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01	letter	J. Edgar Hoover to Mildred Stegall <i>open 6/21/02 NLT 02-93</i>	C	2	10/8/68	A
02	letter	J. Edgar Hoover to Mildred Stegall <i>open 6/21/02 NLT 02-93</i>	S	1	8/16/68	A
02a	report	re Communist Infiltration <i>exempt 6/21/02 NLT 02-93</i>	S	1	8/16/68	A/C
03a	memo	for Jim Jones and Joe Califano	PCI	2	6/28/68	A
04a	memo	for Jim Jones and Joe Califano	PCI	2	6/27/68	A
05a	report	Poor People's Campaign <i>open 6/21/02 NLT 02-93</i>	C	3	6/21/68	A
06a	report	National Committee of Inquiry <i>open 6/21/02 NLT 02-93</i>	S	2	6/24/68	A
07a	report	re general situation at Resurrection City (near duplicate of document #5a) <i>open 6-17-02 NLT 02-91</i>	C	2	6/21/68	A
08a	memo	for Jim Jones and Joe Califano	PCI	2	6/20/68	A
09	memo	cover note for FBI memorandum <i>sanitized 6-11-03 NLT 02-91 appeal more released</i>	PCI	1	6/20/68	A
09a	letter	J. Edgar Hoover to Mildred Stegall <i>sanitized 6/21/02 NLT 02-93</i>	S	2	6/20/68	A
10	memo	for Jim Jones and Joe Califano <i>sanitized 6/19/03 NLT 02-93 appeal more released</i>	PCI	3	6/18/68	A
11a	memo	for Jim Jones and Joe Califano	PCI	2	6/7/68	A
12	memo	for Jim Jones and Joe Califano	PCI	2	6/10/68	A
13a	memo	for Jim Jones and Joe Califano	PCI	2	6/11/68	A
14	memo	for Jim Jones and Joe Califano	PCI	2	6/12/68	A
15	memo	for Jim Jones	PCI	1	6/6/68	A

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16a	memo	for Jim Jones and Joe Califano	PCI	2	5/29/68	A
16b	photo	photograph of an unidentified couple	PCI	1	[1968]	A
17	memo	for Jim Jones and Joe Califano	PCI	2	5/28/68	A
18	memo	for Jim Jones and Joe Califano	PCI	1	5/29/68	A
19a	<del>cable</del>	<del>Director, FBI to the President, 8 pm</del>	<del>S</del>	<del>3</del>	<del>5/10/68</del>	<del>A</del>
		open 6/21/02 NLJ 02-93				
19b	<del>cable</del>	<del>Director, FBI to the President, 5:37 pm</del>	<del>S</del>	<del>4</del>	<del>5/11/68</del>	<del>A</del>
		open 6/21/02 NLJ 02-93				
19c	<del>cable</del>	<del>Director, FBI to the President, 9:33 pm</del>	<del>C</del>	<del>3</del>	<del>5/12/68</del>	<del>A</del>
		open 6/21/02 NLJ 02-93				
19d	<del>cable</del>	<del>Director, FBI to the President, 1:50 pm</del>	<del>C</del>	<del>3</del>	<del>5/14/68</del>	<del>A</del>
		open 6/21/02 NLJ 02-93				
19e	<del>cable</del>	<del>Director, FBI to the President</del>	<del>S</del>	<del>3</del>	<del>5/14/68</del>	<del>A</del>
		open 6/21/02 NLJ 02-93				
19f	<del>cable</del>	<del>Director, FBI to the President, 6:35 pm</del>	<del>S</del>	<del>3</del>	<del>5/15/68</del>	<del>A</del>
		open 6/21/02 NLJ 02-93				
19g	<del>cable</del>	<del>Director, FBI to the President, 11:57 am</del>	<del>S</del>	<del>3</del>	<del>5/16/68</del>	<del>A</del>
		open 6/21/02 NLJ 02-93				
19h	<del>cable</del>	<del>Director, FBI to the President, 1:48 pm</del>	<del>C</del>	<del>3</del>	<del>5/17/68</del>	<del>A</del>
		open 6/21/02 NLJ 02-93				
19i	<del>cable</del>	<del>Director, FBI to the President, 1:46 pm</del>	<del>C</del>	<del>4</del>	<del>5/18/68</del>	<del>A</del>
		open 6/21/02 NLJ 02-93				
19j	<del>cable</del>	<del>Director, FBI to the President, 1:45 am</del>	<del>C</del>	<del>3</del>	<del>5/20/68</del>	<del>A</del>
		open 6/21/02 NLJ 02-93				
19k	<del>cable</del>	<del>Director, FBI to the President, 12:06 pm</del>	<del>C</del>	<del>3</del>	<del>5/21/68</del>	<del>A</del>
		open 6/21/02 NLJ 02-93				
20	<del>report</del>	<del>FBI report; return to Mildred Stegall</del>	<del>PCI</del>	<del>1</del>	<del>5/22/68</del>	<del>A</del>
		open 6-17-02 NLJ 02-91				
20b	<del>report</del>	<del>Poor People's Campaign</del>	<del>S</del>	<del>4</del>	<del>5/22/68</del>	<del>A</del>
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22	memo	cover note from Jim Jones and Larry Temple	PCI	1	5/17/68	A
22a	memo	cover note from Jim Jones	PCI	1	5/16/68	A
22b	memo	for Jim Jones	PCI	3	5/10/68	A
23	memo	for Jim Jones and Joe Califano	PCI	2	5/20/68	A
24	memo	for Jim Jones and Joe Califano	PCI	2	5/21/68	A
25	memo	cover note - unsigned	PCI	1	5/15/68	A
25a	letter	J. Edgar Hoover to Mildred Stegall	S	2	5/15/68	A
26a	report	Demonstration in Washington, D.C.	PCI	2	5/14/68	A
27	memo	re attached FBI memorandum (#27c is a duplicate)	PCI	1	5/10/68	A
27b	report	Poor People's Campaign	S	4	5/9/68	A
27c	memo	duplicate of #27	PCI	1	5/10/68	A
28a	report	Poor People's Campaign	C	1	5/8/68	A
29a	report	re Southern Christian Leadership Conference	C	2	1/4/67	A
30a	report	re Southern Christian Leadership Conference	S	2	4/18/66	A
31a	report	re Southern Christian Leadership Conference	S	2	4/11/66	A

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33a	report	re Southern Christian Leadership Conference <i>open 6/21/02 NLT 02-93</i>	S	2	1/12/66	A
34b	report	re Southern Christian Leadership Conference <i>open 6/21/02 NLT 02-93</i>	S	2	10/4/65	A
35a	report	re Communist Infiltration <i>open 6/21/02 NLT 02-93</i>	S	2	11/1/65	A
36	memo	Marvin Watson to the President		1	8/23/65	C
36b	report	re Communist Infiltration		2	8/23/65	C
37a	report	re Communist Infiltration <i>open 6/21/02 NLT 02-93</i>	S	2	8/27/65	A
38a	report	re Communist Infiltration <i>open 6/21/02 NLT 02-93</i>	S	2	8/24/65	A
39a	report	re Southern Christian Leadership Conference <i>open 6/21/02 NLT 02-93</i>	S	1	7/22/65	A
40a	report	re Yugoslavia <i>sanitized 6-19-03 NLT 02-93 appeal more released</i>	<del>S</del>	2	8/6/65	A
40d	report	re Yugoslavia <i>sanitized 6-19-03 NLT 02-93 appeal more released</i>	<del>S</del>	1	8/26/65	A
41b	report	re Yugoslavia <i>sanitized 6-19-03 NLT 02-93 appeal more released</i>	<del>S</del>	1	9/17/65	A
42	memo	Marvin Watson to the President <i>sanitized 6-11-03 NLT 02-91 appeal more released</i>	PCI	1	9/15/65	A
42a	letter	J. Edgar Hoover to Marvin Watson <i>same sanitization 6-27-03 NLT 02-89 appeal</i>	TS	1	9/15/65	A
42b	memo	Jim Jones to Marvin Watson <i>sanitized 6-11-03 NLT 02-91 appeal more released</i>	PCI	1	9/15/65	A
43a	report	re Yugoslavia <i>sanitized 6-19-03 NLT 02-93 appeal more released</i>	<del>S</del>	1	10/21/65	A
44a	report	re Yugoslavia <i>sanitized 6-19-03 NLT 02-93 appeal more released</i>	<del>S</del>	2	11/2/65	A

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45a	report	re Yugoslavia	sanitized 4/21/02 NJ 02-93	1	1/31/67	A
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

October 8, 1968

BY LIAISON

Mrs. Mildred Stegall  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Stegall:

I thought the President might be interested in the following information.

A confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past has advised that the Executive Staff and the Field Staff of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference plan a concentrated campaign to insure the participation of the highest possible number of Negro voters in the November, 1968, election. The Southern Christian Leadership Conference is the organization founded by the late Martin Luther King, Jr., which conducted the Poor People's Campaign in Washington, D. C., last spring to pressure Congress into passing legislation favorable to Negroes and poor white people.

The preference of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference for Vice President Humphrey will be established indirectly during the campaign by stressing the undesirability

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of Richard Nixon and George Wallace as far as Negroes are concerned. The implication will be left during speaking engagements that Mr. Humphrey is the only choice left for Negro voters.

No further dissemination is being made of the above data.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

August 16, 1968

BY LIAISON

Mrs. Mildred Stegall  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Stegall:

I thought the President might be interested in the information contained in the enclosed memorandum. The memorandum contains the results of a conference between Stanley Levison and entertainer Harry Belafonte concerning a dispute over funds between Mrs. Coretta King and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

Stanley Levison is an advisor to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and has been identified as a secret Communist Party member as late as 1963.

A copy of the memorandum is also being furnished to the Attorney General.

Sincerely yours,

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By SJ NARA, Date 6-3-02



June 29, 1968  
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FROM: James R. Jones

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TO MILDRED STEGALL  
FROM: James R. Jones

June 28, 1968

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

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June 21, 1968

BY LIAISON

Honorable James R. Jones  
Special Assistant to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Jones:

Reference is made to the request of Mrs. Mildred Stegall on the evening of June 20, 1968, for information regarding the number of individuals residing at Resurrection City, the general situation there, and the outlook for the Poor People's Campaign.

A memorandum is enclosed with details in this matter.

For your information, one of our sources indicated that Ralph D. Abernathy, President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, has stated that he may seek an appointment with President Johnson but gave no definite details in this regard.

