

THIS FILE IS MADE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE DECLASSIFICATION EFFORTS AND RESEARCH OF:

# THE BLACK VAULT

THE BLACK VAULT IS THE LARGEST ONLINE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT / GOVERNMENT RECORD CLEARING HOUSE IN THE WORLD. THE RESEARCH EFFORTS HERE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DECLASSIFICATION OF THOUSANDS OF DOCUMENTS THROUGHOUT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT, AND ALL CAN BE DOWNLOADED BY VISITING:

[HTTP://WWW.BLACKVAULT.COM](http://www.blackvault.com)

YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO FORWARD THIS DOCUMENT TO YOUR FRIENDS, BUT PLEASE KEEP THIS IDENTIFYING IMAGE AT THE TOP OF THE .PDF SO OTHERS CAN DOWNLOAD MORE!

FBI

Date: 10/5/61

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plain text or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-264)

SUBJECT: FREEBUS

*st*  
*pc*

FREEDOM RIDERS MISC.

No FR trials held 10/5/61, at Hinds County Court,  
Jackson, Miss.

There is no summary being set out below as there has  
been no change, therefore the summary submitted 10/4/61 applies.

③ - Bureau  
1 - New Orleans

CWB:dfs  
(4)

REC-9

OCT 9 1961

b6  
b7C

OCT 9 1961

FBI  
REC'D - CIVIL RIGHTS

57 OCT 12 1961

OCT 27 1961

Special Agent in Charge

Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_

C G Wick

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office <b>NEW ORLEANS</b>	Office of Origin <b>NEW ORLEANS</b>	Date <b>10/5/61</b>	Investigative Period <b>9/1 - 8/61</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>FREEDOM RIDE 1961</b> <b>Greyhound Bus #4445</b> <b>Hammond, Louisiana</b> <b>September 1, 1961</b>		Report made by <b>SA A. GLENWOOD GILLILAND</b>	Typed By: <b>cjo</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>RACIAL MATTER - CIVIL RIGHTS</b>	

b6  
b7C

Synopsis:

## REFERENCE

New Orleans Teletype to Bureau and SAC, Memphis, 9/1/61 captioned FREEBUS. 157-387-1004  
Bureau Airtel to New Orleans dated 9/6/61, 157-387-1011 captioned FREEBUS.  
New Orleans Airtel to Bureau, dated 9/8/61.

-C-

## ADMINISTRATIVE

Referenced airtel to Bureau dated 9/8/61 forwarded letterhead memorandum concerning the arrest of [redacted] and forwarded one copy of letterhead memorandum to New Haven Office with request for indices, credit and identification check since [redacted] claimed he had been residing at Newport, Connecticut. By routing slip of 9/11/61, New Haven advised indices check negative on [redacted] and that there is no known town of Newport, Connecticut.

Approved  <i>[Signature]</i>	Special Agent In Charge	Do not write in spaces below	
Copies made:  4-Bureau (157-373) 1-New Orleans (157-381)		157-373-323	REC-9
		17 OCT 9 1961 U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE FBI	EX-104

COVER PAGE

64 OCT 16 1961

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATIONALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 11-25-2009 BY 60324 uc baw/sab/rs

## Copy to:

## Report of:

SA A. GLENWOOD GILLILAND  
10/5/61

Office: NEW ORLEANS

## Date:

## Field Office File No.:

157-381

## Bureau File No.:

157-373

## Title:

FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
[REDACTED]Greyhound Bus #4445  
Hammond, Louisiana  
September 1, 1961b6  
b7C

## Character:

RACIAL MATTER - CIVIL RIGHTS

## Synopsis:

Chief of Police ROBERT SMITH, Hammond, Louisiana reported that on 9/1/61 he arrested [REDACTED] white male, when [REDACTED] got off Greyhound Bus and entered Negro section of Hammond Bus Station. Chief SMITH ordered [REDACTED] to move on and when he refused, SMITH arrested him on charges of disturbing the peace and refusing to leave premises. [REDACTED] told Chief SMITH that he is [REDACTED] and was one of about 24 passengers on the bus who were members of Friendly Relations Committee enroute Memphis, Tennessee. [REDACTED] placed in jail but released next day to a representative of [REDACTED]. Case continued with no date set for future hearing; no further action expected on the matter.

- C -

DETAILS:

This investigation is predicated upon advice received from Chief of Police ROBERT SMITH, Hammond, Louisiana, that a white man had on September 1, 1961, entered the Negro Section of the Bus Station and refused to leave when ordered to do so.



Date 9/12/61

Mr. ROBERT SMITH, Chief of Police, Hammond, Louisiana, advised by long distance telephone that at about 9:10 AM on September 1, 1961, he arrested a white male who gave the name [redacted]. The circumstances of the arrest were that Chief SMITH was called to the Hammond, Louisiana, Bus Station where he found this man in the Negro section of the Bus Station. Chief SMITH ordered [redacted] to move on, but [redacted] advised Chief SMITH that he was [redacted] and could go where he pleased in the United States and do what he wanted to do. When [redacted] refused to obey the police order, Chief SMITH arrested him and charged him with disturbing the peace and refusing to leave premises. [redacted] was placed in the Hammond City Jail.

Chief SMITH stated that upon interview [redacted] advised him that he had arrived on the Greyhound Bus from New Orleans, Louisiana, a few minutes before he was arrested, and was one of about twenty-four passengers on the bus who were members of the Friendly Relations Committee enroute Memphis, Tennessee. [redacted] further advised Chief SMITH that he is [redacted] and has been residing at Newport, Connecticut. He described himself as age 30, born [redacted] at [redacted] race - [redacted] height - [redacted] weight - [redacted] eyes; [redacted] hair, [redacted]

b6  
b7C

Chief SMITH stated that the Greyhound Bus on which [redacted] arrived in Hammond, Louisiana, departed Hammond at about 9:30 AM, September 1, 1961, enroute Memphis, Tennessee, by way of Jackson, Mississippi.

On 9/1/61 at Hammond, Louisiana File # NO 157-381  
by SA [redacted] /cjo Date dictated 9/7/61

NO 157-381 /cjo

On September 1, 1961, Chief of Detectives M. B. PIERCE, Jackson, Mississippi, advised SA HUNTER E. HELGESON that he personally met the Greyhound Bus which left Hammond, Louisiana, at about 9:30 AM on that date, and noted that the bus arrived in Jackson at about 1:00 PM. He observed that the group with which [redacted] had been traveling was composed entirely of white persons. No disturbance was created at Jackson, Mississippi, by the group, which continued on toward Memphis, Tennessee.

On September 1, 1961, the Dispatcher's Office, Greyhound Bus Terminal, New Orleans, Louisiana, advised that the bus from New Orleans which arrived in Hammond, Louisiana, at about 9:10 AM, September 1, 1961, enroute Memphis, Tennessee, was Bus #4445, that it was on a regular run and was not chartered, and that the driver was [redacted]

On September 1, 1961, Mr. C. W. JOHNSON, Director, Immigration and Naturalization Service, 333 St. Charles Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, was advised of the fact that [redacted] was in custody at Hammond, Louisiana, and claimed to be [redacted]

Date 9/20/61

Mr. ROBERT SMITH, Chief of Police, Hammond, Louisiana, advised by long distance telephone that the local charges against [redacted] are still pending although [redacted] was released on September 2, 1961, to [redacted]

b6  
b7C

[redacted] When the case was called in court at Hammond on September 5, 1961, and [redacted] did not appear, the case was continued with no date being set for a future hearing. Chief SMITH stated that the charges probably would not be dismissed, but would remain on the books indefinitely.

On 9/8/61 at Hammond, Louisiana File # NO 157-381  
by SA [redacted] /eje Date dictated 9/14/61

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

*Memorandum*

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 11-27-2009 BY 60324 uc baw/sab/rs

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 10/6/61

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-47676)

*8/6/61*  
SUBJECT: FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
Trailways Bus  
Montgomery, Alabama to  
Jackson, Mississippi  
July 2, 1961  
RM: CR

*0 FREEDOM RIDERS MISC*

Rerep of SA HUNTER E. HELGESON, dated 8/4/61 at New Orleans.

b6  
b7C

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 8 copies of a letterhead memo setting forth information concerning [redacted] of San Francisco, who was one of five freedom riders arrested at Jackson, Mississippi on 7/2/61.

In accordance with instructions set forth in rerep, two copies of the letterhead memo are being furnished the New Orleans Office. RUC.

*ENCLOSURE*

- ② Bureau (Encl. 8)  
2 - New Orleans (Encl. 2) (157-322)  
2 - San Francisco  
(1 - 100-47676)

JET:af  
(6)

*157-387-1119**157-373*

OCT 8 1961

b6  
b7C

OCT 27 1961 *v me*

64 OCT 18 1961

Agency *G-2, Oni, Osi*  
Req. Rec'd  
Date Forw. *10/11/61*  
How Forw. *R/S*  
By *DL: gpp*  
*2 cc's to unit*  
*1 cc destroyed*



In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

San Francisco, California

October 6, 1961

FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
Trailways Bus  
Montgomery, Alabama to  
Jackson, Mississippi  
July 2, 1961

[REDACTED]  
San Francisco, California  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

On July 2, 1961, Chief of Detectives, M.B. PIERCE, Police Department, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that [REDACTED] was arrested with four other individuals on a charge of breach of the peace at the Continental Trailways Bus Terminal, Jackson, Mississippi.

b6  
b7C

According to Chief PIERCE, [REDACTED] and the others were arrested when, after entering the white waiting room at the bus terminal, they failed to obey police orders to move on.

On July 3, 1961 Chief PIERCE advised that [REDACTED] and the other four arrested individuals entered a plea of not guilty in Municipal Court, Jackson, Mississippi to violation of Section 2087.5 of the Mississippi Code. [REDACTED] and the other four arrested were convicted and sentenced to four months in jail and fined \$200. each.

On August 10, 1961, a search of the records of the San Francisco, California, Retail Credit Association reflected no record for [REDACTED] according to [REDACTED] Supervisor of Files.

On August 29, 1961, records of the Registrar's Office, San Francisco City College, San Francisco, California, reflected that [REDACTED] had been a student at the college until April 13, 1961 when he took a leave of absence and did not return. [REDACTED] has not enrolled for the Fall Semester of 1961.

Records of the San Francisco Police Department, checked on August 8, 1961, by Officer [REDACTED] of the Bureau of Identification, reflected no record identifiable with [REDACTED].

ENCLOSURE

157-387-1189  
157-375-395  
This report contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

[redacted]  
On August 10, 1961, [redacted] Senior  
Probation Officer, San Francisco Youth Guidance Center,  
San Francisco, California, advised IC [redacted] that  
their records reflect the following information concerning  
[redacted]

MISS.

Birth Data:  
Father:

Born [redacted] at [redacted]

Born [redacted] at [redacted]

Occupation: [redacted]

Mother:

Born [redacted] in [redacted]

Parents are divorced. [redacted] lives with

Mother at [redacted]

(as of 7/27/59)

Arrest Record:

Arrested 5/22/57 by San Francisco  
Police for [redacted] and made a ward  
of the Probation officer.

b6  
b7C

Arrested 7/25/59 by San Francisco  
Police for [redacted] and made a ward of  
the Probation officer. Wardship vacated  
on June 8, 1960.

Has received [redacted]

Youth Guidance Center [redacted]  
stated that [redacted]

Residence of [redacted] in 1961 - [redacted]  
[redacted]

Chief of Detectives M. B. PIERCE, Police Department,  
Jackson, Mississippi, advised on July 3, 1961, that when  
arrested in Jackson, Mississippi, [redacted] advised that he had  
taken part in the picketing of the hearings of the House  
Committee on Un-American Activities in San Francisco, California  
on May 13, 1960.



F B I

Date: 10-7-61

Transmit the following in PLAIN TEXT  
(Type in plain text or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
(Priority or Method of Mailing)TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (~~157-373~~)

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-264)

SUBJECT: FREEBUS <sup>0</sup> FREEDOM RIDERS MISC.No FR trials held 10/7/61, Hinds County Court,  
Jackson, Miss.No summary is being set out below in view of  
above, and summary submitted 10/4/61 still applicable.3 - Bureau  
1 - New OrleansCWB/rc  
(4)

REC-9

157-387-1190

~~157-373-311~~

37 OCT 9 1961

b6  
b7c

58 OCT 12 1961

Approved: A. C. Haynes  
OCT 27 1961 Special Agent in Charge

Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 10/9/61

Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

FREEDOM RIDERS misc

The following are cumulative costs incurred in this case in the New Orleans Division as of close of business, 10/7/61:

**Miles Driven: 5,907**

REC- 46

4. - 102

b6  
b7C

111

3201 11-10-19

OCT 27 1961

Approved:

Sent

Per

Special Agent in Charge

~~58 OCT 17 1951~~

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 11-27-2009 BY 60324 uc baw/sab/rs

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 10/16/61

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (157-401)

SUBJECT: FREEDOM RIDE, 1961,  
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI,  
6/17/61  
RACIAL MATTER  
CIVIL RIGHTS

OO: New Orleans

Re San Francisco letter to the Director dated 9/5/61 captioned as above.

