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FROM SAC, MOBILE 2-P 157-367

RACIAL SITUATION, STATE OF ALABAMA, SELMA, ALABAMA,

RM.

BUREAU AGENT OBSERVED REGISTRATION LINE FORMING AT DALLAS CUNTY REGISTRATION BOARD, SELMA, ALABAMA, THIS MORNING. SEVEN FIFTEEN AM, CST, THIRTY TWO PERSONS IN LINE, TWO NEGROES, SEVEN FORTY FIVE AM, THIRTY NINE PERSONS IN LINE, NINE NEGROES, EIGHT FIFTEEN AM, FIFTY PERSONS IN LINE, THIRTEEN NEGROES.

AT EIGHT THIRTY AM CST

ISSUED SIXTY NUMBERED TICKETS TO INDIVIDUALS STANDING IN LINE FOR DAY/S REGISTRATION. FIRST TWENTY THREE TICKETS ISSUED TO TICKET HOLDERS THAT WERE HOLDOVERS FROM REGISTRATION LINE WHEN BOARD CLOSED FOUR PM CST OCTOBER SIXTEEN SIXTY THREE. TEN TICKET HOLDERS OF FIRST TWENTY THREE WERE NEGROES. NUMBERS TWENTY FOUR THROUGH THE FIRST PERSONS TO ARRIVE AT REGISTRATION BOARD THIS MORNING

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AT SIX FORTY FIVE AM, CST. THE LINE BEGAN FORMING AT THAT TIME AND AS OF TWENTY FIVE PERSONS IN LINE ALL WERE WHITE.

THE TICKETS NUMBERED TWENTY FOUR THROUGH SIXTY THAT WERE ISSUED TO ALL THOSE IN HOLDOVERS FROM YESTERDAY ONLY FIVE WRE NEGROES. AFTER TICKETS ISSUED A NUMBER OF THE PEOPLE LEFT THE LINE AND AS OF NINE THIRTY AM, CST, ONLY ABOUT THIRTY PERSONS STANDING IN LINE AT REGISTRATION BOARD INSIDE COURTHOUSE. LHM FOLLOWS. DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY KENNETH MCINTYRE AT SELMA ADVISED.

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

NO FURTHER ACTIVITY OCCURRED AT SELMA, ALA. TODAY WITH EXCEPTION OF REGISTRATION ACTIVITY AT DALLAS COUNTY REGISTRATION BOARD. NEGRO SOURCE STATES NO DEMONSTRATIONS OR RELATED & ACTIVITY PLANNED. AS OF FOUR PM CST WHEN BALLAS COUNTY

REGISTRATION BOARD CLOSED, FOURTEEN PERSONS WITH NUMBERS RE-MAINED IN LINE. BOARD PROCESSED FORTYSIX PERSONS TODAY, TEN NEGROES. THE FOURTEEN PERSONS WHO WILL RECEIVE FIRST SEQUENCE

OF NUMBERS TOMORROW INCLUDE FIVE NEGROES.

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## Memorandum

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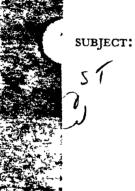
DIRECTOR, FBI (157-6-61)

DATE: 10/14/63

FROM:

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PHOTOGRAPHING RACIAL DEMONSTRATIONS



Reairtel observes that photographs were obtained throughout the day on 10/7/63 in connection with the voter registration activities at Selma, Ala., on that date but none were obtained of the only instance of alleged brutality which occured; that the SAC should personally review this situation to determine why no photographs were obtained of the incident involving NEBLETT and WILLIAMS.

Apparently the semantical recitation of the facts in MOtel to the Bureau 10/9/63 in connection with the NEBLETT and WILLIAMS incident was unclear. Four good clear still photographs were obtained of the NEBLETT and WILLIAMS inci-Of course, therefore, SA 67C dent by SA has the best evidence in his eyeball witnessing of this incident. What MOtel of 10/9/63 attempted to clarify was that no movie shots were obtained of the NEBLETD and WILLIAMS incident: The queue of people in the yoter regis tration line extended for an entire block, all the way around It can be readily seen that because of this ubiquitous situation, it would be almost impossible to obtain photographs

In response to the Bureau's request, the four still photographs depicting the NEBLETT and WILLIAMS incident were forwarded directly from Selma, Alabama, to the Bureau in care of Section Chief MC GOWAN on 10/9/63 and on 10/10/63 the developed movie films of the 10/7/63 affair was forwarded direct to Section Chief MC GOWAN from Selma.

Mobile is deeply appreciative of the expeditious : transmittal of film by the Bureau which has precluded running

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of every conceivable situation.



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out of same at Selma. Further, the additional robot camera requested recently of the Bureau arrived today and is being immediately forwarded to Selma to arrive in time for expected activities beginning tomorrow at Selma.

The Mobile Office is desirous of complying with the Bureau's wishes with regard to phtographing racial demonstrations and related matters. Accordingly, I have again reiterated by memorandum to all Agents the importance of complete enlightenment of all facets of photography as it concerns the equipment now in general use. Further, Agents who are knowledgable with regard to photographic equipment and the use thereof have assured me that they will share this knowledge with other Agents assigned to this office.



FBI Date: .10/17/63 Transmit the following in (Type in plain text or code) AIRTEL AIRMAIL (Priority or Method of Mailing) DIRECTOR, FBI TO: BAC, MOBILE (137-367) FROM: RACIAL SITUATION SUBJECT: STATE OF ALABAMA SELMA, ALABAMA ORACIAL MATTERS
Transmitted herewith are eight copies of letterhead memorandum. The Bureau agents who observed and photographed the registration line at the Registration Board were and Copy of Letterhead memorandum is being furnished Departmental Attorney at Seima.

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#### UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

#### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Mobile, Alabama October 17, 1963

> RACIAL SITUATION STATE OF ALABAMA SELMA, ALABAMA

On October 16, 1963 Bureau agents observed and photographed the registration line periodically throughout the day at the Dallas County Registration Board. The maximum number of persons standing in the line at any particular time was estimated at thirty to forty persons. No large crowd appeared for registration throughout the day. No incidents occurred. At 4:00 PM (CST) the Dallas County Registration Board closed. Twenty three persons who held numbered tickets still remained in the line. They were requested by Chief Deputy Sheriff L. C. CROCKER, Dallas County Sheriff's Office to hold their tickets and if they appeared for registration on the morning of October 17, 1963 at 8:30 AM (CST) they would be first'in line to receive new tickets for registration on October 17, 1963.

On the morning of October 17, 1963 a Bureau agent observed the issuance of sixty numbered tickets to persons appearing at the Registration Board on that date. The first twenty three tickets were issued to twenty three individuals who were holdovers from the registration line on the afternoon of October 16, 1963. Of these twenty three, ten were Negroes. Numbered tickets from twenty four through sixty were issued to those that appeared at the Registration Board the earliest on the morning of ctober 17,1963. Of the numbered tickets from twenty four through sixty, five Negroes were in the remaining number. It was observed that at 7:15 AM (CST), thirty two persons were present and lined up at the Dallas County Registration Board. Two of these were Negroes. At 7:45 AM (CST), thirty nine persons were at the



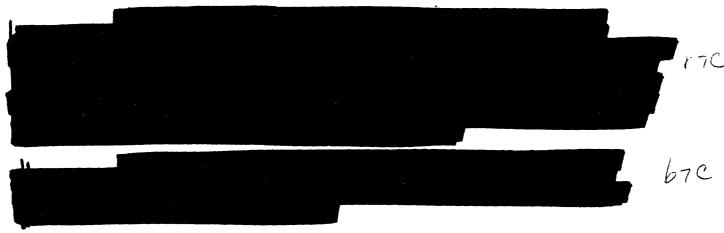


board, and nine of them were Negroes. At 8:15 AM (CST) fifty persons were standing in line, thirteen were Negroes. As of 8:30 AM when sixty numbered tickets were issued, fifteen of the sixty persons standing in line were Negroes, the rest whites.

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OPTIONAL FORP NO 10 UNITED STATES GOVERN \_NT Belmont Mohr MemorandumCasper Mr. Belmont DATE: 10-18-63 Trotter A. Rosen FROM: RACIAL SITUATION SUBJECT: STATE OF ALABAMA SELMA, ALABAMA CRACIAL MATTERS Mobile By way of background, Reverend King spoke at the First Baptist Church in Selma, Alabama, on 10-15-63. The vehicle in which Reverend King and four other Negroes drove to the meeting was rented by an employee of the Department of Justice by the name of McIntyre from the Hertz Rent A Car Firm at Dannelly Airport, Montgomery, Alabama, on 10-15-63. This information was furnished the Attorney General by memorandum dated 10-16-63. Enclosure 32211-18-63 11801 1 - Mr. Mohr - Mr.: DeLoach TO OCT 21 1963

Memorandum to Mr. Belmont RE: RACIAL SITUATION SELMA, ALABAMA



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Attached for approval is a memorandum to the Attorney General concerning the above information.

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U. S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE COMMUNICATIONS SECTION OCT 1 6 1963

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RACIAL SITUATION, STATE OF ALABAMA, SELMA, ALABAMA, BM. REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING ARRIVED AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH CORNER OF SYLVAN STREET AND JEFF DAVIS AVENUE, SELMA SEVEN FIFTY CENTRAL STANDARD TIME PM CST TONIGHT. VEHICLE OCCUPIED BY KING AND FOUR OTHER NEGROES

ESCORTED BY SHERIFF JAMES G. CLARK, JR, DALLAS CO. ALA. KING DELIVERED SPEECH SEVEN FIFTYSEVEN PM UNTIL EIGHT TWENTY, PM. SOURCE STATED SPEECH WAS EXCELLENT BUT FELT KING APPEARED MORE BIRMINGHAM INTERESTED IN BY RACIAL SITUATION THAN SELMA. HE SPOKE IN E GENERALITERAS, GAVE NO SPECIFIC FURTHER THEIR CAUSE, STATED ONLY QUOTE 6 OCT 22 1963 BALLOT BOX ENGLIC

NEGRO TESS RALLY TERMINATED EIGHT THIRTY PM CST. NO INCIDENTS OCCURRED. CROWD ESTIMATED EIGHT HUNDRED TO ONE THOUSAND NEGROES INSIDE AND OUTSIDE CHURCH! FIETY PRENCENT TEEN AGERS. P. OFFICIALS ON SCENE MADE NO EFFORT TO CLEAR CHURCH Carlot 3/16 DESIRE TO CAUSE SECIDENT

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DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY JOHN DOAR BEING ADVISED.

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# October 16, 1963 GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

This information is being furnished Civil Rights Division of the Department and will be furnished in writing to Assistant Attorney General Burke Marshall.

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157-6-61- 437 ENCLOSURE

REC-9 157-6-61 - 437 The Attorney General EX-IVO October 16, 1963 1 - Mr. Belmont Director, FBI 1 - Mr. Rosen 1 - Mr. Malley - Mr. McGowan RACIAL SITUATION STATE OF ALABAM 1 - Mr. Mohr SELMA, ALABAMA 1 - Mr. DeLoach RACIAL MATTERS 1 - Mr. Evans Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., arrived at the First Eaptist Church to Selma, Alabama, on the evening of October 15, 1963, and addressed a meeting of approximately 300 to 1,000 Negroes, assembled both inside and outside the church. A source has advised us that Reverend Mr. King's speech was excellent but that he stressed the Birmingham situation rather than the situation at Solma. He issued no specific instructions to the persons in Selma except to state that The way to win is by the ballot box." The vehicle in which Reverend Mr. King and four other Regroes drove to the meeting was escorted by Sheriff Jamewi. Clark, Jr., et Dellas County. advised that this vehicle was rented by an employee of the الله الله Department of Justice by the name of McIntyre from the Hertz Rent A Car firm at Dannelly Airport at Montgomery, Alabama, on October 15, 1963. one other vehicle which was also OCT 1 6 1963 rented from the Hertz firm by the White House News Eervice of the National Broadcasting Company from the Dallas County 67L line to Selma, Alabama. Belmont (13)see note, pg.2 Sullivan Tavel `rotter olmes undy ( ) [MAD ROOM TELETYPE UNIT

### The Attorney Coneral

The above information was furnished to Departmental Attorney John Doar on the scene in Alabama and to Mr. John L. Murphy of the Civil Rights Division in Washington, D. C.

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

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FD-36 (Rev. 12-13-56) FBI 6, Date: 10/14/63 Transmit the following in \_ (Type in plain text or code) AIRTEL AIRMAIL (Priority or Method of Mailing) DIRECTOR, FBI (157-6-61) TO: SAC, MOBILE (157-367)(P) FROM: SUBJECT: ORACIAL SITUATION STATE OF ALABAMA SELMA, ALABAMA Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are eight copies of letterhead memorandum concerning an individual who identified himself as a Baptist Minister from Homewood, Alabama. He met with Mayor HEINZ of Selma and suggested that a biracial committee be organized in Selma, being composed of ministers in that area. 3- Bureau (Enc. 8)
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#### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Mobile, Alabama October 14, 1963

RACIAL SITUATION STATE OF ALABAMA SELMA, ALABAMA

<u>On October 10,</u> 1963, advised that on that day, a Rev. NORMAN CHMISON, who identified himself as a Baptist Minister from Homewood, Alabama, had an appointment with Mayor CHRIS HEINZ at Selma, Alabama at 2:30 PM CST. advised relative to the meeting between JEMISON and Mayor HEINZ, that JEMISON had suggested to Mayor HEINZ that a biracial committee be set up in Selma composed of ministers in this area. JEMISON had pointed out to the Mayor that he understood that in about 1957, there was operating in the Selma area a biracial committee of this type and felt that it would be an excellent idea to again reactivate a ministerial biracial committee. stated that the Mayor had flatly turned this suggestion down stating that in view of the tense stated that the Mayor had flatly racial situation presently occurring at Selma, he did not feel that any effort should be made at this time to organize such a biracial committee; that if such were done, it would indicate that Selma had bowed to outside pressures.

stated that he briefly observed JEMISON in the Mayor's office and described him as a white male in his late 30s, dark hair and dark complected. JEMISON also claimed that he had been born in Viginia but was presently a pastor of a church at Homewood, Alabama.

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RACIAL SITUATION, STATE OF ALABAMA, SELMA, ALABAMA, RACIAL MATTERS.

10/18/63

RE MOBILE TELETYPE, OCTOBER EIGHTEEN, INSTANT.

NO ACTIVITY, WITH EXCEPTION OF REGISTRATION ACTIVITY OCCURRED SELMA TODAY. DALLAS COUNTY REGISTRATION BOARD CLOSED FOUR O/CLOCK CENTRAL STANDARD TIME. PROCESSED HOLDERS OF NUMBERED TICKETS ONE THROUGH FORTY-SEVEN TODAY, THIRTEEN NEGROES AND THIRTY-FOUR WHITES. OF TICKETS NUMBERED FORTY-EIGHT THROUGH SIXTY STILL REMAINED IN LINE AND ARE TO RECEIVE FIRST SEQUENCE OF TICKET ON MONDAY, OCTOBER TWENTY-ONE, NEXT. THESE THIRTEEN PERSONS ARE SEVEN NEGROES AND SIX WHITES. THE THIRTEEN PERSONS WERE REQUESTED BY DALLAS COUNTY REGISTRATION BOARD TO SIGN NAME FOR TICKETS WHICH APPEARS TO BE MEASURE TO PROHIBIT INDI BESIDES ORIGINAL TICKET HOLDER FROM USINECTICKET. OCT. 21 1963 ATTORNEY AT SELMA ADVISED. LHM FOLLOWS. P. END AND ACK PLS

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#### UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

#### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Mobile, Alabama October 14, 1963

RACIAL SITUATION STATE OF ALABAMA SELMA, ALABAMA

On October 11. 1963.

Regarding the racial situation at Selma, felt the Negro community was at the present time "awakening" and that from now on, the Negro would no longer be a submissive type inalvidual, but was going to press forward to obtain all rights that he should have as a citizen of the United States. Advised that no racial demonstrations or related activities are planned for Selma on October 11, 12 and 13, 1963; however, on Monday, October 14, 1963, would probably see a regeneration of activity in the Selma area as the SNCC expects the appearance of MARTIN LUTHER KING, Southern Christian Leadership Conference to appear to Selma on October 15, 1963, to give Negroes further encouragement to press for their rights as citizens. Advised that he had been attempting to obtain the National Guard Armory in Selma for the purpose of a meeting on October 15, 1963, where Rev. KING could speak as they expected a large number of Negroes to appear at any meeting where Rev. KING spoke. He stated that he had been unsuccessful in obtaining the National Guard Armory and so far, had been unsuccessful in obtaining the Memorial Stadium, an outdoor football stadium located on Highway 22, South, Selma, for the purpose of holding a large outdoor meeting where Rev. KING could speak.

advised that in the event he was unable to obtain either one of the above mentioned establishments, they

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would probably run a "matinee" at the First Baptist Church, the largest Negro church in Selma, which is located on the corner of Sylvan Street and Jeff Davis Avenue in order that all people that desired to hear KING could be accommodated. Stated that tentative plans are for a large Negro mass rally on the evening of October 15, 1963. Advised that the Negroes in Selma are aware that beginning next Tuesday, October 15, 1963, the registration board at the Dallas County Courthouse will be open every day during the week for a period of three weeks. He stated that there was going to be a tremendous drive in Selma and Dallas County to encourage Negroes to appear en masse at the registration board to demonstrate that they desired to register to vote and also that they desire to become registered toters.

described LAMES RORMAN, SNCC titular head, as a "angry man" with the "ghost of segregation riding on his shoulders." Stated that it was his opinion that because of this, FORMAN had become an extremely "fiery" speaker" at Negro mass rallies and an individual that is extremely critical of constituted authority when it is in the hands of a white man. Stated that he is of the opinion that some of the measures and statements that FORMAN employes is in order to gain the things he desires for the Negro people and are extreme; however, "this is the time when some situations require extreme measures." Further stated that he intended to continue to press for communication to be established between Negro leaders in Selma and the Selma City and County Officials and in the event that he did establish such lines of communication, he felt that the situation in Selma could be solved satisfactorily.

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On October 11, 1963,

advised that he had received information

Birmingham, Alabama, that SNCC leaders

were to hold a press conference at the Sixth Avenue Baptist

Church at Birmingham, Alabama at 2:30 PM CST.

Stated

that he understood that WORTH WESTINGHOUSE LONG would be

present at this conference and may possibly release informa
tion on incidents that had occurred in Selma.

advised

that he would receive details of this press conference as soon

as it was completed. Later in the day of October 11, 1963,

advised that he had received the following information

which is a summary of the various things stressed by SNCC

leaders at the press conference at Birmingham:

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JAMES FORMAN, titular head, SNCC, told the newspaper reporters present at the conference that they had wired Attorney General ROBERT KENNEDY on that day that they desired Federal marshals be sent to Selma, Alabama, and there was "no excuse for not getting help from the Federal Government." FORMAN pointed out that Negroes need federal officials in Selma to see that there is no slowdown in registration procedured and to provide protection to Negroes from intimidation and brutality from law enforcement officials in that area, and specifically, Sheriff JAMES G. CLARK, JR. of Dallas County, Alabama.

The above were opening statements made by JAMES FORMAN; however, throughout the press conference, he injected various statements concerning the racial situation at Selma. Later on during the press conference, FORMAN also stated that Negroes were forced to stand in a voter registration line on October 7, 1963, at the Dallas County, Alabama Courthouse in Semma without food or water, and they were not allowed to talk to anyone. He stated that he had told Sheriff CLARK that he had a right to talk to those in line; that it was a matter of of rights of a citizen and civil rights. FORMAN advised that CLARK stated, "Your civil rights be damned, if you talk to them you'll be arrested." FORMAN also pointed out that several Negroes that were standing on the Federal Building property located directly across the street from the Dallas County Courthouse who were urging voter registration with signs were arrested by local law enforcement authorities. He stated that the Federal Government should not permit local officers to arrest Negroes for civil rights activities on federal property.

CARVER MEDIETT and another unidentified Negro male, believed to be ALVERY LEE WILLIAMS, were field secretaries with SNCC, made statements at the press conference that they were beaten by the city police and state troopers at Selma while they were standing in a voter registration line on October 7, 1963. They stated they were also later beaten in jail and they had witnesses to these beatings. (It is noted that this arrest is set forth in another memorandum which is dated October 9, 1963, and contains details of this arrest).

Mrs. EINORA COLLINS, a Negro female from Selma, Alabama, also furnished information to reporters at the press conference that her employer had attempted to take her picture

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in the voter registration line on October 7, 1963, and when she shielded her face, he had attacked her with a "cattle prod." When she returned to work two days after she was in the voter registration line, she and another Negro were fired from their jobs because their employer had seen them standing in the voter registration line.

Mrs. AMELIA P. BOYNTON, Boynton Real Estate Agency, Franki in Street, Selma, a local Negro leader at Selma, advised at the press conference that hundreds of Negroes will turn out next Tuesday, October 15, 1963, to register to vote and next Tuesday night, a State meeting of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference will be held in Selma and it is expected that Rev. MARTIN LUTHER KING will speak at this meeting.

The press conference was closed with a statement from BRUCE GORDON who was identified as a field secretary for SNCC, in which he stated that voter registration drives would not be confined to Selma, Alabama, and this would be redoubled in that area and all of Dallas County would be solicited in order to get all Dallas County Negroes to appear at the registration board and register to vote.

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DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, MOBILE /157-367/

O RACIAL MATTERS

CIAL SITUATION, STATE OF ALA., SELMA, ALA. RM.

NO ACTIVITY OCCURRED SELMA, ALA. TODAY, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF REGISTRATION ACTIVITY. THIRTY SEVEN INDIVIDUALS HANDLED TODAY AT REGISTRATION BOARD, NINETEEN NEGROES. THREE INDIVIDUALS HOLDING NUMBERS THIRTY EIGHT THROUGH SIXTY RECEIVED FIRST SEQUENCE OF NUMBERS FOR REGISTRATION TOMORROW. REGISTRATION BOARD CLOSED AT FOUR P.M., C.S.T. NO MASS RALLY SCHEDULED FOR TONIGHT AT SELMA. MASS RALLY SCHEDULED FOR SEVEN THIRTY P.M., C.S.T. AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OCT. TWENTY TWO, SIXTY THREE. PRINCIPAL SPEAKER, REV. FRED SHUTTLESWORTH.

DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY AT SELMA ADVISED. CORR FIRST WORD SHOULD READ RANGE TO !! ICE END AND ACK PS

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#### UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

#### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Mobile, Alabama October 18, 1963

RACIAL SITUATION STATE OF ALABAMA SELMA, ALABAMA

On October 17, 1963 Bureau agents observed registration activity through the day at the Dallas County, Alabama Registration Board, Selma, Alabama. Registration continued on an orderly basis and no incidents occurred. The largest number of individuals standing in the line at any one time with the exception of the time when the numbers were distributed at 8:30 AM (CST), were thirty to forty persons. At the time the Registration Board closed on October 17, 1963 at 4:00 PM (CST), thirteen persons remained standing in line, of these thirteen, five were Negroes.

On October 18, 1963 a Bureau agent observed the registration line which began to form at the Dallas County Court House at 6:45 AM (CST). There were three whites and three Negroes in line at that time. At 7:15 AM there were ten whites and six Negroes. At 7:45 AM there were twenty one whites and ten Negroes. At 8:15 AM there were thirty two whites and twelve Negroes. At 8:30 AM issued

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numbered tickets to approximately twelve persons who had numbers and were standing in line at 4:00 PM (CST) on October 17, 1963 when the Registration Board closed. Of these twelve, four were Negroes. One Negro of the thirteen did not arrive at 8:30 AM (CST) and obtained a place in line after he arrived where he received ticket number thirty two. Only fifty two persons were in line at 8:30 AM and all received numbered tickets. Between 8:30 AM (CST) and 9:00 AM (CST) the other eight tickets were handed out, three tickets to Negroes. The breakdown on the fifty two tickets handed out at 8:30 AM was thirty six whites and sixteen Negroes.

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DIRECTOR, FBI /157-6-61/

FROM SAC, MOBILE /157-367/

RACIAL SITUATION, STATE OF ALABAMA, SELMA, ALABAMA. MAGE

NO ACTIVITY OCCURRED OVER PAST WEEK END IN SELMA.

THIS MORNING REGISTRATION LINE BEGAN TO FORM AT DALLAS COUNTY REGISTRATION BOARD SIX FORTY FIVE A. M. AND ONE WHITE IN LINE SIX FORTY FIVE A. M. CST. SEVEN FIFTEEN A. M. FIFTEEN WHITES AND TEN NEGROES, SEVEN FORTY FIVE TWENTY FIVE WHITES AND SIXTEEN NEGROES, EIGHT FIFTEEN A. M. THIRTY THREE WHITES AND TWENTY THREE NEGROES.

AF EIGHT THIRTY SIXTY NUMBERED TICKETS WERE GIVEN TO PERSONS STANDING IN LINE. OF THIRTEEN PERSONS LEFT OVER FROM OCTOBER EIGHTEEN, SIXTY THREE, WHEN BOARD CLOSED AT FOUR PM CST, TWELVE RETURNED TO OBTAIN FIRST SEQUENCE OF THE TWELVE FLENT YERE NEGROES. TICKETS THIS MORNING. OF THE TOTAL SIXTY NUMBERED TICKETS FIVEN TO PERSONS STANDING IN LINE TWENTY SIX WERE NEGROES. END PAGE ONE

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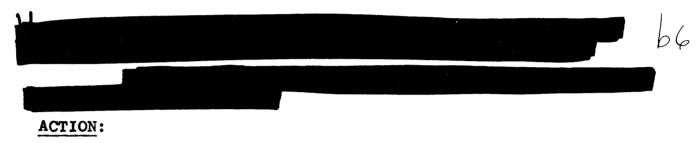
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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont RE: RACIAL SITUATION



For information.

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#### UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

#### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Mobile, Alabama October 16, 1963

RACIAL SITUATION STATE OF ALABAMA SELMA, ALABAMA

On October 14, 1963 a source of the Mobile Office at Selma, Alabama advised that a Negro mass rally would be held at Baptist Tabernacle Church, corner of Broad Street and Minter Avenue at 7:30 PM (CST) that evening.

On October 14, 1963
Selma, advised that the principal speaker at the secting would be Mrs. MARGARET J. MOORE of Tuskegee Institute, a Negro college at Tuskegee, Alabama.

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On October 14, 1963 at approximately 7:00 PM (CST) advised nat the meeting had been changed from the Baptist Tabernacle Church to Brown's Chapel AME Church on Sylvan Street.

On October 14, 1963 Bureau agents observed a Negro mass rally at Brown's Chapel AME Church. They estimated attendance at the meeting was 250 to 300 Negroes, seventy to eighty percent teen-agers. The meeting began at 7:30 PM (CST) and terminated at 10:45 PM (CST). No incidents occurred. Coverage of the meeting was handled by two Sheriff's Office cars, two Selma Police Department cars patroling the area. These cars were occupied by four deputy sheriffs and four officers of the Selma Police Department. No officers were stationed inside the church during the meeting.

On October 15, 1963 a confidential source of the Mobile Office advised relative to the Negro mass rally at Brown's Chapel AME Church, that Dr. SULLIVAN JACKSON, a

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Negro dentist in Selma, had acted as the Master of Ceremonies for the rally. The speakers at the meeting were Mrs. MARIE FE sister of Dr. JACKSON, Mrs. ELNORA COLLIN, Mrs. ANNIE LEE COPER, Mr. SAMUEL GALES, JR., JAMES FORMAN, Student Non Violence Co-ordinating Committee leader, Mrs. AMELIA P. SOYNTON, and JOHN LEWIS, Student Non Violence Co-ordinating Committee leader. Mrs. MARGARET J. MOORE was identified as the principal speaker at the meeting. All speakers stressed the need to appear at the Dallas County Registration Board next day and register to vote. No speaker gave any "fiery" talk. Mrs. BOYNTON appealed to the audience to trade only with "friends". She stated she has a guide to these friends ther office, 21 Franklin Street, Selma. She appealed for 500 persons to appear at the Dallas County Registration Board October 15, 1963 to register to vote. Mrs. BOYNTON and ibs. FOSTER stressed in their talks to report incidents of solice brutality to the FBI, follow up complaints with letters, and make personal contacts with FBI Officers relative to these complaints.

On October 15, 1963

advised that as of Girs AH (CST), 60 tickets numbered 1 to 60 had been handed but to individuals who desired to register to vote. He stated that the ratio ran about 60% wites and 40% Negroes. He stated these tickets were being issued on a "first come first served" basis. People appeared at the Registration Board to obtain tickets shortly after 7:00 AM (CST).

On October 15, 1963 Bureau agents observed and photographed the voter registration line at the County Court House throughout the day. The maximum number of individuals waiting in the line at any particular time was estimated at approximately 70 persons, Negroes and whites. At 3:45 PM (CST) 36 persons, all Negroes, remained at the Dallas County Registration Board. The Board closed at 4:00 PM (CST) and those persons left in line received the first series of numbered tickets for registration on October 16, 1963. Different colored tickets were issued for the next day's registration.

On October 15, 1963

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nearing which was being held at Selma, Alabama that date.

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At 10:45 AM (CST) Federal Judge DANIEL H. THOMAS, excused VI.CTOR B. ATKINS, Registrar at Dallas County Voter Registration Board, from court. Mr. ATKINS pointed out that under the State of Alabama law, two members of the Board must be present in order to register persons to vote and one of the board members was in the hospital. He stated that with only one board member present at the Dallas County Board it was necessary for him to be there in order for persons to register. He stated that as long as he was detained in federal court those people waiting in line could not be registered and he felt that these persons were being deprived of their right to register to vote by the fact he was tied up in federal court on subpoena. He was excused at 10:45 AM (CST).

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On October 15, 1963 stated

hat Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING had not arrived in Selma,

bama at 3:00 PM (CST). had talked to him

phone in Birmingham, Alabama about 2:00 PM and he would

if initely appear in Selma, Alabama on the night of October 15,

963 at 7:30 PM to speak at a mass rally at the First Baptist

Church, Selma.

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FD-36 (Rev. 12-13-56) FBI Date: 10/17/63 Transmit the following in . (Type in plain text or code) AIRTEL AIRMAIL (Priority or Method of Mailing) Agency G-2, ONL, OSI, CRD DIRECTOR, FBI OCT 22 1963 TO: SAC, MOBILE (157-367) Date Forw. FROM: SUBJECT: CACIAL SITUATION STATE OF ALABAMA SELMA, ALABAMA Re Mobile teletypes to the Bureau PM 10/15/63 and AM 10/16/63. Transmitted herewith are eight copies of letterhead memorandum. The Bureau agents who observed the mass rally at the First Baptist Church on the night of 10/15/63 were The Bureau, agent who observed the issuance of tickets at the Registration Board on 10/16/63 was MIL 3 Bureau (Enc. 8) (RM) EX-115 **PO OCT 19 1963** Approved:

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On 10/15/63 JOHN DOAR, Departmental Attorney, was contacted at Selma and advised of the above information. He stated this was undoubtedly a falsehood and no such thing happened. He stated he intended to check into this matter but he was certain in his mind this was undoubtedly a mistake.



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#### UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Mobile, Alabama October 17, 1963

RACIAL SITUATION STATE OF ALABAMA SELMA, ALABAMA

On October 15, 1963 Bureau agents observed a Negro mass rally at the First Baptist Church, corner of Jeff Davis Avenue and Sylvan Street, Selma. At 7:50 PM Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING appeared at the church escorted by Sheriff JAMES G. CLARKE, JR. in his Dallas County Sheriff's car. KING was riding in a 1963 green Chevrolet occupied by four other Negroes besides himself. He began speaking at 7:57 PM (CST) and concluded his talk at 8:25 PM (CST). He immediately left the meeting. The meeting terminated at 8:30 PM (CST) and Negroes disbursed.

Coverage of the meeting was held by one Selma Police Department car and one Sheriff's Office car patroling the area. No officers were stationed inside or outside the church. Estimated attendance was 800 to 1,000 Negroes, 50% teen-agers. The Selma Fire Department had officials on the scene at the church and observed that the church was filled to overflowing, however, it was observed that these officials made no effort to clear the church of all Negroes over and above the legal limit of 350. No incidents occurred.

advised on October 15, 1963 that the 1963 Chevrolet which brought Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING to Selma

the only individual of the five Negroes in the car he recognized was MARTIN LUTHER KING. The car bore a 1963 Alabama tag 3-31463. Following this automobile was a 1963 Chevrolet occupied by three white men, bearing 1963 Alabama

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on October 15, 1963
advised that he was present at the Dallas County Courthouse when the registration board closed at 4 PM (CST) on that date. He stated he heard and observed 35 Negroes who were left in line were being given tickets and advised that they would be first in line on next day's registration if they appeared at the Registration Board by 8:30 AM (CST).

On October 16, 1963 Bureau agent observed the administration and issuing procedures surrounding the handing out of numbered tickets for those individuals who desired to register to vote at the Dallas County Registration Board. Chief Deputy Sheriff L. C. CROCKER issued the numbered tickets. Approximately 20 Negroes, who had been among the 35 that were at the Registration Board when it closed at 4:00 PM (CST) on October 15, 1963, were in line to register at 8:30 AM (CST). They received the first sequence of numbered tickets and were placed at the head of the line. The rest of the tickets thereafter were given to those individuals who appeared earliest at the board on the morning of October 15, 1963. A total of 60 tickets were handed out.

At 10:00 PM (CST) October 16, 1963, a Bureau agent a observed that approximately 30 persons, all Negroes, were standing in line at the registration board inside the courthouse. No line was present outside the courthouse. Some of the persons who had appeared at the Registration Board early that morning who received numbers had departed the line to return when they estimated their number would come up to register.

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11-15 PM CST

TO DIRECTOR FBI , /157-6-61/

FROM SAC, MOBILE /157-367/ 1 P

RACIAL SITUATION, STATE OF ALABAMA, SELMA, ALABAMAS IN

MASS NEGRO RALLY AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH TERMINATED NINE
THIRTY PM CST. ESTIMATED ATTENDENCE TWO HUNDRED FIFTY
TO THREE HUNDRED NEGROES, SEVENTY PERCENT TEEMAGERS.

REV. FRED SHUTTLESWORTH SPOKE ONLY ABOUT THIRTY MIN.

LEFT AREA FOR BIRMINGHAM, ALA ABOUT NINE PM CST. COVERAGE AFFORED

MEETING BY ONE PD CAR OCCUPIED BY TWO OFICERS, PATROLING.

APPROXIMATELY TWELVE DEPUTIES SHERIFFS AND DALLAS CO POSSE MEMBERS ON SCENE STATIONED OUT SIDE OF CHURCH ON STREET.

NO OFFICERS STATIONED INSIDE CHURCH.

NO INCIDENTS OCCURRED AT MEETING.

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Mr. Trotter

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5-07 PM CST 10-22-63 TO DIRECTOR, FBI /157-6-61/

FROM SAC, MOBILE /157-367/

PRACIAL SITUATION, STATE OF ALABAMA, SELMA, ALA.

RE MOBILE TEL TODAY.

NO OTHER ACTIVITY EXCEPT REGISTRATION ACTIVITY OCCURRED AT SELMA TODAY. REGISTRATION BOARD CLOSED FOUR PM CST. THIRTY THREE TICKET HOLDERS HANDLED BY BOARD, TWENTYTWO NEGROES AND ELEVEN WHITES. PERSONS HOLDING TICKETS NUMBERED THIRTYFOUR THROUGH SIXTY TO OBTAIN FIRST SEQUENCE OF TECKETS EIGHT THIRTY AM CST, OCT. TWENTYTHREE, NEXT, IF THEY APPEAR AT THAT TIME. SEVEN PERSONS HOLDING TICKETS AMONG THOSE: 1,1 NUMBERED THIRTYTHREE THROUGH SIXTY WERE MISSING FROM LINE AT FOUR PM WHEN BOARD CLOSED AND DID NOT RECEIVE TICKETS FOR TOMORROW MORNING.

NEGRO LEADER, SELMA, STATES EXPECTS CAPACITY CROWD AT MASS NEGRO RALLY TO OCCUR AT SEVEN THIRTY PM CST TONIGHT WHEN PRINCIPAL SPEAKER WILL BE REV. FRED SHUTTLESWORTH. EXPECT AS LARGE A CROWD AS WHEN REV. MARTIN **REC- 19** END PAGE ONE 33...

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ON OCT. FIFTEEN, LAST, AND EXPECTS MEETING TO TERMINATE AROUND

'NINE PM CST. LEADER FURTHER STATES DOES NOT PLAN ANY TYPE OF

DEMONSTRATIONS AT SELMA WITH EXCEPTION OF PUSHING VOTER

REGISTRATION ACTIVITY. DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY AT SELMA ADVISED.

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URGENT 10-22-63 11-52 AM JEB TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, MOBILE /157-367/ 2P

RE MOBILE TEL OCT. TWENTY ONE, SIXTY THREE.

REGISTRATION LINE AT DALLAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE BEGAN
TO FORM SIX FORTY FIVE A.M., C.S.T. AT SIX FORTY FIVE,
THREE WHITES AND TWO NEGROES IN LINE. AT SEVEN A. M.,
THREE WHITES AND EIGHT NEGROES. AT SEVEN THIRTY, FOUR WHITES
AND TWENTY THREE NEGROES. AT EIGHT A.M. SEVEN WHITES AND

AND TWENTY THREE NEGROES. AT EIGHT A.M., SEVEN WHITES AND THIRTY THREE NEGROES. AT EIGHT FIFTEEN, EIGHT WHITES AND FORTY SEVEN NEGROES. AT EIGHT THIRTY, THERE WAS A TOTAL OF

SIXTY EIGHT PEOPLE STANDING IN LINE, FIFTY NEGROES AND,

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TO THE FIRST SIXTY PEOPLE IN LINE X NUMBERS ONE THROUGH
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OF NUMBERED TICKET WHEN BOARD CLOSED AT FOUR P.M., C.S.T.,
OCT. TWENTY ONE, SIXTY THREE. ONE PERSON OF THOSE HOLDING

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AND TWENTE THREE NEGROES. AT EIGHT A. M. SEVEN WHITES AND

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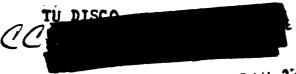


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NUMBERED TICKET, OCT. TWENTY ONE, DID NOT APPEAR TO OBTAIN A NEW TICKET. THEREFORE, ONLY TWENTY TWO PERSONS WERE AT HEAD OF LINE WHO WERE HOLDERS OF TICKETS, AFTERNOON OF OCT. TWENTY ONE. OF THESE TWENTY TWO, TWELVE WERE NEGROES. OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF TICKETS PASSED OUT AT EIGHT THIRTY A.M., C.S.T. TODAY, THERE WERE FORTY EIGHT NEGROES IN LINE AND TWELVE WHITES.

DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY AT SELMA ADVISED. LHM FOLLOWS. END AND ACK

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12-35 PM URGENT /10-23-63 **JEB** TO DIRECTOR, FBI /157-6-61/ FROM SAC, MOBILE /157-367/ 1P

RACIAL SITUATION, STATE OF ALABAMA, SELMA, ALABAMA, RM RE MOBILE TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU, OCTOBER TWENTY-IWO, LAST, AT FIVE ZERO SEVEN P.M., CST.

TWENTY NUMBERED TICKETS PASSED OUT AT EIGHT THIRTY A.M. CST TODAY TO INDIVIDUALS WHO HELD TICKETS WHEN REGISTRATION BOARD CLOSED AT FOUR P.M. CST, OCTOBER TWENTY-TWO, LAST. AMONG TWENTY, THERE WERE, NINETEEN NEGROES, ONE WHITE. NUMBERS TWENTY-ONE THROUGH FIFTY-NINE PASSED OUT ON FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS TO FOURTEEN NEGROES AND TWENTY-FIVE WHITES. ONLY FIFTY-NINE PERSONS TOTAL IN LINE AS OF EIGHT THIRTY A.M. CST. DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY ADVISED AT SELMA.

