME DIFFICULTY IN LANDING IN MONTGOMERY, ALA. DUE TO BAD WEATHER.

DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY JOHN NIXON ON SCENE AT SELMA
BEING ADVISED.

ATLANTA, BIRGINGHAM AIRMAIL.

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AT APPROXIMATELY FIVE FORTY FIVE P.M. CST TODAY ON HIGHWAY EIGHTY WEST NEAR THE OUTSKIRTS OF SELMA, ALABAMA, ALABAMA STATE TROOPERS STOPPED TWO VEHICLES, FIRST CAR OCCUPIED BY BERNARD LEE, ANDREW YOUNG, DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, REV. RALPH ABERNATHY AND HOSEA WILLIAMS. CAR OCCUPIED BY NOLAN JAMES HOBBS, NEGRO MALE, SIXTEEN YEARS OLD, FOUR ADULT NEGROES AND SEVERAL OTHER MINOR NEGROES. DRIVER OF FIRST CAR HOSEA WILLIAMS AND DRIVER OF SECOND CAR NOLAN JAMES HOBBS, BOTH CHARGET WITH A PREDING. THEY WERE IMMEDIATELY TAKEN TO DALLAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, SELMA, APPEARED BEFORE COUNTY JUDGE HUBH MALLORY AND WILLIAMS ENTERED PLEA AT FIRST OF NOT GUILTY BUT CHANGED PLEA TO & B.T GUILTY. WILLIAMS FINED TVENTY FIVE-DOLLARS AND COURT COST

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MAKING TOTAL OF THIRTY SIX DOLLARS. HOBBS PLEAD NOT GUILTY



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DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY JOHN NIXON ADVISED.

ATLANTA AND BIRMINGHAM ADVISED BY AIRMAIL.

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Mobile, Alabama March 1, 1965

REGISTRARS OF VUTERS DALLAS COUNTY, ALABAMA VOTING DISCRIMINATION

RE:

VICTIM

On February 16, 1965, Mr. BETAN LANDSBERG, Attorney, Civil Rights Division, United States Department of Justice, on scene at Selma, Alabama, contacted the Selma Resident Agency and advised his Division had been informed that Selma, Alabama,

Was dismissed from his employment with Selma, Alabama, on February 5, 1305, by for attending Negro voter registration mass meetings. Mr. IANDSBERS advised dismissal of employees who attended such meetings may be intimidating in violation of 42USC1971 (B).

Mr. LANDSBERG requested that be interviewed to determine the length of ment, starting salary, increases in salary, in any, and salary at time of dismissal, when and how often he had been promoted, whether his work was satisfactory or unsatisfactory, the grounds of dismissal, conversations which occurred concerning his dismissal, the amount of termination pay, the notice given to that he was dismissed, whether position had been filled by hiring another person and it so by whom, the name and address of other employees working for at the time of dismissal.

Alabama. advised on February 24, 1965, that he is in the in Selma, Alabama. He also advised that he formerly employed who resides at Selma, Alabama.

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REGISTRARS OF VOTERS DALLAS COUNTY, ALABAMA

part time basis for approximately four years and when first began working paid him \$.75 per hour and rate was \$1.05 per hour when his employment was terminated. The also stated since worked on a part time hourly rated basis he was not given termination pay or advance notice of dismissal.

advised that work was average but slow. He further advised he has not hired anyone to replace and emphasized his labor is on a pick-up basis and the amount of labor he uses depends upon the amount of work he is able to line up.

was untruthful and a slow worker. Further stated he did not wish to employ anyone he could not rely upon and could not trust and although he uses laborers on a part time basis he attempts to secure hard working and reliable persons.

also stated he did not dismiss because of his attending Negro voter registration meetings or participating in marches to the Dallas County Courthouse.

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by

Selma, on February 5, 1965, after attending Negro
registration mass meetings and participating in marches to
the Dallas Courty Courthouse. Mr. LANDSBERG advised
dismissal of employees for such activities may be intimidating
and in violation of 42USC1971 (B).

Mr. LANDSBERG requested that be interviewed regarding the length of employment, her starting salary, salary at time of dismissal, whether her work was satisfactory or unsatisfactory, the grounds for dismissal, conversations which occurred concerning dismissal. the amount of termination pay, the b7C that she was dismissed, if and notice given to was told her work was satisfactory or 670 position has been unsatisfactory, whether filled by hiring another person and the name and address of at the time of other employees working for dismissal.

furnished the following

information at Selma, Alabama, on February 24, 1955:

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He further advised that he

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from October 6, 1964, to February 8, 1965. He also stated worked as and was paid \$10.00 per week when she first started working and was making \$21.00 a week when she left this employment.

stated that did unsatisfactory work, was lackadaisical, required close supervision, could not be depended upon to show up for work and had been warned several times about her unsatisfactory work. He further stated that last worked on Saturday, February 6, 1965, and that she did not report for work on Monday, February 8, 1965. Said she did not call and has not contacted anyone at the clinic as to why she did not return to work.

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advised that was paid up through the week ending February 6, 1965, and since she was not fired no termination pay or dismissal notice is involved.

also advised another would be hired as soon as he is able to locate a capable person.

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REGISTRARS OF VOTERS, DALLAS COUNTY, ALABAMA, VOTING DISCRIMINATION. CR, EL. MOBILE ORIGIN.

VOTER REGISTRATION APPEARANCE BOOK, DALLAS COUNTY, COURTHOUSE, SELMA, ALA., CLOSED FOUR THIRTY P.M., CST, TODAY. LAST NUMBER ISSUED TWO FIVE SIX SIX. NO ONE STANDING IN LINE. TOTAL OF NINETEEN PERSONS SIGNED APPEARANCE BOOK, INCLUDING SEVENTEEN NEGROES AND TWO WHITES. WHITES ISSUED NUMBERS TWO FIVE FIVE SEVEN AND TWO FIVE SIX THREE.

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING ACCOMPANI YOUNG, SCLC STAFF, BERNARD LEE, SCLC STAFF AND HOSEA WILL SCLC STAFF, ARRIVED SELMA ONE P.M., CST, TODAY .- AFTER-BRIEF VISIT TO DR. SULLIVAN JACKSON/S HOME, WENT DIRECTLY TO MARION, ALA., WHERE KING WILL PREACH FUNERAL FOR JIMMY LEE JACKSON; WHO DIED FEBRUARY TWENTYSIX, LAST, IN SELMA.

WALTER H. ELLWANGER, PRESIDENT, ALABAMA LUTHERAN ACADEMY, NEGRO JUNIOR COLLEGE IN SELMA, HAS CONTACTED HIS OFFICE, AND ADVISED

ADVISED TODAY 670

Mr. Tolson Mr. Belmont Mr. Mohr.

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A NUMBER OF WHITE MINISTERS AND PROFESSIONAL PEOPLE FROM
THROUGHOUT STATE OF ALABAMA WHO ARE WUOTE IN AGREEMENT WITH THE
CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT UNQUOTE PLAN TO MARCH ON DALLAS COUNTY
COURTHOUSE, SELMA, ALA., SATURDAY, MARCH SIX, NEXT, AND GROUP
WILL SING SONGS AND HOLD PRAYER DEMONSTRATION.

ELLWANGER ESTIMATES BETWEEN FIFTY AND ONE HUNDRED PERSONS
WILL PARTICIPATE. SAID THIS IS VERY BAD DAY FOR
SUCH DEMONSTRATION, THAT IT IS POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS DUE TO
FACT RURAL RESIDENTS WILL BE IN TOWN. DEMONSTRATIONS BY WHITE
PEOPLE ARE NOT TOLERATED BY THESE RESIDENTS AS ARE NEGRO
DEMONSTRATIONS. SAID HE IS NOT DESIROUS OF MAKING
ARRESTS OF THESE PEOPLE, BUT DID WANT TO MAINTAIN LAW AND ORDER
IN SELMA. IS AFRAID THIS ACTION WILL CAUSE BREAKDOWN
IN LAW AND ORDER, HOWEVER, WILL ATTEMPT TO COPE WITH SITUATION
AND KEEP FBI ADVISED.

MASS MEETING TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR BROWN/S CHAPEL AME CHURCH TONIGHT AT SEVEN THIRTY CST. BUAGENTS WILL COVER.

DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY JOHN NIXON ON SCENE AT SELMA ADVISED.

ATLANTA AND BIRMINGHAM ADVISED AIRMAIL.

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TO : The Director

DATE: 7E% 18, 1965

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FROM

N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

ELECTION LAUIS COUNTY, ALA

Pages 2849-2851. Congressman Martin, (R) Alabama, spoke concerning the arrest in Selma, Alabama, of Reverend C. T. Vivian and , olinted out that he had investigated the record of Reverend Vivian. He set Lo th backgrot linformation on Reverend Vivian. Mr. Martin included a Diamn written by Rowland Evans and Robert Novak entitled "From Selma To Capitol Hill," and published in the Washington Post on February 15, 1965. Ir. Martin stated "The columnists quote the junior Senator from New York that Dr. King's Selma drive is intended not nearly so much to register Negro voters as to influence public opinion." Martin also included a news story from the Washington Post of February 17, 1965, entitled "Negro Minister Slugged, 2 Whites Hurt in Selma." The news story makes repence to the attack on Frank Soracco of California State College, and Roge Daly of Dartmouth College, in Selma. The article states "Soracco and Daly, both with bruised faces, were equationed tonigh by the FBI about the incident. The young men are civil rights. state "I believe" Mr. Martin went on to state "I believe . imperative that the administration and the Justice Department make public he information they have concerning any Communist involvement in these the connection of any of the leaders with Communist · 55 ...ties."

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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. KELLY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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FLFOTION LAW. REGISTRARS OF VOTERS OF DALLAS COUNTY,

VOTING DISCRIMINATION, CR; EL.

RE MOTELS MARCH THREE, SIXTYFIVE.

VOTER REGISTRATION APPEARANCE BOOK OPEN NINE THIRTY A.M., CST, TODAY AT DALLAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, SELMA. FIRST NUMBER TO BE ISSUED WILL BE TWO FIVE SIX SEVEN. NO NUMBERS ASSIGNED AT THIS TIME AND NO ONE IN LINE.

AT CAMDEN, ALA., ADVISED

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TODAY THAT HARRIETT SHEILA TANZMAN, SNCC STAFF, WAS IN CAMDEN TODAY. SOURCE STATED NEGROES PLAN MARCH ON COURTHOUSE AT CAMDEN AT ONE P.M., CST, TODAY IN FFTOR TO GET INSIDE COURTHOUSE. IF EFFORTS TO GETXINICOURTHOUSE ARE NOT SUCCESSFUL, MEMBERS PLAN TO GET ARRESTED BY 16 MAR 5 1965 LOCAL OFFICERS.

AS OF TWELVE FIFTEEN, CST, TODAY,

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CAMDEN, ALA., ADVISED THERE WAS

ONE CARLOAD OF NEGROES AT THE NEGRO CHURCH IN CAMDEN.

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STATED THESE INDIVIDUALS HAD BEEN TO A NEGRO
SCHOOL ATTEMPTING TO GET STUDENTS TO ENTER MARCH WITH
LITTLE SUCCESS. SAID LAST MONDAY, MARCH ONE,
SIXTYFIVE, SIXTYSIX NEGROES FILLED OUT VOTER REGISTRATION
QUESTIONNAIRES AT CAMDEN, ALA. NO WHITES REGISTERED ON
THAT DAY.

BUAGENTS ON SCENE AND WILL COVER.

DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY JOHN NIXON IS ON SCENE AT CAMDEN AND WILL BE KEPT ADVISED.

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REMOTEL TODAY.

MEGRO WARD MEETINGS HELD TONIGHT AT HOPEWELL BAPTIST CHURCH, ZION PRIMITIVE BAPTIST, ST. PAULS BAPTIST TABERNACLE, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, BROWNS CHAPEL AND NORTHERN HEIGHTS PRESEYTERIAN CHURCH. THEY BEGAN AT SEVEN THIRTY PM AND ENDED TEN PM WITHOUT INCIDENT.

ESTIMATED ATTENDENCE, HOPEWELL TWENTYFIVE, ZION TWENTY FIVE, ST PAULS TWENTY FIVE, FIRST BAPTIST FIFTY, BROWNS THIRTY FIVE AND NORTHER HEIGHTS TWENTY FIVE.

DEPT ATTORNEY JOHN NIXON ON SCENE AT SELMA BEING ADVISED.

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Mr. Tolson Mr. Balmont

REMOTEL FEB. TWENTYFIVE, LAST.

APPEARANCE BOOK OPEN DALLAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, SELMA, NINETHIRTY A.M. TODAY. FIVE NEGROES IN LINE AT THIS TIME APPEARANCE BOOK CLOSED FOUR THIRTY P.M., LAST NUMBER ISSUED TWO FOUR ZERO NINE. TOTAL OF NINETONE NUMBERS ISSUED, EIGHTYFOUR NEGROES AND SEVEN WHITES. NUMBERS ISSUED TO WHITES WERE TWO THREE TWO SEVEN, TWO THREE THREE ONE, TWO THREE THREE EIGHT, TWO THREE THREE NINE, TWO THREE FOUR THREE, TWO THREE SEVEN ONE, AND TWO THREE EIGHT ONE.

bac 670 ADVISED THERE WOULD BE

MARCH FOR JIMMIE LEE JACKSON, WHO DIED TODAY OF GUNSHOT WOUND

RECEIVED FEB. EIGHTEEN, LAST AT MARION, ALA., UNTIL MEXT WEEK.

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MASS MEETING SCHEDULED AT BROWN'S CHAPEL AME CHURCH, SELMA,
TONIGHT AT SEVEN THIRTY P.M.

ALSO ADVISED MASS MEETING BEING CON-DUCTED GREENSBORO, ALA. AND GEE'S BEND, ALA. BUREAU AGENTS WILL COVER.

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JACKSON DIED OF INFECTION OF PELVIC REGION. JACKSON TOOK TURN FOR WORSE DURING EVENING OF FEB. TWENTYFIVE, LAST. X-RAY SHOWED ABSCESS IN LOWER STOMACH. OPERATED ON BY DR. WILLIAM B. DINKINS WITH DR. HARTSELL STEWART, WHITE MALE, AS CONSULTANT. OPERATION LASTED FOUR HOURS AND JACKSON EXPIRED ABOUT FOUR HOURS AFTER OPERATION. AUTOPSY BEING CONDUCTED TODAY.

DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY JOHN NIXON, ON SCENE AT SELMA, ADVISED TODAY OF RECEIPT OF LETTER SIGNED

DATED FEB. TWENTYSIX, INSTANT REQUESTING LIST OF CASES, by SIUITS, AND DECISIONS PENDING OR RENDERED IN VOTING CASES IN NINETEEN ALABAMA COUNTIES. NIXON BELIEVES INQUIRY MADE BY TO DETERMINE WHAT COUNTIES ACTION TO BE TAKEN BY SNCC. NIXON

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WILL CONTACT DEPT. OF JUSTICE AND ADVISE OF ANY ACTION TAKEN.

CRAIG AFB, ADVISED SEVENTYSEVEN

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PERSONS ATTENDED FIRST MEETING OF NATIONAL GREAT SOCIETY FOR WHITE PEOPLE, SELMA, FEB. TWENTYFIVE, LAST. OFFICERS ELECTED WERE FNU HENDRICKS, PRESIDENT; HENRY PARDUE, VICE PRESIDENT; AND FNU OSBORNE, SECRETARY-TREASURER.

