

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Parsons *DP*

DATE: 5-20-61

FROM : A. Rosen *Rosen*

SUBJECT: ^① CONGRESS OF RACIAL EQUALITY
 "FREEDOM RIDE 1961"
 RACIAL MATTERS; DESTRUCTION OF
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The Director has inquired as to whether the Interracial Action Institute of the Congress of Racial Equality established in Miami in August, 1960, is still in existence. *u*

|| Miami has advised that this school lasted only three weeks and no classes have been held since September, 1960. *u*

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**RACIAL MATTERS; DESTRUCTION OF
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Additional information has been received
regarding the efforts of the Communist Party to capitalize
upon the racial disturbances in Alabama. *U*

On May 22, 1961, there was a closed meeting
of the Astoria-Ravenswood-Sunnyside Club of the Communist
Party which was held in Queens County, New York. The main
speaker was

stated that in connection with the
freedom riders, the Communist Party, USA, is attempting,
on a national scale, to organize college students, labor
unions, Negroes, Puerto Ricans and Spanish-speaking people
to proceed by buses in racially mixed groups to Alabama.
It was pointed out that the colleges would soon close for
summer vacation and Weinstein said that adequate contacts
have already been made in the colleges. *(X)*

At the above communist meeting, the National
Association for the Advancement of Colored People was
denounced for not speaking out openly concerning the atrocities
in Montgomery, Alabama. It was also stated that the Communist
Party in New York is considering organizing rallies to be
held in Yankee Stadium or the Polo Grounds and in Union
Square. No dates were mentioned for taking the action
described above but it was agreed that this is a golden
opportunity to increase the Communist Party's efforts among
the Negroes. *(X)*

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Those in attendance at the meeting unanimously agreed that when President Kennedy and Premier Khrushchev meet in Vienna, Mr. Kennedy will be embarrassed when Mr. Khrushchev asks him how the United States can preach freedom in light of the situation in Alabama. (X)

- 1 - Mr. Byron R. White
Deputy Attorney General
- 1 - Assistant Attorney General
Burke Marshall
- 1 - Assistant Attorney General
Herbert J. Miller, Jr.

NOTE:

Based on memorandum Rosen to Parsons, 5/24/61, captioned "Freebus" classified "Confidential" because unauthorized disclosure would be prejudicial to the defense of the nation. u

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The Attorney General

May 25, 1961

Director, FBI

FREEDOM RIDE 1961
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We have determined that there is no factual basis for the allegations that appeared in an editorial in the "Birmingham Post-Herald" on May 24, 1961, concerning threatening calls received by the wife of a Deputy U. S. Marshal who had been sent to Montgomery, Alabama, from Birmingham. U

The Deputy U. S. Marshals were [redacted] and [redacted]. No threatening calls were received by either [redacted] or [redacted]. [redacted] did leave Birmingham to stay with her parents at Northport, Alabama, but she did so because she is pregnant and became hysterical over the absence of her husband. [redacted] has now been released from duty at Montgomery to return home. Neither [redacted] nor [redacted] could offer any explanation for the allegations contained in the editorial. U

A new group of seven freedom riders arrived in Montgomery yesterday from Atlanta, Georgia. The leader is [redacted] who is white and is a captain at Yale University. U Ala. - Com.

While in Atlanta, the group held a press conference at the church of Reverend Martin Luther King. They stated that they expected to contact Reverend King at Montgomery and later travel on to Birmingham and then through Mississippi to New Orleans, Louisiana. U

The Greyhound bus which carried the group from Atlanta was escorted into the Montgomery terminal by state police. Reverend Wyatt Walker, assistant to Reverend Martin Luther King, met the group at the bus station to take the group to the home of Reverend Abernathy. U Ala.

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[redacted] advised that he conferred with [redacted] and informed him that Governor Patterson had instructed that full protection should be afforded to the citizens of Alabama. [redacted] pointed out that [redacted] group is unusual in that it requires more than ordinary protection. He therefore requested that he receive advance notification whenever [redacted] Reverend King, Reverend Abernathy or any of their group plan to leave Reverend Abernathy's residence in order that appropriate arrangements can be made to furnish protection. U

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[redacted] stated that the most difficult security problem in Montgomery is the protection of Reverend Abernathy's home. Last night he had thirty National Guardsmen stationed at the house and he believed flood lights should be installed to cover all approaches including the rear of the house. U

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[redacted] expressed his personal thanks for the information he had received from the FBI regarding the possible ambush of the buses which carried the freedom riders from Montgomery, Alabama, to Jackson, Mississippi, on May 24, 1961. [redacted] expressed the opinion that the information had been completely reliable and the buses would have been ambushed if adequate security measures had not been taken. He personally observed the area which our informant had said was designated for the ambush and felt that it had been well selected for such action. [redacted] added that he hopes his good relations with the FBI will continue. U

National Guardsmen were withdrawn from the streets of Montgomery last night but remained at the bus and train depots and the airport as well as at the home of Reverend Abernathy. National Guardsmen remained ready for immediate action at the armory in Montgomery. U

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With regard to the burning of the Greyhound bus at Anniston, Alabama, on May 14, 1961, [redacted] one of the four subjects arrested by FBI Agents on May 21, U

The Attorney General

1961, has been released on \$5,000 bond which has been arranged by Roy C. Scott, Anniston, Alabama, and Kenneth L. Adams, Grand Dragon, U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Incorporated. *U. L.*

We will continue to advise the Department of pertinent developments. *U*

- 1 - Mr. Byron E. White
Deputy Attorney General
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Herbert S. Miller, Jr.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Parsons

DATE: May 17, 1961

FROM : C. A. Evans

SUBJECT: CONGRESS OF RACIAL EQUALITY
 "FREEDOM RIDE 1961"
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Deputy Attorney General Byron R. White telephoned at 9:55 p. m., and advised that he had been discussing the situation at Birmingham with the Attorney General and both of them are concerned at the possibility of further violence at Birmingham. They were particularly concerned as to the possibility of additional Negroes arriving from other localities or the possibility of an uprising on the part of Negroes in the Birmingham area. U

Mr. White said that if there were any signs of a race riot situation developing in Birmingham he felt it was incumbent upon the Justice Department to try and make some plan and to arrange for the necessary forces, either Federal or state, to control such a situation and to preserve the peace.

Mr. White was informed that Agents of our Birmingham Division would be working on this matter throughout the night maintaining close contact in the situation and any facts that were developed indicating such a situation would be immediately brought to the attention of the Assistant Attorney General Burke Marshall regardless of the hour. Mr. White said that he and the Attorney General would feel more assured knowing that this would be done.

1 - Mr. Rosen

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We should have previously indicated to White & A.G. that F.B.I. has since the inception of these disturbances been on top of them & have been keeping Dept promptly & fully advised. Be sure we are not picked into any guard duty not our division nor anything else outside our

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Memorandum

TO : Mr. Rosen

DATE: 5-20-61

FROM : C. L. McGowan

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SAC T. J. Jenkins of the Birmingham Office advised that information had been received from a potential confidential informant (PCI) of the Birmingham Office which was of interest. PCI [redacted] had called and stated that she had been at the bus station and overheard remarks that the Negroes had been saying that the FBI was helping them. She had also heard that [redacted] was telling the people that four men were his advisors and these were as follows (spelling as provided by PCI [redacted] a man named [redacted] and [redacted]. According to the informant the Negroes were saying that these men were with the FBI and were helping them. U

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It may be noted that [redacted] both of the Civil Rights Division and [redacted] of the Attorney General's Office were in Birmingham. [redacted] and [redacted] had proceeded to Montgomery on 5-19-61 and [redacted] plans to go to Montgomery 5-20-61. [redacted] of Life magazine was also in Birmingham during the incidents at the bus station. U

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[redacted] of the Civil Rights Division was advised of the rumor of the story being circulated around the bus station in Birmingham, Alabama. U

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Memorandum

TO : Mr. Parsons *SP*

DATE: May 21, 1961

FROM : A. Rosen *Rosen*

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SUBJECT: FREEDOM RIDE, NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE
MAY 17, 1961
NATIONAL NONVIOLENT FREEDOM COMMITTEE
RACIAL MATTERS *CORE*

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In the interest of efficiency and economy the code word
"FREEBUS" is being assigned to the investigation of captioned matter. *u*

A check has been made with the Files and Communications
Division through _____ of the Service Unit, and there is nothing
in Bufiles to preclude the use of this code name. *u*

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This memorandum should be routed to the Files and
Communications Division for its information. *u*

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TO : Mr. Parsons

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FROM : A. Rosen

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CONGRESS OF RACIAL EQUALITY
 FREEDOM RIDE 1961

SAC Weeks of the Atlanta Office telephonically advised of information received of additional contemplated rides by colored students into Alabama. U

James L. Woods, Administrative Assistant to Reverend Martin Luther King with Southern Christian Leadership Conference, had advised the office that they had planned to issue a press statement reflecting that organized groups of colored students will be riding buses into Alabama beginning tomorrow. He said that some undirected groups reportedly had left. U

Woods stated that this was being held up at the moment inasmuch as Reverend King was having a strategy conference in Montgomery and that after the conference was completed, he would know what plans they had. U

Woods indicated that they had volunteers from a number of cities for individuals to ride buses. He advised that the colored students would go into Alabama and would continue going in until either Governor Patterson or the Attorney General of the United States assures them of freedom or safe passage on the buses in Alabama. U

Woods stated that he would advise the Atlanta Office of any information concerning groups departing. U

ACTION:

SAC Weeks was instructed to immediately furnish this information in detail to Mr. Rosen and the special squad in Montgomery, Alabama, so that the Federal authorities in Alabama would be aware of the contemplated travel. U

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291829 The group of seven freedom riders led by William
Coffin, Chaplain at Yale University, who arrived in Montgomery,
Alabama, on May 24, 1961, was arrested by the sheriff at the
Trailways bus station, Montgomery, on May 25, 1961, when they
went to the white lunch counter. u

Arrested, also, with the seven freedom riders were
Reverend Wyatt Walker, Reverend Ralph Abernathy, Reverend
Fred Shuttlesworth and Bernard S. Lee, a Negro from Atlanta,
Georgia. All of those arrested were charged with breach of
the peace and they were all in custody this morning in lieu
of \$1,000 bond each. Trial has been set for June 16, 1961. u

Martin Luther King returned to Atlanta, Georgia,
on May 25, 1961. u

[redacted] a Negro who is an
active leader in integration matters, was shot on the afternoon
of May 25, 1961, as he walked down the driveway of his home
in a suburb of Montgomery, Alabama. The shot was fired by
a group of white teen-agers who were driving by at a high rate
of speed and [redacted] believed they used a .22 caliber
rifle. u