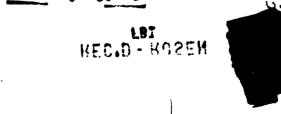
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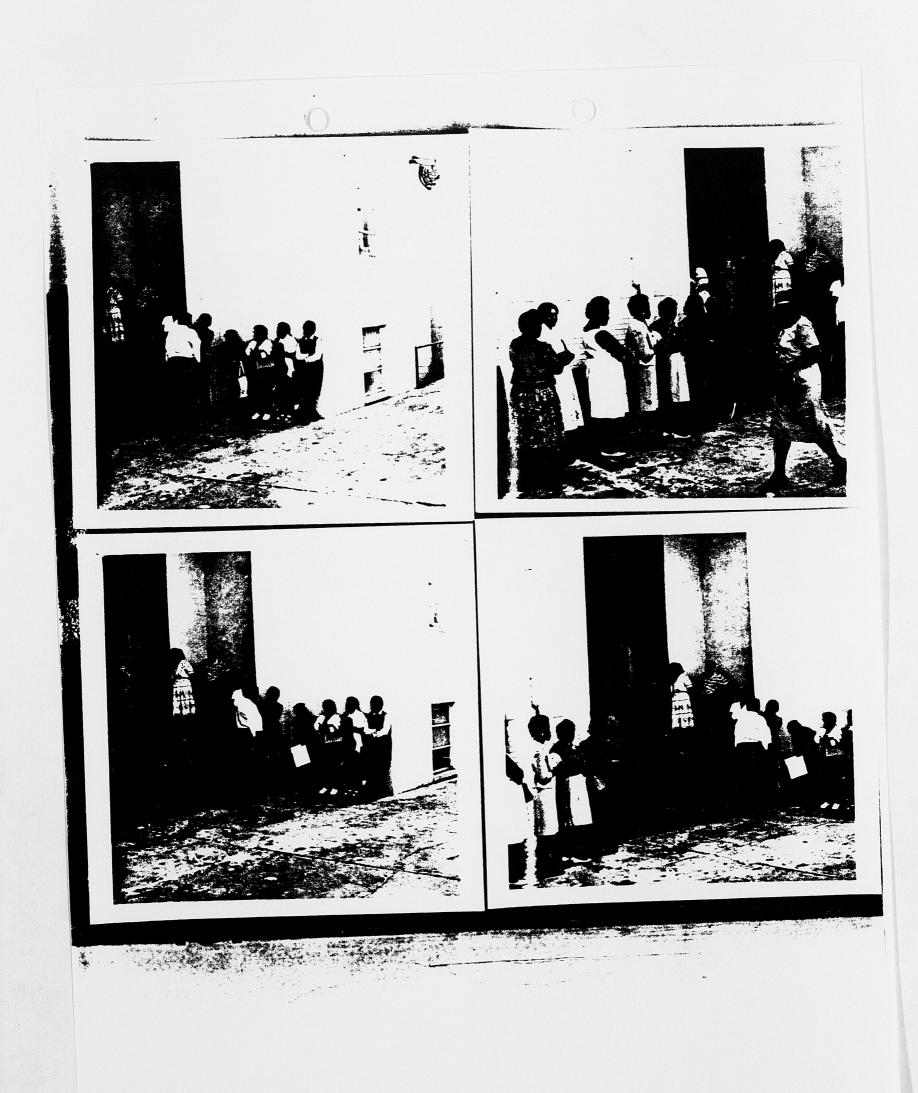
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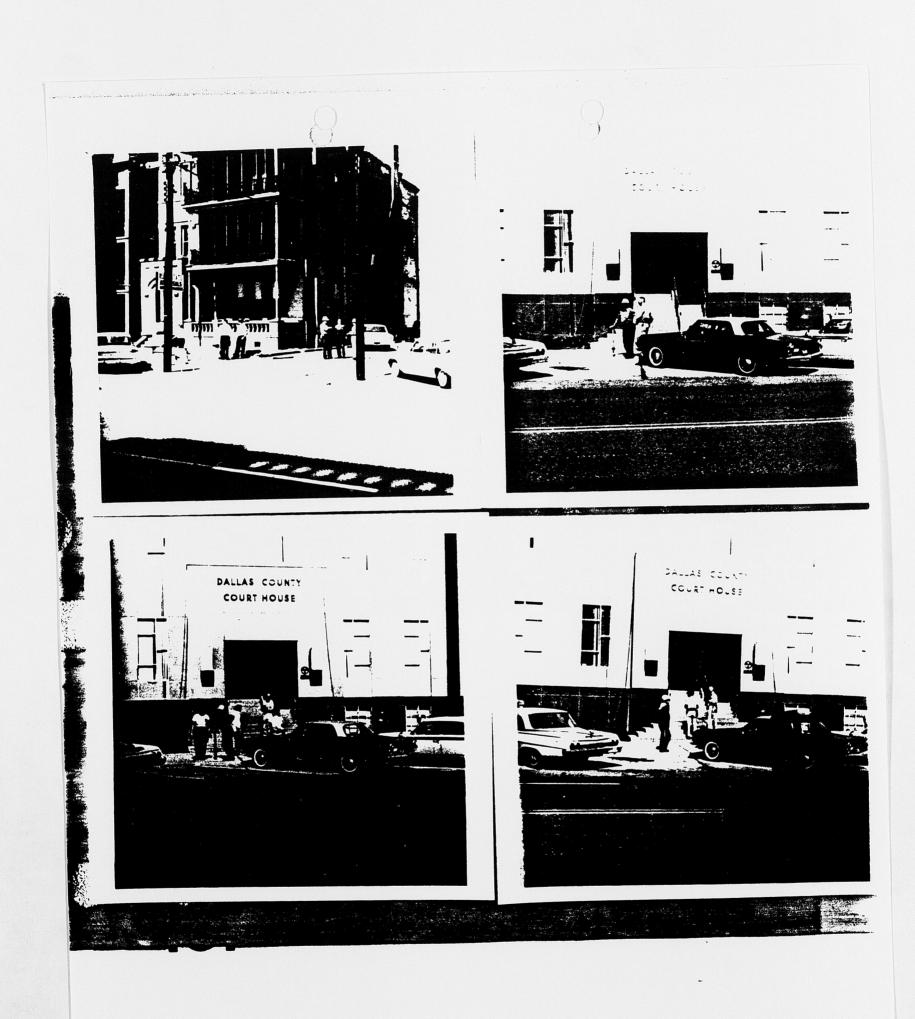


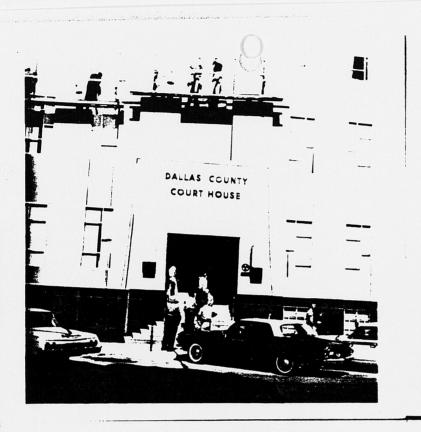




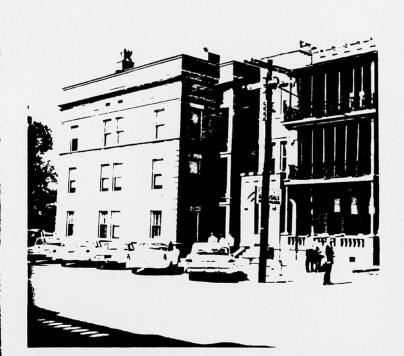




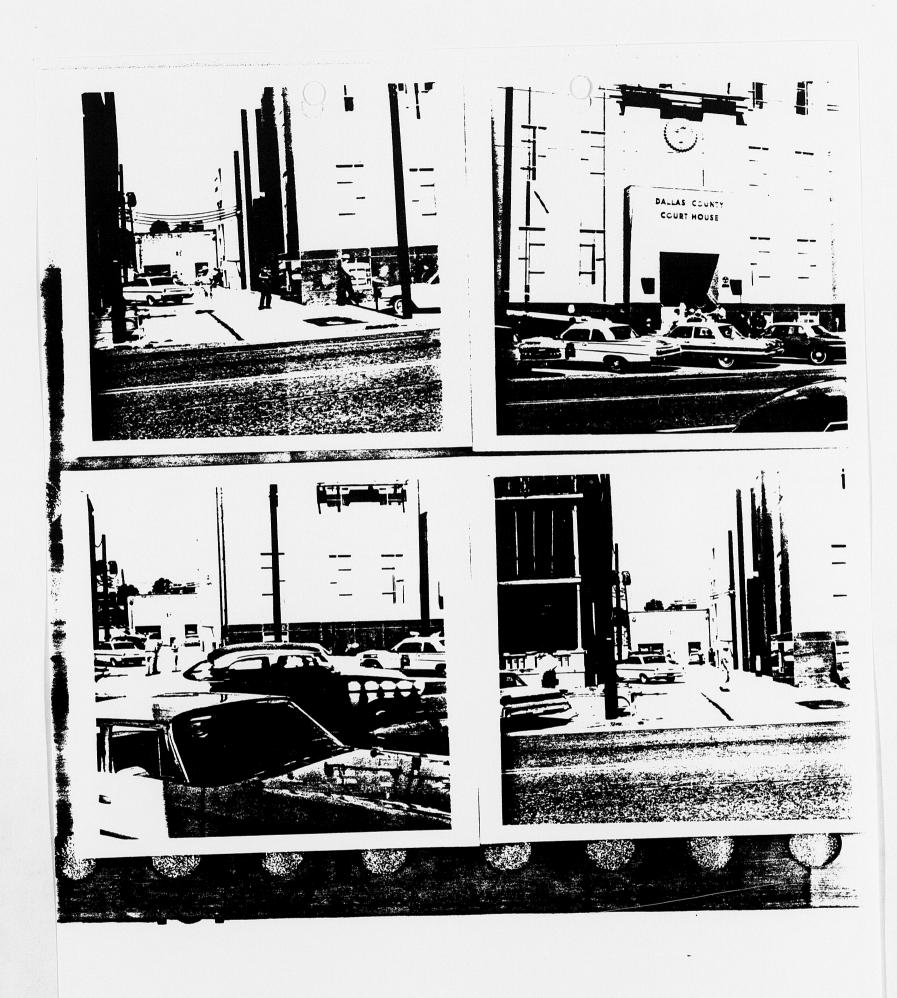


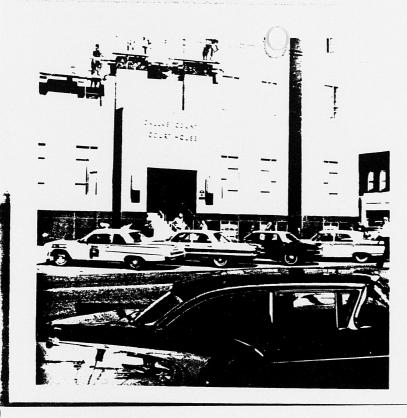


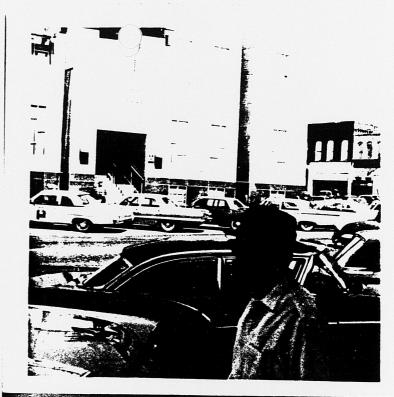




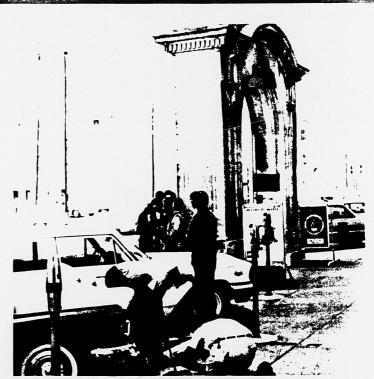


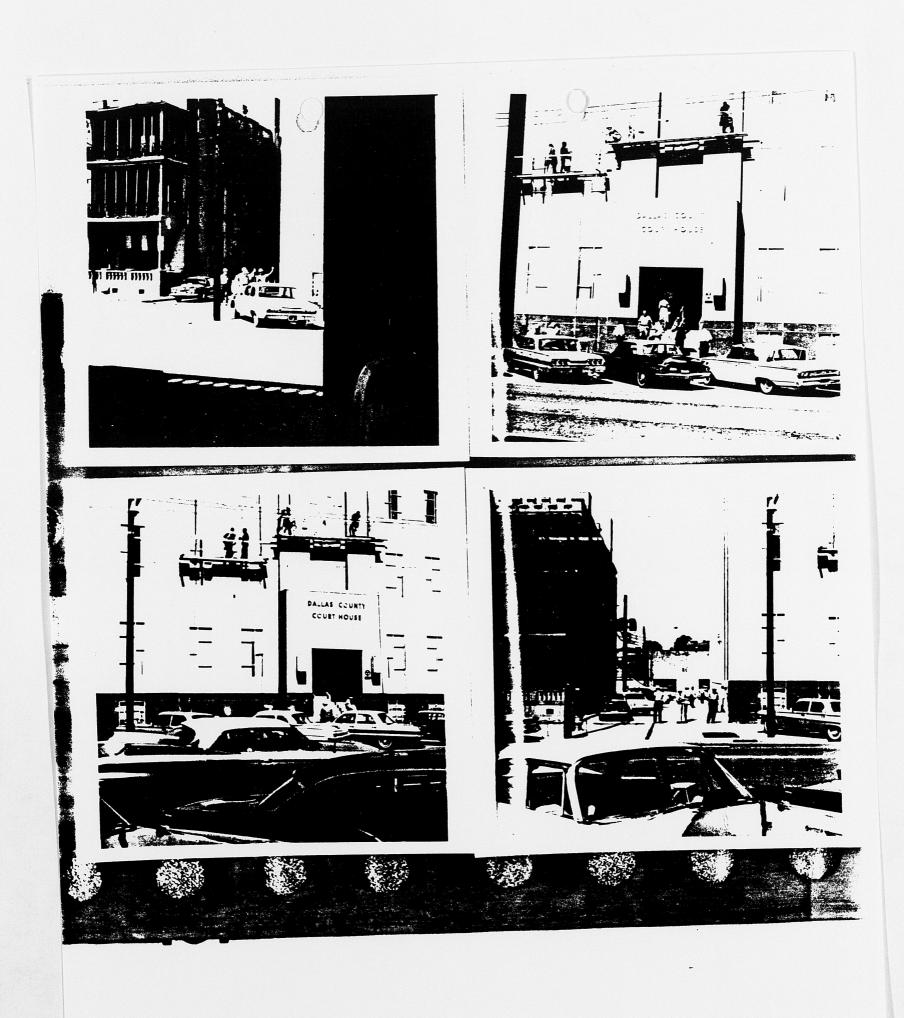


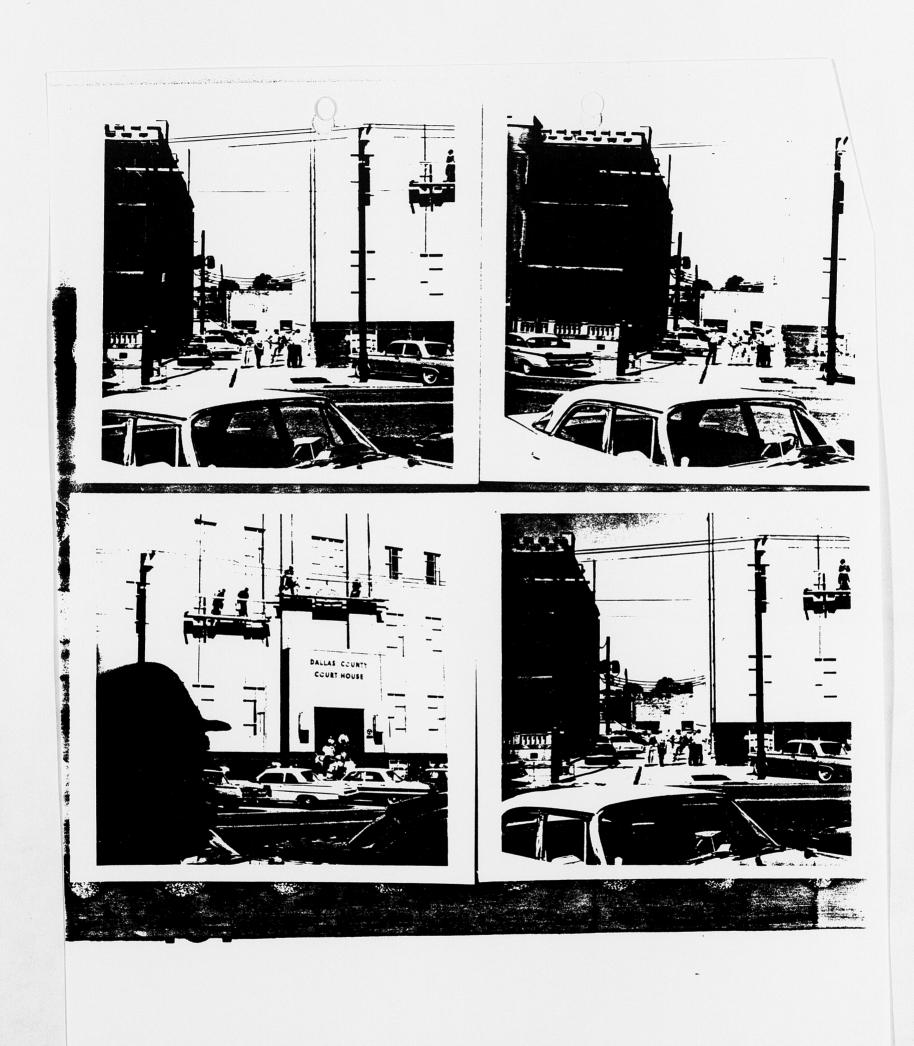


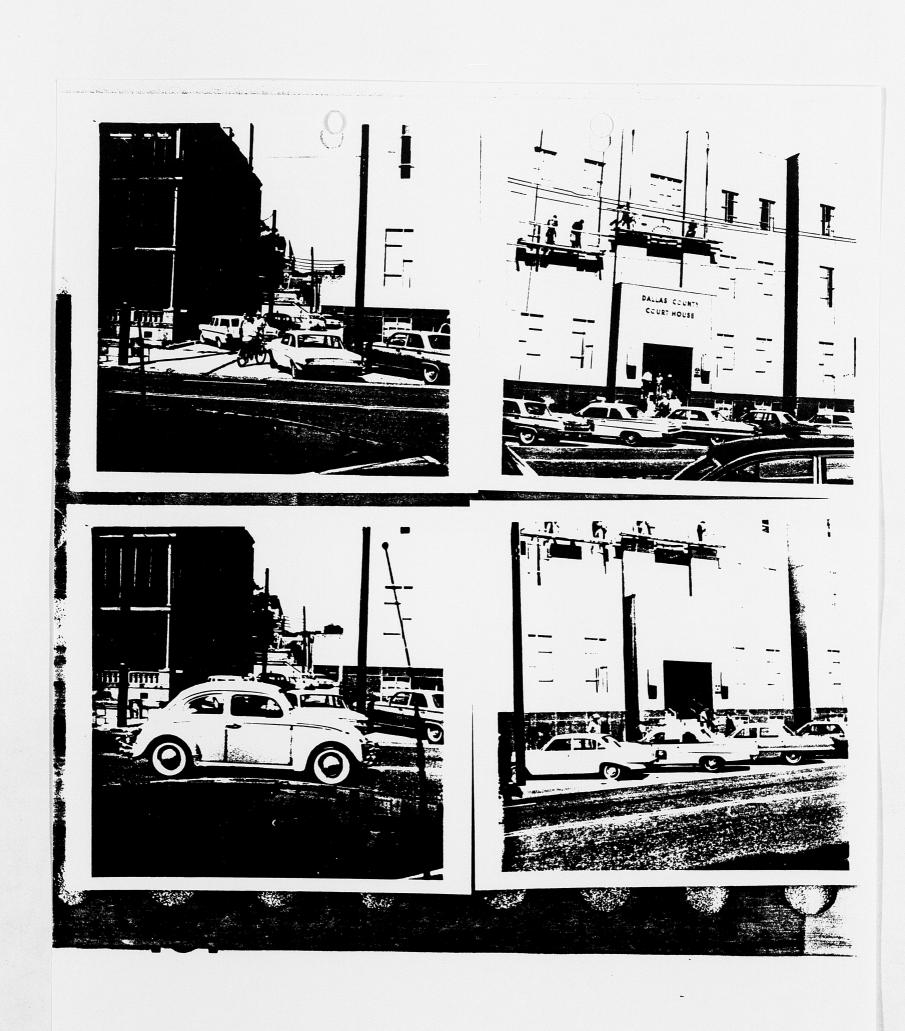


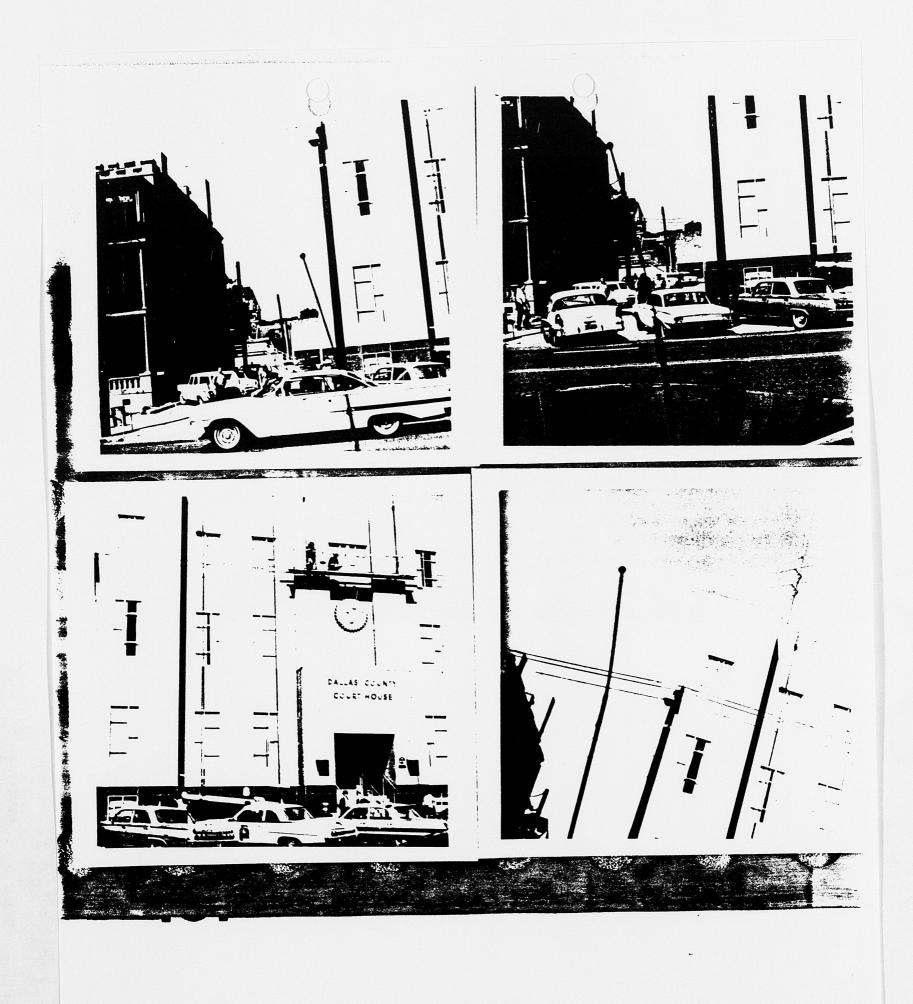


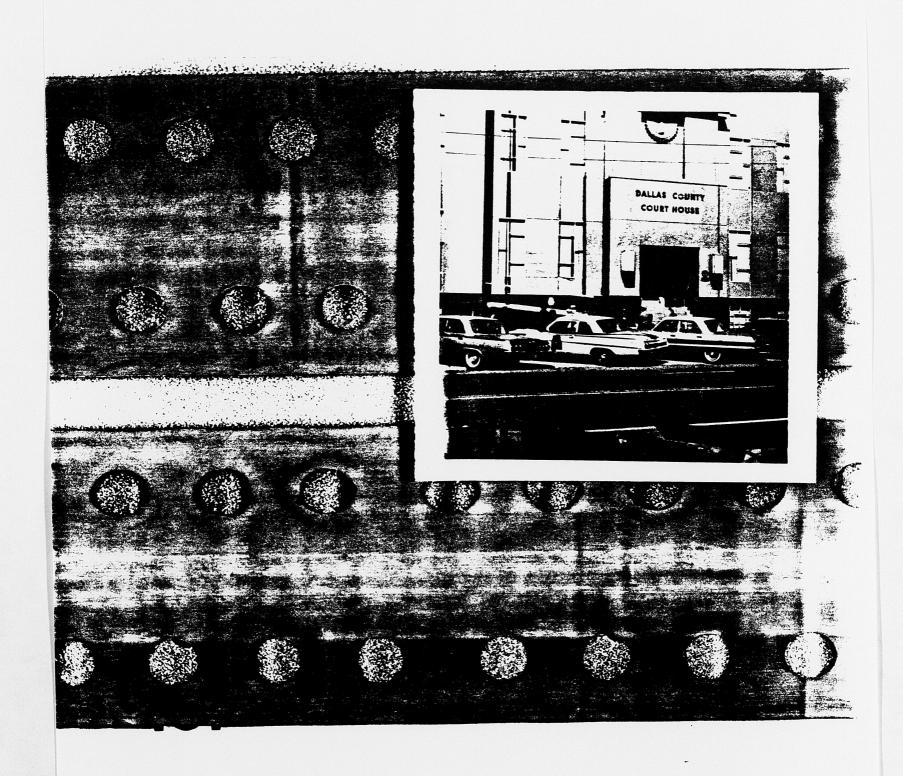












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URGENT 10-23-63 5-08 PM CST
TO DIRECTOR, FBI /157-6-61/
FROM SAC, MOBILE /157-367/ 1 P

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

NO ACTIVITY, SELMA, ALABAMA TODAY, WITH EXCEPTION OF VOTER REGISTRATION ACTIVITY. REGISTRATION BOARD CLOSED FOUR PM CST. HOLDERS OF TICKETS NUMBERED

ONE THROUGH TWENTY SEVEN HANDLED AT REGISTRATION BOARD.

AMONG THOSE, TWENTY TWO WERE NEGROES. PERSONS HOLDING

TICKETS NUMBERED TWENTY EIGHT THROUGH SIXTY GIVEN FIRST

SEQUENCE OF TICKETS FOR REGISTRATION TOMORROW. AMONG THOSE

TICKETS ARE ELEVEN NEGROES. DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY ADVISED

AT SELMA. LHM FOLLOWS.

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Mr. Belmont Tele. Room Miss Holmes Miss Gandy CCM 6-03 PM CST 10/25/63 DIRECTOR /157-6-61/ TO SAC, MOBILE /157-367/ FROM RACIAL SITUATION, STATE OF ALA., SELMA, ALA. RM HABEAS CORPUS HEARING DALLAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE TODAY RELATIVE TO SNCC LEADERS WHO ARE UNDER ON THOUSANDOS DOLLAR REGULAR BOND AND ONE THOUSAND DOLLAR PEACE BOND THESE LEADERS ARE REV. BENNIE LA TUCKER, WORTH W. LONG, JOHN LEWIS, AND WILSON BROWN AND WOLF DAWSON, AKA CURTIS THAMPTON. ALL ABOVE INDIVIDUALS PREVIOUSLY ARRESTED IN DEMONSTRATIONS AT SELMA, ALA. WHILE COURT WAS IN RECESS TUCKER AND OTHER REPRESENTATIVES ABOVE WERE STANDING IN GROUP IN HALL SMOKING. TUCKER WENT INTO WHITE MEN'S RESTROOM ON SECOND FLOOR OF COURTHOUSE AND SHERIFF JAMES G. DALLAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, WENT INTO RESTROOM ARRESTED TUCKER FOR QUOTE CRIMINAL PROVOCATION UNQUO VIOLATION TITLE FOURTEEN, SECTION FORTYONE OF THE ALA. OCT 28 190 THEREAFTER CLARK MADE TUCKER SIT IN COURTROOM WITH 6 4 NOV 1 363

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KENNETH MC INTYRE AT SELMA ADVISED AND HE IMMEDIATELY
CONTACTED DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY JOHN DOAR IN WASHINGTON
BY PHONE. MC INTYRE STATES DOES NOT DESIRE INVESTIGATION
RELATIVE TO ARREST. LHM TO BE SUBMITTED RE ABOVE.

REGISTRATION BOARD CLOSED AT DALLAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE FOUR PM, CST, TODAY. TOTAL OF TWENTYSEVEN TICKET HOLDERS HANDLED WHICH INCLUDED THIRTEEN NEGROES AND FOURTEEN WHITES. TICKETS NUMBERED TWENTYEIGHT THROUGH SIXTY ISSUED TO THOSE PERSONS STILL STANDING IN LINE AS OF FOUR PM, RECEIVED FIRST SEQUENCE OF NUMBERS FOR REGISTRATION MONDAY, TEN TWENTYEIGHT NEXT, WITH THE EXCEPTION THAT TICKET HOLDERS NUMBER FIFTY THROUGH FIFTYNINE DID NOT RETURN TO BOARD AT FOUR PM TO OBTAIN NEW NUMBERS. TOTAL OF TWENTYTWO TICKETS ISSUED FOR MONDAY/S REGISTRATION TO END PAGE TWO

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INDIVIDUALS WHO WILL BE FIRST IN LINE IF THEY APPEAR BY
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Mobile, Alabama October 23, 1963

RACIAL SITUATION STATE OF ALABAMA SELMA, ALABAMA

On the night of October 22, 1963, Bureau Agents observed a Negro mass rally at the First Baptist Church, corner of Sylvan Street and Jeff Davis Avenue, Selma, Alabama. The rally began at 7:30 p.m. CST, and terminated at approximately 9:30 p.m. CST. Estimated attendance was 250 to 300 Negroes, about 70 per cent teenagers. Coverage of the meeting by local law enforcement was handled by one Selma Police Department car patrolling the area with two officers, and twelve Deputy Sheriffs and Dallas County posse members stationed in the street on the outside of the church. No law enforcement officers were stationed inside the church in uniform or civilian clothes, however some unidentified white persons were in the meeting that were both white females and white males. Some of the white females and white males appeared to be participants at the meeting.

On October 23, 1963,
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The speakers who opened the meeting with a songfest and several short speeches were Herman Turner, Negro
male, C. C. Brown, Negro male, J. D. Prichett, Negro male,
E. M. Bradford, Negro male, Marie Roster, Negro female, and
Amelia P. Boynton, Negro female. The principal speaker was
Reverend Fred Shuttlesworth of Birmingham, Alabama, who was
introduced by Mrs. Boynton.

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Shuttlesworth in his talk, which lasted for approximately 30 minutes, stated he had traveled to numerous cities in the United States for freedom, and he found that the young Negro wants to be free. The letters "KKK" used to stand for the Ku Klux Klan, but this organization is dead, according to Shuttlesworth. "Now," Shuttlesworth stated, "KKK stands for Kennedy, Khrushchev and King." He stated that this has been changed to KKKSAWW, which stands for "Kennedy, Khrushchev, King, Shuttlesworth, Abernathy, and Wyatt T. Walker." Shuttlesworth stated that segregation has "got to go," that the "new Negro wants to work and make a contribution to American life." He stated that the United States cannot solve the Russian problem until they solve the Negro problem. "Segregationists are like snakes, they won't commit suicide, you've got to kill it." There are too many "Uncle Tom" preachers among the Negroes, and the churches have not backed the Negro movement as they should. He stated that the Negro must press forward in his campaign for freedom.

Immediately after Shuttlesworth concluded the talk, Bureau Agents observed he left the church about 9:00 p.m. CST and departed the area in a 1963 white Pontiac automobile with two other automobiles displaying Jefferson County, Alabama tags on them.

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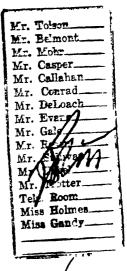
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FORTY NINE PERSONS TOTAL IN LINE AT REGISTRATION BOARD, DALLAS COUNTY, ALA., EIGHT THIRTY A.M., CST TODAY. OF THE FORTY NINE PERSONS IN LINE, TWENTY TWO INDIVIDUALS WERE HOLDERS OF TICKETS WHEN REGISTRATION BOARD CLOSED AT FOUR P.M., CST OCT. TWENTY FOUR, SIXTY THREE. THOSE INDIVIDUALS RECEIVED FIRST SEQUENCE OF NUMBERS. OF THOSE TWENTY TWO, EIGHT WERE NEGROES AND FOURTEEN WERE WHITE. NUMBERS TWENTY THREE THROUGH FORTY NINE WERE GIVEN TO FIFTEEN NEGROES AND TWELVE WHITES.

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DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY AT SELMA ADVISED. LHM FOLLOWS.

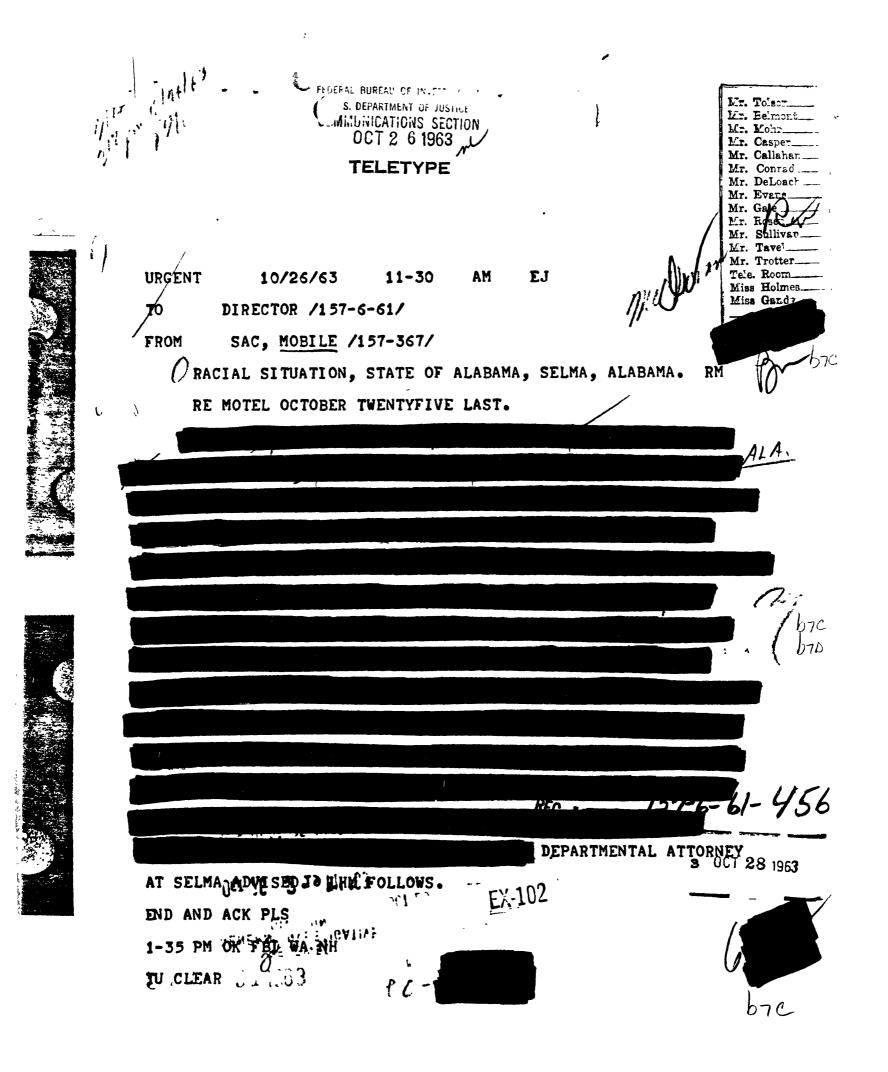
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Mobile, Alabama October 22, 1963

RACIAL SITUATION STATE OF ALABAMA SELMA, ALABAMA

At 4:00 p.m., C.S.T., on October 21, 1963, a
Bureau Agent observed the remainder of a voter registration
line at the Dallas County Courthouse. The remainder of
this line was comprised of individuals who held numbered
tickets from number 38 through number 60 with the exception
that number 42 and number 60 were individuals that were
missing from the line and had not returned to obtain their
tickets for registration on the morning of October 22, 1963.
Numbers 1 through 37 had been handled at the registration
board on that date. Among those ticket holders were 19
Negroes. The last 23 ticket holders of numbers 38 through
60 received the first sequence of tickets for registration
on the morning of October 22, 1963.

On October 22, 1963,

Selma, Alabama, advised that no mass Negro

voter-registration rally was scheduled for the night of
October 21, 1963, however, she stated that on October 22,
1963 at 7:30 p.m., C.S.T., a Negro mass rally would be held
at the First Baptist Church, corner of Sylvan Street and
Jeff Davis Avenue at Selma, at which time Reverend FRED
SHUTTLESWORTH would be the principal speaker.

On October 22, 1963, Bureau Agents observed the issuing of tickets at 8:30 a.m., C.S.T. to those individuals appearing for registration on that morning. At 6:45 a.m., 3 whites and 2 Negroes were in line. At 7:00 a.m., 3 whites and 8 Negroes were in line. At 7:30 a.m., 4 whites and 23 Negroes were in line. At 8:00 a.m., 7 whites and 33 Negroes were in line. At 8:15 a.m., 8 whites and 47 Negroes were in line and at 8:30 a.m., 18 whites and 50 Negroes were standing in line. The first 22 numbered tickets were issued to those individuals that were holding tickets when the registration board closed at 4:00 p.m. on the afternoon of October 21, 1963. One individual who had held a ticket

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did not appear at 8:30 a.m. to receive a new ticket, therefore, only 22 tickets were issued to those who had held the tickets on October 21, 1963. Of these 22, 10 were white and 12 were Negroes. The remaining numbers 23 through 60 were issued on a first-come, first-serve basis and among these tickets numbered 23 through 60 issued at 8:30 a.m. on the morning of October 22, 1963, only two persons in that line were white. The rest were Negroes.

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10/3/63.

(7) "Gregory Reputed on Way Here for Parley
Tonight," 10/4/63

(8) "NCC Report Sees Selma Center of Collision
Course", 10/6/63.

(9) "Calls for Large Turnout Monday at Courthouse," 10/6/63

(10) "Writer Arrives Here to Address Rally
Tonight" 10/7/63 Tonight, "10/7/63 (11) "Freedom Monday Held Here for Applicants Seeking to Register", 10/8/63
(12) "Trial Moratorium on Demonstrations Here Declared by Leaders, 10/9/63 (13) "Bail Likely for Negro Prisoners in Race Trouble," 10/10/63 (14) "Jail Emptied of Racial Prisoners," 10/11 (15) "Stand up for your Constitutional Rights," "Jail Emptied of Racial Prisoners," 10/11/63 10/11/63

## Lull For Pickets Here On Friday Follows Drizzle

#### Special Court Plan For Next Week

Rainfall in Selma appeared to have dampened racial demonstration enthusiasm temporarily, at least, Friday morning, as the city counted almost 48 hours without any efforts by Negroes to march or picket.

Meanwhile, law enforcement and the courts were using the lull to catch up on their bookkeeping and to bring routine business up to date.

No accurate count of the Negroes still being held was immediately available, but the sheriff's department reported its jail still full and the overflow of juveniles housed at Camp Selma and Camp Camden, both state highway

s. Vandalism Reported

There were unofficial reports of andalism last night by a group of juvenile girls held in custody at Camp Selma with extensive damage to prison property.

Among the adult prisoners remaining in jail in lieu of bond were John Lewis, Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee chairman from Atlanta and two of his field workers, Rev. Benny Tucker and Worth Long. All three are leaders in an 11-day series of racial demonstrations in Selma

Long was convicted in Dallas County Court before Judge H u g h Mallory Thursday of intrefering with an officer in execution of process. He was fined \$300 and sentenced to 180 days in jail, and was placed under two \$1,000 bonds, one for appeal to circuit court and the second to maintain the peace.

Earlier in the same court, Wilson Brown, SNCC representative, received the same sentences and bond on conviction of unlawful as-

Court wound up Thursday afternoon with the conviction of Walter Evans, Negro, for picketing. He was fined \$100 and a \$300 appeal bond was set for him. Trial To Continue
Trial of the Negroes arrested in
the racial demonstrations will continue during a special term of court
planned for Monday and Tuesday.

The cases of juveniles are being heard by Judge B. A. Reynolds and Selma Attorney Clay Berry, who has been appointed a special judge to faciliate speedy disposition of

the cases.

Berry said he heard 41 juvenile cases on Thursday.

Rev. Benny Tuckre, another Negro leader, was sentenced to 12 months at hard labor and was placed under appeal and peace bonds of \$1,000 each in juvenile court on Wednesday.

Brief Recess

After a brief recess following the conviction of Wilson Brown Thursday morning, the court resumed with the case of Worth Westinghouse Long, charged with resisting an officer in execution of process.

Peter A. Hall, Negro Birmingam attorney, handled the defense and Blanchard McLeod was the

prosecutor for the state.

McLeod called as his first witness Dallas County Sheriff James Clark, the arresting officer of both Long and Tucker. After extensive questioning by both McLeod and Hall regarding the circumstances leading to the arrest of the paid at the First Baptist on Sylvan Street, Chief Deputy L. C. Crocker was called to testify.

As in the earlier case of Brown, Hall entered a motion and demurrer that the charges against Long be dropped.

Long Takes Stand
Long followed Clark and Crocker
to the stand to testify in his own
behalf.

Long, when asked by McLeod where he lived, gave Durham, N. C. as his place of birth, Little Rock, Ark., as the ten in which he attended college and Atlanta, Ga., as the place he was employed before coming to Selma. He also gave a Selma address, 1703 Union Street, as his local residence.

The second figure in the case, Tucker, was then called upon to testify in behalf of Long and again there were objections and motions by the defense and prosecution.

Following Tucker's testimony the defense and state rested its case and Judge Mallory handed down

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# Three Confer In Private Session With Officials

Three men representing the National Council of Churches are spending the weekend in Selma for what thy described as a on-the-spot "diagnosis—prognosis" of the local racial situation.

Judge James A. Hare said the trio was told that if they are here to discuss "social or school integration, we have nothing to talk about."

In other incidents connected with two weeks of racial demonstrations in Selma, five Negroes—one of them the wife of comedian Dick Gregory—remained in jail in lieu of bonds and juvenile court hear-

Five Arrested

Lillian Gregory, 25, and Woll Dawson, 36, both of Chicago, were arrested with three 16-year-old juveniles while picketing in front of the Dallas County courthouse with voter registration signs Friday

They appeared in a rain on an otherwise uneventful day and were arrested within about 10 minutes.

Officers speculated that the apparently deliberate intent of the comedians wife to be jailed might be a preview to the possible arrival here this week of Gregory. Negro leaders also are reporting other big-name entertainers will come here soon to support desegregation efforts.

But on Saturday downtown Sel-

ma took on its most normal appearance since the start on Sept. 16 of racial demonstrations which have left an estimated 350 Negroes arrested in their wake.

Streets Busy

Streets were busy with both Negro and white shoppers. Business hummed with the normal tempo of a good crop year in spite of an all-day drizzle of rainfall.

The Church Council delegation which came here from Washington, D. C. is composed of R. G. Clark, John M. Pratt and Rev. Anthony Thomas. All are white. Clark and Pratt are both lawyers and Pratt is also an Episcopal seminary graduate. Rev. Thomas said he is a Methodist.

The three men conferred behind closed doors at the courthouse for about two hours Saturday afternoon with Judge Hare, Probate Judge B. A. Reynolds and Mayor Chris Heinz.

After the meeting the men said they were here to "study and evaluate" the racial situation in the light of recent news reports they have read and heard about Selma.

They told newsmen "it would be bremature at this time" to form an opinion on their findings. They said their "study" had brought them in contact with "a number of individuals" and ministers of both the white and Negro races.

"It would be natural to assume" that they also had conferred with the command staff of Craig AFB during the visit, they responded to a newsman's query.

Legal Council

Clark described himself as a representative of the Lawyers Commission for Civil Rights Under Law appointed by President Kennedy. He said he was serving on this trip as legal counsel for the NCC's Committee on Race and Religion which Pratt and Clark represent.

The church group said it did not go into a community where it is not invited but denied being asked to come to Selma by either the Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee or local leaders in racial demonstrations.

John Lewis, Negro chairman of SNCC from Atlanta, forecast the arrival of the NCC representatives here to a newsman early last week. Lewis is in jail awaiting trial on charge of unlawful assembly.

Rev. Thomas made the only comnent on NCC philosophies, stating that the group had gone on record cometime ago as viewing segregaton as a moral feare.

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In this light, he commented, the church would be derelict in He duty not to take a stand on the

Pratt insisted that the committee "not be identified in any way as certside agitators, because that he not our function."

More to Sindy

"We are merely here to study the attuation, evaluate our findings and report back to the council." he sald

Clark offered the "diagnosisprognosis" thumbnall sketch of the panel's function.

Asked by a newsman about whether they came to Selma with any official authority outside of their affiliation with NCC, they said after some hesitation, that their visit to Selma "has no governmental jurisdiction."

The men said they made inquiries about the possibilities of viewing the jall and prisons where prisoners charged with racial disorders are being held, and were referred to the sheriff. They said they had been unable to contact Sheriff Jim Clark during their visit Meanwhile, Clark told reporters mmediately prior to departing for

the Alabama football game in Mo "Hell mo, they can't go in my

jail " The sheriff's parting instructions to Chief Deputy L. C. Crocker were:

Let No Case In

"Don't let anybody in the Mil but prisoner's lawyers during reasonable hours, a doctor if a prisoner gets sick, the FBI if they want in interrogate someone, and the federal jail inspector."

Clark ordered Crocker to cancel visiting hours on Sunday and told a newsman:

"My jail is federally approved for the keeping of federal prisoners and I don't have anything to hide. But I'm not about to let every Tom. Dick and Harry who comes down bere from Washington go smoop-ing around in these."

The sheriff told Crocker that if

The visitors usked to visit the state prisons where the accused demonstrature are being beld & them to Governor Walls Judge Hare said after talk the group that "they said

came here to try to open some of communication between white and Negre commi "I told them," Judge Have add that we have guite adequate communication between the two go

and if there is any breakdows of communication it is between the white people of the South end Washington."

The judge said he criticized committee for the way justice the partment efficials sneet in will out of here without telling responsible local law enforcement.

"They had no special rece mendations to make," Judge Mary said. They were just here nosin around. We told them that if their visit was for purposes of social and school integration that we have

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# Special Session Of County Court Charges Negroes

A special session of Dallas County Court was about to get under way at 11:45 a.m., today with warrants charging 45 adult Negroes with a variety of violations growing out of racial demonstrations slated for hearing.

Court opening, originally scheduled for 10 a.m., was delayed by the late delivery of defendents to the courtroom, but at 11:30 a.m., Judge Hugh Mallory observed: "It looks like we'll get started just about in time to recess for noon."

#### Among Warrants

Among the warrants are those charging John Lewis, Lillian Gregery, and Wilson Brown, as participants in two weeks of racial demonstrations in Selma.

Lewis is chairman of the Student Non - Violent Coordinating Committee, with headquarters in Atlanta, and Brown is the local field representative for that organization. Lillian Gregory, wife of television comedian Dick Gregory, was jailed for picketing the Dallas County Courthouse last Friday.

Judge Mallory said before court opened this morning that he did not know which case would be heard today.

Two days of special court are scheduled for today and Tuesday to help clear away a heavy backlog of cases resulting from the arrest of more than 300 persons since racial demonstrations started here on September 16.

Selma buzzed Monday with rumors of the presence here of at least three prominent movie stars, but none of the reports could be

The First Presbyterian Church admitted four Negro women to its church services Sunday after at least two of them were turned away from the First Baptist Church.

The Church of the Assumption also turned away several Negroes who tried to attend worship services there, it was reported.

At least nine white persons left the Presbyterian Church during services when the Negroes were seated by ushers in the balcony opening prayers Followed Women

Sheriff's deputies who said they followed the Negro women after church wound up at the Presbyterian Church reported that they got in a car and went directly to the First Baptist Church for Negroes on Sylvan street.

The Presbyterian pastor, Dr. John Newton, said "we have known for some time that this was going to happen, and we simply had the ushers seat them."

Supt. J. A. Pickard said Hudson High had its best attendance today in two weeks of racial demonstrations when 1286 students reported p classes.

The superintendent said this en-

rollment marked an increase of 39 students over Friday. Enrollment Friday was the lowest of any day during the period with 663 students absent from the total enrollment of 1550 students.

Pickard said plans are being worked out to both discipline students with unauthorized absences and to allow them to makeup their work after school hours and on Saturday.

Improvement Noted
"We are pleased and gratified with the improvement enrollment,"
Pickard said. "and we are anvious for those who are still out of school to return immediately. Extended absences makes it difficult for a student to pass the first six-weeks work, and a failure during that period jeopardizes chances of pass-

ing this semester."

The superintendent said letters were mailed last week to each senior who has had chronic absences instructing them of the difficulty in graduating if the absences continued.

Pickard said some of the seniors sesponded to the caution and were back in classes today. (Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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## Militant Speech Heard By Crowd Of 870 Persons

A top-tchelon leader in the Staisant Non-violent Coordinating Committee said last night that the services of "federal voter referees, fedstrai marshals and federal troops" will be required before Seims yields to desegregation efforts.

James Foreman, SNCC field representative from Atlanta, urged Selma Negroes to "force them (the federal government)" to exercise the authorities it has under the 1980 civil rights legislation.

Get to Show The
"If we are ever going to get a
voter referee in Selma, we've got
to show the government and the
world that we want to be free and
we can't become registered to
vote," Foreman told a cheering
growd assembled at the First Bane
ist Church for Negroes

Foreman, who was the principal peaker for the initial Negro mass voter registration meeting held here last May, was not programmed to make a major address last night. But man the end of the 18th meeting fact might he was invited to make some remarks and gave the main militant falls of the evening.

The First Baptist Church for Hegroes, one of Selma's largest, was filled and one of the speakers thinned a sount of \$79 persons in attendance.

Law enforcement officers who have been present in file church for all of the preceding meetings were asked to leave last night and sid as without resistance. As they made their east, the audience shoutened the present made law separated made made in a separate of succession.

rouncer this morning was 1,346 at the 1,555 students who attend to school as compared with 1,355 whiteswared roll call Monday.

On Friday, the worst day of absenteeism since racial demonstrations stated here on Sept. 38, units 892 students reported to school.

In other developments in 'th' racial situation, an all-day session of Dallas County Court dragged in a recess late Monday afternoon affect disposing of only one case Willard Columbus Grayson, Sel-

Willard Columbus Grayson, Solvan University student was convicted to before Judge Hugh Mallory as the was faster of and costs of court and was sturned to jail in lieu of \$300 cases.

bond

Defense Attorney Peter Hall, Rig ningham Negro, injected a series of motions and demurrers into the trial, all of which was overruled by the judge.

