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Mr. Frank Reeves, Esq.
Southern Christian Leadership
Conference
1401 U Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20009

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Wash Castro
Regional Director

cc: Christian
Southern/Leadership Conference
334 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

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Atlanta, Georgia



UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION
1100 OHIO DRIVE, S. W.
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20242

IN REPLY REFER TO:

A8219-NCR(A)

Reg. Mail

Mr. Frank Reeves, Esq.
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Washington, D. C. 20005

PO Box 1121

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Mr. Bahlman

B:11 -

After discussion with Ed Weinking,
I suggest you use Mc Donough's
form of letter rather than the one
we got up earlier, with changes
generally along lines indicated
on attached copy. Is July 15 date
in line 2, p. 2 correct? - It refers
to the agreement reached with Reeves
about sale of lumber.

Before letter goes out which it
should soon, send it through Weinking
for surname. I'll be out of the

city for two weeks.

Good luck.

Bennie Meyer

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Southern Christian Leadership
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~~T.B. Reeves~~
~~Southern Christian Leadership Conference~~
~~334 Auburn Avenue, N.E.~~
~~Atlanta, Georgia~~

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~~Upon your payment of the amount hereby requested, we shall obtain and deliver to you such satisfactions of the claims stated above and releases of liability as you may require.~~

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Nash Castro *or Bahlman*
Regional Director

cc:

~~_____~~
Southern Christian Leadership Conference
1401 ~~12~~ Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20009

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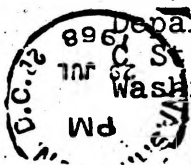
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Bernard Meyer, Esq.
Assistant Solicitor for
Parks and Recreation
Department of Interior
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Washington, D. C.

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A8219-NCR(A)

AUG 30 1968

Hon. Robert C. Byrd
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Senator Byrd:

Our letter to you dated July 19 promised actual figures concerning costs related to the Poor People's Campaign in connection with "Resurrection City" and the Solidarity Day March as soon as they became known.

Accordingly, the following final statement of expenditures is provided:

	<u>Resurrection City</u>		
	<u>Additional Expenses</u>	<u>Regular Time</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>O.T. H.P., etc.</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	
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Subtotal	<u>122,081</u>	<u>23,086</u>	<u>145,167</u>
	<u>June 19, Solidarity Day March</u>		
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Cleanup of area after March	<u>2,930</u>	<u>2,650</u>	<u>5,580</u>
Subtotal	<u>10,630</u>	<u>3,977</u>	<u>14,607</u>

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DC Highway Department Costs	<u>26,009</u>
Subtotal	<u>115,826</u>
Grand Total	<u>275,600</u>

Settlement has not been made as yet of the Government's claim against the Southern Christian Leadership Conference arising out of its occupation of "Resurrection City." We will be happy to inform you concerning final disposition of the initial deposit required by the permit and proceeds derived from sale of the lumber as soon as the claim is settled.

Sincerely yours,

15/ M. B. Castro

Regional Director

cc:
SOL-Mr. Weinberg
SOL--Mr. Meyer
DCCO
NPS-INF-Mr. Winge
NPS-DAL-Mr. Melvin
NSP-O
Mr. McDonough, Justice Dept.
NCR-Mr. Castro
NCR-Mr. Bahlman
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National Park Service
National Capital Region

Total Expenditures Incurred in Connection
with Poor People's Campaign 5/11-7/31/68 (Final)

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Resurrection City

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Sending SCLC the Bill

The shanties of Resurrection City have been gone for several weeks, and reurfing work by the National Park Service has restored the mall beside the Reflecting Pool to almost its original state. But argument still rages about who is to bear the costs resulting from the shanty-town.

Back in May, Nash Castro, regional director of the National Capital Region of the National Park Service, assured Congress that the \$5,000 bond posted by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, sponsor of the Poor People's Campaign and Resurrection City, would be sufficient to cover any damages. In the event that damages exceeded that sum, he added, SCLC had invested some \$70,000 in the lumber used for the shanties; he believed that salvage and sale of this lumber after Resurrection City was abandoned could be used to offset any additional costs.

Castro was far from right. The final figures now are in, showing that Resurrection City cost American taxpayers more than \$1.7 million. These direct costs came from expenditures made by the Department of Agriculture, the District of Columbia, the Department of Justice, the Gen-

eral Services Administration, and the Department of the Army.

Meanwhile, SCLC officials are trying to have their \$5,000 refunded. The lumber, whose value Castro greatly overrated, has been sold for \$5,500, which represents only a small part of the \$30,000 that the General Services Administration paid to have the lumber moved and to store it.

But all is not lost: The National Park Service has sent SCLC a bill for \$71,795, representing the cost of dismantling the shanty-town and of restoring the mall. If SCLC doesn't pay up, the Park Service says, it may take the matter to court. By all means: While the Poor People's Campaign was in progress, SCLC raked in millions of dollars in donations; it can well afford to pay the costs of its lobbying activities in Washington.

Maybe if the Park Service is successful in pressing its claim, other Federal agencies may be encouraged to press similar claims. Certainly the overburdened taxpayer should not be expected to bear the full cost of this ragtag effort to intimidate Congress into approving all kinds of grandiose schemes to eliminate poverty tomorrow, if not yesterday.

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GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20004

ADDRESS REPLY TO
DIRECTOR OF HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC



August 7, 1968

Mr. Nash Castro
Regional Director
National Park Service
National Capital Region
1100 Ohio Drive, S.W.
Washington, D. C. 20242

Dear Mr. Castro:

I appreciate your frank note of July 30, 1968, indicating the inability of your organization to reimburse this Department for \$26,009.12, covering the cost of work performed in removing lumber and debris from Park Service property.

