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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-117290)
FROM: SAC, WFO (62-10995) (RUC)

HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON
ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)
BUDED JUNE 12, 1978

Re Bureau teletypes, dated 6/5/78 and 6/7/78.

Enclosed for the Bureau are two (2) Xeroxed copies each of WFO airtels to the Bureau captioned, "COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM BLACK NATIONALIST-HATE GROUPS; RACIAL INTELLIGENCE," dated 4/4/68, and 7/23/68, respectively.

In accordance with Bureau instructions set forth in referenced communications, pertinent files were reviewed for any investigations relating to Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR, and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), in response to Bureau letter to Albany Et al, 8/25/67, captioned, "COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM, BLACK NATIONALIST-HATE GROUPS, INTERNAL SECURITY" and Bureau airtel to Albany, et al, 3/4/68, captioned, "COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM, BLACK-NATIONALIST-HATE GROUPS, RACIAL INTELLIGENCE."

Enclosures being forwarded herewith reflect results of WFO's review of files requested by the Bureau.

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COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
BLACK NATIONALIST - HATE GROUPS
RACIAL INTELLIGENCE

ReBulet 3/4/68, setting forth goals and targets of the Counterintelligence Program.

In accordance with the instructions set forth in reBulet, the following data is submitted:

1) SA ARLAND A. MOSEL has been designated as the coordinator of this program. This letter sets forth the combined specific thoughts, views and efforts of Special Agents assigned those organizations and individuals coming within the category of primary targets of the program, as well as the general views of all Special Agents handling racial matters in Washington Field.

2) Succinct Summary

SNCC in WDC has a staff of six people located at 1234 U Street, N. W., with LESTER MC KINNIE as Director. STOKELY CARMICHAEL announced new policy of SNCC to attain unity among Negroes and then Black Power. Muhammad's Mosque #4 of the NOI has about two hundred members, and preaches "white devils" will be destroyed; however, officials also advocate policy of no participation in demonstrations or public gatherings. The New School of Afro-American Thought has about ten dues paying members; DONALD T. FREEMAN now Director of the New School and Gaston T. Neal is the

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(1 - 100-22829) (NOI)
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(1 - 100-46722) (H. RAP BROWN)
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Cultural Director. STOKELY CARMICHAEL called meeting of WDC Negroes during January, 1968, from moderates to militants, to form a Black United Front to act as an umbrella for the protection of all member organizations. CARMICHAEL named temporary chairman of the Steering Committee, stated he did not want to impose his ideology on the group. ALBERT ROY OSBORNE, aka Col. HASSAN JERU-AHMED, founder of Blackman's Volunteer Army of Liberation, advocates a back to Africa movement and separation of the races. Dr. NATHAN HARE, former professor at Howard University, "a black power advocate" sees possibility of civil war between whites and Negroes. STEVEN D. ABEL, Howard University student, with the now inactive United Black People's Party, advocates violence, and has been charged with throwing a firebomb in February, 1968. JULIUS HOBSON, Chairman of Associated Community Teams (ACT) is quoted in an November, 1967 news article as urging a black power symposium to direct its movement to the downfall of capitalism. The Communist Party has not expressed an interest in the black nationalist organizations in WDC.

Of the organizations named above, SNCC is assessed to have the greatest inclination to violence. Propensity for violence on part of the NOI locally does exist in view of the exhortations by officials of NM #4 which create an atmosphere of hatred for the white race. These same officials, however, advise their members not to participate in demonstrations, picket lines or public meetings, since disorder at gatherings of this type could easily be blamed on the followers of ELIJAH MUHAMMAD who might be present. Inclination for violence on part of the New School cannot be discounted in view of its attraction as a center or stopping off place for local militants. For all intents and purposes, however, the New School operates under the facade of an institution of learning for the arts, Negro history and cultural affairs. The Black United Front's propensity for violence could possibly be neutralized by the presence of its moderate participants. Members of the Blackman's Volunteer Army of Liberation, few in number locally, are not known to have any propensity for violence; however, OSBORNE,

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the leader, advocated destruction of the white man's property at a rally in Newark in May, 1967. In the case of ACT, JULIUS HOBSON is the only individual with this organization who is assessed to have any propensity for violence.