Main Protest

The defense's main protest centered around a contention that the charges against Grayson we're "vague and uncertain and set est no ascertained standard by which to measure things or acts prohibited by law, contrary to his rights under the 14th amendment of the constitution."

Grayson was one of 28 Negrons, hostly Seima University students irrested the past Thursday when a pickets paraded briefly in front of the Dallas County courthouse with place of the persons arrested did no appear with placerds but were taken into custory for being in the

Court got off to a slow start with the late dislivery of defendants to her cottaroom. When they were the sitty enteroided, attorneys spent large flowshiping portion of the day in a hidle effect in work to the start in the torics to the RACIAL SITUATION STATE OF ALABAMA SELMA, ALABAMA RM

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Three Months Circuit Solicitor McLeod alerted the defense that "It might take three months to try them one at a time" They are being held in jail under \$500 cash bonds pending trial.

McLeod's chief witnesses were sheriff's deputies who attended the summer-long series of mass meetings and took notes on the remarks of the various speakers.

The prosecutor justified the arrests on the basis of testimony by the deputies that violence has been advocated at the meetings and the presence of the pickets created a situation which could result in a breach of the peace.

The testimony of the officers apparently lay behind the request by last night James Gildersleeve, president of the Dallas Voters League, for the officers to leave the mass meeting.

Deputy Sheriff Bill Averett, Police Officer "Cotton" Nichola and a state investigator, El Cowling, left the church when the request was made.

October 7th

Several of the speakers at the meeting last night said Oct. 7 will be "Freedom Day" in Selma and urged a mass turnout of Negroes before the voter registration board.

Forman told the audience last night that "some people you want to see will be here this weekend, but you'll have to go down to the voter registration board next Monday to see them."

He did not elaborate, but law erforcement generally agreed that his remarks were in relation to tne rumored visit to Selma of some big-name entertainment Personalities in connection with local racial demonstrations.

Urging every person at the meeting last night to apply for voter Church last Sanday were recogregistration next week and to take nized and applicuded.

someone else before the board with them, Forman said:

"You've never had a better time to strike a blow for freedom than

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Forman also called the attention of Negroes to a federal court session to be held in Selma on Thursday and told them to "go down there and be seen."

At least two of the Justice Department's top civil rights attorneys, John Doar and Burke Marshall, will be here from Washington to present complaints against voter registrar boards in Dallas, Wilcox and Perry Counties.

The featured speaker for last night's meeting was Emory Jackson, Birmingham, editor of the Negro World mewspaper.

He complained about the four hounds of Jim Crow',, listing them as white supremacy, "Southern style" states rights, southern tradition and local customs.

Others speakers on the program were Rev. L. L. Anderson, Amelia Boynton, Marie Foster and Bruce Boynton, all Selma Negroes but Boynton who now resides in Tennessee.

The four Negroes who "kneeled at the First Presbyterian າກ"

## Chairman Of Snor Among Sentenced Here On Tuesday

Four Negroes, including the chaircom of the Student Non-Violent Coarctinating Committee and Regro commedian Dick Greegory's prognant wife, were found guilty of unlawful assembly in Dallas County Court this morning and received prison scatences and fines.

Meanwhile two other Wagre

pickets displaying voter registration signs stood unmolested by law enscrement on the steps to the federal building near a spot on government property where a Negro girl picketed for two and one-half hours. Tuesday without being arrested.

Ninctoen Freed
in an extraordinary session of court last night, 19 Selma University students plead guilty to charges of imlawful assembly and water freed from jail to return to classwork at the local junior college. Two others who plead not guilty were returned to jail under \$500 cash bond.

Convicted by Judge Hugh Malicay a Dellas County Court this morficing were John R. Lewis, SMCC chief from Atlanta; Lillian Gregory, wife of the comedian; Wolf Dawson and Lillian Estelle Taylor, AB just Lewis gave Chicago, IR. addresses when they were arrested.

180 Days in July 180

Judge Mallory imposed \$360 fines on each Negro, sentenced them to 100 days in Jaff and placed them to 100 days in Jaff and placed which rould be forfelted automatically if his participate in dilet racial amonstrations in Alabama. Cash uppeal books of \$1,980 in sufficements were ordered by the large.

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Circuit Fodge James A. Hare then took the bench and, with a flern warning against their further participation in racial demonstrations, released the students on their own recognizance in customs of Dr.

Judge Hare instructed the susdents to appear before him with their parents within 30 days to flic formal application for an appeal bond. At that time, Judge Hare indicated he will consider placing the students on probation in lieu of the \$160 fime.

Students Warned
The judge warned the students, lowever, that "unless you walk the traight and narrow path, I'm going to revoke it (the probation) and give you some time at hard labour want this well understood," he emphasized.

Judge Hare also taid the stadents "by way of adomonition" fleat there is "little prospect for our society, white or solored, degenerating into a state of anarchy. Law and order will prevail both in Salma and in thousands of other hamlets across the vast expanses of the United States."

Judge Hare told the group they were giving the preferential treatment of the extraordinary court session because you have friends who came to pourt and spoke the

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Don't Destroy It

All of you are on the way to making something of yourselves," he said. "My suggestion is that you don't gamble with this opportunity and please don't throw it away."

Dr. Owen thanked the judges for the "fine spirit of cooperation of the court." He gave assurances that "we will do our utmost to carry out the courts edicts and our obligations," adding on a footnote directed to the students: "This is all I'm going to do."

Among the Negroes arrested Tuesday were Rev. L. L. Anderson, a local leader in the de-segregation effort. He was charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor on a warrant issued by the sheriff's department and executed

by police.

Most of the pickets who appeared at the courthouse and two of three who stood near the Federal Building across the street were arrested a short time after their applications.

pearance.
Not Arrested

But one of those picketing the federal building was determined by officers to be standing on federal property and she was not arrested.

Sheriff's deputies stood close by waiting for her to step onto the city property to arrest her but finally withdrew from the scene.

Shortly after five p.m. the 16year-old girl rolled up her placard and strolled away from the scene with a small group of Negroes At a youth rally last night, she

reported:
"I just stood and stood and that

big sheriff was there close by. I was scared "
Featured Speaker

The featured speaker at the meeting last night, Prathia Hall, the only SNCC representative in Selma who was not jailed, told the group:

"Why won't they (city officials)

realize the day is over when they can tell us what to do . . .

"We shall move on the courthouse just like the sheriff moved

James Forman, executive secretary of SNCC and its highest paid representative, departed Selma for Atlanta late yesterday afternoon after reportedly organizing a group of Negro servicemen at Craig AFB to test local segregation barriers.

The group reportedly attempted to gain entrance into the white section of a theater, be served in a white restaurant and rode on the front of a bus from Craig Field.

This maneuver apparently represented SNCC's continued efforts to have Selma declared off-limits to Craig AFB. The request was delied earlier because no servicement yere involved in earlier racial interdents.

## **Crowd Barred At Old Post Office During Trials**

Federal marshals standing at the door of the Federal Building (old post office) seized placards brought to the premises this morning by two Negro pickets and ordered them off the property.

The marshals, members of a Mobile federal court team which is holding attorneys' conferences in the building today, said they had further instructions to disperse any crowd which might gather on the sidewalks while court was in session.

Law Forbids

The marshals said federal law prevents picketing of a federal building while court is in session.

Negroes had picketed the building for two successive days prior to the opening of court here today. Local law enforcement said they were not arrested, as were others who have picketed on city property, because they stood on federal roperty.

Negroes were urged at a Monda hight mass meeting to turn out emasse for federal court todal where motions are being heard m voter registration suits against Dallas, Wilcox and Perry Counties.

A hearing on a motion in which the federal government is seeking an injunction against three local officials to prevent alleged interfernece in Negro voter registration efforts here also was on the court docket today.

Defendants in this action are Dallas County Sheriff Jim Clark, Circuit Solicitor Blanchard McLeod and County Solicitor Henry Reese.

The court clerk said Judge Daniel H. Thomas planned to follow the court docket as originally scheduled, but the conference would involve lawyers only and were being conducted behind closed doors.

The press also was denied entrance to the court.

During the morning a small group of Negroes drifted toward the court building but were turned away by the marshals. They loitered in the area for a short while but departed when it became apparent they mould not be admitted.

Comedian Coming In other activities stemming from the third week of racial demonstra tions here, announcement was made at a Negro meeting last nght that Negro comedian Dick Gregory would be here to address a rally Friday night.

His pregnant wife, Lillian, and two other Negro leaders are being held in jail in lieu of bonds totaling \$2,000 each following convictions on Wednesday for unlawful assembly
Fines of \$300, a jail sentence of

180 days and a peace bond of \$1.000 were ordered by Judge Hugh Mallory for the woman and two other Negroes, John Lewis and Wolf

Lewis is the chairman of the Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee, which is providing lead-ership for the racial demonstrations which began here on Sept. 15.

Leaders Expected It also was announced at the meeting last night that Rev. Martin Luther King will come to Selma on Oct. 15 and will be fol-lowed a week later by Rev. Fred A. Shuttlesworth, both national figures in Negro racial movements.

Sheriff's deputies who were asked to leave a Monday night mass meeting, returned to the First Baptist Church for last night's meeting and remained over protests of the cougregation.

The officers, who record remarks made by speakers and otherwise bserve activities, cited as their uthority for remaining a decision of the U.S. Fifth Court of Appeals growing out of a similar case in Birmingham.

Negro leaders protested the surveillance by officers in the church to FBI agents in the area, but no immediate action resulted from the complaints. (Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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## **Gregory Reputed** On Way Here For **Parley Tonight**

#### **Weekend Activities Remain Question**

Selma was moving into its second 24-hour period without racial demonstrations by noon today but a question mark loomed over weekend activities amidst reports that Negro comedian Dick Gregory would arrive here in early after-

Gregory's visit to Selma and a talk tonight to a Negro mass meeting appeared imminent at mid-day but no definite time for his arrival could be confirmed.

Lillian Gregory, wife of the co-median, is one of some 70 Negroes who are in county jail awaiting trial on a variety of charges stemming from more than two weeks of racial unrest in the city.

Also in Jail Also jailed with the group is Joh ewis, Negro Non-violent Coord-ating Committee chairman from

Sheriff Jim Clark said last night that all prisoners held for racial disorders have been removed from Camp Selma and Camp Camden.

Judge B. A. Reynolds said all the cases of all but four juvenile offenders arrested for racial demonstrations had been given hearings by late Thursday afternoon

351 Arrested

An estimated 350 Negroes and one white man have been taken into custody as a result of the incidents which began with sit-ins and a "freedom" march on Sept.

16.
The last arrests were made on Tuesday when pickets appeared at and near the Dallas County Courthouse and on the new post office grounds.

The sheriff's department arrested all but three of the Negroes leaving them to picket when it was determined that they were on federal property. One of them was at the old post office building and two others were at the new post office.

On Wednesday the pickets reappeared on the federal properties and when they were ignored by local law enforcement departed the scene several hours later.

When they returned to the old post office Thursday morning, federal marshalls turned them away with instructions that it was untawful to picket a government build ing while federal court was progress.

This incident occurred while Judge Daniel H. Thomas was conducting lawyers' conferences in an upstairs courtroom in voter registration suits against Dallas, Wilcox and Perry Counties.

On Docket

Also appearing on the docket was La U. S. Government petition for injunction against Sheriff Jim Clark, et al preventing nim from alleged interference in Negro voter registration efforts here.

After his conferences with the lawyers, Judge Thomas continued all cases on the two-day docket and returned to Mobile.

-There were unofficial reports today that a high ranking attorney in the Justice Department complained by telephone last night to

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local law enforcement about its refusal to jail the pickets which stood on federal property. This position by the sheriff's department forced marshals to turn them away after they had picketed two days without local interference.

Played Game
Hudson High School played its
first football game last night since
the racial incidents began and today enrollment at the school was

near normal for the third consecutive day

Principal Joe Yelder reported that 1,386 students answered roll call this morning, leaving only 186 students on the absentee list.

Supt. J. A. Pickard said earlier in the week that normal absentism at the school ran around eight-ten per cent.

In other activity stemming from local racial activities a federal appeals court Thursday ordered a federal district court in Alabama to issue an order forbidding the Dallas County board of registrars from continuing racially discriminatory

practices.

The 5th Circuit Count of Appeals reversed the decision of the Federal District Court for Southern Alabama not to grant an annunction banning racial discrimination.

The lower court ruled that the Cesent board of registrars in the county "has made every effort to comply with the letter and spirit or the law, and has taken the necessary steps to eliminate the discrimination which was the basis of the suit against its predecessor board."

The Federal Department of Justice, however, attacked the court's finding, stating that practices of the new board were merely a sophisticated form of discrimination.

The department had filed suit against the previous voter registration board.

The three-judge appeals court panel said Thursday there were "a number of incidents which tends to indicate a possibility that the present board may be discriminating against Negroes."

The opinion was written by Circuit Judge Richard T. Rives of Montgomery. The other circuit judges were Ben F. Cameron of Meridian, Miss., and Paul R. Mays of New York, a member of the 2nd Circuit Court of Appeals, sitting in en the case by designation.

## **NCC** Report Sees Selma Center Of **Collision Course**

(Editor's note: The following press release from the NCC is pubhshed not for its news value on the current situation in Selma-we feel that it has none-but for the enlightenment of readers as to the mockery of truth and integrity often p: escnted by so-called national church organizations in the name of christianity. Ironically, many of these groups operate, in part, on funds garnered from the south through its churches. To bring the subject matter even closer home, we remind that the NCC provided a speaker here the past summer for a meeting of church women held in local church.)

NEW YORK, N. Y., Oct. 4 - Refusal of city officials in Selma, Ala-bama to form a bi-ricial commission to consider Negro requests has created a grave situation in that city. This was the report of a three-member fact finding team sent to Selma by the National Council of Churches' Commission on Religi on and Race.

"Under its present leadership Selma has set itself on a collis ion course with the United States Constitution and the new Negro who knows his rights and intends to exercise them," said John M. Pratt, one of the members of the team.

Mr. Pratt, the Rev. Arthur Tho-mas, and Reuben G. Clark, a Washington attorney, made a three-day trip to the central Alabama city last weekend after demonstrations during the week had resulted in over 250 arrests.

They talked with city officials in-Probate Judge B. A. Reynolds, and Circuit Judge James Hare. team told the officials that they had received reports of gross maltreatment of demonstrators detaind at a nearby prison camp and prison. Their request was turned down.

""We had been told that the 75 young people still in the camp were and and water and that they were iven no mattresses or beading to sleep on." Mr. Thomas said "Their refusal to let us visit the prison would seem to add credence to these reports," he added.

During its visit to Selma, the team also talked with many white and Negro citizens and with the command staff at Craig Air Force Base which is located just outside the city. "We tried to tell the city officials that many responsible white citizens disagreed with the position of the city government, but were afraid to speak out openly," Mr. Pratt said. "The mayor and the two judges contended, however, that they spoke for a unani-mous white community."

Pratt disclosed that the team had made several recommendations to both private and governmental bodies, but he declined to disclose them. He said that some of the recommendations were being studied by the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, which is co-chaired by Harrison Tweed of New York and Bernard Segal of Philadelphia and had been formed at the request of President Ken-

At the request of the Commission on Religion and Race, Mr. Clark represented this committee during

Asked about the probability of violence in Selma, Mr. Pratt said that "the mass demonstrations have peen halted temporarily in order o give the city time to reconsider

"In our opinion," he added, "Se ma is now in the eye of a storm and I am afraid, violence is a very real possibility if reasonable minds do not prevail."

Mr. Thomas, a white Methodist minister, revealed that he had been turned away from Selma's Methodist Church on Sunday by an usher who told him that "we don't want troublemakers in our congrega(Indicate page, name or newspaper, city and state.)

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## Calls For Large Turnout Monday At Courthouse

Negro Comedian Dick Gregory posted \$2,000 bond for his wife Saturday night shortly before telling a mass rally of Negroes to "exercise your constitutional rights and register to vote."

Gregory's appearance before an estimated 400 Negroes at First Baptist Church last night was his second speaking appearance here in two days but the tone of his Saturday talk was far less militant than one he made Friday night

"We're not saying to to go downtown and take over city hall," Gregory said. "We're not asking you to stand on the rooftops and throw bricks at the white man. We're asking only that you exercise your constitutional American right and go downtown to register and vote"

Gregory said the era of today is "equally as important as the era in which Jesus Christ was crucified."

"What do you think would happen to Christ today if he arrived in Selma as a black man?" he asked.

Except for the mass meeting which was preparatory to an expected mass turnout of Negroes for voter registration on Monday, Saturday experienced "business as usual" on Saturday.

There were no Negro demonstra-

tions and no arrests.

Lillian Gregory, wife of the comedian who was jailed on Sept 20, was freed around nine pm. Saturday on bonds totalling \$2,000 posted by her husband at county iail.

Half of the bond was for appeal to circuit court and the other \$1.000 was peace bond to restrain her from participation in other racial demonstrations in Alabama.

She was arrested in front of the Dallas County courthouse for unlawful assembly while parading with several other Negroes who carried voter registration signs

Lete Saturday night, however, at least three other racial leaders, including the chairman of SNCC, John Lewis, remained in Dallas County jail in lieu of peace and appeal bonds. Two others were Worth Long, Birmingham, and Benny Tucker.

Other accused demonstrators freed Saturday on bond included Charles Thomas, Clarence Smith,

Eddie Allen, Robert Anderson, and Clayton Porter, all Negroes, the night jailer said.

Porter was arrested at the Friday night meeting on a warrant charging him with delinquency of a minor. Hhe was scheduled to give the treasurer's report at the assembly but was taken into custody by Sheriff Jim Clark when he stepped outside the church to smoke.

A warrant against Prathia Hall for the same charge and at the same time tightened tensions when the sheriff moved to execute it Friday night.

Sheriff Clark and an estimated 40 possemen were on hand at the church when the meeting ended around 11:30 p.m.

The sheriff and a couple of deputies moved toward the exodus pouring from the church in an effort to locate the SNCC and were confronted by a tight group of about 40 Negroe youths who moved into their path.

Possemen and other deputies moved up to reinforce the sheriff.

The secretary did not appear or slipped by unnoticed by the officers. The officers and Negroes faced each other for several minutes until the lights of the church were turned out and the Negroes drifted away from the scene.

The secretary was not present for the Saturday night meeting.

In the most scathing attack unleashed here in current racial tension. Gregory told a Friday night mass meeting the only identity Southern whites can claim is their segregated "drinking fountains, toilets and the right to call me 'nigger.'"

"When he's threatened with los-

"When he's threatened with losing his toilet, he's ready to kill," Gregory told the wildly applauding crowd of around 750 Negroes and four whites other than law entherenent and newsmen inside the (Inaicate page, name of newspaper, city and stare.,

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Whites Present
The white persons present were
Rev. Maurice Oullet and Rev. McNiece from St. Elizabeth's Mission
in Selma, and Polly Cowan, New
York, Citizens' Children's Committee. Another white woman who sat
in the audience and was not identified was reported to be one of
the initial "freedom riders."

Mrs. Cowan spoke briefly, bringing "greetings from the city and state of New York" and reporting:

ing:
"We do care and are beginning
to get your message more and
more."

Negress Dorothy Height, president of the National Council of Negro Women, Washington, D.C., was introduced and was reported to be here to obtain reports on the conditions in prisons where demonstrators are being held.

After the mass meeting, she conferred privately with demonstrators and parents of demonstrators who have been jailed during the three weeks of disorders here.

Wallace Branded
Gregory spoke for more than one hour, branding Gov. George Wallace as "low down and filthy" and repeatedly degrading Southern law enforcement as "the peons, the idiots who do all the dirty work;"

the dogs that do all of the biting."
Gregory said there is no such thing as a "nigger" and when the word is used by whites it is because they have a "sick mind."

"That's why we really don't have to worry," he said, "because the white man is sick."

The speaker said that he wished that "by the grace of God" there was some way the entire Negro race could disappear overnight."

"They (the whites) would go crazy hunting us," he predicted.
"If we could only leave them down here by themselves for three days, he'd find out who the 'nig-

ger' really is . . . because he needs
"But it looks like we got to do

if the hard way and stay down here and educate them."

Gregory told the gathering the southern Negro will save themselves and would help northern Negroes win freedom.

"Then we'll both work to free the American white man from 100 years of slavery and hate," he said.

Gregory said no slaves in the history of the world have had to endure what the American Negro has experienced.

experienced.

"Our master was lower than the slaves," he said, "and we didn't even have a master we could respect."

"The biggest fool in the world knows that if you want to keep me down you don't put me in the back of the bus so I can watch him for 200 years," he said.

"They are not qualified to own slaves when they don't know any better than to give us things that will make us stronger than our masters."

Gregory predicted that the Negroes ultimate victory will be achieved because "truth, justice and the U.S. Constitution are on our

Commenting on education, Gregory said:

Better Equipped

"If the South today wants to raise the standards of its dumb, stupid white race, he should put the Negro teachers in his school and white teachers in the Negro schools. Ninety percent of Southern Negroes teaching are better equipped and qualified to teach than the white teachers.

"You know why?" he shouted.
"The Negroes didn't hacve the

opportunity and privilege of attending the dumb University of Alabama . . . They went North to the best universities in the world and then came back home.

"Through this man's (whites) dumb, stupid mistakes, he has made the American Negro the most powerful man in the world today," Gregory added.

The speaker said the only friend the Southern white man has is the Southern Negro.

Gregory criticized whites for talking about our filegitimacy when they live in a neighborhood where they have abortion credit ards."

## Writer Arrives Here To Address Rally Tonight

Prospective Negro voters were lined up single file on the sidewalk from the entrance of the Dallas County courthouse around the block to the health center annex on Church street at 10:30 today. But there were strong indications that most of them would go home at 4:30 pm. without ever reaching the offices of the board of registrars where applications to become a voter were being taken.

By noon today eight white persons and eight Negroes had appeared before the Board of Regis-

Negro author James Baldwin who arrived in Selma Sunday appeared near the courthouse entrance shortly after ten o'clock and quickly attracted a bevy of photographers and reporters. But if he

HALL ARRESTED

Prathia Hall, personal secretary of the executive secretary of SNCC, was arrested by Sheriff James Clark at 11:35 today at the residence of Amelia Boynton, local leader in the Negro demonstrations.

The woman had been sought by the sheriff's department since last Friday night when a warrant was issued charging her with contributing to the delinquency of a

At 11:55 a.m. Sheriff Clark and his chief deputy, L. C. Crocker strode across Alabama Avenue and arrested two Negro picket who appeared with voter regist ration signs on the steps of the federal building.

It was the first time local authorities had made arrests on federal property.

was recognized by the Negroes m the voter registration line. his appearance created no display and no immediate show of enthusiasm, closes shop at 4:30 p.m. until Oct. on their pa.t.

Featured Speaker

Baldwin, author of several beat sellers, will be the featured speak. er tonight for the 17th Negro ma woter registration rally at the Tab ernacle Baptist Church.

He was accompanied to Selma by his brother, David, who was with him at the courthouse this morning and by his secretary. James Forman, Negro field secretary for the Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee also appeared with Baldwin this morning.

Negro Commedian Dick Gregory left Selma Sunday afternoon for New York after addressing mass voter registration rallies here Fri day and Saturday nights.

Gregory's wife, Lillian, who was ailed a week before the comme-

dian's arrival here, was freed unler bonds totalling \$2,000 posted a he jail by her husband Saturda ight. She accompanied him when e left Selma yesterday.

Today was "freedom Monday" in Selma and Forman urged a turnout of 500-1,000 Negroes before the board of registrars when it held the first of its two regular October

sittings today.

Pushing Efforts

The SNCC leader is pushing efforts to have a federal voter referee ordered here to supervise activities of the local board and told Negroes at two meetings last week they had to turn out in mass to focus attention on the Negroes fight for first class citizenship here.

It appeared doubtful at late morning 'hat the 1,000 figure would be achieved, but the minimum goal of 500 was well on the way to being reached.

Forman told the Negroes to "bring a bologna sandwich and a jar of water" so they would be prepared to stay all day, but few of those in the line carried either food or drink.

The first nine persons in the voter registration line when the board opened its offices at 9:00 a.m. were whites and the first Negro did not get in the office to file application until 10:30 a.m.

At that rate of movement, it was speculated by observers that not more than 40 persons would apply to become voters before

Theriff's deputies and possemen were stationed at the entrance to e courthouse and at wide interwils along the entire line with in-tructions to keep the sidewalk pen to pedestrian traffic and to saintain peace and normal (Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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A contingent of state troopers, estimated to be around 50 in number, was on stand-by at the new armory under the command of Maj. Joe Smelley.

By late morning there had been

By late morning there had been no incident which suggested any type of disorder. Small groups of whites gathered across the street during the morning coffee breaks, but dispersed after looking and chatting briefly.

The press corps was out in force, including the national television radio and newspaper media and representatives of at least one major news magazine.

For the large part, the Negroes were well-dressed and appeared to represent a better wage-earning class.

Sheriff Jim Clark said his only plans in connection with the crowd was "to see that they remain quiet and orderdly and don't block the sidewalk"

The sheriff said he had a "sufficient force" on standy-by to handle any situation which might arise.

#### No Force Planned

"But unless some type of disorder develops," he added. "I don't intend to show any force and give them iny grounds for complaint that they were intimidated."

were intimidated "
The big turnout today came or the heels of a ruling by the Fifth U. S. Court of Appeals which ruled that there have been "indications" that the local might "possibly" be guilty of some type of 'sophisticated discrimination." The ruling cautioned the board against this type of conduct in the ruture.

Forman, at mass meetings the past Friday and Saturday night, told Negroes in urging them to appear before the board today that it is operating under injunction against any form of discrimination based on race

'If anything unusual happens while you are in there registering.' he told the Negroes, "we want to know about it."

Four Negroes appeared and were admitted to the Catholic Church of the Assumption yesterday, the only reported "kneel-ins" at any of the city's white churches

Officers of the First Presbyterian Church, where four Negro women were seated in an upstairs balcony (originally built for Negro servants who worshipped there) a week ago, have voted to turn away Negroes seeking admission to worship servates at the church.

## Freedom Monday Held Here For Applicants Seeking To Register

An estimated 400 Negroes assembled at the Tabernacle Baptist Church last night to review what they counted as a big success in a turnout of approximately 300 Negroes before the board of registrars Monday and to hear their leaders call for a continuation of this effort. New York Negro author James Baldwin was principal speaker for the

17th mass meeting and told his audience the Negro race is "economically indispensible to this country.'

Yesterday was observed as "Freedom Monday" by the Negro community and there was the biggest turnout of voter registration applicants at the courthouse in modern history.

But for most of the Negroes, it turned out to be a long, hot day of standing in line without food or drink and with only a handful actually getting inside the board of registrars' office to make application to become voters."

Newsmen calculated that around 0 persons filed applications with the board before it closed the door to applicants at 4:15 p.m. About

one-fourth of them were whites. The remainder of the line, which extended along Alabama Avenue to Church and on Church to the health center most of the day, just waited in the unseasonably hot October sun and went tiredly home when the board closed.

The arrest of two Negroes shortly after two p.m. brought the only brief flurry of excitement in the otherwise dull routine.

Two Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee representatives, Carver Neblett of Chicago and Alvery Williams of Gadsden were apprehended for "provocation" when they ttempted to serve sandwiches and water to Negroes standing in the voter registration line.

In a short-lived skirmish between

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the two accused, newsmen and officers, the Negroes claimed they were roughed and Montgomery Advertiser Reporter - Photographer Tom Mackin said he was "back handed" across the face by a posseman and has his camera struck by the night stick of a state trooper.

Officers said no more force was used in making the arrests than was necessary and blamed Mackin for failure to obey the orders of an officer in the execution of his duties.

The newsman said the posseman who slapped him apologized later.

Ignore Instruction

The arrest of Neblett and Williams came after they ignored instruction not to "molest" persons in the voter registration line by passing out sandwiches, officers said.

The only other arrests made near the courthouse during voter registration were those of three Negroes changed with unlawful assembly. with voter registration placards.

They were identified as David Murray, 24, 919 Second Avenue; Willie James Grayer, 20, intersection of First and Union, and Fred Moss, 18, 2030 Second Avenue.

The only new development on the racial scene today was the filing of an application in circuit court for writ of habeas corpus in an effort by defense attorneys to force the release of at least six Negroes being held in jail in connection with the racial demonstrations.

The petition was filed by Negro Attorneys Peter Hall and James Chestnut and will be heard by Judge James A. Hare at two p.m. Wednesday in the judge's quarters. The hearing will not be open to the public.

The attorneys are attempting to obtain the writ to free from jail John Lewis, chairman of SNCC from Atlanta, Ga.; and several other SNCC leaders including, Worth Long, Birmingham; Benny Tucker, Wilson Brown and Henry W. Shannon, all of Selme, and Wolf Dawson, Chicago.

son, Chicago,
Most of the Negroes have been in iail in lieu of appeal and cash bonds for about two weeks

The mass meeting last night was one of the least enthusiastic of the summer-long series of Monday night gatherings with Baldwin receiving

only polite applause for his speach.

James Forman, SNCC executive
secretary who has been a major
motivating force behind most Negro efforts here also appeared
weary from Monday's busy schedule and was less militant and verbose than usual.

Forman did, however, launch his usual attacks on Sheriff Jim Clark and his promise to the audience that "Jim Clark is on his way...he's in a big hole" brought a thunderous roar of approval from the audience.

Baldwin pictured the sheriff's force as a typical type of Southern law enforcement "created by the good people of the South and by Washington" which has become "a monster they cannot commend."

He told the Negroes they must not accept the white man's image of the Negro race or what Negroes have been taught in American history as "the gospel truth." "We must think of what we and

"We must think of what we and persons of like mind can do to save ourselves and this country." he added. "If we respond to our past and our future we can save this country and no one else can do it"

A Negro state senator from Maryland, Verde Welcome, also was a guest speaker for the occasion, and a Detroit, Mich., Negro attorney promised Selma Negroes "all the legal help you need in this fight"

## Trial Moratorium On Demonstrations Here Declared By Leaders

Local law enforcement swapped its riot helmets for usual headgear today and possemen were not on alert for the first time in more than three weeks as the atmosphere appeared cleared of any indications of immediate racial demonstrations. A spokesman for the Negro community reported a trial moratorium on demonstrations in the city

confirming what appeared earlier as a shift of emphasis from that area to voter registration efforts which achieved new successes on Monday.

A large out-of-town force of outside news media was reported to have left the city after Monday's widely publicized appearance of an estimated 300 Negroes at the first of two sessions the board of registrars will hold this month.

Hudson High School reported only 129 of its total enrollment of 1,560 students absent from classes on Wednesday. Principal Joe Yeldersaid this figure represented "normal absenteeisin" at the school and reported school activities had returned "almost to the regular roughts."

The sheriff's department reported this morning that less than a dozen Negroes (harged with participating in racial demonstrations are being held in jail. The cases of more than 300 others arrested since Sept. 16 have been disposed of or they are free under bond.

At two p.m. today, Circuit Judge James A. Hare is to hear a petition for writ of habeas corpus for six Negro leaders in the movement for whom bonds totalling \$2,000 have not been posted.

The hearing will be closed to the public, Judge Hare said.

The petition was filed by Defense Attorneys Peter Hall and Jame's Chestnut on Monday and will be opposed in today's hearing by Circuit Solicitor Blanchard McLeod.

Subjects of the writ are John Lewis, Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee, Atlanta, Ga.; and five lesser leaders in the organization—Worth Long, Benny Lucker, Wilson Brown, Henry W. Bhannon and Wolf Dawson.

Solicitor McLeod said all Fix of the prisoners are each being held under \$1,000 cash peace bond and \$1,000 appeal bond.

Other defendants in arrests growing out of the racial disorders who are not appeared in court, will be given hearings in Dallas County

pefore Judge Hugh Mallory on Thursday. This group numbers be ween 40-50, it is estimated.

Officers are alerted to possible disorders in the courtroom tomor row on the basis of a Monday night talk made at a Negro mass meeting by SNCC executive secretary James Forman.

The Negro secretary who has been a militant behind-the-scenes strategist in the demonstrations here, told the Negro audience Monday night that the courts have ruled against segregation practices in buildings built with tax monies.

He told the Negroes the D allas County Courthouse "belongs to you" and urged them to attend trials for members of their race and ignore segregated seating arrangements.

The court auditorium has equal seating space for Negroes and whites but it is divided by an aisle.

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## **Bail Likely For Negro Prisoners** In Race Trouble

Circuit Judge James A. Hare was expected to fix bail today for six Negro prisoners convicted for racial disorders and for whom a hearing on a writ of habeas corpus has been continued until Oct. 25.

The judge said immediately before recessing the hearing late Wednesday afternoon that he would allow the prisoners to go free under \$1,000 bail for their appearance back in court on Oct. 25.

But this was not to become cfficial until the judge conferred today with the attorneys to stipulate the conditions under which the bail was being granted.

Attorneys

The attorneys, Peter Hall, Birmingham, and James Chestnut, Selma, both Negroes, were expected at the judge's chambers at 10 a.m. today but had not appeared by 11:44

Meanwhile the prisoners remain ed in Dallas County Jail in lieu of \$1,000 appeal bonds to circuit court and \$1,000 cash peace bonds to prevent their continued participation in racial disorders in Alabama.

Subject of the writ of habeas corpus are John Lewis, Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee chairman from Atlanta, and five field workers in the organization-Worth Long, Benny Tucker, Wolff Dawson, Wilson Brown and Henry W. Shannon.

Cases against other racial demon-

strators who were to have beef tried in Dallas County Court thi morning were continued until Oc at the request of Hall.

Hall said he wanted Judge Hare's ruling on the writ of habeas corpus in the other six cases before proceeding with the trial before Judge Mallory of his other clients.

The hearing recessed at 4:30 p.m. and was continued to Oct. 25 when the defense called Chief Deputy Sheriff L. C. Crocker as a witness without advance notice that his testimony would be required.

Crocker testified from memory and one arrest sheet as facts surfrounding the arrest of two prisoners but said he could not give erther testimony without referring no records and notes he did not the courtroom.

Crocker told the court it would take him some time to locate the needed records in files which contained information about more than 350 arrests.

Was Present

Under defense examination, the deputy stated that he was present when Sheriff James Clark took Long into custody at the First Baptist Church for Negroes for interfering with an officer executing a

The deputy said his only personal knowledge of Long's interference was his refusal to obey his and the sheriff's instructions to deliver Tucker from the church to them.

Sheriff Clark subsequently entered the church while a meeting was reported to be in progress and arrested Long and Tucker. The warrant charging Tucker with contributing to the delinquency of a minor was two-days-old and its existence had been announced on the day of its issuance in the press.

Hall entered motions that the prisoners should be freed because Circuit Solicitor Blanchard Mc-Leod failed to produce sufficient evidence to show that they were being legally held.

The Negro attorney argued that the "bald" warrants charging the prisoners and used by the state as its authority for holding them were not sufficient within themselves to justify their being held in custody.

Habeas Corpus Citing a specific case of an in vidual versus a state which Hall said is regarded by higher courts as "the" case in habeas corpus proceedings, the attorney maintained that the burden of producing evidence lay on the state. He argued that since the courts in which the defendants were convicted were not courts of record and since the solicitor failed to produce testimony about the arrests in the hearing, the state had not met its obligations and the writ should be granted.

Judge Hare overruled the motion. The hearing commenced about one hour later than scheduled to allow the defense attorney time to talk to his clients.

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## Jail Emptied Of **Racial Prisoners**

Dallas County Jail was emptied Thursday of its-last batch of prisoners charged with racial disorders and barring new arrests there are no hearings scheduled in local court for this category of offenders until Friday, Oct. 25.

Judge James A. Hare set conditional \$1,000 bail on each of six Student Non - Violent Coordinating Committee representatives, including the chairman, whose hearings in circuit court on a writ for habeas corpus was continued until October 25.

And in Dallas County Court Thursday, Judge Hugh Mallory, at the request of defense attorneys, continued until Oct 31, the cases of an estimated 30 other Negroes charged with racial demonstrations The attorney said he asked for the postponement to see what the outcome of the habeas corpus proceedings would be before going to trial with the other cases.

The \$1,000 bail was posted Thursay afternoon for John Lewis, SNCC chairman from Atlanta, and five field workers of the organizan tion-Worth Long, Benny Tucker Wilson Brown, H. W. Shannon and Wolf Dawson.

Long and Tucker were being held under \$1,000 peace bond and \$1,000 appeal bond on convictions for contributing to the delinquency of a minor. The other four were under the same bond following convictions in county court for unlawful assembly.

Three other Selma Negroes charged with unlawful assembly for appearing to picket with voter registration signs during Monday's mass turnout of Negro voter applicants also were freed under \$500 bonds yesterday.

They were David Murray, 24; Willie S. Grayer, 20, and Fred Moss

Carver Neblett and Alvery Williams, both Negroes, were freed under bonds totalling \$1,000 and \$500 earlier in the week.

They were arrested for "provo-cation" and Neblett had an additional charge of resisting an offirer in connection with their efforts to pass out sandwiches and

water to persons in the voter regigtration line on Monday. They were instructed earlier that they could not serve the food and drink, officer said.

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#### DALLAS COUNTY CITIZENS COUNCIL

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Mobile, Alabama October 21, 1963

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On October 18, 1963, Bureau agents observed that the Dallas County, Alabama Registration Board closed at 4:00 P.M. (CST). The Board handled persons up to and including person holding ticket number 47 for October 18, 1963, on that registration day. Of the 47 tickets above, 13 tickets were held by Negroes. Thirteen tickets of the total of 60 tickets passed out in the morning of October 18th still were being held and these persons were given first sequence of numbers for registration on October 21, 1963, with the exception of 3 persons who did not return to the Board to receive new tickets for Monday, October 21, 1963. Of the 13 numbers still outstanding 7 of these, numbers were held by Negroes.

On the morning of October 21, 1963, Bureau agents observed a registration line beginning to form at the Dallas County Courthouse at 6:45 A.M. Six Negroes and one white person were in line. At 7:15 A.M. 15 white persons and 10 Negroes were in line. At 7:45 A.M. 25 whites and 16 Negroes were in line. At 8:15 A.M. 33 whites and 23 Negroes were in line. At 8:30 A.M., (CST) 60 new numbered tickets were passed out, 12 of the persons who held tickets when the Board closed at 4:00 P.M. (CST) October 18, 1963, were at the head of the line and received the first 12 tickets. Eight were Negroes. The remaining 48 tickets were distributed to the other persons standing in line on a first come, first served basis, up to and including the number 60. Of the total number of 60 ticket holders, 26 were Negroes.

Chief Deputy Sheriff L. C. CROCKER, Dallas County Sheriff's Office, handed out the tickets and approximately

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13 persons appeared at the end of the line after all the tickets had been issued. They were advised they could remain in line if the so desired, however all tickets had been issued at 8:30 A.M. (CST) and they would probably not have a chance to register that day.

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TWENTY-THREE, LAST. REGISTRATION LINE BEGAN FORMING AT DALLAS COUNTY COURT-

HOUSE, SELMA, AT SIX FORTY-FIVE A. M. CST. AT THAT TIME SEVEN WHITES AND THREE NEGROES WERE IN LINE. AT SEVEN FIFTEEN A. M. EIGHT WHIES AND FIVE NEGROES WERE IN LINE, AT SEVEN FORTY-FIVE A. M., NINE WHITES AND SEVEN NEGROES, AT EIGH FIFTEEN A. M. THIRTEEN WHITES AND THIRTEEN NEGROES, AND AT EIGHT THIRTY A. M., THERE WERE FIFTY-THREE PERSONS IN LINE, THIRTY WHITES, AND TWENTY-THREE NEGROES. OF THE TOTAL OF FIFTY-THREE PERSONS, THIRTY WERE HOLDOVERS FROM REGISTRATION LINE WHEN IT CLOSED AT FOUR P. M. CST, OCTOBER TWENTY-THREE LAST. OF THE THIRTY, ELEVEN WERE NEGROES AND NINETEEN WERE OCT 29 1963 WHITES. DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY, SELMA, ADVISED. END AND ACK PLS

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NO ACTIVITY AT SELMA WITH EXCEPTION OF REGISTRATION ACTIVITY

TODAY. REGISTRATION BOARD CLOSED AT FOUR PM CST. HOLDERS OF

TICKETS NUMBERED TWENTYEIGHT THROUGH FIFTYTHREE STILL IN LINE

WHEN BOARD CLOSED. ONLY FIFTYTHREE PEOPLE IN LINE TODAY FOR

REGISTRATION. OF THESE INDIVIDUALS WHO STILL HELD TICKETS

WHEN BOARD CLOSED, THERE WERE TEN NEGROES AND SIXTEEN WHITES

WHO RECEIVED FIRST SEQUENCE OF TICKETS FOR REGISTRATION OCT.

TWENTYFIVE, NEXT. TOTAL OF TWENTYSEVEN TICKETS AND DEPARTMENTAL

ATTORNEY AT SELMA ADVISED. LHM FOLLOWS.

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RACIAL SITUATION, STATE OF ALABAMA, SELMA, ALABAMA. RM. DALLAS COUNTY REGISTRATION BOARD OPENED FOR REGISTRATION NINE AM CST TODAY. AT SIX FORTY FIVE AM THERE WERE TWO WHITES ON LINE, AT SEVEN FIFTEEN AM FOUR WHITES AND FIVE NEGROES, AT 'SEVEN FORTYFIVE AM FOUR WHITES AND TEN NEGROES, AT EIGHT FIFTEEN AM ELEVEN WHITES AND TWENTYTHREE NEGROES.

AT EIGHT THIRTY AM NUMBERED TICKETS WERE PASSED OUT TO FORTYFIVE PERSONS, TOTAL IN LINE FOR REGISTRATION. TICKETS NUMBERED THROUGH SEVENTEEN WERE GIVEN TO INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE HOLDOVERS FROM REGISTRATION WHEN BOARD CLOSED AT FOUR PM CST OCTOBER TWENTYFIVE SIXTYTHREE. OF THESE SEVENTEEN, NINE WERE WITHIES AND EIGHT WERE NEGROES. NUMBERS EIGHTEEN THROUGH FORTYFIVE WERE GIVEN OUT ON FIRST COME FIRST SERVE BASIS. THESE TICKETS WERE GIVEN TO TWELVE WHITES AND SIXTEEN EX-116 3 6H. P. 12 OCT 29 1963 461

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RACIAL SITUATION STATE OF ALABAMA SELMA, ALABAMA

At 4:00 p.m., Central Standard Time (CST), October 22, 1963, a Bureau agent observed the issuing of numbered tickets by Chief Deputy Sheriff L. C. Crocker, Dallas County, Alabama, when the Registration Board closed at the Dallas County Courthouse. Thirty-three ticket holders were handled at the Registration Board on that date out of sixty numbered tickets that were passed out on the morning of October 22, 1963 at 8:30 a.m. CST. Of these thirty-three, twenty-two were Negores. Holders of numbers 34 through 60 were given new tickets to afford them first place in line on the morning of October 23, 1963.

On the morning of October 23, 1963, a Bureau agent observed the forming of the registration line at the Dallas County Courthouse. At 6:45 a.m., 4 whites and 2 Negroes were in line. At 7:15 a.m., 14 whites and 8 Negroes were in line. At 7:45 a.m., 16 whites and 16 Negroes were in line. At 8:15 a.m., 19 whites and 30 Negroes were in line. At 8:30 a.m., Chief Deputy Sheriff Crocker issued the first 20 tickets to individuals who held tickets from October 22, 1963, and who had appeared at 8:30 a.m. CST on October 23, 1963 to receive those tickets. Nineteen of these tickets were issued to Negroes. A total of 59 persons were in line to receive numbers, which included the first 20. Numbers 21 through 59 were issued to 14 Negroes and 25 whites.



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NO ACTIVITY OCCURRED AT SELMA TODAY WITH THE EXCEPTION
OF REGISTRATION ACTIVITY. REGISTRATION BOARD HANDLED HOLDER
OF TICKETS NUMBERED ONE THROUGH TWENTYEIGHT TODAY. THESE
NUMBERS INCLUDED EIGHTEEN WHITES AND TEN NEGROES. A TOTAL
OF FIFTYFOUR TICKETS ISSUED TODAY AND HOLDERS OF TICKETS
NUMBERED TWENTYNINE THROUGH FIFTYFOUR WERE ISSUED THE FIRST
SEQUENCE OF TICKETS FOR REGISTRATION ON OCTOBER TWENTYNINE
NEXT. TICKETS NUMBERED FIFTYONE THROUGH FIFTYFOUR WERE NOT
PRESENT AT THE BOARD AT FOUR PM, CST, THIS DATE, WHEN THE
BOARD CLOSED, TO RECEIVE TICKETS FOR TOMORROW AS REGISTRATION.
AMONG THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE FIRST IN LINE FOR TOMORROW'S
REGISTRATION WILL BE EIGHT WHITES AND FOURTEEN NEGROES.

DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY AT SELMA ADVISED. LETTERHEAD MEMO
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#### RACIAL SITUATION STATE OF ALABAMA SELMA, ALABAMA

On October 23, 1963, the Dallas County Registration Board closed at 4:00 p.m. CST. Holders of numbered tickets 1 through 27 had been at the Registration Board at 8:30 a.m. CST, and the Board reached the number 27 during the day's registration. Among those 27, 22 were Negroes. Ticket holders of numbers 28 through 60 were given new tickets by Chief Deputy Sheriff L. C. Crocker, Dallas County Sheriff's Office, for registration on the morning of October 24, 1963, with the exception that holders of tickets number 37 and 42 were missing when the new tickets were issued at 4:00 p.m. CST, October 23, 1963. Tickets were given to 11 Negroes and 19 whites.

