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100-429326 Montgomery Improvement Association

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SAC, Mobile (44-439)

December 20, 1957

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MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA**

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 12/12/57

FROM : SAC, MOBILE (44-439)

SUBJECT: RACIAL SITUATION
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

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TO : Director, FBI (~~100-135-4~~)
FROM: SAC, Birmingham (100-3080)
RE : RACIAL SITUATION
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

Attached are eight copies of a blank memorandum dated January 10, 1958, captioned as above, pertaining to a Mimeograph letter mailed from Birmingham, Alabama, to P.O. [redacted] Ala., and dealing with the possible integration of the schools in Colbert County, Alabama.

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Birmingham Confidential Informant [redacted] Birmingham, Alabama, who has furnished reliable information in the past.

The Mobile Office will furnish Birmingham and the Bureau any information which it may possess relative to the Alabama Improvement Association. Two copies above blank memo attached for Mobile.

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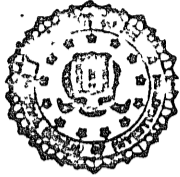
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

300 American Life Building
Birmingham 3, Alabama
January 10, 1958

RE: RACIAL SITUATION,
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

On January 10, 1958, Birmingham Confidential Informant [redacted] furnished a Mimeograph letter dated January 1, 1958, Birmingham 3, Alabama. The letter allegedly was sent by the Alabama Improvement Association, and is as follows: b2

"Dear Friend:

"During the year of 1958 it is our desire to make equal educational opportunities a reality in Alabama. Realizing that we must have a beginning point, and wishing to accomplish our objective with a minimum of friction, our plan is at the present time to attempt integration of the schools of Colbert County.

"Studies have indicated that a climate of opinion exists in Colbert County more favorable to integration than in other counties of Alabama. An analysis of the election returns for the primary and runoff of 1956 when one of the highest and most powerful offices of the county was at stake the candidate, who was elected, received the colored vote.

"We feel that the white voters as a whole who voted for this candidate knew of the solid colored vote which was going for this candidate and yet gave him one of the largest votes in many years. This among other favorable factors caused us to reach this decision.

"Your efforts in support of any public official who is called upon to make a decision for or in support of integration will be the mark of a good citizen.

"Sincerely,

"Alabama Improvement Assn."

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ENCLOSURE

RE: RACIAL SITUATION,
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

Informant [redacted] stated the above letter was sent to Post Office [redacted] Alabama, and was received apparently by [redacted] box holder, a [redacted] [redacted] said several other similar letters were sent to Cherokee, Alabama, also, to Leighton, Alabama. [redacted] said all these letters followed the same pattern as the letter set out above and were addressed to Post Office box numbers without the names of any individuals.

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The files of the Birmingham Office contain no information concerning the Alabama Improvement Association; however, it is noted that there is a Montgomery Improvement Association, Montgomery, Alabama, headed by Reverend Martin Luther King, which has received quite a bit of publicity in the newspapers relative to its stand favoring integration. [redacted] advised he knows nothing about an Alabama Improvement Association being in existence in Birmingham, Alabama.

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Date: January 15, 1958

To: Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence
Department of the Army
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: Chief, Security Division

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: RACIAL SITUATION
STATE OF ALABAMA

There is being furnished you herewith for your information a memorandum dated January 10, 1958, prepared by the Birmingham Office of this Bureau concerning the captioned matter.

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1 - Director of Naval Intelligence (Enclosure)

1 - Office of Special Investigations (Enclosure)
Air Force

1 - AAG W. Wilson White (By Form 0-6, same date) (Enclosure)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR FBI (100-135-61)

DATE: 12/31/57

FROM : SAC, MOB LE (44-439)

SUBJECT: RACIAL SITUATION
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

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REQ. FOR [unclear]
DATE FOR [unclear] 1/13/58
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BY [unclear] J. J. [unclear]

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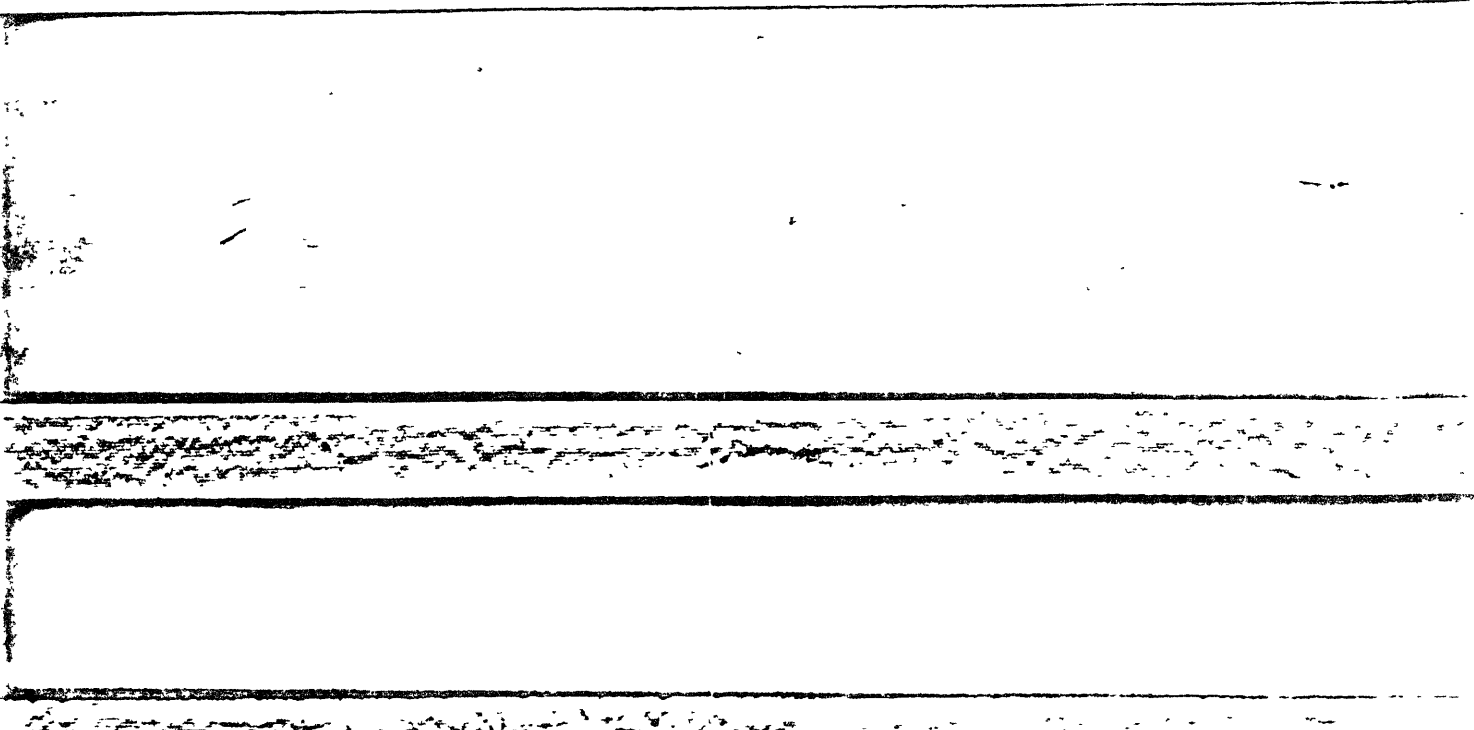
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Mobile, Alabama
December 31, 1957

RACIAL SITUATION
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

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MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

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URGENT 2-25-60 3-20 PM CST HRT
TO DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM SAC, MOBILE 2-P

Segregation - Alabama

NEGRO STUDENT SIT-DOWN STRIKES, RACIAL MATTERS.

[REDACTED] MONTGOMERY, ALA., TODAY ADVISED THAT AT APPROXIMATELY ELEVEN FIFTEEN A. M., TODAY HE RECEIVED ANONYMOUS TELEPHONE CALL FROM PERSON HE BELIEVES TO BE [REDACTED]

WHO ADVISED [REDACTED] THAT A RESTAURANT SIT DOWN DEMONSTRATION WOULD BE STAGED IN THE COURT HOUSE GRILL, A PRIVATELY OWNED RESTAURANT IN THE BASEMENT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY COURT HOUSE.