At the time the shot was fired, the victim was
raising his hand to his mouth and the bullet entered his right
arm approximately six inches above the wrist. He was given
medical treatment and released with the bullet still in his arm.
The bullet is lodged between two bones and it was considered
unnecessary to remove it at this time. The sheriff's office
is investigating the shooting but has developed no suspects. u

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It is the consensus of our sources in Jackson,
Mississippi, that the twenty-seven freedom riders who were u

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arrested there on May 24, 1961, will be convicted at their trial on May 26, 1961, and will then be released pending appeal. These sources believed that the freedom riders will be the principal speakers at the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) meeting which is to be held this evening at the Negro Masonic Temple in Jackson. State and local authorities are aware of this meeting and the Jackson police have advised that they will cover it to insure that law and order are maintained and to prevent any possible violence. U

The Jackson police have said that it would be very difficult for them to adequately cover both situations if additional freedom riders should arrive in Jackson at the same time the NAACP meeting is being held. Arrangements have been made to insure that the Jackson police are advised immediately if the freedom riders presently in jail at Montgomery, Alabama, should arrange for travel to Jackson. U

We have been informed that local authorities have made plans to admit the public to the trial of the freedom riders in Jackson on a basis of equal representation of white and Negro spectators. When the courtroom is filled, the police will turn away those who remain outside and will not permit crowds to gather. U

A man telephoned the St. Louis Office of the FBI yesterday and identified himself as Charles Oldham, attorney and National Chairman of Congress of Racial Equality (CORE). He stated he planned to depart from St. Louis on May 26, 1961, arriving in Jackson, Mississippi, at 5:05 a.m., the same date for the purpose of being present or serving as counsel at the trial of the twenty-seven freedom riders. U

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[redacted] of the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol stated yesterday that he had received no instructions from the Governor of Mississippi concerning the action to be taken if the freedom riders in custody in Jackson are released. He added that he has made no plans to cope with this contingency but that he will be willing to escort them to the state line if he is given assurance that they will not return. U

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The Attorney General

A confidential source has advised that the National Executive Committee of the Young Socialists Alliance (YSA) has decided that YSA should enter into the freedom ride issue. Instructions have gone out to local units of YSA to immediately initiate demonstrations and picketing at interstate bus terminals. The organization seeks to transform this issue into a militant antisegregation action on the part of high school and college students throughout the country. They desire more militant action than is provided by CORE, but allegedly they do not advocate violence although they will condone violence should it occur. (S)

The source has also informed us that YSA will attempt to activate Fair Play for Cuba Committee youth councils throughout the United States to support antisegregation. Attempts will also be made to reactivate various ad hoc antisegregation committees which were previously formed on behalf of the sit-in movement against Woolworth stores. (S)

The YSA is a youth group under the domination and control of the Socialist Workers Party. U

In connection with the burning of the bus at Anniston, Alabama, on May 14, 1961, Dalford Leonard Roberts was released on \$5,000 bond on May 25, 1961. U

A confidential informant has advised that a meeting was to be held last night by Eastview Klavern 13, Alabama Knights, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Incorporated, to determine whether the klavern should go underground as a result of the FBI investigation of this matter. U

C. R. Hammond of Newnan, Georgia, and W.C. Hancock of Hapeville, Georgia, were arrested at La Grange, Georgia, for distributing leaflets on May 24, 1961. The leaflets stated, "There will be a troublemaking group in our town today at 7:40 p.m. at the Greyhound bus station. This is a trip being made to integrate our town. These Negroes and troublemaking white people are protected by people that are being paid with our tax money." U

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Hammond and Hancock were charged with violating a city pamphlet ordinance. Bond was set at \$1,000 each and trial is set for May 26, 1961. A search of Hammond's car disclosed a number of application forms for United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Incorporated. U

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Three additional white men were arrested for attempting to organize a crowd of several hundred persons who had gathered at the bus terminal in La Grange, Georgia, at approximately 7:30 p.m. on May 24, 1961. These men were identified as [redacted] and [redacted] of Newnan, Georgia, and [redacted] of Hapeville, Georgia. Bond was set at \$1,000 each and trial is scheduled for May 26, 1961. A search of [redacted] car by local police located two loaded .45 caliber revolvers, one loaded .38 caliber revolver, a twenty-four-inch club, a blackjack and a hammer. U

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A confidential informant of our Atlanta Office has advised that [redacted] of the United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Incorporated. The informant advised that [redacted] of the United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Incorporated, Realm of Georgia, requested that bail be obtained for those arrested. The informant told [redacted] that those arrested were acting as individuals and not on behalf of the United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Incorporated, who had authorized no action in connection with the freedom riders. U

Intensive investigation is continuing and pertinent developments will be brought to the attention of the Department. U

- 1 - Mr. Byron R. White
Deputy Attorney General
- 1 - Assistant Attorney General
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- 1 - Assistant Attorney General
J. Walter Yeagley

NOTE: This is classified "Confidential" because disclosure of the source furnishing information concerning the YSA would

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be prejudicial to the national defense. U

The Attorney General

May 26, 1961

Director, FBI

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Information has been received by this Bureau through the Jackson, Mississippi, Police Department that [redacted] of Nashville, Tennessee, who is presently staying at Tougaloo Southern Christian College, has requested that additional riders be sent into Jackson, Mississippi, on May 26, 1961. U

The Jackson Police Department advised this Bureau that information had been received from a reliable source that [redacted] had contacted a man named [redacted] (Phonetic) in Nashville, Tennessee, and requested that [redacted] send more riders to Jackson, Mississippi. [redacted] is reported to have advised that he would send all of the students he could who were not taking examinations and that he would send these individuals to Jackson from Memphis and Nashville, Tennessee, and from Atlanta, Georgia. [redacted] also indicated that students were coming from Wiley College in Texas. U

[redacted] is reported to have advised [redacted] that the people of Jackson were taking this matter entirely too calmly, but that after May 26, 1961, they would have cause and reason to remember this date. She is reported to have instructed [redacted] to send the riders by private automobiles if he could. U

Information was also received that [redacted] had tried to get in touch with Reverend Martin Luther King at Atlanta and a [redacted] in Memphis, Tennessee. It was not known whether she was successful in reaching either of these men. U

The Jackson Police Department has advised our office of information received that two individuals who are members of the National Student Non-Violent Group at Tennessee A. and I. State University in Nashville, Tennessee, are also coming to Jackson, Mississippi. These individuals were identified as [redacted] and [redacted].

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The Jackson Police Department has made arrangements to control the courtroom at the hearing which will be afforded the freedom riders today. This Bureau has been advised that newsmen will be the only white persons admitted to the courtroom. Negroes will be allowed as spectators until the seats are filled. The police are not going to allow anyone in the parking lots or on private property near the courthouse. 4

The Police Department has asked the Mississippi Highway Patrol for assistance and has been assured that this will be given. The Vicksburg, Mississippi, Police Department is also giving assistance to the Jackson Police Department, and the Vicksburg police are sending their dogs to assist in maintaining order. 4

The Jackson, Mississippi, Police Department has advised the Mississippi Highway Patrol about the proposed arrival of additional individuals from Atlanta, Memphis and Nashville and the report that people appeared to be taking things too calmly in Jackson. 4

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Rosen *pal*

DATE: 5/22/61

FROM : C. L. McGowan *clm*

SUBJECT: FREEBUS

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At 11:52 p.m., 5/21/61, Mr. Rosen advised that he had just talked with [redacted] who seemed very satisfied with the situation. [redacted] had been in touch with Washington and they also seemed to be satisfied. *u*

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The Governor had stated he did not need any assistance, particularly the assistance of [redacted] men. *u*

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[redacted] of Public Safety and a National Academy man, has been in touch with [redacted] and they have developed a mutual respect. It was [redacted] who called the Governor and recommended the sending out of reserve forces which resulted in the Governor's declaration of martial law. *u*

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[redacted] has conducted himself in a fine manner throughout this difficult situation. He saved the life of [redacted] a Negro who was beaten by the mob at the Montgomery bus station, 5/20/61, and he has been making every effort to cooperate with the Federal Government in every possible way. *u*

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An Agent was maintaining liaison at state police headquarters until the Governor called [redacted] and said he did not need any assistance. The Agent was removed from state police headquarters but [redacted] is continuing to cooperate and is continuing to furnish us with information. *u*

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TO: PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY

My dear Mr. President:

You come of a large family and will understand this
problem among brothers:

One brother thumbs his nose at the others. A harmless,
disgusting little gesture, but recognized by them all
as a calculated insult. One brother considers it too
contemptible to notice. Another gets mad and socks him
one. The parents promptly discipline the fist-swinging
brother for disturbing the peace.

And, if they are wise parents, impartial as well as
peace-loving, they also reprimand and restrain the
nose-thumbing brother.

These "freedom riders" are a nose-thumbing brother.
Georgia shrugged and ignored them. Alabama has hit
them. You have asserted your authority.

The question now is: What kind of "parent" are you?

Respectfully yours

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The Attorney General

May 26, 1961

Director, FBI

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- 1 - Mr. Parsons
- 1 - Mr. Evans
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. McGowan
- 1 - Mr. Baumgardner
- 1 - Mr. LaPrade

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The following information concerning [redacted]

[redacted] New Jersey Communist Party, was supplied
by a source which has furnished reliable information in
the past. *u*

On May 22, 1961, [redacted] contacted the Congress
on Racial Equality (CORE) and the National Office of the
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
(NAACP) both in New York, New York, concerning the situation
in Alabama. [redacted] inquired of both as to what one could
do to help in Alabama, what specific demands had been made
of the Federal Government for action and whether the use
of Federal troops had been requested. *fx (x)*

[redacted] was informed at the CORE office that he
could write the President and commend him for taking prompt
action in meeting the situation and that the CORE did not
feel troops are necessary. *fx (x)*

At the office of the NAACP [redacted] was told the only
thing he could do at the present was to make a donation to
the NAACP as the immediate action on the part of the Attorney
General was adequate. [redacted] was told that nothing was known
about the NAACP having asked for Federal troops. *fx (x)*

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- 1 - Mr. Byron R. White
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- 1 - Assistant Attorney General
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FREEDOM RIDE, 1961

RACIAL MATTERS; DESTRUCTION OF
AIRCRAFT OR MOTOR VEHICLES; CIVIL RIGHTS

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[redacted] of the Civil Rights Division has advised that the Department is contemplating civil action against police officials in Jackson, Mississippi, to restrain them from interfering with interstate travel. This Bureau has been requested to interview two of the individuals who were arrested on May 24, 1961, in Jackson, Mississippi, as well as the chief of police. U