On the morning of October 24, 1963, a Bureau Agent observed new numbered tickets being issued to 30 individuals who had received the tickets when the Board closed at 4:00 p.m. CST on October 23, 1963. These included 12 Negroes and 18 whites. Only 53 persons total were standing in line as of 8:30 a.m. CST, October 24, 1963, and all received a ticket. Of the total number of tickets issued, 23 were issued to Negroes and 30 to whites. Bureau Agent also observed the formation of the registration line at the Dallas County Courthouse on the morning of October 24, 1963:

At 6:45 a.m. CST, there were 7 whites and 3 Negroes in line; at 7:15 a.m., 8 whites and 5 Negroes; at 7:45 a.m., 9 whites and 7 Negroes; at 8:15 a.m., 13 whites and 13 Negroes; and at 8:30 a.m., 30 whites and 23 Negroes.

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REGISTRATION BOARD CLOSED FOUR PM CST TODAY.

TWENTYNINE TICKET HOLDERS PROCESSED BY BOARD, TWELVE WHITES

AND SEVEN TEEN NEGROES. HOLDERS OF TICKETS NUMBERED THIRTY

THROUGH SIXTY RECEIVED FIRST SEQUENCE OF TICKETS FOR

REGISTRATION OCTOBER THIRTY NEXTWITH EXCEPTION THAT HOLDERS

OF TICKETS FIFTYONE, FIFTYSEVEN, AND SIXTY WERE MISSING

WHEN TICKETS ISSUED FOR TOMORROW- S REGISTRATION. TICKETS

NUMBERED FORTYNINE THROUGH SIXTY ISSUED TODAY FROM SHERIFF S

OFFICE AFTER EIGHT THIRTY AM CST, AS ONLY FORTYEIGHT PERSONS

WERE IN LINE AS OF EIGHT THIRTY AM. THE TICKETS NUMBERED

THIRTY THROUGH SIXTY SET FORTH ABOVE WERE ISSUED TO 157-6-61-465

SEVENTEEN NEGROES AND ELEVEN WHITES, WHICH DOES NOT INCLUDE

THE THREE HOLDERS THAT WERE MISSING. EX-115

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VOTER REGISTRATION LINE BEGAN FORMING AT BALLAS COUNTY, COURTHOUSE SIX FORTYFIVE AM CST, AT WHICH TIME SIX WHITES AND FOUR NEGROES WERE IN LINE, AT SEVEN FIFTEEN AM SIX WHITES ' AND NINE NEGROES, SEVEN FORTYFIVE AM TEN WHITES AND EIGHTEEN NEGROES, EIGHT FIFTEEN AM FIFTEEN WHITES AND TWENTYTHREE NEGROES, AND EIGHT THIRTY AM, CST, FORTYEIGHT NUMBERED TICKETS WERE PASSED OUT TO NINETEEN WHITES AND TWENTYNINE NEGROES. TOTAL OF FORTYEIGHT PERSONE IN LINE AS OF EIGHT -6-6/- 4 THIRTY AM. EIGHTEEN OF THESE PERSONS WERE HOLDOVERS FROM **5 007 30** 1983 REGISTRATION WHEN BOARD CLOSED FOUR PM, CST, OCTOBER TWENTYEIGHT SIXTYTHREE. OF THESE EIGHTEEN, THERE WERE SIX WHITES AND TWELVE NEGROES IN LINE. NUMBERS NINETEEN THROUGH FORTYEIGHT WERE GIVEN TO ELEVEN WHITES AND NINETEEN NEGROES, ON FIRST COME FIRST SERVE BASIS SO 64,23 REC'D - RUSEN

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DIRECTOR /157-6-61/

SAC, MOBILE /157-367/

ORACIAL SITUATION, STATE OF ALABAMA, SELMA, ALABAMA,

REGISTRATION LINE FORMED DALLAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, SELMA, ALABAMA, SEVEN A. M., CST, THIS DATE. AT SEVEN A. M., THREE NEGROES WERE IN LINE. AT SEVEN THIRTY A. M., SIX MECROES AND THREE WHITES. AT EIGHT A. M., SEVEN NEGROES AND FIVE WHITES IN LINE. AT EIGHT FIFTEEN A. M., FIFTEEN NEGROES AND EIGHT WHITES. AT EIGHT THIRTY A. M., NUMBERED TICKETS WERE ISSUED TO NINETEEN NEGROES AND TWENTYTHREE WHITES STANDING IN REGISTRATION OF THESE FORTYTWO PERSONS, TWENTYFIVE WERE HOLDOVERS FROM REGISTRATION ON THE AFTERNOON OF OCTOBER TWENTYNINE, SIXTYTHREE, WHEN REGISTRATION BOARD CLOSED AT FOUR P. M., CST.

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#### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Mobile, Alabama October 28, 1963

Racial Situation State of Alabama Selma, Alabama

The following described movie films were taken by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation:

One reel of color movie film taken by Special Agent on October 9, 1963 showing the building used by the Dallas County Board of Registrars in Marion Junction, Alabama and at Summerville, Alabama.

Four reels of black and white movie film taken by Special Agents and of voter registration line at the Dallas County Courthouse in Selma, Alabama, on October 15, 1963.

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10-30-63 7-50 PM CST

TO DIRECTOR, FBI /157-6-61/

FROM SAC, MOBILE 1 P

RACIAL SITUATION STATE OF ALABAMA, SELMA, ALABAMA RM& -

REGISTRATION BOARD CLOSED FOUR PM CST TODAY AT SELMA. NINTEEN PERSONS REMAINED IN LINE HOLDING NUMBERS THIRTY THROUGH FORTY EIGHT , NUMBERS ONE THROUGH TWENTY NINE HANDLED BY REGISTRATION BOARD WITH EXCEPTION OF TICKET NUMBER EIGHT\_TEEN WHO FAILED TO APPEAR WHEN BOARD READY TO PROCESS THIS NUMBER. PERSONS HOLDING TICKETS HANDLED BY BOARD INCLUDED EITHTEEN NEGROES AND TEN : \* WHITES. TICKET NUMBER THIRTY THROUGH FORTY EIGHT GIVEN TO SEVENTEEN WHITES AND ONE NEGRO AS HOLDER OF TICKET NUMBER THIRTY THREE WAS MISSING FROM LINE WHEN TICKETS ISSUED AFTER BOARD CLOSED.

DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY ADVISED.

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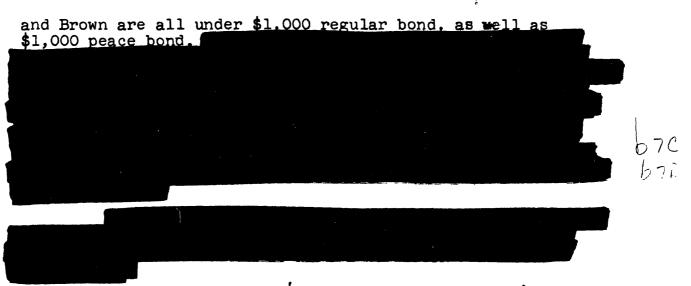
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#### UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

#### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Mobile, Alabama October 28, 1963

RACIAL SITUATION STATE OF ALABAMA SELMA, ALABAMA

At approximately 12:10 p.m. CST, October 25, 1963, an official of Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee, advised that Reverend Benny L. Tucker, Worth W. Long, Wolf Dawson also known as Curtis A. Hampton, John Lewis, and Wilson Brown, were standing in the hall of the Dallas County Courthbuse with him, and were talking and smoking. He stated that Tucker said he had to go to the bathroom, and he went into the men's room on the second floor of the courthouse. This men's room had a sign on it that said "white." Immediately after Tucker entered the men's room, he saw Sheriff James G. Clark, Jr. enter the room and then shove Tucker out of the room and down the hall. Clark did not hold onto Tucker, but just shoved him in front of him into a room down the hall where the Circuit Solicitor was located. Tucker and the Sheriff were in the room a period of about three or , four minutes, and the Sheriff came out of this room with Tucker in front of him and pushed him in front of him towards the court room. Tucker was not handcuffed at that time. He did not hear what charge Tucker was being held on, and he saw no blows struck, however, the Sheriff did later handcuff Tucker while he was sitting in the court room. He stated that when Tucker and the Sheriff came out of the room where the Circuit Solicitor was, Tucker appeared to be wanting to ask the Sheriff some question about the charge, and to talk to him, but the Sheriff would just twist him around and shove him in front of him. He continued to push Tucker in front of him into the court room.

On October 25, 1963

Tucker, Long, Dawson, Lewis, Brown, and James Austin were all in court on that day on a habeas corpus proceeding, wherein efforts were being made to eliminate or lower bonds which were lodged against them due to racial demonstrations at Selma, Alabama. Tucker, Long, Dawson, Lewis,

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Date: 10/28/63 Transmit the following in \_ (Type in plain text or code) AIRMAIL AIRTEL Via \_\_\_ (Priority or Method of Mailing) : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-6-61) TO SAC, MOBILE (157-367)(P) FROM SUBJECT: PRACIAL SITUATION STATE OF ALABAMA SELMA, ALABAMA Transmitted herewith age the original and 7 copies of a letterhead memorandum, with accompanying photos. sets of photos are transmitted herewith, one set to be retained by the Bureau, and one set to be furnished to the Department. One set has been furnished to Departmental Attorney KENNETH McINTYRE at Selma, Alabama. 3) - Bureau (Encs. 78)(RM)' - Mobile 157-6-61-471 **OCT 31** 196,8 Sent \_\_\_\_\_M Per .



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### UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

#### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Mobile, Alabama October 28, 1963

RACIAL SITUATION STATE OF ALABAMA SELMA, ALABAMA

The attached photographs are one set of photographs showing the area surrounding the Dallas County Courthouse, Selma, Alabama, and the voter registration line outside of the Dallas County Courthouse on October 15, 1963. These photographs were taken by Special Agent throughout the day of October 15, 1963. One set of these photographs has been furnished to Departmental Attorney Kenneth McIntyre at Selma, Alabama, on October 21, 1963.

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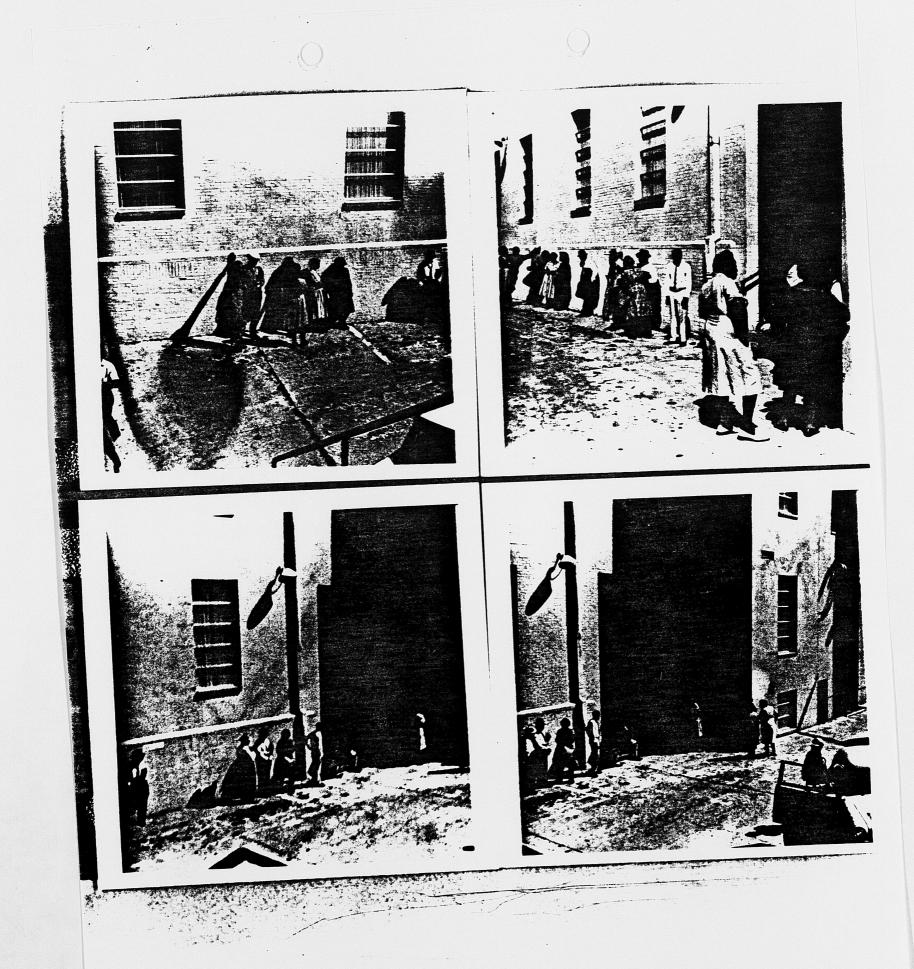
Photographs 1 through 7 were taken between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m., and they depict the line of registrants and law enforcement officers outside of the Dallas County Courthouse.

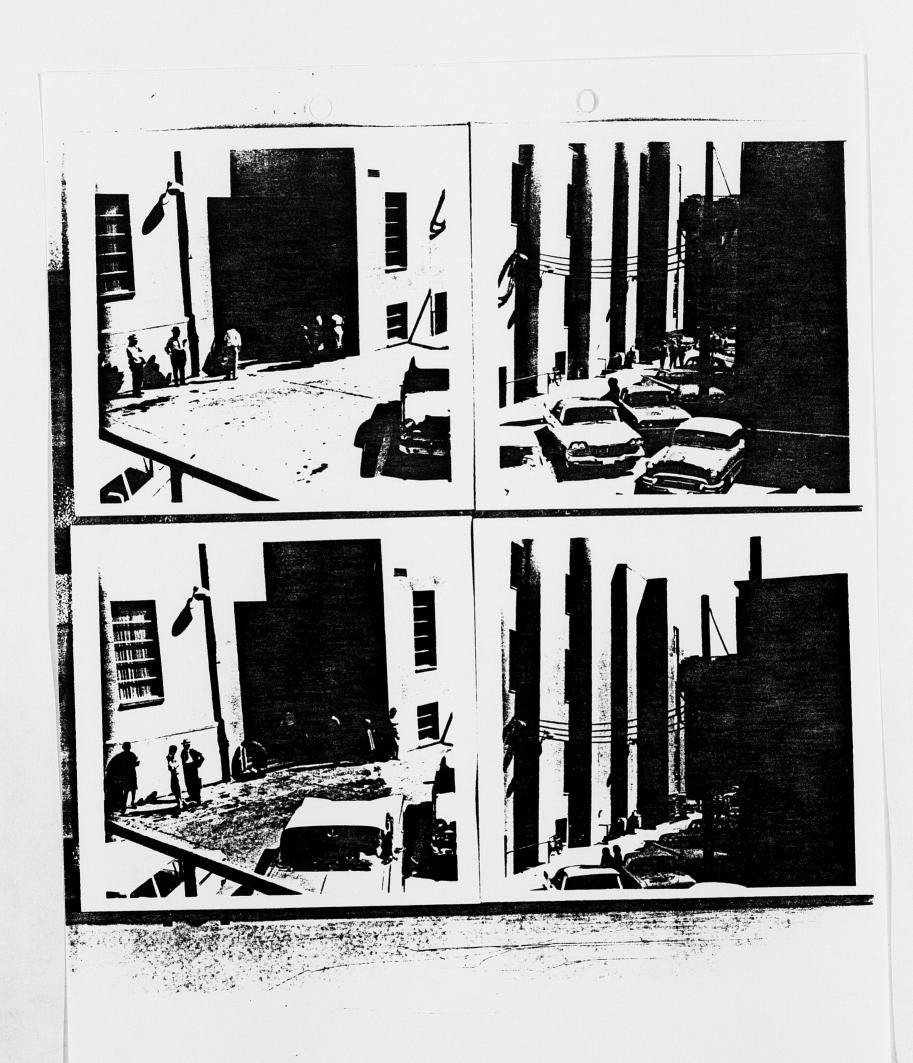
Photographs 8 through 15 depict the same subjects and area previously described in the last paragraph, and were taken between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 12.00 noon.

Photographs 16 through 33 depict the same subjects and area as described in the preceding paragraph, and were taken between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.

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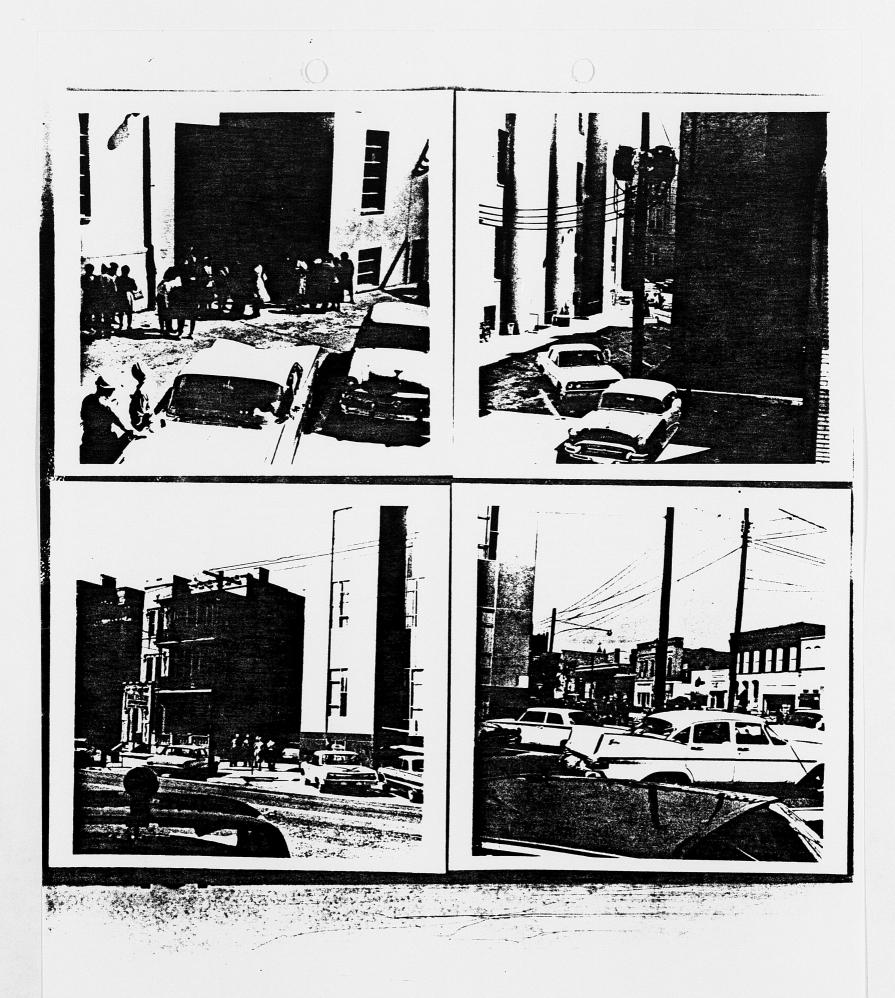


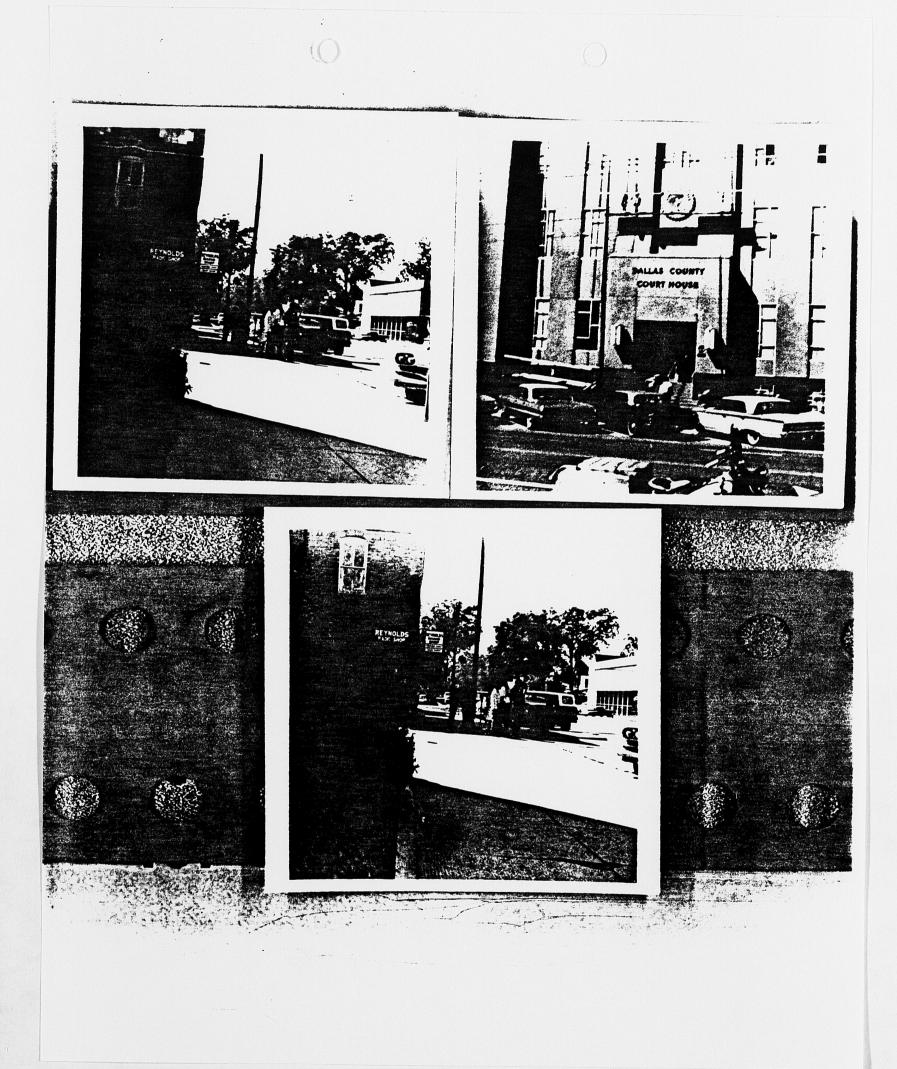












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Transmit the following in \_ (Type in AIRTEL (Priority or Method of Mailing) TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-6-61) FROM : SAC, MOBILE (157-367)(P) SUBJECT: RACIAL SITUATION STATE OF ALABAMA SELMA, ALABAMA RMTransmitted herewith to the Bureau are original and 7 copies of letterhead memorandum pertaining to the racial situation in Selma, Alabama. The Bureau Agent who observed the closing of the registration line on 10/24/63, and the opening of the line on 10/25/63, was SA The Agent who observed the closing of the line on 10/25/63 was SA Departmental Attorney KENNETH McINTYRE at Selma advised, and military authorities advised. 3 - Bureau (Encs. 8)(RM) ONI, OSI, CRD Mobile OLOS Date Forw 10-31-63 REC- 44 (5) 12 OCT 30 1963 Approved: Special Agent in Charge



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#### UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

#### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Mobile, Alabama October 28, 1963

RACIAL SITUATION STATE OF ALABAMA SELMA, ALABAMA

On October 24, 1963, a Bureau Agent observed the closing of the Dallas County registration line at the Dallas County Courthouse at 4:00 p.m. CST. A total of 27 ticket holders were handled during the day of October 24, 1963, which included 15 whites and 11 Negroes. One ticket holder was missing, Number 23. The remaining ticket holders, numbers 28 through 53, were given new tickets for registration on the morning of October 25, 1963, which included 15 whites and 11 Negroes.

On October 25, 1963, a Bureau Agent observed the issuing of tickets by Chief Deputy Sheriff L. C. Crocker, Dallas County Sheriff's Office, to those individuals who were holdovers from October 24, 1963, and who were present at the Board at 8:30 a.m. CST. A total of 22 individuals who were holdovers from October 24, 1963 were given the first sequence of tickets. These first 22 tickets were given to 8 Negroes and 14 whites. Numbers 23 through 49 were given to 15 Negroes and 12 whites. A total of only 49 people were present in the line at 8:30 a.m. when the tickets were passed out. The forming of the registration line was observed at 6:45 a.m. CST, and there were 4 Negroes in line; at 7:15 a.m., 11 Negroes and 7 whites; at 7:45 a.m. 14 Negroes and 9 whites; at 8:15 a.m., 19 Negroes and 13 whites; and at 8:30 a.m., 21 Negroes and 26 whites.

On the afternoon of October 25, 1963, a Bureau Agent observed the closing of the registration line at 4:00 p.m. CST. A total cf 27 ticket holders were handled by the Registration Board on that date. This included 13 Negroes and 14 whites. Numbered tickets 28 through 60 were issued for registration on Monday, October 28, 1963, with the exception of holders of tickets numbered 50 through 59 who were not present at the Board to receive new numbers

## RACIAL SITUATION SELMA, ALABAMA

for Monday morning. A total number of 22 tickets were issued to people still standing in the line at the Board, which included 11 whites and 11 Negroes.

Via.

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10/29/63 Date:

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#### UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

#### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Mobile, Alabama October 29. 1965

Racial Situation State of Alabama Selma, Alabama

On October 28, 1963 a Bureau Agent observed the issuance of tickets to those individuals who were standing in line to receive tickets for registration at the Dallas County Board of Registration at 8:30 a.m., CST.

The line was checked at 6:45 a.m., and there were two white persons in line. At 7:15 a.m., there were four whites and five Negroes in line. At 7:45 a.m., there were four whites and 10 Negroes; at 8:15 a.m., 11 whites and 23 Negroes. At 8:30 a.m., numbered tickets were passed out to 45 persons standing in the registration line. Tickets numbered one through 17 were given to individuals who were holdovers from registration when the board closed at 4:00 p.m., CST, on October 25, 1963. Of the first 17 numbers, nine were whites and eight were Negroes. The numbers 18 through 45 were given out on a first come, first served basis and these tickets were given to 12 whites and 16 Negroes.

A Bureau Agent observed the line at the registration board at 4:00 p.m., CST, on October 28, 1963, when the board closed for the day. Holders of tickets one through 28 had been handled by the board. Tickets were issued on October 28, 1963, to 54 persons. The individuals holding tickets numbered 29 through 54 were to receive the first sequence of tickets for registration on the morning of October 29, 1963, with the exception that the holders of tickets numbered 51 through 54 were not present at the board to receive their tickets. The holders of tickets numbered 29 through 50 received the first sequence of tickets on the morning of October 29, 1963. This included seven whites and 15 Negroes.







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11-36 AM URGENT\_10-31-63 TO DIRECTOR, /157-6-61/ FROM SAC, MOBILE /157-367/ 1P

REGISTRATION BOARD OPENED AT DALLAS COUNTY COURTHQUSE ORACIAL SITUATION, STATE OF ALA., SELMA, ALA.

SELMA, ALA., NINE AM, CST, TODAY WITH TOTAL OF TWENTYSEVEN PERSONS IN LINE. AT SEVEN AM, CST, THERE WAS ONE WHITE IN LINE, ONLY REGISTRANT UNTIL EIGHT TEN AM, CST, WHEN FIVE WHITES AND SEVEN NEGROES APPEARED IN LINE. AT EIGHT THIRTY AM TICKETS NUMBERED ONE THROUGH FIFTEEN WERE GIVEN TO FOURTEEN WHITES AND ONE NEGRO WHO WERE HOLDOVERS FROM REGISTRATION TEN THIRTY INSTANT WHEN THE BOARD CLOSED AT FOUR PM, CST. NUMBERS SIXTEEN THROUGH TWENTYSEVEN ISSUED TO FIVE WHITES AND SEVEN NEGROES.

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On the night of October 28, 1963, a Bureau Agent observed a Negro meeting taking place at the Second Baptist Church, Corner of Duncan Street and Hardle Avenue, in Selma, Alabama. Estimated attendance was 175 to 200 Negroes, sixty per cent of which were been-ages. The meeting had no principal speaker as such, and LAMIS VIII DERSLEEVE, President of the Dallas County Votens Leader. Was observed entering the church. The meeting started at 130 P.M., Central Standard Time, and terminates at arout 10:00 P.M., Central Standard Time. No incident occurred, and coverage of the meeting was handled by one roller car with two officers of the Selma Police Department spot checking area. Two Sheriff's Office's cars also the area early in the evening where the west and the area early when meeting terminated were represented inside church, and no possentements of the Like's County Sheriff's Office observed on the section,

On October 28. OK.

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advised that the meeting at the Series was a type of "voter clinic", wherein voter registration was discussed, and various talks were made by Student Non-Violent Co-Ordinating Committee leaders and leaders of the Dallas County Voters League relative to registration and registration procedures

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URGENT 11-1-63 1-11 PM HRT
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FROM SAC, MOBILE 157-367 2-P

REGISTRATION LINE DID NOT FORM AT DALLAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE,
SELMA, ALA., THIS MORNING UNTIL SEVEN FORTYFIVE A. M., CST, WHEN
TWO WHITES APPEARED IN LINE. AT EIGHT FIFTEEN A. M., CST.,
FIVE WHITES AND FIVE NEGROES WERE IN LINE. OF THE TEN PERSONS
IN LINE, FOUR OF THE NEGROES APPEARED TO BE YOUNG ADULT MALES.
AT EIGHT THIRTY A. M., CST, WHEN NUMBERS WERE PASSED OUT, THREE
OF THE ABOVE NEGROES HAD LEFT TE LINE. FIFTEEN PERSONS WERE
IN LINE FOR REGISTRATION, THIRTEEN WHITES AND TWO NEGROES AND
ONE OF THE NEGROES REFUSED TO TAKE A NUMBER FOR REGISTRATION.
ONLY FOURTEEN NUMBERS PASSED OUT TO THIRTEEN WHITES AND ONE
NEGRO. TICKETS NUMBERED FIFTEEN THROUGH TWENTY PASSED OUT
BETWEEN EIGHT THIRTY A. M., AND TEN FORTY A. M., CST, ALL TO
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11/1/63

9-22 PM CST

TO

DIRECTOR /157-6-61/

FROM

SAC, MOBILE /157-367/

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

REMYTEL THIS DATE.

NO ONE REMAINED IN LINE TO RECEIVE TICKETS FOR REGISTRATION AT DALLAS COUNTY REGISTRATION BOARD AT FOUR P. M., CST, WHEN BOARD CLOSED THIS DATE.

REGISTRATION BOARD ISSUED TWENTYSEVEN TICKETS TODAY. THREE TICKET HOLDERS MISSING FROM LINE WHEN CALLED TO REGISTER. TOTAL OF TWENTYFOUR PERSONS HANDLED BY BOARD, TWENTYTHREE WHITE AND ONE NEGRO.

DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY ADVISED. LETTERHEAD MEMO FOLLOWS. END AND ACK PLS AND HOLD

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5-16 PM CST

TO DIRECTOR /157-6-61/

FROM SAC, MOBILE /157-367/

RACIAL SITUATION, STATE OF ALABAMA, S.MA, ALABAMA

RE MOBILE TELETYPE A. M. INSTANT.

REGISTRATION BOARD, DALLAS COUNTY, CLOSED FOUR PM, CST, THIS DATE. TOTAL NUMBER OF TICKETS HANDLED THROUGH BOARD TODAY WAS UP TO AND INCLUDING TICKET NUMBER THIRTYTHREE. TICKETS NUMBERED TWENTYEIGHT THROUGH THIRTYTHREE GIVEN OUT

AFTER EIGHT THIRTY AM, CST.

DALLAS COUNTY SO ALS ÍSSUED TICKETS THIRTYFOUR THROUGH FORTYSIX, HOWEVER, THESE TICKETS ISSUED AFTER EIGHT THIRTY : 4 AM, CST. OF THE ORIGINAL TWENTYSEVEN TICKETS ISSUED AT EITH THÍRTY AM, THIS DATE, EIGHT WERE NEGROES, NINETEEN WERE WHITE. WHEN BOARD CLOSED FOUR PM, CST, THERE WERE ONLY SIX PERSONS IN LINE TO RECEIVE FIRST SEQUENCE TICKET REC- 56 REGISTRATION FOR MORNING OF NOVEMBER ONE, SIXTY INDIVIDUALS WERE HOLDERS OF TICKETS NUMBERED THIRTYFOUR, THIRTYFIVE, THIRTY SIX, THIRTYEIGHT, FORTYFOUR AND FORTYSIX AND WERE ALL WHITE.

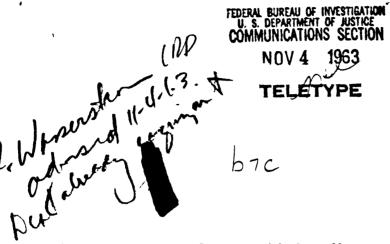
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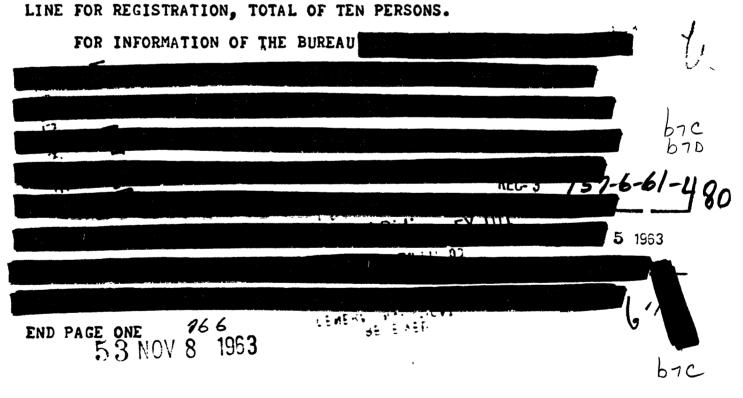
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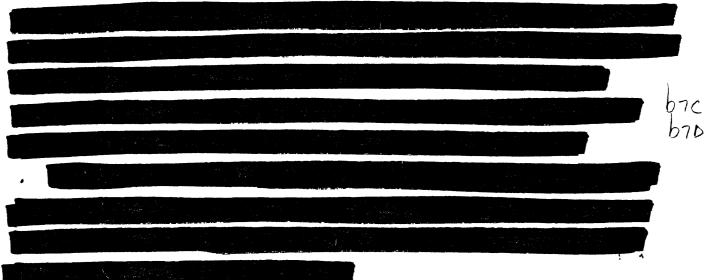
O/CLOCK A. M. THERE WERE SIX WHITES AND ONE NEGRO IN LINE. AT

EIGHT THIRTY A. M. WHEN NUMBERED TICKETS WERE ISSUED FOR

REGISTRATION TODAY THERE WERE EIGHT WHITES AND TWO NEGROES IN



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ON OCTOBER TWENTYEIGHT THE CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS REVERSED JUDGEMENT OF THE U. S. DISTRIBITION COUURT, MOBILE IN CASE ENTITLE U. S. VS VICTORRR B. ATKINS ETAL AND ORDERED THE CAUSE REMANDED TO THE DISTRICT CORT FOR PROCEEDINGS NOT CONSISTENT WITH THE OPINION OF THE COURT. ON NOVEMBER ONE, SIXTYTHREE U. S. DISTRICT COURT, ISSUED AN ORDER PROHIBITING THE BOARD OF REGISTRARS, DALLAS COUNTY, FROM ENGAGING IN ANY ACTS WHICH WOULD BE RACIAL DISCRIMMINATION IN REGISTRATION AND VOTING IN DALLAS COUNTY, END PAGE TWO

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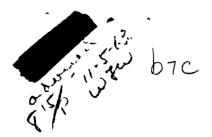
RACIAL SITUATION STATE OF ALABAMA SELMA, ALABAMA RACIAL MATTERS

On October 29, 1963, a Bureau Agent observed the closing of the Dallas County Registration Board at 4:00 P.M., Central Standard Time. Twenty-nine ticket holders were processed by the Dallas County Registration Board, twelve whites and seventeen Negroes. Holders of tickets numbered thirty through sixty received first sequence of tickets for registration on October 30, 1963, with the exception that the holders of tickets numbered 51, 57, and 60 were missing when the tickets were issued for tomorrow's registration.

As of 8:30 A.M., Central Standard Time, only forty-eight persons were in 'line at the registration' board, and tickets numbered forty-nine through sixty were issued by the Sheriff's Office after 8:30 A.M. These tickets were given to six whites and three Negroes; however, the race of three ticket holders is not known, inasmuch as they did not return to the registration board as of closing time, 4:00 P.M., Central Standard Time, to obtain their tickets for registration tomorrow morning.

Of the total number of tickets issued for registration on the morning of October 30, 1963, there were seventeen Negroes and eleven whites that received tickets.

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TO DIRECTOR /157-6-61/

/157-367/ 1 P FROM SAC, MOBILE

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

AT EIGHT THIRTY AM CST THERE WERE TWENTYTHREE NUMBERED TICKETS GIVEN TO PERSONS IN REGISTRATION LINE AT DALLAS COUNTY COURT HOUSE, INCLUDING FOURTEEN WHITES AND NINE NEGROES. DURING DAY ADDITIONAL NUMBERED TICKETS THROUGH NUMBER FORTY FOUR · WERE ISSUED TO SEVEN NEGROES AND FOURTEEN WHITES, MAKING TOTAL FOR DAY OF TWENTYEIGHT WHITES AND SIXTEEN NEGROES. AT FOUR PM CLOSING TIME FOURTEEN NEW NUMBERS WERE GIVEN TO TICKET HOLDERS TWENTYFOUR THROUGH FORTYFOUR WHO WERE PRESENT AT THAT TIME. THEY WILL BE ENTITLED TO FIRST NUMBERS TO BE ISSUED ON NOV. SIX NEXT AT EIGHT THIRTY AM, IF THEY ARE PRESENT AT THAT TIME. THIS LIST INCLUDES FIVE NEGROES AND NINE WHITES. THE REGISTRATION BOARD CLOSED AT FOUR PM AND HANDLED TWENTYTWO REGISTRANTS INCLUDING ELEVEN NEGROES AND ELVEN WHITES. MEETING SCHEDULED TONIGHT. DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY ADVISED

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TO DIRECTOR /157-6-61/

FROM SAC, MOBILE /157-367/

GRACIAL SITUATION, STATE OF ALABAMA, SELMA, ALABAMA, RM.

VOTER REGISTRATION LINE FORMED AT DALLAS COUNTY, ALABAMA COURTHOUSE, SELMA, AT SEVEN THIRTY A.M., CST, THIS DATE WITH FIVE NEGROES AND THREE WHITES. AT EIGHT A.M., THERE WERE SIX NEGROES AND SIX WHITES. AT EIGHT THIRTY A.M., TICKETS WERE ISSUED TO A TOTAL OF TWENTYTHREE STANDING IN LINE, WITH NINE NEGROES AND FOURTEEN WHITES RECEIVING NUMBERED TICKETS.

A VOTER CLINIC WAS HELD NIGHT OF NOVEMBER FOUR, SIXTYTHREE AT CLINTON CHAPEL, SIX ZERO NINE GREEN STREET, SELMA. APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED FIFTY ATTENDED AND FIFTY PER CENT OF THESE WERE TEENAGERS. A REV. BOONE THE FEATURED SPEAKER AND THE MEETING BE P.M., AND ADJOURNED AT TEN THIRTY P.M. AT END OF MEETING REV. BOONE WAS SERVED WITH SUBPOENA / ONE OF SHERIFF/S DEPUTIES IN FRONT OF THE CHAPEL, CALLING FOR HIS ARPEARANCE BEFORE STATE END PAGE ONE.

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GRAND JURY ON NOVEMBER THIRTEEN, SIXTYTHREE, INVESTIGATING COMMUNIST INFLUENCE OF RACIAL SITUATION IN ALABAMA. MEETING WAS COVERED BY TWO DALLAS COUNTY SHERIFF/S CARS AND ONE CRUISING SELMA POLICE DEPARTMENT CAR. NO COVERAGE INSIDE BY PD OR SO. NO INCIDENTS REPORTED.

LOCAL DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY. LETTERHEAD MEMO FOLLOWS. END ACK PLS

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

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DALLAS COUNTY REGISTRATION BOARD, SELMA, ALA., CLOSED
AT FOUR PM, CST, THIS DATE. BOARD HANDLED THROUGH TICKET
NUMBER TWENTYTHREE, WHICH INCLUDED ELEVEN NEGROES AND TWELVE
WHITES, WITH EXCEPTION THAT THREE TICKET HOLDERS DID NOT
APPEAR AT BOARD FOR REGISTRATION WHEN NUMBER CALLED. TOTAL
OF TWENTYNINE TICKETS ISSUED TO PERSONS IN LINE TODAY, NUMBERS
ELEVEN THROUGH TWENTYNINE ISSUED AFTER EIGHT THIRTY AM, CST.
WHEN BOARD CLOSED THERE WERE FOUR PERSONS IN LINE TO RECEIVE
FIRST SEQUENCE OF TICKETS FOR REGISTRATION MORNING NOVEMBER
FIVE, SIXTYTHREE. THESE INCLUDED THREE WHITES AND ONE NEGRO.

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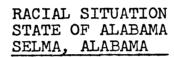


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#### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Mobile, Alabama October 30, 1963



On October 30, 1963, the Registration Board at Dallas County Courthouse, Selma, opened at 9:00 AM CST for registration. At 7:00 AM, the line at the courthouse began to form and there were three Negroes in line. At 7:30, there six Negroes and 3 whites; at 8:00 AM, seven Negroes and five whites; at 8:15 AM, 15 Negroes, 8 whites.

At 8:30 AM, numbered tickets were given out to a total of 42 persons standing in line, 19 Negroes and 23 whites. Of the total of 48 persons, 25 of these individuals were holdovers from registration on October 29, 1963, when the Registration Board closed at 4:00 PM CST. Of these 25 individuals, 14 were Negroes and 11 were whites. Numbers 26 through 42 were given to 5 Negroes and 12 whites.

At 4:00 PM CST, October 30, 1963, the Registration Board closed and 19 persons were still standing in line holding numbers for the day's registration. Numbers 1 through 29' were handled by the Registration Board on October 30, 1963, with the exception of the holder of ticket number 18 who failed to appear when the Board was ready to process this number. Persons holding tickets who were handled by the Board included 18 Negroes and 10 whites. Tickets numbered 43 through 48 were issued after 8:30 AM on the morning of October 30, 1963 to six whites. Tickets numbered 30 through 48 were held by 18 whites and one Negro. When the Board closed at 4:00 PM, holders of tickets numbered 30 through 48 were given the first sequence of numbers for registration on the morning of October 31, 1963, with the exception of number 33 who was missing from the line when the tickets for registration on the morning of October 31 were handed out. Therefore, 17 whites and one Negro received new numbers for registration on the morning of October 31, 1963.

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#### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Mobile, Alabama November 1, 1963

RACIAL SITUATION SELMA, ALABAMA STATE OF ALABAMA

On the morning of November 1, 1963 a Bureau Agent observed that no registration line formed at the Dallas County Voter Registration Board, Selma, Alabama, until 7:45 a.m., CST. At that time two white persons were standing in line. At 8:15 a.m., five whites and five Negroes were in line. Of the five Negroes standing in line, four of the Negroes appeared to be all young adult male Negroes. At 8:30 a.m., CST, all but two of the Negroes had left the line and there were 13 whites and two Negroes still standing in line to receive tickets for registration on November 1, 1963. Tickets were issued to 13 whites and one Negro, as one of the Negroes standing in line refused to accept a number. A total of 14 tickets were issued at 8:30 a.m., CST to 13 whites and one Negro. Of the 14 people receiving tickets, the ticket holder of number 10 was the only Negro in line. After 8:30 a.m., CST, and throughout the day, tickets numbered 15 through 27 were issued, all to whites.

At 4:00 p.m., CST, when the registration board closed, it was determined that 24 ticket holders out of the 27 tickets issued were handled by the board. Three ticket holders were missing from the line when their number was called for registration. Of the 24 persons handled by the board, 23 were white, one was Negro.

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#### RACIAL SITUATION STATE OF ALABAMA SELMA, ALABAMA

On October 31, 1963 at 7:00 a.m., CST, a Bureau Agent observed one white person standing at the door for registration at the Dallas County Board of Registration in Selma, Alabama. This person was the only individual in line until 8:10 a.m., CST, when five whites and seven Negroes appeared at the board and got in line. At 8:30 a.m., CST, numbered tickets were issued to 27 persons standing in line, 19 whites and eight Negroes. The first 15 persons in line were holdovers from registration on October 30, 1963, when the board closed at 4:00 p.m., CST. Of the first 15 persons 14 were white and one was Negro. Tickets numbered 16 through 27 were issued to five whites and seven Negroes.

At 4:00 p.m., CST, on October 31, 1963, a Bureau Agent observed the closing of the Dallas County Registration. Board. Six persons still holding tickets were in line and were issued first sequence of numbers for registration on November 1, 1963. Of these persons, all were white.

The board handled through ticket number 33 on October 31, 1963 and tickets numbered 28 through 33 were issued after 8:30 a.m., CST, by the Dallas County Sheriff's Office. 27 of these persons were at the registration board at 8:30 a.m., CST when it opened, and a total number of tickets through number 46 were issued after 8:30 a.m., CST.

A member of the registration board advised that several of the 27 ticket holders who were at the board at 8:30 a.m., CST, were not present at the board when their number was called and the registration was very "slack" during the day. The six persons who received tickets one through six for registration on the morning of November 1, 1963, neld tickets numbered 34, 35, 36, 38, 44 and 46.