[REDACTED] PROCEEDED TO THAT LOCATION AND AT ELEVEN THIRTYA A. M., THIRTY TO THIRTY FIVE COLORED MALES, ALL OF SCHOOL AGE AND CARRYING BOOKS, IDENTIFYING THEMSELVES AS STUDENTS FROM ALABAMA STATE COLLEGE FOR NEGROES, MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, ENTERED THE COURT HOUSE GRILL AND ORDERED. THEY WERE NOT

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SERVED AND CITY DETECTIVES [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] WHO
WERE COINCIDENTALLY PRESENT URGED THE NEGROES TO LEAVE BUT
THEY REFUSED. [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] CONTACTED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WHO
ADVISED OWNER OF RESTAURANT [REDACTED] TO CLOSE THE
RESTAURANT. [REDACTED] CLOSED THE RESTAURANT AND THE STUDENTS

STAYED AROUND FOR APPROXIMATELY FORTY MINUTES AND THEN

DEPARTED, SAYING THEY WOULD RETURN. THE STUDENTS REFUSED

TO FURNISH NAMES TO [REDACTED] NO FURTHER DETAILS AVAILABLE.

PRELIMINARY REPORT DOES NOT INDICATE POSSIBLE VIOLATION FEDERAL

STATUTE AND IF AS SUGGESTED THIS INCIDENT IS MIA INSPIRED, WE

HAVE NO INVESTIGATIVE INTEREST, HOWEVER, MATTER WILL BE

CAREFULLY FOLLOWED.

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TO DIRECTOR FBI

FROM SAC MOBILE 4P

D SEGRIGATION - ALABAMA

NEGRO STUDENTS SIT-DOWN STRIKES, RACIAL MATTERS. AT MASS MEETING OF STUDENTS, ATTENDED BY ONE THOUSAND, NIGHT OF FEBRUARY TWENTYNINE LAST AT HUTCHINSON BAPTIST CHURCH, MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, AND AT SECOND MEETING SAME NIGHT AT BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH, MONTGOMERY, SPEAKERS INCLUDED REVEREND MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., REVEREND RALPH ABERNATHY, AND BERNARD LEE, IDENTIFIED AS PRESIDENT OF STUDENT PROTEST MOVEMENT IN ALABAMA MONTGOMERY. KING TOLD GROUP IT HAD GONE TOO FAR TO TURN BACK, AND STUDENTS WOULD PROTEST UNTIL THEY QUOTE TURNED THIS CRADLE OF THE CONFEDERACY UP SIDE DOWN UNQUOTE. LEE TOLD STUDENTS THAT A MEETING WOULD BE HELD NINE AM THIS DATE AND THAT QUOTE WE ARE GOING TO MOVE UNQUOTE. HE DID NOT SAY WHERE MOVE WOULD BE. IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT IF STUDENT WAS EXPELLED FOR TAKING PART IN SIT-DOWN STRIKE AT COURTHOUSE CAFE ON FEBRUARY TWENTYFIVE LAST ALL STUDENTS WOULD RESIGN ALABAMA STATE COLLEGE. THE GROUP CHEERED THIS STATEMENT IN APPROVAL.

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ABERNATHY TOLD GROUP THAT THEY HAVE ["]QUOTE OUR ["]QUOTE FELL
LACKING PAREN (MONTGOMERY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION) PAREN AND ENCOURAGED
THEM TO CONTINUE THEIR MOVEMENT. HE ALSO ANNOUNCED LEGAL
DEFENSE FUNDS FOR REVEREND KING, UNDER INDICTMENT AT
MONTGOMERY FOR PERJURY IN CONNECTION WITH INCOME TAX RETURNS.

ABERNATHY ALSO PROTESTED TREATMENT OF NEGRO SHOPPERS IN MONTGOMERY
FEBRUARY TWENTYSEVEN LAST AND INDICATED NEGROES SHOULD BOYCOTT
DOWNTOWN MERCHANTS, IF POLICE WOULD NOT PROTECT THEM. REVEREND ^{ALA.}

~~SOLOMON SEAY~~, OFFICER OF ~~MONTGOMERY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION~~, ^{ALA.}

ALSO TOLD GROUP THAT ["]QUOTE WE WON-T BE GOING TO THE SNACK BARS
BUT TO THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA. ["] ~~██████████~~ ASSOCIATED ^{67D} ^{ALA.}

PRESS CORRESPONDENT, MONTGOMERY, ADVISED THIS DATE HE HEARD
STUDENTS WERE GOING TO MARCH TO MONTGOMERY COURTHOUSE AFTER
RALLY ON CAMPUS, PROBABLY IN MASS EFFORT TO REGISTER AS VOTERS,
AND ALL HAVE BEEN TOLD TO BRING THEIR BIRTH CERTIFICATES TO
ABOVE RALLY WHO ARE OF VOTING AGE, HOWEVER TODAY IS LEGAL
HOLIDAY IN MONTGOMERY, BEING MARDI GRAS DAY, AND COUNTY AND
STATE BUILDINGS ALL CLOSED. IN OTHER DEVELOPMENTS, COUNTY
OFFICIALS PLACED GRILL IN MONTGOMERY COURTHOUSE OFF-LIMITS
TO ALL BUT COUNTY EMPLOYEES AND GUESTS. NEGRO EMPLOYEES OF
COUNTY WILL HAVE ACCESS TO SERVICE, BUT ONLY BY PLACING

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ORDERS AT COUNTER AND TAKING FOOD OUTSIDE. [REDACTED]

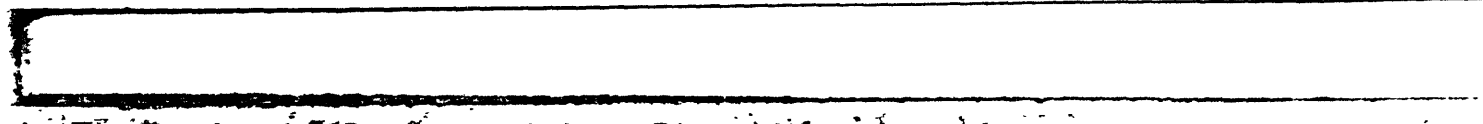
[REDACTED] CLAIMED THAT PRESS ERRED IN REPORTING THE BAT. BEATING OF NEGRO WOMAN IN DOWNTOWN MONTGOMERY FEBRUARY TWENTYSEVEN LAST SAYING THERE WERE NO POLICE PRESENT AND HE HAD RECEIVED NO COMPLAINT. HE STATED AFTER INVESTIGATION HAD BEEN COMPLETED UNABLE TO FIND COMPLAINANT OR INJURED PARTY. IN TELEVISION STATEMENT FEBRUARY TWENTYNINE LAST [REDACTED]

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APPEALED TO WHITE CITIZENS OF MONTGOMERY TO LEAVE LAW ENFORCEMENT TO POLICE AND ASKED NEGROES TO CEASE HARASSING ACTIVITIES. GOVERNOR JOHN M. PATTERSON STATED HIS ORDER TO EXPEL STUDENT DEMONSTRATORS APPLIES ONLY TO LEADERS OF SIT-DASH DOWN MOVEMENT. [REDACTED] MONTGOMERY POLICE

DEPARTMENT, ADVISED THIS DATE HE HEARD NEGROES PLANNED TO MARCH TO EITHER COUNTY COURTHOUSE OR STATE BUILDINGS, BUT THAT THESE BUILDINGS ARE CLOSED TODAY. HE SAID POLICE DEPARTMENT WILL KEEP NEGRO MARCHERS UNDER SURVEILLANCE TO PREVENT VIOLENCE THIS DATE. [REDACTED] PROFESSOR, ALABAMA STATE

COLLEGE, ADVISED STUDENTS GROUPING AT THAT TIME ON STREET BY CAMPUS OF COLLEGE PREPARING FOR RALLY. STATED HE IS SURE THAT THEY WON-T GO TO COURTHOUSE TODAY, BECAUSE OFFICES CLOSED DUE TO STATE HOLIDAY. STATED NO DISTURBANCES APPEAR THREATENING
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THE SCENE OF RALLY. STATED ONLY WHITES PRESENT ARE APPARENTLY
CASUAL OBSERVERS AND NO KLAN OR HOODLUM TYPE WHITES OBSERVED
IN GROUP. THREE TO FOUR HUNDRED STUDENTS FROM ALA. STATE
COLLEGE MARCHED TO STATE CAPITAL AT NINE THIRTY AM CST AND
PRESENTLY DEMONSTRATING. NO PLACARDS OR SIGNS CARRIED.

DEMONSTRATION ORDERLY. NO VIOLENCE ANTICIPATED. NO OPPOSITION
NOTED. BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS.

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CC--MR. ROSEN

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URGENT 3-6-60 4-19 PM CST VFP

TO DIRECTOR FBI

FROM SAC MOBILE 2 P

REGATION

NEGRO STUDENT SIT DOWN STRIKE, MONTGOMERY, ALA., RACIAL MATTERS.