PERSONS LEAVING BEFORE MEETING TERMINATED. MEETING POORLY
ORGANIZED AND STATE OF CONFUSION REIGNED. RICHARD TURNER,
ORGANIZER OF ABOVE ORGANIZATION. CLAIMS THREE THOUSAND HAND
BILLS DISTRIBUTED CONCERNING THE MEETING AND ORGANIZATION BEING
FORMED QUOTE, IN CASE WHITE FOLKS NEED US, UNQUOTE. TURNER CLAIMS
ORGANIZATION IS NON-VIOLENT AND NOT AFFILIATED WITH SHERIFF CLARK'S
POSSE OR STATES RIGHTS PARTY.

JOHN NIXON, DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY ON SCENE AT SELMA, ADVISED.

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REGISTRARS OF VOTERS OF DALLAS COUNTY, ALA., VOTING DISCRIMINATION, CR, EL.

RE MO TEL TODAY.

DALLAS COUNTY BOARD OF REGISTRARS CLOSED APPEARANCE BOOK IN DALLAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, SELMA, ALA., FOUR THIRTY PM CST TODAY. LAST NUMBER ISSUED WAS TWO FIVE EIGHT SEVEN. NO ONE STANDING IN LINE WHEN BOOK CLOSED. TOTAL OF TWENYONE PERSONS SIGNED APPEARANCE BOOK. NINETEEN NEGROES AND TWO WHITES. WHITES ISSUED NUMBERS TWO FIVE SEVEN FOUR AND TWO FIVE EIGHT SEVERE b7C

WILL BE NO MASS MEETING AT SELMA, ALA TONIGHT AND ONLY VOTING WORKSHOPS ARE CONTEMPLATED. HE STATED THAT THEY WILL ATTEMPT TO COMPLETE PLANS FOR A MARCH TO MONTGOMERY,

ALA., ON MONDAY, MARCH EIGHT, NEXT.

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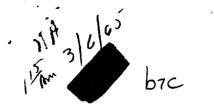
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REGISTRARS OF VOTERS OF DALLAS COUNTY, ALA., VOTING DISCRIMINATION, CR, EL.

RE MOTEL TODAY.

NEGRO MASS MEETING HELD TONIGHT BROWNS CHAPEL. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE TWO HUNDRED FIFTY. COMMENCED AT SEVEN THIRTY P.M. AND ENDED NINE TWENTY P.M. PRINCIPAL SPEAKER REV. P.H. LEWIS WHO URGED NEGROES TO TAKE PART IN MARCH TO MONTGOMERY THREE SEVEN SIXTYFIVE.

BUAGENTS OBSERVING. ONE MOBILE POLICE CAR AND ONE SHERIFF CAR ON SCENE. MEETING WITHOUT INCIDENT.

DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY JOHN NIXON BEING ADVISED AT SELMA.

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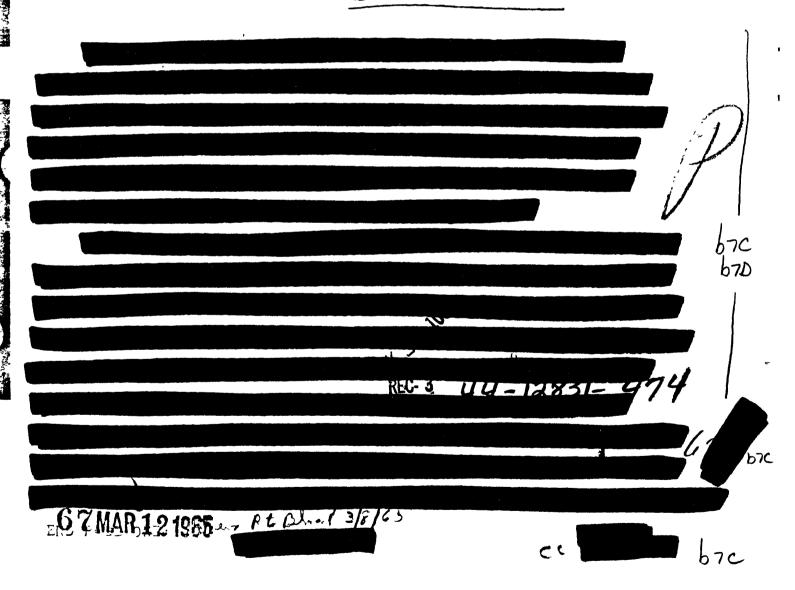
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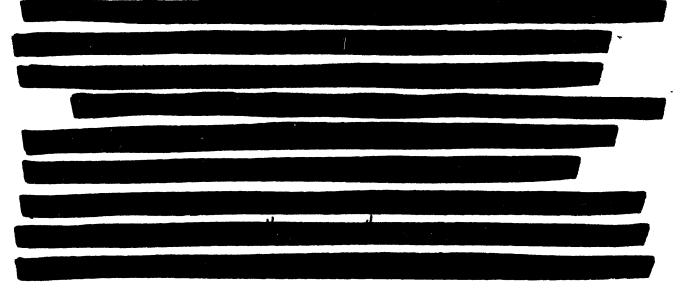
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ARRANGEMENTS HAVE SEEN MADE WITH MILITARY AUTHORITIES

CRAIG AFB TO UTILIZE LIGHT PLANE TOMORROW AND PHOTOGRAPH MARCHERS

AND DISPERSAL OF SAME FROM THE AIR. BUREAU AGENT WILL ACCOMPANY

PILOT ON REGULAR FLIGHT IN AREA UTILIZING TELEPHOTO

LENS IN OBTAINING AERIAL SHOTS OF THE DISPERSAL. AGENTS WILL BE
IN AREA OBSERVING AND PHOTOGRAPHING AND IF GAS IS USED WILL NO

LONGER BE ABLE TO STAY IN THE AREA AS NONE ARE EQUIPPED WITH GAS

MASKS.

ACCORDING TO BEST INFORMATION AVAILABLE MARCH WILL COMMENCE AT ONE P.M.

DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY CARL GABEL ON SCENE BEING ADVISED.
ATLANTA AND BIRMINGHAM ADVISED AIRMAIL.

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Memorandum

TO

Mr. Belmont

A. Rosem

DATE: March 3, 1965

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SUBJECT:

FROM:

Funeral services will be held today in Marion, Alabama, for Jimmy Lee Jackson, a Negro who was shot by an Alabama State Trooper on February 18, 1965, at Marion, Alabama, during a Negro voter registration demonstration. Jackson died of the wound on the morning of February 26, 1965. Martin Luther King, Jr., is expected to deliver the eulogy at Jackson's funeral in Marion.

ACTION:

For information. Voter registration activities in Alabama are being closely followed.

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REGISTRARS OF VOTERS, DALLAS COUNTY, ALABAMA, VOTING MOBILE ORGIN. DISCRIMINATION.

& Election LAWS

REMOTEL MARCH SIX, LAST AND TELCALL TO BUREAU TODAY.

AT APPROXIMATELY ONE FORTY PM, CST, TODAY A GROUP OF APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED INDIVIDUALS MARCHED OUT OF BROWNS CHAPEL AME CHURCH, SYLVAN STREET, SELMA, ALA., FOR MARCH TO MONTGOMERY, ALA. THIS GROUP WAS CONFRONTED BY J. W.ILSON BAKER PUBLIC SAFETY DIR., SELMA, ALA.

THIS GROUP BROKE UP IN SMALL GROUPS AND HEADED FRO PLAY-

GROUND AREA IN REAR OF CHURCH TO REGROUP.

AT TWO EIGHTEEN PM, CST, APPROXIMATELY SIX HUNDRED TWENTY PERSONS LEFT THE ABOVE CHURCH AND PLAYGROUND AREA LED STUDENT NON-VIOLENT COORDINATION COMMITTEE SOUTHERN Southern Christian Lepsensh. BY JOHN ROBERT LEWIS, STAFF, AND HOSEA WILLIAMS, SSLC FEMALES, AGES FIFTEEEN TO TWENTYFIVE YEARS, AND PULLEITE PARTIT OVERNIGHT GEAR CARAIED ON PACKS ON BAHS OF MARCHERS.

Miss H.li. Miss Gandy.

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THIS GROUP MARCHED IN TWOS FROM CHRUCH TO WATER STREET AND EDMOND PETTIN BRIDGE. MARCHERS WERE NOT SPACED AND ENTIRE GROUPS STRETCHED TO VICINTITY OF GREEN STREET, SEVERAL BLOCKS FROM BRIDGE.

ALABAMA STATE TROOPERS APPROXIMATELY FIFTY IN NUMBER
LINED ACROSS HIGHWAY EIGHTY, EAST, TOWARD MONTGOMERY, ALA
AND CONFRONTED MARCHERS. APPROXIMATELY TWO HUNDRED YARDS FROM
BRIDESE IN THE AREA OF THELMA ****H-PONTIAC MOTOR COMPANY,
TROOPERS ADVISED LEAD GROUPS TO DISPERSE AS THIS MARCH WAS
CHOTE DETRIMENTAL TO SAFETY OF ALL CONCERNED. UNQUOTE. TROOPERS
AGAIN ORDERED MARCHERS TO DISPERSE, GIVING THEM TWO MINUTEES
TO OBEY ORDERS. TROOPERS WERE HEARD TO STATE QUOTE IS THAT
CLEAR UNQUOTE AND HAD NOTHING FURNITER TO SAY.
LEADER OF MARCH, HOSEA WILLIAMS, WAS HEARD TO REQUEST OPPORTUNITY
TO SPEAK AND WAS REFUSED.

TROOPERS ARMED WITH NIGHT STICKS AND WEARING GAS MASKS
THEN ADVANCED ON MARCHERS, PUSHING THEM BACKWARDS AND STRICKING
FIVE OR SIX OF LEAD GROUP WITH NIGHT STICKS. TROOPERS ATTEMPTING
TO FORCE MARCHERS TO RETURN TO BRIDGE. AT THIS TIME MARCHERS
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STARTED SITTING ON HIGHWAY, REFUSING TO DISPERSE. TROOPERS
BACKED UP BY FIFTEEN MEMBERS OF SHERIFF JAMES G. CLARK
MOUNTED POSSER, USED APPROXIMATELY TWENTY TEAR GAS CANISTERS
TO DISPERSE CROWD. AS MARCHERS DISPERSED TROOPERS AND MOUNTED
POSSEE, USING NIGHT STICKS, INJURING SEVERAL MARCHERS. MOUNTED
POSSER CONTINUED TO DRIVE MARCHERS OVER BRIDEGE ENTERING MARCHING
LINE AND HITTING MARCHERS WITH NIGHT STICKS. SEVERAL AMBULANCES
DISPATCHED TO BRIDGE AREA. MOUNTED POSSE MEMBERS OBSERVED TO
DRIVE HORSES IMMEDIATELY BEHIND MARCHERS DURING MARCH OVER
BRIDGE.

AT THREE TWENTYTHREE PM CST, APPROXIMATELY THIRTY

POSSE MEMBERS AND FIFTEEN MOUNTED POSSE MEMBERS HEADED FOR

BROWNS CHAPELS AME CHURCH, WHERE IT WAS REPORTED ROCKS, BOTTLES

AND OTHER OBJECTS BEING THROWN AT LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS.

AT THREE THIRTY P.M., FIFTY TO SIXTY POSSE MEMBERS AND TWENTY

TO THIRTY STATE TROOPERS WERE DISPATCHED TO BROWN/S CHAPEL

AME CHURCH TO CLEAR AREA. ALL PERSONS IN AREA ADVISED BY

TROOPERS TO GET IN HOUSES OR CHURCH. AT THIS TIME NEGROES WERE

HOLDING MASS MEETING AT CHURCH. CHURCH UNDER DIRECT OBSERVATION

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BY FIFTY STATE TROOPERS AND ONE HUNDRED POSSE MEMBERS. SHERIFF CLARK ADVISED INDIVIDUALS IN CHURCH THEY COULD LEAVE CHURCH AND GO HOME IF THE DESIRED.

INJURIES TO MARCHERS UNKNOWN AT THIS TIME. FOUR ISOLATED INCIDENTS OF ROCK THROWING UNTIL APPROXIMATELY FIVE P.M., TODAY. TROOPERS AND POSSE MEMBERS CLEARED ALL INDIVIDUALS OFF STREETS OF CHURCH AREA AT FIVE ZERO FIVE P.M., CST. THIS COMPLETED WITHOUT INCIDENT.

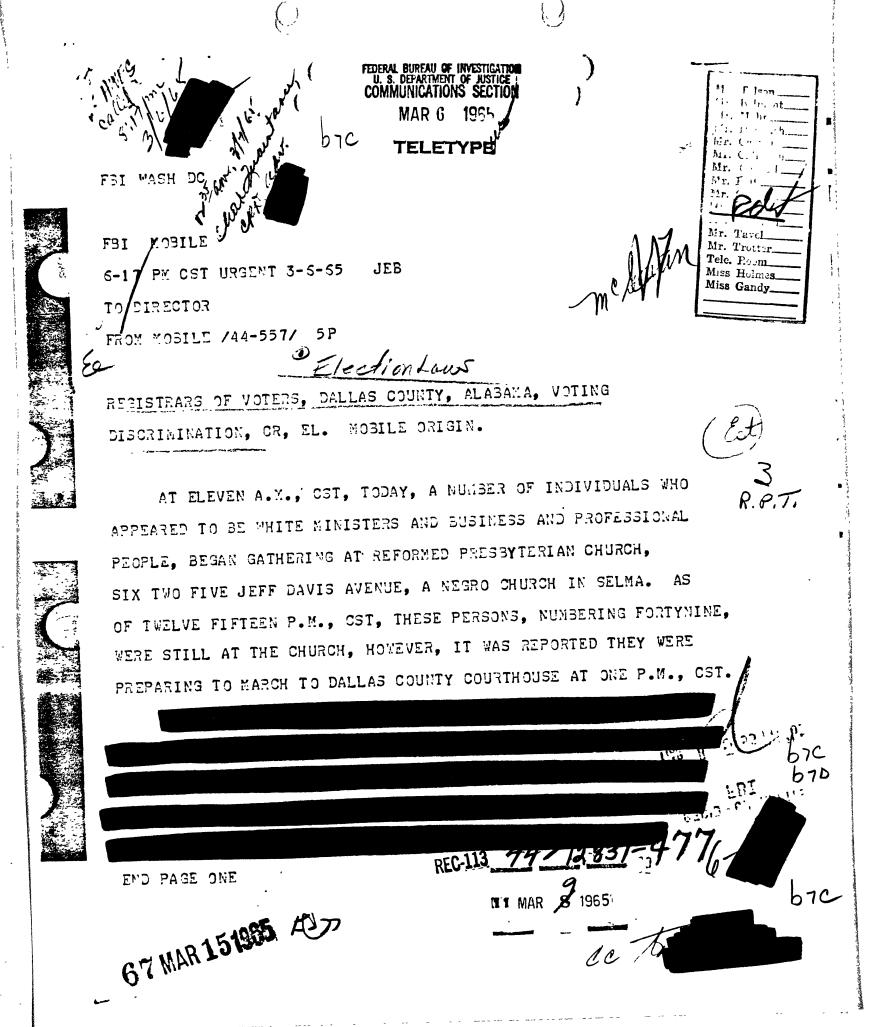
FUREAU AGENTS ON SCENE OBSERVING AND PHOTOGRAPHING. DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY CARL GABEL ON SCENE AT SELMA, BEING ADVISED.