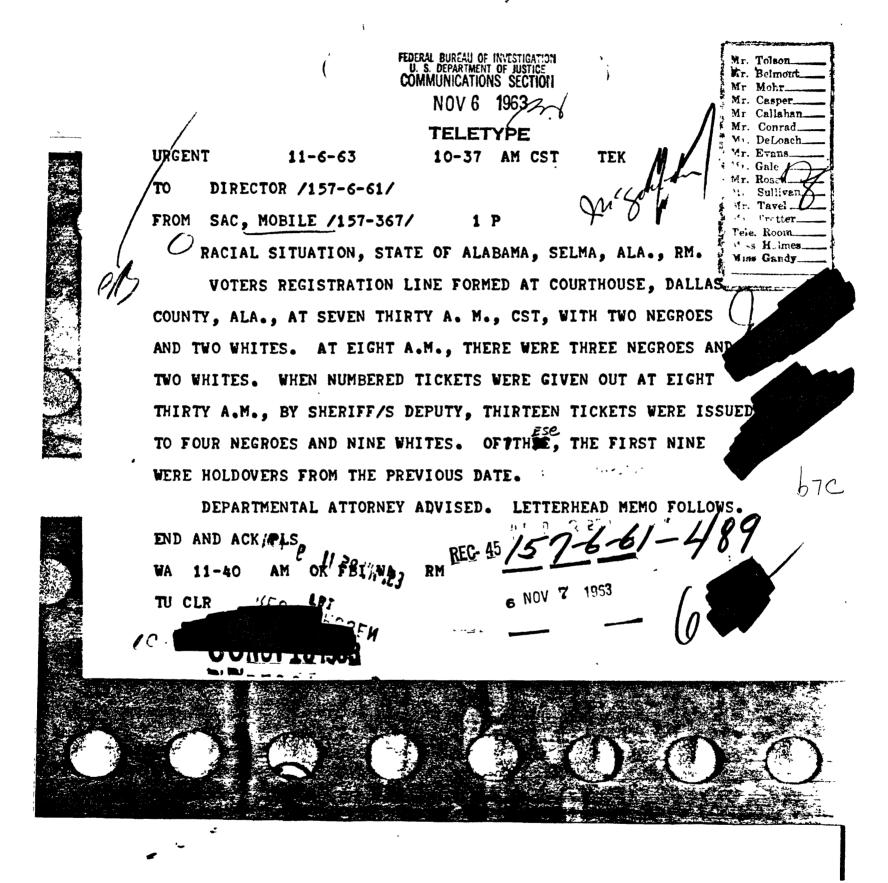
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FROM SAC, MOBILE 157-367 1-P

PRACIAL SITUATION, STATE OF ALA., SELMA, ALA.

VOTER REGISTRATION LINE FORMED AT SEVEN FIFTEEN AM, CST, TODAY WITH ONE NEGRO. AT EIGHT AM NINE PEOPLE WERE IN LINE OF WHICH FOUR WERE NEGRO AND FIVE WHITE. AT EIGHT FIFTEEN, EIGHTEEN PEOPLE OF WHICH SEVEN WERE NEGRO AND WHEN NUMBERED TICKETS WERE HANDED OUT AT ELEVEN WHITE. EIGHT THIRTY AM BY MEMBER OF SHERIFF'S OFFICE, TWENTYFOUR WERE ISSUED TO EIGHT NEGROES AND SIXTEEN WHITES. FOURTEEN OF THESE WERE ISSUED TO HOLDOVERS FROM PREVIOUS DAY CON-SISTINF OF FOUR NEGROES AND TEN WHITES WHO HAD RECEIVED A NUMBERED TICKET ENTITLING THEM TO FIRST PLACES IN THE DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY ADVISED. LHM FOLLOWS.

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Transmitted herewith are photographs taken on 10/15, 10/16, 10/17, 10/18, 10/21, 10/22, 10/23, and 10/24/63, of voter registration lines and area around Courthouse, Dallas County, Alabama, per request of JOHN DOAR, Departmental Attorney. Mobile is affording this visual coverage as well as photographic coverage per his request, and daily oral reports are being made to Departmental Attorneys on scene at Selma, Alabama. Further, letterhead memoranda, are prepared on day-to-day basis relative to the voter registration activities, and one copy of these are furnished to the Departmental Attorney.

In order to separate the photographs (series), and to designate the days they were taken, these photographs have been separated into Series A through I by attaching a 3 X 5 card to each two sets of photographs transmitted, together with the original and seven copies of a letterhead memorandum describing the photographs. As noted, the letterhead memorandum also sets forth the identity of the Agent who took the photographs, in the event the Agent later needs to testify to a particular photograph in a court proceeding.

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Mobile, Alabama October 31, 1963

RACIAL SITUATION STATE OF ALABAMA SELMA, ALABAMA

On the following dates photographs were obtained of the Voter Registration line at the Dallas County Courthouse, Selma, Alabama. The photographs are in series and depict scenes at the Courthouse to show area before and during the time the line was forming for registration. The inside shots at the Courthouse were all taken at about 4:00 p.m. CST, when the Board closed, and just prior to the time that new numbers were issued to those having numbers still standing in line that the Registration Board could not handle on a particular day:

SERIES A - Taken on October 15, 1963 by SA FBI

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Photos 1-2 Two views of doors in front and on side of Dallas County Courthouse.

Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee representatives across street from Courthouse, in front of Federal Building.

4-6 Two views of front entrance of Dallas County Courthouse, and view up side of Courthouse.

7-8 Voter registration line at Courthouse taken when it began forming at Courthouse on morning of October 15, 1963.

9-11 Views of Courthouse and CBS newsmen taken in late afternoon of October 15, 1963.

SERIES B - Taken on October 16, 1963 by SA FBI

Photos 1-2 Views of front entrance to Dallas County Courthouse, taken shortly after 8:00 a.m. CST.

3-20 Registration line at Dallas County Courthouse, which formed prior to 9:00 a.m. CST when doors opened for registration.

RACIAL SITUATION SELMA, ALABAMA

21-22 Area after tickets issued at 8:30 a.m. CST, as those receiving tickets with high numbers left to return in afternoon and those that did not get a number left to return early next morning.

23 End of line taken inside of Courthouse on October 15, 1963 about 4:00 p.m. CST.

SERIES C - Taken on October 17, 1963 by SA FBI.

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Photos 1-2 Four individuals who appeared for registration shortly before 7:00 a.m. CST.

3-11 Photographs of area around Courthouse.
12-14 Photographs of inside area of Courthouse showing remainder of registration line about 4:00 p.m. CST on October 17, 1963.

SERIES D - Taken October 18, 1963, by SA

Photos 1-4 Shows front of Courthouse and activity, shots taken just prior to 8:30 a.m.

CST.

5 Registration line forming from side door in alley of Courthouse.

6 Registration line that formed on right side of doorway that were holdovers from registration, October 17, 1963.

7-9 Registration line that formed on left side of doorway that are early arrivals to receive tickets on first come, first served basis, after the holdovers receive first sequence of tickets.

10-12 More of registration line, who are holdovers from October 17, 1963.

13-20 Complete line which formed on left prior to 8:30 a.m. CST. However 60 tickets were issued, and about the last 10 or 15 persons did not receive tickets for registration, October 18, 1963.

RACIAL SITUATION SELMA, ALABAMA

SERIES E - Taken by SA

FBI, on October

21, 1963.
Photos 1-5 Line forming at Courthouse prior to 8:30 a.m.

6-11 Complete line as it was formed just prior to 8:30 a.m. when numbered tickets were passed out to individuals in line. 60 tickets passed out, 13 persons in line did not receive tickets.

Individuals that were standing in hall without numbers on October 21, 1963.

SERIES F - Taken on October 22, 1963 by SA FBI.

Photos 1-7 Registration line as it formed at Dallas County Courthouse prior to 8:30 a.m. CST.

SERIES G - Taken October 23, 1963 by SA

Photos 1-10 Registration line as it formed prior to 8:30 a.m. CST on October 23, 1963.

11-12 Remainder of registration line inside of Courthouse, 4:00 p.m. CST,

SERIES H - Taken October 24, 1963 by SA
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Photos 1-12 Registration line at Dallas County
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a.m. CST.

October 23, 1963.

SERIES I - Taken October 24, 1963 by SA

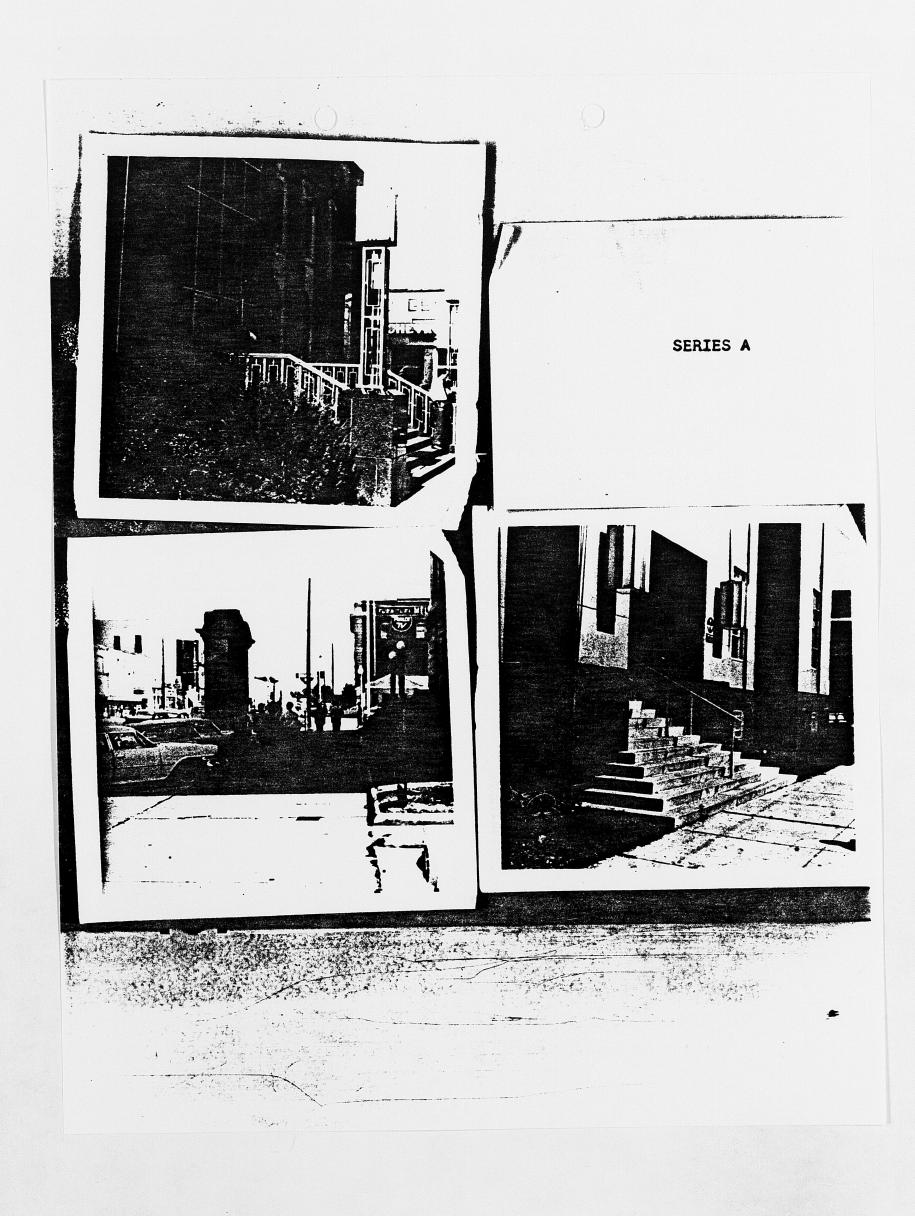
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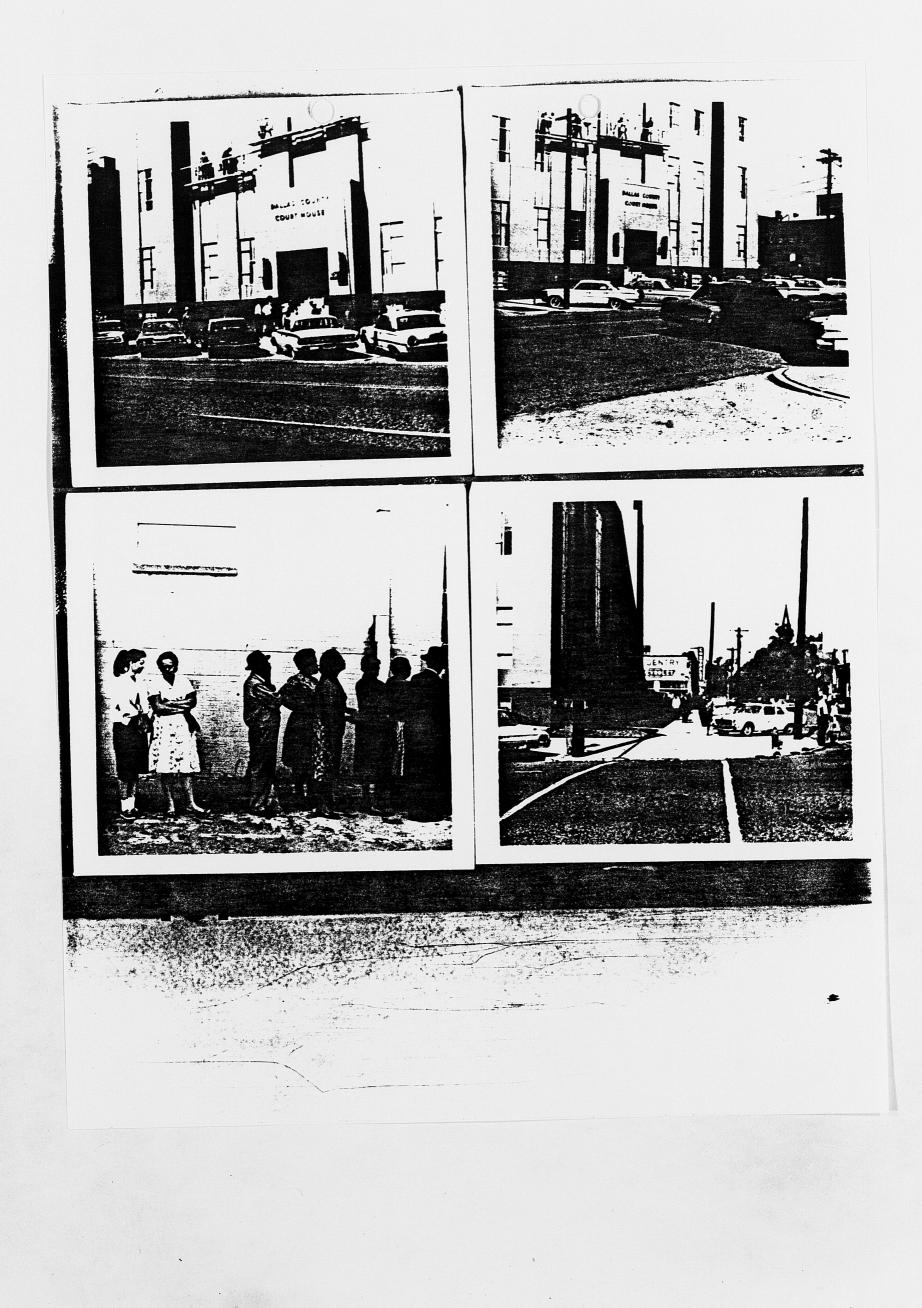
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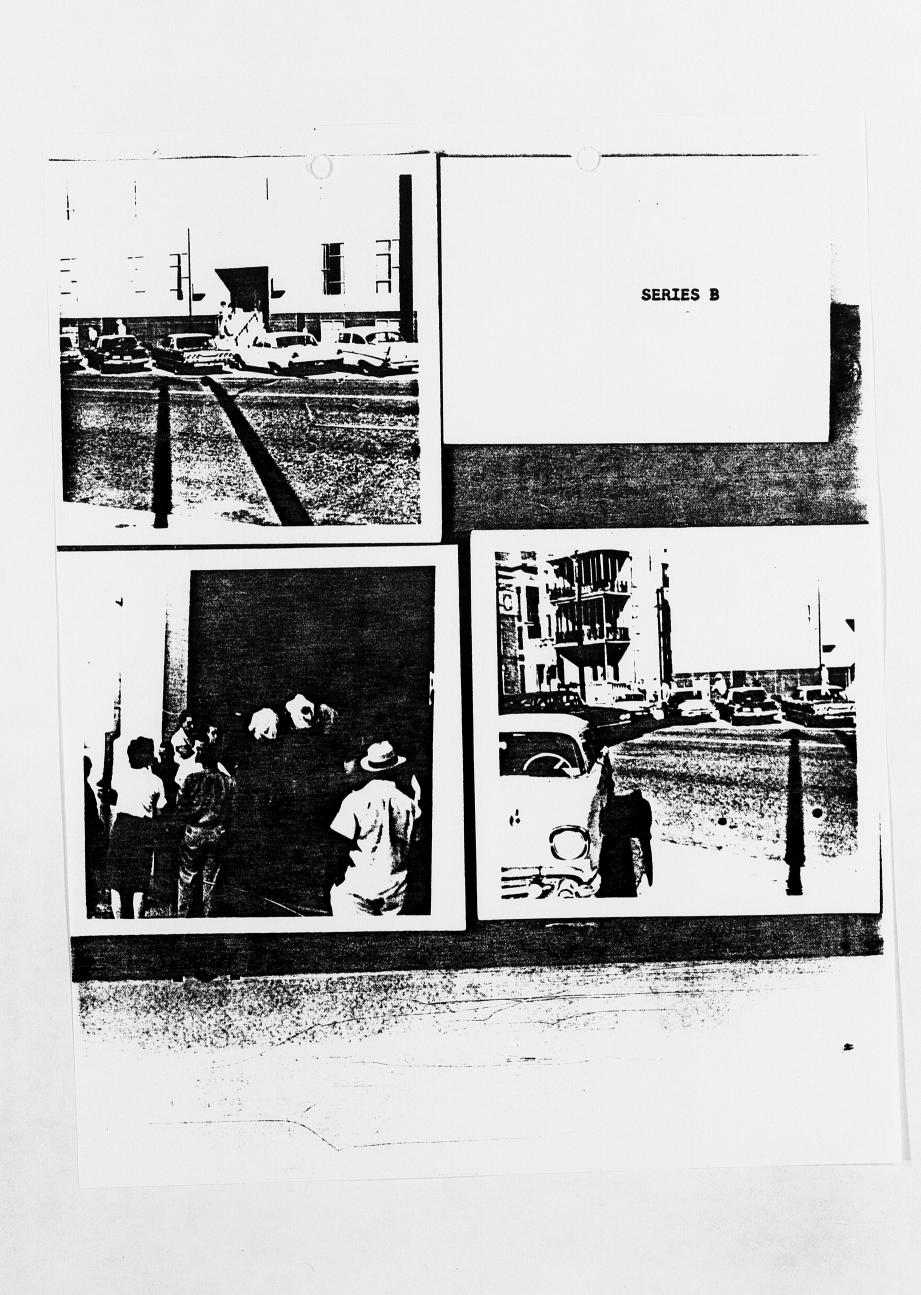


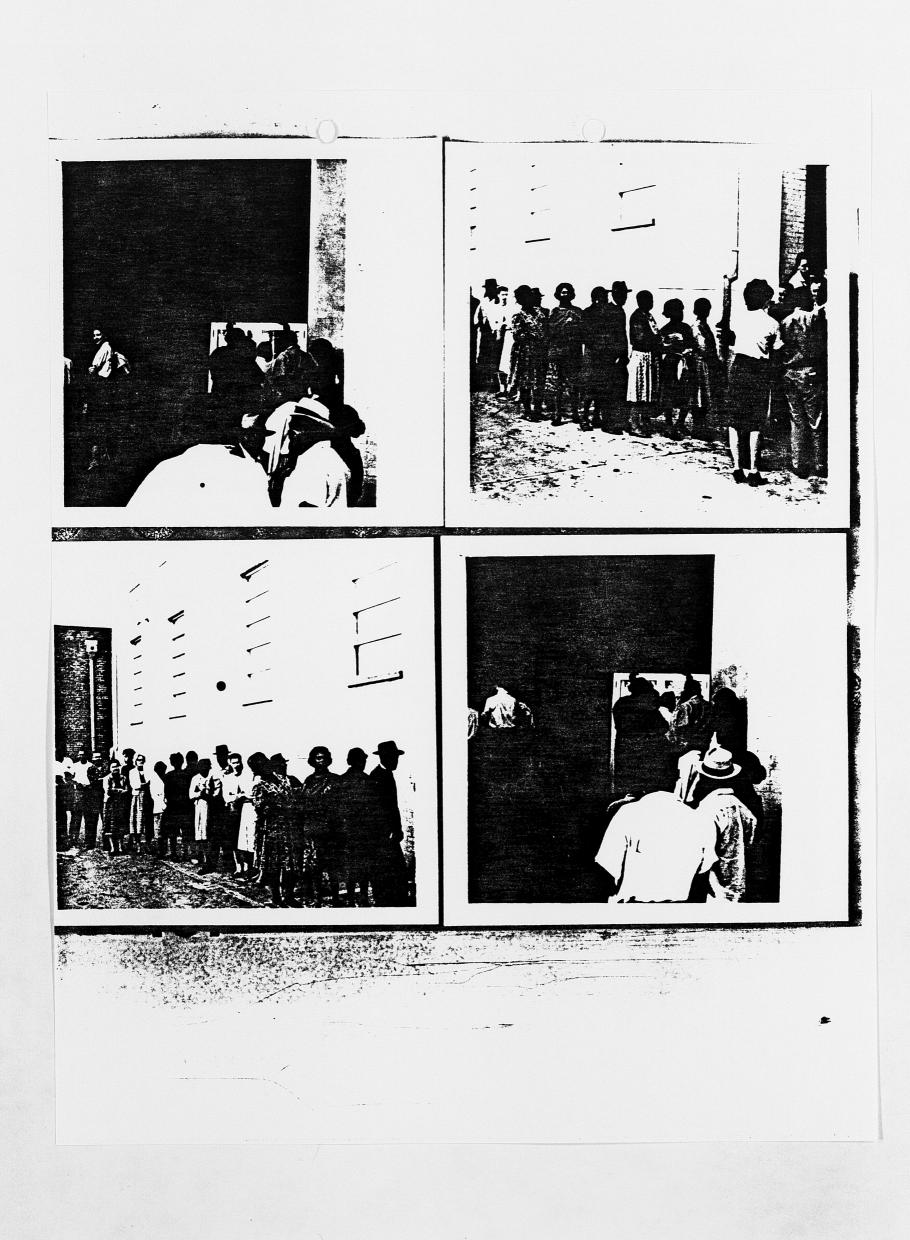




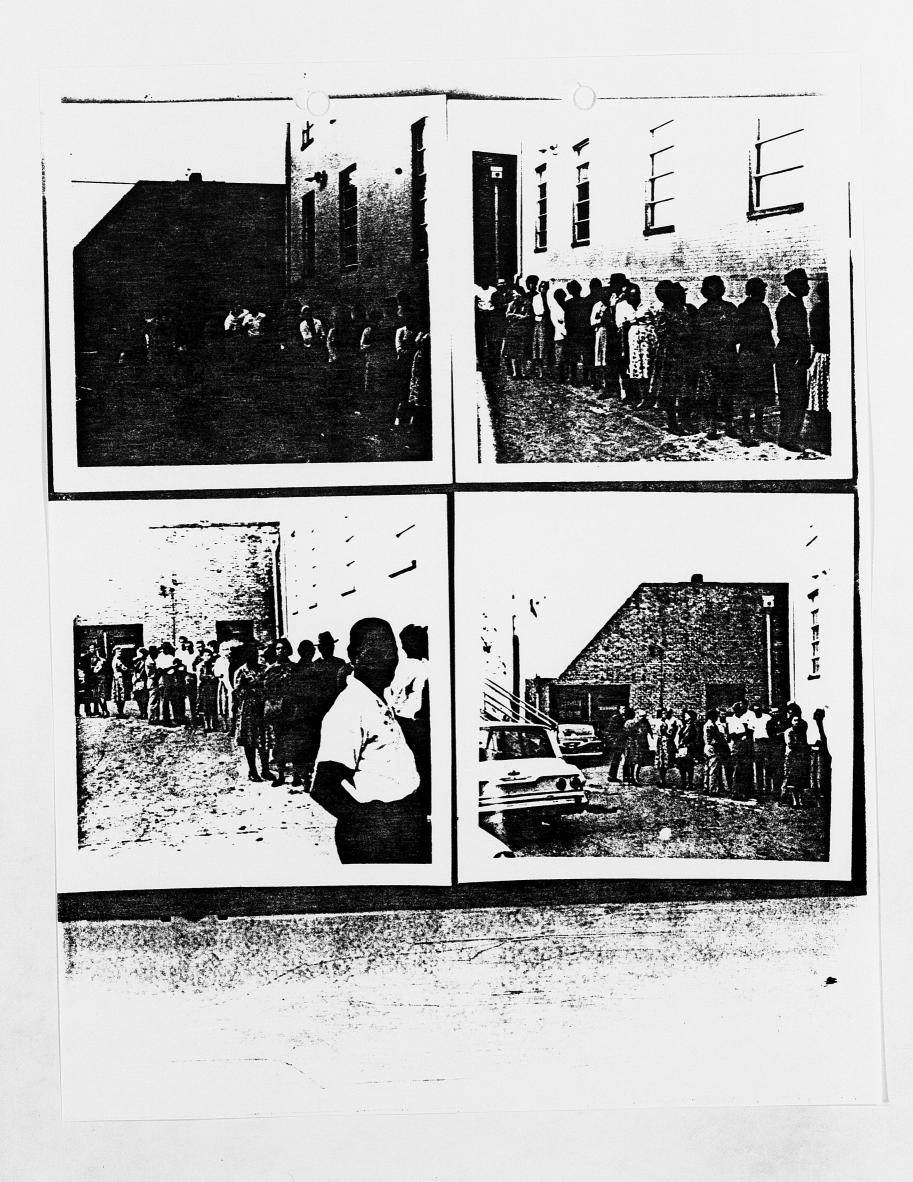
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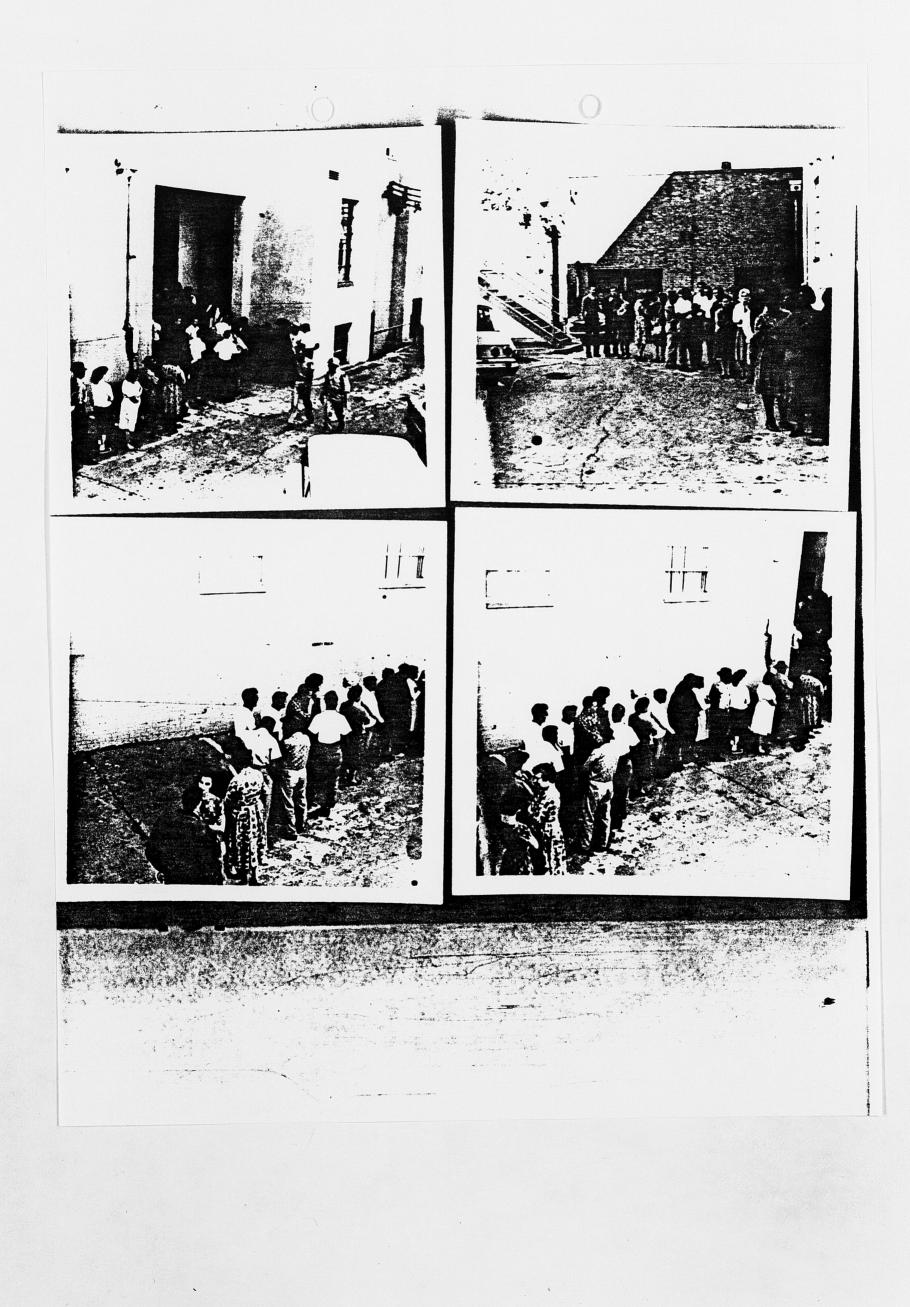
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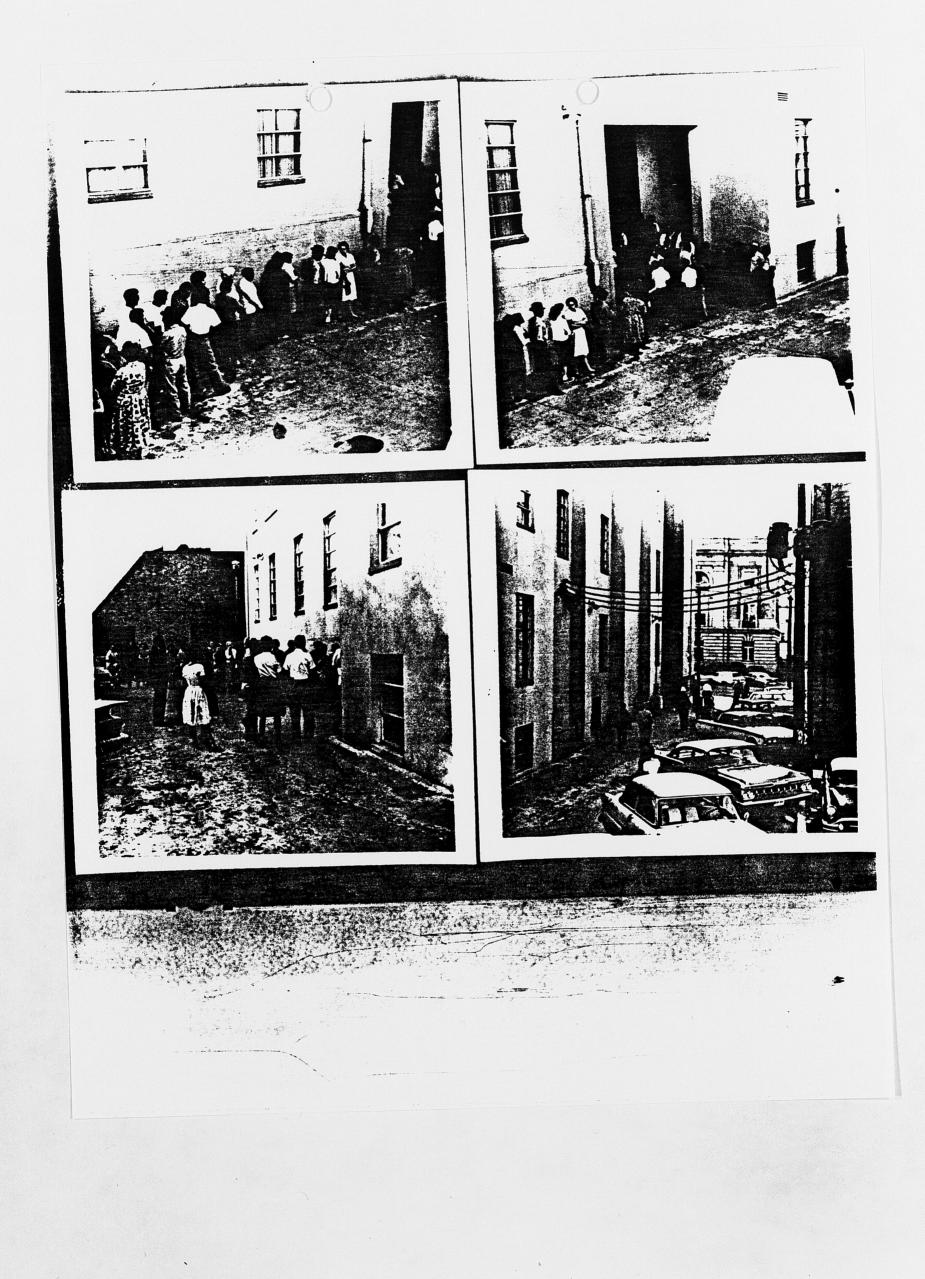




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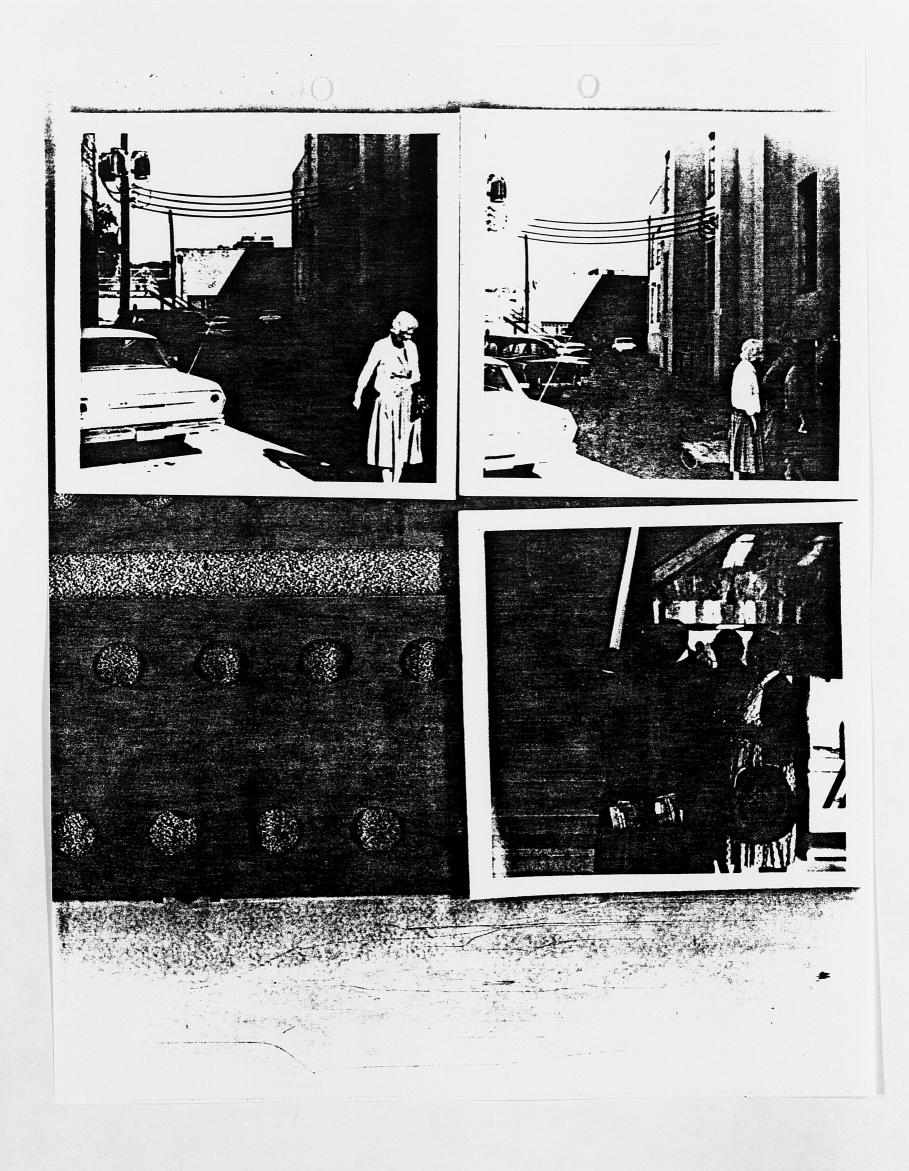






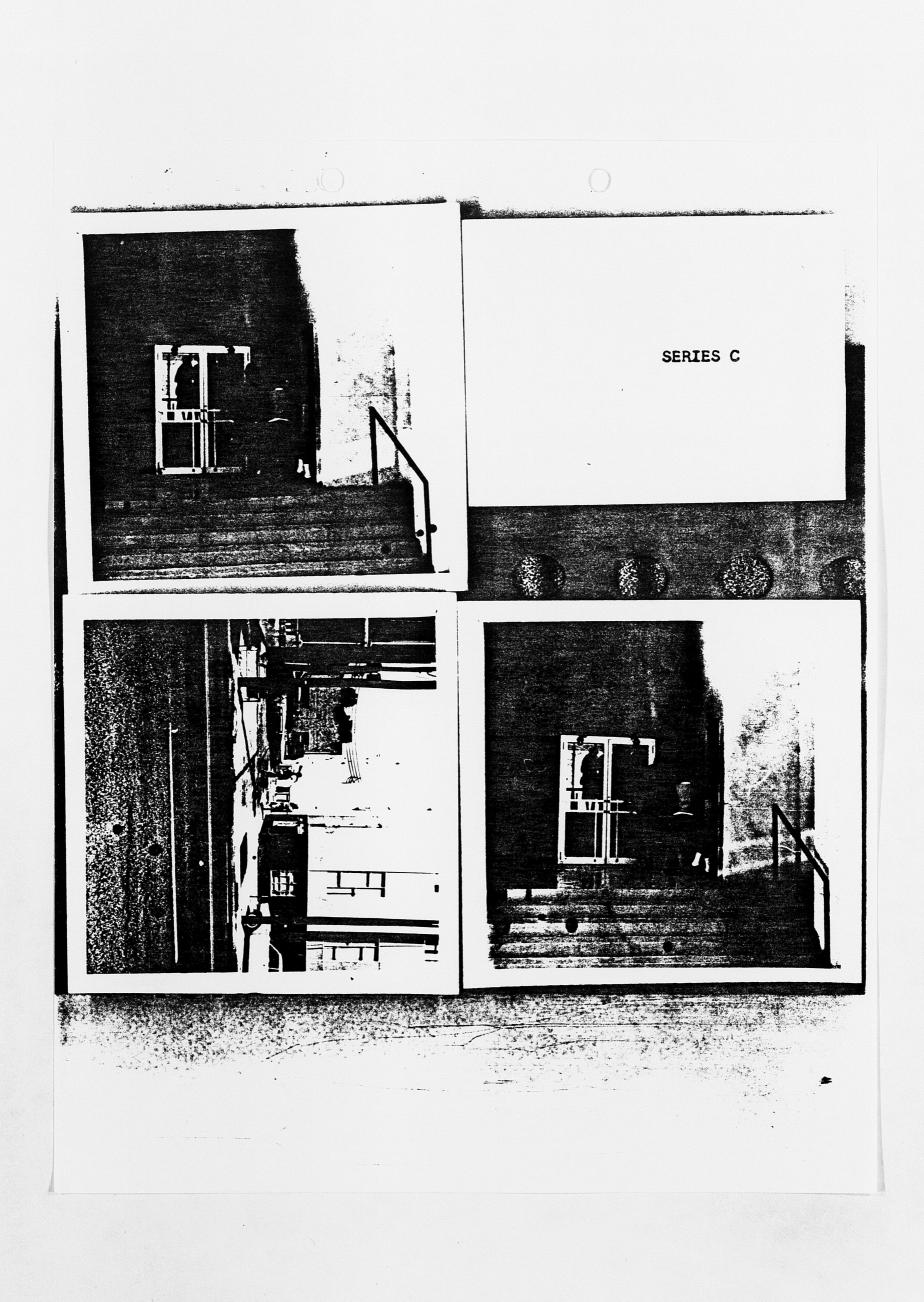
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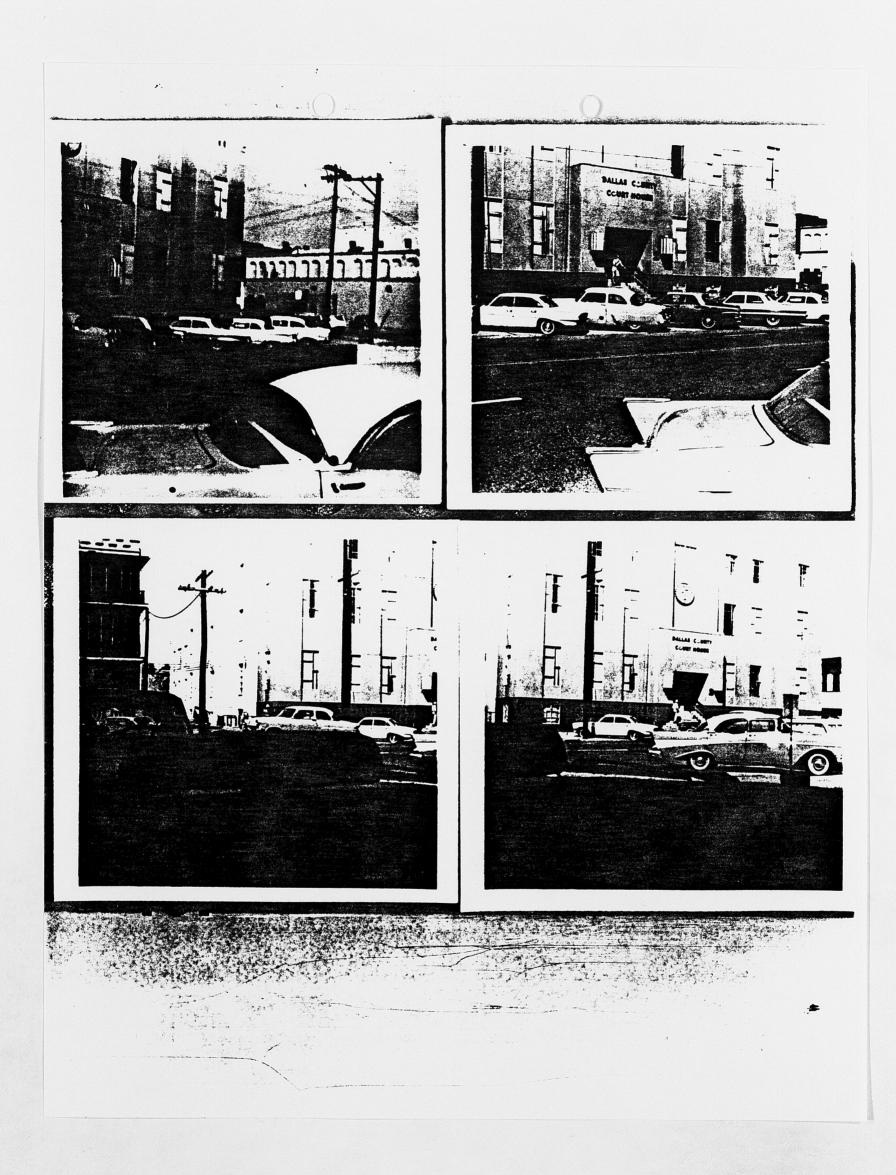
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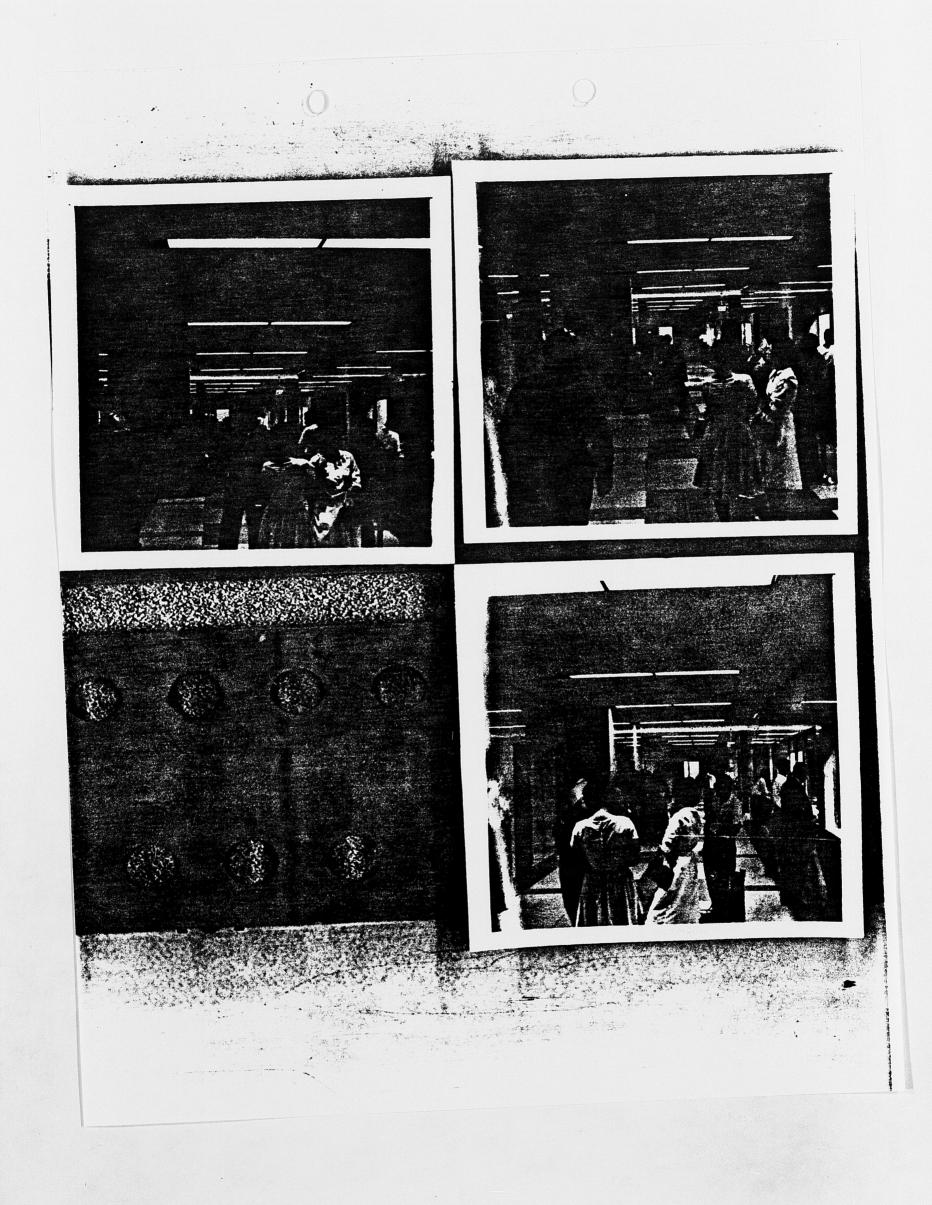
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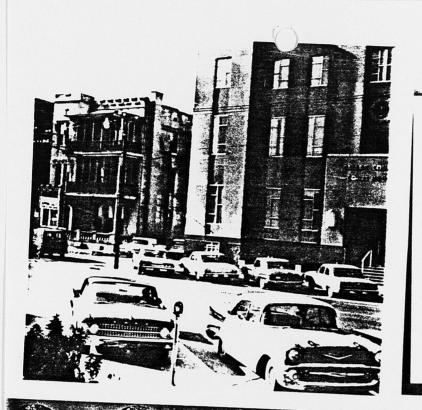