Enclosed herewith are eight letterhead memoranda with information concerning [redacted] Los Angeles has never conducted any investigation concerning her.

Records of Voters Registrar, Los Angeles, show

[redacted] Los Angeles, Calif.  
(indicated in referenced letter as [redacted]  
born Louisiana, housewife, registered on 3/12/58 for one  
of the major political parties (Democratic). Her pre-  
vious registration address was indicated as [redacted]

[redacted] There is no information in Los Angeles indices for her name.

There are two copies of the letterhead memorandum enclosed for New Orleans.

RUC

- 2 - Bureau (Enc. - 8)
- 1 - New Orleans (Enc. - 2)
- 1 - Los Angeles

CRS:alh  
(4)

Agency *San Francisco*  
Req. Rec'd \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Forw. *10/24/61*  
How Forw. *R/S*  
By *RL: pp*

*cc: sig. unit  
2 cc destroyed*

REC-39

EX-112

EXP. PROC.

U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE  
F.B.I.  
OCT 13 3 51 PM '61  
RECEIVED  
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE  
DIVISION

157-387-1192

8 OCT 1961  
SIX

ENCLOSURE

56 OCT 27 1961

LA 157-401

The informants mentioned in the letterhead memo  
are [ ] and [ ]

b2  
b7D



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Los Angeles, California  
October 16, 1961

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED

DATE 11-27-2009 BY 60324 uc baw/sab/rs

It has been set out previously in a memorandum that [redacted] Oakland City College student, Oakland, California, home address, [redacted] Los Angeles, was a freedom rider to Jackson, Mississippi, on June 17, 1961.

b6  
b7C

Informants who have furnished reliable information in the past have reported that [redacted] Oakland, California, was regarded as one who could be contacted for contributions, picket activity, and so forth, on behalf of the Independent Students Union (ISU) (See Appendix); that on July 13, 1960, [redacted] was one of those who picketed on behalf of the ISU at the Sports Arena in Los Angeles, California, where the Democratic national convention was in progress. The "People's World" (PW) newspaper for July 29, 1961, page 3, column 1, contains an item wherein it is indicated RITA CARTER, freedom rider, was one of those listed to address a demonstration on August 5, 1961.

The PW is a west coast weekly communist newspaper.

ENCLOSURE

157-387-1192

APPENDIX

INDEPENDENT STUDENT UNION

On May 3, 1961, a source advised that the Independent Student Union (ISU) was formed by a group of Los Angeles City College students in March, 1960.

The preamble to the ISU constitution states in part:

"We, the members of the ISU, are dedicated to giving our energies to building a world of peace, wherein the peoples of all lands will not have to live in constant fear of nuclear, biological and chemical warfare.

"We pledge our efforts to ending of all social inequality based upon race, creed or national origin and to further the eradication of discrimination in all walks of American life.

"We affirm the right and value of both students and instructors to take an active role in the political life of the nation, and believe that no restriction should be placed upon the free expression of ideas and opinions within and outside the classroom."

The source stated that the ISU was originally controlled by three co-chairmen, one of whom was [redacted] a member of the Southern California District Communist Party (CP). In September, 1960, [redacted] was elected to be president of the ISU and served until April, 1961.

b6  
b7C

The CP, USA has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The source stated the ISU claims to have a membership of 200; however, membership does not necessarily indicate sympathy to the CP.

APPENDIX



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 11-27-2009 BY 60324 uc baw/sab/rs

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-387)

DATE: 10/19/61

FROM : SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY (157-82)

SUBJECT: FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
GREYHOUND BUS 4290,  
Nashville, Tennessee, to  
Jackson, Mississippi,  
6/16/61  
RM; CR  
(OO: New Orleans)

Re New Orleans letter to Albany, 9/12/61.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning the above-captioned matter. One copy of the letterhead memorandum is enclosed for the New Orleans Office.

REC-39

EX-104

157-387-1193  
25  
OCT 22 1961

b6  
b7C

RUC

- 2 - Bureau (Enc. 8) (RM)
- 2 - New Orleans (157-307) (Enc. 1) (RM)
- 1 - Oklahoma City

JAG:dc  
(5)

Agency 2.000, 1001 & CRD  
Req. Rec'd 10/27/61  
Date Forw. 11/5  
How Forw. 11/5  
By 11/5

1 CC Org. unit  
2 CC's destroyed

57 OCT 30 1961



In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
October 19, 1961

FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
GREYHOUND BUS 4290  
Nashville, Tennessee,  
to Jackson, Mississippi,  
June 16, 1961  
RACIAL MATTERS;  
CIVIL RIGHTS

The files of the Jackson, Mississippi, Police Department reflect that the following individual was arrested by the Jackson, Mississippi, Police Department on June 16, 1961:

Name: [redacted]  
also known as [redacted]  
Jackson Police Department No.: [redacted]  
Address: [redacted]  
Race: white  
Sex: [redacted]  
Date of Birth: [redacted]  
Place of Birth: [redacted]  
Height: [redacted]  
Weight: [redacted]  
Eyes: [redacted]  
Hair: [redacted]  
Complexion: [redacted]  
Build: [redacted]  
Occupation: Student  
Marital Status: [redacted]  
Father: [redacted] address unknown  
Mother: [redacted]  
Education: High School. One year business college, Hills Business College, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

b6  
b7C

The June 20, 1961, issue of "The Daily Oklahoman," an Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, newspaper, contains an article reflecting that on June 16, 1961, KAREN ELIZABETH KYTIE, 18-year old daughter of Dr. JUANITA KYTIE, was arrested in

ENCLOSURE  
157-287-1193

FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
GREYHOUND BUS 4290

Jackson, Mississippi, while sitting at a white lunch counter in the bus terminal. According to the article, she was one of five students, including a Negro man, sentenced to four months in jail for the incident. The article related that Dr. JUANITA KYTIE is an assistant professor of English literature at Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Oklahoma.

The above article also reflected that EUGENE B. LEVINE, a professor of English at Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Oklahoma, had been arrested by the police in Jackson, Mississippi, and charged with committing a breach of the peace. According to the article, Jackson police quoted LEVINE as stating he tried to integrate a Negro lunchroom after arriving in Jackson by car.

On July 5, 1960, [redacted] advised she had learned through [redacted] that [redacted] a student at Oklahoma State University, had informed [redacted] he had learned a new faith and wanted to serve a new cause. According to [redacted] she learned that some type of meetings were being held under the teaching of [redacted] Oklahoma, and the meetings were held at the home of [redacted] [redacted] stated that [redacted] Oklahoma, would have knowledge of this matter.

On August 24, 1960, [redacted] Oklahoma, advised that [redacted] a student at Oklahoma State University. He stated that [redacted] Oklahoma, [redacted] advised that during the summer of 1960 [redacted] related to him and [redacted] that he had been studying under [redacted] and had learned about socialism and believed that the United States should have a socialistic system as do the British. [redacted] stated he believed that Government and State should have complete control and expressed a desire to go to England to study the British system of socialism and to teach in Great Britain. [redacted] advised [redacted] stated he was anti-Communist and did not believe in the Russian system of socialism. [redacted] stated that, to his knowledge, [redacted] had never been a Communist and, further, he is not acquainted with [redacted] or [redacted]

FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
GREYHOUND BUS 4290

On September 15, 1961, [redacted]  
Oklahoma, Retail Merchants Association, advised she could  
locate no credit file regarding [redacted] or [redacted]  
She stated her files contain a record on [redacted]  
[redacted] The  
file reflects [redacted]

[redacted] Oklahoma, and  
[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted] advised a credit check in June, 1961, reflected that  
several firms reported [redacted] as "slow, past due,  
very slow, slow but satisfactory" and one firm reported she  
paid her obligations within 30 days.

b6  
b7C

On September 15, 1961, Lieutenant [redacted]  
[redacted] Oklahoma, Police Department, advised that  
[redacted] was arrested  
on May 11, 1959, for reckless driving and was fined \$10.00.  
She was at that time described as a student at the Stillwater  
High School, born [redacted] and holding Oklahoma  
driver's license number [redacted]

On September 25, 1961, [redacted] Records  
Bureau, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Police Department, advised  
her files contain no information pertaining to [redacted]  
[redacted] or [redacted]

On October 16, 1961, [redacted] Manager, Oklahoma  
City Retailers Association, advised his files contain no credit  
information pertaining to [redacted] or [redacted]

This document contains neither recommendations nor  
conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is  
loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be dis-  
tributed outside your agency.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED

HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED

DATE 11-27-2009 BY 60324 uc baw/sab/ls

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-387)

DATE: 10/19/61

FROM : SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY (157-82)

SUBJECT: FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
GREYHOUND BUS #4450  
from Nashville, Tennessee,  
to Jackson, Mississippi,  
5:15 p.m., 5/27/61, to  
5:37 a.m., 5/28/61  
RM; CR  
(OO: New Orleans)

Re New Orleans letter to Birmingham, 8/31/61.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning the above-captioned matter. One copy of the letterhead memorandum is enclosed for the New Orleans Office.

REC-39

EX-102

9 OCT 1961

U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE  
FBI  
OCT 19 1961

b6  
b7C

RUC

- 2 - Bureau (Enc. 8) (RM)
- 2 - New Orleans (157-279) (Enc. 1) (RM)
- 1 - Oklahoma City

JAG:dc  
(5)

ENCLOSURE

Agency 157-82, Oklahoma City  
Req. Rec'd \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Forw. 10/24/61  
How Forw. R/S  
By Red: jp

1 cc dg. unit  
2 cc's destroyed

57 OCT 30 1961



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
October 19, 1961

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
GREYHOUND BUS #4450  
from Nashville, Tennessee,  
to Jackson, Mississippi,  
5:15 p.m., May 27, 1961, to  
5:37 a.m., May 28, 1961  
RACIAL MATTERS - CIVIL RIGHTS

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED

HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED

DATE 11-27-2009 BY 60324 uc baw/sab/rs

The records of the Jackson, Mississippi, Police Department reflect that the following described person was arrested by the Jackson, Mississippi, Police Department on May 28, 1961:

[redacted]  
[redacted] Oklahoma:  
student, Tennessee A & T; born [redacted]  
[redacted]  
male; [redacted] pounds; [redacted] hair;  
[redacted] eyes; [redacted] complexion; mother,  
[redacted] father, [redacted]  
[redacted]

b6  
b7C

On September 25, 1961, [redacted] Records Bureau, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Police Department, advised her files contain no arrest record identifiable with [redacted]

[redacted] or [redacted]  
[redacted] advised her files contain an index card reflecting that on July 17, 1961, [redacted]

[redacted] Oklahoma, informed the Oklahoma City Police Department that he had been receiving anonymous telephone calls of a threatening nature. [redacted]

[redacted] advised her files contain no additional information concerning the above complaint made by [redacted]

On October 18, 1961, [redacted] Oklahoma City Retailers Association, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, advised his files contain no information concerning [redacted]

[redacted] He stated his files reflect credit information pertaining to [redacted]

[redacted] Oklahoma City, who has been listed in the files

ENCLOSURE

157-387-1194



FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
GREYHOUND BUS #4450

since 1921 and was last checked in August, 1960. [redacted] advised his records reflect that [redacted] was 65 years of age in 1958 and had been employed as [redacted] by the Frisco Railroad since 1917. His wife was listed as [redacted] and he has maintained a satisfactory credit record since 1921.

b6

b7C

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.



AL 157-21

Source utilized for information concerning  
[redacted] connection with the PYOC is [redacted]

b2  
b6  
b7C  
b7D

Source utilized for information concerning  
[redacted] connection with the FPCC is [redacted]

Source utilized in characterization of the  
PYOC is [redacted]

Sources utilized in characterization of the  
FPCC is [redacted] and [redacted]

Careful consideration was given to all  
sources concealed in this memorandum and such sources  
were concealed because of their status as active informants.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Albany, New York

DECLASSIFICATION AUTHORITY DERIVED FROM:  
FBI AUTOMATIC DECLASSIFICATION GUIDE  
DATE 11-27-2009

October 17, 1961

FREEDOM RIDERS, 1961,  
ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD  
LEAVING NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA  
7:15 AM 5/30/61 AND ARRIVING  
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, 10:16 AM  
5/30/61

The individuals named hereinafter were arrested  
by the Jackson, Mississippi Police Department on May 30,  
1961:

[REDACTED]

Files of the Registrar's Office, Cornell  
University, Ithaca, New York reflect that [REDACTED] was  
born [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] He was admitted to  
Cornell in the College of Arts and Sciences in September,  
1958, from Rye High School. At the time of registration  
he listed his home address and that of his parent [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] as [REDACTED] New York.

b6  
b7C

Issues of the "Cornell Daily Sun," a daily  
student newspaper published at Cornell University, have  
identified Sterling as Chairman of the Cornell Committee  
Against Segregation.