BETWEEN ONE AND TWO O- CLOCK P. M. TODAY A CROWD OF BETWEEN

TWO AND THREE THOUSAND WHITE PEOPLE, MOSTLY

SPECTATORS, GATHERED IN THE VICINITY OF THE ALABAMA STATE

CAPITOL WHILE AT THE SAME TIME A GROUP OF APPROXIMATELY

TWO HUNDRED NEGROES GATHERED AT THE DEXTER AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH,

NEGRO, CORNER OF DEXTER AVENUE AND DECATER STREET ONE BLOCK

WEST OF CAPITOL. AS NEGROES GATHERED AT CHURCH, WHITES MOVED

IN THAT DIRECTION SO THAT AT TWO ZERO THREE P. M. ,

CHURCH WAS SURROUNDED BY WHITE CROWD AS NEGROES IN DOULLE FILE

STARTED TO MARCH TOWARD CAPITOL. SITUATION WAS EXTREMELY

DANGEROUS AND AT THAT POINT JUST BEFORE INEVITABLE CLASH

BETWEEN WHITE AND COLORED GROUPS [REDACTED]

NA, LEAD GROUP OF UNIFORMED OFFICERS IN STOPPING AND

TURNING BACK THE NEGRO COLUMN BELIEVED LEAD BY REV. RALPH

B. ABERNATHY, PRESIDENT OF MONTGOMERY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION.

POLICE REMAINED IN CHARGE AS NEWS PHOTOGRAPHERS AND T. V.

CAMERAS RECORDED SCENE. BY TWO THIRTY P. M. POLICE WERE SUCCEEDING

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Mr. [REDACTED]

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IN MOVING BACK CROWDS OF WHITE PEOPLE FROM IMMEDIATE VICINITY
OF CHURCH. LARGE NUMBERS OF POLICE AND ALA. HIGHWAY PATROLMEN
SURROUNDED CAPITOL AND DIVERTED TRAFFIC FROM AREA OF CONFLICT.
SITUATION BEING FOLLOWED. THREAT OF IMMEDIATE VIOLENCE
DIMINISHED AT THIS POINT.

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TO : A. Rosen *Re*

DATE: March 14, 1960

FROM : W. B. Welte *W.B. Welte - AL 6*

SUBJECT: ~~NEGRO PROTEST DEMONSTRATIONS~~
STATE OF ALABAMA
RACIAL MATTERS

BACKGROUND:

The recent rash of Negro protest demonstrations spread to Alabama on 2-25-60 when a group of students from the Alabama State College for Negroes attempted to obtain service in the Montgomery County Courthouse Grill. The grill was closed and Governor Patterson called for expulsion of the students and threatened to withhold state funds from the school. Nine students were expelled 3-2-60.

SCOPE:

Since that date a total of two sit-down demonstrations and eight other demonstrations conducted in sympathy with the sit-down demonstrations have been held in Montgomery, Tuskegee and Huntsville, Alabama.

ARRESTS:

In connection with these demonstrations local police have made a total of 20 arrests on such charges as failure to obey police and disorderly conduct. Of this number 37 arrests were made on 3-2-60 during a demonstration of Negro students near the Alabama State College for Negroes campus.

INCIDENTS OF VIOLENCE:

In connection with these demonstrations there have been reported four incidents involving some degree of violence.

During a demonstration on the afternoon of 2-27-60 a fight occurred between a white man and a Negro youth. Both were arrested.

On 3-2-60 a news photographer named [redacted] was mobbed by a group of "special officers" when he attempted to photograph them along with their horses in the vicinity of the Alabama State College for Negroes. The officers were special deputies appointed by the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office. They forced [redacted] to expose the film in his camera. *67c*
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Memorandum for Mr. Rosen

On 3-9-60 [redacted] Negro Ala b7c became involved in a scuffle with a Montgomery policeman at a bus station when the officer questioned him as to his reason for being there. The policeman's gun fell to the ground during the scuffle and [redacted] got the gun and shot at the officer. The officer was uninjured and [redacted] was arrested for assault with intent to commit murder.

On 3-12-60 [redacted] white men forced their way into the home of [redacted] a 20-year-old Negro student. They beat [redacted] his mother and sister. The sister and [redacted] are both students of the Miles Negro College, Birmingham, Alabama. One of the 9 white men identified the group as police officers who had orders for the arrest of [redacted] [redacted] was of the opinion this incident resulted from newspaper publicity concerning his arrest earlier in connection with a demonstration by Negro students. The Department has been advised of the alleged incident concerning [redacted] closing report furnished 3-14-60. b7c

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY:

A moving force behind the demonstrations in Alabama by Negro students has been the Montgomery Improvement Association (MIA) a leading Negro organization of that city which spearheaded the 1956 Montgomery, Alabama, bus boycott. Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., who until recently was the president of the MIA, has publicly supported and encouraged these demonstrations.

Klan organizations in Alabama have evidenced a great deal of interest in these incidents. It was reliably reported that on 2-27-60 nearly 100 members of the U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., patrolled streets in downtown Montgomery armed with miniature baseball bats. It was also reliably reported that an official of this organization claims to have conferred with Montgomery police officials relative to the Klan's role in handling the sit-down problem. Klan members reportedly were instructed not to carry firearms when appearing at the site of these demonstrations but they should carry a link chain, baseball bat or other similar items which could not be classified as a weapon in the eyes of the law. They were instructed to "hit hard and run, don't linger and don't get caught under any circumstances." They were also instructed to strike a police officer if he got in the way.

ACTION BEING TAKEN:

This matter is being followed closely. Pertinent data received concerning these incidents is being promptly furnished to

Memorandum for Mr. Rosen

the appropriate local authorities, intelligence agencies of the Armed Forces and to the Department. A survey is being conducted of matters relating to sit-down demonstrations which have occurred in other parts of the country. The results of this survey will be submitted in a separate memorandum.

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TO : DIRECT

DATE: 1/22/63

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FROM : SAC, WFO (205) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RACIAL SITUATION
STATE OF ALABAMA
RACIAL MATTERS
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ReMOairtel and letterhead memo captioned as above and dated 12/11/62, concerning a conference sponsored by the Montgomery Improvement Association, Inc., 712 Dorsey Street, Montgomery, Alabama, 12/3 - 9/62.

WFO opened a new case on captioned matter in view of the fact that [redacted] was one of the speakers at the meeting. b7c

On 12/19/62, this matter was discussed with [redacted] Office of Special Investigations, MPD. b7D

On 1/21/63, [redacted] advised no additional info has come to his attention concerning this matter in the Washington, D.C., area. b7D

WFO is placing this matter in an RUC status in view of the above.

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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TO : Director, FBI (157-6-4)
FROM : SAC, Mobile (44-439)(P)
SUBJECT: RACIAL SITUATION
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA
RM

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.

[Redacted] is identified as [Redacted] b2 b7D
[Redacted] Montgomery, b7D
Ala., furnished the information in instant letterhead memo to b7C
SA [Redacted] SA [Redacted] also contacted [Redacted]

3 - Bureau (Enc. 8)(RM)
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C. G. WICK

Approved: [Signature] Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge
340-1-36



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File No.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Mobile, Alabama
December 12, 1963

Racial Situation
Montgomery, Alabama

On December 9, 1963 [redacted] advised she had attended a meeting of the Montgomery Improvement Association (Institute of Non-Violence and Social Change) at Mt. Zion AME Church on December 5, 1963 when Reverend Ralph B. Abernathy spoke. She said there were approximately 275 persons present, including seven white persons, apparently representatives of the press and some police officers in plain clothes. She stated there were several police cars and police motorcycles patrolling the vicinity of the church before, during and after the meeting and Reverend Abernathy spoke approvingly from the pulpit of the excellent protection this meeting received. b2

[redacted] advised Abernathy's talk dealt exclusively with the need for Negroes to improve their education and then to apply for jobs in all fields of endeavor, particularly in sales fields in which the Negro purchasing activity was extensive. b2

[redacted] stated that although she noted in the newspapers and heard on radio and television that Abernathy had advocated a march on the Alabama State Capitol, she knows this is not true. She stated the news media must have misinterpreted Abernathy's remarks as he did not mention demonstrations of any kind, but merely stated the Negro must "march ahead everywhere, including the State Capitol of Alabama," in connection with his statement that Negroes must qualify for and seek better employment. b2

[redacted] attended the meeting of this group at the Beulah Baptist Church in Montgomery at 3:00 p.m., December 8, 1963, when Dr. Martin Luther King spoke. This meeting was also afforded excellent police protection and Reverend Solomon S. Seay, Montgomery Improvement Association President, commented on this from the pulpit. b2 b7D

She stated Dr. King also spoke on the need for better education and seeking better jobs by Negroes, and made no mention

Racial Situation
Montgomery, Alabama

of demonstrations in this vicinity. She said the church was overflowing with people at this meeting and that there were several white persons present, apparently press and police representatives.