I want to point out that when we undertook the mission it was with the understanding the Department would be reimbursed. We cannot proceed otherwise. If, as you indicate, you have no funds however, and cannot reimburse the Department of Highways and Traffic for its effort, nothing will be gained by pressing the matter further.

Regardless of the outcome of this particular situation, I do value our great cooperation together on our other joint ventures, such as snow removal, beautification, and public ceremonies, and I look forward to a long continuation of the current working relationship.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "T. F. Airis".

T. F. AIRIS, Director
Department of Highways and Traffic, D. C.

Handwritten notes:
C. Airis
Bahlman
See me, plr
6.8/12/68

Handwritten: A94

AUG 15 1968

A94-NCR(A)

Mr. T. F. Airis, Director
Department of Highways and Traffic
Government of the District of Columbia
Washington, D. C. 20004

Dear Tom:

I have received your letter of August 7 concerning your bill for reimbursement of the cost of work performed in removing lumber and debris from Potomac Park upon demolition of Resurrection City. As previously indicated to you, we actually do not have balances which would permit us to pay this bill and had expected you to cover the cost of your part in the operation. However, we are asking our Washington Office to try to find necessary funds which might be made available to us upon the closing of the books for the 1968 fiscal year. At this time, that office is also without sufficient balances in the appropriation which could be used but there is always a chance of over-obligation which could turn up sufficient balances. Perhaps we can handle this after all.

Sincerely yours,

SIGNED

Nash Castro
Regional Director

cc:
Mr. Hough
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August 14, 1968

Memorandum

To: Director

From: Assistant Regional Director, Administration

Subject: Demolition costs, Resurrection City, USA

In connection with the demolition of structures which made up the former Resurrection City, we called on the General Services Administration and the District of Columbia Department of Highways and Traffic to assist us so that the work might be speedily accomplished. No mention was made at the time that we would plan to reimburse these agencies, and in fact, we had thought that they would take care of their own expenses in this connection just as we were doing. However, we received bills from them as follows:

GSA - \$29,482
DC - \$26,009

We returned the bills and explained to these agencies that we felt that this was an expense of the Government as a whole and of the District of Columbia and that it was a mere circumstance that the poor people were permitted to make their encampment on park lands. Actually, we have no M&R balances with which to pay these bills. However, there have been indications that both the Highway Department and the General Services Administration are without appropriate funds to meet expenses in this connection and if it is possible for us to do so, we feel some moral obligation to pay for the assistance they rendered. If you agree please consider this need in reviewing your year end balances and inform us as to possibility that you might allot funds which we could use to cover the bills.

(SGD) WILLIAM S. BAHLMAN

William S. Bahlman

cc:

Mr. Hough

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FRANK D. REEVES

ATTORNEY AT LAW

BOX 1121, HOWARD UNIVERSITY
LAW SCHOOL BUILDING - ROOM 154
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20001

8 August 1968

Mr. William S. Bahlman
Assistant Regional Director
Administration
National Capital Region
National Park Service
United States Department of
the Interior
1100 Ohio Drive, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20242

Re: A8219-NCR(A)

Dear Mr. Bahlman:

Receipt is acknowledged of your registered letter dated 6 August 1968, with reference to the claims of your agency, the General Services Administration, and the District of Columbia Government against the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. As set forth in your letter --

These claims arise out of your [Southern Christian Leadership Conference] occupation of the site known as "Resurrection City, USA" pursuant to the permit issued to you on May 10, 1968, and your failure, following the expiration of the permit on June 23, 1968, to remove the facilities installed on the site and restore the site to its prior condition, reasonable wear and tear of the turf excepted, as required by paragraph 8 of said permit and for other damage to Government property under our administration.

Reverend Abernathy, President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and the other officers of SCLC are in Miami, Florida, and there has not been an opportunity for us to discuss your letter. As a matter of fact, such opportunity may not come until the Annual Meeting of SCLC in Memphis, Tennessee, 14 and 15 August.

Mr. William S. Bah. an

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8 August 1968

In any event, you can expect to hear further from us concerning this matter at the earliest practical date.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Frank D. Reeves", written over a horizontal line.

Frank D. Reeves

FDR:SWT

BLUE ENVELOPE MEMORANDUM

Mr. Russell Dickenson
Associate Regional Director, NCR

August 8, 1968

Both this office and the Secretary's Information Office were caught totally by surprise with press query followups on Bobby Hornig's story on the NPS billing the SCLC for dismantling Resurrection City. This was very embarrassing all around and I caught some hell from upstairs. Bobby is a good reporter and often goes directly to the source, bypassing the Information people both at NPS and Departmental level. I'm not suggesting that your people shouldn't talk to her, but it would help us to do a better job if they would alert us to the fact that they had talked to her so we could be prepared for the inevitable followup queries from other reporters.

cc: Harmon Kallman

Signed

Edwin N. Winge, Chief, Division of Information

Note -

I'm sure Winge is right - I should have alerted him but overlooked it - will do so in future similar circumstances if any - I sent him a copy of letter to Mr. Reeves special on the gen
WSB

August 8, 1968

Mrs. Jean Young
Office of the Mayor
Room 520
District Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Young:

Attached is a copy of our August 6 letter to SCLC,
per your request.

Sincerely,

W. S. Bahlman

Enclosure

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August 8, 1968

Mr. Frank Reeves
P. O. Box 1121
Howard University
Washington, D. C. 20001

Dear Mr. Reeves:

Per your request today, I am attaching a copy of the
July 24 agreement.