In connection with the civil action which is contemplated, the Bureau will interview [redacted] and [redacted] who are two of the individuals who were arrested at the bus station in Jackson, Mississippi, on May 24, 1961. These individuals will be interviewed to ascertain where they had purchased their bus tickets, the destination shown on their tickets, and the ultimate destination of the group. They will also be interviewed as to the details of the arrest and what they were doing when arrested. U

This Bureau has been requested to ascertain the names of the persons arrested as well as the arresting officers. Information has been requested as to the statutes or local ordinances under which the arrests were made. U

In addition the Bureau has been requested to obtain, if possible, a notarized statement or affidavit from an eye witness to the incident which occurred at the bus station on May 24, 1961, at Jackson. Information is also desired as to any public statements made by police officials regarding the recent arrests or their plan of action in the event additional freedom riders arrive in Jackson. U

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[redacted] also requested that the chief of police of Jackson, Mississippi, be specifically interviewed in an effort to ascertain what action he intends to take with regard to freedom riders who enter Jackson, Mississippi. *u*

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This confirms [redacted] request and information desired will be obtained as promptly as possible. *u*

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- 1 - Mr. Byron R. White
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- 1 - Assistant Attorney General
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Memorandum

TO : Mr. Parsons *JPR*

DATE: May 15, 1961

FROM : A. Rosen *RW*

SUBJECT: **CONGRESS OF RACIAL EQUALITY**
"FREEDOM RIDE 1961"
RACIAL MATTERS; DESTRUCTION OF
AIRCRAFT OR MOTOR VEHICLES

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With reference to captioned matter, the memorandum which was submitted on the morning of May 15, 1961, should have been submitted in sufficient time to have arrived in the Director's Office at 9:00 A. M. *U*

It is regretted that although steps were taken to have the memorandum prepared an unforeseen typing delay occurred. *U*

Appropriate arrangements have been made so that such a delay will not occur in the future. *U*

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Memorandum

TO : Mr. Parsons

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: CONGRESS OF RACIAL EQUALITY
"FREEDON RIDE 1961"
RACIAL MATTERS

DATE: May 15, 1961

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Two buses, a Trailways and a Greyhound, containing members of subject group, an organization attempting to integrate bus facilities and related public accommodations in the South, left Atlanta, Georgia, on May 14, 1961, enroute Birmingham, Alabama, with a fifteen minute stopover at Anniston, Alabama. Local authorities at Anniston were advised on May 13, 1961, both about the stopover and that members of a Klan group intended to gather and prevent the Negroes from using the bus station facilities. u

At Anniston, Alabama, a group from the U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, were at the bus station when the Greyhound bus arrived at 1:30 p.m. No members of the "Freedom Ride 1961" alighted from the bus. Several windows were broken and a tire was punctured. When the bus departed it was followed out of town approximately five miles and stopped. An incendiary bomb of some sort was tossed into the bus completely destroying it. All passengers were taken to the Anniston hospital for a checkup on burns and smoke inhalation. The United States Attorney William L. Longshore, Birmingham, has advised that burning of the Greyhound bus near Anniston is a violation of Title 18, Section 33, U. S. Code (Destruction of Motor Vehicle), and investigation is being expedited. u

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The second bus arrived at Trailways bus terminal May 14, 1961, Birmingham, Alabama, and violence erupted. A news reporter, Lake, of station WAPI, Birmingham, observed a Negro being beaten by a white man and several other persons being pushed around. Lake did not observe any police in the vicinity. Lake broadcasted, over his car radio, an appeal for someone to call the police. While doing so he was assaulted by two men. Lake of Lake's radio station called the Birmingham police and it is not known if this call summoned the police. u

- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. Evans
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach

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Re: CONGRESS OF RACIAL EQUALITY
"FREEDON RIDE 1961"

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police. When the police arrived [] pointed out one of his assailants to a Birmingham detective believed to be [] (phonetic). [] walked toward the assailant who jumped into a car and escaped. [] took the Georgia license number of this vehicle. u

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The identity of the owner of this vehicle has been ascertained and was furnished to Chief of Police [] Birmingham Police Department. u

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Two newspaper reporters were also pushed around by the mob. One white man, [] of subject organization, and a Negro were reportedly badly beaten. Approximately eight individuals took part in the beatings according to bystanders who furnished the information to [] u

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This Bureau has continuously kept the Birmingham Police Department advised of the plans of subject group to come to Birmingham on May 14, 1961, and in view of the indication received from Bureau informants that the [] would turn his back on klan violence the [] was warned on at least five occasions, April 27, 1961, May 8, 1961, twice on May 11, 1961, and May 13, 1961, concerning the plans of subject group to come to Birmingham and that groups hostile to integration were contemplating violence. u

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[] on May 13, 1961, at 9:30 p.m. advised SAC Thomas Jenkins, Birmingham, that he would not be in Birmingham on Sunday, May 14, 1961, since he was to attend a memorial service for his family outside the city. u

On the evening of May 14, 1961, Assistant Director Evans received a call from Deputy Attorney General Byron R. White. Mr. White indicated that he had received some inquiry from the White House on these incidents and would like to be furnished the details. u

ACTION

~~that attorney~~ letter be furnished to the Attorney General. u

The Attorney General

May 27, 1961

Director, FBI

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FREEDOM RIDE 1961

RACIAL MATTERS; DESTRUCTION OF
AIRCRAFT OR MOTOR VEHICLES; CIVIL RIGHTS

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Five of the freedom riders from Atlanta, Georgia, who were arrested at Montgomery, Alabama, on May 25, 1961, were released on \$1,000 bond each and have left Montgomery, Alabama, with destination indicated for New York City. U

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A witness has been located who observed [redacted] and [redacted] strike [redacted] during the incident at Montgomery on May 20, 1961. U

The twenty-seven freedom riders arrested in Jackson, Mississippi, were found guilty in Municipal Court on May 26, 1961, and each was fined \$200 and sentenced to 60 days in jail. The jail sentences have been suspended. A spokesman indicated these individuals desired to stay in jail to call attention to conditions in Mississippi and have not decided as to whether they want to appeal this conviction. U

The meeting of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) was held as scheduled on the evening of May 26, 1961, in Jackson and went off without incident. [redacted] for the NAACP in Meridian, Mississippi, ordered a resolution which stated that police protection was not any more than that afforded Khrushchev. [redacted] Tougaloo Southern Christian College, stated that "Some of us are disappointed by the Attorney General of the United States.... I would like to see the Attorney General enforce the Federal laws as effectively as the State of Mississippi enforces its segregation laws." U

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Information has been received that a meeting of the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan was held on the evening of May 26, 1961, in Bossier City, Louisiana, to formulate plans of action in the event freedom riders travel to Shreveport, U

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The Attorney General

Louisiana. It is reported that Klansmen intend to station themselves at the bus depot to keep any freedom riders who come to Shreveport from using white facilities. If freedom riders attempt to use these facilities, several of the Klansmen will be armed with equipment to discharge an irritant or mustard gas.

It has been reported that [redacted] b7C
[redacted], Miami Chapter, NAACP, stated that a group of freedom riders would enter Florida within a week. [redacted] made the observation that Tallahassee would be the major area for antisegregation effort this summer as they are finding greater resistance there than had been expected. [redacted] of Nashville, Tennessee, has reportedly requested that additional freedom riders be sent to Jackson, Mississippi.

MacDonald Gallion, Attorney General of the State of Alabama, at 6:00 p.m., Central Standard Time, May 26, 1961, read a statement over a television station in Mobile, Alabama, in which he requested President Kennedy to release to the public or authorities of Alabama the "full record" on James Peck of the freedom riders. Gallion inquired as to whether the President was aware of "James Douglas Peck as a communist associate and demonstrated enemy of America." Gallion stated he was making the inquiry in view of the fact that statements "from high administration officials including Attorney General Kennedy" indicate that the Congress of Racial Equality was encouraged in its trip to Alabama and offered safe conduct by the Federal Government. 4

It has been reported that William F. Thetford, Circuit Solicitor, Montgomery County, Alabama, released a statement to the press that the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, working with the National Guard and investigators of the State Department of Public Safety, have taken into custody six white boys, all seventeen years of age, in connection with the shooting of Reverend Solomon Seay, Sr. All but one of the boys had given statements that they were involved in the shooting of Reverend Seay. They stated that they had been firing shots indiscriminately at Negroes and shot Reverend Seay, not knowing his identity. One of the boys, John Warren Herring, is the son of A. L. Herring, Montgomery Police Department detective. The boys are to have a hearing before Judge Richard E. Emmett in juvenile court on June 8, 1961.

The Attorney General

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[redacted] of the Alabama
National Guard stated he is going to recommend to Governor
Patterson that the limited martial law be lifted Sunday
night if there is no violence on Saturday or Sunday of this
week end. U

- 1 - Mr. Byron E. White
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- 1 - Assistant Attorney General
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- 1 - Assistant Attorney General
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SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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UNSUBS, ET AL;
Burning of Greyhound Bus At
Anniston, Alabama, on 5/18/61,
Carrying Members of "Freedom Ride
1961" (CORE)
RACIAL MATTERS;
DESTRUCTION OF MOTOR VEHICLE;
CIVIL RIGHTS
(OO:BIRMINGHAM)

ReBHairtel to Baltimore, 5/18/61 (interoffice) and
NYtel to BH, 5/22/61 (interoffice). U

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[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were
interviewed at the offices of Congress of Racial Equality (CORE),
38 Park Row, NYC on 5/22/61. Results of interviews are set forth
in enclosed FD-302's, ten copies of each being forwarded to the
BH Office.

The following literature concerning "Freedom Ride,
1961" is enclosed for the information of the BH Office: U

Two yellow mimeographed sheets concerning "Freedom
Ride, 1961", and its itinerary.

List of "Freedom Ride, 1961 Participants".

Press release written by GENEVIEVE HUGHES, CORE
Field Secretary, dated 5/15/61.