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AT TWO ZERO ONE P.M., CST, SMALL GROUPS OF WHITE PERSONS SPACED ABOUT FIFTEEN TO TWENTY FEET APART BEGAN LEAVING REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, WALKED TO CORNER OF BROAD AND JEFF DAVIS STREET, ON BROAD STREET TO ALABAMA AVENUE AND WEST ON ALABAMA AVENUE TO DALLAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE. GROUP WAS LED BY REV. JOSEPH ELLWANGER LUTHERAN MINISTER FROM BIRMINGHAM. ALA. AS FIRST GROUP ARRIVED AT COURTHOUSE, TWO TWENTYFOUR P.M., THEY WERE MET BY CHIEF DEPUTY SHERIFF L. C. CROCKER, DALLAS COUNTY SO, WHO READ TELEGRAM RECEIVED BY SO FROM MISSOURI LUTHERAN SYNOD. TELEGRAM SET FORTH IN SUBSTANCE THAT ELLWANGER WAS ACTING AS INDIVIDUAL AND WITHOUT APPROVAL OR AUTHORIZATION OF SYNOD. ELLWANGER ADVISED WAS AWARE OF THIS AND WAS EXPRESSING HIS BELIEFS AS CITIZEN. A GROUP OF SIXTYFIVE WHITE PERSONS LINED UP IN FRONT OF DALLAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE ON ALABAMA AVENUE CARRYING SIGNS PROTESTING VOTER REGISTRATION PROCEDURES AND STATING WHITE PERSONS HAD REMAINED SILENT TOO LONG. AS GROUP LINED UP AT COURTHOUSE A LARGE GROUP OF LOCAL WHITES GATHERED ON CORNER OF ALABAMA AVENUE AND LAUDERDALE STREET ON SIDE OF COURTHOUSE. TWO YOUNG WHITE MALES WHO FOLLOWED SIXTYFIVE WHITE END PAGE TWO

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PERSONS TO COURTHOUSE AND WHO WERE WEARING BEARDS AND CARRYING CAMERAS WERE STRUCK SEVERAL SLAPPING TYPE BLOWS WHEN THEY ARRIVED AT CORNER OF ALABAMA AND LAUDERDALE BY THE LOCAL QUOTE WHITE TOUGHS UNQUOTE. J. WILSON BAKER, ON SCENE, IMMEDIATELY STOPPED THIS ACTIVITY AND TOLD QUOTE TOUGHS UNQUOTE TO CLEAR SIDEWALKS. A GROUP OF TWO HUNDRED OR THREE HUNDRED NEGROES GATHERED IN FRONT OF FEDERAL BUILDING ON ALABAMA AVENUE SIDE TO OBSERVE DEMONSTRATION OF SIXTYFIVE WHITE PERSONS IN FRONT OF DALLAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE. A CAR STOPPED AT CORNER OF ALABAMA AND LAUDERDALE STREET AT ABOUT TWO TWENTYFIVE P.M.. CST, PRETENDED TO HAVE CAR TROUBLE, HOOD WAS RAISED AND SOME TYPE OF LIQUID WAS POURED ONTO CARBURETOR CAUSING LARGE VOLUME OF SMOKE TO POUR OUT OF CAR AND SMOKE FLOATED ACROSS STREET TO NEGROES, PARTIALLY OBSCURING THE NEGROES. BAKER ADVISED THESE THREE WHITE MALES IN CAR TO LEAVE AREA. THE CAR BORE SIXTYFIVE ALABAMA TAG TWENTYSEVEN DASH SIX NINE FOUR NINE AND AN INDIVIDUAL NAMED WAS SITTING IN REAR SEAT OF CAR.

AT ABOUT TWO THIRTYFOUR P.M., ELLWANGER READ A PREPARED STATEMENT PROTESTING VOTER REGISTRATION PRACTICES, POLICE END PAGE THREE

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BRUTALITY AND THE OPPRESSION OF THE NEGRO POPULATION. THE WHITES HOOTED AND YELLED TO SUCH AN EXTENT
THAT STATEMENT COULD NOT BE HEARD. AT TWO FORTY P.M., THE WHITE PERSONS ASSEMBLED IN FRONT OF COURTHOUSE SANG QUOTE AMERICA UNQUOTE, WHILE THE WHITE TOUGHS PRACTICALLY DROWNED THEM OUT SINGING QUOTE DIXIE UNQUOTE.

AT TWO FORTYFOUR P.M. GROUP OF SIXTYFIVE WHITE PERSONS

LEFT COURTHOUSE AREA WALKING EAST ON ALABAMA AVENUE TO CHURCH

STREET AND NORTH ON CHURCH STREET, RETURNING TO REFORMED

PRESSYTERIAN CHURCH. AT TWO FORTYFIVE P.M., WHILE GROUP WAS

DISPERSING FROM AREA A WHITE MALE OF ABOUT FORTY TO FORTYFIVE

YEARS OF AGE, WEARING A GREY CARCOAT STARTED CHASING ONE OF

THE YOUNG WHITE MALES WEARING BEARD AND WHO POSSIBLY IS

CONNECTED WITH SNCC, HOWEVER, HIS NAME NOT KNOWN AT THIS TIME.

BETWEEN BROAD AND LAUDERDALE STREET ON ALABAMA AVENUE THIS

YOUNG WHITE MALE WAS TACKLED BY JIMMY GEORGE ROBINSON, ADMITTED

NSRP MEMBER WHO WAS ON SCENE, BUT WHITE MALE IMMEDIATELY

JUMPED INTO CAR DRIVEN BY SOME NEGROES AND A GROUP OF

WHITE TOUGHS THEN ATTEMPTED TO TURN OVER THE CAR, BUT

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WERE IMMEDIATELY STOPPED BY CITY POLICEMEN. THIS ENDED

ACTIVITY IN AREA OF COURTHOUSE AND BY TWO FIFTYSIX P.M., AREA

HAD CLEARED OF WHITES AND NEGROES AND SIXTYFIVE WHITES WHO

DEMONSTRATED AT COURTHOUSE HAD RETURNED TO CHURCH.

AS OF FOUR P.M., CST, GOVERNOR GEORGE WALLACE MADE NEWS RELEASE STATENG HE WOULD NOT ALLOW ANY MARCH BETWEEN SELMA AND MONTGOMERY, ALA. AT TWELVE ZERO FOUR P.M., TODAY, DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING HAD ALSO STATED RELATIVE TO MARCH THAT IN EVENT MARCHERS WERE STOPPED, THEY WOULD LIE DOWN IN ROAD UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THEY RECEIVED RELIEF FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ADVISED WHITE GROUP THAT DEMONSTRATED AT COURTHOUSE TODAY WAS QUOTE VERY HAPPY WITH THE RESULTS UNQUOTE AND ARE CONSIDERING HAVING ANOTHER SIMILAR MARCH. HOWEVER, THEY WILL HAVE MEETING IN APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEKS FROM NOW TO DECIDE WHERE AND WHEN TO HAVE MARCH. REV. JOSEPH ELLWANGER WILL BE IN CHARGE OF NEXT MARCH ALSO.

DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY CARL GABEL ON SCENE AT SELMA BEING ADVISED. ATLANTA AND BIRMINGHAM ADVISED AIRMAIL.

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DIRECTOR (44-12831) TO

FROM MOBILE (44-557) 2 PAGES

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS, DALLAS COUNTY, ALABAMA, VOTING DISCRIMINATION. CR-EL.

REMOTEL TODAY.

NEGRO MASS MEETING HELD SEVEN THIRTY PM CST THREE NINE LAST BRONW'S CHAPEL AME CHURCH, SYLVAN STREET, SELMA, ALA., WITH ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE SIX HUNDRED FIFTY TO SEVEN HUNDRED.

NEGRO YOUTH RALLY COMMENCED EIGHT PM FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH SYLVAN ST., ATTENDED BY APPROXIMATELY TWO HUNDRED FIFTY. YOUTH RALLY ORGANIZED BY REV. JAMES BEVEL, SCLC AND TERMINATED NINE FIFTEEN PM WITHOUT INCIDENT. AT CONCLUSION OF YOUTH RALLY THOSE ATTENDING MOVED TO FRONT OF BROWN'S CHAPEL WHERE THEY REMAINED UNTIL CONCLUSION OF MASS MEETING.

REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., ARRIVED AT BROWNS CHAPEL NINE FOURTEEN PM AND DELIVERED MAIN ADDRESS OF EVENING. REV. FRED SHUTTLESWORTH CHAIRMAN OF ALA CHRISTIAN RIGHTS MOVEMENT WHILE SPEAKING AT BROWNS CHAPEL PROPOSED MARCH ON DALLAS CO. COURTHOUSE TOWER TOWERS TEN INSTANT. MARCHERS ARE TO ASSEMBLE AT BROWNS CHAPEL AT NINE AM AT WHICH

TIME FINAL PLANS WILL BE MADE FOR MARCH.

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Mr. Tavel

Mr. Trotter. Tele. Room_ Miss Holines. Miss Gandy.

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KING DEPARTED BROWNS CHAPEL TEN THIRTY PM AND ARRIVED RESIDENCE OF DR. SULLIVAN JACKSON, LAPLSY STREET, WHERE HE IS TO SPEND NIGHT. MASS MEETING TERMINATED TEN FORTYFIVE PM WITHOUT INCIDENT.

COVERAGE AFFORDED BY SELMA PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR J. WILSON BAKER ACCOMPANIED BY ONE PLAIN CLOTHED OFFICER. ONE CAR DALLAS CO., SO AND ONE CAR SELMA PD OBSERVED ON SCENE WITH ONE CAR EACH PATROLING AREA.

BUAGENTS OBSERVING.

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SELMA HAS ADVISED TWO PLANES CARRYING APPROXIMATELY FIFTY
CATHOLIC PRIEST AND NUNS WILL ARRIVE SELMA, ALA., THREE TEN INSTANT
AND WILL PARTICIPATE IN CR MOVEMENT.

DEPT ATTORNEY JOHN NIXON AT SELMA BEING ADVISED.

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REGISTRARS OF VOTERS, DALLAS COUNTY, ALABAMA. VOTING DISCRIMINATION. Chil Rights _ Election Lows OELecTION LAWS CR. EK.

RE MOTEL THREE EIGHT AT SIX FIFTY FIVE.

CENTRAL STANDARD TIME MASS MEETING HELD SEVEN THIRTY PM CST THREE EIGH LAST AT BROWN CHAPEL AME CHURCH SYLVAN STREET, SELMA WITH-ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE SIX HUNDRED FIFTY. NEGRO YOUTH RALLY COMMENCED SAME TIME AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH SYLVAN STREET ATTENDED BY TWO HUNDRED FIFTY. YOUTH RALLY TERMINATED NINE FIFTY PM WITHOUT INCIDENT AT WHICK-TIME MAJORITY OF THOSE ATTENDING MOVED TO BROWN CHAPEL. UPON ARRIVAL AT CHAPEL A NUMBER OF NEGRO YOUTHS WENT INSIDE WHILE OTHERS, AFTER REMAINING AT CHURCH FOR SHORT TIME, DEPARTED AREA.

REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. ARRIVED AT BROWN CHAPEL TEN THIRTY PM CST AND DELIVERED MAIN ADDRESS OF THE EVENING. THE SPEECH DEALT WITH A MARCH, THE EXACT NATURE OF WHICH W DISCLOSED, WHICH IS SCHEDULED, AT SELMA THREE NINE, INSTANT:

ON SCENE AT CHURCH ADVISES MARCHERS HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO BE AT BROWN CHAPENINE AM THREE NINE INSTANT AT WHICH TIME FINAL PLANS

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Mr. Rosen Mr. Sullivan. Mr. Tavel_ Mr. Trotter. Tele. Room. Miss Holnies.

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FOR MARCH WILL BE MADE. TIME MARCH IS TO START NOT YET ESTABLISHED.

MEETING TERMINATED MIDNIGHT WITHOUT INCIDENT. KING REMAINED AT

CHURCH UNTIL TWELVE FIFTEEN AM AT WHICH TIME HE DEPARTED FOR RESIDENCE

OF DR. SULLIVAN JACKSON LAPSLEY STREET SELMA WHERE HE IS TO SPEND

THE NIGHT.

DURING COURSE OF EVENING APPROXIMATELY FIFTY CLERGYMEN, ALL WHITE AND REPRESENTING VARIOUS RELIGIOUS SECTS WERE OBSERVED ENTERING MEETING AT BROWN CHAPEL.

COVERAGE OF MEETING AND YOUTH RALLY AFFORDED BY SELMA PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR J. WILSON BAKER ACCOMPANIED BY ONE PLAINSCLOTHES Sheriff's Office Police Department OFFICER. DALLAS COUNTY SO AND SELMA PO OBSERVED WITH ONE CAR EACH PATROLLING AREA. ONE CAR DALLAS CO. SO OCCUPPIED BY DEPUTIES OBSERVED ON SCENE EARLIER IN EVENING BUT LEFT BEFORE MEETING ENDED.

ALABAGA STATE TROOPERS
TWO INVESTIGATORS AST OBSERVED ON SCENE EARLY IN EVENING DRESSED IN PLAIN CLOTHES. BUAGENTS OBSERVING.

AAG JOHN DOAR HAS CONFIDENTIALLY ADVISED THERE WILL BE NO MARCH OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS OF SELMA THREE NINE INSTANT. DOAR STATES DR.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HAS AGREED TO A TWO DAY MORATORIUM CONCERNING MARCH FROM SELMA TO MONTGOMERY IN LIEU A CIVIL ACTION

FILED EVENING OF THREE EIGHT LAST BY NEGRO ATTORNEY FRED GRAY AT END PAGE TWO

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MONTGOMERY WITH DEPT OF JUSTICE AS QUOTE INTERESTED PARTY ENQUOTE.

DEFENDANTS NAMED IN SUIT ARE ALABAMA GOVERNOR GEORGE C. WALLACE,

ALA. PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR AL LINGO AND DALLAS COUNTY SHERIFF

U.S. DISTRICT JUNES

JAMES G. CLARK, JR. THIS SUIT WAS FILED BEFORE USDJ FRANK M. JOHNSON,

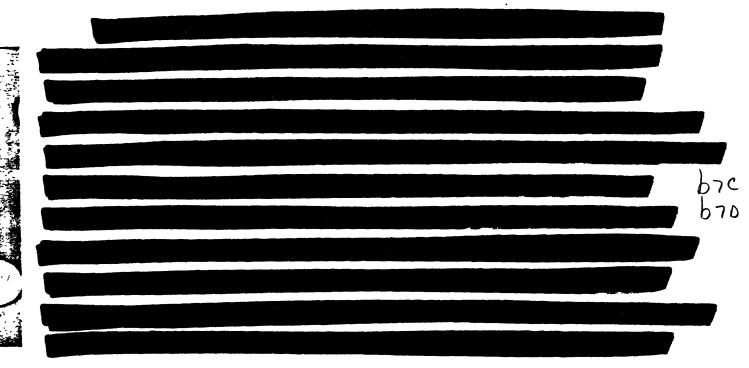
JR. AT MONTGOMERY, ALA. AND IS SCHEDULED TO BE HEARD THURSDAY

NEXT. BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED OF DETAILS AND EXTENT OF SUIT LATER

TODAY. DOAR ADDITIONALLY INFORMED THERE WILL BE A MARCH IN SELMA

THREE NINE INSTANT BUT WILL BE CONFINED TO THE SELMA CITY LIMITS

AND POSSIBLY DIRECTED AT THE DALLAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE.