This will confirm information telephonically furnished to your office this morning.

Upon removal of the enclosed memorandum, this letter becomes unclassified.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to be "J. Edgar Hoover", is written below the typed name.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

June 21, 1968

POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN

General Situation at Resurrection City

Eighty-five Poor People's Campaign participants were arrested by the Metropolitan Police Department at the Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., on June 20, 1968, when these individuals blocked doorways of the Department and disrupted traffic. Of those arrested, 49 were males, 27 were females, and nine were juveniles. While other participants were returning to Resurrection City after these arrests, it was necessary for the police to use tear gas to control disorderly demonstrators.

During the late evening of June 20 and the early morning of June 21, 1968, a strategy meeting was held at Resurrection City at which several of the leaders of the Poor People's Campaign spoke, including Ralph D. Abernathy, President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. During his remarks Abernathy said, "We must carry out tomorrow's program. We must go to jail but we will decide where we will be arrested." He also stated, "I am ready to lead. I am ready to lead an orderly and peaceful demonstration and we will be going to jail." Abernathy called for the participants to assemble at 8:00 A.M., June 21, 1968, for demonstrations; however, he did not indicate where these would be held.

Resurrection City was relatively quiet during today's early morning hours and 600 individuals stayed at Resurrection City, approximately 95 per cent of whom were under 25 years of age.

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The situation at Resurrection City has steadily deteriorated. It has been described as a jungle and there have been numerous instances of immoral activity. On the evening of June 19, 1968, there were reportedly 18 different assaults in Resurrection City.

Recent defiant statements by Abernathy and other leaders, the youth of the remaining participants, the discomforts and boredom of the demonstrators and the exuberance following Solidarity Day on June 19, 1968, make the present situation in Resurrection City highly unpredictable. The indecision which has plagued the campaign to date stems to a great degree from the unpredictability of the campaign leaders who appear to be making many decisions on the spur of the moment and who are involved themselves in an internal struggle within the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

### Outlook for Resurrection City and the Poor People's Campaign

There is no indication that the campaign leaders plan to vacate Resurrection City when their permit expires on June 23, 1968. We received information on June 20, 1968, that seven area coordinators of the Poor People's Campaign have been instructed to recruit 1,000 persons from each area to come to Washington, D. C. This indicates that campaign leaders have no intention to terminate their campaign and, in fact, it would appear increased activities are planned with emphasis on civil disobedience and arrests.

Abernathy has consistently stated from the outset of the campaign that it would continue in Washington, D. C., until the United States Congress meets its demands. To withdraw from this position would further alienate the many restless campaign participants who have been outspoken in

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## POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN

their criticism of leaders of the Poor People's Campaign who, they claim, are enjoying the luxuries of living at hotels in Washington, D. C., while the "poor people" are suffering the many discomforts at Resurrection City. The participants are anxious to find outlets for the many frustrations encountered to date and the arrests on June 20, 1968, will possibly be the spark to ignite not only more demonstrations but very militant ones. Abernathy himself reportedly plans to be arrested during disturbances.

It appears that as long as the Poor People's Campaign continues to use Resurrection City, increased disturbances with resulting arrests can be expected.

The above information has been received from sources of this Bureau who have furnished reliable information in the past.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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June 24, 1968

BY LIAISON

Mrs. Mildred Stegall  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Stegall:

For your information, I am enclosing  
a communication which may be of interest to you.

Upon removal of the enclosure, if  
classified, this transmittal form becomes  
unclassified.

Sincerely yours,

  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Enc.

This information is also being furnished  
the Attorney General.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

June 24, 1968

NATIONAL COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY

A confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past furnished the following data on June 17 and 18, 1968.

Stanley Levison has taken an interest in the National Committee of Inquiry which Levison has described as a committee made up of Negroes who hold public office. These Negroes will examine issues and also examine the Negro candidates who are running for public office. The Committee would then decide as to whether or not the candidates should be endorsed.

Levison had been in contact with Congressman John Conyers of Michigan regarding the National Committee of Inquiry. Levison indicated to Congressman Conyers that he had been told that Congressman Conyers recently held a meeting of 100 "black" political leaders and that Congressman Conyers was proceeding with plans for the National Committee of Inquiry. Levison offered to conduct a mail appeal for the Committee. Levison and Congressman Conyers made plans to meet in Washington, D. C., on June 19, 1968.

Levison indicated to Congressman Conyers that he had talked about the Committee with Harry Belafonte, the entertainer, and that he, Levison, had mentioned it in general terms to Mrs. Coretta King, widow of Martin Luther King, Jr. Levison suggested that Congressman Conyers contact Mrs. King and ask her to join the Committee. Congressman Conyers indicated to Levison that Richard Hatcher, Mayor of Gary, Indiana, is on the Committee and Levison stated that he knew that Mayor Hatcher was very sympathetic to the idea of the Committee.

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## NATIONAL COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY

In addition to Mayor Hatcher, Levison mentioned Mrs. King; Harry Belafonte, the entertainer; Sidney Poitier, the actor; and Congressman Conyers himself as possible members of the Committee.

Levison advised Mrs. King that Congressman Conyers intended to contact her to ask her to join the National Committee of Inquiry. Levison indicated to Mrs. King that Martin Luther King, Jr., had been interested in this Committee and that he, Levison, believes she should join it. Mrs. King indicated she was in favor of the Committee.

Levison is an advisor to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference which is sponsoring the Poor People's Campaign and has been identified as a secret Community Party member as late as 1963.

The June 16, 1968, issue of "The Worker," an east coast communist newspaper, contained an article which indicated that Congressman Conyers was forming a "Reviewing" Committee of 100 nationally prominent Negro leaders to evaluate candidates in the coming election. The article indicated that the intent of this Committee is that no candidate would get the Negro vote unless he had a sweeping program to help the "black" people. In the article, Congressman Conyers was depicted as "a black militant and peace fighter." It was indicated that he would be one of the leading forces which would establish a "black" caucus at the Democratic Party Convention which will be held in Chicago, Illinois, in August, 1968.

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to Mildred Styall

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Information Received from Mr. George Moore, FBI, at 8:30 a.m.  
Friday, June 21, 1968:

One of our sources indicated Abernathy has stated he may seek an appointment with President Johnson but he gave no definite details.

General situation at Resurrection City: 85 Poor People Campaign participants arrested June 20 at Agriculture when they blocked doorways and disrupted traffic. Of those arrested 49 were males, 27 were females, and nine juveniles. While other participants were returning to Resurrection City after these arrests, it was necessary for the police to use tear gas.

During late evening of June 20 and early this morning, strategy meeting was held at Resurrection City and several leaders of Poor Peoples campaign spoke, including Abernathy. Among other things, Abernathy said, "We must carry out tomorrow's program. (June 21). We must go to jail but we will decide where we will be arrested." He also stated "I am ready to lead. I am ready to lead an orderly and peaceful demonstration and we will be going to jail." Abernathy called for the participants to assemble at 8 o'clock, June 21, for demonstrations; however, he did not indicate where these would be held.

Resurrection City was relatively quiet during early morning hours today and 600 individuals stayed there during the night. Approximately, 95 percent are under 25 years of age.

Situation at Resurrection City has steadily deteriorated. It has been described as a jungle and there have been numerous instances of immoral activity. On the evening of June 19 there were reportedly 18 different assaults in Resurrection City.

Recent defiant statements by Abernathy and other leaders, the youth of the remaining participants, the discomforts and boredom of the demonstrators, and the exuberance following Solidarity Day make present situation in Resurrection City highly unpredictable. The indecision which has plagued the campaign to-date stems to a great degree from the unpredictability of the campaign leaders who appear to be making many decisions on the spur of the moment and who are involved themselves in an internal struggle within the SCLC.

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By SJ, NARA, Date 5-31-02



Outlook for Resurrection City: There is no indication that the campaign leaders plan to vacate Resurrection City when their permit expires on June 23. We received information on June 20 that seven area coordinators of the campaign have been instructed to recruit 1,000 persons from each area to come to Washington. This indicates campaign leaders have no intention to terminate their campaign and, in fact, it would appear increased activities are planned with emphasis on civil disobedience and arrests.

Abernathy has consistently stated from the outset of the campaign that it would continue in Washington until Congress meets its demands. To withdraw from this position would further alienate the many restless campaign participants who have been outspoken of their criticism of leaders of the Poor Peoples Campaign who, they claim, are enjoying the luxuries of living at hotels in Washington while the poor people are suffering the many discomforts of Resurrection City. The participants are anxious to find outlets for the many frustrations encountered to-date and the arrests on June 20 will possibly be the spark to ignite not only more demonstrations but very militant ones. Abernathy himself reported plans to be arrested during disturbances.

It appears ~~that~~ as long as the Poor Peoples Campaign continues to use Resurrection City, increased disturbances with resulting arrests can be expected.

The above information has been received from sources of the FBI who have furnished reliable information in the past.

June 21, 1968  
Friday - 11:00 a.m.

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TO: MRS. MILDRED STEGALL  
FROM: James R. Jones

*[Handwritten signature]*

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June 20, 1968  
5:10 p.m.

The attached FBI memorandum reports a

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## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

June 20, 1968

BY LIAISON

Mrs. Mildred Stegall  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Stegall:

The following information which was reported on June 17, 1968, by a confidential source who has supplied reliable information in the past may be of interest to the President.

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By cbm, NARA, Date 6-19-03

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Mrs. Mildred Stegall

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A second confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past [REDACTED]

The foregoing information is also being furnished to the Attorney General.

Sincerely yours,

*J. Edgar Hoover*

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June 10, 1968

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TO  
FROM

MILDRED STEGALL  
James R. Jones

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June 12, 1968  
TO:

- 10:15 p.m.  
Mildred Stegall

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FROM:

James R. Jones

A handwritten signature, likely of James R. Jones, consisting of a stylized 'J' followed by a loop and a small mark.

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June 4, 1968

TO: MILDRED STEGALL  
FROM: James R. Jones

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

May 27, 1968

BY LIAISON

Mrs. Mildred Stegall  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Stegall:

I thought the President might be interested in the information which this Bureau has developed with respect to the Poor People's Campaign led by Reverend Ralph D. Abernathy.

In this regard there are attached single copies of teletypes which have been sent to the White House concerning our coverage of the Poor People's Campaign.

We will continue to furnish teletype summaries to the White House with respect to pertinent developments regarding this Campaign.

Upon removal of the classified enclosures, this letter becomes unclassified.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "J. Edgar Hoover", is written below the typed name.