The March 3, 1961, issue of this newspaper  
lists Sterling as one of the signers of a petition to the  
87th Congress to eliminate the HCUA as a standing committee.

157-387-1105X  
11  
ENCLOSURE  
44-17777-81  
~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

In May and June, 1961, a confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that he had learned that [ ] had been in contact with the office of the Progressive Youth Organizing Committee (PYOC) in New York City, and that he was interested in forming a PYOC group on the Cornell University campus.

On October 11, 1961, [ ] Manager, Credit Bureau of Ithaca, advised that her files contained no record concerning [ ]

On October 11, 1961, Sergeant [ ] advised that [ ] has no record with the Ithaca Police Department.

According to the records of the Registrar's Office, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, [ ] was born [ ] at [ ] Oklahoma. He was admitted to Cornell from the University of Pennsylvania as a graduate student in the Fall of 1959. At the time of registration he listed his parent as [ ]

b6  
b7C

On October 11, 1961, [ ] Manager, Credit Bureau of Ithaca, advised that her files contained no information concerning [ ]

On October 11, 1961, Sergeant [ ] advised that [ ] has no record with the Ithaca Police Department.

According to the records of the Registrar's Office, Cornell University, [ ] was born [ ] at [ ] New York. He was admitted to Cornell in September, 1954, from the University of Minnesota, and was awarded a BS Degree in Engineering Physics on June 16, 1958. Since that time he has continued at Cornell as a Graduate Student. At the time of registration [ ] listed his home address and that

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

of his parent [redacted] as [redacted]  
[redacted] New York.

The December 12, 1960 issue of the "Cornell Daily Sun" contained an article concerning a new campus magazine called "Controversy." Haynie was listed as one of the editors of this magazine.

The April 5, 1961 issue of the "Cornell Daily Sun" contains a letter to the editor signed by Haynie as Chairman of the Cornell Students for Abolition of the HCUA.

The March 3, 1961 issue of the "Cornell Daily Sun" lists Haynie as one of the signers of a petition addressed to the 87th Congress to eliminate the HCUA as a standing committee.

b6  
b7C  
b7D

In May, 1961, a confidential source advised that [redacted] had been active during the Spring of 1961 in promoting activities of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee at Cornell University. In this regard [redacted] distributed handouts on the Cornell Campus calling for congressional investigation of the CIA in supporting arguments for nonintervention with respect to Cuba and he also assisted in sponsoring a forum discussion calling for nonintervention and calling for the support of Fidel Castro. It was also learned by this informant that [redacted] had been instrumental in furnishing a student donation of money to the Fair Play for Cuba committee.

On October 11, 1961, [redacted] Manager, Credit Bureau of Ithaca, advised that her files contained no information concerning [redacted]

On October 11, 1961, Sergeant [redacted] advised that [redacted] has no record with the Ithaca Police Department.

Paul Stephen Green

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~



~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

PAUL Stephen Green

Records of the Registrar's Office, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, reflected Green was born April 28, 1939, at New York City, <sup>N.Y.</sup> and was admitted to Cornell in September, 1955, from the High School of Music and Art in New York City. He received an AB Degree June 15, 1959, and thereafter continued at Cornell as a Graduate Student. At the time of registration he listed his home address and that of his parent, [redacted] as [redacted].

The March 17, 1958 issue of the "Cornell Daily Sun" contained a statement originating in the "New York Times" in November, 1951 "For Abolition of Nuclear Testing." This statement was submitted by the Cornell Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy and Green was listed as one of the signers of this statement.

b6  
b7C

Green was listed in the March 3, 1961 issue of the "Cornell Daily Sun" as one of the signers of a petition to the 87th Congress to eliminate the HCUA as a standing committee.

On October 11, 1961, [redacted] Manager, Credit Bureau of Ithaca, advised that her files contained no information concerning Green.

On October 11, 1961, Sergeant [redacted] advised that Green has no record with the Ithaca Police Department.

This memorandum is loaned to you by the FBI and neither it nor its contents are to be distributed outside of the agency to which loaned.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

"CONTROVERSY"

According to [redacted] Proctor, Cornell University "Controversy" is a student publication which became officially recognized by the University during the 1960-61 school year. As the name implies, it deals with various controversial items. Since it began publication its issues have dealt with the Cuban question and have been generally favorable to the Castro regime. Other issues have dealt with disarmament, control of nuclear testing and criticism of the HCUA.

b6  
b7C

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

"CORNELL COMMITTEE AGAINST SEGREGATION"

According to [redacted] Proctor, Cornell University, the Cornell Committee Against Segregation was formed at Cornell as an officially recognized student group during the 1960-61 school year for the purpose of promoting racial equality, both at the University and in off-campus housing. It has worked closely with the Ithaca Freedom Walk Committee, a community sponsored group which has worked in raising funds for the anti-segregation forces in the south, and it was the sponsoring organization working with the Congress of Racial Equality in recruiting freedom riders at Cornell. It is not considered to be a politically active group.

b6  
b7C

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

"CORNELL STUDENTS FOR ABOLITION OF THE HCUA"

According to [REDACTED] Proctor, Cornell University, this is an officially recognized student group formed during the 1960-61 school year for the main purpose of circulating a petition to the 87th Congress urging the abolition of the HCUA as a standing committee.

b6  
b7C

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

The SWP has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

"PROGRESSIVE YOUTH ORGANIZING COMMITTEE"

On February 9, 1961, a source advised that the PYOC was established at a national socialist-oriented youth conference held in Chicago, Illinois on December 20, 1960, through January 1, 1961. This conference was the result of a mandate issued by the National Executive Committee of the Communist Party, USA calling for a youth conference to establish an organizing committee whose objectives would be to set up a national socialist-oriented youth organization. The conference scheduled a convention to be held within a year to found a new national socialist-oriented youth organization.

The PYOC has its office in Room 638, 80 East 11th Street, New York City.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

F B I

Date: October 2, 1961

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plain text or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (~~95-97032~~)  
 FROM : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-264B)  
 SUBJECT: FREEBUS  
 RM

*0 FREEDOM RIDERS MISC*

Re New Orleans airtel dated 9/26/61.

The following are cumulative costs incurred in this case in the New Orleans Division as of close of business September 30, 1961:

	<u>Regular Hours</u>	<u>Overtime Hours</u>
Agents	1273	686
Clerical	889	24

Miles driven: 5,882

MAYNOR

3 - Bureau (AM)  
 2 - New Orleans (1 - 44-1355)  
 DLH:ez  
 (5)

REC-23

157-387-1195

EX-116

~~95-97032-6~~b6  
b7C

C C Wick

U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE  
F.B.I.

OCT 11 22 PM '61

Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

64 OCT 12 1961



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Albany, New York

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

October 17, 1961.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 11-27-2009 BY 60324 uc baw/sab/rs

Title      FREEDOM RIDERS, 1961,  
              ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD  
              LEAVING NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA  
              7:15 AM 5/30/61 AND ARRIVING  
Character   JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, 10:16 AM  
              5/30/61  
Reference

Albany letterhead memorandum dated  
and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) used in referenced  
communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

157-387-1195X

~~44-17797-87~~

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property  
of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside  
your agency.

ENCLOSURE



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 11-27-2009 BY 60324 uc baw/sab/rs

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: October 9, 1961

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-81)

SUBJECT: FREEDOM RIDE, 1961 TRAILWAYS  
BUS, MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA TO  
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI,  
JULY 9, 1961

RACIAL MATTERS; CIVIL RIGHTS

*Freedom Riders - Misc*  
Re report of SA HUNTER E. HELGESON dated 8/21/61  
at New Orleans.

Enclosed herewith is the original and seven copies  
of a letterhead memorandum relating to the above.

Two copies of this letter and two copies of the  
letterhead memorandum are being submitted to New Orleans per  
their request.

The source utilized is [REDACTED]

Careful consideration has been given to the source  
concealed and this source must be concealed.

The files of the Chicago Office contain insufficient  
information to subversively characterize the organization CORE.

- 2 - Bureau (Encls. 8) (RM)
- 2 - New Orleans (157-333) (RM) (Encls. 2)
- 5 - Chicago
  - 1 - 100-
  - 1 - 100-
  - 1 - 100-
  - 1 - 100-

WHD:mkp  
(9)

REC-32  
44-1721-92  
157-387-1195  
2cc to [unclear] [unclear]  
Agency [unclear]  
Req. Rec'd [unclear]  
Date Forw. 10/17/61  
How Forw. [unclear]  
By [unclear]  
2cc's orig. [unclear]  
1cc's destroyed

ENCLOSURE

OCT 20 1961



In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
Chicago, Illinois

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 11-27-2009 BY 60324 uc baw/sab/rs

10-9-61

**FREEDOM RIDE, 1961 TRAILWAYS  
BUS, MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA TO  
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI,  
JULY 9, 1961  
RACIAL MATTERS; CIVIL RIGHTS**

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent  
Hunter E. Helgeson captioned as above and dated August 21,  
1961, at New Orleans.

Referenced report on pages five, eight, nine, and  
eleven contains information pertaining to four individuals with  
residences in Chicago, Illinois and surrounding area.

Chicago investigation reflects the following information  
pertaining to these four individuals:

[REDACTED]

ILL

The files of the Chicago Credit Bureau, Incorporated  
when checked by Investigative Clerk [REDACTED] on  
September 5, 1961, failed to contain any information pertaining  
to [REDACTED]

b6  
b7C

The Bureau of Records and Communications of the  
Chicago Police Department when checked by Investigative Clerk  
[REDACTED], on September 5, 1961, contained  
no information pertaining to [REDACTED]

A source advised on September 8, 1961, that [REDACTED]  
was one of two males who picketed in front of Woolworths Department  
Store in Chicago's Loop under the auspices of the Chicago Chapter  
of the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) on December 19, 1960.  
The demonstration was in protest against Woolworths Department  
Stores' employment policy of segregation in the southern states.

The source further advised [REDACTED] participated in  
a demonstration on December 20, 1960, under the auspices of CORE  
at the Board of Education, 228 North La Salle Street, Chicago,  
Illinois. This demonstration was held for the purpose of focusing  
public attention on racial segregation in Chicago public schools.

(11)  
ENCLOSURE

157-387-1195X1

44-17831-92

FREEDOM RIDE, 1961 TRAILWAYS  
BUS, MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA TO  
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI,  
JULY 9, 1961

[REDACTED] 7/16/61  
The files of the Chicago Credit Bureau, Incorporated contained no information pertaining to [REDACTED] when checked by Investigative Clerk [REDACTED] on September 5, 1961.

The files of the Bureau of Records and Communications, Chicago Police Department, contained no information pertaining to [REDACTED] when checked by Investigative Clerk [REDACTED] on September 5, 1961.

[REDACTED]  
The files of the Chicago Credit Bureau, Incorporated contained no information pertaining to [REDACTED] when checked by Investigative Clerk [REDACTED] on September 5, 1961.

The files of the Bureau of Records and Communications, Chicago Police Department, when checked by Investigative Clerk [REDACTED] on September 5, 1961, reflected [REDACTED] male, born [REDACTED] was arrested by the Chicago Police Department on October 30, 1947, and was charged with [REDACTED] at the address of [REDACTED] Illinois. On November 12, 1947, the charge of [REDACTED] was reduced to [REDACTED] by Municipal Judge Drucher and [REDACTED] was released [REDACTED] Illinois. [REDACTED] was discharged [REDACTED] on December 23, 1947. A note in the police department record reflects [REDACTED]

In 1947 the police department records listed [REDACTED] as residing at [REDACTED] Illinois, and that he was employed as [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] 7/16/61  
The files of the Chicago Credit Bureau, Incorporated contained no information pertaining to [REDACTED] when checked by Investigative Clerk [REDACTED] on September 5, 1961.

b6  
b7C

**FREEDOM RIDE, 1961 TRAILWAYS  
BUS, MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA TO  
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI,  
JULY 9, 1961**

---

The files of the Bureau of Records and Communications, Chicago Police Department, contained no information pertaining to [ ] when checked by Investigative Clerk [ ] on September 5, 1961.

b6  
b7C

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. It is the property of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois  
October 9, 1961

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. 157-81

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 11-27-2009 BY 60324 uc baw/sab/rs

Title	FREEDOM RIDE, 1961 TRAILWAYS BUS, MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA TO JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, JULY 9, 1961
Character	RACIAL MATTERS; CIVIL RIGHTS
Reference	is made to the letterhead memorandum dated and captioned as above at Chicago, Illinois.