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DEPT. ATTORNEY JOHN NIXON ON SCENE ADVISED.

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REGISTRARS OF VOTERS, DALLAS COUNTY, ALABAMA. VOTING

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AS OF NINE PM, OST, THE AREAS OF BROWNS CHAPEL AME CHURCH AND FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH SYLVAN STREET, BOTH SELMA, ALA., REMAIN QUIET AFTER POSSE MEMBERS, STATE TROOPERS AND SHERIFF/S DEPUTIES LEFT AREA AT APPROXIMATELY FIVE FIFTEER PM

CONTACT WITH AUTHORITIES GOOD SAMARITAN HOSPITAL AND BURWELL INFIRMARY, BOTH NEGRO HOSPITALS, SELMA LEREFLECTS THIS EIGHT PERSONS TREATED FOR MINOR INJURIES AND RELEASED 12831480 AT 3750 SAMARITAN HOSPITAL. TWELVE PERSEC 10811TTED TO GOOD 13 MAR 9 1965 SAMARITAN HOSPITAL WITH INJURIES SUCH AS POSSIBLE SKULL FRACTURES, FRACTURED RIBS, ARMS AND LARCERATION OF HEAD. TIGHT ASSONS TREATED AT BURWELL INFIRMARY, FOUR ADMITTED FOR TREATMENT. ALL TOUT LISTED AS QUETE TEAR GAS VICTIMS. UNQUETE DOMAR 171965

MR. BELLIGHT FOR THE DIRECTOR





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ADVISED AT EIGHT TWENTYEIGHT

PM, INSTANT, NO ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR MARCH EIGHT, SIXTYFIVE
IN SELMA WITH EXCEPTION OF MASS MEETING SCHEDULED FOR BROWNS
CHAPEL AME CHURCH AT SEVEN THIRTY PM, SELMA. STATED

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR., WILL ADDRESS MASS MEETING AND
COMSIDERATION BEING GIVEN AT THIS TIME OF ANOTHER MARCH FROM
SELMA, ALA., PROBABLY ON THESDAY, MARCH NINE NEXT, TO MONTGOMERY
STATED, HOWEVER, PLANS ARE NOT FINAL IN THIS REGARD
AT THIS TIME.

DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY CARL GABEL ON SCENE AT SELMA ADVISED.

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To:

SAC, Mobile (44-557)

From:

Director, FBI (44-12831)

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS, DALLAS COUNTY, ALABAMA VOTING DISCRIMINATION CIVIL RIGHTS; ELECTION LAWS

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Enclosed are two rolls of color negatives and four copies each of prints made from the negatives as requested.

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Memorandum

TO

Mr. Rosen

FROM

SUBJECT REGISTRARS OF YOTERS OF DALLAS COUNTY, ALABAMA VOTING DISCRIMINATION

CIVIL RIGHTS & ELECTION LAWS

DATE. March 7, 1965

1 - Mr. Rosen 1 - Mr. Malley - Mr. McGowan

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This is to advise that at 4:40 p.m., 3/7/65, SAC Earl Dalness of the Mobile Division telephonically advised that preliminary information indicated that the proposed march of Negroes from Selma to the state capitol began at approximately 2:15 central standard time today. The group of marchers crossed a bridge leading out of Selma toward Montgomery and they were met at the far side of the bridge by an unidentified representative of the Department of Public Safety who ordered them to disperse. When the crowd refused to obey, the troopers advanced and eventually used several cannisters of teargas. The group of marchers fled in various directions, many of them returning across the bridge to the Selma side. Some of those coming across the bridge were intercepted by mounted sheriff's deputies.

Dalness stated that full details are not yet available at this time but that preliminary reports indicate the presence of ambulances and probable injuries to some of the marchers and law enforcement officers. He said that as of 3:30 p.m. the remaining segment of the marchers, approximately 75 to 100 Negroes, were wandering in and out of Browns' Chapel from whence the march began. He pointed out that Agents were on the scene photographing from the ground and that there had been photographic coverage from the air.

SAC Dalness stated that a teletype containing full details of this afternoon's events would be furnished to the Bureau as soon as possible.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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REGISTRARS OF VOTERS DALLAS COUNTY, ALABAMA VOTING DISCRIMINATION CIVIL RIGHTS LECTION LAWS DATE: March 10, 1965

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This is to record the identities of the individuals named by our New York Office as being the attorneys with the various nationwide television networks who were familiar with the Department's request concerning the obtaining of film. This information was obtained from SAC W. M. Alexander of the New York Office. The identities of the individuals were telephonically furnished to D. R. Owen of the Civil Rights Division so that he could personally contact the individuals to discuss with them the necessary legal paper that had to be prepared before the companies would release the photographs.

American Broadcasting Company Martin Rubenstein - telephone SU 7-5000, Ext. 377

Columbia Broadcasting System Richard/Salant - telephone PLaza 1-2345, Ext. 7482

National Broadcasting Company

C. B. Dunham - telephone Circle 7-8300, Ext. 3631

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Tolson UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT Belmont _ DeLoach MemorandumCasper Callahan Contad Gale Mr. Rosen/ DATE: March 9, 1965 Hosen Sullivan Trotter C. L. McGowan 1 - Mr. Rosen 1 - Mr. Malley SUBJECT: REGISTRAR OF VOTERS 1 - Mr. McGowan DALLAS COUNTY, ALABAMA VOTING DISCRIMINATIO N CIVIL RIGHTS GELECTION LAWS St. John Barrett of the Civil Rights Division telephonically advised at 9 a.m., 3/9/65, that in connection with the planned march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama, bic will be in Selma today. Barrett was advising the Bureau for its information. ACTION ASAC Jordan of the Mobile Office, while contacting the Bureau on another matter, was advised that would be in Selma today. Jordan was instructed to be alert for their presence and to immediately advise the Bureau should these individuals be arrested or otherwise involved in any incidents. U21 MAR 10 1965 CLM/cac

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MAY 1962 EDITION GSA GEN REG NO 27 UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT *lemorandum* Mr. RosenW March 9, 1965 DATE. 1 - Mr. Rosen 1 - Mr. Malley 1 - Mr. McGowan 1 1 & Election Laws-Plubance ASAC Thomas Jordan, Mobile Office, telephonically advised that his office had completed the investigation of alleged brutality which occurred in connection with the attempted march on 3-7-65, except for interview of one of the alleged victims. This victim, a young girl, was operated on 3-9-65, and on advice of her doctor, it has been impossible to interview her to date. Jordan anticipated that her condition would be sufficiently improved to permit the interview on 3-10-65, but pointed out that the permission of her surgeon would be necessary and would depend on her condition. He stated that the results of all of our investigation has been turned over to Acting Assistant Attorney General John Doar who was in agreement that it was advisable under the circumstances not to conduct the interview of the young girl until her physical condition is improved. This interview will be conducted as soon as possible and Doar promptly advised of the results thereof. ASAC Jordan stated that Doar wished to have from 30 to 100 films, taken by Special Agents during the march on 3-7-65, enlarged for use in the court hearing on Thursday, 3-11-65, at 9 a.m. He wished these pictures blown up to 11 x 14 with three copies each. Attempts are being made to have these photographs processed locally but if that fails, the Bureau Photo Lab will be requested to do the necessary work.

the possibility that this request will be made. 444-REC- 56

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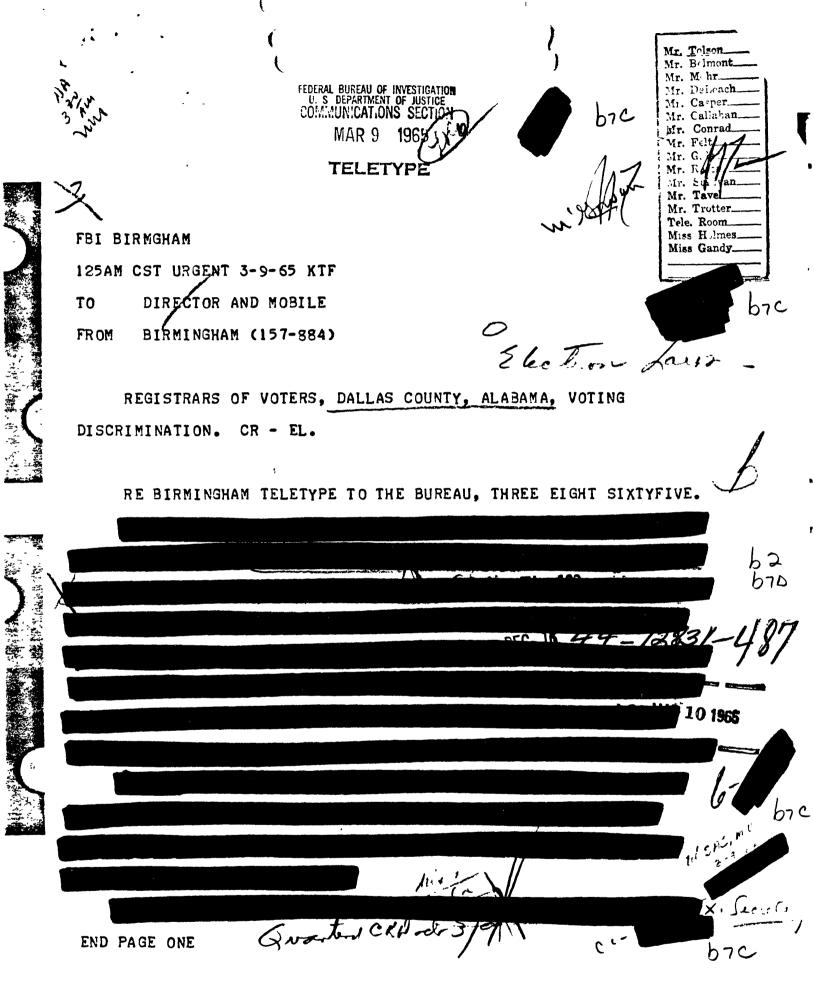
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Administrative Division, has been advised of





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ABOUT TEN FORTY-FIVE PM. STATED HE WAS INFORMED BY A NEGRO
VOICE THAT QUOTE WE HAVE BEEN CASING GOVERNOR WALLACE FOR SOME TIME AND
KNOW WHERE HE MOVES ABOUT END QUOTE. STATED THE CALLER
ADDED QUOTE EIGHT BOMBS ARE PLANTED WHERE THE GOVERNOR IS LIKELY
TO BE . IF MARTIN LUTHER KING IS HURT TOMORROW, WE WILL PUT OUT
HIS LIFE END QUOTE. ACCORDING TO THE CALLER ALSO ADDED
QUOTE WE WANTED TO SERVE NOTICE WITH PAPERS SO THE PUBLIC WOULD
KNOW END QUOTE AND AFTERWARDS HUNG UP THE PHONE.

PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS WILL BE FURNISHED BUREAU AND MOBILE.

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REGISTRATS OF VOTERS OF DALLAS COUNTY, ALABAMA. VOTING DISCRIMINATION. CR. EL.

REBHTELS TO BUREAU AND MOBILE THREE EIGHT AND NINE SIXTY-FIVE, AND NEW ORLEANS TELETYPE TO BUREAU, AT, BH, AND EO, THREE EIGHT SIXTY-FIVE.

WITH REGARD TO INFORMATION FURNISHED BY

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THAT "THE KKK WILL BE WAITING FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING ON HIS

WAY TO MONTGOMERY TOMORROW" AND THE THREAT TO THE AFFECT THAT

IF MARTIN LUTHER KING IS HURT, GOVERNOR WALLACE WOULD BE KILLED,

MAKE CERTAIN THAT APPROPRIATE LOCAL, STATE AND MILITARY

AND SECRET SERVICE

AUTHORITIES/ARE ADVISED OF FULL DETAILS OF THESE THREATS AND OF

THE POSSIBILITY THAT KKK FROM THE COUSHATTA, LOUISIANA, AREA MAY

BE PROCEEDING TO SELMA AS SET FORTH IN NEW ORLEANS TEE: ALSO

ADVISE MARTIN LUTHER KING OF THE ALLEGED KKK THREAT.

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NOTE: Birmingham advised Bureau and Mobile to

anonymous calls. The first from a male caller who remarked that "the KKK wild be waiting for Martin Luther King on his way to Montgompry" and the second by an anonymous caller, thought to be a Negro voice which stated that "we have been casing Governor Wallace for some time and know where he moves about. Eight bombs are

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planted where the Governor is likely to be. If King is hurt tomorrow, we will put out his life." This is to insure that appropriate local, state and Military authorities are advised fully of these threats. Inasmuch as King will be in Selma to lead the proposed marches 3/9 and 10/65, and will be exposed, it is recommended that he also be advised of the KKK threat to himself.

Per M. Beliet

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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. KELLY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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REGISTRARS OF VOTERS OF DALLAS COUNTY, ALA. VOTING DISCRIMINATION, CR; CEL. ELECTION LAW &

HE MOJEL TODAY.

YOTER REGISTRATION APPEARANCE BOOK, DALLAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, SELMA, ALA., CLOSED FOUR THIRTY PM, CST, TODAY. LAST, NUMBER ISSUED WAS TWO SIX ZERO ONE. A TOTAL OF FOURTEEN SIGNED APPEARANCE BOOK, REGISTERING NINE NEGROES AND FIVE WHITES. WHITES WERE ISSUED NUMBERS TWO FIVE EIGHT EIGHT, TWO FIVE EIGHT NINE, TWO FIVE NINE FOUR, TWO FIVE SEVEN AND TWO SIX ZERO ZERO.

SELMA, ADVISED TODAY SNCC AND SCLC LEADERS WERE ASKING THAT ALL NEGROES PARTICIPATE IN THE MARCH TO MONTGOMERY, MAR 10 1500 ALA. ASSEMBLE AT EMOWNS CHAPEL AME CHURCH AT SIX AM, CST SELMA MARCH SEVEN, NEXT WE EXPECT TO ASSEMBLE END PAGE ONE

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MO 44-557 PAGE TWO OVER FIVE HUNDRED NEGROES FOR THE MARCH AND THE MARCH ALLEGEDLY WILL START ONE PM, CST, SUNDAY. STATED HE EXPECTS DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING TO ARRIVE SELMA BY ONE PM AND KING WILL LEAD MARCHERS -ADVISED FURTHER HE WAS PASSING OUT OUT OF TOWN. LITERATURE TO NEGROES AT PRESENT IN THE FORM OF AN INSTRUCTION SHEET, INFORMATION SHEET FOR NONMARCHERS AND INFORMATION FORM FOR MARCHERS. THE LAST FORM ALSO INCORPORATES A PARAGRAPH AUTHORIZING BIRMINGHAM ATTORNEY PETER HALL TO REPRESENT THE INDIVIDUAL MARCHERS IN ALL LITIGATION THAT MIGHT RESULT FROM THE MARCH. ADVISED THAT FURTHER DETAILS WILL BE FORTHCOMING REGARDING THE MARCH AFTER NEGRO RALLIES TONIGHT AT MARION AND SELMA, ALAS b7C

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ADVISED TODAY RE THIS PROPOSED MARCH OF
WHITE MINISTERS AND BUSINESS PEOPLE FOR MARCH SIX,
NEXT, IN SELMA. HE LEARNED ONE WHITE STUDENT AT AUBURN
UNIVERSITY, TON MELICAN FROM FORT PAYME. ALA., HAD BEEN
CONTACTING STUDENTS AT THE UNIVERSITY ATTEMPTING TO
RECRUIT MARCHERS FOR SELMA DEMONSTRATION. MILLICAN IS
ALLEGEDLY BEEN THROWN OFF CAMPUS. THE CAN ALLEGEDLY

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HAS REQUESTED A MINIMUM OF ONE HUNDRED STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MARCH.