On December 11, 1963 [redacted] Montgomery, Alabama, advised a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that he covered the annual meeting of the Montgomery Improvement Association (Institute of Non-Violence and Social Change) on December 5, 1963, at which Reverend Ralph B. Abernathy spoke, and the meeting of the same group on December 8, 1963 when Dr. Martin Luther King spoke. [redacted] 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 Cradle 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. b7D

[redacted] further stated he and an United Press International correspondent interviewed 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 to the reporters that there were any plans for demonstrations in Montgomery, Alabama. b7D

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Date: 6/4/64

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

Agency C-2, CNI, CSI, CRD / J.S.S.

To: Director, FBI (157-6-61)

Date Forw. JUN 8 1964

From: SAC, MOBILE (44-439)

How Forw. *1st*

By *[Signature]*

T cc Org. Unit

Subject: RACIAL SITUATION
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

BOMBING MATTERS - THREATS RACIAL MATTERS

Enclosed are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum.

One copy is furnished to Birmingham because of the references to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference which also operates in the Birmingham area.

Informants to whom information is attributed in the LHM are: [Redacted] Data is written up in authenticated reports, filed under FD306 in appropriate subfiles for each informant.

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Copies of this LHM are being disseminated to local intelligence agencies.

Information re klan groupings from [Redacted] was furnished 5/29/64, to [Redacted] NA, Montgomery PD, ranking officer on duty at the time, along with the interest expressed by the klan in the headquarters of the SCLC.

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As in the past, [Redacted] NA, Ala. Dept. of Public Safety, will be contacted in the future for the results of his investigations in matters of this kind.

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- 1 - Bureau (Enclosures 8)
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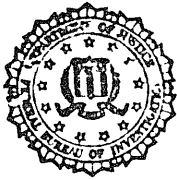
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All Mobile sources and informants are alert and will be frequently contacted for any additional information pertaining to captioned matter and the Bureau will be kept current.



In Reply, Please Refer to
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Mobile, Alabama
June 4, 1964

RACIAL SITUATION
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

[REDACTED] NA, Investigator, Alabama State Department of Public Safety, Montgomery, Alabama, advised on June 1, 1964, that within the past two weeks there have been many and frequent rumors in constant circulation in Montgomery predicting the occurrence of racial demonstrations of various kinds in Montgomery. [REDACTED] stated that he has maintained contact with several persons who appear to be the principal leaders of Negro organizations operating in this area, including Rev. SOLOMON S. SEAY, President of the Montgomery Improvement Association (MIA) [REDACTED] (SCLC), [REDACTED]. Through his contacts with these persons, [REDACTED] has been able to ascertain that the rumors of racial demonstrations have not been founded on fact, and have been of uncertain and unreliable origin. b7D
b7C

[REDACTED] stated that he observed an SCLC sponsored picnic on Saturday, May 30, 1964, near Montgomery on the Old Selma Road. He said that the attendance was very disappointing to SCLC leaders, amounting to only about 125 persons, most of them being students at the St. Jude's School in Montgomery. [REDACTED] stated that a recent meeting of SCLC personnel at Montgomery at 333 South Jackson Street where they had frequently met in the recent past, a leader reportedly said that they had approximately 1,000 persons ready to participate in a demonstration at any time. [REDACTED] stated that evidently, their estimate of their manpower was [REDACTED] optimistic in view of the small turnout at the picnic. [REDACTED] said that the SCLC reportedly does not have adequate funds available to finance any substantial demonstration in the Montgomery area in the near future.

Racial Situation
Montgomery, Alabama

[REDACTED] said that [REDACTED] has said very recently that there are now tentative plans for "kneel-ins" to take place at unspecified Montgomery churches two or three Sundays from the date of this information, June 1, 1964. [REDACTED] indicated that the plans were not definite but that this very limited demonstration would take place. b7D b7C

[REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised May 29, 1964, that members of United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan at Montgomery, Alabama, have been divided into teams of five men each in connection with expected racial demonstrations at Montgomery. [REDACTED] who also has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on May 29, 1964, that leaders of United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan have expressed an interest in the "headquarters" of the SCLC at Montgomery, indicating that they are keeping an eye on a location in the immediate vicinity of Alabama State College at Montgomery. Neither Informant reported any existing plans for violence or unlawful activity at the present time. b2

[REDACTED] Montgomery Police Department, advised on June 1, 1964, that SCLC representatives have been soliciting house-to-house in Montgomery attempting to sign up members for the "Freedom Army" to participate in racial demonstrations during the Summer of 1964. [REDACTED] stated that his investigations have not disclosed the number of persons who have been signed up for such activity. b7D

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(Priority)

To: Director, FBI

From: SAC, MOBILE (44-439) (P)

Subject: RACIAL SITUATION
STATE OF ALABAMA
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA
 BOMBING MATTERS - THREATS RACIAL MATTERS

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Enclosed are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum.

Information copies have been furnished to Armed Services intelligence agencies locally. USA, Montgomery, and Building Superintendent [redacted], Federal Building, Montgomery, being advised orally, 7/14/64. *b7c*

1 Recd. 10-25-64 P.H.H. 1-7
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By *E. J. [unclear]*
FBI - [unclear] Unit

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1 - Bureau (Enclosures 8)

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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____

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Special Agent in Charge



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Mobile, Alabama

July 14, 1964

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

RACIAL SITUATION
STATE OF ALABAMA
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

[REDACTED] NA,
Montgomery Police Department, advised today that a mass
meeting of the Montgomery Improvement Association (MIA)
was held on the night of July 13, 1964, at the Lilly
Baptish Church in Montgomery. Speakers included Reverend
H. H. Eaton who announced that Saturday, July 18, 1964,
will be "Black Sash Day." He explained that on that day
Negro men are to wear black arm bands and the Negro ladies
are to wear black sashes and all are to march for one hour
around the Post Office Building (Federal Building) in
Montgomery. He said that this march will coincide with
similar demonstrations to be conducted all over the United
States. He said that the purpose is to express grief over
the manner in which Negroes in St. Augustine, Florida, and
other places are being treated. A61

The above meeting was attended by approximately
150 persons. Other present leaders of the MIA were A62

[REDACTED] b7c
[REDACTED] stated that civic leaders in b7D
Montgomery planned to make some approach to the MIA leaders
to seek to persuade them not to conduct this or any other
demonstrations to disturb the peace of this community.

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FBI

Date. 4/6/67

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority)

To: Director, FBI
 From: SAC, MOBILE (157-570)(P)
 Subject: POSSIBLE RACIAL VIOLENCE
 MAJOR URBAN AREAS
 MOBILE DIVISION

ATTENTION:
 CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION
 GENERAL INVEST. DIV.
 DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIV.

- CR EL VRA-65 CRA-64
 PA PE PF
 BM BM-Threats Racial Matters
 Klan Organization

Summary of Complaint:

Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven copies of LHM supplementing that of 3/20/67. The memo is furnished to local intelligence agencies and to USAs in Montgomery and Mobile, Ala.

Agents of this office have been instructed concerning the development of additional racial informants and are closely following in this regard. The progress of racial informants is closely followed so that we are informed concerning any impending racial violence.

In addition to racial informants, regular contact

- 1 - Bureau (Enc. 11)
- 1 - Mobile
- JTB:agf (2)
- ACTION: UACB:

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 ENCLOSURE
 EX-113
 157-570-140

- No further action being taken and
 LHM enclosed Copy furnished to USA
 LHM being submitted
 Report being submitted
 Preliminary investigation instituted
 Limited investigation instituted


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Special Agent in Charge

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is had with Negro liaison sources and police officers
handling racial matters.

Mobile confidential source used in this LHM is
 Montgomery, Ala.

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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Mobile, Alabama 36601
April 6, 1967

POSSIBLE RACIAL VIOLENCE
MAJOR URBAN AREAS
MOBILE DIVISION

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. The information set forth is based on the comments and views of local government officials, police officials, leaders of various racial groups, established sources and public sources of information, and pertains to the racial situation as of the time the comments and views are expressed; the possibility that the racial situation in the particular area may abruptly change at any time must be taken into consideration.

There has been no change in any of the categories in Mobile memorandum dated May 12, 1966, except as herein noted.