Sincerely,

W. S. Bahlman

Enclosure

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June for Res. City file
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AUG 7 1968

AS219-NCR(AMF)

Mr. David Phillips
Regional Administrator
General Services Administration
Region 3
Washington, D. C. 20407

Dear Mr. Phillips:

Thank you for your letter of July 11 showing a breakdown of the costs incurred by your Agency in the razing of Resurrection City, and asking that you be reimbursed in the amount of \$29,482. We have also received Mr. Schiffman's statement of July 22, GSA Bill No. 041700, which is being returned.

No funds were included in our budget for the Poor People's Campaign which began May 11 and ended the latter part of June. The major portion of the costs were incurred by this Service since the encampment was located on park property.

All of the costs incurred by this Office have been absorbed and there are no funds available to reimburse other agencies for their participation in the razing of Resurrection City or incidental expenses. We are not aware of any agreement to do this.

Your assistance is deeply appreciated, and we hope you will find it possible to absorb your costs without too great an impact on your programs.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd.) William S. Bahlman

Assistant Regional Director
Administration

Enclosure

cc: Mr. John McDonough,
Dept. of Justice w/c enc.
Mr. Bernard Meyer, Solicitor's Office,
Parks & Recreation w/c enc.
/Mr. Bahlman
Mr. Hough w/c enc.

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REGISTERED MAIL

AUG - 6 1968

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(Sgd) WILLIAM S. BAHLMAN

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10 Columbus Circle, New York, N. Y.
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Mr. John McDonough, Department
of Justice
Mr. Bernard Meyer, Solicitor's Office,
Parks & Recreation

Mr. Bahlman
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NOV 6 1968

Hon. Robert C. Byrd
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Senator Byrd:

This is in response to your letter of October 30 requesting information concerning the present status of the government's claim of \$71,795 against the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

We were unsuccessful in getting the Southern Christian Leadership Conference to take positive action with respect to the settlement of the claim and on September 24 we sent it to Mr. Edward Weinberg, Solicitor, Department of the Interior, requesting that his office proceed with necessary legal action to secure settlement. It is our understanding that the Solicitor plans to refer the claim to the Department of Justice for proper attention if settlement is not forthcoming in the next few days.

We will ask the Solicitor to comply with your request for a report as to the status of this claim after a 30-day period has elapsed. Monthly reports will be provided thereafter until this matter has been resolved.

Sincerely yours,

SIGNED

Nash Castro
Regional Director

cc:

Solicitor, w/c incoming

Note: Please comply with Senator Byrd's request for a report within 30 days and for monthly reports thereafter until the matter has been resolved.

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cc: SOL-Mr. Meyer }
NPS-INF-Mr. Winge }
NPS-DAL-Mr. Melvin }

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October 30, 1968

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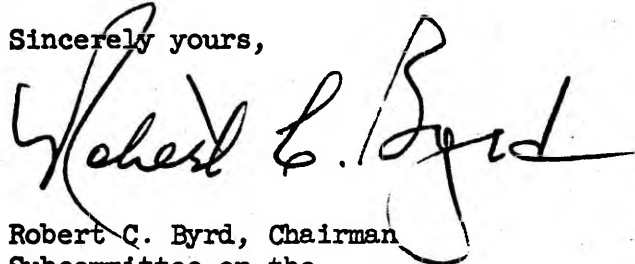
Mr. Nash Castro,
Regional Director
National Park Service
National Capital Region
1100 Ohio Drive, S. W.
Washington, D. C. 20242

Dear Mr. Castro:

I have had occasion to refer to your letter and enclosures of September seventeenth with reference to the Government's claim of \$71,795 against the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. This is a claim which arose out of the SCLC's use of the Resurrection City site.

I would appreciate your providing information as to the present status of this matter, and, if not resolved within thirty days, I will appreciate your forwarding to me monthly reports as to what has been done to resolve the matter.

Sincerely yours,



Robert C. Byrd, Chairman
Subcommittee on the
District of Columbia

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
OFFICE OF THE SOLICITOR
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20240

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Frank Reeves, Esq.
P. O. Box 1121
Howard University
Washington, D. C. 20001

Dear Mr. Reeves:

Regional Director Nash Castro of the National Park Service has referred to us for appropriate action the claim of the Government in the sum of \$71,795 against the Southern Christian Leadership Conference for the cost of clean-up of Resurrection City.

Your letter of September 18 to Mr. Castro indicated that your principals were sending you their instructions with respect to this matter and that you would then communicate further with him. Neither he nor the Department has had any word from you or from other representatives of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference since that time.

We would appreciate being informed promptly of the intentions of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference with respect to the Government's claim. Failing to hear from you within the next week will leave us no choice but to refer the claim to the Department of Justice.

Sincerely yours,

Edward Weinberg

Edward Weinberg
Solicitor

Copy to: Director, National Park Service
Regional Director, National Capital Region, NPS ✓

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Sincerely yours,

Frank E. Harrison
Director

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National Park Service
National Capital Region

Statement of Total Costs Incurred in Connection
with Poor People's Campaign 5/11 - 7/31/68

<u>Resurrection City</u>	<u>Management & Protection Management of Park & Other Areas</u>	<u>Maintenance & Rehabilitation Buildings & Utilities</u>
Policing	\$ 144,989	
Laying out site		\$ 178
Dismantling of structures & restoration of area		
NPS Forces		60,335
GSA Forces		29,482
DC Highway Force		26,009
<u>Solidarity Day March</u>		
Policing	9,027	
Cleanup of area after March		5,580
Total	<u>154,016</u>	<u>121,584</u>
Grand Total		<u>\$275,600</u>

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Hon. W. M. Abbitt
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Abbitt:

Thank you for your recent letter concerning the Poor People's Campaign, Washington, D.C.

A deadline has not been established for settlement of the claim against the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. A settlement request was made on August 6 and acknowledged by SCLC on August 8; a follow up was made on September 5.