All sources (except any listed below) used in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

The source utilized in referenced letterhead memorandum is an agency that collects security information in the Chicago, Illinois, area.

ENCLOSURE

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED

HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED

DATE 11-27-2009 BY 60324 uc baw/sab/rs

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 10/13/61

FROM : SAC, CINCINNATI (157-102)

SUBJECT: FREEDOM RIDE  
1961 Trailways Bus  
Montgomery, Alabama, to  
Jackson, Mississippi  
7/7/61  
RM; CR

*Freedom Riders - Misc*

Re New Orleans report of SA HUNTER E.  
HELGESON, 8/10/61.

Enclosed for the Bureau are an original  
and seven copies of a letterhead memorandum, suitable  
for dissemination, dated and captioned as above.  
Two copies of this letterhead memorandum are also enclosed  
for the New Orleans Office. The enclosed letterhead  
memorandum contains information relative to [redacted]

and [redacted]

b6  
b7C

RUC

2-Bureau (Enc. 8)  
2-New Orleans (Enc. 2)  
1-Cincinnati

ENCLOSURE

EX 100

RWL:blb  
(5)

REC-39

Agency *8-2 Cincinnati*  
Rec'd *10/17/61*  
Date *10/17/61*  
How *R/S*  
By *R/L*  
*1 cc original*  
*2 cc destroyed*

*157-387-1195X2*  
*44-17831*

58 OCT 23 1961



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Cincinnati, Ohio  
October 13, 1961

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

FREEDOM RIDE  
1961 Trailways Bus  
Montgomery, Alabama, to  
Jackson, Mississippi  
7/7/61

WILLIE JAMES THOMAS, 3419 Trimble Avenue,  
Cincinnati, Ohio

WILLIE JAMES THOMAS

The "Cincinnati Enquirer", a daily morning newspaper published at Cincinnati, Ohio, in its issue of July 8, 1961, on page seven, had an article captioned "2 Local 'Riders' Wind Up In Jail". According to the article, Willie Thomas, age 20, a Negro student at Ohio State University, and seven others, had left Montgomery, Alabama, yesterday and arrived in Jackson, Mississippi, six hours later. Thomas and the others were arrested in Jackson after refusing orders to leave the white waiting room of a bus station.

B. APPROX. 1940-1941

The August 7, 1961, issue of the "Cincinnati Enquirer", on page ten, has an article captioned "Cincinnati 'Rider' Again Lands In Jail". According to this article Willie James Thomas, age 21, of 3419 Trimble Avenue, Evanston (Cincinnati), Ohio, who had spent 17 days in the Jackson, Mississippi Jail, was among 15 Negroes and whites arrested Saturday night in Nashville, Tennessee, when police broke up a racial outburst outside a supermarket chain store. According to the article, Thomas, a Negro student at Ohio University and a member of the Cincinnati Congress on Racial Equality, posted \$5 bond on disorderly conduct charges and gained release. The melee began when

FLA.

THIS IS LOANED TO YOU BY THE FBI,  
AND NEITHER IT NOR ITS CONTENTS  
ARE TO BE DISTRIBUTED OUTSIDE THE  
AGENCY TO WHICH LOANED.

ENCLOSURE

157-387-1195X2  
44-17831-93

taunting white youths, throwing punches and eggs, charged a predominately Negro picket line of about 40 demonstrators. Picket signs accused the chain store of discrimination by refusing to hire Negroes as clerks.

[redacted] Office of the Registrar, Ohio University, Athens, Ohio, advised on September 18, 1961, that [redacted] attended school from September, 1958, to June, 1959, and from September, 1959, to January 28, 1961. He was dropped for poor scholastic standing. His transcript was sent, at his request, to the University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida.

b6  
b7C

[redacted] Office of the Dean of Men, Ohio University, advised her file reflects that [redacted] tried to reinstate at the school for the year beginning September, 1961, but was refused due to poor scholarship. In a letter to the Dean of Men, [redacted] stated that he had been arrested at Coney Island, Cincinnati, and had recently returned from Montgomery, Alabama. [redacted] home address is 3419 Trimble Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio.

On September 18, 1961, Chief of Police, Joseph Grogan, Athens, Ohio Police Department, advised he has no record in file on [redacted]

[redacted] Athens, Ohio Credit Bureau, advised on September 18, 1961, that she has no record in file on [redacted] [redacted]

[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]

The "Cincinnati Enquirer", a daily morning newspaper published at Cincinnati, Ohio, in its issue of July 8, 1961, on page seven, had an article captioned

ALA. MISS.

BORN - [redacted]



22.5.  
"2 Local 'Riders' Wind Up In Jail". According to the article, William Hansen, age 21, a white Xavier student, and seven others had left Montgomery, Alabama, yesterday and arrived in Jackson, Mississippi, six hours later. They were arrested in Jackson, after refusing orders to leave the white waiting room of a bus station. According to the article, Tom Gaither, Field Secretary for the Congress of Racial Equality, sponsor of the trip, said Hansen acted as an observer and his roll was a precautionary measure. He would be free, the article said, to contact CORE in the event the group was arrested before it arrived in Jackson.

The August 2, 1961, issue of the "Cincinnati Enquirer", on page five, had an article which indicated that William Hansen, a Cincinnati member of the Freedom Riders, was reported to be in solitary confinement in the Jackson, Mississippi Jail. Fellow members of CORE, according to the article, said Hansen solitary for singing hymns.

The August 7, 1961, issue of the "Cincinnati Enquirer", on page ten, contained an article which indicated that William W. Hansen, age 22, Silverton, a white Xavier University Student, was Vice Chairman of CORE in Cincinnati.

On September 5, 1961, Captain [redacted] [redacted] Bureau of Identification, Cincinnati Police Department, advised that records of that Department reflect that [redacted] Born [redacted] [redacted] Ohio, residing [redacted] [redacted] Ohio, a student of Xavier University, Cincinnati, Ohio, was arrested by the Cincinnati Police Department on September 15, 1960, on a disorderly conduct charge. [redacted] appeared in Municipal Court, Cincinnati, on September 16, 1960, at which time costs were remitted.

b6  
b7C

On September 5, 1961, [redacted]  
[redacted], Supervisor of Records, Credit Bureau of  
Cincinnati, Inc., 24-26 East 6th Street, Cincinnati,  
Ohio, advised that [redacted] residing [redacted]  
[redacted] Ohio, student of Xavier  
University, has had a record in file at the Credit  
Bureau since February 18, 1961. According to [redacted]  
[redacted] the record concerning the [redacted] contained no  
derogatory information.

[redacted]

b6  
b7C

On September 7, 1961, [redacted]  
[redacted] Ohio Credit Bureau, advised that the files  
of that Bureau contain no record of [redacted]  
[redacted]

On September 7, 1961, Patrolman [redacted]  
[redacted] Wilmington, Ohio Police Department, and  
Deputy Sheriff [redacted] Clinton County Sheriff's  
Office, Wilmington, Ohio, advised that their  
respective files contained no record of [redacted]  
[redacted]

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 11-27-2009 BY 60324 uc baw/sab/rs

F B I

Date: 10/23/61

Transmit the following in PLAIN TEXT  
(Type in plain text or code)

Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-264)

RE: FREEDOM RIDERS - MISCELLANEOUS  
FREEBUS

FRS [redacted] and [redacted]  
tried Hinds County Court 10/23/61, pleaded not guilty, were  
found guilty and sentenced to \$200 fine and 4 months in jail  
each. Both appealed conviction to Circuit Court and both  
released same date on \$1500 bond. [redacted] and [redacted]  
[redacted] convicted after entering nolo contendere pleas  
10/23/61 and each fined \$200 and sentenced to 4 months in jail,  
the jail time being suspended. Fines paid. [redacted]  
[redacted] and ERNEST NEWELL WEBER released 10/23/61 on expiration  
of sentence.

Following is summary as of 4:00 P. M., 10/23/61:

No FR arrested Jackson, Miss. since 10/22/61 summary.  
Total arrested 312. Released on bond from Municipal Court 296.  
Released on bond from Hinds County Court 27. Paid fines 58.  
Released to attorney 1. Released on probation 4. Released as  
charges dismissed 1. Released on expiration of sentence 3.  
Confined to jail in lieu of bond from Hinds County Court 4.  
Confined to jail in lieu of fine after withdrawing appeal 2.  
Net in custody 10. All FR eating at Hinds County Jail.

3 - Bureau  
1 - New Orleans

SEV:pab

(4)

REG-52/57-387-1196

OCT 25 1961

Approved: *[Signature]*

Special Agent in Charge

Sent *[Signature]*Per *[Signature]*

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 11-27-2009 BY 60324 uc baw/sab/rs

F B I

Date: 10/22/61

Transmit the following in PLAIN TEXT  
(Type in plain text or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-373)

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-264)

RE: FREEDOM RIDERS - MISCELLANEOUS  
FREEBUS

Remyairtel, 10/21/61. No FR tried, arrested or  
released at Jackson, Miss., 10/22/61. 10/22/61 summary  
same as summary for 10/20/61.

3-Bureau  
1-New Orleans  
HEH:lyc  
(4)

EX-116

REC- 52

157-387 1197

b6  
b7C

C. C. Wick

Approved: 614

Special Agent in Charge

Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_

82 OCT 30 1961

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 11-27-2009 BY 60324 uc baw/sab/rs

F B I

Date: 10/24/61

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plain text or code)

Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-264)  
SUBJECT: FREEBUS

*Of Freedom Riders - Michael Jackson*  
FR's [redacted] and [redacted] tried  
Hinds County Court, 10/24/61, entered plea of not guilty, tried  
and convicted, sentenced to fine of \$200.00 and four months  
in jail. Appealed convictions to Circuit Court and both released  
on \$1500.00 appeal bonds.

Following is a summary as of 4:00 P.M., 10/24/61:

No FR's arrested at Jackson, Mississippi, since  
10/23/61 summary.

Total arrested, 312.

Released on bond from Municipal Court, 296.

Released on bond from Hinds County Court, 29.

Paid fines, 58.

Released to attorney, 1.

Released on probation, 4.

Released as charges dismissed, 1.

Released on expiration of sentence, 3.

③ Bureau  
1 - New Orleans

SEV/tal  
(4)

REC-9  
EX-105

8 OCT 26 1961

64 OCT 31 1961

Approved: C. Wick  
Special Agent in Charge

Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_

b6  
b7c

157-387-1198  
OCT 26 1961  
FBI - NEW ORLEANS

NO 157-264

Confined to jail in lieu of bond from Hinds County  
Court, 4.

Confined to jail in lieu of fine after withdrawing  
appela, 2.

Net in custody, 10.

All FR's eating at Hinds County Jail.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 11-27-2009 BY 60324 uc baw/sab/rs

TO DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 10/29/61

FROM SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-47656)

11514

SUBJECT: FREEDOM RIDE 3/1961, MISCELLANEOUS  
GREYHOUND BUS NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE,  
TO JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, JULY 29, 1961  
RM; CR

Re New Orleans airtel to Boston dated 7/31/61.

b2  
b6  
b7C  
b7D

Enclosed herewith are eight copies of letterhead memorandum to the Bureau and two copies for New Orleans.

cancelled 4/29/59.

The source used in letterhead memorandum is

RUC

- 2 - Bureau (REG) (Encls. 8)
  - 2 - New Orleans (REG) (Encls. 2)
  - 1 - San Francisco
- BT:rap #10  
(5)

10' MA 22 25 100  
10' MA 22 25 100  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
RECEIVED

REC-92

OCT 31 1961

157-387-1199

OCT 25 1961

REC'D - CIA HIGH

Agency 9-2, one bit CRD  
Req. Rec'd 10/26/61  
Date Forw. R/S  
How Forw. RP  
By 100 right unit  
acc's destroyed

ENCLOSURE

64 OCT 31 1961



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

San Francisco, California

11515

October 23, 1961

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Records of the Registrar's Office, San Francisco State College, San Francisco, California, as reviewed on October 4, 1961, indicated that [REDACTED] was admitted September 19, 1960, as a freshman and is pursuing a degree in liberal arts with a major in sociology. He was listed on the Dean's List in the spring of 1961. [REDACTED] was born [REDACTED] California, and graduated Berkeley, California, High School, June 17, 1960. [REDACTED]

b6  
b7C

[REDACTED] His home address was listed as [REDACTED] California.