GENERAL RACIAL CONDITIONS

Selma, Alabama

Tanner
[redacted] Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), advised that he has been participating in the organizing of the Southwest Alabama Farmers Cooperative in Dallas County and surrounding counties. He travels and is trying to organize the tenant farmers and hopes to get financial help from the Office of Economic Opportunity. [redacted] and [redacted] Dallas County Independent Free Voters Organization, both advised that the racial situation in Dallas County continues to be calm and peaceful, and there is no indication at the present time that any racial

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POSSIBLE RACIAL TENSION
MAJOR URBAN AREAS
MOBILE DIVISION

trouble is likely to occur in the near future.

Montgomery, Alabama

[REDACTED] NAACP, nearby Prattville, Alabama, advised that Autauga County Improvement Association, a Negro organization, had presented demands to the city authorities in early March, 1967, but had received no official reply. She advised that Negroes will continue to press for improvement in the position of Negroes, but she could foresee no racial disturbances. b7c

[REDACTED] Montgomery Improvement Association, advised that the racial situation in Montgomery continues to be calm. [REDACTED] b7c

The March 25, 1967 Southern Courier, a weekly newspaper published at Montgomery, Alabama, reported that Mrs. Idessa Williams, Negro, who had been an unsuccessful candidate for the County Democratic Committee in the March 20, 1967 county election, had vowed bitterly, "I am going to split every election that comes up." The article reported that she had finished third in a three-way race for a seat on the County Democratic Executive Committee. She blamed her poor showing on "college folks and high school folks in the Negro community." She blamed her political rival, Rufus Lewis, for her defeat also.

Mobile, Alabama

On March 21, 1967, [REDACTED] Citizens Committee, a Negro organization, advised that the racial situation in Mobile continues to be calm and peaceful. His group is spending time at the present on the poverty b7c

POSSIBLE RACIAL
MAJOR URBAN AREA
MOBILE DIVISION

program and on voter registration. Rev. A. R. Ray, Mobile County Movement, (MCM) advised that the county-wide meeting which his group had been planning for March, 1967 had been postponed due to his illness and would be rescheduled for some later date. He advised that the racial situation in Mobile continues to be calm and peaceful. The March 18, 1967 issue of the Mobile Beacon, a Negro newspaper published at Mobile, reported that Rev. Joseph E. Lowery of Birmingham, Alabama, spoke to a mass meeting sponsored by the Mobile County Coordinating Committee at the State Street AME Zion Church, Sunday, March 12, 1967. He noted that much improvement had been made in the Negro's position in recent years in the matter of public accommodations, but that with reference to matters of employment, education and administration of justice, "tokenism" is the mark and sign of progress. He urged Negro unity in voter registration.

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6/29/67

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157-6-61-100

To: SAC, Mobile

From: Director, FBI

1 - Administrative Folder
1 - Mr. [redacted] b7c

C.A. Perkins

RACIAL SITUATION
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA
RACIAL MATTERS

Reurairtel and letterhead memorandum dated 6/21/67 captioned as above and two additional captions, "Setting of Fires, Montgomery, Alabama, Night of June 20, 1967; Negro Meeting at Headquarters of the Montgomery Improvement Association, Montgomery, Alabama, June 20, 1967, Racial Matters."

The title of racial matters communications should be descriptive of the racial incident being reported and should include the date and location of the incident in accordance with the instructions set forth in Part III, page 154h, of the FBI Handbook. You should immediately discontinue the use of general captions such as "Racial Situation, Montgomery, Alabama."

In addition, each racial incident should be submitted under separate captions rather than combining three matters in one airtel and letterhead memorandum.

Insure that all personnel handling racial matters are aware of these instructions.

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JUN 28 1967
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Date: 6/21/67

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-2290) (P)
RE: RACIAL SITUATION
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

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SETTING OF FIRES, MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA,
NIGHT OF JUNE 20, 1967

NEGRO MEETING AT HEADQUARTERS OF THE MONTGOMERY
IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA,
JUNE 20, 1967

RM RACIAL MATTERS

Re Mobile airtel to the Bureau, 6/20/67.

Enclosed to the Bureau are eleven (11) copies each
of the letterhead memoranda captioned as above.

Two copies of each letterhead memorandum are being
furnished Atlanta, in which city headquarters for Southern
Christian Leadership Conference and Student Non-Violent
Coordinating Committee are located.

Copies of each memorandum are also being furnished
local intelligence agencies and Secret Service. One copy
of each memorandum is being furnished the United States
Attorney, Montgomery, Alabama.

ENCLOSURE

- 3 - Bureau (Encls. 22) (RM)
 - 2 - Atlanta (Encls. 4) (RM)
 - 4 - Mobile (157-2290) (100-1858) (44-439) (100-1693)
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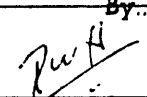
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By CAC/JS ICC RACIAL LINE

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157-2290-1
JUN 28 1967

Approved:  Ser. _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge



8-1-66)

U. S. FEDERAL STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to

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

Dear Sir:

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

1. Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2. Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
3. Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement, or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
4. U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
5. Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:
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 - (b) Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment:
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Very truly yours,


John Edgar Hoover
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s) (2)
U. S. Secret Service , Birmingham, Ala. (RM)

Enclosure(s)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Serial

Montgomery, Alabama 36601
June 21, 1967

RACIAL SITUATION
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

SETTING OF FIRES, MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA,
NIGHT OF JUNE 20, 1967

This report contains information set forth
in memorandum of June 20, 1967 captioned RACIAL SITUATION,
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA; NEGRO MARCH, MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA,
JUNE 19, 1967

[REDACTED] Montgomery, Alabama,
Police Department, advised that at approximately 10:00
P. M., CDT, June 20, 1967, the Levering Rug Company, located
in a Negro neighborhood on South Decatur Street, Montgomery,
was badly damaged by fire of unknown origin. [REDACTED] stated
that a small grocery store, the Pic and Sav, on the corner
of Oak and Jeff Davis Street, Montgomery, had a fire reported
at approximately 9:30 P. M., the night of June 20, 1967, and
three young boys were arrested on a charge of setting the fire. [REDACTED] stated that a check of the Fire Department
reflected no false alarms were turned in the night of June 20.
1967, or the early morning of June 21, 1967 b7D

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RACIAL SECTION
MONTGOMERY

SETTING (MONTGOMERY,
ALABAMA, NIGHT OF JUNE 20, 1967)

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[REDACTED] Montgomery Police Department,
on June 21, 1967, advised that two adults, one
age eighteen years, [REDACTED] Montgomery, Alabama,
and [REDACTED] age eighteen years, [REDACTED]
Montgomery, Alabama, were arrested at about 1:45 A. M., CDT, *b7c*
June 21, 1967, and charged with first degree arson. Their *b7D*
arrests were in connection with the fire at the Pic and Sev
store. They were placed under \$1,000 bond. There was a total
of five arrests made in connection with this fire, the other
three being juveniles.

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FBI

Date: 7/12/67

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-2290) (P)
RE: DEMONSTRATION BY MONTGOMERY
IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION,
JULY 11, 1967,
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA
RM

Re Mobile teletype to the Bureau dated 7/12/67.

Enclosed to the Bureau are eleven (11) copies of letterhead memorandum re captioned matter. Copies of the letterhead memorandum are being furnished to local intelligence agencies and Secret Service. One copy of the letterhead is being furnished to the United States Attorney, Montgomery, Alabama.

3 - Bureau (Encls. 11) (RM)
3 - Mobile (2 - (157-190) (1 - 44-439) 12/4/80 SP-1655/PL
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Agency G-2, ONI, OSI, CRD 155

Date Forw. 7/20/67

How Forw. A/S

By [Signature]

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Approved 59 JUL 21 1967 Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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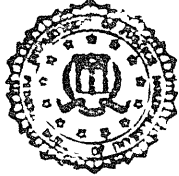
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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Mobile, Alabama 36601

July 12, 1967

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DEMONSTRATION BY MONTGOMERY IMPROVEMENT
ASSOCIATION, JULY 11, 1967, MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

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On July 12, 1967, Officer [redacted] of the Montgomery, Alabama Police Department, advised that as of 9:20 P. M., July 11, 1967, five Negro males and three Negro females, ranging in age from eighteen to twenty-eight years, were arrested at Goode and Columbia Streets, Montgomery, Alabama, on a charge of failing to obey an officer and were placed under \$300 bond. Those arrested were part of a group which attempted to stage an unscheduled march, July 11, 1967, and were advised by [redacted] the arresting officer, that they would not be permitted to march. The group consisted of thirty-five to fifty Negro teenagers and only the adults were arrested. They were members of the Montgomery Improvement Association. The arrest took place about five or six blocks from the location of the headquarters of the Montgomery Improvement Association. The group was led by [redacted] Others arrested were [redacted]

