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TO: SAC (157-1214)

FROM: SA HARRY H. PLUMMER

MAJOR URBAN AREAS, RM  
Date prepared  
/ 5/10/68

SUBJECT: POTENTIAL RACIAL VIOLENCE

Date received

Received from (name or symbol number)

Received by

4/22/68

PH 480-S (RELIABLE)

SA HARRY H. PLUMMER

Method of delivery (check appropriate blocks)

☒ in person ☐ by telephone ☐ by mail ☒ orally ☐ recording device ☐ written by Informant

If orally furnished and reduced to writing by Agent:

roughdrafted Date by

~~xxxxxx~~ 4/24/68 ~~xx~~ SA PLUMMER

typed

~~xxxxxx~~ 4/26/68 by Steno HARRIET NEWELL

Authenticated  
by Informant 5/3/68

Date of Report

4/22/68

Date(s) of activity

4/22/68

Brief description of activity or material

Potential Racial Violence

Major Urban Areas

File where original is located if not attached

134-581-SUB A-460

Remarks:

ACTION: Open 157-new cases on SAVAGE, WARREN, and AUSTIN

- 1 - 157-1214
- 1 - 157-new (JOSEPH SAVAGE)
- 1 - 157-new (CLYDE WARREN)
- 1 - 157-new (GARY AUSTIN)
- ① - 44-1368 (MURKIN)
- 1 - 134-581-SUB A-460 (PH 480-S)

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Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
April 22, 1968

Source on this occasion was shown copies of photos of JAMES EARL RAY (44-1368 MURKIN) and re-alerted concerning this matter. He was not able to furnish any pertinent information in this regard at this time.

Source advised from contacts with friends, neighbors, and association with members of the Negro community in the Philadelphia area, including persons familiar with activity in the area of Philadelphia Benjamin Franklin High School, it has come to his attention there is a Black Power group in existence at Benjamin Franklin High School, Broad and Green Streets, Philadelphia, Pa. He added the group is actively recruiting additional members at the school presently and now numbers about 70 to 80 members. He said it is his understanding the group has not accumulated any weapons or ammunition to date and does not contemplate any violence or injury to others.

Source said the members of the group can be identified easily as they wear buttons with a symbol of the world thereon, over a black letter W. The buttons signifies Black Power.

Source said the group does have a headquarters located near Benjamin Franklin High School which he will attempt

*CJ*

to identify. Leaders of the group are Benjamin Franklin  
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GARY AUSTIN.

*Cia*

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