A confidential source of the San Francisco Office, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on June 28, 1960, that [REDACTED] on that date made inquiries to locate [REDACTED] who resided in care of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] This source would furnish no additional information concerning this relationship.

[REDACTED] B. 1944  
[REDACTED] commonly known as [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] resides [REDACTED] California.

[REDACTED] name was searched through the files of the following agencies and no identifying data disclosed:

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

157-387- 1199  
ENCLOSURE



11516

b6  
b7C

Berkeley, California, Police Department on  
October 15, 1961

San Francisco, California, Police Department on  
October 9, 1961

San Francisco Retail Credit Association, San  
Francisco, California on October 9, 1961

Credit Bureau of the Greater East Bay, Oakland,  
California, which also covers Berkeley, California,  
on October 5, 1961.

157-387-1199

The Attorney General

October 30, 1961

Director, FBI

*Freedom Riders Misc.*

FREEDOM RIDE 1961;  
RACIAL MATTERS; DESTRUCTION  
OF AIRCRAFT OR MOTOR VEHICLES;  
CIVIL RIGHTS

6725

[redacted] has confidentially advised our New Orleans

LOUISIANA OFFICE

According to [redacted] the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) is "broke" and the NAACP has agreed to take over the trials and subsequent financial obligations sustained by the freedom riders who are scheduled for future appearances in Jackson, Mississippi. [redacted] reportedly told [redacted] that CORE had made a very serious mistake and showed poor judgment in sending a large number of freedom riders to Jackson. According to [redacted] "CORE is out of the freedom rider business."

[redacted] advised that he is of the opinion the NAACP may attempt to test facilities at Jackson, Mississippi, on a very limited basis after the Interstate Commerce Commission order concerning the integration of transportation facilities takes effect November 1, 1961, in order to provide the NAACP with a test case.

[redacted] pointed out that he was furnishing this information in strict confidence and requested that this information not be disseminated outside the FBI as it was furnished to him [redacted] and any divulgence would be embarrassing to him.

The Department will be promptly advised of further pertinent developments.

Mr. Byron R. White  
Deputy Attorney General

Assistant Attorney General  
Burke Marshall

1 - Mr. Mohr  
1 - Mr. DeLoach

1 - Mr. Evans

1 - Mr. Tavel

1 - Mr. Trotter

1 - Mr. Tele. Room

1 - Mr. Ingram

1 - Mr. Gandy

REC-12

157-387-1200

OCT 31 1961

See memo Rosen to Belmont dated 10/30/61 captioned "FREEBUS"; RBL: jam

82 OCT 31 1961

RBL: jam (12)

MAILED 30  
OCT 30 1961  
COMM-FBI

Tolson  
Belmont  
Mohr  
Callahan  
Conrad  
DeLoach  
Evans  
Malone  
Rosen  
Sullivan  
Tavel  
Trotter  
Tele. Room  
Ingram  
Gandy

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 11-27-2009 BY 60324 uc baw/sab/rs

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 10/25/61

FROM : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-264)

SUBJECT: FREEBUS FREEDOM RIDERS - MISC

Re Houston airtel to Bureau 8/25/61.

The files of this office reflect that [redacted]  
(protect identity)

[redacted] advised on January 16, 1961 that during the latter part of December, 1960 the Lyceum Society at Tulane University showed the film "operation Abolition" at a meeting on the Tulane University Campus. He related that at the conclusion of the showing of this film a general discussion was held during which an individual by the name of (FNU) [redacted]

- 2 - Bureau (RM)
- 2 - Houston (RM)
- 2 - New Orleans (157-264)

ECW:pab

(5)

NOV 1 3 28 PM '61

REC-41

OCT 30 1961

NOV 8 1961

RECEIVED

EX-105

152-382-FBI/201

For [unclear]

NO 157-264

[ ] arose and asked if any of those present had been in San Francisco during the riots which occurred during a hearing held by the House Un-American Activities Committee. According to [ ] [ ] stated that he had been in San Francisco at that time and had helped organize one of the picket lines which demonstrated during the hearing. [ ] stated that [ ] definitely gave him the impression of being a professional in connection with arguments and discussions of this character because he was very cool and collected in what he had to say. [ ] stated that he was unable to make any statement that [ ] was a communist or had made any comments unfavorable to the Government of the United States.

b6  
b7C

The San Francisco Division was requested to furnish any information appearing in the files of that office concerning [ ] or any information concerning his participation in the riots which occurred during the hearing of the House Un-American Activities Committee in San Francisco. The San Francisco Division advised that there was no record of [ ] in the files of that office.

On May 10, 1961 [ ]

[ ] Tulane University [ ]

[ ] and [ ]

all New Orleans, Louisiana, who are students at Tulane University, appeared at the New Orleans Office. [ ] served as spokesman for the group stating that he is a member of the Tulane University Conservative Club and [ ] of "The Liberator", an official off campus publication of this club. He stated that on the night of May 6, 1961, while attending a party at the residence of [ ] [ ]

[ ] came to the party as a guest of a girl who had been invited to attend. [ ] stated that he has publicly debated with [ ] on a number of occasions on the subject of communism and [ ] has always come out second best. [ ] has claimed that he is opposed to the House on Un-American Activities Committee and the film "Operation Abolition." He

NO 157-264

also claimed that he was a leader in the San Francisco riots.

[redacted] stated that at this point [redacted] invited him to attend a gettogether on May 11, 1961 at the residence of [redacted]

b6  
b7C

[redacted] New Orleans, in the French Quarter section of New Orleans. [redacted] stated that he has invited [redacted]

[redacted] (FNU) [redacted] and (FNU) [redacted]  
[redacted] According to [redacted] [redacted] was evasive as to the purpose of this gettogether but finally stated they intended to discuss proper means to combat communism. At the time of interview [redacted] was undecided as to whether he would attend the above mentioned gettogether.

Sources who are in a position to furnish information concerning the activities of the Southern Conference Educational Fund have not reported any plans or activities of the SCEF to sponsor or support a Freedom Ride from California or Texas to New Orleans, Louisiana.

FBI

Date: 10/25/61

## PLAIN TEXT

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plain text or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-264)  
SUBJECT: FREEBUS *Freedom Riders Case*

Attorney for FRS [redacted]

[redacted] and [redacted] entered nolo contendere pleas to breach of peace charge on their behalf in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi, 10/25/61. All sentenced to 4 months in jail suspended and fined \$200 each, which was paid.

On 10/25/61 Deputy [redacted] Hinds County SO, Jackson, advised that on 10/23/61 the 8 FRS remaining in MSP, Parchman, Miss. were transferred back to the Hinds County Jail, Jackson. Two of these were released on expiration of sentence 10/23/61 and reported in 10/23/61 summary. No FRS remaining MSP, Parchman, Miss.

b6  
b7c

Following is summary as of 4:00 P.M., 10/25/61:

No FRS arrested or released at Jackson, Miss. since 10/24/61 summary. Total arrested - 312. Released on bond from Municipal Court - 296. Released on bond from Hinds County Court - 29. Paid fines - 58. Released to attorney - 1. Released on probation - 4. Released as charges dismissed - 1. Released on expiration sentences - 3. Confined to jail in lieu of bond from Hinds County Court - 4. Confined to jail in lieu of fine after withdrawing appeal - 2. Net in custody - 10.

All FRS eating at Hinds County Jail.

3 - Bureau  
2 - New Orleans

HEH/rc  
(5)

REC-92

EX-113

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

S

M

Per \_\_\_\_\_

NOV 15 1961

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 11-27-2009 BY 60324 uc baw/sab/rs

F B I

Date: 10/27/61

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plain text or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-264)

SUBJECT: FREEBUS FREEDOM RIDERS- MISCELLANEOUS  
No FR tried in Hinds County Court Jackson, Miss.  
10/27/61.

Following is a summary as of 4:00 p.m., 10/27/61:

No FR arrested or released at Jackson since 10/26/61  
summary.

Total arrested 312.

Released on bond from Municipal Court 296.

Released on bond from Hinds County Court 29.

Paid fines 58.

Released to attorney - 1.

Released on probation - 4.

Released on expiration of sentences - 3

Confined to jail in lieu of bond from Hinds County  
Court - 4.

3-Bureau  
1-New Orleans  
HEH:cjo  
(4)

U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE  
FBI

REC-96

157-387-1203  
17 OCT 30 1961

EX 110

58 NOV 3 1961

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

NO 157-264

Confined to jail in lieu of fine after withdrawing appeal - 2.

Net in custody - 10

All FR eating at Hinds County Jail.



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~DECLASSIFICATION AUTHORITY DERIVED FROM:  
FBI AUTOMATIC DECLASSIFICATION GUIDE  
DATE 11-27-2009

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-387)

DATE: 10/24/61

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (157-487)

SUBJECT: FREEDOM RIDERS 1961 MISCELLANEOUS  
Trailways Bus 5708, From  
Nashville, Tennessee to  
Jackson, Mississippi,  
June 7, 1961  
RM: CR

(OO: NEW ORLEANS)

Re New Orleans letter to Butte, 9/15/61.

Re letter set forth a list of freedom riders who were arrested by the Jackson Mississippi Police Department on June 7, 1961, and requested offices receiving copies to check indices, credit and criminal records on those riders residing or working in their respective territories.

Included in this list was [redacted]  
[redacted] Enclosed are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning her.

The following investigation conducted by NYO failed to reflect any additional information concerning [redacted]

Records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York, reviewed by IO [redacted] on 9/27/61, and records of BCI, NYCPD, reviewed by SA [redacted] on 10/2/61.

The sources utilized in attached letterhead memorandum are identified as follows:

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN  
OTHERWISE

-RUC-

- 2 - Bureau (157-387) (ENCLS. 8)
- 1 - New Orleans (157-291) (ENCL. 1)
- 1 - New York (157-487)

JDB:pas  
(4)

REC-41

OCT 25 1961

Agency 2-2401-01 + C.R.D.  
Req. Rec'd 10/27/61  
Date Forw. R/S  
How Forw. 10/27/61  
By 10/27/61

Classified by SP-5  
Declassify on: OADR

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~0-17.SAC: NY, Rbl: 10/27/61



New York 157-487

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Re: Freedom Ride, 1961  
Trailways Bus 5708,  
From Nashville, Tennessee,  
to Jackson, Mississippi,  
June 7, 1961  
Racial Matters; CR

Among individuals who were arrested as freedom  
riders by the Jackson Mississippi Police Department on June 7,  
1961, was:

Name  
Address

Sex  
Race  
Age  
Date of Birth  
Place of Birth  
Height  
Weight  
Marital Status  
Complexion  
Hair  
Occupation  
Eyes  
Education

Mother

Father

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

Four years college -  
refused to identify school

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

b6  
b7C

MISS

*This page  
was referred  
out to Bureau*

*AK*

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN  
OTHERWISE

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

ENCLOSURE

7/31/84  
Classified by *DLK/ML*  
Declassify on: OADR  
*LRN 4649*

157-387-1204

Re: Freedom Ride, 1961

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

[redacted]  
[redacted] who was born on [redacted] at [redacted]  
[redacted] and who as of January, 1961, was employed  
as [redacted] resided  
with [redacted] and [redacted]  
[redacted] New York, from approximately August 10 or  
11, 1960, until the middle of September, 1960, when she  
moved to another apartment.

In the latter part of 1960, [redacted]  
mentioned above, advised a representative of the Civil  
Service Commission (CSC) that [redacted]  
have known [redacted] since she was born and have been  
very close friends of the [redacted] family for many years.

b6  
b7C

[redacted] advised that he and [redacted] saw [redacted]  
[redacted] on one or two occasions during her four years of  
college when she came to visit them during the school holidays  
and further stated that [redacted] continues to visit them  
since moving from their home.

On September 15, 1950, a Certificate of  
Dissolution was filed with the Office of the  
Secretary of State, State of New York, by the  
American Russian Institute (ARI) for Cultural  
Relations with the Soviet Union, Incorporated,  
58 Park Avenue, New York, New York. This  
certificate indicated that [redacted]  
[redacted] New York, was a member of the  
Board of Directors of that organization. This  
certificate is recorded in Membership Corporation  
Volume 534 Q-52 and was executed by [redacted]  
[redacted] Vice Chairman, and [redacted] Secretary.

- 2 -

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Re: Freedom Ride, 1961

(U) In 1942, New York T-1 advised that he observed a memorandum of the ARI, which memorandum set forth the names and data on various members of the Board of Directors of that organization, and indicated that [redacted] had been with the ARI longer than any other member of the staff, indicating that she had joined the staff in 1935 and that she handled the exhibits, the promotions and the special activities of the organization. ~~C~~

The ARI has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

b6  
b7c

It is noted that the ARI was formerly located at 56 West 45th Street, New York, New York.