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[redacted]

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The purpose of the march was unknown to Officer [redacted]

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DEMONSTRATION BY MONTGOMERY IMPROVEMENT
ASSOCIATION, JULY 11, 1967, MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

On the morning of July 12, 1967, [REDACTED] b7D
Detective in charge of the Human Relations Division,
Montgomery Police Department, advised that on the afternoon b7C
of July 11, 1967, [REDACTED] Montgomery Improvement
Association, made application for a permit to march and
indicated that the march was for the purpose of demonstrating
in protest of police brutality in the arrest of Daniel
Houser of Prattville, Alabama, and the route of the march
was through a residential section to the mansion of the
Governor of Alabama. Because of the fact that the route
was through residential districts, the permit was denied.
[REDACTED] did not protest the rejection and indicated
no march was to be held. [REDACTED] advised that if the
marchers had continued to the Negro area, the march probably
would not have been stopped. However, when there was
indication the marchers intended to go to the mansion the
decision was then made to stop the march.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

FBI MOBILE

1121 PM URGENT 9/13/67 VFP

TO DIRECTOR

TELETYPE

FROM MOBILE 157-NEW °RACIAL MATTERS

MASS MEETING OF NEGROES, MONTGOMERY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, MONTGOMERY ALA., CONCERNING SHOOTING OF [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] MONTGOMERY NINE THIRTEEN SIXTYSEVEN. RM. b7c

REMOTEL NINE THIRTEEN ENTITLED; POSSIBLE DEMONSTRATIONS, MONTGOMERY ALA, ARISING FROM SHOOTING OF TWO NEGROES BY [REDACTED] A CIVILIAN, IN BUS INCIDENT, MONTGOMERY, ALA. NINE THIRTEEN SIXTY SEVEN. RM. b7c

[REDACTED] INVESTIGATOR, ALA. DEPT. OF PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISED THAT MASS NEGRO MEETING WAS HELD AT HALL OF MONTGOMERY IMPROVEMENT ASSOC., MONTGOMERY, FROM APPROXIMATELY SIX PM TO TEN PM NINE THIRTEEN INSTANT. ABOUT TWO HUNDRED FIFTY NEGROES ATTENDED. REV. RICHARD BOONE TOOK MILITANT STAND, TALKING ABOUT SACKING THE CITY HOWEVER THE CONSERVATIVE GROUP OF THE MIA LED BY MRS JCHHNY CAR, PRESIDENT, DISSAGREED WITH MILITANT ACTION. NO DECISION WAS MADE AND IS BELIEVED A FURTHER MEETING WILL BE HELD NINE FOURTEEN NEXT. THERE WERE NO DEMONSTRATIONS AND NO INCIDENTS. b7D

REC-58

[REDACTED] DET., MONTGOMERY PD ADVISED THAT [REDACTED] WAS ARRESTED ON CHARGE OF ASSAULT AND RELEASED ON FIVE HUNDRED DOLLAR BOND. LOCAL AND STATE POLICE ARE COGNIZANT OF SITUATION. b7D

END

LHM FOLLOWS.

WA JMS

FBI WASH DC

Included in letter to White House and Attorney General. Date

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-3-106)

DATE: 8/29/58

FROM : SAC, Mobile (100-10-AA)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF MASS ORGANIZATIONS

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100/7-1

Reference is made to Bureau memo 7/28/58.

Set forth below is information concerning the Montgomery Improvement Association (MIA), which is the only organization in which the CP has indicated any interest in infiltrating.

- 1. Name of organization: Montgomery Improvement Association (MIA), Montgomery, Alabama.

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APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP(S) DATE 11/2/88

[REDACTED] (S) b1

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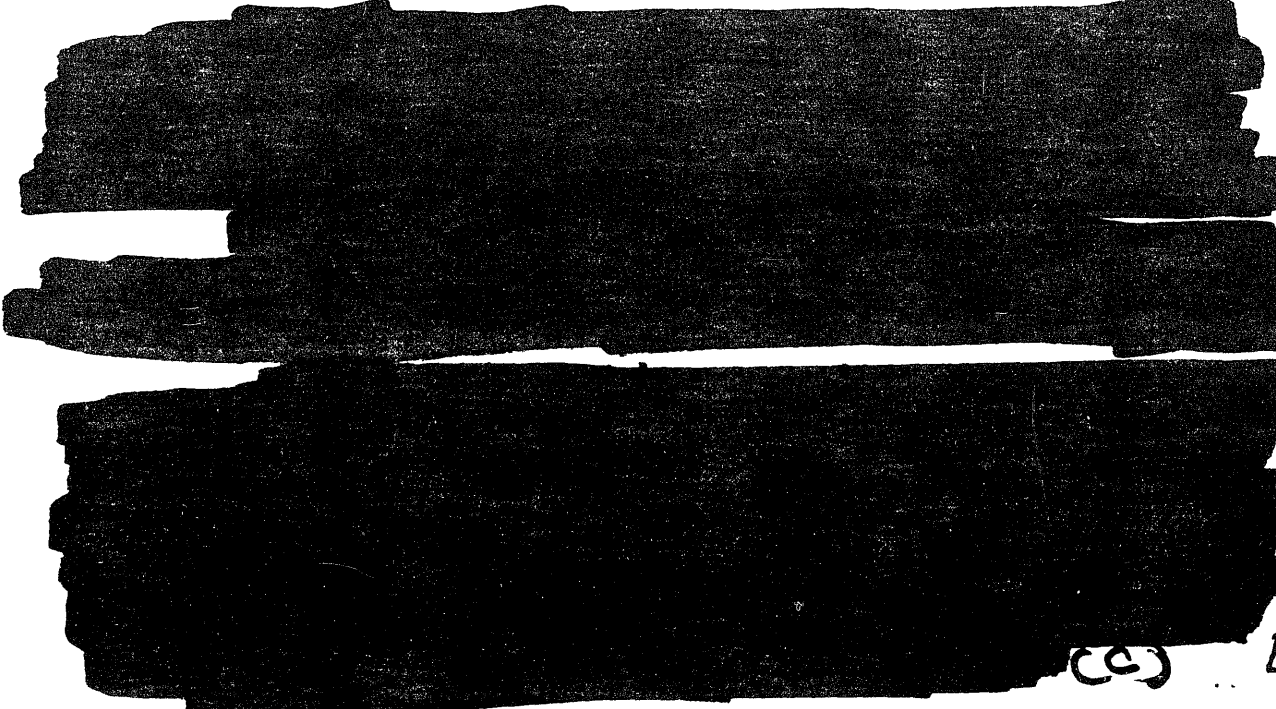
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This office will remain alert for further developments concerning this group in order to be aware if any progress is made by the CP resulting in infiltration of the MIA or other mass organizations in the Mobile area.

1 - Mr. [REDACTED] b7c

3-26-59

SAC, Mobile

Director, FBI (100-429326)

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COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE
MONTGOMERY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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Reurlet 8-29-58 captioned "Communist Infiltration of Mass Organizations" and New York letter to the Bureau dated 2-10-59 captioned "CP, USA, Negro Question, IS-C," a copy of which was furnished your office.

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1 - 100-3-106 (Cominfil Mass Organizations)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-429326)

DATE: 4/13/59

FROM : RB^mSAC, Mobile (100-1483)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE
MONTGOMERY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION
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- 2 - Bureau (RM)
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APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
AND FIELD OFFICES
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Date: 4/24/59

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AT 100-5866

[redacted] has in the past cooperated on other investigative matters and is considered one of the leading citizens in the City of Atlanta in his community. He has on many occasions expressed himself as being anti-Communist and a firm believer in our present capitalistic form of Government and economics. b7D

In regard to obtaining information regarding the Montgomery Improvement Association, the Atlanta Office has no reason to believe that because of the character of this organization and its avowed purpose that [redacted] will hesitate about furnishing information except upon the issuance of subpoena as he has during the past to both State and County authorities. b7D

Likewise, if such information is made available even without the issuance of a subpoena, it is considered that [redacted] would casually discuss with Rev. MARTIN LUTHER KING, SR., the interest of this agency in the finances of that organization who in turn would undoubtedly in turn relay this information to the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., of Montgomery, Ala.

It is pointed out that if the Atlanta Office were authorized to confidentially advise [redacted] that the purpose of instant inquiry into the finances of the MIA was to determine whether any possible subversive organizations had been contributing or supporting the MIA financially, that he would undoubtedly cooperate in this matter; however, without furnishing [redacted] some information along these lines, it is considered he would demand a subpoena [redacted] b7D

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Special Agent in Charge

MO 100-1483

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[REDACTED] he said that he did not believe that the matter was further investigated.

