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OPERATION MERRIMACK - Situation Report

The CIA Watch Office was contacted by a ~~Washington, D. C.~~ of the ~~Washington, D. C.~~ and asked for information regarding a possible rally in the Meridian Hill Park area, upper level, on Sunday, 19 May. She advised that they had reports of this rally and desired to identify the group sponsoring the rally as well as the three speakers who are rumored to be speaking. She further advised that they had information that because Monday, 20 May, was Malcolm X's birthday, people would be distributing leaflets asking that the businessmen in the area close their establishments on Monday in honor of Malcolm X. The CIA Watch Officer, ~~Washington, D. C.~~ asked the Office of Security if it could determine any information regarding the rally at the Meridian Hill Park area.

MERRIMACK sources established, through the National Park Service, that there would be a rally from 3 - 5:00 p.m. Sunday afternoon, 19 May with approximately 100 to 150 people in attendance. The National Park Service would not identify the civil rights group sponsoring the rally or speakers to MERRIMACK sources, but advised that the identities could be obtained by official sources.

~~Washington, D. C.~~ was contacted and he advised that they had an indication that one ~~Washington, D. C.~~ ~~Washington, D. C.~~ Washington, D. C., representing the Washington Black Anti-War and Anti-Draft Union, may be the group asking for a permit for a rally in the Meridian Hill Park area. ~~Washington, D. C.~~ is a member of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee and a local organizer of SNCC in Washington and is a writer for SNCC-SND newspaper, "The Government".