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A meeting sponsored by the Black United Front was held at Franklin P. Wash Methodist Church, U Street and Lincoln Road, N.E., Washington, D.C. on December 4, 1968. There were about seventy-five (75) men present and membership cards were checked at the entrance. Anyone not having the proper membership credential was required to sit in a section of the church, apart from the certified membership, designated for visitors. Acting Chairman was the [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] spoke regarding certain black men which he categorized as "Progress Progressors" or "Black Buffers". [REDACTED] alleged that these people are trained by the FBI and CIA and are compensated at the rate of \$125 to \$150 per week to spy on the black people. These "Black Buffers" wear African clothes and they looted and helped to burn buildings during the riot. [REDACTED] indicated that he knows some of these "Buffers" and has been given information about them regarding their training at McKinley and Eastern High Schools by some "Big Government employee". [REDACTED] indicated the claim that he had been approached on two occasions by the FBI to act in an undercover capacity.

Other comments of note were made by the following:

[REDACTED] stated he plans to publicly release a statement in which President-elect Nixon will be urged to replace Mayor Washington with another black man and put Congressman Joel T. Broyhill in jail. He also stated "When the revolution comes, all "Black Buffers" will be killed."

[REDACTED] was introduced to the organization as a member of BUF as of December 4, 1968. He stated that he has written a newspaper article on prejudice [REDACTED] (see the attached statement). He said that he plans to retire [REDACTED] in February 1969 and he offered his services to the BUF. He added that anyone having racial troubles in the Armed Forces should contact him on telephone number [REDACTED].

No further pertinent information was developed.

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