[REDACTED] indicated that the Montgomery Police Department conducted very exhaustive inquiries concerning the MIA, always alert for, and seeking any information which could connect the MIA with any subversive organization. He said, however, that although some sources with limited access to information concerning the MIA were developed, that no pertinent subversive data was ever developed. b7D

It should be pointed out that the Montgomery Police Department [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], and very strong advocate of racial segregation and white supremacy, would logically leave no effort unspent to develop any kind of unfavorable information about Reverend KING or about the MIA. It might also be pointed out that the Detective Squad of the Montgomery Police Department, under the direction of [REDACTED] NA, is considered an effective and efficient group, and that they demonstrated their efficiency very dramatically in solving the infamous church bombings in Montgomery in 1957. b7C

The development of the desired information, therefore, relating to anything of an "inside" nature concerning the MIA and its leadership, can be expected to be a considerable undertaking. It can be accomplished, but only by development of well-placed sources of information. It is paramount, also, considering the extremely delicate nature of such a matter, that the source be absolutely discreet and completely trustworthy.

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MEMPHIS - MONTGOMERY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

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Request of the Bureau

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The following other investigation is requested by the indicated offices:

Atlanta

Advise the Bureau whether or not the Atlanta Office has, or can develop, a source of information [REDACTED] Atlanta, Ga., who could furnish information concerning the finances of the Montgomery Improvement Association, and if so, request the authority of the Bureau to contact or develop this source for that purpose.

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New York

Advise the Bureau whether or not the New York Office has, or can develop, a source of information [REDACTED] New York City, who could furnish information [REDACTED] and if so, request Bureau authority to contact or develop that source for that purpose.

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[REDACTED]

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Offices with leads regard this inquiry as being of the utmost delicacy, and be accordingly guided.

ALA.



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1. Mr [redacted] b7c

SAC, Mobile (100-1483)

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Director, FBI (100-429326) -3
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COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE
MONTGOMERY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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DATE 5/17/59

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-429326) DATE: 4/27/59

7 FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-137838)
WPA

SUBJECT: COMINFIL OF THE MONTGOMERY
IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION
IS-C

Re Mobile letter, dated 4/13/59.

On 4/22/59

[redacted] (conceal) advised SA [redacted] has no record that the Montgomery Improvement Association or MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. has or had opened an account with his bank. b7c b7D

The NY case files of [redacted] are being reviewed in an effort to ascertain the identity of the banks in which they have their accounts. b7c

When the banks are identified, arrangements will be made with the banks involved to monitor their accounts.

Checks issued on a monthly basis will be reviewed in order to ascertain whether any checks have been made or endorsed by captioned organization, MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. or the Reverend S.S. SEAY, Executive Secretary of the Montgomery Improvement Association.

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- 2 - Mobile (100-1483)(RM)
- 1 - New York (100-137838)

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DATE 12/8/80 BY SP1GSK/ah

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-429326)

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (100-5866)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE
MONTGOMERY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION
IS - C

REC. *[Signature]*

Re Mobile letter dated 4/15/59, which requested that the Atlanta Office advise the Bureau as to the possibilities of developing a Source of Information *[Redacted]* Atlanta, Ga., who would be in a position to furnish financial information regarding the Montgomery Improvement Association, (MIA). *b7D*

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[Redacted] *b7D*

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[Redacted] *b7D*

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- 3 - Bureau (100-429326)
- 1 - Mobile (100-1483) (Info)
- 1 - New York (Info)
- 1 - Atlanta (100-5866)

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Special Agent in Charge

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MO 100-1483

[REDACTED] b1

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The only investigation which can be conducted other than the development of well-placed sources close to the top leadership in MIA, and which can be reasonably expected to produce pertinent and useful data, would be development of full information concerning the finances of the MIA, and of Reverend KING. In this connection the following has been done:

[REDACTED] advised on 3/31/59 that during the bus boycott in Montgomery by the MIA in 1956, he attempted to develop information concerning these matters.

[REDACTED] b7C b7D

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Date: 4/24/59

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AT 100-5866

It is noted that [REDACTED] in the past has expressed himself to an Agent of the Atlanta Office on the subject of segregation and [REDACTED] comments in this regard are as follows: He was for the complete removal of racial segregation and he differentiated in this regard between segregation and integration. b7D

[REDACTED] however, this has been impossible and he has accomplished this only to a degree. He pointed out that he did not feel, however, that the races could be completely integrated.

It is further pointed out to the Bureau that in view of previous attempts to obtain this desired information from [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] might in this instance construe the FBI's interest in the MIA finances as one of cooperation with other State and local law enforcement agencies in an effort to obtain the desired information and would for this reason require a subpoena for the desired financial data. b7D

Further for the Bureau's information, the Atlanta Office has worked numerous Federal Reserve Act cases in the [REDACTED] and in these instances [REDACTED] have both cooperated. b7D

It is believed that if the Atlanta Office will be authorized by the Bureau to inform [REDACTED] of possible Communist

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AT 100-5866

influence and attempts to infiltrate the MIA and point out to him the Bureau's specific interest in the MIA as being a determination of the extent of such Communist assistance that [redacted] would more logically cooperate in making the desired financial data available. b7D

This matter is being RUC'd in the Atlanta Division pending receipt of specific Bureau instructions and authority to attempt to develop source regarding the MIA.

RUC.

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Special Agent in Charge

1 - Mr. [redacted] b7c

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SAC, Atlanta (100-5866)

May 4, 1959

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**COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE
MONTGOMERY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION
INTERNAL SECURITY - C**

Reurairtel 4-24-59.

A review of reairtel fails to indicate that specific pertinent information could be developed by a contact of a representative [redacted] The Bureau further believes that there is a good chance of embarrassment to the Bureau if such a contact was further pursued. No further action in this regard is desired at this time. b7c

1 - Mobile (100-1483)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-429326)

DATE: 5/22/59

FROM : SAC, Mobile (100-1483)

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SUBJECT:

COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE
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INTERNAL SECURITY - C

DATE 12/3/80 BY SP.1GSK/ML

Re Bureau letter to Mobile 5/1/59.

Pursuant to request in reBulet, the following information pertaining to [redacted] is set forth.

b7C

All information set forth hereinafter was obtained from either (A) [redacted] Montgomery, Ala., 5/16/59, or (B) records of Local Selective Service Board #72, made available by [redacted] 5/8/59, at Montgomery. Information set forth hereinafter will be attributed to these sources by letter designation.

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- 2 - Bureau (RM)
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Coverage of these leads will be delayed for a period of one week to enable the Bureau to advise if this investigation not desired by these offices.

Bureau is respectfully requested to so advise these offices if this investigation not required.

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Mr. [redacted] b7c

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June 5, 1959

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COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE
MONTGOMERY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Reurlet dated May 22, 1959.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-429326)

DATE: 6/5/59

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-137838)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE MONTGOMERY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION
IS-C

Re Mobile let 4/13/59 and NY let 4/27/59.

[REDACTED]

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b7D

[REDACTED]

A review of these checks reflected that none were made to, or endorsed by MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., or the Reverend S.S. SEAY, Executive Secretary, Montgomery Improvement Association.

On 4/30/59 and 5/28/59.

[REDACTED], NYC (conceal), made available the cancelled checks for the months of April and May, 1959, respectively, in the joint account of [REDACTED]

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b7D

A review of these checks reflected that none were made to or endorsed by KING or SEAY.

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- 1 - Mobile (100-1483) (RM)
- 1 - New York (100-137838)

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The results of the review of these checks will be furnished to the Bureau and Mobile upon completion of this review.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-429326)

DATE: July 1, 1959

FROM : SAC, CLEVELAND (100-24106)

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SUBJECT: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE MONTGOMERY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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Re Mobile letter to Bureau, 5-22-59.

The following investigation was conducted at Cleveland, Ohio:

On June 8, 1959, [redacted] Cleveland Retail Credit Men's Company, Cleveland, Ohio, advised SF [redacted] that [redacted] had no credit record with his company. b7C

On June 4, 5 and 18, 1959, the Cleveland Police Department's Bureau of Special Investigations, Identification Bureau, and Record Room, respectively, advised SE [redacted] that there was no record for [redacted]. b7C

The following confidential informants who are familiar with some phases of Communist Party and related subversive activities in the Cleveland Division were contacted with negative results:

[redacted] [redacted] [redacted]

2 - Bureau (RM)
2 - Mobile (100-1483) REC-9
1 - Cleveland
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-429326)

DATE: 7/7/59

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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-137838)

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SUBJECT: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE
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ReNYlet dated 6/5/59.