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TO: DIRECTOR, DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY 04

TO: DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY 04

TO: DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE 04

TO: WHITE HOUSE SITUATION ROOM, ATT.: SECRET SERVICE (PID)

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

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POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN

FINANCES: CONFIDENTIAL SOURCES OF THIS BUREAU, WHO HAVE FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING CONCERNING FINANCES FOR THE POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN:

THE EXPECTED COST OF THE POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN IN WASHINGTON, D. C., IS THREE HUNDRED SIXTY FIVE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS FOR THE MONTHS OF MAY, JUNE, AND JULY, 1968. THIS ESTIMATE, BY SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, DOES NOT INCLUDE TRANSPORTATION TO WASHINGTON, SOCIAL SERVICES AND EDUCATIONAL SERVICES.

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SOME OF THE COSTS INCLUDED IN THIS FIGURE ARE ONE HUNDRED TWENTY ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR MATERIALS TO BUILD HOUSING FOR THREE THOUSAND PEOPLE, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR FOOD PER MONTH ON THE BASIS OF ONE DOLLAR AND THIRTY CENTS PER PERSON PER DAY FOR THREE THOUSAND PEOPLE AND TEN THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS FOR "COMMUNICATIONS."

IN REGARD TO THE CARAVANS TO WASHINGTON, D. C., THE DETROIT, MICHIGAN, AREA IS SHORT OF THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE QUOTA OF FUNDS. THE SAVANNAH, GEORGIA, AREA IS REPORTEDLY SHORT ONE THOUSAND SIXTY DOLLARS TO HIRE REMAINING BUSES TO TAKE A CARAVAN FROM SAVANNAH TO CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA. PRESIDENT OF SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, RALPH D. ABERNATHY, HAS SAID TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS IS NEEDED FOR THE EASTERN AREA OF THE POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN AROUND BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS, AND ONLY FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS HAS BEEN RAISED.

IN ADDITION, THE POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN NEEDS THE FOLLOWING TECHNICAL HELP: EIGHT CARPENTERS, FOUR PLUMBERS, TEN COMMUNICATIONS PEOPLE, TEN DRIVERS, TWO PRINTERS, FOUR ELECTRICIANS, THIRTY COOKS, NINE TEACHERS AND TWO SIGN PAINTERS.

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WILLIAM A. RUTHERFORD, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, HAS SAID THAT THE POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN HAS SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS AVAILABLE, BUT HE DESCRIBED THIS AS A DROP IN THE BUCKET COMPARED TO WHAT IS NEEDED. THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE HAS ADDED OFFICE EMPLOYEES TO ITS STAFF BECAUSE OF THE APPRECIABLE INCREASE IN FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS SINCE THE DEATH OF REVEREND MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. ALSO, THE FIELD FOUNDATION IN CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, HAS EARMARKED TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR THE POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN.

VIOLENCE: JOSEPH MLOT DASH MROZ, KNOWN AS A "POLISH FREEDOM FIGHTER" IN THE BOSTON AREA, WAS DEMONSTRATING IN THE AREA WHERE THE POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN WAS TO BEGIN. EVIDENTLY, BECAUSE HIS ACTIONS WERE DIRECTED AGAINST THE CAMPAIGN, HE WAS STABBED BY AN UNKNOWN NEGRO MEMBER OF THE CAMPAIGN. MLOT DASH MROZ IS ON THE DANGER LIST IN BOSTON CITY HOSPITAL. NO ARRESTS MADE AS OF TWELVE NOON THIS DATE.

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TO: DIRECTOR, DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY 001

TO: DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY 001

TO: DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE 001

TO: WHITE HOUSE SITUATION ROOM, ATT.: SECRET SERVICE (PID)

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

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POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN TO WASHINGTON, D. C.

A NUMBER OF CITIES THROUGHOUT THE NATION HELD MARCHES AND RALLIES YESTERDAY TO SOLICIT SUPPORT AND FUNDS FOR THE CAMPAIGN. ONE BUS WITH A CAPACITY OF FORTY-SEVEN PERSONS IS SCHEDULED TO DEPART FROM HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT, MAY TWELVE, AND ANOTHER BUS WITH A CAPACITY OF FORTY-SIX PERSONS IS EXPECTED TO LEAVE NEW LONDON, CONNECTICUT, ON MAY SIXTEEN. THE NORTHEASTERN CARAVAN CONSISTING OF TWO BUSES AND FIVE AUTOMOBILES ARRIVED IN PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND, FROM BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS, YESTERDAY. THIS CARAVAN IS EXPECTED TO PROCEED TO NEW YORK CITY TODAY

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THE REVEREND RALPH ABERNATHY AND MRS. CORETTA KING ARE SCHEDULED TO APPEAR AT A RALLY AT INDEPENDENCE HALL IN PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA, MAY FOURTEEN, ONE NINE SIX EIGHT.

AT A PUBLIC MEETING IN KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, WITH SEVEN TO EIGHT HUNDRED PERSONS PRESENT, JAMES BEVEL OF THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE SAID "WE HAVE NEVER SEEN A DEMONSTRATION YET, BUT WE HAVE BEEN PARTICIPATING FOR SIX YEARS AND WILL DO SOME VERY SERIOUS DEMONSTRATING IN WASHINGTON, D. C." BEVEL SAID "OUR CAPITALISTIC SYSTEM IS OUTDATED AND GEARED FOR SIXTEENTH CENTURY PEOPLE, BUT WE ARE IN THE TWENTIETH CENTURY." HE SAID "THE GOVERNMENT OWES YOU SOMETHING AND REFERRED TO PRESIDENT JOHNSON AS A PIMP FROM TEXAS AND WE ARE BEING PROSTITUTED BY THE U. S. GOVERNMENT SO THEY CAN GET MORE MONEY." A SOURCE OF THIS BUREAU ADVISED YESTERDAY THAT MANY OF THE PEOPLE MAKING THE TRIP ADVISED THEY WERE DETERMINED TO GAIN RECOGNITION IN WASHINGTON, D. C., OR THEY WILL TAKE VIOLENT ACTION. NONE COULD GIVE DETAILS CONCERNING THE TYPE OF ACTION THEY REFERRED TO.

THE MIDWESTERN CARAVAN WITH ABOUT FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE PERSONS ARRIVED IN LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY, YESTERDAY. ABOUT THIRTY NEGROES WEARING BLUE DENIM JACKETS CONTAINING GOLD LETTERING "MILWAUKEE COMMANDOS" FORMED THE FIRST AND LAST ROWS OF A MARCH TO A LOCAL CHURCH WHERE A MEETING WAS HELD. THE MIDWESTERN

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CARAVAN IS EXPECTED TO PROCEED TO COLUMBUS, OHIO, TODAY. THE SOUTHERN CARAVAN WITH ABOUT FIVE HUNDRED PERSONS VISITED THE GRAVE OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA, AND THEN PROCEEDED TO MACON, GEORGIA, YESTERDAY.

UNFAVORABLE WEATHER CONDITIONS, LACK OF HARNESSSES AND LACK OF EXPERIENCED MULE DRIVERS HAS DELAYED THE DEPARTURE OF THE MULE TRAIN FROM MARKS, MISSISSIPPI. ANDREW YOUNG, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, SAYS HE PLANS TO TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON TO DISCUSS THE CONDITION OF THE MULE TRAIN WITH THE REVEREND RALPH ABERNATHY.

A SOURCE REPORTED YESTERDAY THAT BILL RUTHERFORD, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, AND AN ADVISOR, STANLEY LEVISON, DISCUSSED THE CAMPAIGN AND THE REVEREND RALPH ABERNATHY DURING A CONFERENCE. RUTHERFORD SAID A SOUTH CAROLINA CONGRESSMAN READ INTO THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD A REPORT THAT ABERNATHY HAD BEEN CHARGED WITH A RAPE ATTACK TEN YEARS AGO. IN THIS CONNECTION, TESTIMONY GIVEN DURING A TRIAL ENTITLED "STATE OF ALABAMA VERSUS EDWARD DAVIS," AT MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, IN NOVEMBER, ONE NINE FIVE EIGHT, ALLEGED THAT

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ABERNATHY HAD SEXUAL RELATIONS WITH VIVIAN MC COY DAVIS IN ONE NINE FIVE TWO, WHEN DAVIS WAS FIFTEEN YEARS OF AGE. THIS MATTER RECEIVED PUBLICITY IN THE JUNE NINETEEN, ONE NINE SIX FOUR, ISSUE OF "THE HERALD," AN ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLIN, NEWSPAPER. LEVISON SAID THIS "SMEAR THING" WOULD NOT AMOUNT TO ANYTHING AS IT WAS TOO OLD.

REPORTS WERE RECEIVED YESTERDAY THAT ATTEMPTS ARE BEING MADE TO ORGANIZE A GROUP OF AMERICAN INDIANS FROM THE WESTERN PART OF THE U.S. TO PARTICIPATE IN THE POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN. THE PURPOSE IS THAT THEY "ARE UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR AND, CONSEQUENTLY, WOULD BE ABLE TO CAMP ON ANY PUBLIC LAND."

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TO: THE PRESIDENT 001

TO: SECRETARY OF STATE 001

TO: DIRECTOR, CIA 001

TO: DIRECTOR, DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY 001

TO: DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY 001

TO: DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE 001

TO: WHITE HOUSE SITUATION ROOM, ATT.: SECRET SERVICE (PID)

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

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POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN

THE NORTHEASTERN CARAVAN OF THE POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN LEFT NEW YORK CITY ABOUT NOON TODAY WITH ABOUT FOUR HUNDRED PEOPLE ENROUTE TO NEWARK, NEW JERSEY WHERE THEY PLAN TO SPEND THE NIGHT. THE "FREEDOM BUS RIDE" WITH ABOUT FOUR HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE PEOPLE ARRIVED IN WASHINGTON D.C. AT TWO P.M. TODAY FROM DANVILLE, VIRGINIA. THE SOUTHERN CARAVAN WITH ABOUT FIVE HUNDRED PEOPLE IS IN CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA TONIGHT. A POLICE DEPARTMENT SOURCE TRAVELING WITH THIS CONTINGENT SAID YESTERDAY THAT HE PERSONALLY HAS SEEN SEVERAL IN THE CARAVAN WITH PISTOLS AND CONSIDERED IT A "ROUGH CROWD".