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FROM MOBILE /44-557/

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS, DALLAS COUNTY, ALA. VOTING ELECTION LAWS DISCRIMINATION. CR EL.

REMOTELS MARCH SEVEN. LAST.

VOTER REGISTRATION APPEARANCE BOOK OPENED NINE THIRTY AM CST TODAY, DALLAS CO. COURTHOUSE, SELMA. BOOK NOW BEING MAINTAINED AT THE COUNTER OF THE LICENSE COMMISSIONER ON FIRST FLOOR OF BUILDING. FIRST NUMBER TO BE ISSUED WAS TWO SIX ZERO ONE. NO ONE PRESENTLY IN LINE. BOOK CLOSED AT FOUR THIRTY PM CST. LAST NUMBER ISSUED TWO SIX ZERO FIVE, / MAKING TOTAL OF NUMBERS ISSUED, ALL TO WHITES, EXCEPT TWO'SIX **Z** MAR 10 1965 ZERO FOUR.

NEWS BROADCASTS THROUGHTOUT DAY HAVE INDICATED WHITE MINISTERS FROM ALL OVER COUNTRY WILL ARRIVE SELMA, ALA. TONIGHT AND PLAN TO MARCH FROM SELMA TO MONTGOMERY, LED BY MARTIN LUTHER KING. CHECKS WITH NEGRO SOURCES IN SELMA INCLUDING

OFFICES, REVEALS THESE OFFICES ARE EXPECTING

ABOUT THREE HUNDRED PEOPLE TO ARRIVE IN SELMA TO MARCH WITH

KING.

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WAS UNABLE TO FURNISH ANY FURTHER INFO RE IDENTITY OF THESE INDIVIDUALS. SAID ACTION WAS QUOTE SPONTANEOUS UNQUOTE BY THESE INDIVIDUALS AND HAS NO IDEA OF EXACT NUMBER THAT WILL APPEAR IN SELMA OR THEIR ORIGIN.

ADVISED THERE WILL BE A MASS MEETING TONIGHT AT BROWNS AME CHAPEL OF THE FINALIZATION PLANS RE THIS MARCH AND MAY HAVE ADDTITIONAL INF AFTER THE MEETING.

BUAGENTS WILL OBSERVE MEETING. LOCAL AUTHORITES ADVISED. DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY JOHN NIXON ON SCENE AT SELMA COGNIZANT. END

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TO DIRECTOR (44-12831)

FROM MOBILE (44-557)

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS OF DALLAS COUNTY, ALA., VOTING DISCRIMINATION. CR. EL. O ELECTION LIWS

REMOTELS MARCH FOUR LAST.

VOTER REGISTRATION APPEARANCE BOOK OPENED NINE THIRTY

ญั้UMBER ISSUED TWO FIVE EIGHT EIGHT. NO LINE AT THIS TIME.

SELMA, ALA., ADVISED

TODAY THERE WILL BE DEFINITELY A MARCH BY APPROX TWENTYFIVE TO SEVENTYFIVE WHITE MINISTERS AND PROFESSIONAL

PASTOR OF ST. PAULS LUTHERAN CHURCH, ONE TWO EIGHT

SIXTH AVENUE SOUTH, BIRMINGHAM, ALA., RE THIS MARCH.

ELLWANGER IS SON OF WALTER ELLWANGER. WHO IS PRESIDENT OF MUMI

ALABAMA LUTHERAN ACADEMY AND COLLEGE, GREEN STREET, SELMA, 15 14 .22 6 9 MARL INEGROSSCHOOL AND THE BROTHER OF DAVID ELLWANGER

Mr. Tave Mr. Trotter. Tele. Room Miss Holmes.

Miss Gandy.

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AM CST AT DALLAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, SELMA, ALA. FIRST PEOPLE, SATURDAY, MARCH SIX, NEXT, IN SELMA. HE WAS CONTACTED BY ONE JOSEPH ELLWANGER, WHITE MAL

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WHO IS EMPLOYED AS AN ATTORNEY IN THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT OF THE CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT, STATE OF ALABAMA.

ACCORDING TO ELLWANGER, THESE INDIVIDUALS WILL MEET
AT A NEGRO REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON JEFF DAVIS
AVENUE, SELMA, AT ELEVEN A.M., MARCH SIX NEXT. REV.

CLAUDE C. BROWN, NEGRO MALE, IS THE PASTOR OF THIS CHURCH,
WHO ADVISED HE HAS GIVEN THIS GROUP PERMISSION TO MEET
IN THE BASEMENT OF THE CHURCH. PRESENT PLANS ARE THIS
GROUP WILL MEET AT THE ABOVE CHURCH FROM THERE ASSEMBLE
AT THE ALBERT HOTEL, BROAD STREET, DOWNTOWN, SELMA,
AND MARCH IN SMALL GROUPS FIFTEEN TO TWENTY FEET APART
TO THE DALLAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE. AT THE COURTHOUSE A
PREPARED STATEMENT WILL BE PUBLICLY READ, FOLLOWED BY
A SHORT PRAYER, AFTER WHICH THE GROUP WILL DISPERSE.

HAVE TRIED

TO TALK TO ELLWANGER, TO IMPRESS UPON HIM THE SERIOUSNESS

OF THIS TYPE OF DEMONSTRATION AT THIS TIME AND THE

POSSIBILITY THAT THIS KIND OF DEMONSTRATION CAN BE

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QUOTE MORE EXPLOSIVE UNQUOTE THAN ANY OTHER PREVIOUS

DEMONSTRATION IN THIS AREA. ELLWANGER, HOWEVER, IS

QUOTE FINATICAL UNQUOTE, ABOUT THIS TYPE OF MARCH AND

IS CHARACTERIZED BY AS QUOTE A CRUSADER UNQUOTE.

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LOCAL AUTHORITIES COGNIZANT. MILITARY AUTHORITIES .

ADVISED. BUAGENTS WILL COVER AND PHOTOGRAPH MARCH.

JOHN NIXON, DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY ON SCENE AT SELMA ADVISED.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT MemorandumCallahar Mr. Belmont DATE: March 9, 1965 TO A. Roseh FROM 1 - Mr. Belmont 1 - Mr. Rosen SUBJECT: REGISTRAR OF VOTERS 1 - Mr. Malley DALLAS COUNTY, ALABAMA 1 - Mr. McGowan VOTING DISCRIMINATION ______ CIVIL RIGHTS ELECTION LAWS It is noted that information was received by the Mobile Office on the evening of 3/8/65 from Acting Assistant Attorney General John Doar that there would be no march outside of the city limits of Selma, Alabama, on 3/9/65. According to Mr. Doar, Dr. Martin Luther King had agreed to a two-day moratorium because of civil action which had been filed in U. S. District Court. Information was received by the Atlanta/Office from a highly confidential source that as of 3 a.m., 3/9/65, Martin Luther King had decided to go ahead with plans for the march in Selma, Alabama. According to the source, Dr. King thought that there were too many people coming in from various sections of the country to cancel out any activities and that the groups should proceed with the march on 3/9/65. Information was received that two bus loads of people were proceeding from Southern Christian Leadership Conference headquarters in Atlanta to Selma. Mobile Office has advised that ACTION Acting Assistant Attorney General John Doar and the Civil Rights Division attorney on the scene in Selma, Alabama, are being advised of the above information. MAR 11 1965

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TO SAC, MOBILE

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS OF DALLAS COUNTY, ALABAMA; VOTING DISCRIMINATION; CIVIL RIGHTS; ELECTION LAWS.

REJNTEL TO BUREAU, BH, MO AND NO THIS DATE. ADVISE LOCAL. STATE AND MILITARY AUTHORITIES AND SECRET SERVICE RE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM INTERVIEW OF IN CONNECTION WITH THE SITUATION IN SELMA, ANY INFORMATION BY YOUR OFFICE FROM SOURCES OR OTHER OFFICES INDICATING ARMED GROUPS OR INDIVIDUALS ARE PROCEEDING TO SELMA OR ANY INFORMATION REGARDING THREATS TO NEGRO LEADERS, STATE OFFICIALS OR OTHER AUTHORITIES MUST BE PROMPTLY FURNISHED TO LOCAL AND STATE OFFICIALS, SECRET SERVICE AND MILITARY AUTHORITIES. IF SUBSEQUENT INFORMATION IS DEVELOPED TO REFLECT ON THE CREDIBILITY OF THE INITIAL INFORMATION. YOU SHOULD ALSO BRING THIS TO THE ATTENTION OF ALL AGENCIES

WHICH THE ORIGINAL INFORMATION WAS FURNISHED

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NOTE:

in Natches, Miss., area, telephonically advised her father in on 3/8/65, that she was highly alarmed as Negroes at Jackson, and at towns en route to Natches, Miss., are buying firearms and stating that they were going to Selma to participate in the demonstrations. Was interviewed by the Jackson Office at which time she indicated she had obtained this information from general conversation

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with other civil rights workers and that she knows of no specific incident of armed Negroes or large groups of Negroes going to Selma. She said she furnished the information to her father as a rumor in order to illustrate the "tenseness of the present racial situation."

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legical sources at Charleston, South Carolina, for pertinent information concerning on the basis of the information contained in the LHM, there is no justification for inquiry concerning sevannah should disregard this lead.

Personnel responsible for the preparation and approval of referenced communications should be reminded of the necessity for appropriately captioning communications emanating from your office.

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The referenced LHM reported that

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no subversive information was contained in the referenced communications and for this reason the communications were miscaptioned.

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LCC: MR. DELOACH

MR. MOHR FOR THE DIRECTOR

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44-12831-494 March 9, 1965 REC- 131 Chicago, Illinois Dea I received the telegram of March 8th from you and your husband, and you may be assured this Bureau will continue to do everything within its power to discharge its responsibilities with the highest degree of dispatch and thoroughness. In connection with the matters you mentioned, I am enclosing a copy of the remarks made by Senator Thomas J. Dodd on the Floor of the Senate on February 25, 1965, along with other literature which I trust will be of assistance to you in learning of the FBI's role in civil rights matters. Sincerely yours, J. Edgar Hoover MAR 1 0 1965 Enclosures (3) Remarks Made By Senator Thomas J. Dodd to Senate on 2-25-65. Our Heritage of Greatness U. S. News & World Report 12-21-64 NOTE: Correspondents are not identifiable in Bufiles. Tolson Belmont Mohr ___ Casper Corrad Sullivan

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. KELLY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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UNITED STATES GO. LRNMENT 1 - Mr. Mohr Memorandum 1 - Mr. DeLoach 1 - Mr. Sullivan DATE: March 9, 1965 1 - Mr. Belmont 1 - Mr. Rosen Tele. Room 1 - Mr. Malley - Mr. McGowan SUBJECT: REGISTRAR OF VOTERS OF DALLAS COUNTY, ALABAMA VOTING DISCRIMINATION CIVIL RIGHTS PELECTION LAWS b7C Mr. James F. Flug, Office of the Attorney General, telephoned today inquiring relative to radio coverage in the Selma, Alabama, area. He stated he understood that some time ago either in Alabama or some other southern locality complete coverage of radio news was handled and he'desired to know if the Bureau did not handle this operation for the Department. Mr. Flug was advised that radio coverage was not monitored by the FBI in Alabama or elsewhere in the South and that it was believed he might possibly have reference to the situation that existed in May of 1963 when the Department arranged to have Federal Communications Commission representatives monitor all radio broadcasts, including State Police and local police radio broadcasts and current news information. Mr. Flug stated he appreciated this information and was not aware at the time of his call what further action would be taken concerning this matter. Mr. Flug then inquired as to the name of a clerk or someone connected with our Mobile, Alabama, Office that he could call direct and make arrangements to have an individual cover the local radio broadcasts concerning activities in Selma, Alabama. Mr. Flug was advised that all such calls should be handled by the Department representatives through Bureau headquarters and not on direct telephone calls to our field offices. He was questioned as telexactly what he had in mind in wanting news broadcasts monitored in that the Bureau was keeping Department representatives apprised of all developments. Mr. Frug then commented that his desire to have the news

monitored was just to be kept up to date with information as it was being

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont

Re: REGISTRAR OF VOTERS OF DALLAS, COUNTY, ALABAMA

broadcast in the Selma area and to make certain that the Department was fully aware of developments. Mr. Flug was advised that a number of Bureau Agents were in Selma, Alabama, covering the activities that were taking place there and were furnishing information directo Departmental attorneys who were on the scene, including Assistant Attorney General John Doar of the Civil Rights Division. He was also advised that information was being furnished to the Bureau in Washington by telephone and teletype and that all information relating to Selma was being relayed by telephone to representatives of the Civil Rights Division at Washington.

Mr. Flug then inquired as to whether or not it might not be desirable for a direct telephone line to be established connecting the Attorney General's office with the suitable location of the Bureau in Selma, Alabama. Mr. Flug was advised that this did not appear to be a necessary arrangement; that all current data was being made available to the Departmental attorneys and that any information desired by the Attorney General was being made available to the attorneys in the Civil Rights Division of the Justice Department.

ACTION:

The Mobile Office is being advised that in the event they are contacted by any Department representative for the purpose of having a telephone installed connecting the Attorney General's office with Bureau representatives in Selma, they should not permit such an installation and the Bureau should be immediately advised of the request.

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4-33 PM CST URGEN 3/9/65 MCM TO DIRECTOR /44-12831/ AND JACKSONVILLE FROM MOBILE /44-557/

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS, DALLAS COUNTY, SELMA, ALA. VOTING DISCRIMINATION, CR. EL. OFFECTION LAWS

Miss Gandy.

REMOTEL TODAY.

THE VOTER REGISTRATION APPEARANCE BOOK OPENED AT DALLAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE NINE THIRTY A.M. TODAY. ONE NUMBER ISSUED. NUMBER TWO SIX ZERO SIX TO WHITE INDIVIDUALS. NO ONE IN LINE. DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY JOHN NIXON ADVISED AS HE IS ON SCENE AND APPEARANCE BOOK STATISTICS ARE IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE, DAILY TELETYPES WOULD NOT BE NECESSARY REGARDING THE APPEARANCE BOOK. UACB, WEEKLY TELTYPE SUMMARY WILL BE FURNISHED BUREAU WITH THIS INFORMATION.

AT NINE FORTYSIX A.M. TODAY ADVISED JUDGE FRANK M. JOHNSON, JR. ISSUED RESTRAINING OBDER AGAINST MARCHES UNTIL HEARING CAN BE SET TO HEAR PROCEEDINGS IN FEDERAL HOSEA WILLIAMS, JOHN LEWIS, AND AMELIA BOYNTON AS PLAINTIFFS AND GOV. GEORGE C. WALLACE, COL. AL LINGO, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY, ingel CRN . J. 3/10/cs MAR 11 1965

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STATE OF ALABAMA, AND JAMES G. CLARK, JR., SHERIFF OF DALLAS
COUNTY, ALA., AS DEFENDANTS. THIS ORDER STATES QUOTE, PLAINTIFFS
AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THEIR CLASS, ASNF-YHODR-EGTING IN CONCERT
WITH THEM, BE AND EACH IS HEREBY ENJOINED AND RESTRAINED FROM
ATTEMPTING TO MARCH FROM SELMA, ALA., TO MONTGOMERY, ALA., UNTIL
THIS COURT CAN HAVE A REASONABLE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A JUDICIAL
DETERMINATION AS TO THE RESPECTIVE RIGHTS OF THE PARTIES IN THIS
CASE. UNQUOTE. HEARING SET FOR NINE A.M. MARCH ELEVEN, NEXT.