On September 17, SCLC Attorney John Reeves telephoned National Capital Regional Director Nash Castro and reported that on September 13 he talked with SCLC Council in Chicago who promised to give him written instruction at an early date.

If nothing is forthcoming within the next few days from SCLC, we plan to turn this matter over to our attorneys for further collection effort. In the meantime, we continue to hold \$10,500 of SCLC funds in our suspense account; \$5,500 of that amount was received through the sale of the lumber which had been used at Resurrection City.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd) Edward A. Hummel

ASSOCIATE Director

cc:
SOL - Mr. Meyer
Regional Director, NCR(2) } w/c of inc.

W. M. ABBITT, M.C.
4TH DISTRICT, VIRGINIA

HOME ADDRESS:
APPOMATTOX, VIRGINIA

MEMBER
COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE
COMMITTEE ON HOUSE
ADMINISTRATION

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D.C.

September 19, 1968

Director
National Park Service
Department of the Interior
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

You will recall that I have inquired a number of times as to the status of the license fee paid by the Poor Peoples Campaign in connection with Resurrection City earlier this year..

It is my understanding that the government is still holding the fee and the lumber from the camp-site but that the whole matter is being held in abeyance pending the outcome of negotiations with the sponsors of the campaign.

I will appreciate your bringing me up-to-date as to what has been done since the last letter I received from your office as I have had a number of inquiries as to how the government plans to resolve this matter.

Sincerely yours,


W. M. Abbitt

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Memorandum

To: Solicitor

From: Regional Director

Subject: Claim against SCIC for "Resurrection City" cleanup

On August 6, 1968, we addressed a letter to Mr. Frank Reeves, with copies to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference offices both here and in Atlanta, setting forth the Government's claim against SCIC in the amount of \$71,795 for cost of "Resurrection City" cleanup. It was stated that \$5,000 on deposit pursuant to paragraph 8 of the May 10 permit and \$5,500 realized from the sale of materials removed from the site of "Resurrection City, USA," could be used in offsetting the obligation and that the balance in the amount of \$61,295 was due and payable. On August 8 Mr. Reeves replied, acknowledging receipt of our claim and indicating that there would be further word from SCIC. Having heard nothing more after nearly a month we addressed a letter to Mr. Reeves on September 5 asking for information as to the conclusions reached by SCIC as called for by our August 6 letter. On September 17, in a telephone conversation Mr. Reeves indicated that he had talked to the SCIC counsel in Chicago on September 13 and expected written instructions during the week of September 15. On September 18 Mr. Reeves advised by letter that he was daily expecting instructions.

We are still without word from SCIC as to its intentions in this matter and in view of the time which has already elapsed, we believe that it is appropriate and proper for the Department to institute legal action looking toward the Government's collection of the above referred-to claim. We would appreciate having your office proceed accordingly, and will be happy to provide information which may be necessary in this connection. Copies of correspondence referred to herein are attached.

Thank you very much.

(Sgd.) Nash Castro

Enclosures

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NCR-Mr. Hough
(NCR-Mr. Bahlman
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cc: Mr. John McDonough, Justice Dept.
SOL-Mr. B. Meyer
D-Director (Attention Mr. Hummel)
NPS-INF-Mr. Winge
NPS-DAL-Mr. Melvin

FRANK D. REEVES

ATTORNEY AT LAW

BOX 1121, HOWARD UNIVERSITY
LAW SCHOOL BUILDING - ROOM 154
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20001

September 18, 1968

Mr. Nash Castro
Regional Director
National Capital Region
National Park Service
U. S. Department of the Interior
1100 Ohio Drive, S. W.
Washington, D. C. 20242

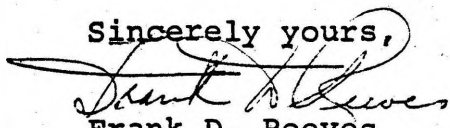
Re: A8219-NCR (RD)

Dear Mr. Castro:

Confirming our telephone conversation on 17 September 1968, receipt is acknowledged of your letter dated 5 September with further reference to your claim of \$71,795 "covering costs incurred by the Government in dismantling and removing structures and facilities, grounds cleanup, and other matters relating to Resurrection City."

I have been daily expecting a letter of instructions from my principal and as recently as today, I am informed that such a letter was dispatched yesterday. Accordingly, you may expect such immediate further communication as may be indicated.

Sincerely yours,


Frank D. Reeves

FDR:der

cc: Rev. Ralph David Abernathy
Mr. Haywood Burns
Mr. Chauncey Eskridge

183-2884

This telegram was dated 9/16/68, 11:49 a.m. Before it arrived Terry said they had a call from Jack Lewis asking for an answer.

DIRECTOR:

I UNDERSTAND THE PARK SERVICE HAS GIVEN THE SCLC A SEPTEMBER 15 DEADLINE FOR THE PAYMENT OF \$71,000 WHICH IT OWES TOWARD THE COST OF RESTORING FEDERAL GROUNDS USED FOR RESURRECTION CITY.

HAS THAT PAYMENT BEEN MADE BY SCLC. IF THIS PAYMENT HAS NOT BEEN MADE WHAT FURTHER ACTION IS CONTEMPLATED BY THE PARK SERVICE. I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR ANSWER TO THESE QUESTIONS IN A RETURN TELEGRAM.

~~ROBERT C.~~
~~HARRY~~ BYRD
Harry J.

Terry said if we called her with an answer she can get it out right away--and it will save time.