- EX-116 REC-116
- 3 - Bureau (Encl. [REDACTED]) (RM)
 - 2 - Birmingham (149-16) (Encl. 24) (RM)
 - 1 - NY (100-79303) (CORE) (412)
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It is noted that the list of participants sets forth [redacted] of NY, National Director, CORE, and [redacted] of NY, National Officer, CORE. These individuals were not set forth in reBHairtel as among individuals to be interviewed from the NY area. U

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The above material was obtained from [redacted]
[redacted]

furnished names of the following individuals who boarded the "Freedom Ride" bus along the route: U

[redacted]
Boarded the Bus at Sumter, South Carolina

[redacted]
Boarded the bus in Georgia
(city not indicated)

[redacted]
Boarded in Georgia
(city not indicated)

[redacted]
Boarded the bus at Margaret, Alabama

[redacted] stated that [redacted] might be able to describe the type of incendiary thrown into the bus as he sat in the rear near where it fell. U

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No leads are being set forth by the NYO to interview the additional participants in the "Freedom Ride" tour, nor the additional riders who boarded the bus, along the route as furnished by [redacted] for the reason that the [redacted] does not have knowledge of individuals already interviewed in this case. U

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Special Agent in Charge

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 5/23/61

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[redacted] free-lance writer, [redacted]
[redacted] was interviewed at the offices of the
Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), 38 Park Row, New York City,
and furnished the following information: u

[redacted] could make no positive identifications
of any of the individuals shown in 13 photographs of mob scenes
at Anniston, Alabama, May 14, 1961. [redacted] could not
identify any individual breaking windows or slashing tires on
the Greyhound "Freedom Ride" bus, nor any individual placing a
bomb on the bus. [redacted] recalled that an unknown individual
attempted to push his way on the bus at Anniston, Alabama, and
was part of the group milling around the bus. He also shouted
"hysterical" insults and threats at the people on the bus. [redacted]
[redacted] described this individual as follows: u

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Sex	Male
Race	White
Height	5' 7"
Weight	170 pounds
Age	50 years
Build	Plump
Appearance	Was wearing white shirt and hat.

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[redacted] could not positively identify this individual
in any of the photographs exhibited to her, but thought that photo
of white male on photo "A", wearing plain white shirt, open collar,
light snap-brim hat with wide terraced band, might be identical
with the individual she described above. u

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[redacted] also thought that she heard the name "Roy"
called out among the group milling around the bus at Anniston,
Alabama. She could cite no particular act of violence perpetrated
by "Roy", nor could she describe him. u

On 5/22/61 at 38 Park Row New York File# NY149-429

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by SAS [redacted] and [redacted] Date Dictated 5/23/61
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (149-429)

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SUBJECT:

UNSUBS, ET AL;
 Burning of Greyhound Bus At
 Anniston, Alabama, on 5/14/61,
 Carrying Members of "Freedom Ride
 1961" (CORE)
 RACIAL MATTERS;
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ReBH airtel to Baltimore, 5/18/61 (interoffice);
 NY airtel to Bureau, 5/23/61, and NY teletype to Bureau,
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was interviewed evening of b7C
 5/25/61, at CORE, 38 Park Row, NYC. *u*

Results of interview set forth in enclosed FD-302, three
 copies for Bureau and ten copies for Birmingham. *u*

Returned herewith to Birmingham are 13 photographs
 forwarded in referenced Birmingham airtel. Unnumbered
 photograph "A" bears on reverse physical description of unknown
 white male number one who, in opinion of
 resembled an individual who attempted to push his way on the

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EX 104

- 3 - Bureau (Encl. 3) (RM)
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bus at Anniston, Alabama. [redacted] could make no positive identification of this photo. Interview with [redacted] is set forth in FD-302 dated 5/27/61, enclosed with referenced NY airtel, 5/23/61. U

Concerning [redacted] and [redacted] described as participants in Freedom Ride, 1961, neither of these individuals was at the mob scenes which are subjects of photographs enclosed. [redacted] was on second bus, a Trailways bus, and [redacted] had to abandon Freedom tour because of death in family. Latter information was furnished by [redacted] [redacted] CORE, NYC, 5/26/61. Accordingly, no interviews with [redacted] or [redacted] are contemplated by NYO. U

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 5/26/61

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[redacted] member of Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), 38 Park Row, New York City, could not identify any of the individuals shown in 13 photographs reflecting various mob scenes at Anniston, Alabama, on May 14, 1961. [redacted] cannot identify any individual breaking windows or slashing tires on the Greyhound "Freedom Ride" bus nor any individual placing a bomb on the bus. From his own recollection [redacted] described an unknown individual who participated in the mob scene at Anniston, Alabama. This individual did not appear in any of the photographs exhibited to [redacted]

[redacted] stated this individual was seen milling around the bus while it was detained at Anniston, Alabama, bus terminal on May 14, 1961. He was also observed riding as a passenger in a "hot rod". [redacted] described the "hot rod" as an old model, light-colored coupe and the unknown individual, whose description is set forth below, was riding in the middle, between two other individuals, whose descriptions [redacted] could not recall. The "hot rod" together with a pickup truck, appeared to be leading the way out of Anniston, Alabama, for the bus. [redacted] observed this individual in the "hot rod" pointing as if to direct the bus driver to a side street. [redacted] could not cite any particular act of violence perpetrated by this individual, whom he described as follows:

Sex	Male
Race	White
Age	25-30 years
Height	Not recalled - short in stature
Hair	Ashy-blond, flat top
Weight	About 150 pounds

[redacted] stated that an incendiary bomb of some kind was thrown into the bus through a broken window while it was parked on the outskirts of Anniston. [redacted] related that he saw red sparks when the bomb was thrown and it is his opinion that it was a magnesium bomb because of the heat it generated and because it burned so rapidly. [redacted] did not see the individual who threw the bomb into the bus.

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On 5/25/61 at 38 Park Row, NYC File # NY 149-429
by SAS [redacted] and [redacted] Date Dictated 5/26/61

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Parsons

DATE: May 17, 1961

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: CONGRESS OF RACIAL EQUALITY
"FREEDOM RIDE 1961"
RACIAL MATTERS; DESTRUCTION OF
AIRCRAFT OR MOTOR VEHICLES8-9-96 SSA9803RDD/CAL
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_____ states he was sent to New Orleans because the Attorney General felt his presence might prevent violence. U

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Xavier University authorities are not concerned over bomb threats but have added another night watchman and police are alert to prevent vandalism. U

New Orleans Police are covering open meeting of Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) 5/17/61 to maintain law and order. U

Birmingham Police have made three arrests based on identifications from photograph taken of bus depot disorder on 5/14/61. U

A klan informant has identified some of those who participated in bus depot disorder and has indicated that at least three Birmingham Policemen condoned the disorder. U

_____ who attempted to maintain order when victims were receiving hospital treatment at Anniston, has received threatening calls. U

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Alabama Highway Patrolmen who were at the scene of the bus burning and the state investigator who was on the bus state they can identify no subjects. U

ACTION:

(1) We are continuing to vigorously press this matter. U

Press vigorously

(2) A memorandum is being prepared to advise the Attorney General of current developments. U

- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Evans

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DETAILS

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[redacted] appeared at the New Orleans Office 5/16/61. He stated that he had been sent to New Orleans by the Attorney General who felt that the presence of a representative from the Department of Justice might prevent any violence. u

[redacted] said that he did not know how long he would stay but that he would possibly be there until the "Freedom Riders" leave New Orleans. b7C
Seigenthaler related that on the flight from Birmingham to New Orleans, the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) group was accompanied by [redacted] of the New York "Afro-American," [redacted] representing "Jet" and "Ebony," and [redacted] a photographer for "Jet" and "Ebony." [redacted] has also advised that half a dozen bomb threats have been received at Xavier University where some of the "Freedom Riders" are staying. u

Authorities at Xavier University are not concerned regarding the bomb threats but they do fear the possibility of vandalism and have added an additional watchman. The New Orleans Police are cognizant of the bomb threats and are alert for any possible attempted vandalism at the University. u

The "Freedom Riders" are to hold an open meeting on the evening of 5/17/61 at the new Zion Baptist Church. The New Orleans PD will have two marked cars outside the church and plain-clothes men will be inside. Other units will be in the area on a stand-by basis to preserve law and order. u

The CORE group held a press conference at a Xavier University dormitory 5/16/61 at which it was indicated that the meeting being held on 5/17/61 will be in commemoration of the seventh anniversary of the Supreme Court decision which declared segregation in public schools to be unconstitutional. It was also indicated they will leave for their homes after the meeting. u

The Citizens Council of Greater New Orleans held a public meeting in the Municipal Auditorium on the evening of 5/16/61. Attendance was estimated at less than 800. The principal speaker was Hugh G. Grant who was identified as an attorney from Augusta, Georgia, and a former employee of the U. S. Department u

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of State. Grant stated that he was reiterating a statement he made in 1956 to the effect that there is a war in the United States. The war was described as a racial revolution which involves our whole social structure and which revolution is spearheaded by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) whose leaders seek to mongrelize the people. Grant alleged that this racial revolution is aided and abetted by communist subversive tactics. He referred to CORE as a New York organization and alluded to a school operated by CORE in Miami which teaches delegates the technique of "what is now going on in Alabama." Grant expressed the opinion that communism is behind the CORE activities and said that racial integration resistance forces must be better geared financially and all resistance groups should be coordinated by a central planning committee. Grant's speech appeared to drag and it was estimated that approximately 100 people left the auditorium before he finished. U

Do we know anything about this school?
A photograph which was taken during the action at the Trailways bus terminal in Birmingham on 5/14/61 appeared in the Birmingham "News and Post Herald," 5/15/61. Extensive efforts are being made to identify those who appeared in the photograph. U

On 5/16/61 the Birmingham PD arrested [redacted] of Alton, Alabama, and identified him as one of the individuals appearing in the photograph. [redacted] was charged with assault with intent to murder and grand larceny. [redacted] father was also arrested and charged with disorderly conduct. The father also appeared in the photograph. U

On 5/16/61 the Birmingham Police also arrested [redacted] who is shown in the news photograph as holding a stick or a piece of pipe. U

The photograph also pictured a man bending over [redacted] one of the "Freedom Riders" who was beaten and required hospitalization. The Birmingham PD has identified the individual pictured as leaning over [redacted] as being [redacted] of Tarrant, Alabama. Bureau Agents are attempting to locate [redacted] or interview. U

It was previously reported that a Negro was severely beaten in a clash between klansmen and Negroes which occurred in the vicinity of the bus station 5/14/61 and that the Negro was taken away in a car by four klansmen. U

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[redacted] advised that he does not know of any Negroes who are missing as a result of the incident at the bus station. U

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One individual appearing in the photograph published in the newspaper has been identified as [redacted] Vandiver, Alabama. [redacted] has been interviewed and stated that he merely went to the bus depot to use the rest room. Upon leaving the rest room he was kicked in the chest by a Negro who was scuffling with white men outside the rest room door. He states the photograph was taken a few seconds after this occurred. [redacted] denied knowledge of any planned disturbance and denied knowledge of the identity of others who appear in the photograph. U

[redacted] stated that he was at the Trailways bus terminal in the company of four other men who obtained film from persons who had taken photographs of the disturbance. The informant alleged that the film was given peacefully and without incident. [redacted] and [redacted] then ran from the area behind the depot and continued toward the Greyhound bus depot. They passed [redacted] a Birmingham detective, and a policeman named [redacted] smiled and shook his head as the group ran by. The informant also advised that on the evening of [redacted]

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The informant stated that he, [redacted] and [redacted] had been involved in the incident concerning [redacted] news director for a television station who was accosted by the mob when he was sitting in his car broadcasting a description of events occurring in the vicinity of the bus station. The informant denied that any blows had been struck against [redacted] U

