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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Detroit, Michigan  
March 25, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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Re: "Inner City Voice"

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All sources referred to in this letterhead memorandum and in the attached appendix have furnished reliable information in the past.

Source one on February 20, 1968, advised the "Inner City Voice" is a black revolutionary newspaper started in Detroit, Michigan, shortly after the Detroit riot of July, 1967. Source one further advised that past editions of the "Inner City Voice" have contained greatly slanted, highly inflammatory articles designed to build racial hatred and articles containing instructions and procedures of guerrilla warfare to be used in the city.

On March 21, 1968, Phil Aaron, Capco Press, Incorporated, 1325 Vermont, Detroit, Michigan, telephonically contacted the Detroit Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and advised that an individual named Michael Hamlin had dropped off the stencil of the new edition of the "Inner City Voice" and that he had been told to pick up the papers at 2:30 PM the same date.

At 2:30 PM on March 21, 1968, Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation observed four individuals, two of whom were recognized by Agents as General Gordon Baker, Jr. and Michael Hamlin, enter the office of the Capco Press, Incorporated, 1325 Vermont, Detroit, Michigan, and returned with 30 bundles of newspapers which were loaded into a Ford van truck. The truck departed Capco Press, Incorporated and stopped at 8561 Grand River, Detroit, Michigan, where the

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## TIMETABLE OF MASSACRE

Monday, February 5

Student leaders from South Carolina State College attempted to desegregate the all-white bowling alley owned by Harry F. Ford. The operator of the bowling establishment, the All-Star Bowling Alley, refused to admit the black students.

Tuesday February 6

Students again attempted to desegregate the bowling alley and were again turned away. Twenty students were arrested. Later, after word had been circulated on campus, 600 students from the college went down to the shopping center where the bowling alley is located, demanding that those arrested be released. Approximately 150 law enforcement officials were on the scene and some of them, attempting to disperse the crowd, began to beat the students. Several girls were clubbed to the ground. Twenty persons were injured and were treated at the college infirmary. One unit of the National Guard was called in and additional units were placed on stand-by alert.

Wednesday February 7

Students met all day and all night, discussing the violence and police brutality directed toward them the previous night, and also protesting the failure of the South Carolina State Legislature to approve the budget or to allocate funds for the college, although funds had been appropriated for the all-white University of South Carolina.

Thursday, February 5

Whites drove through campus shooting at students and into the buildings while the armed police stood on campus silent and watched the shooting. A campus guard was shot and wounded. Student leaders, who had submitted a list of seven grievances to the Orangeburg City Council, staged a "prayer-in" during the early evening and later held a meeting in a ball park near the campus.

Students, in an effort to stop the movement of shooting whites from driving through the campus, lit a bonfire at the campus gate. It has been reported by Dr. Chas. Thomas, President of the Orangeburg NAACP and by members of the faculty of South Carolina State that they heard the National Guard ordered to hide on South Carolina's campus until SNCC worker Cleve Sellers appeared. They were then ordered to fire on the students in an attempt to kill Cleve. When Cleve Sellers appeared, the National Guard



charged into the crowd of students firing at random. The students seeking cover fell to the ground. The Guard continued firing at students face down. All those hit were shot in the back and feet.

#### THE AFTERMATH

30 students arrested  
10 students (at least) admitted to hospitals with gunshot wounds  
4 students murdered. They are:

Sam Harmon (18) - killed outright in a blast of gunfire)

Delano Middleton (17, an ORANGEBURG High School student who died an hour after being wounded)

Henry Smith (18, classmate of Harmon who died early Saturday after having been shot, then beaten severely). We have just learned that another student has died as a result of gunshot wounds. We do not have his name.)

Funeral services for the four slain brothers were held on Thursday, February 15.

SNCC staff member, Cleveland Sellers is in a South Carolina hospital just at the armpit, and was arrested at an Orangeburg hospital where he sought medical help. When a black orderly attempted to treat his wounds, a white nurse stopped him and called for his arrest. He was taken to the city jail where he was held two hours before the police, after having conferred with Governor Mc Nair, decided upon the charges. He now has a total of five charges against him. Those charges are: inciting to riot, arson, damaging property, breaking and entering. A fifth charge, - - assault with intent to kill has been brought against him. A state trooper was hit in the head by one of his own men as he, along with other troopers charged at the fleeing students wildly swinging their clubs. This injury has been blamed on CLEVE. All students arrested during the massacre have been released except Cleve Sellers. Students shot during the massacre had to travel to nearby towns for medical atten-

Friday February 9

Governor Mc Nair declared a state of emergency and called for a 5:00 p.m. curfew. Both South Carolina State and Claflin Colleges, which adjoin, have been closed indefinitely. Students had to pay their own way home. They either had to get out of town by 5 p.m. or stay on campus.

#### HISTORICAL NOTE:

In 1960, SNCC'S second chairman, Chuck Mc Dew, led major student demonstrations in Orangeburg dealing with public accommodations. That winter all student demonstrations were herded into a compound outside the city jail and hosed. This winter, they were massacred.