OUR REGIONAL DIRECTOR SENT
URTEL 16. ~~WE SENT FOLLOW-UP LETTER~~
TO SCLC ON SEPTEMBER 5th TO OUR
CLAIM OF AUGUST 6 FOR \$71,795.
NO DEADLINE ESTABLISHED; HOWEVER,
REGIONAL DIRECTOR PLANS TO TURN
MATTER OVER TO JUSTICE DEPARTMENT
FOR COLLECTION IF SETTLEMENT, OR
INDICATION OF SETTLEMENT, NOT MADE
BY SEPT 23. MEANTIME, WE CONTINUE TO

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Harry F.
HON. ROBERT C. BYRD, *jr.*
UNITED STATES SENATE
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20515

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~~WILL COMMUNICATE WITH YOU FURTHER SOON AS WE HEAR FROM REEVES.~~ IF
NOTHING FORTHCOMING WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS FROM SCLC, PLAN TO TURN
MATTER OVER TO OUR ATTORNEYS FOR FURTHER COLLECTION EFFORT. MEANTIME,
WE CONTINUE TO HOLD \$10,500 OF SCLC FUNDS IN SUSPENSE ACCOUNT.

ACTING DIRECTOR

cc:
Mr. Castro w/c of inc.

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NATIONAL Park Service
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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HONORABLE HARRY F. BYRD, JR., UNITED STATES SENATE,
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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EDWARD A. HUMMEL
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

CONFIRMATION

Wash Castro, Regional Director, NCR

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September 18, 1968 10:00 AM

Mr. Byrd
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Telegraphic Message sent to: Hon. Harry F. Byrd, Jr., (A3615-0)

cc:

SOL) w/c of inc.

/MCR - Mr. Castro)

DAL - Mr. Melvin) each w/c of inc.

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HON. GEORGE B HARTZOG JR, DIRECTOR, US NATL PARK SERVICE
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I UNDERSTAND THE PARK SERVICE HAS GIVEN THE SOUTHERN
CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE A SEPTEMBER 15 DEADLINE FOR
THE PAYMENT OF \$71,000 WHICH IT OWES TOWARD THE COST OF RESTORING
FEDERAL GROUNDS USED FOR RESURRECTION CITY.

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PARK SERVICE?

I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR ANSWERS TO THESE QUESTIONS
IN A RETURN TELEGRAM.

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HARRY F BYRD JR US SENATOR
(1151).

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A8219-NCR(RD)

September 17, 1968

Hon. Robert C. Byrd
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Byrd:

By way of keeping you abreast of our efforts to collect our claim against the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, we enclose copies of our letters of August 6, and September 5, to them, together with their reply of August 8.

With all best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd.)

Kash Castro
Regional Director

Enclosure

cc:
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Mr. Melvin, WASO
Mr. Bahlman

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Hon. George H. Mahon
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Chairman:

As promised in our letter of July 19 we are enclosing a listing of the total expenditures incurred in connection with the Poor People's Campaign for the period May 11 through July 31.

This listing represents our final figures.

Sincerely yours,

Director

Enclosures

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SOL, Mr. Mayer, w/c of enc.
Regional Director, MCR, w/c of enc.

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National Park Service
National Capital Region

Total Expenditures Incurred in Connection
with Poor People's Campaign 5/11-7/31/68 (Final)

	<u>Resurrection City</u>		
	<u>Additional Expenses</u> <u>O.T. H.P., etc.</u>	<u>Regular Time</u> <u>Expenses</u>	<u>Total</u>
Police Costs	\$121,903	\$23,086	\$144,989
Engineering Costs to lay out site	<u>178</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>178</u>
Subtotal	<u>122,081</u>	<u>23,086</u>	<u>145,167</u>

June 19, Solidarity Day March

Police Costs	7,700	1,327	9,027
Cleanup of Area after March	<u>2,930</u>	<u>2,650</u>	<u>5,580</u>
Subtotal	<u>10,630</u>	<u>3,977</u>	<u>14,607</u>

Dismantling of structures and
restoration of area

National Park Service Costs	60,335
GSA Costs (Includes storage and transfer of property)	29,482
DC Highway Department Costs	<u>26,009</u>
Subtotal	<u>115,826</u>

Grand Total	<u>275,600</u>
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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION
1100 OHIO DRIVE, S. W.
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20242

IN REPLY REFER TO:
A8219-NCR(RD)

SEP 5 1968

Mr. Frank Reeves
P. O. Box 1121
Howard University
Washington, D. C. 20001

Dear Mr. Reeves:

As you recall, on August 6 we sent to you our claim in the amount of \$71,795, covering the costs incurred by the Government in dismantling and removing structures and facilities, grounds cleanup, and other matters relating to Resurrection City.

We understood from your letter of August 8 that the SCIC Leadership would have the opportunity to consider the matter at its annual meeting in August.

We wonder whether SCIC has reached a conclusion on this and would appreciate being favored with a further reply.

Sincerely yours,

(Sd.)

Nash Castro
Regional Director

cc:
Southern Christian Leadership Conference
334 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Mr. John McDonough, Justice

Mr. Bernard Meyer, SOL

Mr. Bahlman
Mr. Hough
Mr. Castro
Director - attn. Mr. Hummel

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May 13, 1969

Mr. Edward Switcher
Department of Justice
Room 3635
Constitution Avenue
& 10th Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20535

Dear Mr. Switcher:

There are enclosed four copies of a statement showing a further breakdown of "Resurrection City" costs as requested by you.

The personal services do not include any overtime costs. These were deleted from the original claim amount.

The equipment involved in the dismantling of the facilities would include bulldozers, trucks, and other maintenance and construction type equipment.

If you have any further questions concerning these costs, please call us.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd.) Nash Castro

Regional Director

Enclosure

cc: /Mr. Castro
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Mark Andrews

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Any help you can give me will be
greatly appreciated!

Diane Baldwin (Miss)
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NORTH DAKOTA.