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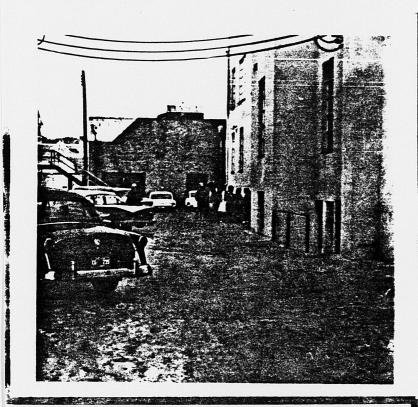
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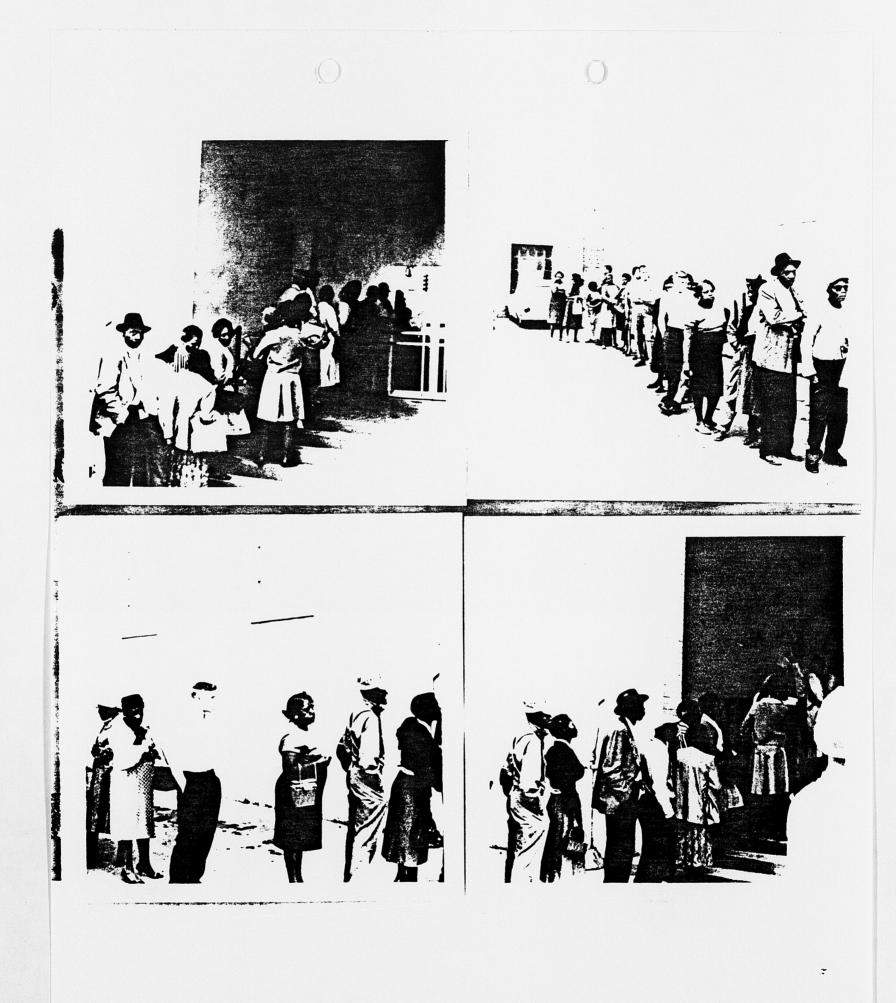


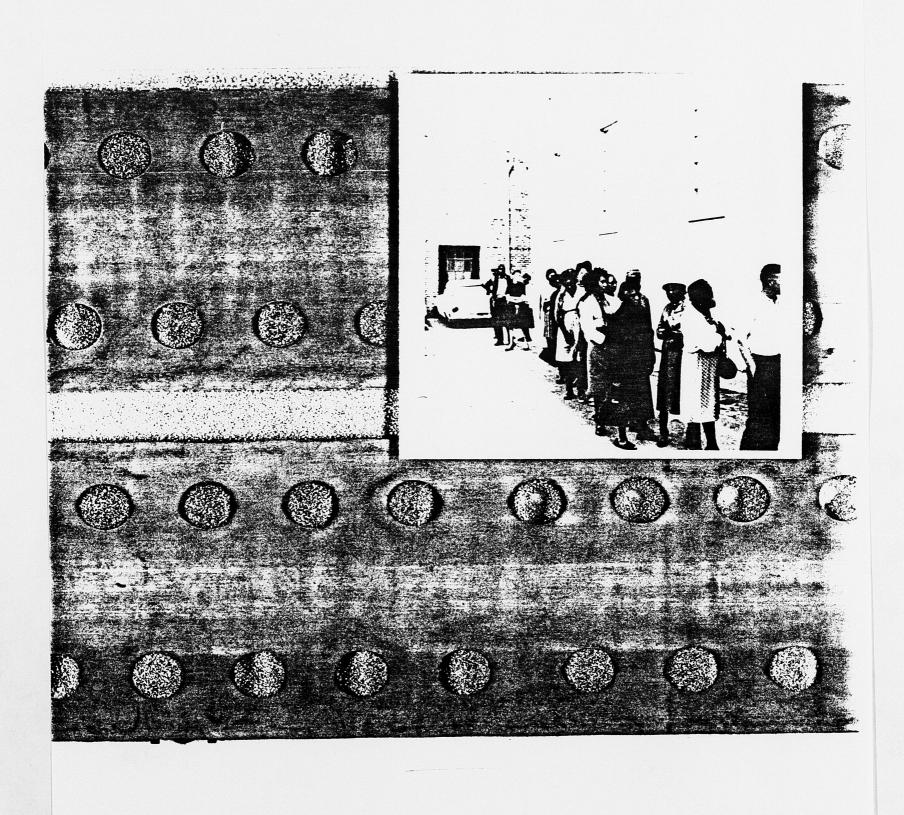


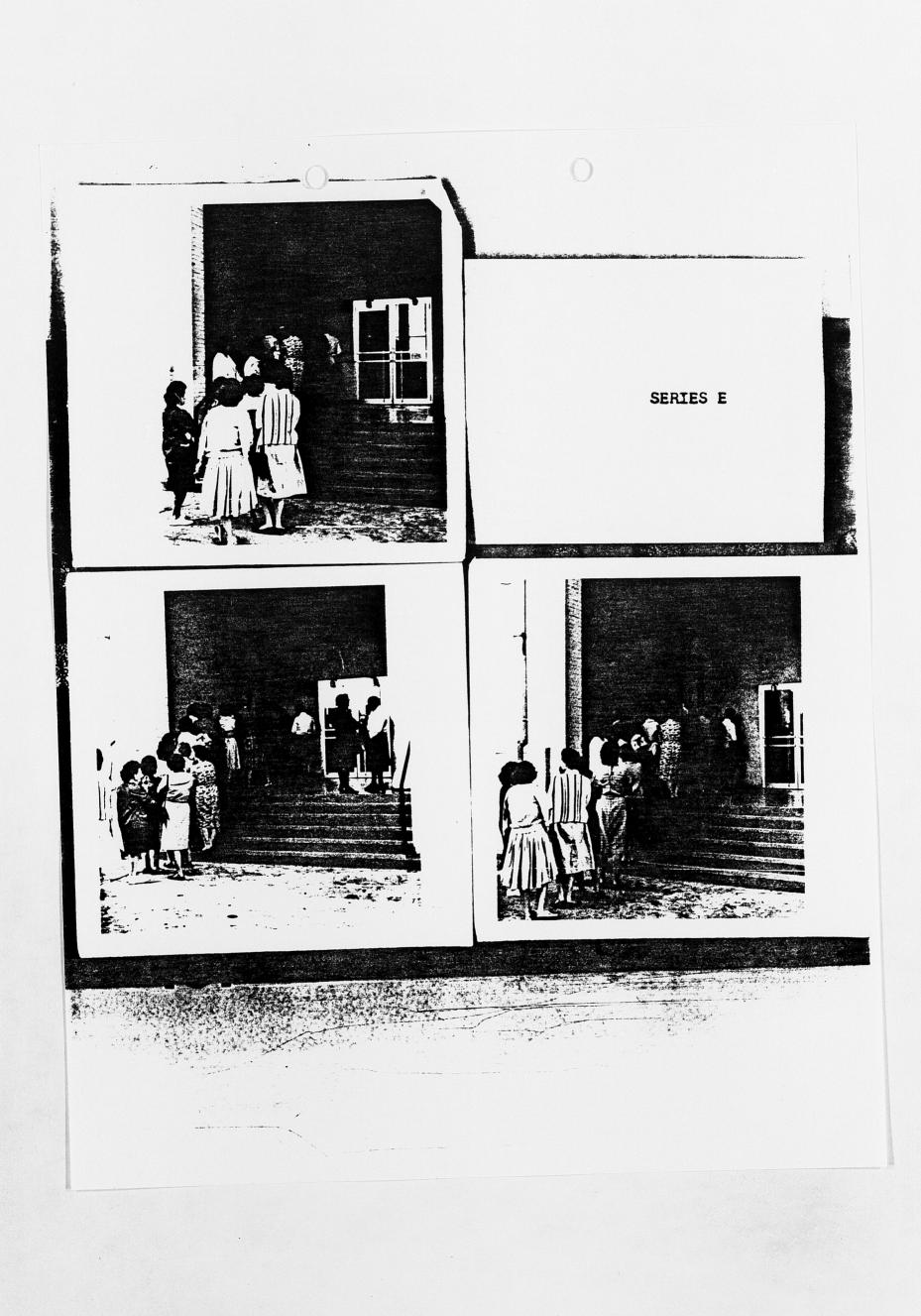


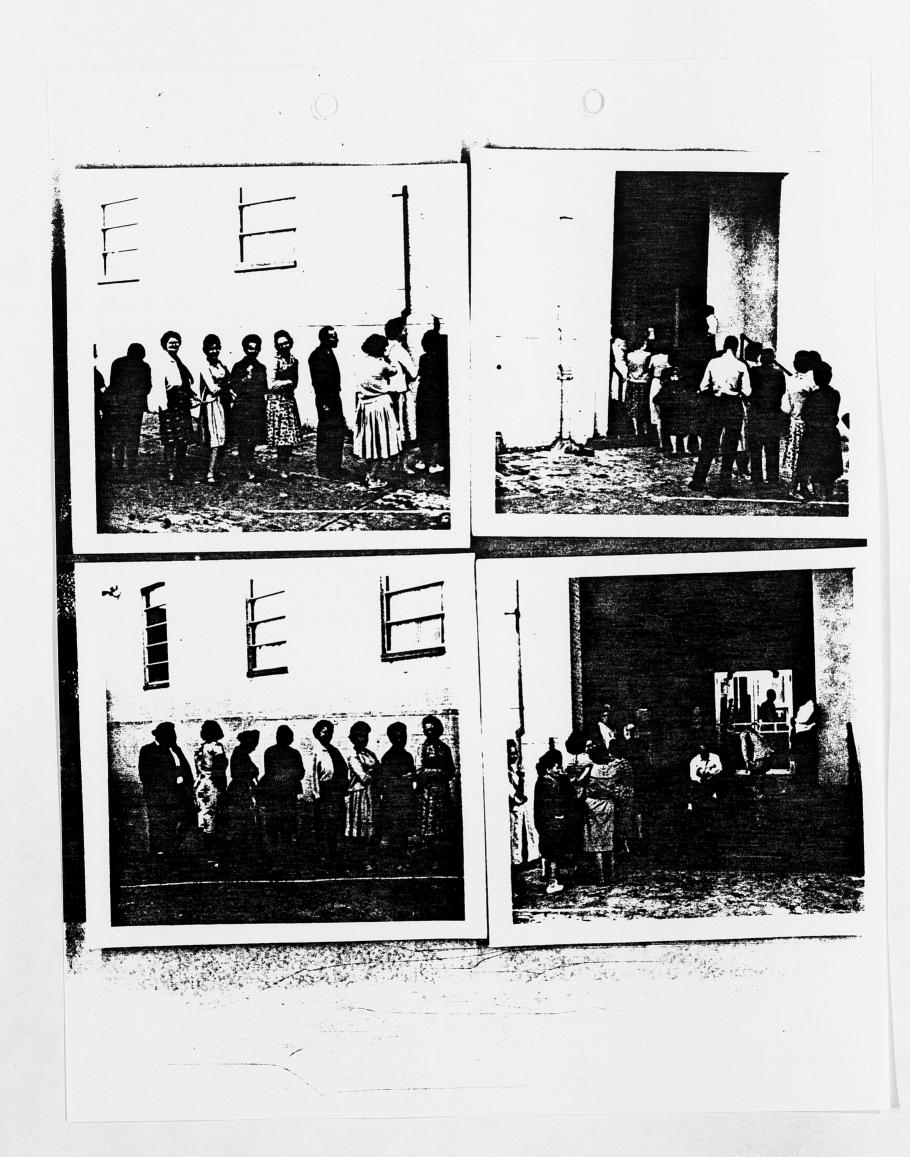


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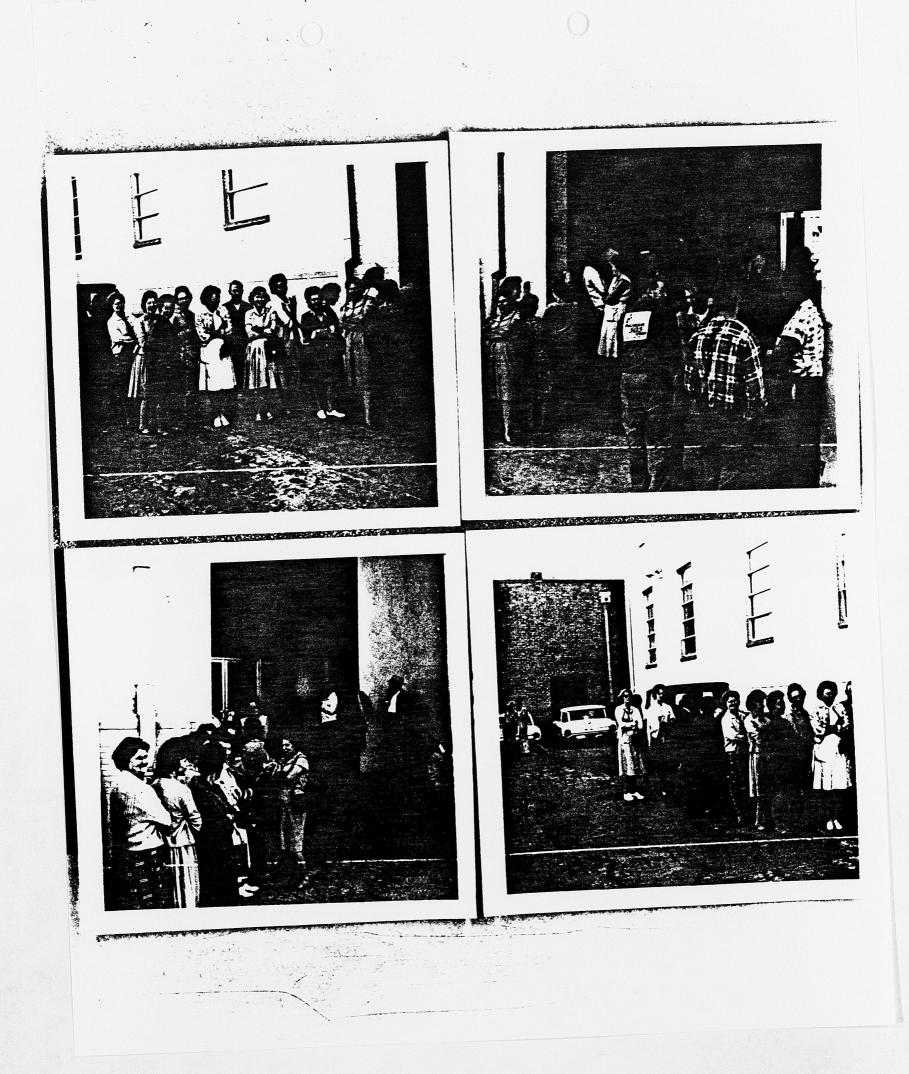




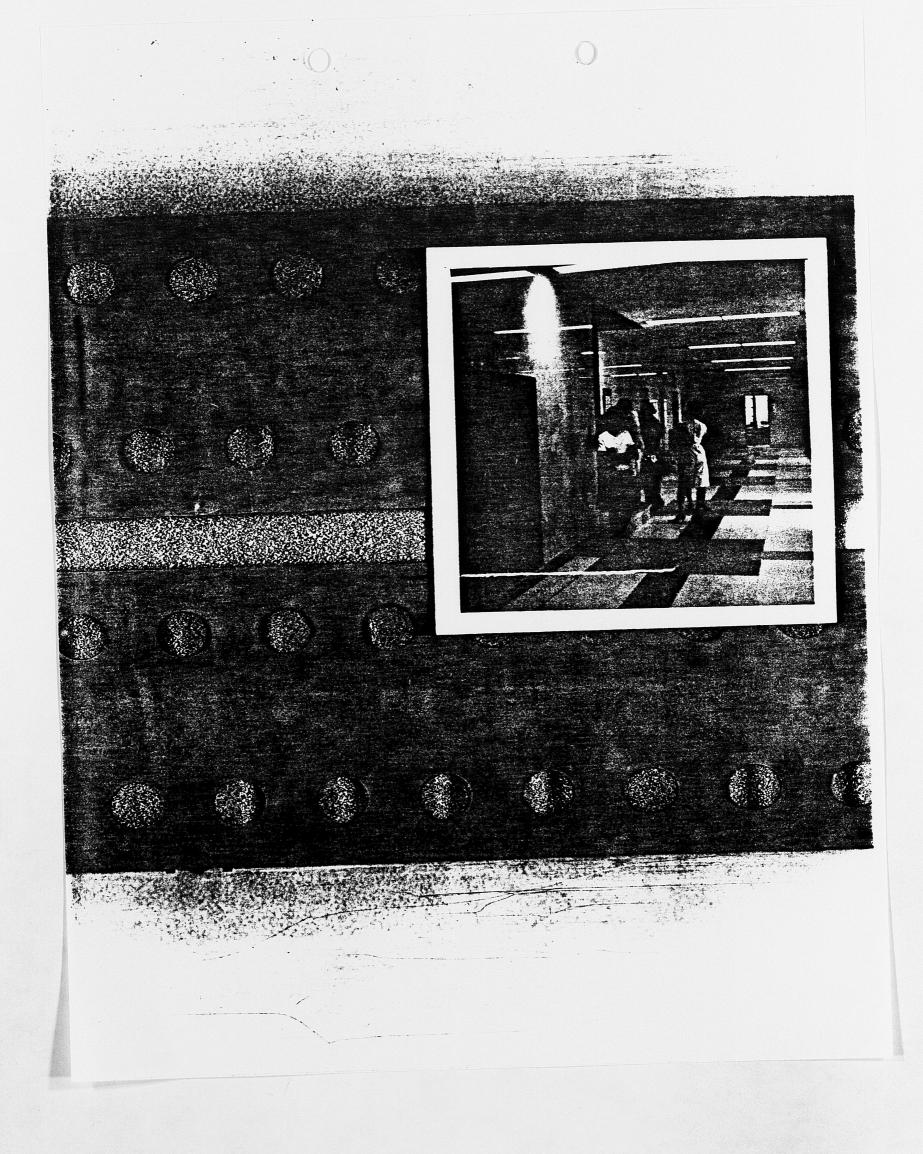


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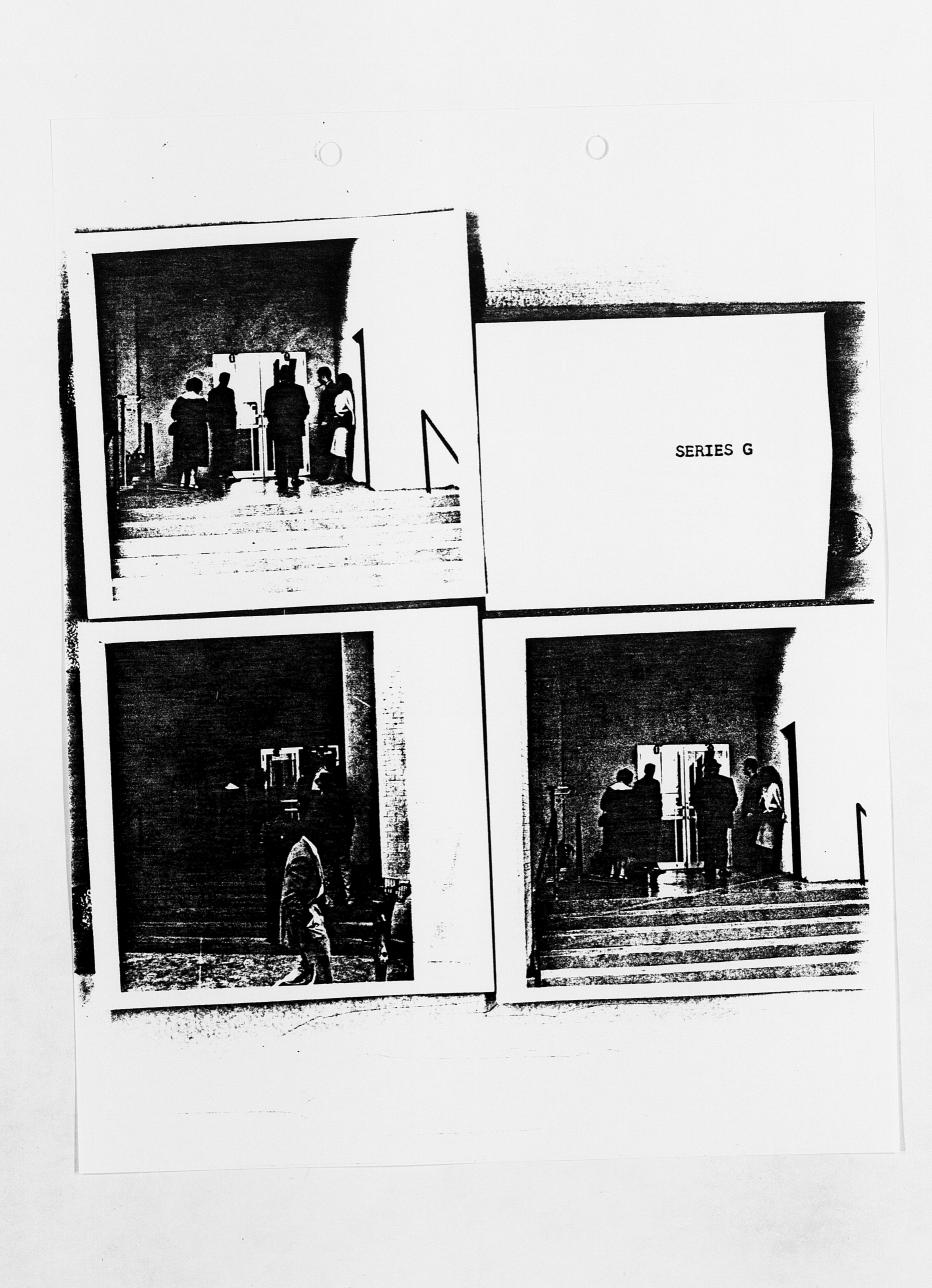


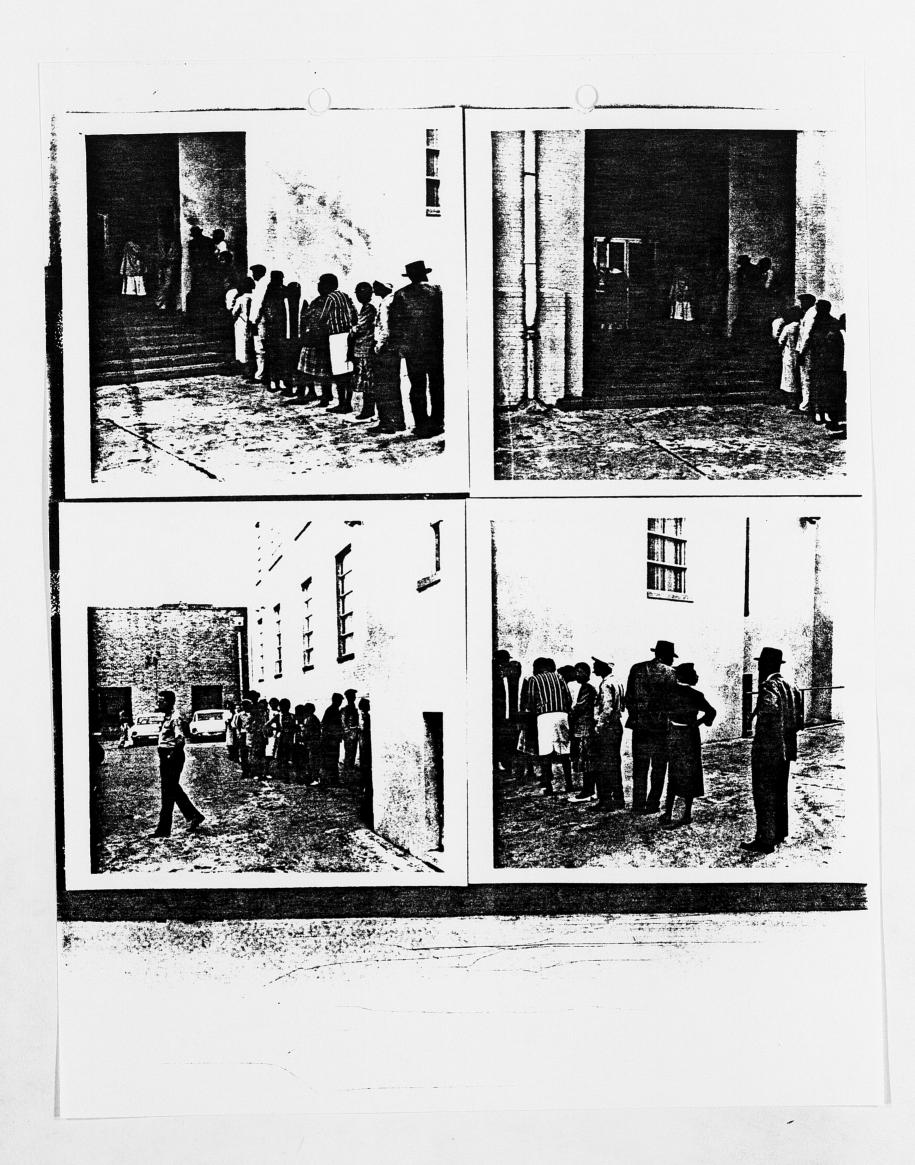


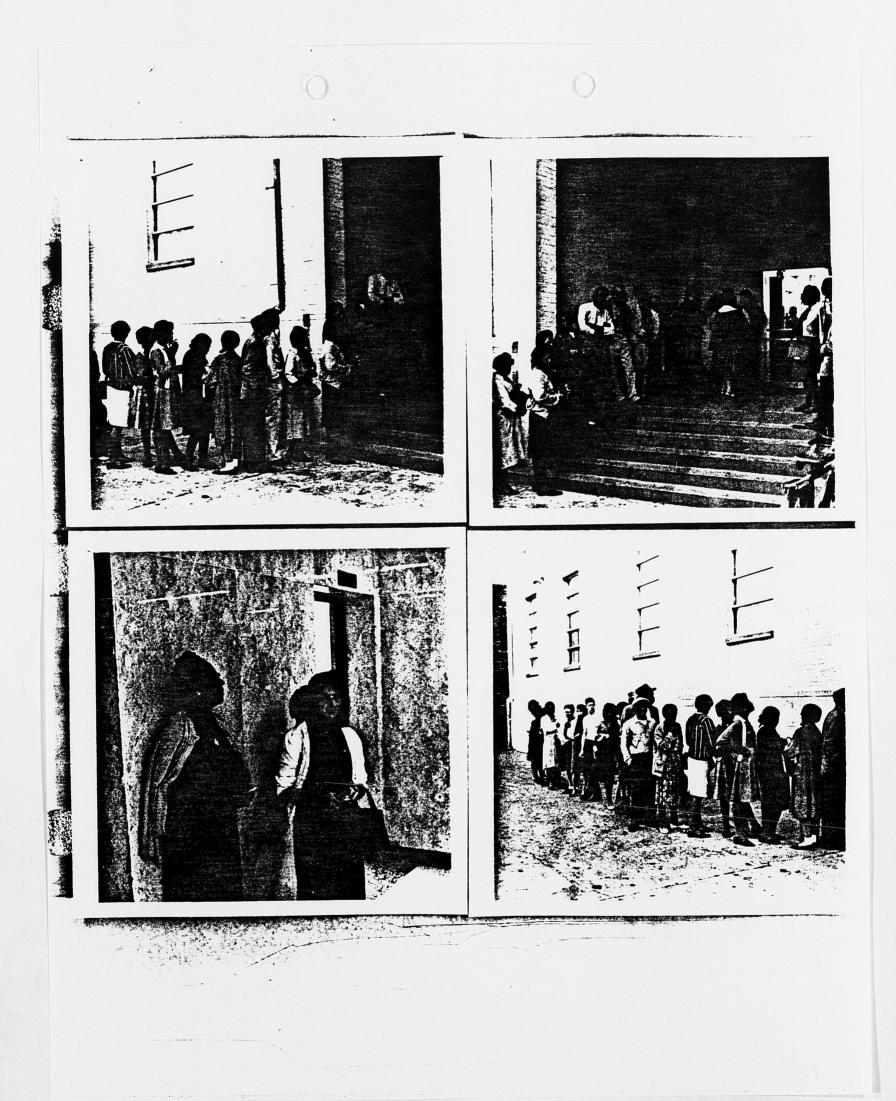








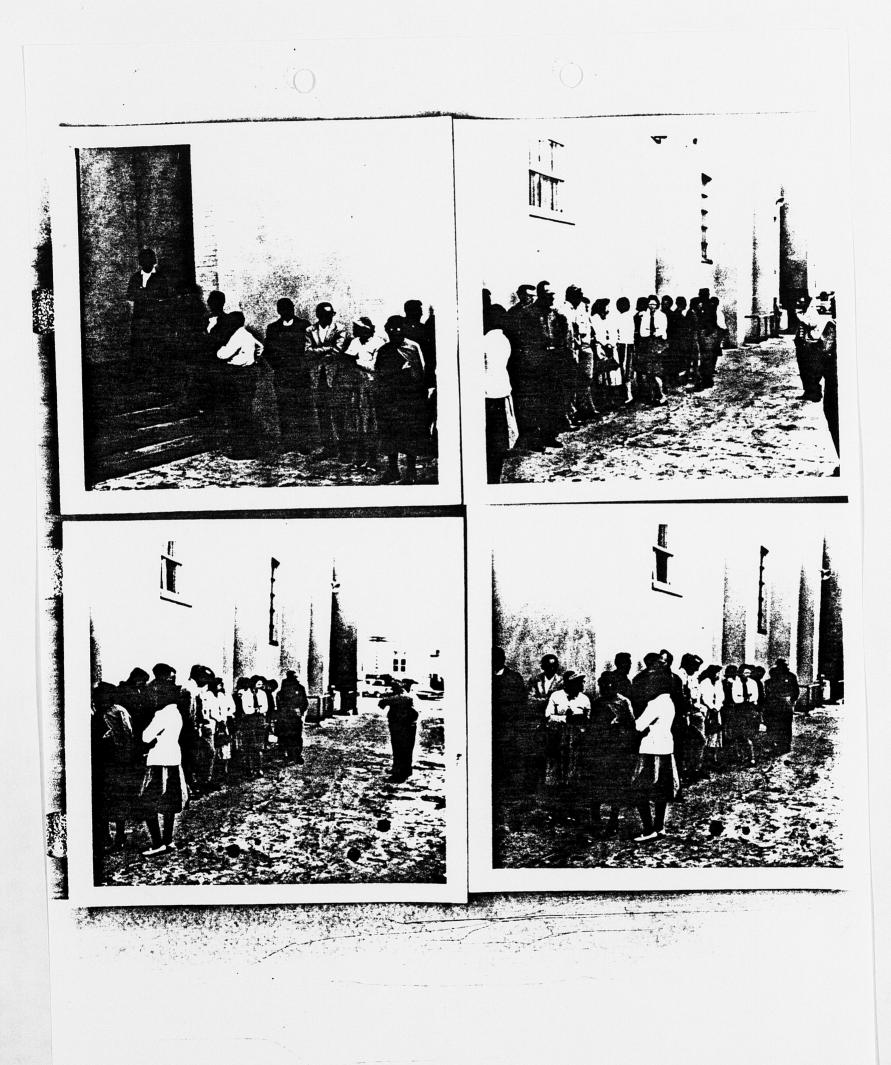


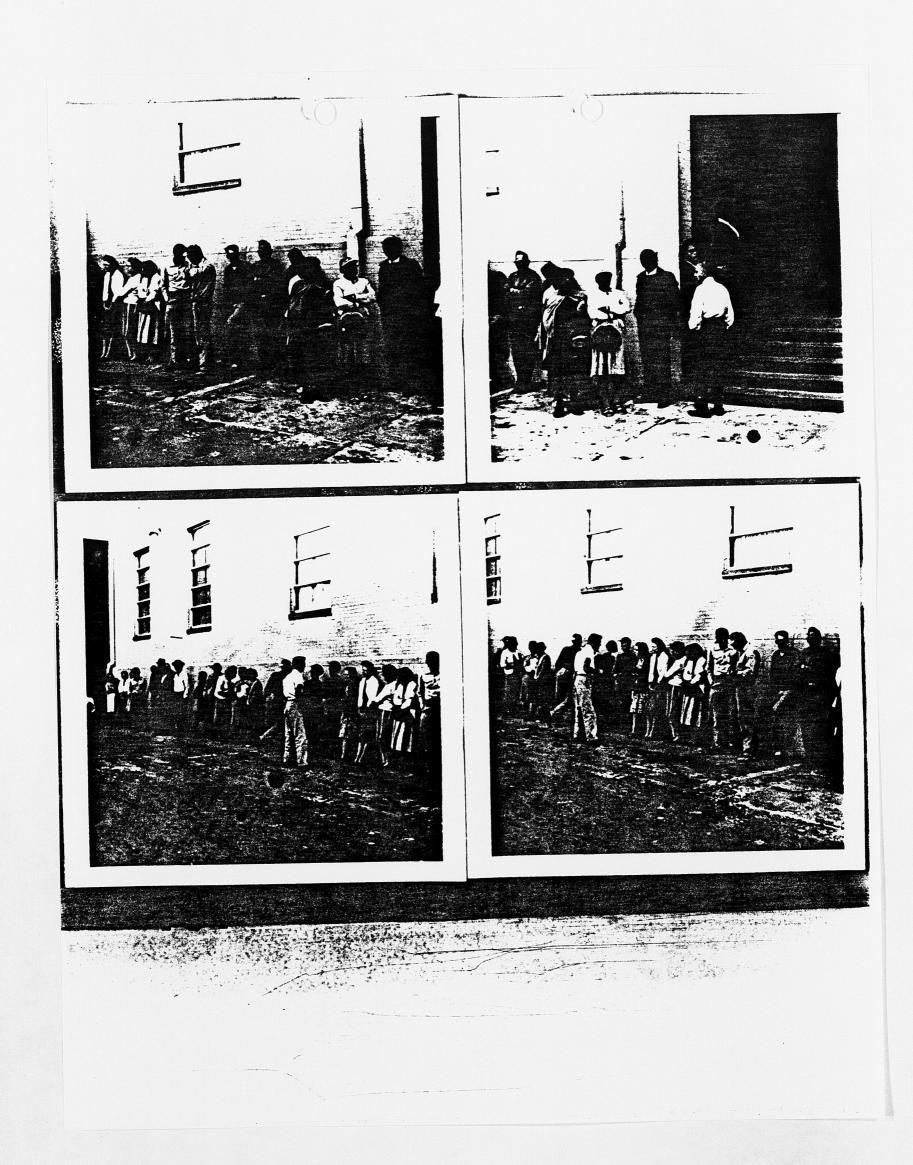


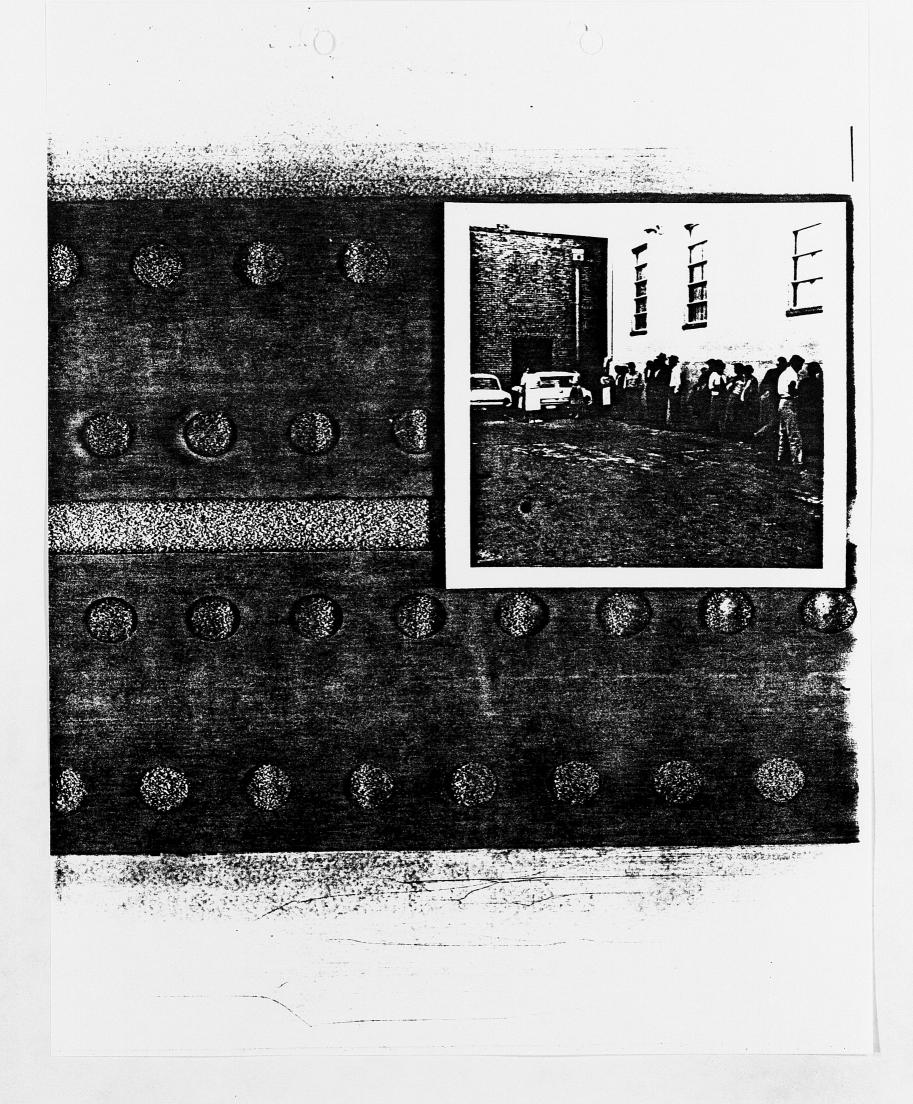










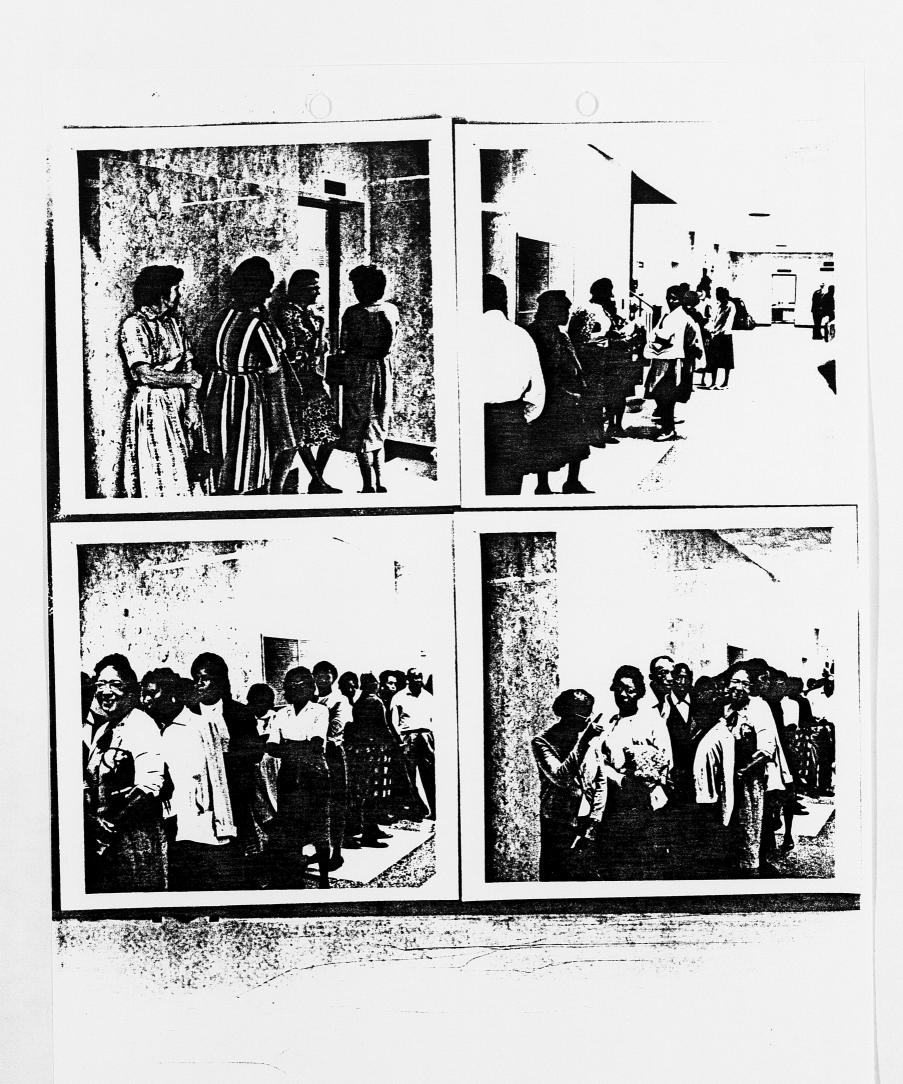




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URGENT 11-6-63

6-08 PM CST

TO DIRECTOR /157-6-61/

FROM SAC, MOBILE /157-367/ 1 P

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

AT EIGHT THIRTY AM, CST, THIS DATE, MEMBER OF DALLAS COUNTY SHERIFF/ S OFFICE, SELMA, ISSUED NUMBERED TICKETS TO THIRTEEN PEOPLE IN LINE, CONSISTING OF FOUR NEGROES AND NINE WHITES. DURING THE DAY OTHER NUMBERED TICKETS WERE ISSUED TO A TOTAL OF FORTYFOUR PERSONS, MADE UP OF THIRTY WHILES & AND FOURTEEN NEGROES. WHEN BOARD CLOSED AT FOUR PM, TWENTYONE NEW TICKETS ISSUED TO PERSONS REMAINING IN LINE, FIVE NEGROES AND SIXTEEN WHITES. THESE WILL BE ENTITLED TO FIRST NUMBERS OF TICKETS TO BE ISSUED AT EIGHT THIRTY AM, NOVEMBER SEVEN, NEXT. DURING THE DAY EIGHTEEN PERSONS RECEIVED BY BOARD OF REGISTRARS, INCLUDING SEVEN NEGROES AND ELEVEN WHITES.

DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY ADVISED. LETTERHEAD MEMO FOLLOWS.

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FBI Date: .11/4/63 Transmit the following in \_ (Type in plain text or code) AIRTEL AIRMAIL (Priority or Method of Mailth TY G-2, ONI, CSI, CRD : Director, FBI (157-6-61) TO SAC, Mobile (157-367)(P) Forw. FROM How Forw. SUBJECT: RACIAL SITUATION STATE OF ALABAMA SELMA, ALABAMA Re Mobile teletype to Bureau morning of 11/4/63. Attached hereto are eight copies of letterhead memorandum. The agent observing the activities of the Board of Registration was SA Per information set forth in retel, it was set forth that an order had been issued by U. S. District Judge DANIEL H. THOMAS, Southern District of Alabama, on 11/1/63 wherein the Dallas County Registration Board was instructed to comply with centain things sat out to a decide the contain things. with certain things set out in a decision by the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals. Detailed information concerning this order was obtained from the U.S. District Court Clerk's office at **b7C** Mobile, Ala., and a record of this information has been placed in Mobile file 44-557 (Bureau file 44-12831) captioned VICTOR ATKINS, SR.; ET AL, Registrars of Voters, Dallas County, Alabama; EDMOND ALDRIDGE MADDOX, JR.; ET AL - VICTIMS, CR; EL. 1.4 Local military intelligence agencies advised. Bureau (Enc. 8) REC 54 157-6-61-4931 Mobile SEE REVERSE FOR ADD. DISSE CEPTE NECEINED Per Agent in Charge



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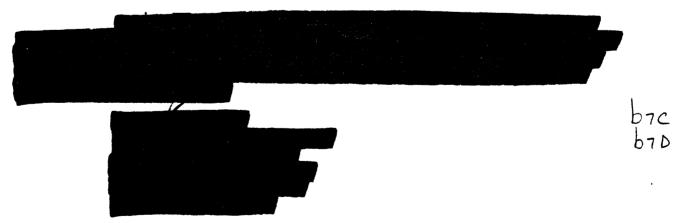
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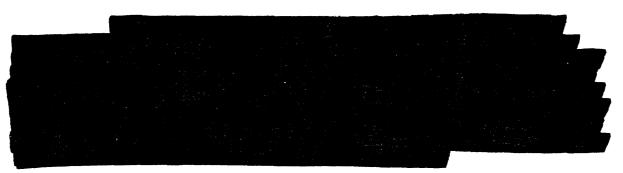
On the morning of November 4, 1963 a Bureau Agent observed the forming of a registration line at the Dallas County Courthouse, Selma, Alabama, for the purpose of voter registration. At 7:30 a.m., there were two white persons in line. At 8:00 a.m., there were six whites and one Negro. At 8:30 a.m., there were eight whites and two Negroes. A total of 10 tickets were issued to the eight whites and two Negroes at 8:30 a.m., CST.

Periodic checks were made of the registration line throughout the day at the Dallas County Courthouse and as of 3:15 p.m., tickets numbered 11 through 29 had been issued to 10 Negroes and nine whites.

At 4:00 p.m., CST, a Bureau Agent observed the closing of the registration board for that day, November 4, 1953. Tickets numbered one through 23 had been handled by the board on that day; however, three individuals were missing from the line when their numbers were called for registration. The race of these ticket holders is unknown; however, tickets numbered one through 23 were held by 11 Negroes and 12 whites. When the board closed at 4:00 p.m., there were four persons in line to receive tickets for registration on the morning of November 5, 1963. These were three whites and one Negro.



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advised that on November 1, 1963 the following individuals were released on bond from the Dallas County Jail after their peace bonds were reduced to \$500.00; however, their appeal bonds still remain at \$1,000.00

Henry Will Shannon, of Selma, Alabama

John Robert Lewis, Chairman, Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee

Werth Westinghouse Long, Area Coordinator, Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee

Wilson Nelson Brown, Field Secretary, Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee

Benny Lee Tucker, Field Secretary, Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee

Wolfe Dawson, also known as Curtis Hampton, of Chicago, IIIinois.

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FD-36 (Rev. 12-13-56) FBI 11/8/63 Date: Transmit the following in \_ (Type in plain text or code) AIRTEL AIRMAIL Via (Priority or Method of Mailing) DIRECTOR, FBI (157-6-61) TO: SAC, MOBILE (157-367)(P) FROM: -RACIAL SITUATION RE: STATE OF ALABAMA SELMA, ALABAMA Transmitted herewith are eight copies of letterhead memo re racial situation Selma, Ala., 11/6/63. The agent observing the registration line at the bic Dallas County Courthouse, Selma, Ala., was SA Local military intelligence agencies advised. 1 cc lkn to CRO, form (6-94), 11/12/63, 1 ec ea to 62, ONI, OSI by R/S, 11/12/63, 1 cc Org Unit - 2 ccs de 3 Bureau (Encl. 1) 2 - Mobile C C : WICH 12 NOV 11 1963

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#### UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

#### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Mobile, Alabama November 7, 1963

RACIAL SITUATION STATE OF ALABAMA SELMA, ALABAMA

On November 6, 1963 the voter registration line at the Dallas County Courthouse in Selma, Alabama, formed at 7:30 a.m., Central Standard Time, with two Negroes and two whites in line. At 8:00 a.m. there were five people in line of which three were Negro and two white and when the numbered tickets were given out at 8:30 a.m. by a Deputy Sheriff of the Dallas County Sheriff's Office thirteen tickets were given to four Negroes and nine whites, of these the first nine were holdovers from the previous day.

During the day other numbered tickets were issued to a total of 44 persons made up of thirty whites and fourteen Negroes. When the Board closed at 4:00 p.m. 21 new tickets were issued to persons remaining in line, five Negroes and sixteen whites. These will be entitled to the first numbered tickets to be issued at 8:30 a.m., November 7, 1963.

During the day eighteen persons were processed by the Board of Registrars. Of these eighteen persons seven were Negro and eleven white.

On November 6, 1963 a Negro source at Selma, Alabama, advised that as a result of the beating of a Negro, Willie Frank King, by Sheriff James G. Clark, Jr. on November 4, 1963 in the Dallas County Jail, that a segment of the Negro population in Selma, Alabama, not associated with the non-violent Negro movement, had been stirred up. He stated that this segment consisted of the "pool hall" element of the Negroes in Selma, Alabama, who are familiar with violence but have in the past shown their violence toward their fellow Negroes and, on rare creasions, toward the white people. He stated that the violent leaders in Selma, Alabama, had little or no

RACIAL SITUATION STA C OF ALABAMA SELMA, ALABAMA

control over this "pool hall" element and that the victim in the above beating was well liked by them and that, as a result, he would not be surprised to learn that the Sheriff, one of his Deputies, or one of the Posse members would possibly be the objects of revenge by the above named element. He said this could take place as either a shot in the back or a knife attack upon one of these individuals. It was also stated that even some of the non-violent leaders were emotionally torn between defending themselves against such attacks or continuing in the non-violent category.

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SAC, Mobile (157-367)(P)

SUBJECT (RACIAL SITUATION STATE OF ALABAMA SELMA, ALABAMA RM

Transmitted herewith are eight copies of letterhead memo re racial situation Selma, Ala., 11/5/63.

The Agent observing the registration line at the Dallas County Courthouse, Selma, Ala., was SA

Local military intelligence agencies advised.

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#### UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

#### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Mobile, Alabama November 6, 1963

Racial Situation State of Alabama Selma, Alabama

On November 5, 1963 a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation observed the voter registration line at the Dallas County, Alabama Courthouse in Selma at 7:30 a.m., CST, with five Negroes and three whites in the line at that time. There were six Negroes and six whites in the line at 8:00 a.m., and at 8:30 a.m., numbered tickets were issued to nine Negroes and 14 whites, for a total of 23 numbered tickets issued. During the day additional numbered tickets through number 44 were passed out to seven Negroes and 14 whites, making a total for the day of 16 Negroes and 28 whites.

At 4:00 p.m., November 5, 1963, closing time, 14 new numbers were given to ticket holders 24 through 44 who were present with their old numbers. This entitled them to the first numbers to be issued on November 6, 1963 at 8:30 a.m., if they were present at that time. This list of 14 included five Negroes and nine whites.

The registration board closed at 4:00 p.m., and handled 22 registrants, including 11 Negroes and 11 whites.

A voters clinic was held on the night of November 4, 1963 at 7:30 p.m., CST, at Clinton Chapel, 609 Green Street, Selma, Alabama, and approximately 150 persons attended. Of these it was estimated that approximately fifty per cent were teenagers. A Reverend Boone from Atlanta, Georgia, was the speaker at the meeting, which adjourned at 10:30 p.m. No incidents were reported. At the end of the meeting Reverend Boone was served with a subpoena by a deputy sheriff of the Dallas County Sheriff's Office in front of the chapel. The meeting was covered by two Dallas County Sheriff's cars and one cruiser from the Selma Police Department, but no coverage was had inside the chapel by either the Dallas County Sheriff's Office or the Selma Police Department.

On November 4, 1963 Departmental Attorney David Marlin requested that the names and addresses of all Negroes in the

# Racial Situation Selma, Alabama

registration lines at the Dallas County Courthouse in Selma be obtained. After discussion, it was decided to obtain these names by having the person from the Dallas County Sheriff's Office who hands out the numbered tickets to obtain the name and address of all persons receiving these numbered tickets. This procedure was followed on November 4 and 5, 1963.

On November 5, 1963 the above matter was again discussed with Departmental Attorney Marlin and it was decided to discontinue this method of obtaining names and addresses of Negro registrants as it was believed undesirable to have the Dallas County Sheriff's Office obtain these names. To prevent any allegations or intimidations from arising from the obtaining of these names, they are to be obtained in the future by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation from the registrants themselves at the request of the Departmental Attorney.

The Dallas County Sheriff's Office was advised on November 5, 1963 that they no longer needed to obtain the names of the persons to whom numbered tickets were issued.

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#### UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

#### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Mobile, Alabama November 8, 1963

Racial Situation State of Alabama Selma, Alabama

A Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation observed the voter registration line at the Dallas County Courthouse, Selma, Alabama, at 7:30 a.m., CST, on November 7, 1963 and there was one Negro in line at that time. At 8:00 a.m., nine people were in the line, of which four were Negro and five were white. At 8:15 a.m., there were 18 people in line; of these seven were Negro and 11 white.

When the numbered tickets were handed out at 8:30 a.m., by a member of the Dallas County Sheriff's Office, 24 numbered tickets were issued to eight Negroes and 16 whites. 14 of these tickets were issued to holdovers from the previous day who had received numbered tickets entitling them to first places in the line on November'7, 1963.

During the remainder of the day additional numbered tickets were issued to a total of 47 persons, which included 17 Negroes and 30 whites.

At 4:00 p.m., when the Board of Registrars closed, numbered tickets were issued to 21 people remaining in line, including eight Negroes and 13 whites. These numbered tickets entitled them to receiving the first tickets to be issued at 8:30 a.m., November 8, 1963.

During November 7, 1963 the Board of Registrars processed 19 applicants, which included seven Negroes and 12 whites.

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URGENT 10-27 AM

TO DIRECTOR/157-6-61/

FROM SAC, MOBILE /157-367/

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

VOTER REGISTRATION LINE FORMED AT SEVEN THIRTY A. M., CST THIS DATE AT THE DALLAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE WITH TWO WHITES IN LINE AT EIGHT AM., FIVE WERE IN LINE, TWO WHITES AND THREE NEGROES. AT EIGHT FIFTEEN A.M., THERE WERE NINE IN LINE, FOUR WHITES AND FIVE NEGROES. WHEN NUMBERED TICKETS WERE ISSUED BY: 4 MEMBER OF THE DALLAS COUNTY SHERIFF/S OFFICE AT EIGHT THIRTY A.M., THIRTY PEOPLE RECEIVED THEM. THE FIRST TEN WERE HOLDOVERS FROM NOVEMBER SEVEN. OF THE THIRTY RECEIVING NUMBERED TICKETS, THERE WERE TWENTY WHITES AND TEN NEGROES.

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SAC, MOBILE /157-367/

PRACIAL SITUATION, STATE OF ALABAMA, SELMA, ALABAMA, RM.

FORTYEIGHT TICKETS TOTAL ISSUED FOR REGISTRATION AT 👼 DALLAS COUNTY REGISTRATION BOARD THROUGHOUT DAY TO TWENTYTWO NEGROES AND TWENTYSIX WHITES. BOARD CLOSED AT FOUR PM-CST -TODAY, WHICH CONCLUDES REGISTRATION UNTIL NOV. EIGHTEEN NEXT AS OF THREE THIRTY PM CST TWENTYFOUR TICKETS HAD BEEN HANDLED BY BOARD, SEVEN NEGROES AND SEVENTEEN WHITES. REGISTRATION BOARD CLOSED WITHOUT RETURNING TICKETS TO DALLAS COUNTY SO/ THEREFORE, NO COMPLETE COUNT OBTAINED AS TO TOTAL NUMBER OF TICKETS HANDLED AS OF FOUR PM. ESTIMATED BY SOURCE THAT APPROXIMATELY TWENTYSEVEN TICKETS TOTAL HANDLED. AS TICKETS NOT MADE AVAILABLE FOR CHECKING, UNABLE TO DETERMINE IF ALL TWENTYSEVEN TICKET HOLDERS ESTIMATED WERE PROCESSED BY BOARD.

DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY ADVISED. LETTERHEAD MEMO FOLLOWS.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT Belmont lemorandum DATE November 8. 1963 A. Ros no **FROM** Holmes RACIAL SITUATION SUBJECT SELMA, ALABAMA b7C It is noted that information has been received indicating Assistant Attorney General Burke Marshall and several attorneys in the Civil Rights Division have been subpoenaed to appear before a State grand jury at Selma, Alabama, 11/13/63. It has been indicated that if they appear they will be questioned regarding their activities in the racial situation at Selma and their knowledge of any communist activity in racial matters in Alabama. D Among those subpoenaed is Thelton Henderson, the Departmental attorney who was forced to resign because he provided Martin Luther King with an automobile Henderson had rented for official business. The grand jury undoubtedly will inquire into this episode if Departmental attorneys appear. SAC Dalness, Mobile, called to advise that Departmental Attorney Arnold of the Civil Division requested the United States Attorney (USA), Mobile, to obtain the names of the members of the State grand jury. USA has requested that the Mobile Office furnish him with this information. ACTION: Since the names of the State grand jurors would not appear to be public information, the Mobile Office was instructed to inform the U. S. Attorney that we cannot obtain the information for him and to suggest that the most proper way of handling would be for the U. S. Attorney to formally request the information from the Clerk of the Court. 1 - Mr. Mohr 1 - Mr. DeLoach (8) 5 8 NOV 1 5 1963

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TO

Mr. Belmont

DATE 11/12/63

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**FROM** 

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SUBJECT:

RACIAL SITUATION STATE OF ALABAMA SELMA, ALABAMA O RACIAL MATTERS - MICBIL

At the request of the Department, an Agent observed the impaneling of the Dallas County, Alabama, Grand Jury this morning. In charging the Grand Jury, Circuit Judge James A. Hare mentioned that he had received a telegram from Burke Marshall, 11/11/63, and he described the substance of the telegram as being "without precedent" in that it stated the Government will seek a Federal restraining order against local law enforcement officers and the foreman of the Grand Jury. He described this as a "terrifying matter."

The judge mentioned the incident regarding the use by Martin Luther King of a car which a Departmental attorney had rented at Government expense and alleged that investigation of this incident revealed a "shoddy" and "corrosive" situation in which men in higher places were lying. In this regard, he stated, "If they have attempted to cover facts and lie about a 100 mile trip, to what extent have they gone in weightier matters?"

In addressing the Grand Jury, Judge Hare stated, "If you can get the facts, determine if Thelton Henderson was fired because he lied or because he told the truth\" It is noted that Thelton Henderson is the Departmental attorne) who rented the car that was made available to King and who has since resigned from the Department.

Judge Hare also indicated that the Grand Jury will inquire into the reasons why Selma, Alabama, had been singled out as a focal point for voter registration activity.

REC- 22 157-6-61-500 This information has been furnished to the Civil Rights

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At 9:00 a.m., Central Standard Time, today the Dallas County Grand Jury convened in the Circuit Courtroom at the Dallas County Courthouse, Selma, Alabama, Circuit Judge James A. Hare presiding. At 9:17 a.m., Judge Hare made his charge to the grand jury and read a law text on the history of grand jury and the jury oath.

Hare talked about the receipt of a telegram from the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice which was signed by Mr. Burke Marshall, stating that he received this telegram at his home last evening. He stated that the substance of the telegram is "without precedent." He pointed out to the grand jury that the text of the telegram is that the Federal Government will appeal for a restraining order in U. S. District Court, Mobile, Alabama, today and the telegram named various local law enforcement officers and the foreman of the grand jury, R. D. Wilkinson, Jr. He called the telegram a "terrifying matter" if one did not have faith in his fellow man. The telegram raises a "calculated threat" to all those named in the telegram and to U. S. District Judge of the Southern District of Alabama, Daniel H. Thomas. Inasmuch as the telegram states that in the event the appeal for the restraining order is denied, an appeal will be made to the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, He asked the question why did they make this statement inasmuch as every case has the right to be appealed. Judge Hare stated that local State subpoenaes were issued to participating members of the recent "nightmare situation in Selma," organized by out-of-state members, that Reverend Martin Luther King spoke in Selma on 10/15/63 and the Justice Department stated there was no truth to the charge that the Justice Department furnished a car for King, referring to a 100-mile trip made by King in this car. Hare stated that again on 10/28/63 the Justice Department denied this charge that a car rented by them was used by King and they stated that if any attempt had been made by local authorities to investigate this matter they would have resolved it. He pointed out that King also denied the charges. Hare continued that on 11/6/63 the Justice Department admitted the car had been rented by the Justice Department and had been used to transport King. They also admitted that the car had been rented for Thelton Henderson, Departmental Attorney, who was "no longer with the Department." He advised that investigation revealed the "shoddy" and "corrosive" situation with men in high places lying. "If they have attempted to cover facts and lie about a 100-mile trip, to what extent have they gone in weighter matters." He pointed out that subpoenaes had been issued to Justice Department members and the ENOLOSURE receipts thereof acknowledged. However, he does not know if these persons intend to respond and he has not heard of any of these persons in town to testify.

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Addressing the grand jury, Judge Hare stated, "If you can get the facts, determine if Thelton Henderson was fired because he lied or because he told the truth." He stated that the Selma community has a long record of "racial tranquility," "Why was Selma singled out as a focal point?" "Who supplied the trained organizers, many of whom have past criminal records?" "Who provided funds, transportation and publicity?" "This community has not been put on the rack without reason or threat. Determine the sources of these threats and to whom they are designated?" Hare further stated "One of the UN happy sidelights have been degradation of our community in the national press." He displayed numerous clippings concerning racial strife in Selma and referred specifically to one article printed in Lafayette, Indiana, 10/18/63 describing alleged conditions in Selma. Judge Hare pointed out the article stated that 27 high school girls were placed in one cell at the Selma jail for three months' period on charges of insurrection. The only water available came from dripping water faucets and they only had four hamburgers a day for 27 girls. Their bonds were set at \$43,000 a piece. Hare pointed out that there are no girls being held at the present time in jail and no one has ever been charged with insurrection, that the highest bonds that were set has been \$1,000 and most of the bonds have been set at \$300. He stated that on the high school students 'arrested in racial demonstrations have been released without bond. Hare stated he was furnishing this information to the grand jury as interesting sidelights of the matter.

Judge Hare advised he has no idea what the results of the proceedings in Mobile will be today but he has the highest respect for U. S. District Judge Thomas. He stated he didn't want to lead the foreman of the grand jury to any legal difficulties but he would take full responsibility for convening the grand jury.

In conclusion he referred to 30 cases being presented to the grand jury and that 95% of the capital crimes involving violence are by Negroes. He stated he has called this to the attention of Negro leaders in Selma and that the preponderance of cases of violent activities have occurred with Negroes committing violence to other Negroes. However, his appeal to Negro leaders has not stopped the continued lies of crime among Negroes and the number of cases before the grand jury are at the highest point ever.

URGENT 11-13-63 11-05 AM TO DIRECTOR 157-6-61 FROM SAC, MOBILE 157-367 1-P

RACIAL MATTER CRACIAL SITUATION, STATE OF ALABAMA, SELMA, ALABAMA, RM.

INFORMATION RECEIVED TODAY DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY DAVID H. MARLIN AKA DAVE MARLAND, HAS BEEN CITED FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT, COUNTY, ALABAMA, FOR FAILING TO APPEAR BEFORE STATE GRAND JURYAS SUMMONED BY SUBPOENA, PERSONALLY SERVED ON HIM NOVEMBER EIGHT, SIXTYTHREE SY DEPUTY SHERIFF JUD HEWSTON, DALLAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE. CITATION ISSUED TODAY, STATING IN SUBSTANCE THAT HE TOTALLY DISREGARDED SUMMONS, THEREBY BEING IN CONTEMPT OF SAID COURT AND CONTEMPT CITATION ADDRESSED TO ANY SHERIFF, STATE OF ALABAMA, WHO IS COMMANDED TO QUETE ATTACHT AND TAKE THE BODY OF SAID DAVID MARLIN BEFORE THE COURT TO # BE DEART WITH ACCORDING TO LAW UNQUOTE. ALL POINTS BULLETIN BEING ISSUED BY DALLAS COUNTY SHERIFF/S OFFICE TODAY TO BE DISPATCHED STATEWIDE AND TO RECEIVE AS MUCH COVERAGE AS POSSIBLE.

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Mr. Mohr. Mr. Casper. Mr. Callahan

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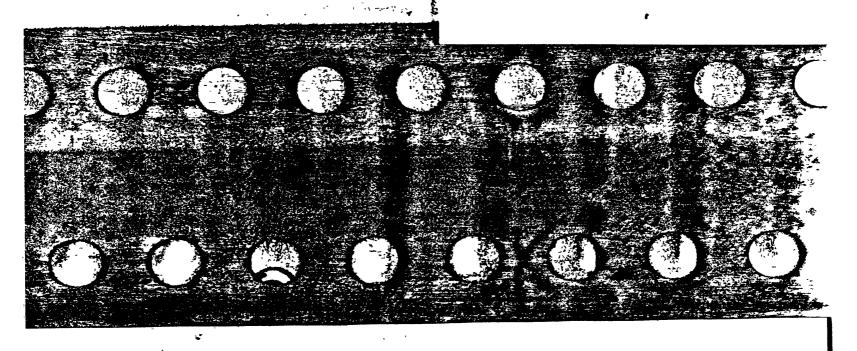
### GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

11/\_ /63

Assistant Attorney General
Burke Marshall and several Departmental Attorneys previously
subpoenaed to appear before State
Grand Jury at Selma, Alabama,
11/13/63. Grand Jury to inquire into
Department's knowledge of racial
situation in Alabama and any
communist activity in connection
with racial situation.

Attached information being telephonically furnished to the Civil Rights Division and will be confirmed in writing to Assistant Attorney General Burke Marshall.

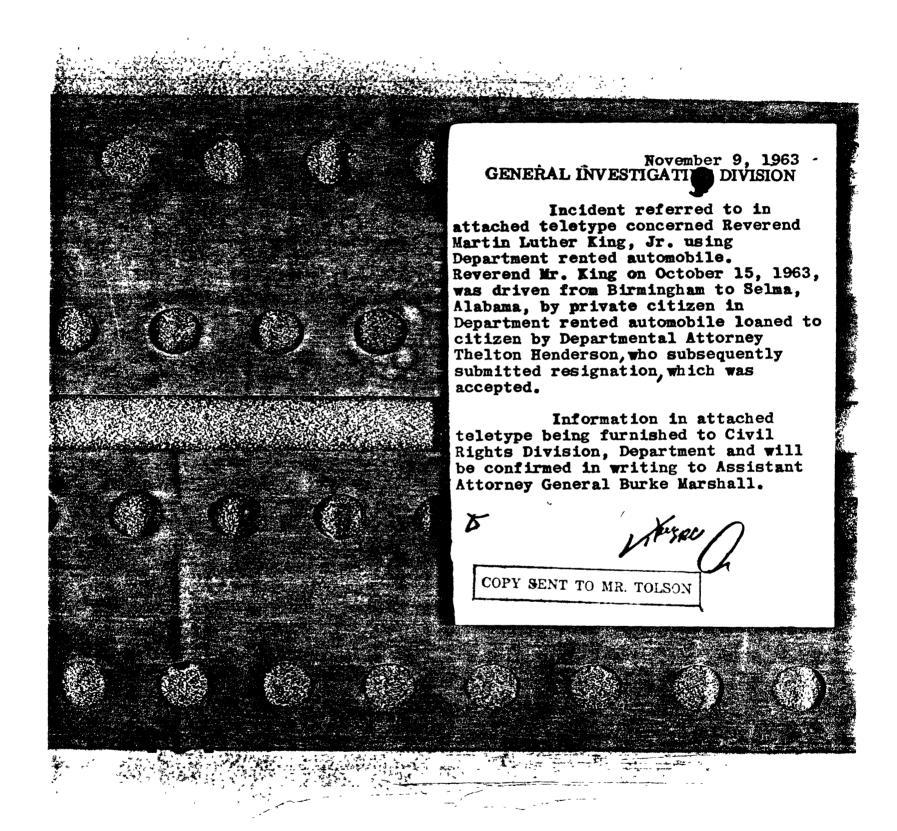




OPTIONAL FORM NO 10 MAY 1962 EDITION GSA GEN REG NO 27 5010-106 UNITED STATES GO \_RNMENT 1:1 MemorandumCallah DeLog Mr. Belmont November 12, 1963 TO **FROM** RACIAL SITUATION SUBJECT SELMA, ALABAMA It is noted that Assistant Attorney General Burke Marshall and several Departmental Attorneys have been subpoenaed to appear before a State Grand Jury at Selma, Alabama, 11/13/63. Among those subpoenaed is Thelton Henderson, the Departmental Attorney who was forced to resign because he provided Martin Luther King with an automobile he had rented for official business. It has been indicated the Grand Jury intends to inquire into this incident and also to question Departmental Attorneys concerning their knowledge of the racial situation in Alabama and any Communist activity in the racial situation. On the evening of 11/11/63, John Doar advised that the Department is most anxious to have as much information as is possible concerning the charge given by the State Judge when the Grand Jury in impaneled at Selma on the morning of 11/12/63. He requested that an Agent be present to obtain as much of the charge as possible and that local authorities not be advised in advance that the Agent is doing this. **ACTION:** SAC Dalness, Mobile, was instructed to have an Agent in court when the Grand Jury is charged. He was told that if possible, an Agent should be used who is not known to local officials and that the Agent is to obtain as much (Y of the judge's charge as possible. If he should be challenged, the Agent will then advise appropriate authorities that he is observing the charging of the Grand Jury at the specific request of Deputy Attorney General Katzenbach. 召! 1 - Mr. Mohr EX-103 1 - Mr. DeLoach (8) UNRECORDED 68 NOV 201963

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11/8/63 DRECTOR /157-6-61/ SAC, MOBILE /157-367/ FACIAL SITUATION, STATE OF ALABAMA, SELMA, ALA. B. H. MONIGOMERY COUNTY GRAND JURY REPORTED THIS DATE IN SUBSTANCE CONCERNING TRANSPORTATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING IN DEPARTMENT RENTED CAR AS FOLLOWS / GRAND JURY HAS BEEN TOLD OF THE USE OF CAR RENTED, BY U.S. DEPT OF JUSTICE IN TRANSPORTATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING AND TLSO OF JAMES FOREMAN AND CURTIS HAMPTON ALIAS WOLF DAWS ON WHOSE LENGTHLY CRIMINAL RECORD IS KNOWN TO THE DEPT OF JUSTICE. THE GRAND JURY EARNESTLY DEPLORES SUCH MISUSE OF GOVERNMENT RENTED CARS, URGES THAT PROPER OFFICIALS TAKE NECESSARY ACTION TO PREVENT ANY RECURRENCE OF SUCH MISUSE OF CARS AND FEELS A PUBLIC APOLOGY SHOULD BE MADE BY ATTORNEY GENERAL ROBERT F. KENNEDY. GRAND JURY URGED THAT OFFICIALS TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION AGAINST THELTON HENDERSON WHOM HENDERSON LOANED CAR IN QUESTION FOR THEIR FAILURE TO IN ANSVER TO GRAND JURY SUBPOENA. " LI NEVSPAPER CLIPPINGS WILL BE FORWARDED, NOV 15 1963



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Mr. Rosen(\*

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**SUBJECT** 

**FROM** 

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> RACIAL SITUATION STATE OF ALABAMA SELMA, ALABAMA O RACIAL MATTERS - FOR FOR

DATE November 13, 1963

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After the Department was advised that a contempt citation had been issued for Departmental attorney Dave Marlin for failing to appear before the state grand jury in Selma, Alabama, the Civil Rights Division requested that the information concerning Marlin and the issuance of the contempt citation be furnished to the Departmental representatives who are in New Orleans, Louisiana, seeking action by the Court of Appeals. St. John Barrett stated that John Douglas of the Civil Division and D. R. Owen of the Civil Rights Division are at the Court of Appeals in New Orleans making application to appeal the ruling of the District Court and also seeking an injunction to stay action by the State Court pending a hearing in the Court of Appeals.

ASAC Sylvester of the New Orleans Office stated he had received an inquiry from the Departmental attorneys regarding the action by the court in Selma, Alabama. Departmental attorneys wanted some communication which could be used by them in court at a hearing scheduled to be held at 3:00 p.m., Central Standard Time today.

## **ACTION:**

ASAC Sylvester was instructed to contact the Mobile Office to ascertain the current details regarding this matter and furnish them to the Departmental attorneys in the form of a letter this afternoon.

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#### UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

#### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Mobile, Alabama November 14, 1963

Racial Situation State of Alabama Selma, Alabama

On November 14, 1963 United States Marshal, Southern District of Alabama, advised he had, during the morning of this date, served a restraining order upon Blanchard L. McLeod, Circuit Solicitor, Fourth Judicial Circuit of Alabama; Henry Reese, County Solicitor, Dallas County, Alabama; James A. Hare, Circuit Judge, Fourth Judicial Circuit of Alabama; James G. Clark, Jr., Sheriff, Dallas County, Alabama; Marguerite H. Houston, Clerk of Circuit Court and R. D. Wilkinson, Jr., Foreman of the Dallas County Grand Jury presently in session in Dallas County, Alabama. stated the restraining order prohibits the Grand Jury from subpoena powers in ordering Departmental Attorneys of the United States Department of Justice to appear before it. A hearing on this temporary injunction is set for December 5, 1963 in United States District Court, Northern Division, Southern District of Alabama, at Selma, Alabama, before United States District Judge Daniel H. Thomas. advised understood Judge Hare would "re-charge" the Grand Jury at advised he 10:00 a.m., CST, today.

On November 14, 1963 a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation obtained the following summation of Circuit Judge Hare's remarks to the Dallas County Grand Jury at 10:00 a.m., CST, in open court:

Judge Hare stated, "we are living in a jet age," for, although as late as 1960 in Oregon a Federal Judge in case entitled Anderson vs. Gladden, 188 Federal Supplement, Page 656, stated a Grand Jury could look into any matter it deemed appropriate, the Dallas County Grand Jury must have struck a "nerve cord" in issuing subpoenaes to the Justice Department attorneys, because the following chain of events took place in a typical jet-age fashion:

At 6:29 p.m., November 11, 1963, in Washington, D. C., the Justice Department filed a request for restraining order. On the morning of November 12, 1963 in Mobile, Alabama, U. S. District Judge Daniel H. Thomas heard the request for the restraining order and denied same. On November 13, 1963

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Racial Situation Selma, Alabama

in New Orleans, Louisiana, the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals reversed Judge Thomas' decision and directed the latter to issue the emporary injunction restraining the Dallas County Grand Jury tom subpoening Departmental Attorneys. On the night of November 13, 1963 the order was flown to Montgomery, Alabama, by the Justice Department. On the morning of November 14, 1963 such order was served on various local Dallas County officials.

Judge Hare further stated that the entire matter must have been of "supreme urgency and importance" in order for the Justice Department to set off such a chain of events.

Judge Hare read the complete judicial order issued by the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals to the Dallas County Grand Jury at that point.

Hare referred to case entitled U. S. vs. Smyth, 104 Federal Supplement 283 of 1952, in which he stated that a Federal Judge indicated that the Grand Jury comes from early England and is a stable institution today. It is not to serve the desires or whims of officials, but is for the people. Its business is to be secret and the Grand Jury system is preserved by the United States Constitution. Hare stated that a criticism of the Grand Jury is a criticism of Democracy itself. He said that in the latter case it was stated that "a Grand Jury inquiry should extend to all matters and things coming to their knowledge."

Hare then cited case entitled Donnelly vs. U. S., 1928, 48 U. S. Supreme Court Reporter 400, in which it was set forth, "there is no common law crime against the U. S., only statutory crimes," and Judge Hare re-instructed the Dallas County Grand Jury to continue to investigate the Department of Justice in Dallas County, Alabama, particularly with respect to the following:

Consorting with known criminals of Selma and vicinity;

Embicing Selma children from school; \*

ontributing to the delinquency of Dallas County children.

udge Hare pointed out that during World War II the mass in India, where he served in the U.S. Armed Forces, wested the U.S. military force's policy of spraying marshes

#### Racial Situation Selma, Alabama

in order to kill mosquitoes. The Hindus contended that this act was killing souls of human beings, which souls had transmigrated to the mosquitoes upon the previous death of humans. Judge Hare stated that similarly the Justice Department believed it was irradicating all traces of its activity by getting Federal courts to try to stop local Grand Juries from inquiring into possible Justice Department malpractices. Judge Hare inferred that the temporary stoppage of the Dallas County Grand Jury inquiries had no more permanency or validity than the complaints of the Hindus concerning the alleged deaths of human souls through mosquito spraying.

Judge Hare further alluded to the Cosa-Nostra practices of "rubbing out" witnesses and thus attaining immunity of Grand Jury inquiries or subsequent prosecution. He compared the recent Justice Department efforts to quell the Grand Jury testimony of Justice Department officials to the practices of the Cosa-Nostra.

Hare advised the Dallas County Grand Jury that in his personal opinion the order of the Fifth U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals was "without'legal warrant in law and an absolute nullity." However, he pointed out that out of respect for legal processes and out of respect for the Federal District Judge involved, he would so instruct the Dallas County Grand Jury to stay for "a reasonable time" that part of its inquiry of the matter which specifically involved subpoening Justice Department officials. He specifically requested the Grand Jury to stay this portion of its investigation until the Federal District Court hearing on December 5, 1963. He reiterated to the Grand Jury not to call Justice Department agents to testify for the time being. Hare, however, said this request by him was not in any way to be construed as an effort to restrain the Dallas County Grand Jury's inquiries into the matter in general, that he hoped the Dallas County Grand Jury would resume its deliberations on the matter.

Grand Jury Foreman Wilkinson stated he was served with a copy of the restraining order from the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals and Judge Hare asked the foreman to read it at that time to the Grand Jury when the Grand Jury returns to its investigations so that the Grand Jury would have had another opportunity to officially hear its contents.

Racial Situation Selma, Alabama

The open court session before the Circuit Judge was then brought to a close at approximately 10:35 a.m., CST.

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URGENT 11-7-63

5-43 PM CST

TO DIRECTOR /157-6-61/

FROM SAC, MOBILE /157-367/

RACIAL SITUATION, STATE OF ALABAMA, SELMA, ALABAMA, RM. AT EIGHT THIRTY AM, CST, NUMBERED TICKETS WERE ISSUED TO TWENTY FOUR PERSONS STANDING IN VOTERS REGISTRATION LINE INCLUDING EIGHT NEGROES AND SIXTEEN WHITES. DURING THE DAY ADDITIONAL NUMBERED TICKETS ISSUED TO TOTAL OF FORTYSEVEN PERSONS INCLUDING SEVENTEEN NEGROES AND THIRTY WHITES. AT FOUR PM, WHEN BOARD CLOSED, NUMBERED TICKETS WERE ISSUED TO TWENTYPHE PEOPLE REMAINING IN LINE, INCLUDING EIGHT NEGROES AND THIRTEEN WHITES. THESE WILL BE ENTITLED TO FIRST NUMBERED TICKETS ON MORNING OF NOVEMBER EIGHT, SIXTYTHREE, WHICH IS

DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY ON SCENE ADVISED. LETTERHEAD MEMO FOLLOWS.

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TO

DIRECTOR, FBI

11/13/63 DATE:

FROM:

AC, MOBILE (157-427)(C)

SUBJECT:

UNSUB; Reported Possible Bombing of Residence of Tuskegee, Alabama

ReMotel and Moairtel to Bureau, 10/3/63.

Enclosed to the Bureau are 8 copies of letterhead memorandum relative to captioned matter. No investigation has been conducted by the Bureau, and this matter is considered closed. Local intelligence agencies advised.

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#### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Mobile, Alabama November 13, 1963

UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
REPORTED POSSIBLE BOMBING OF
RESIDENCE OF
TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA

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Alabama, on October 10, 1963 advised that

Tuskegee,

received an anonymous telephone call informing that their / residence would be bombed at 10:00 p.m. on that night.

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No incident occurred on this night, and had not reported the receipt of any further warnings. Again on November 7, 1963, informed that there had been no further attempts to frighten or her mother, and he expressed the opinion that no attempt at violence on the home of would be committed.

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TO

FROM

Mr. Rosen

SUBJECT:

RACIAL SITUATION STATE OF ALABAMA

SELMA, ALABAMA RACIAL MATTERS

MOBILE

DATE: November 19, 1963

At 1:35 P.M. SAC Dalness, Mobile, was instructed to arrange for the interviews of Blanchard Mc Leod, County Solicitor, Selma, Alabama, and Robert D. Wilkinson, Foreman of the Dallas County Grand Jury, as requested of Mr. Evans by Burke Marshall.

Dalness was specifically instructed that Mc Leod and Wilkinson are to be informed that the interviews are being conducted at the direction of Assistant Attorney General Burke Marshall and the Attorney General. He was also instructed to submit a teletype this afternoon setting forth the results of the interviews.

ACTION:

This is for information.

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TO DIRECTOR /157-6-61/

FROM SAC, MOBILE /157-367/

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ROBERT D. WILKINSON, JR., FOREMEN, DALLAS COUNTY SAND JURY, SELMA, LA., STATES HE FEELS THE GRAND JURY HAS SUFFICIENT INFORMATION IN ITS HANDS TO BE JUSTIFIED IN ASKING THE PECIFIC
QUESTIONS SET FORTH IN RETEL AND ALSO TO PROVE VARIOUS FACTS
IN REFERENCE TO THE QUESTIONS. HOWEVER, THAT INFORMATION IS IN
POSSESSION OF THE DALLAS COUNTY GRAND JURY AND HE IS NOT AT
LIBERTY TO DIVULGE WHAT FACTS ARE IN POSSESSION OF THE GRAND
JURY. HE STATES WHEN THE GRAND JURY HAS AN OPPORTUNITY TO
INTERVIEW VARIOUS WITNESSES, THE SPECIFIC FACTS WILL BE REDUCED
BY THE GRAND JURY AND NOT UNTIL THAT TIME. DETERMINED BLECHARD
L. MC LEOD, CIRCUIT SOLICITOR, FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT ALA.;
IS PRESENTLY ATTENDING A FUNERAL AT CAMDEN, ALA., AND WILL NOT
BE AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW UNTIL AFTER THREE THIRTY PM CST.

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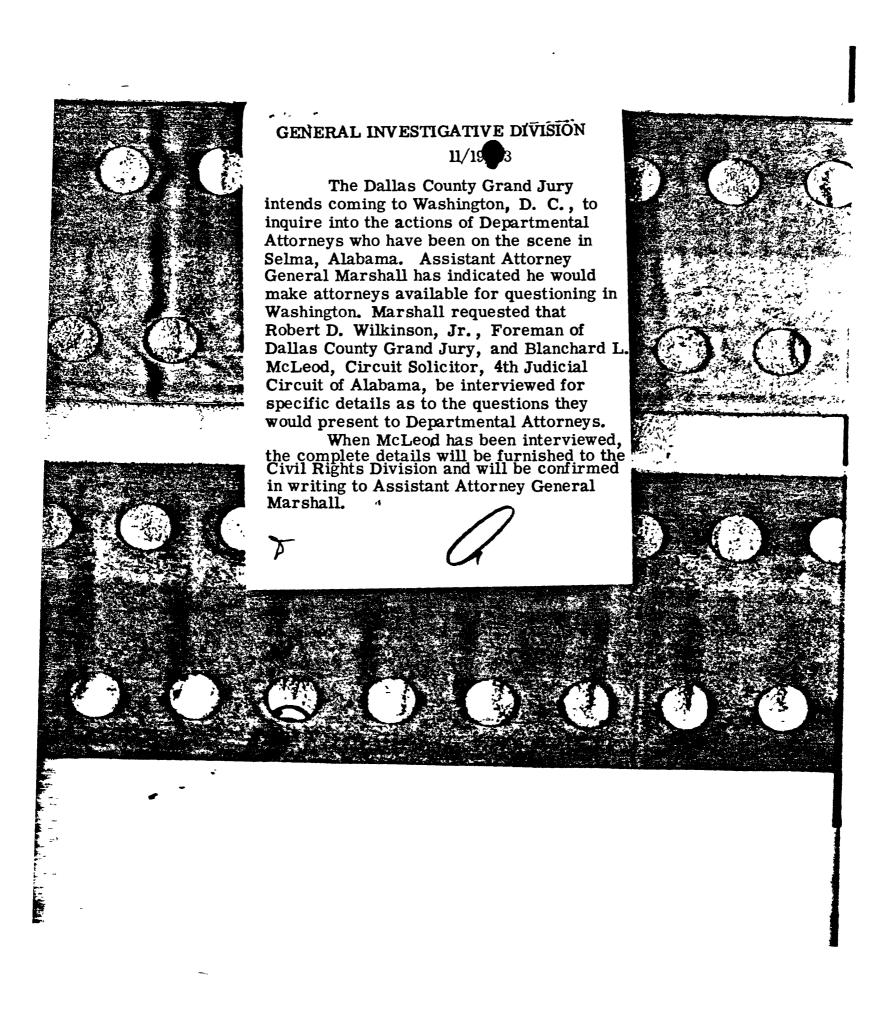
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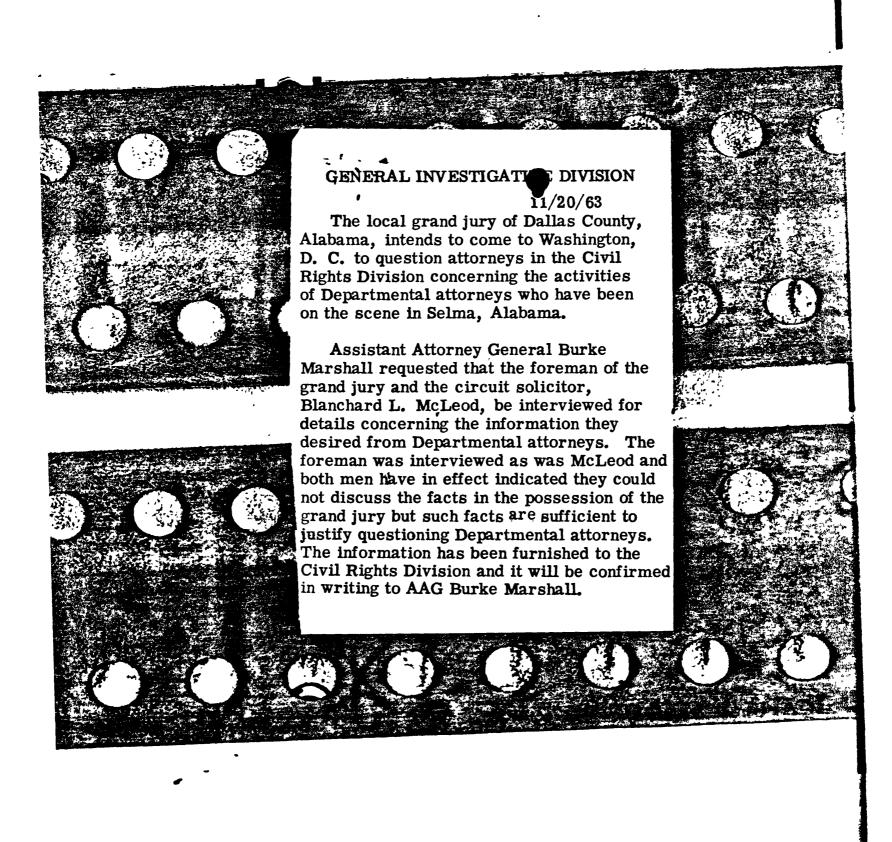
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RACIAL SITUATION, STATE OF ALABAMA, SELMA, ALABAMA.

REMYTEL THIS DATE.