A review of the records of the Manhattan, New York, Board of Elections in 1945, reflected that [redacted] was then residing at [redacted] New York, and indicated that she was self-employed at [redacted] New York, and that [redacted]

(U) On July 6, 1951, New York T-2, advised that on November 2, 1948, [redacted]

- 3 -

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Re: Freedom Ride, 1961

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

(U) [redacted] New York,  
donated the sum of \$5.00 to the "Morning  
Freiheit" Press Fund. ~~&~~

Information concerning the "Morning  
Freiheit" is set forth in the Appendix  
Section attached hereto.

(U) On June 7, 1948, New York T-3  
advised that at a dinner of the ARI  
held at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, New York,  
New York, on June 2, 1948, [redacted]  
[redacted] and [redacted] donated \$1,000.00  
to the ARI. ~~&~~

b6  
b7C

The annual report, 1948, of the ARI, reflects  
that [redacted] was a member of the Board  
of Directors of the ARI and had been elected to  
that position on March 9, 1948.

A review of the records of the Passport Division,  
United States Department of State, Washington,  
D.C. in 1953, reflected that [redacted] applied  
for a passport on August 22, 1945 for a proposed  
three months travel to the Union of the Soviet  
Socialist Republics (USSR) for the purpose of  
business. She listed her residence as [redacted]  
[redacted] and indicated she had  
resided [redacted] from August, 1936 to September 27,  
1936, and from July, 1935, to August, 1935.  
Her passport file contained a letter dated August 21,  
1945, from the ARI, 51 Park Avenue, New York,  
New York, reflecting that [redacted] was the  
[redacted] of that organization and was  
being sent to the USSR in conjunction with the  
exchange of materials with the Soviet Cultural,  
Scientific and Academic Organization.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ 4 -

Re: Freedom Ride, 1961

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

The file reflected that as of 1935, [redacted]

[redacted] resided at [redacted]  
[redacted] New York.

On November 29, 1954, New York T-4 advised that he had attended approximately six Communist Party (CP) meetings in the New York City area, some on the upper west side and some in the Greenwich Village section, between 1946 and late 1947.

New York T-4 identified a photograph of [redacted] as one of the persons who had attended most of the meetings of the CP at which he was in attendance during 1946 to late 1947. New York T-4 stated that he remembered [redacted] because he had expressed himself at the meetings as being in opposition to the stand of the CP on self-determination for the Negro and that [redacted] had defended the policy of the CP on this question. *Qu*

b6  
b7C

The CP has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

On June 14, 1949, New York T-5 advised that [redacted] had contacted [redacted] and that [redacted] had invited [redacted] and [redacted] to dinner at [redacted] home on the following Thursday. However, according to New York T-5, [redacted] declined the invitation, as she would be in Boston. *C*

(U)

On August 14, 1949, New York T-5 further advised that [redacted] contacted [redacted] concerning pledges made to the election campaign of [redacted]. [redacted] told [redacted] that she and [redacted], would make a substantial pledge. *C*

(U)

- 5 -  
~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Re: Freedom Ride, 1961

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

In November, 1951, New York T-6 advised that he had observed the names of [redacted] and [redacted] and also of [redacted] New York, in the personal address book of [redacted].

On September 9, 1957, the Federal Grand Jury, Southern District of New York, returned an indictment charging [redacted] and [redacted] with conspiracy to obtain and transmit to the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics information relating to the national defense of the United States, conspiracy to receive information relating to the national defense of the United States with the knowledge that same would be transmitted to the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and conspiracy to commit espionage. The indictment charged that these acts extended over a period from approximately January, 1940, until the date of the indictment.

b6  
b7c

On December 14, 1945, [redacted] Finance Director of the ARI, advised New York T-7 that [redacted] President of the ARI, contributed approximately \$10,000.00 a year to the Institute.

On September 30, 1954, [redacted] was contacted by Special Agents of the FBI, at which time she stated that she would not cooperate with Agents and refused to discuss any of her activities.

On June 21, 1954, New York T-8 advised that [redacted] New York, had contributed the sum of \$10.00 to the "New World Review".

- 6 -  
~~CONFIDENTIAL~~



Re: Freedom Ride, 1961

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Information concerning "The New World Review" is set forth in the Appendix attached hereto.

New York T-8 again advised on April 8, 1957, that [redacted]

(U) [redacted] New York, on April 13, 1954, renewed her subscription to the "New World Review" for a period of two years. ~~C~~

On November 4, 1957, New York T-9 advised that [redacted]

[redacted] New York, was a subscriber to "Mainstream" and that her subscription was good until March, 1958.

b6  
b7C

Information concerning "Mainstream" is set out in the Appendix attached hereto.

On November 4, 1959, New York T-10 advised that he had observed the name and address [redacted]

(U) [redacted] New York, in the possession of [redacted] while the latter was residing at the Hayward Hotel, 6th and Spring Streets, Los Angeles, California. ~~C~~

On September 13, 1959, New York T-11 advised that [redacted] is associated with the reserve fund operations of the CP of the United States of America.

On April 11, 1950, a representative of the Bureau of Special Services, New York City Police Department, advised that on April 11, 1950, a meeting of the ARI for the benefit of

- 7 -  
~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Re: Freedom Ride, 1961

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

that organization was to be held on  
April 11, 1950, at the home of [redacted]

[redacted] New York, and that a \$25.00 subscription  
was being asked.

On September 30, 1949, [redacted]

[redacted] made available  
books and records of the "Challenge" newspaper,  
which records had been left in her possession  
during the latter part of 1947 by [redacted]  
circulation and business manager of that  
organization. Among the correspondence was  
a letter from [redacted]  
of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee  
(JAFRC) contained a four page list of possible  
contributors to "The Challenge". This letter  
was dated February 27, 1946, and was on the  
stationery of the JAFRC. One of the individuals  
named on this list was [redacted]

b6  
b7c

[redacted] New York.

The JAFRC has been designated by the Attorney  
General of the United States pursuant to  
Executive Order 10450.

Information concerning the "Challenge"  
is contained in the Appendix attached  
hereto.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Re: Freedom Ride, 1961

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

On January 16, 1952, [redacted]  
[redacted] New York, made available  
a list of persons travelling under the auspices of  
the Open Road between 1936 and 1941. Included  
on this list as travellers for whom steamship  
passage was booked, for the year 1941, were  
the names of [redacted]  
[redacted] New York.

The files of the Credit Bureau of Greater New  
York, reviewed during the course of a previous  
investigation concerning [redacted] reflected  
that he was then residing at [redacted]  
[redacted] New York, and had formerly resided  
with [redacted]  
[redacted] New York.

b6  
b7c

On June 30, 1952, New York T-8 advised that on  
March 30, 1950, [redacted] National Chairman  
of the JAFRC, had directed a letter to [redacted]  
[redacted] New York,  
indicating that it was "wonderful for you to make  
such a generous pledge and I want you to know  
(U) that the Committee and I appreciate your check  
in fulfillment of your pledge."

New York T-8 further advised that [redacted]  
[redacted] Treasurer of the JAFRC, on March 24,  
1950, directed a letter to [redacted]  
[redacted] New York, thanking  
(U) him for his generous pledge of \$250.00.

Information concerning the Open Road is  
contained in the Appendix attached hereto.

All sources mentioned above have furnished  
reliable information in the past.

- 9 -

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Re: Freedom Ride; 1961

APPENDIX

"MASSES AND MAINSTREAM"

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representative Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning "Masses and Mainstream":

"Masses and Mainstream\*

- "1. Cited as the successor to New Masses, 'a Communist magazine.'  
(Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1953 on the Congress of American Women, April 26, 1950, originally released October 23, 1949, p. 75; also cited in House Report 1694 on Organized Communism in the United States, May 28, 1954, originally released August 19, 1953, p. 98.)"

\*Name changed to Mainstream with September, 1956 issue of this publication.

- 10 -

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Re: Freedom Ride, 1961

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

APPENDIX

"MORNING FREIHEIT"

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, to supersede Guide published on May 14, 1951, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the "Morning Freiheit":

"1. A 'Communist Yiddish daily.'  
(Attorney General FRANCIS BIDDLE,  
Congressional Record, September 24, 1942,  
p. 7686.

"2. 'The Freiheit has been one of the rankest organs of Communist propaganda in this country for almost a quarter of a century.'

(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 75.)"

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Re; Freedom Ride, 1961

APPENDIX

"NEW WORLD REVIEW"

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the "New World Review":

"1. Cited as an organization specializing in pro-Soviet propaganda. It was formerly known as Soviet Russia Today.

(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 90.)"

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Re: Freedom Ride, 1961

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

APPENDIX

"CHALLENGE"

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the "Challenge":

"1. Cited as a publication which 'began in March 1950 under the sponsorship of the Labor Youth League' and which 'was endorsed by William Z. Foster, Chairman of the Communist Party.'

(Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 378 on the Communist 'Peace' Offensive, April 25, 1951, originally released April 1, 1951, p. 81.)"

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Re: Freedom Ride, 1961

~~CONFIDENTIAL(S)~~  
APPENDIX

"OPEN ROAD"

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," March 3, 1951, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. contains the following concerning the "Open Road":

- "1. Cited as a Communist front.  
(California Committee on Un-American Activities,  
Report, 1948, p. 341)."

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~



~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

DECLASSIFICATION AUTHORITY DERIVED FROM:  
FBI AUTOMATIC DECLASSIFICATION GUIDE  
DATE 11-27-2009

157-487

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~  
New York, New York  
October 24, 1961

Re: Freedom Ride, 1961  
Trailways Bus 5708,  
From Nashville, Tennessee,  
to Jackson, Mississippi,  
June 7, 1961  
Racial Matters; CR

Among individuals who were arrested as freedom  
riders by the Jackson Mississippi Police Department on  
June 7, 1961, was:

Name  
Address

Sex  
Race  
Age  
Date of Birth  
Place of Birth  
Height  
Weight  
Marital Status  
Complexion  
Hair  
Occupation  
Eyes  
Education

Mother

Father

[Redacted]

Four years college -  
refused to identify school

b6  
b7C

[Redacted]

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Evans \_\_\_\_\_  
Malone \_\_\_\_\_  
Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Ingram \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN  
OTHERWISE  
RBL:mlp  
(3)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

7/31/84  
Classified by 205KJ6/mlc  
Declassify on: OADR  
ISAU #649

MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED

HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED

DATE 11-27-2009 BY 60324 uc baw/sab/rs

TO : Director, FBI (44-17831)

DATE: 10/26/61

FROM : SAC, New Orleans (157-334)

SUBJECT: FREEDOM RIDERS 1961  
Trailways Bus Terminal  
Jackson, Mississippi  
July 9, 1961  
RM; CR

Rerep SA HUNTER E. HELGESON, 9/27/61, New Orleans.

Since the Freedom Riders in this group are scheduled to be tried in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi, on April 23, 1962, this case is being retained in a pending inactive status until that time.

P\*

- ② - Bureau
- 1 - New Orleans

HGM:sam  
(3)

RECEIVED  
FBI  
OCT 31 15 14 PM '61

RECEIVED  
FBI  
OCT 31 15 14 PM '61

EX-105  
REC-41

157-387-1205

NOV 1 1961

REC'D - CIV RIGHTS

b6  
b7C

56 NOV 2 1961

F B I

Date: 10/28/61

Transmit the following in PLAIN TEXT  
(Type in plain text or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-264)  
RE: FREEBUS. *FREEDOM RIDERS - MISCELLANEOUS*

No FR arrested, released or tried in Jackson,  
Miss. 10/28/61. Summary as of 4 p.m. 10/28/61 same as  
10/27/61 summary.

③-Bureau  
1-New Orleans

HEH:lyc  
(4)

REC-12

157

EX 110

b6  
b7C

Approved: *Hym*  
Special Agent in Charge

Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_

FBI

Date: 10/26/61

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plain text or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-264)  
SUBJECT: FREEBUS *FREEDOM RIDERS - MISCELLANEOUS*

No FRs tried in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Miss.,  
10/26/61.

Following is summary as of 4:00 p.m., 10/26/61:

No FR arrested or released at Jackson since 10/25/61  
summary.

Total arrested - 312.

Released on bond from Municipal Court - 296.

Released on bond from Hinds County Court - 29.

Paid fines - 58.

Released to attorney - 1.

Released on probation - 4.

Released as charges dismissed - 1.

Released on expiration of sentence - 3.

Confined to jail in lieu of bond from Hinds County  
Court - 4.