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THE MIDWESTERN CARAVAN LEFT COLUMBUS, OHIO THIS MORNING WITH ABOUT SIX HUNDRED PEOPLE ENROUTE TO TOLEDO, OHIO. YESTERDAY, IN CINCINNATI, OHIO, TWENTY-ONE NEGRO MALES FROM THIS CARAVAN WERE RETURNED TO CHICAGO, ILLINOIS WITH A "MILWAUKEE COMMANDO" KNOWN AS "BARRACUDA" ACCOMPANYING THEM TO KEEP ORDER. TWO QUARRELING GROUPS FROM CHICAGO'S WEST SIDE AND SOUTH SIDE CAUSED CARAVAN LEADERS TO SEND THE GROUP BACK TO CHICAGO IN ORDER TO AVOID TROUBLE IN THE CARAVAN. MELVIN L. RILEY AND CARL L. JOHNSON, MEMBERS OF THE MILITANT BLACK NATIONALIST STUDENT NON-VIOLENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE IN CINCINNATI, WERE TO JOIN THIS CARAVAN AND RILEY WAS OBSERVED TO JOIN THE GROUP IN CINCINNATI. IN DAYTON, OHIO YESTERDAY THE CAMPAIGN SECURITY FORCE REPORTEDLY "SHOOK DOWN" MEMBERS OF THE MIDWESTERN CARAVAN FOLLOWING REPORTS OF MISSING PURSES AND MONEY AND SENT NINE OF THE GROUP BACK TO CHICAGO BECAUSE OF THESE INCIDENTS.

ABOUT THREE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED PEOPLE JOINED THE MOTHERS DAY MARCH IN WASHINGTON, D.C. TODAY AND ABOUT SIX THOUSAND ATTENDED A RALLY AT CARDOZA HIGH SCHOOL FOLLOWING THE MARCH TO HEAR CORETTA KING, THE WIDOW OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., AND OTHERS SPEAK ABOUT

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THE NEED FOR IMPROVED WELFARE LAWS. THERE WERE NO INCIDENTS.

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TO: SECRETARY OF STATE 006

TO: DIRECTOR, CIA 004

TO: DIRECTOR, DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY 003

TO: DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY 002

TO: DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE 002

TO: WHITE HOUSE SITUATION ROOM, ATT.: SECRET SERVICE (PID)

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POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN

"RESURRECTION CITY" WAS STARTED IN WASHINGTON, D. C. YESTERDAY AND TWO HUNDRED TENTS ARE TO BE BUILT BY TODAY. MANY TEEN-AGED CAMPAIGN PARTICIPANTS HAVE INDICATED THEY DO NOT INTEND TO STAY IN THE TENTS BUT WILL LIVE ELSEWHERE IN WASHINGTON, D. C.

CAMPAIGN PLANS CALL FOR FOUR BUSES TO LEAVE SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, MAY SIXTEEN, ONE NINE SIX EIGHT. SEVEN BUSES ARE

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TO LEAVE LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, TOMORROW. BOTH CALIFORNIA GROUPS PLAN TO ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON, D. C. ON MAY TWENTY THREE, ONE NINE SIX EIGHT. THIRTY PEOPLE LEFT COMPTON, CALIFORNIA, YESTERDAY AND PLAN TO RECRUIT EN ROUTE TO WASHINGTON, D. C. SINGLE BUSES ARE TO LEAVE PHOENIX, ARIZONA, ON THURSDAY AND SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, ON FRIDAY.

THE NORTHEAST CARAVAN OF ABOUT FOUR HUNDRED IS TO TRAVEL FROM TRENTON, NEW JERSEY, TO PHILADELPHIA THIS MORNING. THE MULE TRAIN WITH ABOUT SEVENTY PEOPLE LEFT MARKS, MISSISSIPPI, YESTERDAY AND TRAVELED TWELVE MILES. THE MULES AND WAGONS ARE TO BE TRUCKED FROM GRENADA, MISSISSIPPI, TO BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, TOMORROW AND SUBSEQUENTLY TO WASHINGTON, D. C.

THE SOUTHERN CARAVAN OF ABOUT THREE HUNDRED PEOPLE IS TO ARRIVE IN CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA, TODAY FROM GREENVILLE, MISSISSIPPI. A SOURCE OF THIS BUREAU WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, ADVISED THAT A GROUP OF FORMER MEMBERS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN IN CHARLOTTE WHICH OPPOSES INTEGRATION AND ADVOCATES VIOLENCE CLAIMS TO HAVE THIRTY SMALL BOMBS. THEY ARE TO PRACTICE AND "BE READY" WHEN THE CAMPAIGN ARRIVES IN CHARLOTTE TODAY. LOCAL AUTHORITIES HAVE BEEN ADVISED AND THIS MATTER IS BEING VIGOROUSLY INVESTIGATED.

THE MIDWESTERN CARAVAN OF ABOUT SIX HUNDRED PEOPLE IS

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TO TRAVEL FROM DETROIT, MICHIGAN, TO CLEVELAND, OHIO, TODAY.

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA, HAS SENT TWO DIRECTIVES TO ALL COMMUNIST PARTY DISTRICTS IN AN EFFORT TO SECURE SUPPORT FOR THE CAMPAIGN. THE TWO PEOPLE AUTHORIZED TO SIGN CHECKS ON THE ACCOUNT OF THE CAMPAIGN IN SAN FRANCISCO ARE COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBERS.

THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO END THE WAR IN VIETNAM, A COALITION OF ANTIWAR GROUPS WHICH SPONSORED THE MARCH ON THE PENTAGON LAST OCTOBER, ENDORSED THE POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN AT A MEETING LAST SATURDAY. A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CAMPAIGN AT THE MEETING SAID PLANS WERE BEING MADE TO INVADE AND TAKE OVER FEDERAL OFFICES IF THE CAMPAIGN'S DEMANDS ARE NOT MET. HE SAID THE CAMPAIGN IS PLANNING A LONG STAY IN WASHINGTON, D. C.

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TO: SECRETARY OF STATE 005  
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TO: DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY 04  
TO: DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE 004  
TO: WHITE HOUSE SITUATION ROOM, ATT.: SECRET SERVICE (PID)  
FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

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POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN

A SOURCE OF THIS BUREAU, WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, ADVISED THAT STANLEY LEVISON ADVISOR TO THE LATE REVEREND MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., AND WILLIAM RUTHERFORD, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, RECENTLY DISCUSSED THE POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN. THEY DISCUSSED THE POSSIBILITY THAT SOME PEOPLE ARE TRYING TO MAKE JESSE JACKSON, EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER OF THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, PRESIDENT OF THE ORGANIZATION. HARRY BELAFONTE, THE ENTERTAINER, WAS SUPPOSED TO BE IMPRESSED WITH JACKSON.  
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THEY ALSO DISCUSSED REVEREND RALPH D. ABERNATHY, PRESIDENT OF SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, AND SAID HE IS NOT GIVING LEADERSHIP, NOR IS CORETTA KING, WIDOW OF REVEREND MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CORETTA KING WAS CRITICIZED FOR HAVING ARRANGED FOR JESSE JACKSON TO ACCEPT A SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT WITHOUT CONSULTING WITH ANYONE ELSE.

ACCORDING TO THIS SOURCE, LEVISON ALSO DISCUSSED THE POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN WITH ANDREW YOUNG, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE. LEVISON WAS DISAPPOINTED WITH THE SMALL SHOWING THE CAMPAIGN MADE IN CENTRAL PARK, NEW YORK CITY, MAY ELEVEN, ONE NINE SIX EIGHT. LEVISON INDICATED HE WANTS YOUNG TO COME FORWARD MORE AS THE PUBLIC SHOULD SEE MORE OF YOUNG RIGHT NOW.

SOURCE ALSO LEARNED THAT FIFTEEN TOP UNION MEN HAVE BEEN INVITED TO A SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE DINNER TO BE CHAIRED BY HARRY BELAFONTE. THIS MAY REFER TO A DINNER SCHEDULED FOR MAY, TWENTY EIGHT, ONE NINE SIX EIGHT, IN NEW YORK CITY.

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ANOTHER SOURCE WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST ADVISED IN APRIL, ONE NINE SIX FOUR, THAT STANLEY LEVISON WAS A SECRET MEMBER OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY, USA, IN JULY, ONE NINE SIX THREE. LEVISON HAS CRITICIZED THE COMMUNIST PARTY FOR NOT BEING SUFFICIENTLY MILITANT IN THE CIVIL RIGHTS STRUGGLE.

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TO: SECRETARY OF STATE  
TO: DIRECTOR, CIA  
TO: DIRECTOR, DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY  
TO: DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
TO: DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE 2  
TO: WHITE HOUSE SITUATION ROOM, ATT.: SECRET SERVICE (PID)  
FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

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POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN

ABOUT TWO HUNDRED FIFTY PEOPLE SLEPT IN THE TENT CITY OF THE POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN IN WASHINGTON, D. C. LAST NIGHT. STOKELY CARMICHAEL, MILITANT BLACK NATIONALIST, VISITED THE TENT CITY YESTERDAY.

THE MULE TRAIN OF THE CAMPAIGN WITH SIXTY FOUR PEOPLE IS STILL IN MISSISSIPPI. IT PLANS TO MEET A SECOND MULE TRAIN IN ALABAMA AND BOTH ARE TO BE TRUCKED TO WASHINGTON, D. C. THE SOUTHERN CARAVAN  
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WITH ABOUT THREE HUNDRED SIXTY SIX PEOPLE SPENT LAST NIGHT IN CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA. HOSEA WILLIAMS, A CAMPAIGN OFFICIAL, TOLD A RALLY THERE THAT PRESIDENT JOHNSON "IS IN FOR A LOT OF TROUBLE" BUT DID NOT ELABORATE EXCEPT TO SAY THE CAMPAIGN WOULD STAY IN WASHINGTON, D. C. UNTIL ITS DEMANDS ARE MET.

THE NORTHEASTERN CARAVAN WITH ABOUT THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE PEOPLE WAS IN PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA, LAST NIGHT AND IS TO GO TO WILMINGTON, DELAWARE, TODAY. THE MIDWESTERN CARAVAN WITH FIVE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE PEOPLE ARRIVED IN CLEVELAND, OHIO, LAST NIGHT AFTER BEING DELAYED IN DETROIT, MICHIGAN, WAITING FOR AN APOLOGY WHICH WAS GIVEN BY THE MAYOR OF DETROIT FOR THE ALLEGED USE OF EXCESSIVE FORCE BY THE DETROIT POLICE DEPARTMENT MONDAY NIGHT. THIS GROUP HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS YOUNG, DIRTY, DISHEVELED, AND RAUCOUS, WITH MANY CARRYING WHISKEY BOTTLES.