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[redacted] of the Birmingham PD contacted the informant [redacted] one broken camera at the bus depot had contained a photograph which was subsequently published in the Birmingham "News and Post Herald." The informant told [redacted] that the only individuals he could identify in the photograph were [redacted] and [redacted] all of whom are klansmen. [redacted] replied that if [redacted] of the National States Rights Party (NSRP) and his men were involved in the incident that the PD would handle it. U

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On 5/15/61 [redacted] Alabama Knights, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., advised the informant that he had gone to the Birmingham airport to see the CORE leave. He said that he wanted to see their reaction after the bomb scare. U

At Anniston, Alabama, [redacted] who previously described the manner in which the bus was burned, failed to identify photographs of mob members. She said that she is somewhat fearful of her position as she had told other individuals near the scene and in the neighborhood immediately following the burning of the bus that she saw the bomb placed. [redacted] advised that she believes she is doing the right thing but that she is in sympathy with the demonstrators because she feels that the Negroes had no right to come into Alabama. U

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[redacted] at the Anniston Memorial Hospital who attempted to maintain order at the hospital when the victims of the bus burning were brought there for treatment, received two threatening telephone calls on 5/15/61. In each instance the anonymous caller stated "You nigger lover, I'm gonna kill you." [redacted] had previously been informed by [redacted] a klan member, that someone was going to get in touch with him apparently because he had forced a white man out of the emergency room at the hospital during the confusion. [redacted] allegedly told [redacted] that he had asked the men not to do anything until he talked to [redacted] himself. U

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Alabama Highway Patrol officers who were at the scene of the bus burning have been interviewed. They claim that they did not observe the throwing of the fire bomb and did not observe anyone damaging the bus. They claimed that they did not know the names of those in the mob who were causing trouble. U

[redacted] a state investigator who was on the Greyhound bus advised that he stationed himself in the doorway of the bus to prevent angry white men from entering. After the bus was set on fire he kept the bus passengers together outside and kept himself between them and the mobsters. [redacted] said he was too excited to notice descriptions or appearances of individuals in the mob. He stated that he was unable to identify anyone present at the burning of the bus except two Alabama Highway Patrolmen. U

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Rosen *Rdw*

DATE: 5/26/61

FROM : C. L. McGowan *CLM*

SUBJECT: FREEBUS

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In accordance with the telephonic request of Attorney J. L. Murphy of the Civil Rights Division on 5/21/61, available information concerning possible subjects in the Alabama bus violence situation was reviewed both by the Bureau and by the Birmingham Office. A digest of available information at that time was prepared on each suspect and one copy of each of the 34 memoranda was hand delivered to Attorney Murphy in the Attorney General's office on the evening of 5/21/61; eight additional memoranda were furnished to Attorney Murphy on 5/22/61. Thirty-two separate individuals are named in these memoranda. The original of the memoranda furnished to Attorney Murphy are attached. *U*

Based on information contained in the attached memoranda, four of the suspects were charged with violations of Section 33, Title 18, U. S. Code on 5/22/61 and were apprehended by Bureau Agents. These suspects are and *U*

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The above is for information. *U*

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SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; Deputy Sheriffs, Jefferson
County, Alabama

INCIDENT: It has been reported that Reverend Fred L.
Shuttlesworth was arrested on the afternoon of
May 19, 1961, by deputies from the Jefferson
County sheriff's office and charged with two
counts of inciting breach of the peace.

SOURCE: This incident was first noticed in the newspaper.
Shuttlesworth has since been interviewed in this
regard. He states that the two sheriff's deputies
were also accompanied at the time of his arrest
by Birmingham City detective and a Birmingham
City uniformed officer.

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ENCLOSURE

100-225872-3

**SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED SUBJECTS
BIRMINGHAM POLICE OFFICERS**

INCIDENT: At around 12 noon on May 17, 1961, a greyhound bus arrived at the Birmingham terminal with the "Freedom Riders." The terminal restaurant was closed at the request of police officers according to Greyhound officials.

SOURCE:

[Redacted Source Information]

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SUBJECT:

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INCIDENT:

[REDACTED] Radio Station WAPI,
Birmingham, was attacked outside the Trailways bus station and
damage was performed to his car. [REDACTED] advised two of the men who
approached him at his car got into a green and white Mercury,
Georgia license [REDACTED]

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This car is registered to subject. [REDACTED] on interview
denied that either he or his car was in Alabama on 5/14/61. Refused
to make statement that he was in Anniston or whether or not he followed
the Trailways bus to Birmingham. He states he was in possession of
his car all day Sunday 5/14/61.

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WITNESSES:

[REDACTED]

Radio Station WAPI, Birmingham.

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[REDACTED]

Birmingham Police Department.

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[REDACTED] furnished the license number of the above Mercury
to a detective of the Birmingham Police Department whom he believed
to be [REDACTED] phonetic. It is believed this could probably be [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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INCIDENT: Beating of Negro man at Greyhound Bus Terminal,
Montgomery, Alabama, on May 20, 1961.

WITNESS: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] a free-lance photographer from
Anniston, Alabama, has tentatively identified an
individual appearing in a photograph (UPI wire
photo number [REDACTED] of a Negro man on the
ground with a man in overalls and cap standing
over him. [REDACTED] tentatively identified
[REDACTED] as a man in the background of the
photograph wearing glasses and a straw hat.
Although [REDACTED] was not present at the
scene in Montgomery, he is acquainted with
[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
Anniston, Alabama

INCIDENT:

Prior to the Greyhound bus arriving at Anniston^{b7C}, Alabama, 5/14/61 stated to [REDACTED] Anniston Radio Station WDNG. "We want you all to stay off the air bub. Give us about 20 minutes. That's all we need." [REDACTED] was also observed at the scene of the bus burning and again mentioned to [REDACTED] to stay off the air.

WITNESSES:

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[REDACTED] Anniston Radio
Station WDNG.

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SUBJECT:

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INCIDENT:

WITNESSES:

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[REDACTED] Anniston Police Department Detective, personally acquainted with [REDACTED] recalls that at the bus terminal [REDACTED] made numerous comments to persons inside the bus and comments included, "Nigger Lovers." Also recalled [REDACTED] directing comment to uniformed officer "I thought you were a damn white man." He has been identified as [REDACTED] in photograph by [REDACTED]. He also has been identified by voice as person who called Radio Station WDNG on three occasions on 5-15-61 using three different fictitious names and expressing views on 5-14-61 incident. This tape recorded. [REDACTED] says that is the man.

[REDACTED] says [REDACTED] was in photographs at bus burning scene within free view of door of bus. On 5-16-61 [REDACTED] made statement he had printed up 1000 copies of mimeograph form "Hate Sheet," which is a poem describing corps riders. FBI has copy.

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✓ SUBJECT: EUGENE "BULL" CONNOR

INCIDENT: It has been reported that about midnight or early morning on May 19, 1961, the Freedom Riders were approached in Birmingham City Jail by Police Commissioner Eugene "Bull" Connor accompanied by detectives and two newsmen. According to newspaper sources, Connor told the Riders "My name is Eugene 'Bull' Connor. I am Police Commissioner for the City of Birmingham You people came in here from Tennessee on a bus. I'm taking you back to Tennessee in five minutes under police protection. Yesterday if it hadn't been for police, someone would have been injured. We don't like this in Birmingham." One of the girls then said to Connor, "Do you mean to say you are taking us back without our consent?" Connor replied, "Yes, and if you argue, I'll have no course but to turn you loose now." According to the newspaper, Connor accepted sole responsibility for this move stating that it was the only way for police to protect the Riders and the citizens of Birmingham in view of the stand taken by the Riders. Seven of the Riders were then loaded in a limousine and transported with police escort to the Tennessee State line where they were discharged. Connor allegedly stated to them, "There's the Tennessee line, cross it and save this state and yourself a lot of trouble."

SOURCE: Newspaper account.

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SUBJECT: EUGENE "BULL" CONNOR

INCIDENT: It has been reported that Birmingham Police Commissioner Eugene "Bull" Connor was contacted by Attorney L. W. Holt on May 17, 1961. Holt wanted to see his alleged clients in jail. Connor refused such permission stating he did not know Holt and would not permit Holt to see the group on his representation that he was an attorney.

SOURCE: Holt called the Birmingham Office re this and Connor told an FBI Agent the reason for his declination.

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SUBJECT:

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INCIDENT:

Identified by a confidential Bureau informant in the photograph taken of the mob scene at Trailways station on 5/14/61.

WITNESSES:

Confidential Bureau informant.

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SUBJECT:



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INCIDENT:

Identified as driver of 1961 Ford pick-up truck, Alabama license number [redacted] which delayed bus and he admitted going along in front of bus.

WITNESSES:

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[redacted] Greyhound
Bus Company, Atlanta, Georgia.

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SUBJECT:

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INCIDENT:

Is alleged to have laid in front of the Greyhound bus at Anniston delaying it and later smashed a bus window with a crowbar at the scene of the burning.

WITNESSES:

[REDACTED] Anniston Radio
Station WDNG. Tentative identification from a photograph.

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[REDACTED] Radio Station WDNG, Anniston.
Tentative identification from photograph.

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SUBJECT:

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[REDACTED]
(He admits he is the person on the pavement in the photograph. He is unemployed.)

INCIDENT:

Blocking bus by reclining on pavement at Anniston.
Person smashing window at scene of burning.

WITNESSES:

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On interview he stated he felt an epileptic seizure coming on as reason for laying down on pavement.

[REDACTED] Radio Station WDNG, identified the person who lay on pavement in front of bus as one who smashed window at scene of burning.

[REDACTED] personally observed [REDACTED] and identified him as individual who laid on pavement and later broke window of bus with crowbar.

[REDACTED] observed window struck by crowbar at scene of burning; however, [REDACTED] photograph has not been shown to her.

[REDACTED] identified [REDACTED] as man on ground in front of bus.

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INCIDENT:

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Was part of the mob at the Trailways bus station. Photograph taken by [redacted] "Birmingham News." Interviewed by FBI and he denied activity. Beat up [redacted] 71-year-old Negro one block from Trailways bus station.

WITNESSES:

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"Birmingham News."

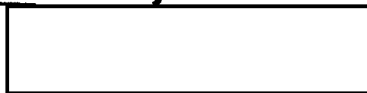
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[redacted] Negro, companion of [redacted] Identified photograph as person hitting [redacted]

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SUBJECT:



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INCIDENT:

He is a klansman who was to lead a group of klansmen at the bus station in Birmingham when the freedom riders came to Birmingham.

WITNESSES:

Confidential Bureau Informant.