P

③ - Bureau  
1 - New Orleans

HEH:dfs  
(4)

REC-12 157-380  
EX 110  
b6  
b7C

57 NOV 2 1961

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

NO 157-264

Confined to jail in lieu of fine after withdrawing  
appeal - 2.

Net in custody - 10.

All FR eating at Hinds County Jail.

October 27, 1961

Airtel

REC- 62

157-387-1208

To: SAC, Baltimore (157-16)

From: Director, FBI

**FREEDOM RIDE**

Route #40, Maryland and Delaware

11/11/61

**RACIAL MATTERS**

Re Baltimore airtel dated 10/26/61 captioned, "CORE, Racial Matters."

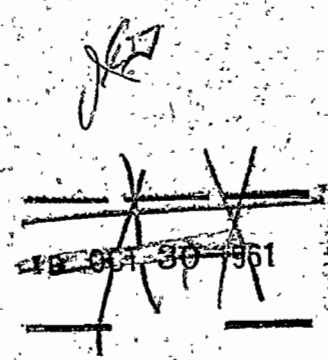
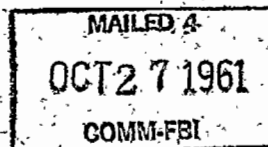
The Baltimore Office is referred to Bureau airtel to Albany, copies to all offices, captioned, "Racial Matters," dated 9/11/61 in which instructions were issued that in the future the caption, "Congress of Racial Equality, Racial Matters" should not be used in connection with such matters as the planned freedom ride sponsored by CORE on 11/11/61. It also instructed that activities of CORE should be submitted under a suitable caption such as a brief description of the activity. Future communications with regard to the freedom ride on Route #40 should be submitted under the caption of this airtel.

- 1 - New Haven
- 1 - New York
- 1 - Norfolk
- 1 - Pittsburgh
- 1 - Richmond
- 1 - Washington Field

JCT:ers

(10)

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Evans \_\_\_\_\_  
Malone \_\_\_\_\_  
Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Ingram \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_



MAIL ROOM ☒

TELETYPE UNIT ☐

NOV 2 1961

10/26/61

PLAIN TEXT

AIRTEL

REGULAR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (~~167-6-3~~)

FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE (157-16)

SUBJECT: RACIAL SITUATION

CORE  
RACIAL MATTERS

*Freedom Riders - Misc*

As the Bureau has been previously advised, Baltimore newspapers are giving wide publicity to the statement of JULIUS HOBSON, of CORE, New York City, that CORE plans to send approximately 750 of its members to Delaware and Maryland for the purpose of testing the refusal of restaurants and hotels along U.S. Route 40 to serve colored people. The plan of CORE is that the 750 members are to be drawn from the CORE Chapters in New York, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Virginia and the District of Columbia, as well as Maryland. They are to arrive in Baltimore on November 11, 1961, and one group plans to leave from Baltimore, and the other will begin its march from the Delaware Memorial Bridge, and the two groups plan to meet at a half-way point.

For the information of the offices receiving copies of this airtel, numerous incidents have occurred along U.S. Route #40 growing out of the refusal to serve colored people including representatives of the new African States. These incidents caused the holding of various meetings with the restaurant owners by representatives of the U.S. State Department and the Maryland Commission on Interracial Problems. It would appear that on one hand, CORE has announced that 750 "freedom riders" would come to Delaware and Maryland on November 11 next, and on the other hand, representatives of the State of Maryland are attempting to forestall this move and to get legislation passed in the State Legislature making it mandatory on the part

- ③ - Bureau
  - 2 - New Haven
  - 2 - New York
  - 2 - Philadelphia
  - 2 - Norfolk
  - 2 - Richmond
  - 2 - WFO
  - 2 - Baltimore (1 - 100-16630)
- JVS:ers

(17)

C.C. - Wick

*Autel to Dir 10/27/61*  
*Autel to NY, NE, PG, RH*  
*REC-62*  
*EX - 107*  
*157-347-1208*  
*NOV 1 1961*  
*NOV 1 1961*  
*NOV 1 1961*

b6  
b7C

of restaurant owners and hotels to serve all persons regardless of color.

The Baltimore Evening Sun, October 25, 1961, contains the announcement by WILLIAM C. ROGERS, SR., Chairman of the Maryland Commission on Interracial Problems and Relations, that he had sent a telegram to CORE, urging them to call off the "freedom ride" and expressing confidence that the Maryland Legislature will introduce a state-wide public accommodations bill at its next session. The article also reflected the statement of BLAIR LEE, III, a candidate for U.S. Senator, asking CORE to drop its plans and predicting that if they go through with them, it would cause an indefinite delay in the passage of any public accommodations legislation.

[redacted] in the course of another inquiry, advised SA [redacted] on October 25, 1961, that he had just received a telegram from CORE, New York, asking for a conference regarding the "freedom riders" and [redacted] gave as his opinion that the events of November 11 next will not take place.

b2  
b6  
b7C  
b7D

Baltimore Confidential Informant [redacted] advised on October 25, 1961, that he had been told by a Baltimore CORE official, [redacted] that there is to be held in New York City, on Saturday, October 28, 1961, a meeting at which the CORE plans for the "freedom ride" will be announced. The informant will proceed to New York with [redacted] and attend the meeting.

Offices receiving copies of this airtel are requested to discreetly ascertain the plans of CORE for the arrival of the "freedom riders" in Delaware and Maryland, on November 11, 1961, and advise the Bureau and Baltimore of their findings.

[redacted] believes that at this meeting of CORE in New York, on October 28, 1961, there will be representatives of CORE from the Eastern States and therefore offices receiving copies this airtel are requested, if possible, to get informant coverage of the meeting to ascertain the plans for their CORE Chapters in the States.

The Baltimore office in Maryland and Delaware is maintaining close liaison with the appropriate law enforcement agencies and will keep the Bureau advised of all developments.



10/27/61

Airtel

To: SAC, Los Angeles (157-383)

From: <sup>REC-66</sup> Director, FBI 157-387-1209

ST  
DW  
FREEDOM RIDE 1961  
SOUTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, TO  
HOUSTON, TEXAS, 8/11/61  
RACIAL MATTERS,  
CIVIL RIGHTS

Reurlet 10/19/61 with accompanying letterhead memorandum.

You are referred to Part II, Section 4, Page 35, of the Manual of Rules and Regulations concerning the use of T symbols in letterhead memorandum.

You should resubmit your letterhead memorandum in this matter in conformity with the referenced section of the Manual of Rules and Regulations.

Your cover letter should identify the informants used in the preparation of your letterhead memorandum.

It is noted that extensive information in referenced letterhead memorandum comes from confidential informants. You should give consideration to whether or not your letterhead memorandum should be classified confidential.

This matter should be given your prompt attention.

1 - Houston (information)

RBL: pab  
(5)

SEE NOTE PAGE TWO

NOV 2 1961

TELETYPE UNIT ☐

NOTE:

Los Angeles furnished a letterhead memorandum concerning freedom riders in which extensive information was used coming from informants. No evaluation of the informants is given and the cover letter of the letterhead memorandum does not set forth the identity of the informants. The letterhead memorandum in its present form cannot be disseminated.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 11-27-2009 BY 60324 uc baw/sab/rs

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 10/19/61

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (157-383)

SUBJECT:

*WAS*  
*misc.*  
FREEDOM RIDERS 1961  
SOUTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, TO  
HOUSTON, TEXAS,  
8/11/61  
RM, CR

00: Houston

Re Houston airtels to the Director captioned  
"FREEBUS" dated 8/16/ 21, and 25/61, with letterhead  
memoranda captioned, "PROGRESSIVE YOUTH ASSOCIATION, INC.  
CONGRESS OF RACIAL EQUALITY,"

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are ten  
copies of a letterhead memoranda captioned as above  
with information concerning persons mentioned in re-  
ferenced airtels.

Six copies of this letterhead memorandum are  
being furnished Houston, the Office of Origin.

Information concerning these persons was  
tained from a review of Los Angeles files.

RUC

- 28 cards*
- ③ - Bureau (Enc. - 10)
  - 2 - Houston (Enc. - 6) (144-786)
  - 1 - Los Angeles

CRS/alh  
(6)

*9 cc's Orig Unit.*  
*ENCLOSURE*  
*30 Cards*

EX-113

REC-66

157-387-1209

REC'D - CIVIL RIGHTS

b6  
b7C

EXP. PROC.



In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Los Angeles, California  
October 19, 1961

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 11-27-2009 BY 60324 uc baw/sab/rs

FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
SOUTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, TO  
HOUSTON, TEXAS, AUGUST 11, 1961

Records of the Houston, Texas Police Department show that the below-named persons were among those arrested August 11, 1961, at Houston on a charge of unlawful assembling:

The files of the Retail Merchants Credit Association, Los Angeles, were caused to be checked August 28, 1961, by IC [redacted] No information could be located that is pertinent to any of the persons. Identification files of the Los Angeles Police Department and Los Angeles Sheriff's Office were caused to be checked August 28, 1961, by IC [redacted]

In some instances confidential informants who have furnished reliable information in the past had information concerning some of the persons. All such identification and informant information is set out under each name:

b6  
b7C

[redacted]  
No record Los Angeles Police Department or Los Angeles Sheriff's Office.

[redacted] was active in the Independent Students Union (See Appendix) in March of 1960.

[redacted] also known as [redacted]

No record Los Angeles Police Department or Los Angeles Sheriff's Office.

Not known to confidential informants.

[redacted] Los Angeles Police Department Number [redacted]  
Arrested May 13, 1954, on charge of suspicion of robbery.

157-387-1209  
ENCLOSURE

FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
SOUTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, TO  
HOUSTON, TEXAS, AUGUST 11, 1961

subsequently released to parents, [redacted] and [redacted]  
[redacted] Date of birth shown as [redacted]  
[redacted] in [redacted] Occupation student, address [redacted]  
[redacted] description: male, Negro, 5' 9", 150  
pounds, black hair, brown eyes.

Informant stated [redacted] active in Independent  
Students Union 1960-1961.

ROBERT PAUL KAUFMAN

No record Los Angeles Police Department or Los  
Angeles Sheriff's Office.

An informant advised ROBERT KAUFMAN was a member  
of the Executive Board of the Southern California District  
Communist Party, USA (SCDCP) in 1960. Active in Los  
Angeles County Labor Youth League, in 1956 and early 1957.  
The CPUSA and the Labor Youth League have been designated  
by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant  
to Executive Order 10450.

[redacted]  
Arrested November 12, 1959, on charge of drunk  
driving. Disposition 90 days, suspended on condition of  
paying \$150. or serving 30 days (\$150. was paid), on three  
years summary probation as of February 10, 1960. Described  
as white, male, American, 5' 11", 195 pounds, black hair,  
brown eyes, born [redacted] residence [redacted]

[redacted] occupation [redacted]  
[redacted] California Driver's License Number [redacted]  
[redacted]

[redacted] not known to informants.

[redacted]

Tex  
CALIF  
221

b6  
b7C

FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
SOUTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, TO  
HOUSTON, TEXAS, AUGUST 11, 1961

No record Los Angeles Police Department or Los Angeles Sheriff's Office.

Not known to confidential informants.

b6  
b7C

[redacted] *Calif*  
No record Los Angeles Police Department or Los Angeles Sheriff's Office.

Confidential informants reported he has been a Vice Chairman of the Independent Students Union, that his parents, [redacted] and [redacted] have been members of the SCDCP. *Calif*

[redacted]

*Calif* *Tex* *Aug 1961*  
No record Los Angeles Police Department or Los Angeles Sheriff's Office.

*Calif*  
Confidential informants have reported she was active in the Independent Students Union in 1960-1961, attended the seventh World Youth Festival, Vienna, Austria, in July-August, 1959, and that her parents, [redacted] and [redacted] were members of the Communist Political Association in 1945.

[redacted] *Calif*  
No record Los Angeles Police Department or Los Angeles Sheriff's Office.

Informants have reported [redacted] attended plenary sessions of the Los Angeles County Labor Youth League convention in July, 1956, and was a member of the Labor Youth League as of November, 1956. Her parents, [redacted] and [redacted] were members of the SCDCP as of August, 1961. *Calif*

FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
SOUTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, TO  
HOUSTON, TEXAS, AUGUST 11, 1961

[REDACTED] *conf T64*  
No record Los Angeles Police Department or Los Angeles Sheriff's Office.

An informant reports she was [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] and active in the Independent Students Union in  
1960-1961.

[REDACTED] *conf*  
No record Los Angeles Police Department or Los Angeles Sheriff's Office.

Not known to confidential informants.

On August 12, 1961, Assistant Chief Deputy Sheriff LOYD FRAIZER, Harris County, Texas, advised that the persons arrested August 11, 1961, in Houston had been brought to the Harris County Jail after having been processed by the Houston Police Department.