A SOURCE OF THIS BUREAU WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, ADVISED THAT AN UNIDENTIFIED "SWEDISH COMMITTEE" MAY BE WORTH A QUARTER OF A MILLION DOLLARS TO THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE BUT THIS COMMITTEE WANTS MRS. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. TO MAKE A TRIP TO SWEDEN. THE SOURCE ALSO STATED THAT RALPH D. ABERNATHY, PRESIDENT OF THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS DIFFICULT TO DEAL WITH BY A "KEY INDIVIDUAL."

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AN OFFICER OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA IS URGING SUPPORT OF THE POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN BUT HAS ORDERED NO SPECIFIC ACTION.

ACCORDING TO A NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT, NEWSPAPER, TWO NEGRO MILITANTS FROM THE NEW HAVEN AREA ARE IN WASHINGTON, D. C. FOR THE CAPAIGN. ONE IS JOHN BARBER WHO ADVOCATED "BREAKING THE BACK OF LAW AND ORDER IN NEW HAVEN" LAST MONTH. THE OTHER IS GEORGE EDWARDS WHO REPORTEDLY SAID AT A STREET MEETING LAST AUGUST "WE GOTTA MARCH ON DOWN TO WASHINGTON AND GET THAT CAT. WE GOTTA ASSASSINATE THAT JOHNSON." HE WAS ARRESTED THE SAME DAY AND WAS CARRYING A LOADED RIFLE. HE HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF CARRYING A DANGEROUS WEAPON AND IS TO BE SENTENCED ON MAY TWENTY FOUR, ONE NINE SIX EIGHT.

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TO: SECRETARY OF STATE 001

TO: DIRECTOR, CIA 001

TO: DIRECTOR, DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY 001

TO: DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY 001

TO: DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE 001

TO: WHITE HOUSE SITUATION ROOM, ATT.: SECRET SERVICE (PID)

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

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POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN

ABOUT TWO THREE ZERO ZERO PEOPLE ARE PRESENTLY EN ROUTE TO WASHINGTON, D. C., FOR THE "POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN."

LAST NIGHT THE WESTERN CARAVAN WAS IN PHOENIX, ARIZONA;

THE MIDWEST CARAVAN WAS IN PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA;

THE MULE TRAIN WAS IN NORTHERN MISSISSIPPI; THE NORTHEAST

CARAVAN WAS IN WILMINGTON, DELAWARE; AND THE SOUTHERN

CARAVAN WAS IN GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA.

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SOURCES OF THIS BUREAU WHO HAVE FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST DESCRIBED MOST OF THE EIGHT ZERO ZERO PEOPLE IN THE MID WEST CARAVAN AS YOUNG NEGRO MILITANTS WHO ARE ARROGANT AND DISRUPTIVE. AN OFFICIAL ASSIGNED TO THIS CARAVAN ADVISED YESTERDAY THAT THE INCIDENT LAST MONDAY NIGHT IN WHICH THE POLICE WERE ACCUSED OF USING EXCESSIVE FORCE APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN CAUSED WHEN THE CARAVAN LEADERS, WHO SEEM TO FAVOR "MILITANT NONVIOLENCE," SEIZED UPON THE INCIDENT TO PROVOKE A CONFRONTATION WITH THE POLICE. A NUMBER OF MILITANT YOUNG NEGROES FROM PHILADELPHIA JOINED THE NORTHEAST CARAVAN TO SWELL THE RANKS BUT ARE TO BE RETURNED TO PHILADELPHIA IN ORDER TO AVOID TROUBLE IN WASHINGTON, D. C. NINE PEOPLE WERE EXPELLED FROM THE SOUTHERN CARAVAN IN CHARLOTTE FOR DRINKING, CRIMINAL RECORDS, AND HOMOSEXUALITY.

REECE W. JAMES, A NEGRO MILITANT, WASHINGTON, D. C., CLAIMS TO BE CARRYING INCENDIARY BOMBS WHICH COULD BE USED TO CREATE CHAOS AND HAVOC DURING THE CAMPAIGN. LOCAL

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AUTHORITIES HAVE BEEN ADVISED AND IT IS BEING CLOSELY INVESTIGATED.

THE CAMPAIGN PLANS TO MARCH TO THE CAPITOL BUILDING IN WASHINGTON, D. C., NEXT SUNDAY AND CIRCLE THE BUILDING. JAMES BEVEL, CAMPAIGN OFFICIAL, SAID YESTERDAY THAT WHEN MORE SPACE IS NEEDED FOR CAMPING IT WILL BE TAKEN WITHOUT A PERMIT.

STANLEY LEVISON AND MRS. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., ARE CONCERNED THAT RALPH ABERNATHY, KING'S SUCCESSOR, IS BECOMING TOO INFLAMMATORY AND TOO DEFENSIVE AND SENSITIVE ABOUT HIS LEADERSHIP. MRS. KING IS WORRIED ABOUT WHERE THE NONVIOLENT THEME HAS GONE. THEY FEAR ABERNATHY MAY BE RIDICULED BY THE PRESS BECAUSE OF INEFFICIENCY AND FEEL HE SHOULD BE GIVEN HELP ON THE CAMPAIGN DEMONSTRATION SCHEDULED FOR MAY THIRTY IN ORDER THAT HE WILL LOOK GOOD. CAMPAIGN OFFICIALS HOPE FOR THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND PEOPLE ON MAY THIRTY. LEVISON HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS A SECRET COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBER AS LATE AS ONE NINE SIX THREE AND HAS ACTED AS AN ADVISOR TO THE LATE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., AND HIS WIDOW.

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TO: SECRETARY OF STATE 003

TO: DIRECTOR, CIA 002

TO: DIRECTOR, DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY 002

TO: DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY 002

TO: DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE 002

TO: WHITE HOUSE SITUATION ROOM, ATT.: SECRET SERVICE (PID)

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

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POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN

MARSHALS OF THE "POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN" WERE CALLED TO THE TENT CITY IN WASHINGTON, D. C., AT ONE THIRTY A.M., THIS MORNING TO SETTLE AN ARGUMENT BETWEEN TWO GROUPS OVER WHO CAUSED A SITUATION WHICH CAUSED A CAMPER TO HAVE A HEART ATTACK. FIFTY PEOPLE HAVE ASKED FOR MONEY TO GO HOME. COMPLAINTS ABOUT FOOD, THEFTS, AND ILLNESS OF FOUR HUNDRED OF THOSE IN WASHINGTON PLAGUE THE CAMPAIGN.

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THE CAMPAIGN COORDINATOR IN WASHINGTON, D. C. CONTACTED THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA, YESTERDAY FOR FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS. CONTRACTORS AT THE TENT CITY DEMANDED MONEY AND HE FEARED HE OVERDREW THE CAMPAIGN BANK ACCOUNT. NO ONE IN ATLANTA WOULD ASSUME THE RESPONSIBILITY TO SEND THE MONEY IN THE ABSENCE OF RALPH ABERNATHY, HEAD OF THE CAMPAIGN. CAMPAIGN LEADERS ARE SUSPICIOUS OF THE AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE, FEELING THIS GROUP WANTS TO TAKE OVER THE CAMPAIGN.

ABOUT TWENTY-FOUR HUNDRED PEOPLE IN THE CAMPAIGN ARE EN ROUTE TO WASHINGTON, D. C. BECAUSE OF THE HOUSING PROBLEMS AT TENT CITY, THE MIDWEST CARAVAN, BESET BY DISSENSION OVER DISCIPLINE IMPOSED BY THE "MILWAUKEE COMMANDOS" ARE STAYING IN PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA, AT LEAST UNTIL TOMORROW. THE MULE TRAIN WAS IN GRENADA, MISSISSIPPI, LAST NIGHT; THE SOUTHERN CARAVAN WAS IN DURHAM AND CHAPEL HILL, NORTH CAROLINA; THE NORTHEAST GROUP WAS IN BALTIMORE, MARYLAND AND ARE TO ARRIVE IN BELTSVILLE, MARYLAND, TODAY AND STAY IN AREA CHURCHES AND HOMES; THE SOUTHWEST CARAVAN WAS IN EL PASO; AND THE WESTERN CARAVAN WAS IN RENO, NEVADA.

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A GROUP LEAVING SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, THIS MORNING INCLUDES JAMES HILL AND MELVIN SPENCER, WHO ADVOCATE VIOLENCE IN RESOLVING RACIAL DIFFERENCES. HILL IS AN ADMITTED MEMBER OF THE BLACK NATIONALIST EXTREMIST BLACK PANTHER PARTY.

SAM KUSHNER, EDITOR OF "PEOPLE'S WORLD," A WEST COAST COMMUNIST NEWSPAPER, ARRIVED IN EL PASO, TEXAS, LAST EVENING WITH THE SOUTHWEST CARAVAN.

ACCORDING TO A PHILADELPHIA POLICE SOURCE, GEORGE BROWER, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA, BLACK NATIONALIST WHO PROMISED STOKELY CARMICHAEL, MILITANT BLACK NATIONALIST IN WASHINGTON, D. C., HE WOULD GET DYNAMITE TO BLOW UP A BRIDGE IN OR NEAR WASHINGTON, D. C., IS DEPRESSED BECAUSE CLOSE POLICE PRESENCE HAS MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE TO DATE FOR HIM TO DELIVER WHAT HE PROMISED.

A CAMPAIGN OFFICIAL, ARRESTED IN MISSISSIPPI WEDNESDAY NIGHT, HAD AN OPIUM DERIVATIVE IN HIS SHOE. AN ASSOCIATE HAD MARIJUANA CIGARETTES.

INFORMATION IN THIS SUMMARY, EXCEPT THE PHILADELPHIA INFORMATION, HAS BEEN FURNISHED BY SOURCES OF THIS BUREAU WHO HAVE FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST.