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JAN 29 1969

Hon. Mark Andrews
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Andrews:

Thank you for your recent letter in behalf of Mr. Richard Ehrenberg concerning expenses incurred by the Government in connection with the demolition of "Resurrection City," and restoration of the site.

The claim against the Southern Christian Leadership Conference is in the amount of \$71,795. It arises out of SCLC's occupation of the site that was known as "Resurrection City, USA," which was occupied pursuant to a permit issued to SCLC on May 10, 1968. The permit provided that on its expiration, the site was to be vacated, all structures removed, and the grounds and site in general returned to its former condition, normal wear and tear excepted.

Since SCLC failed to comply with the cleanup provisions of the permit, it was necessary for the Federal Government to proceed with it, and in that connection, the Government incurred obligations to the extent of the claim above mentioned. All work was done by Federal employees and no contractors were engaged or benefited in any way.

The claim is now in the hands of the Department of Justice, since the Department of the Interior was unable to secure voluntary payment.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd.) Nash Castro

Regional Director

cc:
Mr. Castro, w/inc.
Mr. Melvin-DAL, w/c inc.
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MAIL

Mr. Richard Ehrenberg
Leonard, North Dakota 58052

January 15, 1968

Representative Mark Andrews
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Andrews:

It has been stated that it cost us - the government - \$71,000 to tear down the shanty town built during the poor peoples' march on Washington and to relandscape the area. The questions I have are:

Why was the cost so extremely high?

Was there bidding on the project to obtain the most reasonable offer for landscaping.

Who contracted for the job? What was their profit margin?

It appears to me that the poor peoples' march is being blamed for the \$71,000 cost to us as taxpayers when, in reality, the extremely high cost is due to contractors or government officials who have taken advantage of a profitable situation.

I would like facts and figures regarding this project if such are available.

Sincerely,

Richard Ehrenberg

Richard Ehrenberg

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JAN 13 1969

Miss Deborah C. Martin
Kingsport Publishing Corporation
220-226 East Market Street
Kingsport, Tennessee 37662

Dear Miss Martin:

Thank you for your recent letter concerning the Poor People's Campaign, Washington, D.C.

You will recall that you requested a listing of books, pamphlets, and articles on this subject; however, we know of none except for the various newspaper and magazine articles and it would, of course, be necessary for you to procure those articles from the respective publishers. However, we are enclosing a listing which will provide you with our best estimate as to the costs incurred by the National Park Service in the restoration of West Potomac Park.

Since restoration of the area was, in fact, accomplished by Government forces, a claim in the amount of \$71,795 was filed with the Southern Christian Leadership Conference for recovery of the Government's restoration costs. As we have been unsuccessful in getting the Southern Christian Leadership Conference to take positive action with regard to the settlement of this claim, the Solicitor, Department of the Interior, has referred the claim to the Department of Justice for appropriate action.

We continue to hold \$10,500 of SCLC funds in our suspense account; \$5,500 of that amount was received through the sale of the lumber which had been used at Resurrection City.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd) R. B. MOORE
Director

Enclosure

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Office of the Interior
Washington, D. C.

To Whom It May Concern:

In reference to last summer's "Poor People's Campaign" which resulted in the camping out on federal grounds by varied minority groups, could someone possibly convey to me the extent of damage done to private and government property and what has been done to remedy the situation.

As many articles have been written which provide very adequate coverage on Resurrection City, I would appreciate a comprehensive list of articles, books and pamphlets which deal with my question. This would not only help me but would save your time in going into boring detail describing the aftermath.

Cordially,

Deborah C. Martin
Deborah C. Martin

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Dear Mr. Ashbrook:

Secretary of the Interior Udall has asked us to reply to your recent letter concerning the Government's claim against the Southern Christian Leadership Conference for restoration of West Potomac Park following the termination of "Resurrection City" at that location.

We are enclosing a copy of the Secretary's press release of May 10 relating to the Poor People's Campaign, along with a copy of the permit and application for same.

As the National Park Service has been unsuccessful in getting the Southern Christian Leadership Conference to take positive action with respect to the settlement of this \$71,795 claim, the Solicitor, Department of the Interior, has referred the claim to the Department of Justice for appropriate action.

Sincerely yours,

C. F. LEWTON

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior

Hon. John M. Ashbrook
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

Enclosures

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Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, D.C. 20515

December 3, 1968

Honorable Stewart Udall
Secretary of the Interior
Washington, D. C. 20240

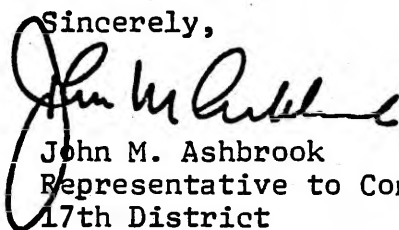
Dear Secretary Udall:

I was very much distressed when I saw a news story on November 21 which indicates that the Southern Christian Leadership Conference has said that that organization has no intention of paying the Federal Government \$71,795 for expenses stemming from the Poor People's Campaign.

I would appreciate receiving information from your office regarding the position of the Department of Interior and what it will do to collect these amounts.

Also, it is my recollection that Reverend Abernathy and others entered into a contractual relationship with your Department at that time. I recall that promises were made and would appreciate receiving information as to what contractual arrangements were made with the SCLC to ensure repayment for expenses of your Department in restoring the grounds to their proper condition.

Sincerely,



John M. Ashbrook
Representative to Congress
17th District

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Hon. George Murphy
United States Senate
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Murphy:

Thank you for your recent letter concerning the Government's claim against the Southern Christian Leadership Conference for restoration of West Potomac Park following the termination of "Resurrection City" at that location.