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ENCLOSURE

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SUBJECT:

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[redacted]

Irondale, Alabama

INCIDENT:

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[redacted] was interviewed at the Carraway Hospital, Birmingham, by [redacted] "Birmingham News." [redacted] said [redacted] admits being present at the Trailways bus station and being hit on the head. He received seven stitches for a wound.

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A confidential Bureau informant has advised that [redacted] is a member of Eastview Klavern #13, Alabama Knights, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc.

WITNESSES:

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[redacted]

"Birmingham News."

A confidential Bureau informant concerning klan membership.

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[Redacted]

INCIDENT:

Was very active in mob at the burning of the bus.
He assisted two or three others to hold the bus door closed
after the incendiary bomb was thrown into the bus.

WITNESSES:

[Redacted]

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[Redacted]

Alabama Highway Patrol. b7C

NOTE: [Redacted] overheard [Redacted] call [Redacted] by
name as he pulled [Redacted] away from the bus. [Redacted]
has been interviewed and advised that he cannot identify [Redacted]
A photograph is available of [Redacted] standing directly in front
of [Redacted]

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ENCLOSURE

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SUBJECT:

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INCIDENT:

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Attacked [REDACTED] in Trailways bus station 5/14/61.
Photograph taken by [REDACTED] "Birmingham News" shows
photo of [REDACTED] with a pipe or club raised by his head.

WITNESSES:

Photograph taken by [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] "Birmingham News" identified [REDACTED] in
Birmingham Police Department line-up. b7C

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Note; [REDACTED] has been charged with assault with intent to murder
by the Birmingham Police Department.

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SUBJECT:

JESSE OLIVER FAGGARD

INCIDENT:

Was part of the mob at the Trailways bus station, Birmingham, Alabama. He has admitted being a Ku Klux Klan member and that he received a summons to the Trailways bus station. His photograph was obtained and published in "Birmingham News." He is standing over James Peck member of Congress of Racial Equality being beaten by the mob with a clenched fist.

WITNESSES:

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[REDACTED] "Birmingham News."

Note;

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[REDACTED] arrested by Birmingham Police Department and charged with assault with intent to murder and grand larceny.

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[REDACTED]

Birmingham, Alabama

INCIDENT:

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He advised [REDACTED] television announcer, prior to the mob action at the Trailways bus station in Birmingham, Alabama, on 5/14/61 and mentioned that the CORE delegation was due to arrive in Birmingham. [REDACTED] stated that there was going to be some action at the Greyhound bus station this p. m. (5/14/61) [REDACTED] furnished the name of [REDACTED] whom he said was a Grand Titan of a local klan group.

WITNESSES:

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[REDACTED] television announcer.

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SUBJECT:

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Birmingham, Alabama

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INCIDENT:

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[redacted] was observed in the mob scene at the Trailways bus station by a confidential Bureau informant. Robert Shelton, Imperial Wizard, Alabama Knights, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., identified [redacted] later to the confidential informant. [redacted] advised a confidential informant that [redacted] and [redacted] were at the bus station. One [redacted] was identified by the same confidential informant as the man who grabbed a Negro in the bus station at which time [redacted] said "Get that son of a bitch."

WITNESSES:

A confidential Bureau informant as to the presence of [redacted] at the bus station and that Robert Shelton identified this man as [redacted]

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The same confidential informant that [redacted] grabbed a Negro at the bus station where upon [redacted] shouted "Get that son of a bitch."

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[redacted] Birmingham Police Department, that [redacted] was at the bus station.

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

BIRMINGHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENT: According to newspaper sources, on May 17, 1961, the subject approached the Freedom Riders in the Greyhound terminal in Birmingham. He told them that the police department "cannot be responsible for the safety of any of you if you leave the bus station." He also allegedly told Reverend Fred L. Shuttlesworth "We will see that you get on the bus but that is all."

SOURCE: Newspaper.

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SUBJECT: BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, POLICE OFFICERS

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INCIDENT: On May 17, 1961, "Freedom Riders" James William Zwerg and Paul Edward Brooks were arrested by the subjects in North Birmingham. The officers had allegedly boarded the Greyhound bus in which the "Freedom Riders" were proceeding to Birmingham to learn their plans and to arrange for their protection. Zwerg and Brooks refused to move together to one section of the bus and were charged with refusing to obey the command of an officer. They were tried and convicted on May 19, 1961. 4

SOURCE: Newspapers.

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ENCLOSURE

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SUBJECT:

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[REDACTED]
Bessemer, Alabama

INCIDENT:

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Tentatively identified as being in the mob at the Trailways bus station by a confidential Bureau informant. Informant identified photograph of [REDACTED] appearing in the mob scene at the Trailways bus station.

WITNESSES:

Confidential Bureau informant.

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A confidential Bureau informant. One [REDACTED] Klansman at Gadsden, Alabama, told confidential Bureau informant that the photograph published in the paper was [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT:



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INCIDENT:

He is a klansman who was to lead a group of klansmen at the bus station in Birmingham when the freedom riders came to Birmingham.

WITNESSES:

Confidential Bureau Informant.

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SUBJECT:

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[REDACTED]

INCIDENT:

Has been identified by a confidential Bureau informant in the photograph taken of the mob scene at the Trailways bus. The photograph was taken by [REDACTED] Birmingham News.

[REDACTED] was involved in the attack upon [REDACTED] and performed damage to his automobile.

WITNESSES:

[REDACTED] Birmingham News, a confidential Bureau informant, concerning presence in the mob and damage to [REDACTED] automobile.

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SUBJECT:

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(Maintenance man at these apartments)

INCIDENT:

Breaking window of bus at terminal.

WITNESSES:

He admits being in photograph at bus terminal, adjacent to bus door wearing sunglasses. He also admits picking up log chain at scene of bus burning. He declined to talk re identity of anyone at bus station or at bus burning.

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Identified by [redacted] as being at bus depot in rear of bus on right side, standing with log chain in hand. [redacted] turned his head, he heard a crash, when he looked back and saw window broken [redacted] was walking away.

[redacted] high school senior, Anniston. Identified photograph of [redacted] as man seen by him at bus burning scene. When [redacted] heard crash he looked up in time to see chain held by man backing away from bus.

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[redacted] tentatively identified photograph of man standing directly adjacent to bus as [redacted]

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A deceased Bureau informant has identified [redacted] as identical with an officer in the Anniston Klavern.

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SUBJECT:

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[REDACTED]

INCIDENT:

Placing bomb on bus.

WITNESSES:

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[REDACTED] a reluctant witness. Wife of State Investigator [REDACTED] Both from photograph and in person identified as person who put bomb on bus. States she is "pretty sure" and it is felt this statement made due to her reluctance to testify.

[REDACTED] (a subject) advised Agents [REDACTED] accompanied him in 1934 white souped up coupe and they drove in front of bus at slow rate and says he may have pulled to left as bus tried to pass.

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[REDACTED] on interview refused to furnish any information other than description. Refused to pose for or furnish photograph. Told Agents to see his lawyer.

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Girlfriend of [REDACTED] who is the son of the operator [REDACTED] where the bus burned, on interview by Atlanta Agents advised she was with [REDACTED] during burning and on later interview changed her story. Her name is [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] son of the owner of [REDACTED] denied having seen man put the bomb on bus; however, he was at scene, took photographs and admitted deliberately destroying photographs.

[REDACTED] former wife of [REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] told her that he is a member of the KKK and he has also been identified by confidential informant as a Klan member and has attended meetings.

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101-255892-2

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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INCIDENT: Beating of a Negro on sidewalk encircling Federal building, Montgomery, Alabama, in connection with arrival of Greyhound bus at Greyhound Bus Depot, Montgomery, Alabama, approximately 10:20 a.m., May 20, 1961.

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WITNESSES: [REDACTED] Departmental Attorney, has positively identified [REDACTED] as the person who beat and encouraged others to beat the above-mentioned Negro victim.

An Alcohol, Tobacco and Tax Division Agent, who observed the above incident from a building across the street, identified [REDACTED] as one of the participants.

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SUBJECT:



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INCIDENT:

He is a klansman who was to lead a group of klansmen at the bus station in Birmingham when the freedom riders came to Birmingham.

WITNESSES:

Confidential Bureau Informant.

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SUBJECT:

[REDACTED]

(cab driver)

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INCIDENT:

Breaking window on bus.

WITNESSES:

Identified himself in photograph. He admits being at bus station and at scene of burning. He denies inflicting any damage.

Positively identified by [REDACTED] from b7C photograph exhibited. Photograph was at scene of burning.

[REDACTED] STATED A one-armed cab driver, said he seemed to be mighty busy moving around but didn't offer any assistance.

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On interview on May 20, 1961, [REDACTED] stated "I know I am in the middle but afraid to talk for fear of the life of my wife and child." He attended Klan meeting held Thursday night, May 18, 1961.

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SUBJECT:

~~ROBERT SHELTON~~
Imperial Wizard
Alabama Knights
Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Incorporated

INCIDENT:

At meeting of Tuscaloosa Klavern 5/9/61 mentioned that plans were being made to push the sit-ins and freedomriders at Montgomery and Gadsden, Alabama, and that it was up to all locations of the klan to help.

WITNESSES:

Confidential Bureau Informant.

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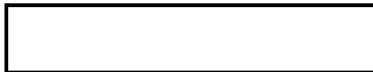
SUBJECT:

ROBERT SHELTON
Imperial Wizard
Alabama Knights
Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Incorporated

INCIDENT:

Was observed riding around the Greyhound and Trailways bus stations on 5/14/61 about the time the Trailways bus was coming into the station.

WITNESSES:



"Birmingham News."

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A confidential Bureau informant.

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SUBJECT:



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INCIDENT:

A confidential Bureau informant has identified him as a member of Eastview Klavern #13, Alabama Knights, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., and also identifies Stewart as being in the photograph taken of the mob scene at the Trailways bus station, 5/14/61.

The Birmingham Police Department believed the individual in the photograph to be [redacted] Witnesses were not able to identify Hall for the Birmingham Police Department.

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WITNESSES:

Confidential Bureau informant.

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SUBJECT:

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Atlanta, Georgia

INCIDENT:

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A crippled man was observed in the company of [redacted]
[redacted] at the Trailways bus station in Birmingham on 5/14/61 when the
mob attacked [redacted] This man was later identified to
the informant by [redacted] Birmingham Police Department
as [redacted]

WITNESSES:

A confidential Bureau informant.

[redacted]

Birmingham Police Department.

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Robert Shelton advised the same confidential informant
that [redacted] was at the bus station. He possibly also knew that [redacted]
was at the bus station.

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SUBJECT:



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INCIDENT:

He is a klansman who was to lead a group of klansmen at the bus station in Birmingham when the freedom riders came to Birmingham.