Agitator index subjects within the category of black nationalists are STEVEN ABEL, a student spokesman and leader at Howard University; NATHAN HARE, former professor at Howard and former chairman of the Washington Committee for Black Power, now defunct. He was a professional boxer locally, and has since moved to the West Coast for teaching assignment. As far as GASTON NEAL is concerned, informed sources believe he is not a man of violent nature, but in view of his past mental illness, and the fact he has purchased a .30 caliber rifle and ammunition would tend to indicate that a propensity for violence on his part does exist. He was arrested on charges of disorderly conduct in an altercation at People's Drug Store at 14th and U Streets, N. W., on the evening of April 2, 1968.

3) Organizations which appear to be of such potential danger for counterintelligence consideration seem to revolve around SNCC and its followers, and/or the organizations which SNCC actively support. Primary individual target would be STOKELY CARMICHAEL.

4) In connection with overall consideration in contemplated action and administration of the counterintelligence program, the following may be noted:

A WFO source recently described SNCC as an organization without local organization and direction. Lack of cohesion is illustrated wherein a Buffalo source described the recently formed National Black Anti-War, Anti-Draft Union (NBAWADU) as a SNCC operated project in New York City; whereas, in regard to that organization's activity in WDC which is supported by the Young Socialist Alliance, JAN BAILEY is reported to have looked upon it askance, and has recently formed his own Black Anti-Draft Union (BADU), and has stated this organization has nothing to do with SNCC.

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In regard to SNCC, WFO is probing for weaknesses which may be uncovered through sources in endeavoring to ascertain the identity of individuals who may be dissatisfied because of personality clashes and/or those who may be disenchanted with volunteer services for SNCC and have sought a salary; and those who may be suspect of "working for the man", i. e., suspect of being an informer.

In regard to STOKELY CARMICHAEL, WFO has carefully considered him from a counterintelligence standpoint since his arrival in WDC to take up residence in January, 1968. However, no positive program has been developed due to the fact that the sedition investigation has been under active consideration from a prosecutive standpoint, and it was felt that a simultaneous counterintelligence program if operational against CARMICHAEL might tend to aggravate possible future prosecution and possibly lead to embarrassment. WFO feels that a positive counterintelligence program would be warranted against CARMICHAEL, especially in the absence of any prosecutive action against him. In assessing CARMICHAEL for potential counterintelligence, WFO has concluded that to be effective, such a program must discredit him in the Negro community where he enjoys considerable popularity, and would seemingly have to be stronger than alleged immoral or un-American political inclinations.

Concerning the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) and the Washington Spring Project (WSP) office in WDC, sources who are familiar with SCLC operations have been instructed to look for opportunities to plant seeds of discontent and dissension between the SCLC and the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) workers there, particularly in the realm of funds; and to give rise to rumors that KING seems to be getting the lion's share of the funds, whereas the AFSC and the poor people who are to participate are getting little or nothing in the way of financial aid. It has been developed that WSP recruiter J. T. JOHNSON, since transferred, was at the center of a controversy concerning dissension in the office. WFO is in the process of developing further plans exploiting this dissension.

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With regard to MARTIN LUTHER KING, WFO will continue to be alert for all possibilities to secure information of value in counterintelligence and for use in the program. It is felt, however, that the office of origin in this matter is in a better position to fully evaluate and be aware of possibilities to exploit in this program.

There is no organized Revolutionary Action Movement (RAM) activity in the WDC area which has risen to the surface; however, in the event any situation should arise which would lend itself to a counterintelligence move, steps will be taken to fully pursue that matter.