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A review of these checks reflected that none were made to, or endorsed by MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., or the REVEREND S.S. SEAY, Executive Secretary, Montgomery Improvement Association.

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A review of these checks reflected that none were made to, or endorsed by KING or SEAY.

Unless the Mobile office makes a request to the contrary, the NYO is discontinuing the monitoring of the above accounts.

Inasmuch as there is no further investigation to be conducted by the NYO, this case is being RUC'ed.

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TO : Director, FBI (100-429326)

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Re Bureau letter dated 6/5/59, Mobile letter dated 5/22/59, Louisville letter to Mobile dated 6/22/59, and Memphis letter to Mobile dated 6/22/59.

Referenced Louisville communication and Memphis communication reflect handling of investigation requested in referenced Mobile letter (record and indices checks) and reflect no additional information concerning [redacted] b7c

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The Bureau's observations to this approach are solicited. (C)

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As the Bureau desires at this time no further active investigation concerning captioned matter, your case should be closed.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-429326)

DATE: 7/15/59

FROM : RBM SAC, MOBILE (100-1483)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE MONTGOMERY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Re Mobile letter, 7/9/59, and Cleveland letter, 7/1/59.

In re Mobile letter, mention of re Cleveland letter was inadvertently omitted. It is noted that re Cleveland letter contains some additional details of background data concerning [redacted] but no unfavorable data not previously set forth in Mobile letter, 5/22/59, to Bureau. Cleveland letter contains no information which in any way alters Mobile recommendations stated in re Mobile letter, 7/9/59. Those recommendations still stand and the Bureau's authority to contact [redacted] awaited, as well as the Bureau's views on the proposed manner of initial contact as set forth in re Mobile letter.

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SAC, MOBILE (44-439)

RACIAL SITUATION
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA
RACIAL MATTERS

Re MOlet to Bureau 12/3/59.

Enclosed to Bureau and Atlanta are one copy each of clipping from Montgomery Advertiser, daily at Montgomery, Alabama, page 3A, dated 2/2/60, captioned "Additional Boycotts Asked in King's Farewell Address." The article is written by JOHN COOMBES. Despite the headline, there is no specific data in this article about boycotts or any other specific pertinent information, other than the data that Rev. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. is moving to Atlanta, Georgia, on Tuesday, February 2, 1960, and that Rev. RALPH D. ABERNATHY has become President of the Montgomery Improvement Association. The article states also that Rev. KING, JR. will share the pastorate of the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta with his father, Rev. MARTIN LUTHER KING, SR.

For the information of Atlanta, no investigation has been conducted concerning Rev. KING, JR. From time to time, informants in other matters have furnished information relating to Rev. KING, JR., and a case was opened at one time captioned "Communist Infiltration of the Montgomery Improvement Association, IS - C", when some information appeared indicating the possibility of influence on Rev. KING, JR. on the part of certain subversive suspects. A review will be made of Mobile file and all pertinent material furnished to Atlanta.

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Additional Boycotts Asked In King's Farewell Address

By JOHN COOMBES

The Rev. Martin Luther King bowed out of his Montgomery ministry and the leadership of the integration movement here Monday night urging his people to institute more boycotts in the city and offering to return and help enforce them.

At a mass meeting in the First Baptist Church on Ripley Street, King ceded the presidency of the Montgomery Improvement Assn. to the integrationist movement which he founded in 1956, to the Rev. Ralph Abernethy, pastor of the First Baptist Church.

King had earlier announced his resignation from the pastorate of the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church, which he assumed in 1954.

He leaves the city Tuesday for Atlanta where he will become joint pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church with his father.

MORE BOYCOTTS URGED

He told his overflow audience at his final meeting in Montgomery that he thought more boycotts were needed. "And if necessary I will come back from Atlanta and help you carry them out," he said.

But he warned his audience against doing anything that would "humiliate or defeat the white man." He especially warned against violence. "We cannot hope to attain first class citizenship by using second class methods," he said.

King's speech came at the end of a marathon program entitled "A Testimonial Of Love And Loyalty."

RECONCILIATION PATH

His first act was to divide a substantial "love offering," taken up at the meeting, between the Montgomery Improvement Assn. and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. The offering, a large wooden box crammed with bills and coins, had earlier been presented to King and his wife as a parting gift.

King said he believed the most potent segregationists could be transformed into integrationists if the Negro people continued to protest segregation.

"But we must follow a path of reconciliation. We must not do anything to humiliate or defeat the white man," he said.

King cautioned against expecting too much from his successor and the newly elected officers of the MIA. He said he had come upon the Montgomery scene when the time was ripe for action and it was the time and the circumstances which had made him leader of the integration movement here.

In his inaugural speech Abernethy warned against comparing him to King and expecting him to play the same role that King had filled.

He said he would lead a dynamic crusade to increase and improve human relations in the city. He also said the MIA would embark on a vigorous drive to increase its membership.

The MIA would set up a legal defense service so that the poor people could have protection "against abusive policemen and courts," he said.

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Negroes Urged To Avoid School Tilts in Alabama

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Sept. 3 (AP).—Schools reopened in Montgomery today with Negro leaders advising their people to make no attempt to enroll in white classrooms at this time.

The Executive Committee of the Montgomery Improvement Association has taken the first step toward an integration fight, but said no planned effort to enter white schools would be made now.

A formal request to the city-county school board to announce an integration plan was made public last week. It mentioned the possibility of a court suit as a "last resort."

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, jr., said the Negro organization of which he is president wants to give the school board a chance to make a voluntary step toward desegregation before any further action is taken.


But he made it clear that a court suit is coming unless school authorities make a

start toward integration within reasonable time.

School officials have made no comment on the request.

Dr King's group also asked for a conference with the Board of Education before the schools reopened, but Supt. Walter McKee notified him the board will not meet until September 24.

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SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
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FROM MOBILE 157-2290

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DEMONSTRATION BY MONTGOMERY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION,
JULY ELEVEN, SIXTYSEVEN. MONTGOMERY, ALA.

[REDACTED] MONTGOMERY, ALA., CITY JAIL,
ADVISED THAT AS OF NINE TWENTY PM, JULY ELEVEN LAST, FIVE
NEGRO MALES AND THREE NEGRO FEMALES ARRANGING IN AGE EIGHTEEN
TO TWENTYEIGHT YRS WERE ARRESTED AT GOODE AND COLUMBIA STS.,
MONTGOMERY, ALA., ON CHARGE OF FAILING TO OBEY AN OFFICER, PLACED
UNDER THREE HUNDRED DOLLAR BOND. GROUP ARRESTED WHEN THEY
ATTEMPTED TO STAGE AN UNSCHEDULED MARCH JULY ELEVEN LAST.
AND WERE ADVISED BY [REDACTED] THE ARRESTING OFFICER
THAT THEY WOULD NOT BE PERMITTED TO MARCH, GROUP CONSISTED OF
THIRTYFIVE TO FIFTY NEGRO TEENAGERS AND ONLY THE ADULTS WERE
ARRESTED.

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THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

7C April 14, 1958

Director, FBI

Segregation - Alabama
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I thought you would be interested in the following statements recently made by Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., of Montgomery, Alabama.

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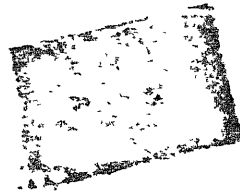
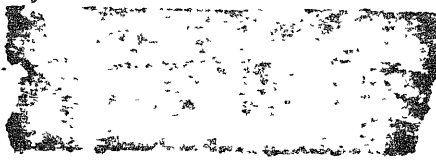
King is president of MIA, which organization sponsored the boycott of buses by Negroes in Montgomery from December 5, 1955, to December 21, 1956. As a result of his activities in this boycott King emerged as a Negro leader of national prominence. In March, 1957, King attended the ceremonies at which the Gold Coast became the country of Ghana. In May, 1957, he was one of the three leaders of the Prayer Pilgrimage for Freedom which was held in Washington, D. C. Also in June, 1957, King was one of the principal speakers at the national convention of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People held at Detroit, Michigan.

King was honorary chairman of the "Eurell for Freedom" campaign, the purpose of which was to "provide economic relief for victims of the racist terror in the South." This campaign was actually started by the Young Socialist League which has frequently worked in close sympathetic cooperation with the Independent Socialist League which has been designated by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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The Attorney General



- 1 - Mr. Lawrence E. Walsh
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NOTE ON YELLOW:

The above is being furnished the Attorney General inasmuch as it is significant that a Negro leader such as King would make such statements. Information concerning these statements is being furnished intelligence agencies of the Armed Forces by separate communication.