As the National Park Service has been unsuccessful in getting the Southern Christian Leadership Conference to take positive action with respect to the settlement of this claim, the Solicitor, Department of the Interior, has referred the claim to the Department of Justice for appropriate action.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd) R. B. MOORE
Assistant Director

Enclosure

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United States Senate

December 11, 1968

Respectfully referred to

Congressional Liaison Office
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for such consideration as the communication
herewith submitted may warrant, and for a report
thereon, in duplicate to accompany return of
inclosure.

By direction of

George Murphy

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3465 Lama Avenue
Long Beach, California
December 5, 1968

The Honorable George Murphy
U. S. Senate Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Murphy:

Will you please find out why the present administration are not forcing the SCLC to pay for the damage they did while camping out in Washington.

It is our thought, that had these people been white, they would not have been permitted to camp on the White House lawn.

I have an article from our U.S. News which says that Rev. Abernathy and SCLC collected millions of dollars for their distasteful and unlawful behavior and that the Rev. Abernathy and Mrs. Martin Luther King rode around in chauffeur driven cars and lived in expensive hotels.

Please be sure that SCLC pays for the damage done. Taxpayers cannot afford to carry many more blacks on their backs and we pray that Mr. Nixon will reverse the trend in our country of letting both black and white minority groups run it.

Stay right where you are.

Sincerely yours,
Mary Landis
Mary Landis

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'Poor' Refuse To Pay \$71,795 For Cleanup

ATLANTA, Ga., (AP) — The head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference said Thursday that SCLC has no intention of paying a \$71,795 bill to the federal government.

In fact, SCLC plans to sue the federal government for more than \$100,000 in damages, the Rev. Ralph David Abernathy, SCLC president, said Thursday.

The Interior Department has been dunning the SCLC for the expense of cleaning up the camp of the Poor People's Campaign in Washington last June. The department has threatened to sue if the bill isn't paid quickly.

"We feel that we don't owe it. We were not given ample time to tear down Resurrection City and restore the area to its former status. We had only a few hours notice," Abernathy said.

Abernathy said he has already instructed SCLC attorneys to bring suit against the federal government for damage done to property of poor people when Resurrection City was closed down.

SCLC sponsored the mass en-

campment on National Park grounds between the Lincoln Memorial and Washington Monument in Washington.

The cluster of plywood huts was closed June 24 after six weeks of demonstrations for more government aid to the nation's poor.

The Interior Department and other government agencies had to clean up the camp site and billed SCLC for the cost several months ago, an Interior Department spokesman said.

Abernathy said SCLC had kept a record of damage to poor people's property during the cleanup.

"We have a figure we think the federal government owes to the poor people. It really runs over \$100,000," he said.

Interior Department officials said that unless SCLC took some action on the \$71,795 bill the matter would be referred to the Department of Justice. This usually means taking the claim to court, a spokesman said.

Abernathy said that is was his decision, as SCLC president, to refuse to pay the bill.

Cop-Pig Headline 'No Slur'

CHICAGO (AP)—A California law student who conducted interviews for the Walker Study Team of the National Commission on Violence said Tuesday he placed an advertisement in a student newspaper seeking witnesses to violence in Chicago during the Democratic National Convention.

There has been press criticism of the advertisement because it included a headline that asked, "Are the Chicago cops really brutal racist pigs?"

However, the interviewer who placed the advertisement said that the context made it clear that this was an unanswered question. He said that the headline did not accuse the Chicago police.

"I paid for the ad," said John Hoskins, 26, a third-year student at the University of California's Boalt Law School. "It was the fastest, most efficient way to contact witnesses," he said in a telephone interview from Berkeley.

Hoskins said that he was hired by Rob Gyemont, a San Francisco lawyer and aide to William Orrick, head of the national commission's several task forces.

In Chicago, Daniel Walker, head of the study team whose report termed the violence "a police riot," said he found the headline shocking. However, he said, he could not comment further until the matter had been investigated.

Hoskins said he was assisted in the writing of the advertisement by Kathleen Courts, 21, a permanent staff secretary of the National Commission on Violence, and William Keep, a University of California undergraduate.

He said he paid \$96 for the advertisement, which ran in the Daily Californian, the university's student newspaper, Oct 28 to 31. He said he has sought but not received reimbursement from the commission for the cost of the one-eighth page advertisement.

"It was a shocking headline," Hoskins said. "But this was what we needed to contact people who were witnesses in Chicago. It was either use an ad or rely on personal contacts. We think the initiative given individual interviewers helped the study team to do a very thorough job in a short time."



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Honorable Edwin L. Weisl, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Division
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

DEC 10 1968

Dear Mr. Weisl:

On November 20, we submitted to your Department the claim against the Southern Christian Leadership Conference for the cost to the Government of clean-up of the Resurrection City site.

There is enclosed a copy of a December 5 letter from Frank D. Reeves, Esq., stating he has been authorized to discuss a possible settlement of the claim and he will be available to confer with Government representatives. Since this matter is now in your Department, we assume any such discussions will be at your initiative. We will give whatever assistance your Department may require in this matter, and representatives of the Interior Department will participate in any discussions in which you may wish to have us present.

Sincerely yours,

Edward Weinberg

Solicitor

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Associate Director Hummel, NPS (w/enc.)
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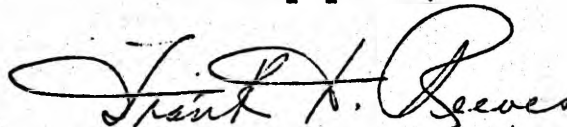
Re: Your Reference: G-68-2211-2890

Dear Mr. Weinberg:

The undersigned has been authorized by Jack Greenberg, Esq., Director-Counsel of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc., counsel for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, to undertake discussion of a possible negotiated settlement of the claims arising out of the dismantlement and restoration of the site of "Resurrection City."