A source has advised that the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) is not currently active in WDC; that it has no organizational structure or planned program of activity. CORE has held no meetings in the past year.

WFO is also looking for opportunities to develop positive information concerning H. RAP BROWN in this area in order to possibly effect a workable counterintelligence operation.

5) As noted above, WFO will continue to exploit all possibilities and opportunities to institute a successful counterintelligence program on the mentioned targets and upon the formulation of a specific plan on any particular organization or individual, will submit same by separate letter for the Bureau's approval.

With reference to Bulets of 3/18/68 and 4/2/68, in the above caption outlining counterintelligence situations with reference to SNCC and the Black United Front, these matters will be taken up by separate letters to the Bureau.

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-44#8006)

7/23/68

SAC, WFO (157-1292) (P*)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
BLACK NATIONALIST - HATE GROUPS
RACIAL INTELLIGENCE

Re Bulet dated 3/4/68 and WFOlet dated 4/4/68.

In accordance with instructions set forth in re Bulet,
the following data is submitted:

PERTINENT CHANGES SINCE DATE OF RE WFOLET:

The Washington, D.C. (WDC) office of SNCC has moved from 1234 U Street, N.W., to 2208 14th Street, N.W., and has a small staff. STOKELY CARMICHAEL is affiliated with the overall operation of SNCC, WDC, but LESTER MC KINNIE retains the title of Director. CARMICHAEL married MIRIAM MAKEBA, an entertainer on 6/29/68, in WDC. They currently reside at 5015 16th St., N.W., WDC.

The Headquarters of the New School for Afro-American Thought has been moved from 2208 14th Street, WDC, to 2115 14th St. N.W.

JEROME JENKINS, has been replaced by SYLVESTER 4X HESTER, as Captain of Muhammed's Mosque Number Four (MM#4), WDC. HESTER was born on 2/15/40. He dropped out of school in the 8th grade and is employed by Safeway Grocery Stores as a selector in a produce warehouse. He has been affiliated with MM#4 since approximately September, 1957.

The Blackman's Volunteer Army of Liberation (BVAL) is now located at 1642 Newton Street, N.W., WDC, according to Sgt. JACK ACRKE, Intelligence Division, MPD, WDC.

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I. Operations Under Consideration:

WFO recently submitted a proposal to the Bureau regarding a "word of mouth" counterintelligence measure among selected sources to be directed against STOKELY CARMICHAEL in an attempt to create the impression within the ghetto community that he is in fact a paid agent of the Government.

In addition, it could be inferred that Government agents are maintaining close tabs on CARMICHAEL's whereabouts at all times in order to afford him protection, not just in WDC, but throughout the U.S.

The above is believed to be one of perhaps a few counterintelligence measures that could be effective against CARMICHAEL. Any allegation of immorality or illegal activity would only enhance his reputation within the ghetto.

CARMICHAEL has not gone through with the purchase of the \$70,000 house, but it should not be overlooked that he is already living in a house valued near \$50,000, which a source has reported is to be completely refurnished and has already been carpeted throughout. WFO will recommend dissemination to appropriate news media in this respect in the near future.

WFO will continue to remain alert to situations wherein a counterintelligence measure would be timely against the various hate groups and individuals involved therewith.

It should be borne in mind; however, that any counterintelligence measure against any of these groups or individuals requires a different approach than the usual counterintelligence program. As pointed out above, regarding CARMICHAEL, any immoral or illegal act improves their image within the ghetto community.

In addition, the very nature of some of the individuals which comprise these groups leads to a certain disunity ~~in~~ itself as illustrated within Resurrection City. Perhaps more thought should be given to breeding discontent within the various groups, which if successful, would render a leader "groupless."

II. Operations Being Effectuated:

As pointed out above, WFO has submitted a proposal to the Bureau regarding CARMICHAEL and will implement same upon authorization by the Bureau.