AT TWELVE EIGHT P.M.,

REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. WILL LEAD A MARCH TODAY TO MONTGOMERY

ALA. AT EIGHTEEN P.M.,

ADVISED M. L. KING WILL LEAVE SHORTLY FOR BROWN'S CHAPEL AME

CHURCH FROM HOME OF DR. SULLIVAN JACKSON, WHERE KING IS STAYING.

ADVISED KING IS PRESENTLY PREPARING A STATEMENT OF BE READ

AT THE CHURCH. A LARGE BUILDUP NATICED SHORTLY AFTER TWELVE THIRTY

P.M. OF ALA. STATE TROOPER CARS. APPROXIMATELY THIRTYTHREE

VEHICLES OBSERVED IN THE AREA OF TWIN BRIDGES, ROUTE EIGHTY EAST

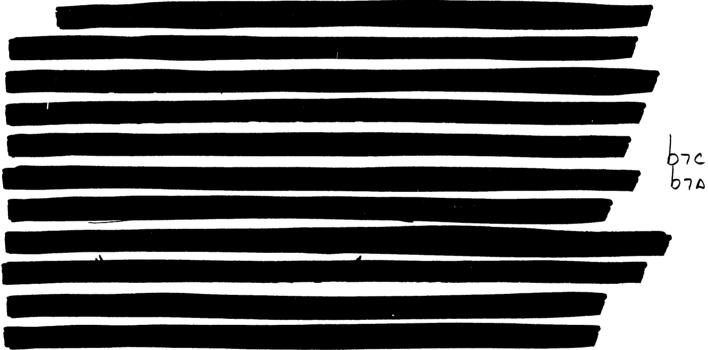
OF SELMA, EN ROUTE MONTGOMERY, ALA.

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AT ONE TWENTYSIX P.M., DR. M. L. KING LEFT DR. SULLIVAN'S RESIDENCE EN ROUTE TO BROWN'S CHAPEL AME CHURCH. HE ARRIVED AT CHURCH ONE THIRTYFOUR P.M.



AS OF TWO P.M., M.L. KING PRESENTLY ADDRESSING GROUP AT BROWN'S CHAPEL. KING SPEAKING IN VERY LOW TONES THAT ARE NOT AUDIBLE, HOWEVER MOST INDIVIDUALS ARE ENCOURAGING SOME KIND OF A MARCH. AT PRESENT TIME, THERE IS A MINIMUM CROWD OF APPROX. END PAGE THREE

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THREE THOUSAND INDIVIDUALS IN AND AROUND THE CHURCH. THIS NUMBER INCLUDES NEGROES, WHITE, AND NEWS MEDIA.

BUREAU AGENTS ON SCENE AND WILL OBSERVE ALL ACTIVITIES. DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY JOHN NIXON COGNIZANT. LOCAL AUTHORITIES ON SCENE.

JACKSONVILLE DETERMINE IDENTIFY OF AND TO WHOM FLORIDA TAGS WERE ISSUED. IDENTIFY IF POSSIBLE COMPANIONS IN SELMA.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-12831)

145 AM CST 3/10/65 URGENT CCM

FROM MOBILE (44-557)

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS, DALLAS COUNTY, ALABAMA, VOTIN

Civil Rights Officetion Laws DISCRIMINATION. CR - PE.

AT NINE FORTYFIVE PM THIS DATE DEPT ATTORNEY DAVE NORMAN ADVISED MONTGOMERY AGENT A STUDENT LEADER AT TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE HAS JUST TOLD HIM TELEPHONICALLY FOUR HUNDRED STUDENTS FROM TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE PLANNED TO LEAVE TUSKEGEE BY BUS OR CARS BETWEEN DRIVE TO FIRST SEVEN THIRTY AND EIGHT AM THREE TEN SIXTYFIVE. BAPTIST CHURCH IN MONTGOMERY. WILL SUBSEQUENTLY MARCH FROM CHURCH TO STATE CAPITAL WEARING SIGNS PROTESTING ACTIVITIES IN SELMA. PLANS PRATER ON CAPITAL STEPS, THEREAFTER RETURNING TO CHURCH AND BACK TO TUSKEGEE. NO TIME INDICATED FOR MARCH ON CAPITAL BUT PRESUME TO BE IN MORNING.

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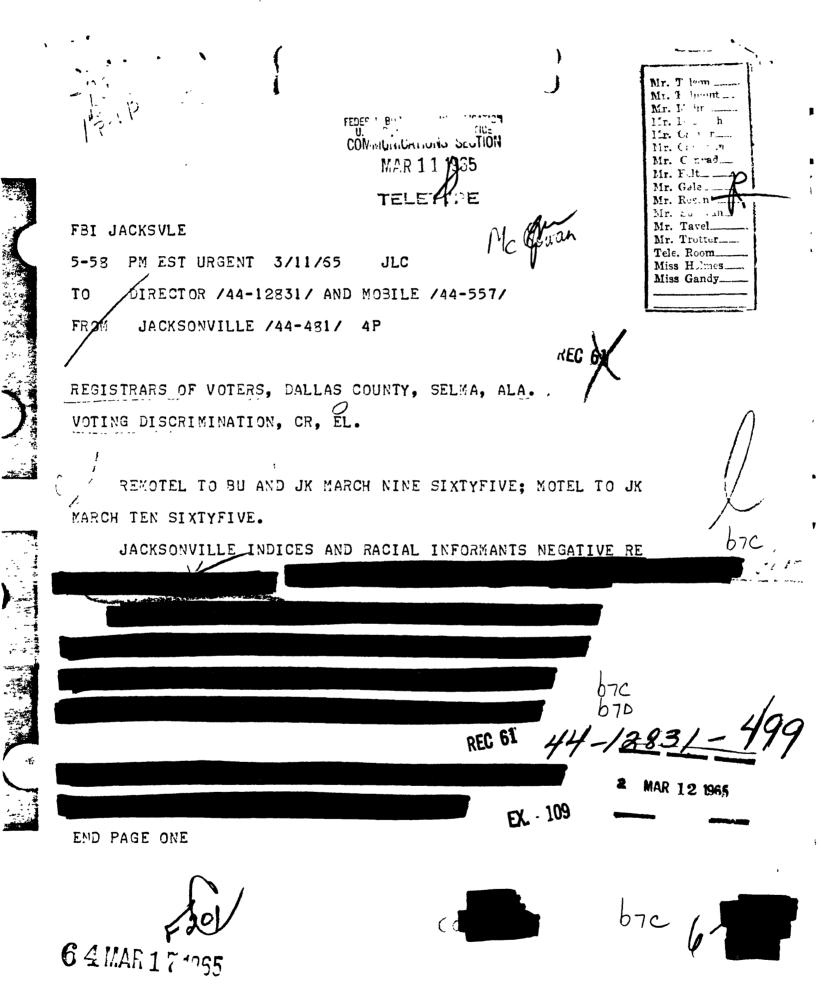
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EMPLOYED SINCE SEPT. TWENTY FIFTYFIVE, AND PRESENTLY WORKS ON ASSEMBLY AND REPAIR. HE HAS LOW INTELLIGENCE AND HAS NERVOUS CONDITION, STUTTERS. AS OF THREE THIRTY PM, MARCH FIVE LAST, ON ONE WEEK/S VACATION. KNOWS A QUOTE GUN FANATIC UNQUOTE AND A QUOTE CHARACTER UNQUOTE, BUT NOT CONSIDERED DANGEROUS. NOT KNOWN TO BE CONNECTED WITH KKK OR INVOLVED IN VIOLENCE OR TROUBLE AT PLANT. ADVISED A RELIABLE AND TRUSTED EMPLOYEE, IS NEPHEW OF

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ABOVE COMPANY,

ADVISED IS SATISFACTORY WORKER, HAS CAUSED NO TROUBLE, AND SPENDS TIME AND MONEY FISHING AND HUNTING. REPORTEDLY POSSESSES A NUMBER OF GUNS AND WEAPONS, BUT NOT CONSIDERED DANGEROUS.

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> > BUT NOW RESIDES

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GUNS UNQUOTE AND TAKES THEM EVERY PLACE HE GOES.

LEFT JACKSONVILLE ALONE ON AFTERNOON OF

MARCH FIVE, SIXTYFIVE FOR JACKSON, MISS. TO VISIT

SONS AND ADDRESSES UNKNOWN.

HE HAD SIXTYFOUR FLORIDA LICENSE ONE HIS SIXTYFIVE

FORD, AND HAD WITH HIM HIS SIXTYFIVE AUTO LICENSE

AND BOAT TRAILER LICENSE PLATES, LATTER TWO V DASH

NEVER MEMBER OR ASSOCIATED WITH KKK
OR SIMILAR TYPE GROUP. STATED HE IS SURE
DID NOT GO TO SELMA TO GET INVOLVED IN ANY
POSSIBLE RACIAL SITUATION.

ACROSS THE STREET FROM RESIDENCE OF
ADVISED LATTER TOLD HIM RECENTLY OF PURCHASE OF
MAGNUM REVOLVER AND POSSESSION OF AMMUNITION.

SAID AND IS
QUOTE NOT ALL THERE UNQUOTE, BUT NOT CONSIDERED
A MENTAL CASE OR DANGEROUS. NO INDICATION OF
ASSOCIATION WITH KKK.

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TRAVELS AND COULD OFFER NO INFORMATION CONCERNING IDENTITIES OF POSSIBLE ASSOCIATES WHO MAY HAVE TRAVELED WITH HIM.

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REGISTRARS OF VOTERS, DALLAS COUNTY ALABAMA, SELMA, ALA., VOTING DISCRIMINATION. CR - EL. ELECTION LAWS

AAG JOHN DOAR IN CONNECTION WITH CIVIL SUIT INVOLVING ALABAMA

GOV. GEORGE C. WALLACE ET AL FILED BEFORE USDJ FRANK M. JOHNSON

AT MONTGOMERY THREE EIGHT LAST ADVISES THAT IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT

ALL AVAILABLE PHOTOS BOTH STILL AND MOVIE SHOTS OF SELMA INCIDENT

THREE SEVEN LAST TAKEN BY NEWS MEDIA DURING THE INCIDENT BE OBTAINED.

ALL FILM IS TO BE FORWARDED BY MOST EXPEDITE MEANS TO C/O FBI

MONTGOMERY, ALA. DOAR STATES THAT IT IS IMPERATIVE FILM BE RECEIVED

BY HIM NOT LATER THAN THREE TEN INSTANT IN ORDER THAT HE BE ABLE

TO PREPARE FOR HEARING NINE THIRTY AM THREE ELEVEN NEXT USDC MONTGOMERY.

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NEW YORK IS REQUESTED TO OBTAIN PERTINENT FILM FROM CBS NEWS,

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REPRESENTATIVES OF ABOVE NET WORKS ADVISE ALL FILM CONCERNING SELMA INCIDENT OF THREE SEVEN LAST HAS BEEN FORWARDED TO THEIR NEW YORK HEADQUARTERS.

FOR INFO NEW YORK OFFICE LIASON SHOULD BE EFFECTED WITH FILM DESK OF ABOVE NETWORKS.

NEW YORK SUTEL WHEN FILM SHIPPED, FLIGHT INVOLVED, SO AGENT CAN MEET PLANE IF NECESSARY.

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REGISTRARS OF VOTERS, DALLAS COUNTY, ALABAMA, VOTING

CR, EL. MOBILE ORIGIN.

SUMMARY TELETYPE.

ON MARCH SEVEN, LAST AT APPROXIMATELY TWELVE THIRTY P.M., CST, A LARGE GROUP OF NEGROES ASSEMBLED AT BROWN'S CHAPEL AME

FROM TWELVE THIRTY P.M., UNTIL TWO EIGHTEEN P.M., CST, THE GROUP CONTINUED TO ASSEMBLE AND AT TWO EIGHTEEN APPROXIMATELY SIX HUNDRED TWENTYFIVE, PREDOMINANTLY NEGRO, CAME OUT OF

CHURCH, REPORTEDLY TO MARCH TO MONTGOMERY, ALA. THE GROUP
TILENT NON VIOLENT COORD INATING COMMITTEE

LED BY JOHN ROBERT/LIWIS, SNCC CHAIRMAN, AND HOSE WILLIAMS,
SOUTHERN CHUST FEEL 13

SCLC STAFF. THE AVERAGE AGE OF NEGROES INVOLVED RANGED

FIFTEEN TO IWENTYFIVE YEARS.

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THE GROUP WAS OUTFITTED WITH OVERNIGHT GEAR CARRIED IN

ASKS AND SEVERAL WERE CARRYING BLANKETS AND OTHER

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Mr. Sullivan. Mr. Tavel Mr. Trotter. Tele. Room_ Miss Holmes. Miss Gandy.

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ARTICLES UNDER THEIR ARMS. PRIOR TO THE TIME THE LARGE GROUP CAME OUT OF THE CHURCH A SMALLER GROUP HAD MARCHED OUT OF THE CHURCH AT ONE FORTY P.M., CST, WERE CONFRONTED BY J. WILSON BAKER, PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR. THIS GROUP BROKE UP, RETURNED TO THE CHURCH AND ASSEMBLED IN A PLAYGROUND AREA NEAR CHURCH FOR REGROUPING. AFTER REGROUPING OCCURRED, LARGER GROUP OF SIX HUNDRED TWENTYFIVE LEFT AREA AND MARCHED IN TWOS TOWARDS ALABAMA AVENUE, WEST ON ALABAMA AVE., TO BROAD STREET, THEN ACROSS EDMOND PETTIS BRIDGE, WHICH CROSSES ALABAMA RIVER.

MARCHERS WERE NOT SPACED AT TIME CAME OVER BRIDGE BUT THE ENTIRE GROUP STRETCHED FROM BRIDGE TO VICINITY OF GREEN STREET, SEVERAL BLOCKS FROM BRIDGE.

ALABAMA STATE TROOPERS, APPROXIMATELY FIFTY IN NUMBER, LINED ACROSS HIGHWAY EIGHTY EAST ABOUT TWO HUNDRED FIFTY YARDS FROM FOOT OF BRIDGE ACROSS ALABAMA RIVER FROM MAIN DOWNTOWN AREA OF SELMA. WHEN MARCHERS REACHED A POINT ABOUT TWO HUNDRED YARDS FROM BRIDGE IN AREA OF LEHMAN PONTIAC MOTOR COMPANY, HIGHWAY EIGHTY EAST, SELMA, TROOPERS CONFRONTED NEGROES AND MAJOR JOHN CLOUD, CHIEF OF ALABAMA UNIFORM DIVISION, ALABAMA

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, ADVISED NEGROES OVER LOUD SPEAKER THAT MARCH WAS QUOTE DETRIMENTAL TO SAFETY OF ALL CONCERNED UNQUOTE. THE LEADER, WILLIAMS, ASKED QUOTE MAY I SPEAK WITH YOU A MOMENT UNQUOTE. AGAIN MAJOR CLOUD REPEATED AN ORDER TO DISPERSE AND STATED HE WOULD GIVE THEM TWO MINUTES TO DISPERSE. CLOUD WAS HEARD TO STATE QUOTE IS THAT CLEAR UNQUOTE. AND QUOTE I HAVE NOTHING FURTHER TO SAY UNQUOTE. AFTER THIS STATEMENT WAS MADE THE NEGROES STOOD MUTE AND TROOPERS, AFTER A SHORT SPACE OF TIME, APPROACHED THE LEAD GROUP OF NEGROES. CONVERGING ON THIS LEAD GROUP, HOLDING THEIR NIGHT STICKS AT CHEST LEVEL ON BOTH ENDS AND PUSHING THEM BACKWARDS A DISTANCE OF TWENTY TO THIRTY YARDS. FIVE OR SIX OF THE LEAD GROUP OF NEGROES WERE SEEN TO FALL ON ROADWAY AND LIE SPRAWLED THERE WHILE THE NEGROES SAT DOWN ON THE EDGE OF THE ROAD AND REFUSED TO MOVE FURTHER. MAJOR CLOUD REQUESTED TROOPERS TO REGROUP AND THEREAFTER TEAR GAS, ABOUT TWENTY CANISTERS, WAS THROWN ALONG THE LINE OF NEGROES AND PERSONS IN MARCH BEGAN TO DISPERSE ON ALL SIDES, HOWEVER, LARGE GROUP OF NEGROES IN LEAD GROUP WERE NOT DISPERSING TO ANY EXTENT AND WHEN TROOPERS AGAIN MOVED

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IN ON THEM AND AT THAT TIME SEVERAL NEGROES WERE STRUCK WITH NIGHT STICKS BY TROOPERS. AT THIS POINT SHERIFF JAMES G.