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TO: SECRETARY OF STATE 002  
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TO: DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY 001  
TO: DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE 001  
TO: WHITE HOUSE SITUATION ROOM, ATT.: SECRET SERVICE (PID)

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POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN

REPORTS INDICATE ABOUT TWO THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED PERSONS ARE EN ROUTE WASHINGTON, D. C. THIS INCLUDES ABOUT FOUR HUNDRED PEOPLE IN THE SOUTHERN CARAVAN, NOW IN VIRGINIA. THE NORTHEAST CARAVAN, WITH ABOUT SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY PEOPLE, IS SCHEDULED TO PROCEED TO DOWNTOWN WASHINGTON AT TWO O'CLOCK P.M. MAY EIGHTEEN, ONE NINE SIX EIGHT. THE WESTERN CARAVAN, ABOUT ONE HUNDRED THIRTY PEOPLE, THE NORTHWESTERN CARAVAN, SIXTY THREE PEOPLE, AND THE SOUTHWESTERN CARAVAN, ABOUT ONE HUNDRED FORTY, ARE EN ROUTE. THE MIDWEST CARAVAN, ABOUT SEVEN HUNDRED PEOPLE, LEFT PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA, TEN O'CLOCK A.M., MAY EIGHTEEN FOR WASHINGTON VIA BALTIMORE, MARYLAND. THE MULE

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TRAIN, WITH ABOUT SIXTY PEOPLE, MAY STAY IN GRENADA, MISSISSIPPI, UNTIL MAY NINETEEN OR TWENTY AND THEN MAY BE TRUCKED TO WASHINGTON. REPORTEDLY NO DEMONSTRATIONS ARE SCHEDULED BY THE MULE TRAIN EN ROUTE.

AT PRESS CONFERENCE MAY SEVENTEEN BERNARD LAFAYETTE, NATIONAL COORDINATOR FOR THE CAMPAIGN, SAID ONE MILLION PEOPLE ARE EXPECTED IN WASHINGTON ON MAY THIRTY FOR A DEMONSTRATION. THREE THOUSAND PEOPLE ARE EXPECTED AT THE TENT CITY BY MAY NINETEEN AND TWO THOUSAND MORE ARE ANTICIPATED, TO BE HOUSED IN WASHINGTON IF ROOM IS NOT AVAILABLE AT THE TENT CITY. CAMPAIGN LEADERS ESTIMATED THREE MILLION DOLLARS ARE NEEDED TO COMPLETE THE TENT CITY, AND ONLY THREE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS HAS BEEN RAISED. THE PRESS DISPUTED THE THREE MILLION DOLLAR FIGURE, CITING THE COST PER UNIT OF EIGHTY DOLLARS.

RADIO MOSCOW CORRESPONDENT WITH FILM CREW WAS OBSERVED AT TENT CITY INTERVIEWING RESIDENTS AND A NEGRO TOLD THEM TO LEAVE BECAUSE "THINGS ARE WORSE IN EAST GERMANY THAN HERE."

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LANCE WATSON, LEADER OF MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, STREET GANG, CALLED "INVADERS" SAID IF CONGRESS DOES NOT ACT, CAMPAIGN PARTICIPANTS WILL WALK UP FOURTEENTH AND SEVENTH STREETS FORCING WHITES TO PRACTICE GENOCIDE IN A WAR BETWEEN WHITES AND BLACKS.

THREE NEGROES WERE ARRESTED IN CONNECTION WITH A SHOOTING IN WASHINGTON LAST NIGHT. ONE, LATER RELEASED, CLAIMED TO BE FROM MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA, AND A MEMBER OF THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, ACCORDING TO POLICE.

A GREYHOUND BUS COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE SAID LARGE QUANTITIES OF FOOD, CLOTHING, AND BLANKETS WERE ABANDONED ON BUSES USED BY MIDWEST CARAVAN, BUT CAMPAIGN PEOPLE NOT INTERESTED IN HAVING MATERIAL RETURNED TO THEM AS IT WAS DONATED AND THEY COULD GET MORE ON THE WAY. SOURCE ADVISED MASSIVE DEMONSTRATIONS ARE SCHEDULED FOR CAMPAIGN PARTICIPANTS ON MAY TWENTY AND MAY THIRTY, ONE NINE SIX EIGHT, EXACT FORM OF DEMONSTRATIONS NOT KNOWN.

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ANONYMOUS TELEPHONE CALL RECEIVED BY POLICE IN ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO, ALLEGING THERE IS A PLAN TO BLOW UP BRIDGES BETWEEN WASHINGTON, D. C., AND VIRGINIA. LOCAL AUTHORITIES ADVISED.

MOVIE STAR MARLON BRANDO IN ALBUQUERQUE TO SUPPORT CAMPAIGN. REVEREND RALPH D. ABERNATHY, PRESIDENT OF SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, ACCORDING TO NEWS REPORTS, WAS IN LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, WITH MRS. MARTIN LUTHER KING TO GET MOVIE EXECUTIVE SUPPORT FOR CAMPAIGN. THE EXECUTIVE STAFF OF SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE CONTINUES TO BE CONCERNED WITH THE NEED TO MAINTAIN DISCIPLINE ON THE CAMPAIGN AND IS STILL CONCERNED ABOUT THE ATTITUDE OF "BLACK POWER" ORGANIZATIONS.

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TO: DIRECTOR, DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY 001  
TO: DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY 001  
TO: DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE 001  
TO: WHITE HOUSE SITUATION ROOM, ATT: SECRET SERVICE (PID)  
FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

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POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN

CARAVANS WHICH WERE REQUESTED TO DELAY THEIR ARRIVAL IN WASHINGTON, D.C. BECAUSE OF THE HOUSING SHORTAGE DECIDED TO COME ANYWAY. THE SOUTHERN CARAVAN OF ABOUT <sup>FOUR HUNDRED</sup> 400 PEOPLE DEPARTED RICHMOND, VIRGINIA AT ABOUT 2:30 PM, 5/19/68, AND ARE TO STAY AT CHURCHES IN NORTHERN VIRGINIA. THE EASTERN CARAVAN OF 750 PEOPLE DEPARTED CHURCHES IN SUBURBAN MARYLAND ON 5/19/68, TO STAY IN LOCAL CHURCHES AND THE D.C. COLISEUM. THE MIDWESTERN CARAVAN OF 875 PEOPLE ARRIVED IN WASHINGTON ON 5/18/68, AND STAYED AT THE COLISEUM. AN ANONYMOUS INDIVIDUAL, CLAIMING TO BE A PARTICIPANT OF THE POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN, TELEPHONICALLY SAID THAT SOME OF THE GROUP ARE ARMED, AND HAVE TALKED OF KILLING POLICEMEN. THE SOUTHWESTERN CARAVAN OF 300 PEOPLE ARRIVED IN DENVER, COLORADO ON 5/19/68. REYES LOPEZ TIJERINA, LEADER OF A MILITANT

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ORGANIZATION CLAIMING RIGHTS TO LAND IN SOUTHWEST UNITED STATES, IS TRAVELING WITH THIS GROUP. THE NORTHWEST CARAVAN OF 65 PEOPLE DEPARTED BILLINGS, MONTANA FOR BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA ON 5/19/68. SMALLER GROUP TOTALING 188 PERSONS ARE ALSO ENROUTE TO WASHINGTON. THE MULE TRAIN IS IN GRENADA, MISSISSIPPI AND HOPES TO DEPART FOR BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA ON 5/20 OR 21/68.

AT A 3:00 PM PRESS CONFERENCE ON 5/19/68, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC) ANNOUNCED THAT 1500 PEOPLE WERE THEN RESIDING IN RESURRECTION CITY AND PLANS WERE BEING MADE TO HOUSE THOSE NOW AT THE D.C. COLISEUM, WHO HAD TO BE OUT THE COLISEUM BY 4:00 PM, 5/19/68. THE MARCH TO THE CAPITOL SCHEDULED FOR THE AFTERNOON OF 5/19/68, WAS APPARENTLY CANCELLED SINCE IT WAS ANNOUNCED AT THE ABOVE PRESS CONFERENCE THAT THERE WOULD BE NO DEMONSTRATIONS OR ACTIVITIES ON THE 19TH. AT A SIMILAR PRESS CONFERENCE ON 5/18/68, IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT "THEY" WERE HAVING TROUBLE WITH UNIDENTIFIED MILITANTS AT RESURRECTION CITY, AND THESE MILITANTS MAY HAVE TO BE SENT HOME. REVEREND RALPH ABERNATHY IS DUE IN WASHINGTON ON 5/19/68, AND WILL HOLD A PRIVATE STRATEGY SESSION ON 5/20/68. A SOURCE WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE

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PAST, ADVISED THAT MORALE IS LOW, CONDITIONS POOR AND THE FINANCIAL SITUATION CRITICAL IN RESURRECTION CITY.

THE VICTIM OF THE SHOOTING AT A WASHINGTON BAR ON EARLY SATURDAY MORNING HAS DIED. ONE OF THE THREE INDIVIDUALS FROM MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA, ARRESTED IN THE VICINITY OF RESURRECTION CITY FOR THE SHOOTING, HAS BEEN CHARGED WITH HOMICIDE. THE OTHER TWO INDIVIDUALS WERE RELEASED ACCORDING TO POLICE. ALSO, ACCORDING TO THE POLICE, APPROXIMATELY 100 MEMBERS OF A YOUTH GANG FROM CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, ALLEGED TO BE THE BLACKSTONE RANGERS, ARE LIVING IN RESURRECTION CITY.

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TO: DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY 003

TO: DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE 003

TO: WHITE HOUSE SITUATION ROOM, ATT.: SECRET SERVICE (PID)

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

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POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN

ACCORDING TO HIS MOTHER, WILLIAM LEE STIMPSON, A BLACK POWER MILITANT FROM GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA, LEFT GREENSBORO FOR WASHINGTON, D. C. TO PARTICIPATE IN THE POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN. A SOURCE OF THIS BUREAU WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST ADVISED THAT STIMPSON WAS A SNIPER DURING A RACIAL DISTURBANCE IN GREENSBORO LAST MONTH. HE HAS BEEN ARRESTED FOR ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON, RAPE, AND CARRYING DYNAMITE AND THREATENING TO BLOW UP HIS MOTHER AND OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS. AUTHORITIES IN THE WASHINGTON, D. C. AREA HAVE BEEN ADVISED.

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IT WAS ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY AT RESURRECTION CITY, THE CAMPAIGN'S TENT CITY, THAT ABOUT ONE HUNDRED FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS HAS BEEN SPENT ON SHELTERS IN THE TENT CITY AND MORE IS NEEDED.

A CAMPAIGN OFFICIAL SAID YESTERDAY THAT FOUR NEGRO YOUTH "GANGS" ARE ACTIVE IN THE TENT CITY: THE BARRACUDAS AND BLACKSTONE RANGERS FROM CHICAGO, ILLINOIS; THE COMMANDOS FROM MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN; AND THE INVADERS FROM MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE.