Accordingly, I shall be available at our mutual convenience to confer with you and other interested government representatives.

Sincerely yours,



FDR:swr

Frank D. Reeves

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Mrs. Thorpe Mann
5117 Walnut Street
Kansas City, Missouri 64112

Dear Mrs. Mann:

Thank you for your recent letter concerning the Government's claim against the Southern Christian Leadership Conference for restoration of West Potomac Park following the termination of "Resurrection City" at that location.

As the National Park Service has been unsuccessful in getting the Southern Christian Leadership Conference to take positive action with respect to the settlement of this \$71,795 claim, the Solicitor, Department of the Interior, has referred the claim to the Department of Justice for appropriate action.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd) R. B. MOORE

Assistant Director

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5117 Walnut St.
K.C.12, Mo.
November 19, 1968

The Department of Interior
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

It is my understanding from a radio news story
that you intend to try to collect, from the Poor People,
a very large bill for messing up your grass.

Considering the logic of insanity, it must seem
reasonable to you. But are you convinced it's practi-
cal? How much will it cost you to try to collect?

11-22 (Mrs. Thorpe Menn)

Sincerely,

Eileen Menn

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Hon. Robert C. Byrd
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Senator Byrd:

On November 6 I informed you concerning the status of the government's claim of \$71,795 against the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. No doubt you have noticed recent items in the daily press indicating that the Department of the Interior had been unable to secure a settlement and was turning the matter over to the Attorney General for appropriate attention. In that connection I am attaching, for your information, a copy of Acting Solicitor Richmond F. Allan's letter of November 20 to the Attorney General.

With all best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

SIGNED

Nash Castro
Regional Director

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Mr. Dickson *RS 11*
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W. Carter

The Honorable
The Attorney General
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

NOV 20 1968

Dear Sir:

Your assistance and the institution of any necessary legal proceedings are requested to effect collection of the claim against the Southern Christian Leadership Conference for the cost to the Government of clean-up of the Federal area occupied by the Conference under a permit in connection with the Poor People's Campaign.

The permit was issued to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference on May 10, 1968, by Regional Director Nash Castro, National Capital Region, National Park Service, in response to a request therefor, for the use of a portion of West Potomac Park in the District of Columbia for its demonstration for the period beginning May 11, 1968, and ending at eight p.m. on June 16, 1968. The permit was extended by letter of June 14, 1968 until eight p.m. on June 23, 1968.

You will note that Mr. Castro's letter of June 14, extending the permit period until eight p.m. on June 23, 1968, stated that the permittee would have a limited period of time after termination to remove the structures and facilities and restore the area. However, by June 23, SCLC through its leadership, had repeatedly publicly announced that its occupancy of the site for the purposes of its demonstration would not be terminated voluntarily at the expiration of the permit period but that its use of the site would be terminated only by forcible ejection or arrest. After the Government took possession on June 24, a meeting among representatives of the Government and SCLC disclosed that SCLC had no plans for accomplishing the removal of the facilities installed by it beyond a vague expression of using volunteer help which would require several days for the clean-up operation.

The uncertain and unsettled conditions prevailing in the District of Columbia on June 24, resulting from the necessity for the Government

Secretary Udall

Director, NPS, Attn: Mr. Hummel

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to recover possession of the permit area forcibly, made it imperative that removal of the facilities installed by SCLC be accomplished promptly. It was determined, in view of all the circumstances then prevailing, that a delay, which SCLC sought in order to develop a plan for removal of facilities, would have been unreasonable, and not in the public interest. Accordingly, since SCLC was neither capable nor willing to undertake the restoration work promptly and diligently, this work was undertaken by the Government and claim was made upon SCLC for reimbursement of the cost thereby incurred by the Government. In addition, there was damage to trees and shrubs in areas outside the area originally assigned to the permittee. When the permittee's structures were placed in such areas, we were assured by Mr. LeRoy Clark, on behalf of SCLC, in his memorandum of June 12 to us and to the Rev. Bernard Lafayette, that SCLC would assume responsibility for any such damage. Further, there was additional damage to National Park Service property for which claim is also made.

An itemization of the claim is set forth in the letter of August 6, 1968, to Mr. Frank Reeves from Assistant Regional Director Sahlin. Receipt of this letter was acknowledged on August 8. Although there was a further exchange of correspondence between the National Park Service and Mr. Reeves, the efforts of the National Park Service of this Department to collect the amount claimed have been unsuccessful.

In accordance with paragraph 8 of the permit issued May 10, permittee had deposited \$5,000 with the Government. This amount and \$5,500 realized from the sale of permittee's lumber which was salvaged are being held by the National Park Service.

Copies of all of the documents to which reference is made herein are enclosed, as are also copies of our letter of November 4, 1968 to Mr. Reeves and his reply of November 7. If there is any additional information or documentation your Department will need in connection with this matter, we will be pleased to furnish it.

Very truly yours,

Richmond F. Allan

Acting Solicitor

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To;
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For your files

Bernard R. Meyer

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FRANK D. REEVES
ATTORNEY AT LAW

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November 7, 1968

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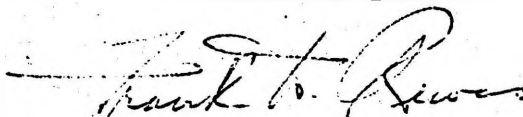
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Dear Mr. Weinberg:

I have your letter dated 4 November 1968, with further reference to the claim of the Government in the sum of \$71,795 against the Southern Christian Leadership Conference for the alleged cost of dismantling "Resurrection City."

Your letter, as was my previous correspondence with the National Park Service, is being immediately forwarded to my principals for consideration and action.

Sincerely yours,



Frank D. Reeves

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