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Abstract from: FBI message 2 July 1968

A SOURCE OF THIS BUREAU WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST ADVISED THAT ALEXANDER RICE, WHO IS KNOWN AS THE BARRACUDA, IS ACTING AS SECURITY OFFICER FOR THE POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN. RICE HAS INDICATED THAT AT TIMES HE CARRIES A REVOLVER. REPORTEDLY, HE HAS ATTEMPTED TO PURCHASE SURPLUS GAS MASKS IN SUBURBAN VIRGINIA.

A SIMILAR SOURCE OF THIS BUREAU ADVISED YESTERDAY THAT JOHN LEWIS, END PAGE ONE

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FORMER NATIONAL CHAIRMAN OF THE STUDENT NONVIOLENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE A MILITANT BLACK NATIONALIST ORGANIZATION, IS CURRENTLY IN WASHINGTON, D. C., AND HAS BEEN WORKING WITH THE POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN.

FBI source advised...

ANOTHER SIMILAR SOURCE OF THIS BUREAU HAS ADVISED THAT CORETTA KING, WIDOW OF THE LATE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., IS SENSITIVE ABOUT BEING USED BY OTHERS. SHE MAINTAINS THAT SINCE SHE IS NOT ON THE STAFF OF THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, SHE DOES NOT WANT OTHERS IN THAT ORGANIZATION TO MAKE DECISIONS OR PLANS FOR HER OR TO SPEAK FOR HER. APPARENTLY MRS. KING IS IRRITATED ABOUT THE FACT THAT A WOMEN'S MOBILIZATION IS BEING PLANNED BY THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE AND SHE HAS NOT BEEN CONSULTED ABOUT IT. MRS. KING REPORTEDLY SOUGHT THE ADVICE OF STANLEY LEVISON, SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE ADVISOR WHO HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS A SECRET MEMBER OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY, USA, AS LATE AS NINETEEN SIXTY-THREE, AND LEVISON SYMPATHIZED WITH HER PROBLEM. LEVISON REPORTEDLY ADVISED HER NOT TO GO TO JAIL AT THIS TIME AND NOT TO GO TO EITHER POLITICAL CONVENTION THIS SUMMER BECAUSE THIS WOULD BE OVERDOING

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