YESTERDAY A NEWS CAMERAMAN AT THE TENT CITY WAS THREATENED BY A CAMPAIGN MARSHAL FOR NOT FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS. THE INCIDENT WAS RECORDED BY THE NEWS MEDIA AND THE CAMERAMAN WAS LATER TOLD THAT THE MARSHAL WAS ONLY KIDDING AND DID NOT KNOW THE INCIDENT WAS RECORDED.

AT A PRESS CONFERENCE YESTERDAY RALPH D. ABERNATHY, CAMPAIGN LEADER, SAID THE CAMPAIGN WAS IN WASHINGTON, D. C. TO "SUBPOENA THE CONSCIENCE OF THE NATION." HE STATED THEY WOULD "SLEEP AT RESURRECTION CITY BY NIGHT AND RAISE HELL DOWNTOWN DURING THE DAY." HE SAID NONVIOLENT DEMONSTRATIONS THAT WILL BE THE MOST MILITANT AND MASSIVE IN THE COUNTRY'S HISTORY ARE PLANNED AND THAT THEY WILL "PLAGUE AND HARASS CONGRESS" UNTIL THEY GET THE LEGISLATION THEY WANT. HE SAID THEY WILL TAKE ALL THE LAND THEY NEED FOR HOUSING AND WILL MOVE TO THE WHITE HOUSE GROUNDS AND TO THE CAPITOL HILL WHERE THE "ENEMY" IS IF THEY ARE "KICKED OUT" OF RESURRECTION CITY.

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THE WESTERN CARAVAN WITH ABOUT SEVEN HUNDRED PEOPLE SPENT  
LAST NIGHT IN ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI. THE NORTHWEST CARAVAN WITH  
ABOUT EIGHTY FIVE PEOPLE IS IN MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA.

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12:50PM 5-22-68 JDR PRIORITY

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TO: SECRETARY OF STATE 003

TO: DIRECTOR, CIA 003

TO: DIRECTOR, DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY 003

TO: DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY 003

TO: DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE 003

TO: WHITE HOUSE SITUATION ROOM, ATT.: SECRET SERVICE (PID)

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

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POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN

TWO MARCHES BY THE POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN TO  
CAPITOL HILL YESTERDAY TO PRESS FOR THEIR DEMANDS RESULTED  
IN THE ARREST OF PETER J. COLINO, JR., OF VALHALLA, NEW YORK,  
WHO GAVE HIS LOCAL ADDRESS AS RESURRECTION CITY, THE TENT  
CITY OF THE CAMPAIGN. COLINO IN THE GALLERY OF THE HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES SHOUTED "YOU HAVE UNTIL JUNE TWENTY-SEVEN" JUST  
BEFORE HIS ARREST.

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ABOUT FIVE HUNDRED OF THE SIX HUNDRED SHELTERS TO BE BUILT IN RESURRECTION CITY HAVE BEEN ERECTED. SHOWERS AND LAUNDRY FACILITIES HAVE YET TO BE COMPLETED. A NUMBER OF "TROUBLE MAKERS" INCLUDING TWO BUSLOADS OF BLACKSTONE RANGERS, A NEGRO YOUTH GANG FROM CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, WERE AMONG THOSE WHO LEFT RESURRECTION CITY YESTERDAY.

THE DEMONSTRATION CALLED "SOLIDARITY DAY" WAS RESCHEDULED YESTERDAY FROM MAY THIRTY TO JUNE NINETEEN, ONE NINE SIX EIGHT. A SOURCE OF THIS BUREAU WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST ADVISED YESTERDAY THAT ANTIWAR GROUPS IN WASHINGTON, D. C., ARE ALREADY MOBILIZING TO COORDINATE ANTIWAR GROUPS COMING TO WASHINGTON, D. C., FOR "SOLIDARITY DAY."

MEMBERS OF THE "INVADERS" NEGRO YOUTH GANG FROM MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, HERE FOR THE CAMPAIGN, ENTERED BALLOU HIGH SCHOOL YESTERDAY AND SAID THEY WANTED TO HOLD AN ASSEMBLY.

WHEN REFUSED THEY ROAMED THE HALLS FOR AN HOUR DURING WHICH FIRECRACKERS WERE DISCHARGED AND TWO FALSE FIRE ALARMS WERE SOUNDED. AS THEY LEFT, LANCE "SWEET WILLIE" WATSON, THEIR LEADER, SAID "OKAY, EASTERN HIGH NOW."

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LAST EVENING AN AGENT OF THIS BUREAU OBSERVED A NEGRO MALE ON THE MALL IN WASHINGTON, D. C., "QUICK DRAWING" WITH A PISTOL TOWARD A TREE. POLICE WERE CALLED AND ARRESTED ARTHUR LAFAYETT COPELAND OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA, WHO SAID HE WAS HERE WITH THE CAMPAIGN. HE HAD A LOADED PISTOL, THE BULLETS IN WHICH HAD BEEN ALTERED, RESULTING IN A "DUM-DUM" EFFECT TO THE BULLETS.

THE CAMPAIGN'S MULE TRAIN TRAVELED TWELVE MILES YESTERDAY FROM GRENADA TO DUCK HILL, MISSISSIPPI. THE NORTHWEST GROUP OF ABOUT NINETY SPENT LAST NIGHT IN MADISON, WISCONSIN. THE WESTERN GROUP OF ABOUT EIGHT HUNDRED SPENT THE NIGHT IN LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY.

JESSE JACKSON, A CAMPAIGN OFFICIAL, SAID IF THE CAMPAIGN'S DEMANDS ARE NOT MET, THEY MAY CAMP ON THE LAWNS OF SUBURBAN HOMES. HE SAID THEY MIGHT GET TIRED OF LIVING IN RESURRECTION CITY AND "MOVE TO CONGRESS" AND SOME MIGHT SLEEP ON STREET CORNERS.

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TO: DIRECTOR, DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY 02

TO: DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY 02

TO: DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE 02

TO: WHITE HOUSE SITUATION ROOM, ATT.: SECRET SERVICE (PID)

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

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POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN

THE WESTERN CARAVAN WITH ABOUT EIGHT HUNDRED PEOPLE IS TO ARRIVE TODAY IN THE WASHINGTON, D. C., AREA GOING FIRST TO A CHURCH IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND. REYES LOPEZ TIJERINA, HEAD OF THE MILITANT ALIANZA FEDERAL DE MERCEDES, AN ORGANIZATION CLAIMING RIGHTS TO LAND IN SOUTHWESTERN UNITED STATES, HAS BEEN TRAVELING WITH THIS CARAVAN. THE MULE TRAIN WITH EIGHTY-ONE PEOPLE WAS IN WINONA, MISSISSIPPI, THIS MORNING.

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A SOURCE OF THIS BUREAU WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST ADVISED THAT TWO PEOPLE WHO SAID THEY WERE EGUMNA IESHU AND WILLIAM BULLARD OF THE "BLACK PANTHER PARTY" FROM CLEVELAND, OHIO, WERE ISSUED TEMPORARY PASSES YESTERDAY TO RESURRECTION CITY, THE TENT CITY OF THE POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN IN WASHINGTON, D. C. THERE IS A BLACK NATIONALIST EXTREMIST BLACK PANTHER PARTY ACTIVE PRIMARILY ON THE WEST COAST. ANOTHER SOURCE WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST ADVISED THAT ROBERT CULP AND SIDNEY POITIER, PROMINENT ACTORS, VISITED RESURRECTION CITY YESTERDAY AND INDICATED THEY PLAN TO RESIDE IN RESURRECTION CITY.

WASHINGTON, D. C., POLICE ADVISED THAT LANCE "SWEET WILLIE" WATSON, LEADER OF THE "INVADERS" NEGRO YOUTH GANG FROM MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, VISITED ANACOSTIA HIGH SCHOOL YESTERDAY AND ARRANGED TO SPEAK TO A SOCIAL SCIENCES CLASS THIS MORNING.

CLARENCE HENRY, A CAMPAIGN OFFICIAL, AND EDDIE SUBER, BOTH OF CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, WERE ARRESTED YESTERDAY IN WASHINGTON, D. C., FOR SOLICITING CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE WITHOUT A LICENSE. THIS ORGANIZATION SPONSORS THE POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN. YESTERDAY JESSE JACKSON, CITY MANAGER OF RESURRECTION CITY,

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ANNOUNCED HE IS PLANNING TO SPEED UP DEMONSTRATIONS BY THE CAMPAIGN. ~~YESTERDAY MORNING ABOUT ONE HUNDRED FIFTY PEOPLE FROM RESURRECTION CITY VISITED HEARINGS ON CAPITOL HILL CONCERNING THE SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM. ANOTHER GROUP IS TO MARCH TO CAPITOL HILL TODAY AND VISIT CONGRESS.~~

A SOURCE OF THIS BUREAU WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST ADVISED THAT CAMPAIGN OFFICIALS AGREE THAT MINORITY GROUPS OTHER THAN NEGROES ARE NEEDED IN THE CAMPAIGN. ALTHOUGH THERE ARE NOW TOO MANY PEOPLE IN RESURRECTION CITY, CAMPAIGN OFFICIALS PLAN TO CONTINUE BRINGING PEOPLE TO WASHINGTON, D. C., SINCE THEY ANTICIPATE AN INCREASING NUMBER WILL BECOME HOMESICK AND DISCOURAGED AND GO HOME.

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MILDRED STEGALL  
RETURN TO:  
May 22, 1968  
3:45 p. m.

The attached FBI report concerns the Poor People's Campaign and a conversation between two principal advisors to the late Martin Luther King, Jr., i. e., Stanley Levison and Clarence Jones.

Jones said that Senator Eugene McCarthy had sent him a copy of a telegram which the Senator had sent to Mrs. King and Ralph Abernathy, extending greetings to the Poor People's Campaign and expressing his understanding of their concern.

Jones said he had spoken to McCarthy's wife and daughters about "an answer" to Richard M. Nixon because Nixon has had some effect on black militants. Nixon's campaign manager wants to see Jones next week to discuss "indigenous black capitalism." This latter concept has appealed to some Negro leaders, e. g., Floyd McKissick.

Jones' views of the McCarthy movement are also presented, as well as his view of the candidacy of Vice President Humphrey and of Robert F. Kennedy. Jones said he has attempted an accommodation with Kennedy forces in a "stop Humphrey" movement, but this did not work. He asked for Levison's thinking along these lines.