III. Tangible Results:

WFO was in the process of submitting a recommendation regarding the purchase of a \$70,000 house by CARMICHAEL, proposing release of this information to appropriate news media for publication upon consumation of the purchase, when news articles regarding this purchase appeared. As the Bureau is aware, CARMICHAEL and MIRIAM MAKEBA thereafter cancelled the contract to buy this property, claiming inability to obtain suitable financing. As the Bureau pointed out, it has had an effect on his reputation among some black militants.

IV. Developments of Counterintelligence Interest:

It is noted that WFO has continuously considered what would be effective counterintelligence measures against various hate groups and certain individuals such as CARMICHAEL. The April, 1968, riots in WDC and the presence of the "Poor Peoples Campaign" has certainly influenced the course of action by some of these groups and has in fact been responsible for the creation of others. The "Black United Front" (BUF), which CARMICHAEL formed, has been more noticeably active as of late and recently, for example, took a definite stand on the shooting of two white policemen by a Negro robbery suspect and his accomplice in the shooting, stating black men have a right to defend themselves against the "honky" policemen.

The news media has been dominated by the above since the assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., and perhaps calls for a different approach to an effective counterintelligence program than prior to the riots. It is further felt that a more effective use of news media could be made in the future in that an article may receive more attention than during the past few months.

WFO will remain alert to situations which can be capitilized on under the counterintelligence program and will ~~also~~ advise Bureau under individual case captions along with appropriate recommendations.

Washington, D.C. 20535
October 6, 1978

HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE
ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)

On September 27, 1978, SA John T. Aldhizer III, Congressional Inquiry Unit, FBIHQ, telephonically advised that the House Assassinations Committee desired to interview Special Agent (SA) John J. McBreen, Washington Field Office as soon as possible regarding investigative leads covered by SA McBreen during the MURKIN investigation while assigned to the Miami Division.

On September 28, 1978, Mark A. Speiser, Staff Counsel, House Assassination Committee, House Building Annex #2, Washington, D.C. (WDC), interviewed SA McBreen. After furnishing background information such as name, date of birth, home address, etc., Speiser inquired as to the length of assignment in Miami and type classifications worked. It was pointed out to Speiser that although he was assigned to the Accounting Squad, SA McBreen worked exclusively Civil Rights Matters, particularly "police brutality" type violations. After discussing these matters briefly, Speiser displayed a photocopy of a Miami teletype bearing the initials JCM. The teletype reported a contact with a Mr. Summerfield (ph), who, according to Speiser, was a former Bureau and local police department informant, now deceased. SA McBreen disclaimed any knowledge of the teletype message and further identified his Bureau initials as JJM. With this disclosure, the interview was terminated.

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FROM: SAC, WFO (62-10995) (RUC)

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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS; DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - DECEASED, INFORMATION CONCERNING

ON NOVEMBER 27, 1978, MR. R.J. THOMAS OF 1307 NORTH IRVING STREET, ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA, TELEPHONE 524-2542, ADVISED A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (FBI) THAT THE CAPTIONED SUBJECT CAME INTO A STORE IN WHICH HE USED TO WORK IN 1966, CALLED ROSENTHALS, WHICH WAS LOCATED AT THAT TIME AT 1732 K STREET, WASHINGTON, D.C. (WDC).

THOMAS SAID THAT KING PICKED UP A CABANA OUTFIT AND WALKED OUT OF THE STORE WITHOUT PAYING FOR SAME. THOMAS STATED THAT HE LATER FOUND OUT THAT KING WAS STAYING AT THE STATLER HILTON IN WDC, SO MR. THOMAS AND HIS BOSS, HARVEY ROSENTHAL,

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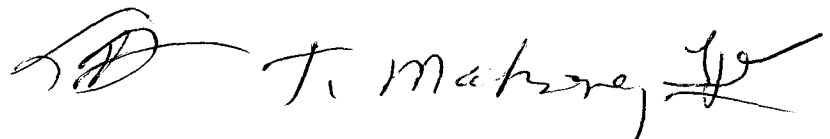
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