WITNESSES:

Confidential Bureau Informant.

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SUBJECT:

[REDACTED]

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INCIDENT:

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[REDACTED] was identified by a confidential Bureau informant as a man who grabbed a Negro in the Trailways bus station 5/14/61. According to this informant immediately thereafter [REDACTED] stated "Get that son of a bitch."

WITNESSES:

A confidential Bureau informant.

[REDACTED]

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SUBJECT:

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INCIDENT:

He is a klansman who was to lead a group of klansmen at the bus station in Birmingham when the freedom riders came to Birmingham.

WITNESSES:

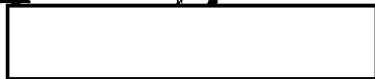
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SUBJECT:



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INCIDENT:

He is a klansman who was to lead a group of klansmen at the bus station in Birmingham when the freedom riders came to Birmingham.

WITNESSES:

Confidential Bureau Informant.

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INCIDENT:

He is a klansman who was to lead a group of klansmen at the bus station in Birmingham, when the freedom riders came to Birmingham.

WITNESSES:

Confidential Bureau Informant.

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SUBJECT:

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[REDACTED]
Gadsden, Alabama

INCIDENT:

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[REDACTED] was identified as being in Birmingham on 5/14/61.

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[REDACTED]
told Agents that [REDACTED] came from his house, then went to the Redmond Hotel where [REDACTED] checked out and then went to the bus station allegedly to catch a bus for Gadsden. He intended leaving his car with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] later decided allegedly to get his car and drive back to Gadsden. u

WITNESSES:

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A confidential Bureau informant that [REDACTED] was in Birmingham 5/14/61.

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[REDACTED] that [REDACTED] went to the bus station allegedly to catch a bus for Gadsden and then returned to the home of [REDACTED] and drove his personal car to Gadsden.

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SUBJECT:

[Redacted]

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INCIDENT:

Observed a Greyhound bus trying to pass a white car near
Anniston, Alabama, 5/14/61.

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WITNESSES:

[Redacted]

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SUBJECT:



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INCIDENT:

Delayed bus. Owner and operator of 1934 white souped-up Ford, identified as being at Forsyth's.

WITNESSES:



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 "Afro-American" newspaper, traveling with Congress of Racial Equality observed white Ford coupe met bus coming into Anniston following bus to bus station. After left bus station observed same one in front of bus. Attempted to slow it down. License  This license issued to 

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UNITED STATES

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Rosen *Reh*

DATE: 5/26/61

FROM : Mr. McGowan *McGowan*

SUBJECT: FREEBUS

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Two photographs requested by [redacted]
 Department of Justice, were delivered to him by SA [redacted]
 at 12:45 p.m., May 26. *u*

[redacted] requested that an agent of the Atlanta Office
 meet him at the Atlanta Airport. He will be on Delta Airlines,
 flight 723, leaving Washington National Airport at 4:23 p.m.,
 EDTST and arriving at Atlanta, Ga., 5:38 p.m. *u*

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[redacted] requested the Bureau to have the following
 investigation conducted: [redacted] a student at Morehouse
 College, Atlanta, Ga., was a rider on the bus involved in the
 incident at Anniston, Alabama. [redacted] who observed the two
 above-mentioned photographs advised that the unidentified man in
 the photographs was in the bus station in Anniston, Alabama. The
 pictures were taken of the man when he got off of ~~the~~ bus in
 Cedartown, Ga. [redacted] stated that the Department requested this
 Bureau to attempt to identify the unknown man in the picture *u*

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The above information was given to ASAC Harrison of the
 Atlanta Office at 2:30 p.m., EDTST. ASAC Harrison was instructed to
 make arrangements for an agent of the Atlanta Office to meet
 Owen to obtain the pictures. He was told to instruct the agent
 to ascertain if [redacted] had any additional request re these pictures *u*

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UNITED STATES

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TO : Mr. Rosen

DATE: 5-26-61

FROM : C. L. McGowan

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ASAC Tom Jordan of the Mobile Office advised that the Attorney General of Alabama, MacDonald Gallion, wrote a lengthy letter to the President asking for criminal records of the "Freedom Riders", including that of James Douglas Peck whom the letter indicates has communist associations or connections. Gallion will read the letter on Channel 5, TV, in Mobile at 6:00 p.m. local time tonight. The Mobile newspaper refused to print the letter, considering it libelous. *u*

ACTION

ASAC Jordan was instructed to send the text of the letter by teletype tonight. He had obtained same through a source of the office. *u*

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TO : Mr. Parsons

DATE: 5-26-61

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: FREEBUS

SAC Jenkins, Birmingham, advised that telephone records concerning the individuals involved in the Anniston and Birmingham affairs are being checked at Anniston, Gadsden, and Talladega, Alabama, on a confidential basis. If the information received from the check of these telephone records is to be used in court, a subpoena must be used for the records *u*

SAC Jenkins advised that no information concerning telephone calls would be available at Birmingham, Alabama, without a subpoena being used for such information. SAC Jenkins advised that he had learned that John Doar, Departmental Attorney, had indicated that Assistant Attorney General Burke Marshall of the Civil Rights Division, might be able to do something concerning the records in Birmingham. Mr. Marshall was called concerning this matter and he advised that he had no special contacts but that he was desirous of doing anything possible to get this information. He appreciated being advised of conditions that existed in Birmingham and that he intended to try and take some steps in order to have the information made available. *u*

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. McGowan *DM*

DATE: 5/27/61

FROM : J. G. Kelly *JGK*SUBJECT: CONGRESS OF RACIAL EQUALITY —
FREEDOM RIDERS - JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI
CIVIL RIGHTS *JHE-6 SK*

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ASAC Sylvester at Jackson, Mississippi, was advised at 5:55 p. m. on 5/27/61, that New Orleans report of 5/26/61, on this matter had been furnished to the Department and he should disseminate his copy to USA marked attention Attorney Jerry Heilbron, Departmental Attorney, who is leaving Monday morning for Jackson to file the action against the Jackson, Mississippi Police. *U*

ASAC Sylvester added that twenty-four Agents are leaving Jackson today and that the twelve New Orleans Agents should be in a position to leave tomorrow if they can get in all of their dictation by tomorrow morning. *U*

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1 - Mr. Gurley

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May 29, 1961

[Redacted]
U. S. Army Reserve (Retired)

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Dear [Redacted]

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I have received your letter dated May 18, 1961,
and the interest which prompted your communicating with me
is appreciated. U

Although I would like to be of assistance, a
regulation of the Department of Justice prohibits the
disclosure of information in our files to other than
appropriate agencies in the executive branch of the Federal
Government. However, you should not infer that our files
do or do not contain the information you desire. U

For your information, the film, "Operation
Abolition," was prepared and distributed by the Un-American
Activities Committee, United States House of Representatives,
and the FBI had nothing to do with its preparation and
release. U

Communism is indeed a threat to the freedoms we
enjoy in this country. If we are to effectively combat
this evil conspiracy, it is imperative that all citizens of
this Nation endeavor to exhibit in more positive ways the
value and superiority of our form of government over any
foreign ideology. U

In view of your interest in the internal security
of the United States, I am enclosing two items of literature
which you may like to read. U

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
F. B. I. Director
Washington, D. C.

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DATE 1/8/79 BY SP/KST/fm
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Dear Sir:

A small group of men and women here in Ames, Iowa, have been sponsoring the showing of the films "Communism on the Map" and "Operation Abolition". In response to these films, a group which calls themselves a "Committee on Racial Equality" and their subsidiary "The Student Committee on Racial Equality" have taken strong exception and voice objections to the showing of the films in the community and the material presented in the films. They have also voiced opinions that the House Committee on Un-American Activities should be abolished.

My question to you, Sir, is: "Has the Committee on Racial Equality and their subsidiary, The Student Committee on Racial Equality been investigated to determine whether or not they are a Communist front organization?" If they have been investigated, I would appreciate being informed what the results of the investigation disclosed.

In the film "Operation Abolition", the statement is made that the Communists have infiltrated our church organizations and our educational institutions. While I believe that this is true, generalizations such as this do not have the pointed effect that specific names would have. Can you furnish me with a list of names of church leaders and educators and, if known, their addresses who are definitely known to be card-carrying Communists, or, as a result of investigation, have been determined to be sympathetic to the Communist cause?

b7C

Two individuals in this community have voiced strong opposition to the film "Operation Abolition" and have stated editorially that they consider that there is presently no Communist threat in the United States. These are [redacted] on the faculty of Iowa State University, and [redacted], whom, I believe, is associated with the Economics Department. I would be interested in knowing whether or not either of these individuals have been identified as Communist party members or "fellow travelers".

Very truly yours

RDG/mb

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FBI

Date: 5/24/61

PLAIN TEXT

Transmit the following in

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Via AIRTEL

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DECLASSIFIED BY 9803RDD/JAC
ON 6-23-93 (241,829)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-373)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (157-392)

SUBJECT: FREEBUS
(OO:MOBILE)

CLASSIFIED AND EXTENDED BY 1051/SM/5/4/93
REASON FOR EXTENSION FCIM, II, 1-2.4.2
DATE OF REVIEW FOR DECLASSIFICATION 5/24/81

Enclosed herewith are 8 copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning captioned activity. u

The source mentioned in the enclosed memo is [redacted] the Kings County CP Organizational Secretary. (X)

Enclosed memorandum is being classified "Confidential" in order to protect the source, exposure of whom would adversely affect the defense interest of the US. u

[redacted] will be in attendance at this meeting and the Bureau will be advised of its result by airtel and letterhead memorandum. (X) (u)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: MAY 23, 1961

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

FREEDOM RIDE 1961

Pages 7980-7981. Senator Mansfield, (D) Montana, spoke concerning the incidents which have occurred in Alabama in the past several days. Mr. Mansfield stated "I do not blame the great majority of the people of Alabama, but I do blame the hoodlums who perpetrated these outrages in at least three cities. Equal blame also attaches to the local law-enforcement officers, their superiors, and the officials of the State of Alabama. Protection could have and should have been given at all levels of government. Protection will and must be given by the Federal Government." Senator Bush, (R) Connecticut, joined Mr. Mansfield in his remarks. Senator Morse, (D) Oregon, agreed with the remarks of Mansfield and Bush and requested to have printed in the Record an editorial from the Washington Post entitled "Alabama Off Deep End." The editorial states "Past experience gave every indication of violence at Montgomery when the bus arrived. Moreover, the FBI notified the Montgomery authorities that the controversial group was coming and asked for its protection. Yet no law-enforcement officials were in evidence when the bus arrived."

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In the original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional Record for MAY 22, 1961 was reviewed and pertinent items were marked for the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that portions of a copy of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and placed in appropriate Bureau case or subject matter files.