Levison said that the differences between Kennedy and McCarthy are less important than defeating Humphrey. Levison said he favored Kennedy because of his record on civil rights and in handling nuclear weapons.

Jones is of the opinion that McCarthy will release his delegates to vote whatever way they can in order to stop Vice President Humphrey.

The FBI records reveal that Clarence Jones and Stanley Levison have records of affiliation with subversive organizations.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

May 22, 1968

BY LIAISON

Mrs. Mildred Stegall  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Stegall:

For your information, I am enclosing  
a communication which may be of interest to you.

Upon removal of the enclosure, if  
classified, this transmittal form becomes  
unclassified.

Sincerely yours,

  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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This information is also being furnished  
the Attorney General.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

May 22, 1968

POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN

Recently, a confidential source of this Bureau, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Stanley Levison, principal advisor to the late Martin Luther King, Jr., was in conference with Clarence Jones, another of King's advisors, concerning the Poor People's Campaign.

Jones said that Senator Eugene McCarthy sent him a copy of a telegram that McCarthy had sent to Mrs. Coretta King, Martin Luther King, Jr.'s, widow, and Ralph D. Abernathy, President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. The telegram reportedly extended McCarthy's greetings to the Poor People's Campaign and noted that Senator McCarthy shared the concerns of the campaign. The attention and resources of this country must be redirected to the problems at home, the telegram continued.

Jones said he had spoken to Senator McCarthy's wife and daughters about an answer to presidential candidate Richard M. Nixon because Nixon has had some effect on black militants. Jones said that Nixon's campaign manager wants to see him next week to discuss "indigenous black capitalism." Jones criticized an article by Nixon in which, according to Jones, Nixon told Congress not to give in to the demands of the Poor People's Campaign.

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## POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN

Stanley Levison said that Nixon has gotten himself into a perfect position whereby he can oppose the Poor People's Campaign and still have black militants interested in his idea of "black capitalism" for the ghetto areas. Levison criticized the idea of building ghetto industries owned by the people of the ghetto. Jones mentioned that Floyd McKissick, National Director of the Congress of Racial Equality, told him "We dig Nixon," meaning McKissick approves of Nixon. Jones said he contacted a partner of Nixon's campaign manager to find out what Nixon is talking about. He said Nixon's campaign people jumped at the idea and he, Jones, is supposed to meet with Nixon next week. Levison again attacked the idea of putting plants in the ghetto and said the dangerous thing is that it is not just an opportunist or stupid person like McKissick who will go for the idea.

Jones said the McCarthy movement is split into two points of view. One view is that the principal consideration is to stop Vice President Humphrey and the rivalry between Senators Robert F. Kennedy and McCarthy is subordinate to stopping Humphrey. The other point of view is that there should be no accommodation at this time between McCarthy and Kennedy because any accommodation will weaken McCarthy. Jones said he had unsuccessfully attempted an accommodation with Kennedy forces to the effect that joint slates of delegates would be run in New York State and their only commitment would be to not vote for Humphrey. When this did not work, his second idea was to run a joint slate in those districts in New York where it looks like Humphrey will win. This idea, according to Jones, did not get far, but he felt it could get far and he could be a force in getting it adopted. He asked for Levison's thinking on this.

Levison said his position has always been the first view, that the differences between Kennedy and

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McCarthy are less important than defeating Humphrey. Levison said he favored Kennedy because of his record on civil rights and because Kennedy has shown that he has a "cool head" in handling nuclear weapons.

Jones said that he had received information that Humphrey's delegate strength "has gone ahead by leaps and bounds" and Humphrey is so far ahead that the contest between Kennedy and McCarthy is academic.

Jones said the central question is the continuation of the broad antiwar peace movement in opposition to President Johnson's policies, as symbolized by Humphrey, and all efforts must be directed toward preventing Humphrey from getting votes. Jones said that he could confidentially say that if McCarthy loses in Oregon by any significant degree, that he will withdraw, but if the Oregon election is close, McCarthy will go on to California.

Levison asked Jones if Jones had discussed with McCarthy the matter of identifying Humphrey as the main "enemy." Jones said he had and McCarthy made it clear that this would not be at the expense of conceding he is not going to go all the way in this election. Jones noted that McCarthy will release his delegates to vote whatever way they can in order to stop Humphrey.

In regard to Clarence Jones, mentioned above, a confidential source has identified a photograph of Jones as a person whom he knew during late 1953 or early 1954 to be a member of, and in a position of leadership in, the Labor Youth League. The Labor Youth League has been designated by the Attorney General as subversive pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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Another source advised in April, 1964, that Stanley Levison was a secret member of the Communist Party, USA, in July, 1963. In late 1963, and early 1964, he criticized the Communist Party for not being sufficiently militant in the civil rights struggle. Levison was described by certain Communist Party leaders as being to the "left" of the Communist Party in his position on civil rights. His differences with the Communist Party, however, are merely tactical, and he continues his ideological adherence to communism. Stanley Levison is the owner and operator of the Park Management Realty Company, 1841 Broadway, New York, New York.

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May 15, 1968  
6:30 p. m.

The attached FBI report states that Stanley Levison, long-time secret Communist Party member and former advisor to Martin Luther King, and Clarence Jones another of King's advisors and also a member of the Labor Youth League which was designated as subversive, have been in contact.

They discussed McCarthy's campaign and McCarthy's desire to endorse the "Poor People's Campaign." Levison wants to get the peace movement together in support of both McCarthy and Kennedy and is working on a newspaper advertisement.

Jones said that CORE is almost ready to publicly endorse Nixon.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

May 15, 1968

BY LIAISON

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Mrs. Mildred Stegall  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Stegall:

I thought the President might be interested in the following information that has been supplied by confidential sources of this Bureau who have furnished reliable information in the past.

Recently, Stanley Levison, principal advisor to the late Martin Luther King, Jr., and long-time secret Communist Party member, was in conference with Clarence Jones, another of King's advisors, concerning the "Poor People's Campaign." Jones told Levison that Senator Eugene McCarthy wants to make a major statement on the "Poor People's Campaign" and do it in such a way that he could ask all candidates to welcome the campaign. Jones continued that Senator McCarthy is scheduled to speak at Madison Square Garden, New York City, on May 19, 1968, and it is Jones's responsibility to give Senator McCarthy guidelines as to the best way to publicly endorse the "Poor People's Campaign." Jones asked Levison what McCarthy should emphasize and Levison said he would consider it and confer with Jones again.

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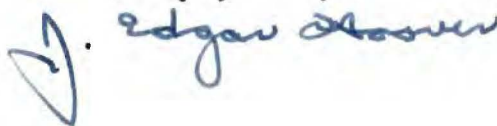
Levison mentioned that he wants to start a committee of people who would support both Senator McCarthy and Senator Robert Kennedy on issues about which both Senators agree. Levison said this would give solidarity to the whole peace group which is in danger of getting lost. Levison said he is working on a newspaper advertisement for this group.

Jones mentioned that Senator McCarthy is supposed to meet with Negro leaders of the ghetto nationally on May 19, 1968, and later that day with established Negro civil rights leaders. Jones said that the Congress of Racial Equality, a militant civil rights group, is almost ready to publicly endorse presidential candidate Richard Nixon. He said that the Congress of Racial Equality was enthusiastic over Mr. Nixon's speech about "black capitalism" and has had meetings with Mr. Nixon. Levison said Floyd McKissick, leader of the Congress of Racial Equality, is an opportunist and knows the yearning to become a businessman is a powerful thing in the ghetto.

In regard to Clarence Jones, mentioned above, a confidential source has identified a photograph of Jones as a person whom he knew during late 1953 or early 1954 to be a member of, and in a position of leadership in, the Labor Youth League. The Labor Youth League has been designated by the Attorney General as subversive pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The above information is being furnished the Attorney General.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Edgar Hoover", with a large, stylized initial "J" on the left.

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

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TO: JIM JONES

FROM: BOB TAYLOR

ATTACHMENT, FOR INFORMATION,  
IS FROM SS INTELLIGENCE DIVISION.

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May 10, 1968  
4:30 p.m.

(PS)

The attached FBI memorandum concerning the Poor People's March begun by the late Martin Luther King, Jr., who was President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC).

Stanley Levison, principal advisor to King, was in conference with some SCLC members recently concerning funds for this march. Levison advised he is working on the rally in New York City which will be sponsored by a major record company and a "Black Disc Jockey's Association" at which time he hopes to raise \$150,000, with one-third going to the SCLC.

Sammy Davis, Jr., the Negro entertainer, is reported to have pledged the May 20th proceeds from the show "Golden Boy" to the SCLC. The Universities of Chicago and Northwestern have fund-raising drives in progress.

King's widow, Coretta Scott King, has been added to the staff of the SCLC at an annual salary of \$12,000. Ralph D. Abernathy, its current President, is to receive \$6,000 annually.

The above actions were taken at a meeting of SCLC officials which included William A. Rutherford, Stanley Levison, Harry Wachtel and Harry Belafonte, a nationally known entertainer.

An unknown individual recently donated \$60,000 to the American Foundation on Nonviolence, designated for the use of Coretta King. This organization is a fund-raising adjunct of the SCLC and Wachtel is its Executive Director.

The SCLC is unhappy with the unions and Levison has said that they must donate \$250,000 to the "Poor People's Campaign".

At another point Levison is quoted as calling for \$500,000 from the unions.

Belafonte, Wachtel, and Levison all have records of association or affiliation with the Communist Party, USA.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

May 9, 1968

BY LIAISON

Mrs. Mildred Stegall  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Stegall:

For your information, I am enclosing  
a communication which may be of interest to you.

Upon removal of the enclosure, if  
classified, this transmittal form becomes  
unclassified.

Sincerely yours,

  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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This information is also being furnished  
the Attorney General and other interested  
Government agencies.

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May 9, 1968

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The following information has been submitted by confidential informants who have furnished reliable information in the past.

The late Martin Luther King, Jr., who was President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference at the time of his death, had publicly announced he would lead a massive civil disobedience campaign in the Nation's Capital in the Spring of 1968 in an effort to pressure Congress into passing legislation favorable to the Negro. King named this program the "Poor People's Campaign."

A source recently learned that Stanley Levison, formerly principal advisor to King and still active in the affairs of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, was in conference with some Southern Christian Leadership Conference members concerning funds for the "Poor People's Campaign." Levison advised that he is working on a rally at Randall's Island Stadium, New York City, which will be

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