BLANCHARD L. MC LEOD, CIRCUIT SOLICITOR, FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ALABMA, SELMA, STATED GRAND JURY PROCEEDINGS SECRET AND NO SPECIFIC FACTS IN POSSESSION OF GRAND JURY CAN BE TO DISCUSSED WITH INDIVIDUALS NOT MEMBERS OF GRAND JURY. MC LEOD STATES HE FEELS THAT FACTS IN POSSESSION OF GRAND JURY ARE SUFFICIENT TO JUSTIFY QUESTIONING DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS AND THAT FULL FACTS WILL BE DEVELPED AT TIME GRAND JURY HAS OPPORTUNITY TO QUESTION ATTORNEYS OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, PER INVITATION OF 35 141, 97 ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL, BURKE MARSHALL. END AND ACK PLS 11 NOV 22 1963 TU CLRV 53 NOV 27 1963



Tolson Belmont UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT Mohr MemorandumCallahar Mr. Belmont U' то DATE November 19, 1963 Tele Room **FROM** Gandy Mobile, A RACIAL SITUATION -SUBJECT STATE OF ALABAMA SELMA, ALABAMA RACIAL MATTERS b7C The Director has inquired as to whether or not the Attorney General has been advised of the criminal record a car which transported Reverend Martin Luther King from Birmingham to Selma, Alabama, on October 15, 1963. The car was rented by Departmental Attorney Kenneth G. McIntyre and was in the possession of Thelton Menderson, a Negro Departmental attorney who has since resigned from the Department. The misuse of the vehicle by Henderson has received a great deal of publicity in -7 the press and originally the Attorney General had issued a press release, there was no truth to the story. When Henderso admitted the misuse, the Attorney General had to retract his statement. MARACORDED COPT FILED DA By letter dated October 18, 1963, captioned as above, it was pointed out to the Attorney General that the records of this Bureau's Identification Division, under FBI number revealed numerous arrests for Attached to this memorandum is a copy of identification record. **REC- 13** ACTION: NOV 22 1962 For information. Enclosure 1 - Mr. Mohr 1 - Mr. DeLoach Mr. Evans 6 0 NOV 26 1963 1 NOV 22 1953



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RACIAL SITUATION, STATE OF ALABAMA, SELMA, ALABAMA,

NOV 22 1963

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AG THIS MORNING WHICH STATES AS FOLLOWS/ QUOTE YOU HAVE PUBLICLY
OFFERED TO COOPERATE BY MAKING AVAILABLE TO THE DALLAS COUNTY
GRAND JURY IN WASHINGTON, D. C., WITHOUT RESTRICTION, TESTIMONY
OF ATTORNEYS, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION,
WITH REGARD TO THEIR ACTIVITIES IN SELMA, ALABAMA AND MORE
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THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE CONSORTED WITH, CONCEALED AND HARBORED
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TWO. HAVE ATTORNEYS, CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION, OF THE DEPARTMENT
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IN DEFIANCE OF LAW. FOUR. HAVE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ATTORNEYS,
CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION, ACTED IN ANY MANNER CONTRIBUTING TO THE
DELINQUENCY OF MINORS IN SELMA AND DALLAS COUNTY. FIVE. HAVE
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ATTORNEYS, CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION, AIDED,
ENCOURAGED OR ABETTED IN PROVOKING RIOTS, INSURRECTION, OR
CIVIL DISOBEDIANCE IN SELMA AND DALLAS COUNTY. WE HAVE ARRANGED
TRANSPORTATION FOR THE DALLAS COUNTY GRAND JURY TO WASHINGTON
MONDAY TWENTYFIVE NOVEMBER NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE, AND WE SHALL
APPRECIATE YOU MAKING AVAILABLE A NOTARY PUBLIC TO SWEAR IN ALL
WITNESSES. WE REALIZE THIS IS A MATTER OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE
TO THE STATE AND TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, AND WE WILL ADVISE
AS TO TIME AND PLACE." UNQUOTE— SIGNED ROBERT B. WILKINSON, JR.,
FOREMAN OF THE DALLAS COUNTY GRAND JURY.

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11/18/63

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

The Dallas County Grand Jury attempted to subpoena various attorneys of the Civil Rights Division before a local grand jury delving into the recent racial situation at Selma, Alabama. The Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals instructed the district court to enjoin such activity. The Department has indicated in a press release it is not trying to hide anything and would make the attorneys available for questioning in Washington.

The jury undoubtedly will ask questions concerning the misuse of the car rented by the Department which transported Martin Luther King from Birmingham to Selma, Alabama, In

Alabama. In addition.

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#### UNILED STATES DEPARTMENT OF J. STICE

#### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Mobile, Alabama November 19, 1963



RACIAL SITUATION STATE OF ALABAMA SELMA, ALABAMA

The following described movie film was taken by SAs of the FBI:

One reel of black and white movie film taken by SA on October 7, 1963 showing Voter Registration lines and law enforcement officers at the Dallas County Courthouse and vicinity in Selma, Alabama.

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One reel of black and white movie film taken by SA on October 15 and 16, 1963, showing Voter Registration lines and law enforcement officers at the Dallas County Courthouse and vicinity in Selma, Alabama.

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RADIOGRAM

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TO SAC MOBILE
FROM DIRECTOR YBI

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

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NOTE: McLeod and Wilkinson were interviewed at the specific direction of AAG Burke Marshall and the Attorney General on 11/19/63, for the purpose of determining any specific facts in their possession on which the allegations of the grand jury were based. The Dallas Country Grand Jury has indicated it would come to Washington 11/25 to make inquiry concerning allegations that attorneys of the CRD have consorted with, concealed and harbored known criminals, dope addicts and seaual perverts; have enticed children to leave school and participate in street demonstration, have contributed to the delinquency of minors and encouraged or abetted in provoking riots, insurrection and civil disobedience. Although results of interview in which McLeod and Wilkinson declined to give specifics were furnished Department 11/19/63, it appears desirable to follow with Mobile the submission of 302's covering the interviews in case such may be immediately furnished the Department.

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RACIAL SITUATION

STATE OF ALABAMA

SELMA, ALABAMA

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RACIAL MATTERS

Synopsis:

BLANCHARD L. MC LEOD, Circuit Solicitor, Fourth Judicial Circuit, State of Alabama, and ROBERT D. WILKINSON, JR., Foreman of Dallas County Grand Jury, Selma, Alabama, state facts in possession of Grand Jury sufficient to justify questioning various witnesses of the Department of Justice relative to their involvement in the racial situation at Selma. However, these specific facts belong to the Grand Jury and they are not available to any individual outside of the Grand Jury.

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#### DETATLS

This is a limited investigation.

On November 18, 1963, a copy of a telegram sent to the Attorney General of the United States, Department of Justice, Mr. ROBERT KENNEDY, was made

available to Special Agent

This telegram

is set forth in its entirety as lollows

"You have publicly offered to cooperate by making available to the Dallas County Grand Jury in Washington, D. C., without restriction, testimony of attorneys, Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, with regard to their activities in Selma, Alabama and more particularly:

- "1. Have attorneys, Civil Rights Division, of the Department of Justice consorted with, concealed and harbored known criminals and dope addicts in Selma and Dallas County?
- "2. Have attorneys, Civil Rights Division, of the Department of Justice consorted and associated with admitted sex perverts while said attorneys were in Selma and Dallas County?
- "3. Have attorneys, Civil Rights Division, of the Department of Justice had any part in enticing children away from school during school hours, to participate in street demonstrations in defiance of law?
- "4. Have Department of Justice attorneys, Civil Rights Division, acted in any manner contributing to the delinquency of minors in Selma and Dallas County?
- "5. Have Department of Justice attorneys, Civil Rights Division, aided, encouraged or abetted in provoking riots, insurrection, or civil disobediance in Selma and Dallas County?

"We have arranged transportation for the Dallas County Grand Jury to Washington Monday 25 November 1963, and we shall appreciate you making available a Notary Public to swear in all witnesses. We realize this is a matter of utmost importance to the State and to the Federal Government, and we will advise as to time and place. Signed Robert B. Wilkinson, Jr., Foreman of the Dallas County Grand Jury."

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BLANCHARD L. MC LEOD, Circuit Solicitor, Fourth Judicial Circuit, Selma, Alabama was contacted telephonically and he advised as follows:

The Dallas County Grand Jury at the present time has under investigation the "involvement of Federal attorneys in racial matters in Dallas County, Alabama." MC LEOD stated that he felt the specific facts in possession of the Grand Jury at the present time are sufficient to justify questioning attorneys of the Civil Rights Division, United States Department of Justice, relative to their activities in the racial unrest in Selma and Dallas County, Alabama. These facts are not available for publication and are in the sole possession of the Grand Jury; therefore, they are not available to any individual outside the Grand Jury.

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ROBERT D. WILKINSON, JR., Foreman, Dallas County Grand Jury, and operator of the Splendid Cafe, Broad Street, Selma, advised as follows:

He does not believe that specific facts in possession of the Grand Jury are public, and they should not be discussed with anyone who is not a member of the Grand Jury. He stated that Grand Jury proceedings are strictly secret and specific facts are not available to anyone not connected with the Grand Jury. WILKINSON pointed out he believes the Grand Jury has sufficient facts to justify questioning attorneys of the Civil Rights Division, U. S. Department of Justice, and at that time, the Grand Jury will utilize these specific facts in their possession to question those attorneys; therefore, they cannot be divulged.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT morandum Mr. Belmont DATE: November 19, 1963 TO C. A. Evan FROM mobile **RACIAL SITUATION** SUBJECT: STATE OF ALABAMA SELMA, ALABAMA RACIAL MATTERS Assistant Attorney General Burke Marshall of the Civil Rights Division telephoned. He advised that two telegrams had been received by the Department, one signed by Blanchard McLeod, County Solicitor at Selma, Alabama. The other telegram was from the foreman of the Dallas County,

We were previously advised in this regard by our Mobile Division by teletype on November 18, 1963. The Department is informed in the telegrams that the Dallas County Grand Jury will come to Washington on November 25 to make inquiry concerning allegations that attorneys of the Civil Rights Division have consorted with, concealed and harbored known criminals, dope addicts and sexual perverts; have enticed children to leave school and participate in street demonstrations in defiance of law; have contributed to the delinquency of minors; and aided, encouraged or abetted in provoking riots, insurrection and civil disobedience.

Selma, Alabama, Grand Jury, Robert D. Wilkinson. The two telegrams are

Burke Marshall stated he felt he should reply to these telegrams not later than the morning of November 20, 1963. Before doing so, however, he asked that we interview both Blanchard McLeod and Robert D. Wilkinson for the purpose of determining any specific facts in their possession on which these allegations are predicated. Marshall noted that he had not been furnished even the identity of the attorneys alleged involved. Marshall went on to relate that if any one of the allegations is true, he would immediately fire the attorney involved. Marshall has conferred with the Attorney General about this request for investigation.

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont

#### ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

In view of the specific request which Mr. Marshall has made, we will, if you approve, have the field conduct the two interviews requested. Because time is of the essence, on approval, instructions will be issued to the Mobile Division telephonically and the results submitted to the Bureau by teletype. Inasmuch as the allegations in question allege misconduct on the part of Department of Justice attorneys, it appears to be a proper request for the Department to make that the FBI interview these two individuals to obtain the specifics of such alleged misconduct.

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F. KENNEDY ABOUT ITS CHARGES.

ASSISTANT ATTY. GEN. BURKE MARSHALL, IN A TELGRAMTO BLANCHARD

MCLEOD, THE DALLAS COUNTY, ALABAMA, CIRCUIT COURT SOLICITOR,

INDICATED THE SHOE MIGHT BE ON THE OTHER FOOT.

"IF IT IS STILL THE INTENTION OF THE GRAND JURY TO COME TO

WASHINGTON, I WILL BE GLAD TO MEET WITH THEM IN MY OFFICE TO

LEARN WHATEVER FACTS YOU OR ANY MEMBER OF THE JURY HAS,

CONCERNING THESE CHARGES, "MARSHALL SAID.

A COPY, OF THE TELEGRAM ALSO WENT TO GRAND JURY FOREMAN

ROBERT D. WILKINSON JR.

IT WAS WILKINSON WHO SAID THE PANEL WANTED TO ASK KENNEDY

WHETHER ANY DEPARTMENT LAWYERS "HAD ANY PART IN ENTICING

CHILDREN AWAY FROM SCHOOL...TO PARTICIPATE IN STREET DEMONSTRATIONS;

WHETHER THEY "ACTED IN ANY MANNER CONTRIBUTING TO THE DELINQUENCY

OF MINORS, "AND WHETHER THEY "AIDED, ENCOURAGED OR ABETTED IN

PROVOKING RIOTS OR CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE" IN SELMA, ALA.

MARSHALL'S TELEGRAM REVEALED THAT THE FBI ALREADY HAS

QUESTIONED BOTH MCLEOD AND WILKINSON ABOUT THE BASIS FOR THE

CHARGES. THE TELEGRAM SAID BOTH MEN REFUSED TO GIVE THE FBI ANY

INFORMATION. I.IED CHARGES. THE "IN VIEW OF THE EXTREMELY GRAVE NATURE OF THE CHARGES, I CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT WHATEVER INFORMATION YOU HAVE TO SUBSTANTIATE THEM SHOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE," MARSHALL SAID. 11/20--N405PES **REC- 107** 22 DEC 2 1963 WASHINGTON CAPITAL NEWS SERVICE

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5-30 PM JEB URGENT 12-3-63 TO DIRECTOR /157-6-4/ AND SAC, ATLANTA

FROM SAC, MOBILE /44-439/

RACIAL SITUATION, MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA.

AT FOUR TWENTY PM THIS DATE,

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TO SAC MOBILE

FROM DIRECTOR FBI

CRACIAL SITUATION, STATE OF ALABAMA, SELMA, ALABAMA, RM. REURCALL THIS DATE.

YOUR OFFICE SUBMITTED LHW NOVEMBER FOURTEEN RE REMARKS OF JUDGE JAMES A. HARE. TWO COPIES OF LHM DELIVERED TO DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY DAVID MARLIN, WASHINGTON, D. C., THIS DATE WHO IS EN ROUTE SELMA. IN ADDITION, TWO COPIES OF REMARKS MADE IN TELEPHONE CALL NOVEMBER TWELVE LAST TO BUREAU MAILED TO POST OFFICE BOK T, BELMA, ALABAMA, THIS DATE.,

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C. L. McGoylan

SUBJECT

RACIAL SITUATION
STATE OF ALABAMA
SELMA, ALABAMA
RACIAL MATTERS - Mobile

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SAC Dalness of Mobile called at 4:28 P.M., 12/4/63, and advised that in connection with a hearing scheduled for 12/5/63 in connection with the Government suit to enjoin the Dallas County, Alabama, Grand Jury from interfering with the activities of the Justice Department in Dallas County, John Doar of the Civil Rights Division had contacted the Mobile Office. Doar requested that he be furnished with a copy of the memorandum setting forth a summary of Circuit Judge James A. Hare's charge to the Grand Jury on 11/12/63.

According to Dalness, the Department requested that this information be furnished to it on an expedite basis on 11/12/63, and consequently, SA of Selma Resident Agency immediately on receipt of the information 11/12/63 telephoned it directly to the Bureau from Selma, Alabama. Dalness added that the Mobile Office has been unable to locate any memorandum in its file containing the information requested by Doar and asked that Bureau files be checked and a copy of the memorandum setting forth the requested information be mailed to SA FBI Post Office Box T, Selma, Alabama.

ACTION:

A check of Bureau files reflected that Mobile had submitted a letterhead memorandum containing the requested information and that a copy of this memorandum had been furnished to the Civil Rights Division. In addition, it was determined through inquiry of the Department that an attorney from the Civil Rights Division who had left earlier on the afternoon of 12/4/63 for Selma had a copy of the letterhead memorandum in question

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in his possession. A comparison of the letterhead memorandum with the transcription of the information furnished telephonically by SA (a copy of which was also furnished to the Civil Rights Division) reflected that the transcription was more detailed than the letterhead memorandum. Consequently, a copy of the transcription was mailed to SA (at the indicated address on 12/4/63.

An appropriate teletype was also sent to Mobile identifying for Mobile the letterhead memorandum the office submitted in the matter and advising them that the Departmental Attorney en route to Selma had a copy of this in his possession and that a copy of the transcription of SA state telephone call was being mailed 12/4/63 in the event it was needed.

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FROM DIRECTOR FBI

ON DECEMBER TWO LAST CLIFF CARTER, ASSISTANT TO PRESIDENT
JOHNSON, RECEIVED JOINT PHONE CALL FROM SHERIFF JIM CLARE, SELHA,
ALABAMA, AND JUDGE JAMES HARE, FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, ALABAMA.
CLARE AND HARE TOLD CARTER THEY HAVE CONSIDERABLE ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DALLAS COUNTY GRAND JURY PROBE RE
LOANING OF AN AUTOMOBILE BY THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT FOR USAGE OF
REVEREND MARTIN LUTHER KING. HARE AND CLARE REFUSED TO DISCUSS
MATTER ON PHONE BUT STATED IT CONCERNED A QUOTE CIVIL RIGHTS
DEAL UNQUOTE WHICH HAD BEEN HADE. CLARE, HARE, ROBERT WILKINSON,
JURY FOREMAN, AND COUNTY SOLICITOR BLANCHARD MC LEOD, DESIRE
TO COME TO WASHINGTON FOR A MEETING AT THE WHITE HOUSE WITH THE
PRESIDENT OR WITH CARTER IN THE MEAR FUTURE. CLARE AND HARE
ADVISED THEY WOULD REFUSE TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER WITH AG OR
JUSTICE DEPARTMENT. THEY TOLD CARTER THEY \$DIDD TRUST FBI AND
WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST THAT FBI SIT IN ON CONFERENCE AT WHITE

ORACIAL SITUATION, STATE OF ALABAMA, SELMA, ALABAMA, RM.

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Belmont Mohr AND ADVISED HE HAS RECOMMENDED TO PRESIDENT THAT SAC, PMOBILE 1, Callahan Collada Conrad 
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TELETYPE TO SAC, INIOHITETAM
RE: STATE OF ALABAMA, SELMA, ALABAMA

CALL UPON CLARK AND HARE TO SEE WHAT THEY HAVE IN MIND.

CARTER MENTIONED CLARK AND HARE MIGHT REQUEST THAT JUSTICE

DEPARTMENT NOT BE TOLD OF FACTS THEY HAVE. CARTER WAS INFORMED

THAT IF THESE INDIVIDUALS HAVE FACTS BEARING ON FEDERAL VIOLATION

WE WOULD BE BOUND TO ADVISE THE DEPARTMENT. IF THIS SITUATION

ARISES, SAC SHOULD PROMPTLY TELL THESE INDIVIDUALS THAT

INFORMATION WOULD HAVE TO BE GIVEN TO DEPARTMENT.

CARTER HAS DISCUSSED ABOVE WITH SHERIFF CLARE AND CLARK IS
IN ACCORD THAT THIS MATTER BE HANDLED BY PBI LOCALLY. SHERIFF
CLARK INDICATED HE WOULD BE GLAD TO TALK PREELY TO SAME AND SAC, DESERVED. CLARK REQUESTED THAT SAME INTRODUCE
HIS ASSOCIATE TO THEM. SAC, PROBILETAN, AND SAME SHOULD
EXPEDITIOUSLY CONTACT SHERIFF CLARK AND JUDGE HARE FOR PERTINENT
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## Memorandum

TO

Director, FBI (157-6-61)

**DATE:** 12/4/63

FROM :

SAC, Mobile (157-367)(P)

SUBJECT:

RACIAL SITUATION STATE OF ALABAMA SELMA, ALABAMA RM

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Attached hereto is copy of letter to the U.S. Attorney, Montgomery, Middle District of Alabama, from members of the recently discharged U.S. Grand Jury, Middle District of Alabama.

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TO-DIRECTOR /157-6-61/

FROM SAC, MOBILE /157-367/

RACIAL SITUATION, STATE OF ALABAMA, SELMA, ALA. REBUTEL TWELVE FORTYSEVEN PM, EST, THIS DATE.

TODAY DISCUSSED THE FURNISHING OF INFOR-MATION BY THE DALLAS COUNTY GRAND JURY TO THE FBI WITH CIRCUIT JUDGE JAMES A. HARE, CIRCUIT SOLICITOR BLANCHARD L. MC LEOD, DALLAS COUNTY SHERIFF JAMES G. CLARK, JR., AND DALLAS COUNTY GRAND JURY FOREMAN ROBERT D. WILKINSON, JR. IT WAS EXPLAINED THAT THE FBI IS QUOTE DUTY BOUND UNQUOTE TO FURNISH ANY INFORMATION IN-VOLVING A POSSIBLE FEDERAL VIOLATION TO THE U. S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE. THEY POINTED OUT THEY HAVE NOT COMPLETELY EVALUATED THEIR INFOR-MATION AND FULLY RESEARCHED IT TO KNOW IF FEDERAL VIOLATIONS DO EXIST BUT THEY, BELIEVE SOME OF THE INFORMATION BEARS ON MISCONDUCT IN OFFICE OF DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION. THESE INDIVIDUATION INDICATED THAT IN VIEW OF THE POSSIBILITY OF

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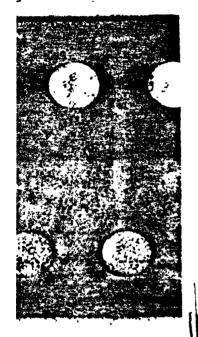
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HAVE CONFIDENCE IN THE DEPT. OF JUSTICE, SPECIFICALLY THE CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION. THEREFORE, THEY INDICATED THEY DID NOT FEEL THEY SHOZD FURNISH INFORMATION TO THE FBI AT THIS TIME AND INDICATED THEY MAY POSSIBLY DEAL DIRECTLY WITH THE PRESIDENT-S OFFICE. THEY SAID THEY APPREICATED THE HONESTY AND FORTHRIGHTNESS OF THE FBI IN SETTING FORTH ITS POSITION IN THE MATTER, AND AFTER THEYCOMPLETE THEIR EVALUATION OF THEIR INFORMATION THEY MIGHT POSSIBLY DECIDE to recontact sa for the purpose of furnishing all information  $b \gamma c$ IN THEIR POSSESSION.

ANY FURTHER CONTACTS RELATIVE TO THIS MATTER BY ANY OF THE ABOVE-MENTIONED DALLAS COUNTY INDIVIDUALS WITH MOBILE WILL BE PROMPTLY FURNISHED THE BUREAU.

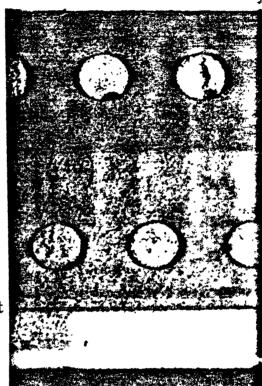
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## GENERAL INVESTIGATE DIVISION 12/4/63

Cliff Carter, Assistant to the President, advised Mr. DeLoach 12/3/63 that Sheriff Jim Clark and Circuit Judge James Hare of Selma, Alabama, had called the White House and requested a conference at the White House concerning a grand jury probe into the conduct of the Department of Justice in Selma. Carter desired the Bureau to contact Clark and Hare for details. Mobile was so instructed and attached teletype sets forth details obtained by Mobile. The office of Assistant Director DeLoach is advising Mr. Carter concerning the comments of the Selma, Alabama, officials.





UNITED STATES GC ERNMENT MemorandumMr. Mohr DATE December 3, 1963 C. D. DeLoach chicial motto. STATE OF ALABAMA SUBJECT. GRAND JURY PROCEEDINGS CIVIL RIGHTS MATTER An Alabama State Grand Jury has been convened for the purpose of gathering evidence regarding the loaning of an automobile by the Justice Department for usage of Reverend Martin Luther King. Additional accusations have been made with respect to activities of Justice Department personnel. Cliff Carter, Assistant to the President, called at 1:20 p.m. this afternoon. The White House received a call yesterday, December 2, 1963, from Sheriff Jim Clark of Selma, Alabama. A District Judge of the Fourth Judicial Circuit, Mabama, James Hare, was also on the phone. Sheriff Clark and Judge Hare told Carter they have considerable additional information regarding the abovementioned Grand Jury probe. They refused to discuss this on the phone but stated it concerned a "civil rights deal" which had been made. Sheriff Clark, Judge Hare, Robert Wilkinson (Grand Jury Foreman), and the Selma County Solicitor Blanchard McLeod, all desire to come to Washington and have a meeting at the White House with the President or with Carter in the near future. Sheriff Clark and Judge Hare stated they would refuse to discuss this Imatter with the Attorney General or the Justice Department inasmuch as they have found through experience that these sources cannot be trusted. They told Carter that they did trust the FBI and would like to request that the FBI sit in on the conference at the White House. Carter told me he had prepared a memorandum for the President regarding this matter. He has additionally discussed it personally with the President.

He stated that he and the President would, of course, like to ignore this matter; how-

ignore it. Carter has recommended to the President, and the President has indicated that he will go along with the recommendation, providing the Director has no serious

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ever, inasmuch as it has been brought to their attention officially, they cannot

objections, that the Special Agent in Charge of our Birmingham Office call upon Isheriff Clark and Judge Hare to see what they have in mind. The Special Agent in

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1 - Mr. Belmont 1 - Mr. Rosen 1 - Mr. Jones

DeLoach to Mohr Memorandum, 12/3/63 RE: State of Alabama Grand Jury Proceedings Civil Rights Matter

Charge can advise these gentlemen that he is aware of their call to the White House and can assure them that their facts will be given to the President.

Carter mentioned that the above-named individuals might request that the Justice Department not be told of the facts they have. I told Carter this would put us in a bad position inasmuch as the evidence these individuals present might have some bearing on a Federal violation and we, therefore, would be bound to advise the Department. Carter replied that he and the President both think that if this situation arises our Special Agent in Charge should promptly tell these individuals that the information then of necessity would have to be given to the Department of Justice.

I told Carter that the check would be made and I would call him back. The Director was advised of the above facts and indicated we should accede to the President's desire in this matter. I so advised Carter's secretary in his absence.

Carter called back at 5:30 p.m. and talked to me while I was in Walter Jenkins' Office at the White House. He stated he had discussed this matter with Sheriff Clark and that Clark was entirely in accord with the proposition that this matter be handled with the FBI locally. Sheriff Clark additionally told Carter that his entire community thought very highly of Special Agent who is currently assigned to the Selma Resident Agency. He stated they would be glad to talk freely to Carter told Sheriff Clark that it would be necessary for the Special Agent in Charge also to be along or someone designated by him. They will be glad to discuss this matter with and the SAC. However, they have requested that introduce his associate to them.

I told Carter this would be handled and that we would provide a report to the President with respect to the interview to be conducted.

#### **ACTION:**

It is suggested this memorandum be forwarded to the General Investigative Division so that appropriate instructions can be issued to the Birmingham Division for handling the above-mentioned interview on an expeditious basis.

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DIRECTOR /157-6-61/

FROM SAC, MOBILE /157-367/

RACIAL SITUATION, STATE OF ALA., SELMA, ALA., RM. REMOTELS TWELVE FIVE SIXTYTHREE.

FEDERAL COURT HEARING IN CASE ENTITLED BLANCHARD MC LEOD/ ET AL, ADJOURNED THREE THIRTY P.M. TODAY WITHOUT COMPLETING CASE. CASE CONTINUED UNTIL TWELVE SIXTEEN SIXTYTHREE.

CASE INVOLVING WILCOX COUNTY BOARD OF REGISTRARS SET FOR FEDERAL COURT HEARING ON TWELVE SEVENTEEN SIXTYTHREE HOWEVER NO INDICATION IT WILL POSSIBLY BE HEARD AT THAT TIME. NO AGENTS HAVE BEEN USED AS YET AS

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TO SAC MOBILE
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RACIAL SITUATION, MOBILE DIVISION, RACIAL MATTERS.

UPI RELEASES DATED TWELVE RIGHT AND TWELVE MINE INDICATE

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., AT MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, MET WITH NEGRO

LEADERS AND HINTED HIS CIVIL RIGHTS ORGANIZATION MIGHT ORGANIZE

MEW ASSAULTS ON RACIAL SEGREGATION IN ALABAMA CAPITAL. KING

REPORTEDLY SPOKE OF NEW ANTI-SEGREGATION STRATEGY TO QUOTE

ROCK THIS CRADLE OF THE CONFEDERACY END QUOTE. ADVISE WHAT

INFORMATION YOUR SOURCES HAVE GIVEN CONCERNING MEETING OF KING

WITH LEADERS. SUTEL PERTINENT DETAILS AND FOLLOW WITH LINE.

BUREAU MUST BE ON TOP OF SITUATION. TAKE APPROPRIATE STEPS

To INSURE COVERAGE OF SUCH MEETINGS.

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(RACIAL)

MONTGOMERY, ALA. -- DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. TODAY HINTED OF NEW ASSAULTS ON SEGREGATION IN THIS ALARAMA CAPITAL. "MAYBE THE TIME HAS COME TO ROCK THIS "CRADLE OF THE CONFEDERACY." HE SAID.

THE NEGRO LEADER WAS HERE TO OBSERVE THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE MONT-GOMERY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION (MIA) WHICH HE FOUNDED EIGHT YEARS AGO. HE MET TONIGHT WITH LEADERS OF THE NEGRO COMMUNITY AND MIA PRESIDENT SOLOMON SEAY JR. SAID A STATEMENT WOULD BE ISSUED MONDAY. SEAY INDICATED THE STATEMENT WOULD DEAL WITH NEW NEGRO DESERGATION STRATEGY.

A STATE AGENT WHO HAS SAT IN ON FOUR DAYS OF CONFERENCES IN CONNECTION WITH THE ANNIVERSARY SAID HE BELIEVED AN ALL OUT ATTEMPT TO INTEGRATE PUBLIC SCHOOLS WAS IN THE MAKING.

KING AND LOCAL LEADERS REFUSED TO COMMENT ON THE POSSIBILITY OF STREET DEMONSTRATIONS OR A MASS MARCH ON MONTGOMERY OF INTEGRATIONISTS FROM ALL OVER THE NATION AS HAD BEEN HINTED IN THE PAST. THEY WOULD SAY ONLY THAT KING WAS TO BE BROUGHT UP TO DATE ON THE MONTGOMERY STUATION AND PLANS WERE UNDER STUDY.

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**UPI-37** 

(RACIAL) MONTGOMERY, ALA. -- DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. MET WITH NEGRO LEADERS LAST NIGHT AND HINTED HIS CIVIL RIGHTS ORGANIZATION MIGHT ORGANIZE NEW ASSAULTS ON RACIAL SEGREGATION IN THE ALABAMA CAPITAL.

A STATEMENT ON POSSIBLE PLANS WAS EXPECTED TODAY.

KING RETURNED TO THE CITY WHERE HE LAUNCHED HIS CAREER TO OBSERVE
THE EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INTEGRATIONIST MONTGOMERY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION WHICH HE FOUNDED.

KING SPOKE OF NEW ANTI-SEGREGATION STRATEGY TO "ROCK THIS "CRADLE OF THE CONFEDERACY" AND SAID "MAYBE THE TIME HAS COME TO HAVE THE STRUGGLE RIGHT HERE WHERE GOV. GEORGE WALLACE WILL UNDERSTAND."

-0-DAWSON, GA. -- FBI AGENTS TODAY INVESTIGATED REPORTS THAT THE HOME A NEGRO VOTER REGISTRATION WORKER WAS DAMAGED DURING THE WEEKEND

BY RIFLE BULLETS AND A DYNAMITE BLAST.

POLICE IN THIS SOUTHWEST GEORGIA COMMUNITY DECLINED TO COMMENT ON THE INCIDENT, BUT SHERIFF'S OFFICERS AND FEDERAL AGENTS CONFIRMED AN INVESTIGATION WAS UNDER WAY.

MRS. CAROLYN BANIELS WAS SLIGHTLY WOUNDED BY A RIFLE BULLET WHICH SHE SAID WAS FIRED FROM ONE OF SEVERAL CARS SURROUNDING HER OME.

SHE SAID AN EXPLOSION THEN SLIGHTLY DAMAGED THE STRUCTURE.

MEW YORK .-- JAMES KARMER, HEAD OF CORE SAID YESTERDAY THAT PRESIDENT JOHNSON WAS A DEDICATED SUPPORTER OF CIVIL RIGHTS DESPITE HIS SOUTHERN BACKGROUND.

FARMER, SPEAKING IN A RADIO INTERVIEW. "LET'S FIND OUT." (CBS),
SAID THAT JOHNSON'S TEXAS ORIGIN AND SOUTHERN ACCENT CREATED A PROBLEM
FOR HIM PARTICULARLY WITH NORTHERN NEGROES.

"VERY FREQUENTLY WHEN THE SOUTHERNER BEGINS SPEAKING, "FARMER
SAID, "THE NEGRO'S MIND CLOSES UP BECAUSE THAT ACCENT REPRESENTS FOR HIM
BIAS OF THE PAST.

"I THINK, HOWEVER, THAT MR. JOHNSON HAS SHOWN HIS DEDICATION TO
THIS CAUSE AND HE DESPERATELY NEEDS THE CIVIL RIGHTS BILL AND I
BELIEVE HE'LL GET IT."

FARMER ALSO WARNED REPUBLICANS THEY MAY FIND THEMSELVES SURRENDERING NEGRO VOTES NEXT YEAR IF THEY ARE LAGGARD ABOUT THE CIVIL RIGHTS BILL. 12/9--JD1030AES

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, MOBILE /44-439/ 1P

RACIAL SITUATION, MOBILE DIVISION, RM.

RE BUREAU TEL DECEMBER TENTH, SIXTYTHREE.

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REPORTS ALTHOUGH

STATES DR. KING DID SAY QUOTE MAYBE IT IS TIME FOR REVOLUTIONS TO RETURN TO CRADLE OF CONFEDERACY BNQUOTE AND THAT FACILITIES

OF SCLC AVAILABLE FOR THE ASKING.

DR. KING AND REVEREND SOLOMON SEAY, MIA PRESIDENT

AFTER DR. KING/S ADDRESS AND BOTH DENIED ANY PLANS FOR

DEOMONSTRATIONS IN MONTGOMERY.

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Date:  $\cdot 12/12/63$ Transmit the following in . (Type in plain text or code) AIRTEL Via AIRMAIL (Priority or Method of Mailing) TO Director, FBI (157-6-4) SAC, Mobile (44-439)(P) FROM SUBJECT: RACIAL SITUATION MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA ReButel 12/10/63 captioned RACIAL SITUATION, MOBILE DIVISION, RM. Enclosed herewith are eight copies of letterhead memorandum concerning the meeting of the Montgomery Improvement Association (Institute of Non-Violence and Social Change), Montgomery, Ala., 12/5-8/63. **b7** D MO T-1 is identified as Montgomery, b1C furnished the information in instant letterhead memo to 670 also contacted - Bureau (Enc. 8)(AP) - Mobile Agency G-2, ONI, OSI, CRD DEC 1 6 1963 Date Forw .... How Forw. 3 DEC 14 1505



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Racial Situation Montgomery, Alabama

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Montgomery, Alabama, advised a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation the annual meeting of the Montgomery Improvement Association (Institute of Non-Violence and Social Change) on December 5, 1963, at which Reverend Ralph B. Absernathy spoke, and the meeting of the same group on December 8, 1963 when Dr. Martin Luther King spoke. Advised that neither of these men specifically mentioned demonstrations in Montgomery, Alabama; however, Dr. King stated during his speech that "maybe it is time for revolution to return to the Gradle of the Confederacy," and told those assembled that the facilities of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference were available to them and said all they had to do was ask for these facilities if they were needed.

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Dr. King and Reverend
Solomon S. Seay, president of the Montgomery Improvement.
Association, immediately after Dr. King's talk on December 8,
1963, and questioned both of these men concerning the possibility
of demonstrations in Montgomery. Both Dr. King and Reverend
Seay denied that there were any plans for
demonstrations in Montgomery, Alabama.

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12/18/63 Date:

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TO:

DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM:

SAC, MOBILE (157-367)(P)

SUBJECT \( \mathcal{O} \) RACIAL SITUATION STATE OF ALABAMA SELMA, ALABAMA

District Judge DANIEL H. THOMAS heard testimony presented by Departmental Attorney JOHN DOAR and the Department's petition for a temporary injunction against Dallas County Grand Jury to restrain the Grand Jury from subpoenaing departmental attorneys to appear before the Grand Jury. This evidence was presented on 12/15 & 17/63. At the conclusion of the evidence presented by the Government, Judge THOMAS entertained the motion by the defense for dismissal. He declined to rule immediately stating he would study over the matter before rendering his decision and he heard no further evidence, court being dismissed at approximately 2:15 PM, 12/17/63.

Testimony was heard 12/16/63, in the voters registration case involving Wilcox County and no decision was rendered in that matter.

Letterhead memorandum follows.

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FBI 12/24/63 Date: Transmit the following in . (Type in plain text or code) AIRMAIL AIRTEL Via (Priority or Method of Mailing) DIRECTOR, FBI (157-6-61) TO: SAC, MOBILE (157-367) FROM: SUBJECT: CRACIAL SITUATION\_ STATE OF ALABAMA SELMA, ALABAMA b70 Transmitted herewith are 8 copies of a letterhead memorandum pertaining to Military authorities advised. REQ. REC'D Agency G-2, ONI, OSI, CRD SEP 29 1967 Date Forw. DEC 26 1963 How Forw 1 3 1 cc Org. Unit 3-Bureau (Enc.8), 2-Mobile

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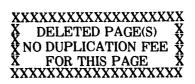
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DIRECTOR, FBI (157-6-61)

**DATE:** 12/27/63

FROM : SAC, MOBILE (157-367)

SUBJECT: RACIAL SITUATION STATE OF ALABAMA SELMA, ALABAMA RM

> ReMoAirtel 12/18/63, stating that letterhead memorandum follows.

Inasmuch as the airtel contained information for the Bureau only, letterhead memorandum is not being prepared.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM MOBILE /157-501/

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE BRIEF CONCERNING SIT-IN CASES. RM.

REBUTEL TODAY.

RACIAL MATTERS

NO SIT-IN DEMONSTRATIONS HAVE OCCURRED LINDEN, ALABAMA, ACCORDING TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND INFORMATION CONTAINED IN MOBILE FILES.

AS NOTED, SIT - IN DEMONSTRATIONS OCCURRED SELMA, ALA., SEPT.

SIXTEEN, SIXTYTHREE. ALL INFO REGARDING THESE DEMONSTRATIONS

REPORTED IN MOBILE FILE ENTITLED QUOTE, RACIAL SITUATION,

STATE OF ALABAMA, SELMA, ALA. RM, UNQUOTE, LETTERHEAD MEMO

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DATE: 1/17/64

FROM:

SAC, MOBILE (44-439)

SUBJECT:

RACIAL SITUATION MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

Enclosed as a matter of interest to the Bureau are copies of two news clippings from the 1/16/64 issue of the Montgomery Advertiser, daily newspaper published at Montgomery, Ala. captioned as follows: ACITY APPOINTS TWO COMMITTEES TO ADVISE ON RACIAL MATTERS" - CITY COMMISSION ASKS 'THOUGHTFUL LEADERSHIP'."

A letterhead memorandum follows.

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### CITY APPOINTS TWO COMMITTEES TO ADVISE ON RACIAL MATTERS

By DICK HINES

The City Commission Wednesday announced the formation of two citizens' committees, composed repectively of 45 white and 45 Negro leaders, to study and make recommendations for solving racial problems and other facets of community life.

• In a written statement signed by all

Complete text and list of committee members Page 11.

three commissioners, it was declared that the time has come "when thoughtful leadership from the respective white and Negro communities must come together in an atmosphere of trust and understanding to resolve mutual problems."

At a later date, it was announced, a Steering Committee will be appointed, composed of 11 members each from the two main committees.

Mentioned among the problems the committees will study were those of youth, housing, industrial growth, job opportunities, law enforcement, slum clearance, paving and sewerage.

"Citizens cannot abdicate their responsibilities in these matters to actions by outside influences," the commissioners said. "These are matters of local concern and local resolution. They are matters which require real solutions, not temporary or forced solutions."

The commission disclaimed any feeling that creation of the committees would be a "panacea to our total problems." But it said "we are firmly committed in our support of these groups that they might assist us in the solution of these tremendous problems."

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

MONTGOMERY ADVERTISER, MONTGOMERY, ALA.

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# City Commission Asks Thoughtful Leadership'

The following is the complete text of the statement issued by the City Commission Wednesday and the list of committee

"Montgomery is a city noted for its warmth of friendship and Southern hospitality. During recent years the growth of our city has been steadily upwards as a livestock and agricultural center; retail sales indicate the importance of our shopping aleas to a large trade district; new facilities for recreation, churches and libraries have (Related Stories On Page 1) ;added to the religious life and that Montgomery is without problems would be to deny the facts. We have problems, a variety of them, as do all cities, but they are not insurmount. but they are not insurmount-able. The continuing needs for our youth and growth of bur educational system; the puble ins involved in race relations; in need for industry and employment opportunities are but a few of the concerns and prob-Hems which confront us as a community.

"Today, the complexity of our society places exacting and demanding responsibilities on ev-ery citizen of this community. It has been said that "No man truly lives unless he takes part in the public issues of his times." A responsibility rests upon each of us wilether We like it or not.

"It'is a time when thought tyl leadership from the respeties must come together in a mosphere of trust and understanding to resolve mutual problems. These problems must be solved in our local community by men of patience and good will who represent the real leadership of both races. Citizens cannot abdicate their responsibilities in these matters to actions by outside influences. These are matters of local concern and local resolution. They are matters which require real solutions, not temporary or forced solutions. "To insure the economic, social, civic, cultural and educa-

tional growth of Montgomery,

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

MONTGOMERY ADVERTISER, MONTGOMERY, ALA.

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the City Commission is appoint-ing two 'City Commissioners' Committees on Community Affairs' of representative citizens
—from its white and Negro

communities. communities.

"Citizens in every walk of life make up the City of Montgomery. The concerns, responsibilities, and growth of the City are important to them and their respective roles of leadership are of the utmost significance in achieving a progressive city. The objectives of these newly formed groups are to bring toformed groups are to bring to-gether the representative leadgether the representative lead-ership from all segments of Montgomery's life who will work together for the common good of our City. The functions will be to study various phases of community activities and problems and to recommend to the Commission and to the pub-lic at large programs of action the Commission and to the public at large programs of action by which this common goal of grawth and betterment of our City will be achieved. They will address themselves to alleviating tensions which grow misunderstandings and to establishing lines of communication so that responsible community leaders can come together to resolve differences for the common good. They will not be partisan groups nor will they be partisan groups nor will they concern themselves with the selfish or petty interests of a group of individuals. The members will meet and deliberate in an attitude knowing that each is on a two-way street.

"Among the areas which will be studied by these groups are problems of youth, housing, in-dustrial growth, job opportuni-ties, law enforcement, slum clearance, paving and sewerage.

"We do not presume that the formation of the Committees on Community Affairs is the panacea to our total problems. However, we are firmly committed in our support of these groups that they might assist us in the solution of these tremendous problems. Each member has a significant contribution to make to the betterment of his community — each has a vital esponsibility."

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FBI 1/21/64 Date: (Type in plain text or code) AIRMAIL AIRTEL (Priority or Method of Mailing) Agency G-2, CNI, CSI, CHO DIRECTOR, FBI (157-6-4) TO: SAC, MOBILE (44-439)(P) FROM: I cc Org. Unit RACIAL SITUATION RE: MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA Enclosed are 8 copies of a letterhead memorandum captioned "RACIAL SITUATION, MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA" and sub-captioned "City Commissioners' Committees on Community Affairs." The informant to whom information is attributed The location of the informant's report is is Other informants in the Mobile Division have been contacted in connection with this matter but none have reported any plans or activities on the part of other klan groups pertaining to these committees. The information pertaining to was furnished on 1/20/64 to 67C Montgomery Police Department, at that time the officer in charge of the Detective Squad. Bureau (Encls (B) (RM) EX-100 Mobile 12 JAN 24 1964 66 JAN 29 1984

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City Commissioners' Committees on Community Affairs

The January 16, 1964 issue of the Montgomery Advertiser, a daily newspaper published at Montgomery, Alabama, contained an article on Page 1 authored by Dick Hines captioned "City Appoints Two Committees To Advise On Racial Matters." This article relates that the City Commission of Montgomery, Alabama, on January 15, 1964 announced the formation of two citizens' committees, composed respectively of 45 white and 45 Negro leaders, to study and make recommendations for solving racial problems and other facets of community life. It was also announced, according to this article, that a Steering Committee would be appointed at a later date, composed of 11 members each from the two main committees. This article states, that among the problems the committees would study would be those of youth, housing, industrial growth, job opportunities, law enforcement, slum clearance, paving and sewerage.

The second article on the same subject appears on Page 11 of the same newspaper. This one is captioned. "City Commission Asks 'Thoughtful Leadership'." This article purports to set forth the complete statement issued by the City Commission on January 15, 1964 pertaining to the formation of "'City Commissioners' Committees on Community Affairs." This statement begins by an acknowledgment that in spite of growth and progress of the city of Montgomery in recent years that the city does have problems. Mentioned among these problems were the continuing needs for "our youth and growth of our educational system; the problems involved in race relations; the need for industry and employment opportunities." The statement reads in part "It is a time when thoughful leadership from the respective white and Negro communities must come together in an atmosphere





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of trust and understanding to resolve mutual problems. These problems must be solved in our local community by men of patience and good will who represent the real leadership of both races. Citizens cannot abdicate their responsibilities in these matters to actions by outside influences. These are matters of local concern and local resolution. They are matters which require real solutions, not temporary or forced solutions." The statement announcing the committees and the working procedure was signed by Mayor Earl D. James and Commissioners L. B. Sullivan and Frank W. Parks.

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