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Memorandum

TO : Mr. Parsons

DATE: 5/25/61

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: FREEBUS

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ASAC Sylvester at Jackson, Mississippi, advised that [redacted]
 [redacted] Mississippi State Highway Patrol, has received no instructions
 from the Governor concerning what to do if the freedom riders arrested at
 Jackson, Mississippi, on 5/24/61 are released and [redacted] has no
 plans. He stated that he would be willing to escort the prisoners presently in
 jail in Jackson to the state line if given assurance that they would not return. U

- 1 - Mr. Mohr
 1 - Mr. DeLoach
 1 - Mr. Evans

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TO : Mr. Parsons

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FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: FREEBUS

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SAC Thomas Jenkins of Birmingham has advised that [redacted] Civil Rights Division, has requested SAC Jenkins to be present in Montgomery, Alabama, on 5-29-61 to testify as a witness in the temporary injunction proceedings involving the Birmingham Police Department. SAC Jenkins is to testify concerning the notification given to the Birmingham Police Department about expected violence at the Trailways Bus Station in Birmingham on 5-14-61. U

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SAC Jenkins stated that [redacted] expects the Birmingham Police Department to take the position that he thought only a Greyhound bus was involved and they had received reports that this Greyhound bus had been burned in Anniston. U

SAC Jenkins advised that [redacted] was particularly interested in the Atlanta teletype to Bureau, Birmingham, and Mobile dated 5-14-61, 1:59 p.m. EST, which furnished information about two buses, a Greyhound and a Trailways, proceeding to Birmingham. SAC Jenkins advised that upon receipt of this teletype, he immediately notified [redacted] of the Anniston, Alabama, Police Department, and [redacted] of the Birmingham Police Department. SAC Jenkins stated that both departments were notified prior to 1:30 p.m., 5-14-61. U

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SAC Jenkins has given to [redacted] FD 302's (interview report forms) which cover the above facts. Two additional 302's which would reveal informants have not been given to [redacted] and it has been explained to him that in addition to the above, warning by the Police Department of Birmingham was advised in general terms concerning violence so that the informants would not be exposed. U

ACTION:

SAC Jenkins is submitting a teletype that he will testify as requested unless advised to the contrary by the Bureau. U

- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Evans

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. McGowan *DM*

DATE: 5/27/61

FROM : b7C

Time of call: 9:27 P.M.

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Mr. Rosen called to state that Departmental Attorney John Ossea had inquired as to the location of information, which he believes he saw from the Bureau, to the effect that Robert Shelton had told a newspaperman in Anniston on 5/14/61, that the newspaperman should stick around and he would see plenty of trouble. *u*

b7C After review of our ticklers and indices it was noted on Birmingham teletype 5/14/61, that newspaperman was interviewed on that date. He said that about 11:00 a. m. on 5/14/61, called and stated he had a tip for him. said there was going to be some action at the Greyhound Bus Station that p. m. and mentioned that CORE was due to arrive in Birmingham. At 10:34 p. m. Special Agent Montgomery RA, was advised that apparently had reference to this comment allegedly made by rather than Shelton, however, we were not able to locate to date any correspondence to the Department in this regard. It was suggested he search the 511 page report delivered from Birmingham to Montgomery this afternoon to see if the interview with is not set out therein and call this to Mr. Ossea's attention. *u*

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ADDENDUM, 5/28/61, JLS:dsj:

b7C At 12:15 a.m., 5/28/61, SA Montgomery, called to advise above was resolved. Interview of TV cameraman was in the big Birmingham report and has been shown to It was Shelton who made the comment. (T serial 286-A indicates Atkins talked to Shelton but not in such detail.) *u*

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
MR. PARSONS
MR. ROSEN
MR. DELOACH

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I called the Attorney General to advise him that a busload of Freedom Riders had just left Montgomery, Alabama, convoyed by 18 motorcycles, 30 police cars and 20 representatives of the press and photographers in addition to members of the National Guard being on the bus. I stated they will be met at the Mississippi line by the Mississippi State Police and 100 National Guards at Meridian and 100 at Jackson. I further stated that we had received word that 20 hoodlums are planning to blow up the bus at the Mississippi line, that these hoodlums were not members of the Ku Klux Klan or the White Citizens' Council. The Attorney General was advised that there were also armed persons along the highway but I felt with such a cavalcade the bus apparently would be protected. U

The Attorney General was advised that we had learned that some more Freedom Riders are leaving Atlanta to go to Montgomery, Alabama, to replace some of the Freedom Riders there who had to go back to college for examinations. The Attorney General then commented that he wanted to get the Marshalls out of there. He was also told that another busload of Freedom Riders would be leaving Montgomery at 11:30 today. U

b7C I then mentioned the matter of the Nazi Storm Troopers and stated we had learned that the bus which was used was registered to a man by the name of [redacted] who is employed at the Pentagon in the Map Service. I stated [redacted] apparently donated the bus as the license number is registered to him and he bought it. U

The Attorney General asked that he be advised of any developments. U

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cc-Mr. Ingram

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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, Federal Bureau of
Investigation

DATE: May 27, 1961

FROM : Burke Marshall, Assistant Attorney
General, Civil Rights Division

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SUBJECT: CONGRESS OF RACIAL EQUALITY
Freedom Riders - Jackson, Mississippi

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Possible violations of the civil rights statutes, as well as the Government's right to insure the unimpeded and unobstructed right of interstate transportation by motor carrier, are involved in the reported incidents occurring on May 24 in relation to the efforts of the so-called "Freedom Riders" to travel from Montgomery, Alabama, to Jackson, Mississippi, by motor bus. Accordingly, the following investigation is requested:

1. Interview the appropriate official of the Trailways Bus System at Montgomery, Alabama, to determine:
 - (a) whether either of the busses on which the Freedom Riders traveled on May 24 was on a regularly scheduled run between Montgomery, Alabama, and Jackson, Mississippi;
 - (b) if so, whether either was scheduled to make intermediate stops between those points and to pick up or discharge passengers and/or mail at such intermediate points, and
 - (c) whether passengers and/or mail were, in fact, waiting to be picked up by such scheduled busses at the intermediate stops.
2. If either of the busses carrying the freedom riders was dispatched as a special run, determine from the appropriate Trailways official why it was necessary to put on a special bus, what orders were given to the bus driver regarding the special run, and what additional costs were incurred in connection therewith.
3. Interview both bus drivers who operated the busses carrying the Freedom Riders as to all details of each trip, including any orders or directions they received from the Mississippi Highway Patrol, the Mississippi National Guard officers, and the officers of the Jackson Police Department.

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4. Interview the Terminal Manager of the Trailways Bus Depot at Jackson, Mississippi, or other appropriate official, to determine who ordered the Negro section of the Terminal closed down and why this action was taken.
5. Interview a representative number of eye-witnesses to the arrests made in the Jackson, Mississippi, bus depot on May 24.
6. Interview the appropriate police official, or officials, of the Jackson Police Department as to the basis for the arrests made, including any orders they received from higher authorities in the city or state as to the action they should take upon the arrival of the Freedom Riders.

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New Orleans (Enclosures 2)

From: Director, FBI

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CONGRESS OF RACIAL EQUALITY
FREEDOM RIDERS - JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI
CIVIL RIGHTS
BUDED 5/30/61

ReBu telephone calls today to Montgomery, Alabama, and
Jackson, Mississippi.

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Enclosed herewith are two copies of a self-explanatory
memorandum dated 5/27/61 from [redacted]

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You are instructed to conduct the investigation
requested by [redacted] advising all persons contacted that
this investigation is at the specific request of the
Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, U. S.
Department of Justice.

This investigation must be afforded top priority and
surep to reach the Bureau no later than 5/30/61. Specifically
state in urep that this is a limited investigation.

NOTE: In connection with efforts of the freedom riders to travel
from Montgomery, Alabama, to Jackson, Mississippi, by bus, the
Department has requested investigation to determine whether
Civil Rights Statutes have been violated together with Government's
right to insure unimpeded and unobstructed right of interstate
transportation by motor carrier. Investigation is to include
interview of appropriate official at the Trailways Bus Depot in
Montgomery to determine if the bus carrying the freedom riders
was handled as a regular run or was handled by the company as a
special; interview of the bus drivers who operated the two buses
for details of the trip including any instructions they received
from the Mississippi Highway Patrol, Mississippi National Guard
or Jackson Police Officers; interview of the terminal manager of

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from Service Unit on 5/27/61

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the Trailways Bus Depot, Jackson, to determine who ordered the Negro section of the terminal closed; interview of a representative number of eye witnesses to the arrest of the freedom riders; interviews of the appropriate police officials, Jackson, PD, as to the basis for the arrest and orders they received from higher officials in the city or state as to the action taken against the freedom riders. U

Assistant Director Rosen at Montgomery and ASAC Joseph Sylvester at Jackson, Mississippi, were telephonically furnished the details of the Department's request on 5/27/61. U

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Director
TO : Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: May 24, 1961

Burke Marshall
FROM : Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

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144-1-554

SUBJECT: Congress of Racial Equality
"Freedom Ride 1961"
Racial Matters; Destruction of
Aircraft and Motor Vehicles

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This will confirm telephoned request to Special Agent made this date.

Your memorandum of May 12, 1961, your File No. 157-48 re: Congress of Racial Equality, forwarded under route slip dated May 18, 1961, contains information that, in anticipation of the arrival of the CORE group in Birmingham on May 14, 1961, the Alabama Knights, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., made plans to deploy Klansmen in the vicinity of the bus depot and that 30 other Klansmen were to be stationed in the Molton Hotel, Birmingham, to be called upon if any incident started. While it is appreciated that the intensive investigation now under way may already have included the investigation suggested herein, it is nevertheless requested that that investigation include obtaining photocopies of all registrations of guests at the Molton Hotel for May 14 and for two days immediately preceding and immediately following May 14. It is also requested that the same information be obtained in regard to any other hotel or motel or other place of public accommodation at which it is considered likely that Klansmen would have stayed while in Birmingham on or about the date of the incidents of May 14.

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Memorandum

TO : Mr. Parsons

DATE: 5/29/61

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: FREEBUS

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b7C ASAC Ken Raby telephonically advised from Anniston, Alabama, that two of the four individuals who had been arrested in Anniston for damaging the Greyhound motor bus on Sunday, 5/14/61 had been afforded preliminary hearings before the U. S. Commissioner this date. [redacted]

[redacted] found probable cause insofar as [redacted] and [redacted] were concerned and bound them over for action by the grand jury scheduled to meet in the Fall of 1961. Bond was continued at \$5,000 each. U

It is noted that the two other individuals who had been arrested on 5/22/61 in connection with the destruction of the bus had previously waived preliminary hearing. U

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Evans

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