CLARK, JR., SEVERAL POSSE MEMBERS ON FOOT AND MOUNTED POSSE

MEMBERS MOVED INTO AREA AND BEGAN DISPERSING NEGROES. SEVERAL

POSSE MEMBERS WERE SEEN TO STRIKE NEGROES WHO WERE RUNNING FROM

AREA AND MOUNTED POSSE PUSHED THEM BACK ACROSS BRIDGE INTO THE

DOWNTOWN SELMA AREA. THE MOUNTED POSSE CONTINUED TO FOLLOW

NEGROES AS THEY RAN BACK TOWARDS CHURCH WHICH IS LOCATED SEVERAL

BLOCKS FROM FOOT OF BRIDGE. THEY WERE OBSERVED ALSO TO STRIKE

SEVERAL OF MARCHERS WITH NIGHT STICKS FROM THEIR HORSES.

AMBULANCES WERE THEN DISPATCHED TO BRIDGE AREA AND TO CHURCH

AREA IN ORDER TO TAKE THOSE INJURED TO HOSPITAL. FIFTYEIGHT

PERSONS WERE TREATED AT TWO NEGRO HOSPITALS IN SELMA, SIXTEEN

APPEARED TO BE SERIOUSLY INJURED AND FORTYTWO TREATED FOR

MINOR INJURIES AND RELEASED.

AT THREE TWENTYTHREE P.M., CST, APPROXIMATELY THIRTY

POSSE MEMBERS AND FIFTEEN MOUNTED POSSE MEMBERS HEADED FOR

AREA OF BROWN'S CHAPEL AME CHURCH WHERE IT WAS REPORTED ROCKS

AND BOTTLES AND OTHER OBJECTS WERE BEING THROWN AT LAW

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ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS. AT THREE THIRTY P.M., FIFTY TO SIXTY

POSSE MEMBERS AND TWENTY TO THIRTY STATE TROOPERS WERE DISPATCHED

TO AREA OF BROWN'S CHAPEL AME CHURCH TO CLEAR AREA. ALL PERSONS

AT AREA WERE ADVISED BY TROOPERS TO GET INTO HOUSES AND BACK

INTO CHURCH. AS OF FOUR THIRTYTHREE P.M., UNKNOWN NUMBER OF

PERSONS WERE IN CHURCH ATTENDING MASS MEETING. THE CHURCH WAS

UNDER DIRECT OBSERVATION BY FIFTY TROOPERS AND APPROXIMATELY

ONE HUNDRED POSSE MEMBERS AT THIS TIME. SHERIFF CLARK ADVISED

INDIVIDUALS IN CHURCH COULD LEAVE CHURCH AND RETURN TO HOMES

IF SO DESIRED. ISOLATED INCIDENTS CONTINUED AT CHURCH AREA

INVOLVING ROCK THROWING, AND POSSE MEM STARTED CLEARING ALL

INDIVIDUALS OFF STREETS IN VICINITY OF CHURCH AT FIVE ZERO

FIVE P.M., CST.

AREA OF CHURCH WAS CLEARED AT ABOUT FIVE FIFTEEN P.M., OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS.

NO FURTHER ACTIVITY OCCURRED IN AREA OF CHURCH AND AS OF NINE P.M., CST, THE EVENING OF MARCH SEVEN, LAST, AREA AROUND CHURCH REMAINED QUIET.

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REMOTEL MARCH NINE LAST.

MASS MEETING HELD BROWNS CHAPEL AME CHURCH, SELMA, ALA. CENTEGL STANDARD TIME STARTING NINE FIFTY ONE AM COT TODAY.

MAYOR JOSEPH SMITHERMAN AND CAPT. J. WILSON BAKER, PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR, BOTH SELMA, ON SCENE. BOTH CONTACTED LEADERS VOTER REGISTRATION MOVEMENT AS LEADERS ARRIVED AT CHURCH TODAY. THE LEADERS WERE ADVISED THERE WOULD BE NO MARCH TODAY SHOTE "FOR THEIR THIS INSTRUCTION GIVEN TO REV. ANDREW Student Non-Violent Co-ordinating Committee SOUTHLIEN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE YOUNG, SCLC, AND JOHN ROBERT LEWIS, CHAIRMAN, SNGC, AMONG OTHERS.

AT TWELVE FORTY SEVEN PM, TODAY, APPROX. FOUR HUNDRED PERSONS LEFT BROWNS CHAPEL AME CHURCH, SELMA, FOR MARCH TO DALLAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE. GROUP CONSISTED OF ABOUT FIFTY PER CENT WHITE AND FIFTY PER CENT NEGRO, AND WERE CONFRONTED END PAGE ONE

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APPROX. ONE HUNDRED YARDS FROM CHURCH BY BAKER AND SMITHERMAN, BACKED UP BY TWENTY SELMA PD OFFICERS AND BETWEEN ONE HUNDRED AND ONE HUNDRED FIFTY ALA. STATE TROOPERS. AT CONFRONTATION, J. WILSON BAKER TOLD MARCHERS THEY COULD NOT CONTINUE IN INTEREST OF THEIR OWN SAFETY. BAKER TOLD GROUP QUOTE, "IF YOU HAVE STATEMENT TO MAKE TO PRESS, MAKE IT RIGHT HERE. IF HAVE NOTHING FURTHER TO SAY. " UNDUOTE. AFTER THIS, NUMEROUS CLERGY-MEN FROM VARIOUS RELIGIOUS SECTS CAME TO FRONT OF LINE TO ADDRESS GROUP AND PRESS. ALL COMPLAINED OF RESTRAINT TO NEGRO VOTER RIGHTS. AFTER A SHORT PRAYER WHILE KNEELING IN THE STREETS AND SONG, MARCHERS RETURNED TO CHURCH AT ONE FORTY TWO PM, CST. WHILE GROUP BEING CONFRONTED ON SYLVAN ST. SMALL GROUPS OF NEGROES AND WHITES LEFT CHURCH AREA AND WALKED TO DOWNTOWN SELMA. THESE GROUPS CONTINUED TO WALK AROUND FEDERAL BUILDING ACROSS STREET FROM DALLAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE. NO EFFORTS MADE BY MARCHERS TO GO IMMEDIATE AREA OF COURTHOUSE. THIS MARCH CONDUCTED IN A PEACEFUL MANNER. AT TIME GROUPS WERE ENLARGED TO FIFTEEN TO TWENTY PERSONS BUT WERE CAREFULLY WATCHED BY STATE TROOPERS ON SCENE. TROOPERS ALSO SCATTERED WHITE END PAGE TWO

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OBSERVERS THAT STARTED TO GATHER ON STREET CORNERS AND WHO HAD RINGED THE DALLAS CO. COURTHOUSE.

WHILE THESE GROUPS MARCHED IN DOWNTOWN SELMA, A GROUP OF TWO HUNDRED TO TWO HUNDRED FIFTY YOUNG NEGROES STARTED A MARCH FROM THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH UP JEFFERSON DAVIS AVE.

THIS GROUP CONFRONTED BY TROOPERS AND PUSHED BACK TO CORNER OF SYLVAN AND JEFF DAVIS WHERE THEY WERE CONTAINED. WHITE AND NEGRO MINISTERS THEN JOINED HANDS IN FRONT OF THE GROUP, CALMED THE GROUP AND THE GROUP DISPERSED TO THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH. AT TWO THIRTY SEVEN PM, REV. ANDREW YOUNG, SCLC STAFF, IN DOWNTOWN AREA GAVE SIGNAL AND ALL MARCHERS IN DOWNTOWN AREA STARTED IN DIRECTION OF BROWNS CHAPEL VIA SELMA AND SYLVAN ST.

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING ARRIVED AT BROWNS CHAPEL AT TWO
THIRTY SEVEN PM. AT THE TIME OF ARRIVAL, APPROX. ONE HUNDRED
YOUNG NEGROES LED BY AN UNKNOWN NEGRO MALE WERE HOLDING A MASS
MEETING IN FRONT OF THE CHURCH. GROUP STATED SHOTE WE ARE
GOING TO DALLAS CO. COURTHOUSE EVEN IF WE GET KILLED."
WHEN KING ARRIVED AT SCENE, THIS MASS MEETING STOPPED AND ALL
ENTERED CHURCH WITH KING.

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AT TWO FORTY FOUR PM CST, REV. ANDREW YOUNG AND GROUP ARRIVED AT BROWNS CHAPEL. AS MARCHERS ARRIVED FROM DOWNTOWN AREA, THEY ALSO ENTERED CHURCH WHERE A MASS MEETING WAS BEING CONDUCTED BY KING.

NO INCIDENTS OCCURRED, NO ARRESTS MADE. BUREAU AGENTS
ON SCENE OBSERVING AND PHOTOGRAPHING. JOHN NIXON, DEPT.
ATTORNEY, ON SCENE AND ASSISTANT AS JOHN DOAR ON SCENE, SELMA,
COGNIZANT.

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REGISTRARS OF VOTERS, DALLAS COUNTY, SELMA, ALA.

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MR. BELMONT FOR THE DIRECTOR

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AT TWO SEVENTEEN P.M., A MARCH OF SOME ONE THOUSAND TO ELEVEN

HUNDRED NEGROES AND WHITES STARTED AT BROWN'S CHAPEL AME CHURCH,

PROCEEDED SOUTH ON SYLVAN ST. TO WATER ST. TO BROAD ST. WHICH IS

FOOT OF EDMUND PETTUS BRIDGE. AT FOOT OF BRIDGE, THE COURT ORDER

MIDDLE DISTRICT OF REMAINING

ISSUED BY FEDERAL JUDGE FRANK M. JOHNSON, JR., MDA, WAS READ TO

SOUTHER, DISTRICT OF ALABAMA

MARCHERS BY CHIEF DEPUTY MARSHAL H. STANLEY FOUNTAIN, SDA, AT

TWO THIRTYFIVE P.M. THE MARCH WAS LED BY DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING,

JR., REV. HOSEA WILLIAMS, REV. RALPH ABERNATHY, REV. A. D. KING

CONFISCENCY CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

CONFISS OF RACIAL Equality

OF SOLC, AND JAMES FARMER OF CORE. THE LEADERS MADE NO COMMENT

ABOUT THE ORDER, IGNORED SAME, AND LED MARCHERS OVER BRIDGE.

AT A POINT APPROXIMATELY TWO HUNDRED FIFTY YARDS BEYON BRIDGE
ON HIGHWAY EIGHTY EAST, THE LEADERS AND MARCHERS, NOW NUMBERING
BETWEEN TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTYFIVE HUNDRED NEGROES AND WHITES,
WERE CONFRONTED BY APPROX. ONE HUNDRED FIFTY ALA. STATE TROOPERS
LED BY MAJOR JOHN CLOUD, CHIEF OF UNIFORM DIVISION, ALA. DEPT. OF
PUBLIC SAFETY. CLOUD ADVISED MARCHERS BY LOUD SPEAKER THAT, QUOTE
THIS MARCH CANNOT CONTINUE AS IT IS NOT CONDUCIVE TO THE SAFETY
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OF THE MOTORING PUBLIC OR PUBLIC IN GENERAL, "UNSHIPP. DR. KING
THEN STATED IN SUBSTANCE THAT HE WANTED TO CONTINUE THE MARCH
FROM SELMA TO MONTGOMERY, ALA., THAT THIS WAS THEIR RIGHT, AND HE
PROTESTED POLICE BRUTALITY. CLOUD STATED THEY COULD RETURN TO THE
CHURCH IF THEY SO DESIRED. MARCHERS THEN SANG QUOTE, WE SHALL
OVERCOME, UNQUOTE. DR. KING ASKED ALL MARCHERS TO UNITE IN PRAYER
AND PRAYERS LED BY REV. ABERNATHY, AN UNKNOWN CATHOLIC PRIEST FROM
WASHINGTON, D. C., AND AN UNKNOWN JEWISH RABBI FROM MASS.

AT THREE FOUR P.M., DURING TIME DR. M. L. KING BEING CONFRONTED BY ALA. STATE TROOPERS, THE WIVES OF SENATOR PAUL DOUGLAS OF ILL. AND DECEASED SENATOR CHARLES TOBEY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE ARRIVED ON SCENE AND RECEIVED OVATION FROM MARCHERS.

AT THREE NINE P.M. M. L. KING REQUESTED MARCHERS TO RETURN TO CHURCH. HE THEN LED THE MARCHERS ON A RETURN MARCH TO THE CHURCH, ARRIVING BACK AT BROWN'S CHAPEL AME CHURCH AT THREE FORTY P.M. Police Department

DURING MARCH, SELMA PO MAINTAINED TRAFFIC AND ORDER WITHIN CITY AREA. SHERIFF CLARK, HIS DEPUTIES, AND FEW POSSE MEMBERS

OBSERVED IN AREA, HOWEVER NO MOUNTED POSSE MEMBERS WERE ON SCENE.
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MARCHERS APPEARED TO MAINTAIN ORDERLY PROCESSION, ALTHOUGH THEY MARCHED FOUR ABREAST IN THE STREET AND IN ONE CONTINUOUS LINE.

NO INCIDENTS OCCURRED DURING MARCH. BUREAU AGENTS OBSERVED AND PHOTOGRAPHED MARCH.

MARTIN LUTHER KING ADVISED MASS OF PERSONS IN AND AROUND CHURCH AT FOUR SIX P.M. THERE WOULD BE A MASS MEETING AT BROWN'S CHAPEL AME CHURCH TONIGHT.

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL
AAS JOHN DOAR ON SCENE BEING ADVISED.

JACKSONVILLE AT JACKSONVILLE REQUESTED BY AIRMAIL TO CONTACT LOGICAL SOURCES AND FURNISH ANY FURTHER BACKGROUND DATA RE

CONNECTION WITH RACIAL GROUPS. EFFORTS SHOULD ALSO BE

MADE TO DEVELOP ASSOCIATES WHO MIGHT HAVE TRAVELED TO SELMA WITH

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AS CLAIMS NO KNOWLEDGE OF THIRTYEIGHT REVOLVER LOCATED UNDER SEAT OF CAR.

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WITH ML KING ADVISED MASS OF P SENS

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CO MR ROSEN

The Attorney General

Director, FBI

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS DALLAS COUNTY, ALABAMA
VOTING DECRIMINATION
CIVIL RIGHTS DELECTION LAWS - Alabama March 11, 1965

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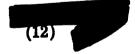
Enclosed for your information is a memorandum dated March 11, 1965, summarizing the results of our investigation into the violence which occurred at Selma, Alabama, on March 7, 1965.

The results of our investigation in this matter have been furnished on a continuing basis to Acting Assistant Attorney General John Doar of the Civil Rights Division. A summary of our investigation has also been furnished to the White House.

All matters under our jurisdiction relative to the situation at Selma, Alabama, are continuing to receive preferred and top priority attention.

Enclosure

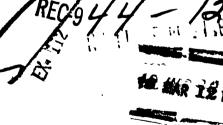
- 1 The Deputy Attorney General (Enclosure)
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NOTE: See memo Rosen to Belmont, same date and caption

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At 12:30 p.m. (Central Standard Time) on March 7, 1965, a meeting was held at the Brown's Chapel A. M. E. Church, Selma, Alabama, the purpose of which was to organize a march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama, to protest voter registration procedures in Alabama generally and specifically in Dallas County.

The meeting continued until 2:18 p.m. at which time a group of approximately 600 persons, practically all of whom were Negroes, marched from the Chapel led by Hosea Williams of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference staff and John Robert Lewis. Chairman of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee. They continued the march through the downtown area of Selma and then proceeded across the Edmund Pettis Bridge where at 2:52 p.m. they were confronted and stopped on Highway 80 East by approximately 50 Alabama State Troopers under the direction of Colonel Al Lingo, Alabama Director of Public-Safety, and Major John Cloud, Chief of the Uniform Division of the Alabama Department of Public Safety.

Major Cloud advised the Negroes that the march was detrimental to the safety of all concerned." When Mr. Williams Requested to speak with him, Cloud stated he had no more to say and gave the demonstrators two minutes to disperse. When, at the expiration of the allotted time, the marchers stood mute without moving, the troopers advanced on the demonstrators.

They converged on the lead group of the Negroes carrying their nightsticks with both hands at chest level and parallel to the ground. In this manner, they were able to physically force the demonstrators back approximately twenty or thirty yards, and Bo

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approximately five or six of the demonstrators in the lead group, were observed to fall to the ground and sprawl on the roadway.

When the remaining demonstrators sat down alongside the edge of the road, approximately twenty cannisters of tear gas were thrown and many of the demonstrators fled in various directions. When a large group of the demonstrators did not disperse, the troopers moved in on them, and according to victims and eyewitnesses, began swinging clubs and striking them with no apparent provocation other than the fact the demonstrators had refused to disperse.

At this point, Dallas County Sheriff James G. Clark, Jr., and several Dallas County Sheriff's Office posse members, both mounted and on foot, moved into the area and likewise, according to victims and eyewitnesses, with no apparent provocation other than their refusal to disperse, clubbed the demonstrators as they were running from the area. Mounted posse members, who were observed to strike several of the demonstrators, pushed the demonstrators back across the bridge and continued to follow them back to the church.

Later reports that rocks, bottles and other objects were being thrown at law enforcement officers in the area of the Brown's Chapel A. M. E. Church resulted in approximately thirty state troopers and one hundred posse members being sent to the church. Persons in the area were advised by state troopers to enter the church or houses in the area. Subsequently, Sheriff Clark advised individuals in the church they could, if they so desired, leave the church and return to their homes. Isolated incidents of rock throwing continued at the church until approximately 5 p.m. at which time posse members cleared the streets in the vicinity of the church.

Fifty-eight persons were treated for injuries at the two Negro hospitals in Selma, Alabama. Sixteen were confined with serious injuries while forty-two were treated and released for minor injuries such as lacerations and tear gas inhalation. FBI

Date: 3/5/65

Via

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DIRECTOR, FBI (44-12831, /ac/

RE:

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS OF CAL DALLAS COUNTY, ALABAMA VOTING DISCRIMINATION

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Re Mobile airtel to the Bureau 2/26/65 transmitting weekly letterhead memorandum.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 10 copies of weekly letterhead memorandum covering the period through

Copies of this memorandum are being disseminate locally to intelligence agencies, U.S. Attorney at Mobile Départmental Attorney at Selma, and U.S. Secret Service, Mobile.

Copies of the letterhead memorandum are designated for Atlanta because of the activity of MARTIN LUTHER KING and associates connected with SCLC.

On a daily basis this information developed was made available to Departmental Attorney JOHN NIXON at Selma Special Agents observing the activity at Selma were

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Mobile, Alabama
March 5, 1965

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS OF DALLAS COUNTY, ALABAMA VOTING DISCRIMINATION

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The information set forth herein will supplement information set forth in previous letterhead memorandum dated February 26, 1965.

AT SELMA, ALABAMA

Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) observed the Dallas County Board of Registrars office open at 9:30 a.m., February 26, 1965, with the appearance book available for persons to sign for priority the next registration date. March 1, 1965. The office closed at 4:30 p.m. and during the day 91 persons signed the appearance book, 84 Negroes and 7 whites.

advised on February 26, 1965, that there would be no sympathy march until next week for Jimmy Lee Jackson who died that date of gunshot wound suffered during a racial demonstration February 18, 1965, at nearby Marion, Alabama.

On February 26, 1965,
Craig Air Force Base, advised that 77 persons attended an initial rally of the National Great Society for White People held the night of February 25, 1965, at Selma. Officers elected were (First Name Unknown) Hendricks, President, Henry-Pardue, Vice President, and (First Name Unknown) Osborne, Secretary-Treasurer. Source advised that an argument over the election resulted in 27 people leaving before the end of the meeting. The meeting appeared to be poorly organized and a state of confusion reigned. Richard Turner, organizer of the meeting, had claimed that 3,000 handbills were distributed advertising the meeting and stating that the organization was being formed "in case white folks need us." Turner was quoted as saying the organization was non-violent and not affiliated with any other organization.

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A Negro mass meeting was observed the night of February 26, 1965, at Brown's Chapel AME Church beginning at 7:30 p.m. and ending at 10:05 p.m. Attendance was between 350 and 400 Negroes. The principal speaker, Reverend James Bevel, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), spoke generally of voter registration for March 1, 1965, and mentioned the possibility of a "walk" for March 8, 1965, from Selma to Montgomery. Coverage of this meeting was handled by Selma Police Officers patrolling the area. Two plainclothes officers of the State Investigative Department were on the scene. No incidents were observed in connection with this meeting.

On February 27, 1965,

that no civil rights activity was planned for that date in
Dallas County, Alabama, or adjoining counties. No racial
demonstration or activity was observed by Special Agents on
that date.

On February 28, 1965, a Negro rally was observed at Brown's Chapel AME Church beginning at 7:30 p.m. with approximately 600 to 700 in attendance. A Negro youth rally began at the First Baptist Church at about 8:00 p.m. with 250 to 300 in attendance. John Ary-Love, former SNCC Project Director, appeared at Brown's Chapel AME Church shortly before the youth rally began and directed the Negro youths to go to the First Paptist Church. The youth rally terminated at about 9:50 p.m. without incident and the youths returned to the Brown's Chapel AME Church. The principal speakers at the adult meeting at Brown's Chapel AME Church were Reverend F. D. Reese, President, Dallas County Voters League (DCVL), Reverend James Bevel and James Webb, a Negro male identified as a SNCC worker from Nashville, Tennessee. Reese stressed continued use of boycott against white merchants. Bevel emphasized the use of marches in connection with voter registration activity and again mentioned the possibility of a march from Selma to Montgomery sometime in the future. Coverage of the adult meeting and the youth rally was by plain-clothes officers of the Selma Police Department. Sheriff's Officers patrolled the area. The mass meeting terminated at 10:15 p.m. No incidents or arrests were observed or reported in connection therewith.

The Dallas County Board of Registrars opened on March 1, 1965, at 9:00 a.m., with 33 white persons and 22 Negroes in the voter registration line. Ruth Horn, Secretary to the Board, advised that as of 11:30 a.m. that date the Board had processed about 100 persons.

Board had processed about 100 persons.

At 12:06 p.m. on March 1, 1965, Special Agents
observed a group of approximately 550 Negroes arrive at the
Courthouse being led by Martin Luther King, Reverend Ralph
Abernathy, SCIC, Reverend Andrew Young, SCIC, and John R.
Lewis, Chairman, SNCC. King instructed the group to line up
Vat the end of the voter registration line. King and his
group attempted to enter the Courthouse at the Lauderdale
Street entrance, insisting to Sheriff James G. Clark, Jr. that
all of the persons in the line, including the 350 who were in
the march, be permitted to enter the Courthouse out of the
driving rain. King told Sheriff Clark that, in his minion,
the numbering system used by the Board of Registrars under
Federal Court order allowed Sheriff Clark to establish "a
pattern of discrimination against the Negroes." King was
observed to leave Selma at 12:55 p.m. for Camden, Alabama.

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advised on March 1, 1965, that plans were being formulated for a mass march to Montgomery, 57C Alabama, to see Governor George Wallace. All participants 57D will walk from Selma, Alabama, to Montgomery, a distance of 47 miles. Present plans are that the march would take approximately three days, starting on March 10 or 11, 1965. said that if registration "goes alright today" that there would be no further marches on the Dallas County Courthouse in Selma.

Martin Luther King was observed to return to Selma, Alabama, from Camden, Alabama, about 4:30 p.m., March 1, 1965,

where he spoke to a group waiting in line to register to vote at the Courthouse. King then travelled to Hayneville, Alabama, in Lowndes County, to speak with the Registrar of Voters, after which he returned to Selma the same date.

On the night of March 1, 1965, a Negro mass meeting was observed at Brown's Chapel AME Church beginning at 7:30 p.m. with the attendance being approximately 450 to 500. The principal speakers were Reverend Ralph Abernathy and Reverend James Bevel, both SCLC staff members. Martin Luther King appeared briefly at the church about 8:28 p.m. but did not enter. King left Selma for Montgomery where he was to take a 9:20 p.m. flight for Atlanta, Georgia. This mass meeting terminated at 9:40 p.m. without incident. Coverage was by two plain-clothes Selma Police Officers. Two Sheriff's Office cars were on the scene.

On the morning of March 2, 1965, it was determined from the Board of Registrars that on the previous day 79 persons signed the appearance book, 57 Negroes and 22 whites. It was also determined that 266 persons had been processed by the Board on March 1, 1965, 189 Negroes and 77 whites.

On March 2, 1965, when the Board of Registrars closed at 4:30 p.m. it was determined that 59 persons signed the appearance book on that date, 52 Negroes and 7 whites.

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advised on March 2, 1965, that 670 memorial service would be held at Brown's Chapel AME Church, 670 Selma, for Jimmy Lee Jackson at 11:00 a.m., March 3, 1965, and memorial service for Jackson would also be held at 2:00 p.m., March 3, 1965, at Marion, Alabama.

A Negro mass meeting was observed on the night of March 2, 1965, at Brown's Chapel AME Church beginning at 7:30 p.m. with the attendance between 400 and 500. A Negro youth

rally was held at the First Baptist Church at 7:30 p.m. the same night with 300 to 400 in attendance. Reverend James Bevel, SCIC, spoke at both meetings. The youth rally terminated at 8:50 p.m. without incident after which most of the Negro youths went to the vicinity of Brown's Chapel AME Church. The meeting at this church terminated at 10:00 p.m. without incident. Plain-clothes Officers of the Selma Police Department covered these two meetings and Sheriff's Office cars were observed on the scene.

On March 3, 1965, the Dallas County Board of Registrars made available the appearance book from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and during the day a total of 19 persons signed the book, including 17 Negroes and 2 white persons.

It was observed that on March 3, 1965, funeral services were held at Brown's Chapel AME Church at 11:00 a.m. for Jimmy Lee Jackson who died February 26, 1965. A sign above the church door read "Racism Killed Our Brother." Approximately 700 persons attended the service and an overflow crowd of young Negroes attended service at the First Baptist Church approximately one block away.

Martin Luther King, accompanied by Reverend Andrew Young, Bernard Lee and Hosea Williams, SCLC staff workers, arrived at Selma about 1:00 p.m., March 3, 1965. Shortly thereafter King left for Marion, Alabama, where he was to preach a funeral for Jackson.

on March 3, 1965, that Walter H. Ellwanger, President of the Alabama Lutheran Academy, a Negro junior college in Selma, told him that a number of white ministers and professional people throughout the state of Alabama who are in agreement with the civil rights movement, planned to march on the Dallas County Courthouse, Saturday, March 6, 1965. The group will sing songs and hold a prayer demonstration. Ellwanger estimated that between 50 and 100 persons would participate. Said that Saturday is a very bad day for such a demonstration in Selma. He expressed fear that such action would cause a breakdown in law and order but stated that an attempt would be made to cope with the situation and maintain law and order. He is not desirous of

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A Negro mass meeting was observed at the Brown's Chapel AME Church the night of March 3, 1965, from 7,30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Principal speaker was Reverend C. T. Vivian, SCLC staff member. Most of his talk related to the death and burial of Jimmy Lee Jackson. The meeting was covered by plain-clothes officers of the Selma Police Department. Dallas County Sheriff's Office cars were patrolling the area. No incidents were observed in connection with this meeting.

Reverend Martin Luther King did not appear at this 1 1000 in mass rally but departed from Selma at 8:25 p.m. for Montgomery, Alabama, where he was to take a plane at 9:20 p.m. for Atlanta, Georgia.

b7C that Negro sources had advised that the only activity planned for March 4, 1965, is area ward meetings. 670

advised that at about 5:45 p.m. that date on Highway 80 West near Selma, Alabama, State Troopers stopped two vehicles for Bernard Lee, Andrew Young, Ralph Abernathy and Hosea Williams, Williams being the driver. The second car was occupied by Nolan James Hobbs, 16 year old Negro male and several other minor Negroes. Hobbs was driving the second car. Hobbs and Williams were taken to the Dallas County Courthouse before Judge Hugh Mallory. Williams entered a plea of guilty and was fined \$25.00 and costs of \$11.00. Hobbs

> On March 4, 1965, the Dallas County Board of Registrars made available the signature book at the County Courthouse. During the day a total of 21 persons signed the appearance book, 19 Negroes and 2 whites.

No racial disturbances were observed or reported on March 4, 1965, in Selma.

entered a plea of not guilty, signed his own bond and his hearing was set for March 11, 1965.

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Honorable Marvin Watson Special Assistant to the President The White House Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Watson:

March 11, 1965

BY LIAISON

1 - Mr. Mohr

1 - Mr. DeLoach

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Enclosed for your information is a memorandum dated March 11, 1965, summarizing the results of our investigation into the violence which occurred at Selma, Alabama, on March 7, 1965, which I thought you might desire to bring to the attention of the President.

According to information furnished by the victims as well as eyewitnesses, law enforcement officers, including troopers of the Alabama Highway Patrol and officers of the Dallas County Sheriff's Office, clubbed some of the demonstrators with no apparent provocation other than the fact they refused to disperse after having been ordered to do so.

The results of our investigation in this matter have been furnished on a continuing basis to the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice, and a summary of the investigation is being furnished to the Attorney General.

All matters under our jurisdiction relative to the situation at Selma, Alabama, are continuing to receive preferred and top priority attention.

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Sincerely yours,

NOTE: See memo Rosen to Belmont, same date "Registrars of Voters, Dallas County, Alabama, Discrimination. Civil Rights Election Laws."

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