On August 18, 1961, Chief Deputy B. B. WILLIAMS advised that his office had received six telegrams from California in the previous 48 hours, which were similar in phraseology. In general the telegrams protested the incarceration of the California freedom riders and demanded their immediate release. Chief WILLIAMS advised the senders of the telegrams were:

[REDACTED]  
North Hollywood;

[REDACTED]  
North Hollywood;

[REDACTED]  
Los Angeles;

b6  
b7C

FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
SOUTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, TO  
HOUSTON, TEXAS, AUGUST 11, 1961

[redacted]  
Los Angeles;

[redacted]  
Los Angeles;

[redacted]  
North Hollywood.

b6  
b7C

Confidential informants who have furnished reliable information in the past could furnish no pertinent information concerning [redacted] of North Hollywood or [redacted] of Los Angeles. Information concerning the others is set out herewith:

[redacted] of North Hollywood, California, stated in June, 1953, he was currently an active member of the CP. He stated in April, 1954, that he is regarded as a "Marxist-Socialist" and a "Marxist-Communist", and, in fact, regards himself as a "Stalinist-Communist."

[redacted] who is married to [redacted]  
[redacted] attended meetings of the District Committee, SCDGP, in 1961.

[redacted] also known as [redacted]  
[redacted] was active in the Independent Students Union in 1960-1961. In March, 1961, she attended a Progressive Youth Organizing Committee (PYOC) (See Appendix) meeting, during which the speaker stated that the new organization (PYOC) would not be part of the CP, but would have CP members in it.

[redacted] regularly attended meetings of the CP in Los Angeles in 1960 and 1961. She is the mother of [redacted]

[redacted] was reported as attending meetings of the 21st CD Section, SCDGP, in 1957, including two meetings of the Section Council.



FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
SOUTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, TO  
HOUSTON, TEXAS, AUGUST 11, 1961

[redacted] was a member of the CP in 1940, 1943, and 1947. She attended a social affair in January, 1961, which was sponsored by a CP club.

An informant has advised that [redacted] (who has never been the subject of an investigation by the FBI at Los Angeles) is the daughter of [redacted]

b6  
b7C

[redacted] Information was previously set out that a [redacted] (or [redacted] a graduate student at Baylor University, was organizing a freedom ride. Los Angeles informants who are in a position to know could furnish no information to indicate anyone named [redacted] (or [redacted] may be active in the Los Angeles area organizing a freedom ride.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

10/31/61

AIRTEL

EX-103

REC-115

157-387-1210

To: SAC, Atlanta

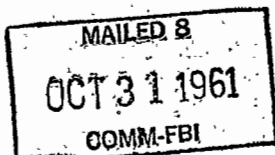
From: Director, FBI

FREEDOM RIDES  
Albany, Georgia  
11/1 and 2/61  
RACIAL MATTERS

Reurairtel 10/30/61.

Advise the Bureau if the incident involving the shooting wherein both a police officer and a Negro bus driver were killed on 10/26/61 at Albany, Georgia, has been furnished to the Bureau. Identify date and caption of the communication.

If this matter has not been reported to the Bureau, a letterhead memorandum should be immediately forwarded to the Bureau containing pertinent details.



Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Evans \_\_\_\_\_  
Malone \_\_\_\_\_  
Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Ingram \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

RBL:dsj  
(4)

NOV 3 1961

MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

F B I

Date: 10/30/61

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plain text or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (157-NEW)

RE: FREEDOM RIDES - MISC.  
ALBANY, GEORGIA  
11/1 & 2/61  
RACIAL MATTERS

Chief of Police [redacted] Albany, Ga. Police  
Department. furnished the following information to SA [redacted]  
[redacted] on 10/30/61:

[redacted] at Albany, Ga.,  
advised Chief [redacted] that a group of Negroes were planning  
to lead a group of Freedom riders into Albany, Ga. on 11/1  
or 11/2/61 where they plan to use white facilities at the  
Trailways Bus Station, the Carnegie Public Library, and  
an unidentified theater. [redacted] has been in attendance at  
one or more of these meetings and identified the local leader  
of this movement as [redacted]  
in Albany, Ga. [redacted] stated this movement is being  
directed by a Negro male allegedly from Washington, D.C.  
and a second Negro male allegedly from the State of Virginia,  
however, he failed to furnish their identities. He  
furnished information that from three to five local Negro  
citizens attending a meeting in Atlanta, Ga. during the  
weekend of 10/28,29/61 accompanied by [redacted] for the purpose  
of instructing these individuals concerning this proposed  
action. The identities of these individuals were not furnished.  
[redacted] stated he had withdrawn from any participation in  
this movement due to what he termed "bad timing" and related

b6  
b7c

- P  
③ - Bureau (AM)(RM)  
2 - New Orleans (AM)(RM)  
2 - Richmond (AM)(RM)  
2 - Atlanta

WLB:hld  
(9)

Approved: Cew  
Special Agent in Charge

Sent 11/1/61 M Per STH

REC-115

OCT 31 1961

AT 157-NEW

that he was not in favor of the movement at this time because of an incident wherein Albany Police Officer THOMAS DUNBAR and Negro bus rider were involved in a shooting wherein both the police officer and Negro bus rider were killed on 10/26/61 at the bus terminal in Albany, Ga. [redacted] further advised that this movement is being sponsored by persons who were involved in the Freedom Rides at Jackson, Miss. He did not identify any of these persons.

[redacted] Albany State College, Albany, Ga., a Negro institution, advised Chief [redacted] that some unknown males had been on the campus of that college on 10/27/61, attempting to recruit students for the instant movement. He related that he had ordered these persons from the campus and he has instructed that no student at the institution is to leave the campus until further notice. b6 b7C

Both [redacted] and [redacted] have indicated full cooperation to Chief [redacted] in every effort to avoid an incident of violence.

Chief [redacted] has instituted 12-hour police patrols and has designated two plain clothesmen to be at the bus station commencing at 8:00 PM this date until such time as there is no further threat of violence.

This matter is being closely followed. The Bureau will be kept informed and information concerning this matter will be submitted in Bureau letterhead form.

Copies of this communication are being forwarded to New Orleans and Richmond in view of the allegations that persons involved in this matter may be from areas handled by these divisions and in view of the possibility that investigation may be requested of these divisions.

F B I

Date: 10/26/61  
PLAIN TEXTTransmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plain text or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI(157-373) 157-387-

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS(157-264)

SUBJECT: FREEBUS *Freedom Riders - Jackson, Miss.*

On 10/25/61

[redacted] advised SA [redacted] that on [redacted]

According to [redacted]

[redacted] told [redacted] that the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) is "broke" and that the NAACP had agreed to take over the handling of the trials and the consequent financial obligations sustained by the Freedom Riders who are scheduled for future appearances in Hinds County Court and Hinds County Circuit Court in Jackson, Miss. [redacted] reportedly told [redacted] that CORE made a very serious mistake and showed poor judgement in sending a large number of Freedom Riders to Jackson. He reportedly told [redacted] that "CORE is out of the Freedom Rider business". While he did not specifically so state, he inferred in his conversation with [redacted] that the NAACP did not intend to promote any new Freedom Rides into Jackson. [redacted] said he is of the opinion that the NAACP may attempt to test facilities at Jackson on a very limited basis after the ICC order re integration in transportation facilities takes effect 11/1/61 in order to provide the NAACP with a test case. [redacted] said he assumed [redacted] call was to inform him that the NAACP was now responsible for handling the FR litigation and also to possibly "sound out" [redacted] for any agreement in handling these trials at the least expense to the NAACP. [redacted] said he intends to make no change in procedure in this regard.

P  
3-Bureau  
2-New Orleans  
HEH:dr  
(5)

RECA 32

157-387-1211

OCT 28 1961

EX-102

Approved

Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

57 NOV 2 1961

NO 157-264/dr

[redacted] pointed out that he was furnishing this information in strict confidence and said the only person he had discussed this matter with other than SA HELGESON, was [redacted]. He specifically requested that this information not be disseminated outside the FBI as it was furnished to him [redacted] and any divulgence would be embarrassing to him.

b6  
b7C  
b7D

THE ABOVE INFORMATION SHOULD NOT BE DISSEMINATED  
OUTSIDE THE FBI.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
 Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
 Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
 Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
 DeLoach ☒  
 Evans ☒  
 Malone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
 Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ingram \_\_\_\_\_  
 Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: 10/30/61

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: FREEBUS - misc

[redacted] was confidentially advised our New Orleans Office that [redacted]

[redacted] advised [redacted] that the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) is "broke" and the NAACP has agreed to take over the trials and subsequent financial obligations sustained by the freedom riders who are scheduled for future appearances in Jackson, Mississippi. According to [redacted] reportedly mentioned that CORE had made a very serious mistake and showed poor judgment in sending a large number of freedom riders to Jackson. [redacted] reportedly mentioned, "CORE is out of the freedom rider business."

b6  
 b7C  
 b7C

[redacted] advised that he is of the opinion the NAACP may attempt to test facilities at Jackson, Mississippi, on a very limited basis after the Interstate Commerce Commission order concerning the integration of transportation facilities takes effect November 1, 1961, in order to provide the NAACP with a test case.

[redacted] pointed out that he was furnishing this information in strict confidence and requested that this information not be disseminated outside the FBI as it was furnished to him [redacted]

[redacted] and any divulgence would be embarrassing to him.

## ACTION

The Attorney General is being advised and the request of [redacted] for handling this information in confidence will be set forth. Letter to the Attorney General is attached.

Enclosure

1 - Mr. Mohr  
 1 - Mr. DeLoach

RBL:jam  
 (8)

58 NOV 7 1961

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
 HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
 DATE 6/22/88 BY SP-4 BJA/tcg  
 #428602

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 11-27-2009 BY 60324 uc baw/sab/rs

FBI

Date: 10/18/61

Transmit the following in PLAIN TEXT

(Type in plain text or code)

Via AIRTELAIR MAIL

(Priority or Method of Mailing)

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Evans \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Malone \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ingram \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (~~95-37032~~)  
FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-264-B)  
RE: FREEBUS

RM FREEDOM RIDERS MISC

Re New Orleans airtel, 10/9/61.

The following are cumulative costs incurred  
in this case in the New Orleans Division as of close of  
business, 10/14/61:

	<u>Regular Hours</u>	<u>Overtime Hours</u>
Agents	1305	701
Clerical	902	25

Miles driven: 5,937

③-Bureau  
2-New Orleans (1: 44-1343)

DLH:lyc  
(5)

C. C. Wick

REC-23

~~95-97032-7~~  
157-387-1213

22 OCT 20 1961

64 OCT 25 1961

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

Sent \_\_\_\_\_

M \_\_\_\_\_

Per \_\_\_\_\_



ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 11-27-2009 BY 60324 uc baw/sab/rs

FBI

Date: 10/24/61

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_

PLAIN TEXT

(Type in plain text or code)

AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

Via \_\_\_\_\_

(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (~~95-87032~~)  
FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-264-B)  
RE: FREEBUS  
RM OF FREEDOM RIDERS MISC  
Re New Orleans airtel dated 10/18/61.

The following are cumulative costs incurred in this case in the New Orleans Division of close of business, 10/21/61:

	<u>Regular Hours</u>	<u>Overtime Hours</u>
Agents	1325	707
Clerical	909	25
Miles Driven:	5,958	

3-Bureau  
2-New Orleans (1 - 44-1343)

DLH/lrs  
(5)

REC

RECORDED  
8 OCT 26 1961

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Sent \_\_\_\_\_

M

Per \_\_\_\_\_

C C Wick

Special Agent in Charge

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 11-27-2009 BY 60324 uc baw/sab/rs

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-387)

DATE: October 24, 1961

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-81)

SUBJECT: FREEDOM RIDE <sup>-MISC.</sup> 5/1961 GREYHOUND  
BUS 4290, NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE,  
TO JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI,  
JUNE 16, 1961  
RM; CR

Reference is made to New Orleans letter to Albany dated 9/12/61 requesting background checks on certain freedom riders.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and seven copies of a letterhead memorandum pertaining to [redacted]

One copy of this letter with an enclosure is being sent to New Orleans which is office of origin.

The files of the Chicago Office contain no subversive information pertaining to [redacted]

The University of Chicago records were checked by SA [redacted]

The credit check was conducted by IC [redacted] as was the criminal check.

- 2 - Bureau (Encls. 8) (RM)
- 1 - New Orleans (157-307) (Encl. 1) (RM)
- 2 - Chicago
- 1 - 100-38793 [redacted]

WHD:mkp  
(5)

Agency Grandview  
Req. Rec'd \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Forw. 10/26/61  
How Forw. air  
By [signature]

17 OCT 30 1961

63 NOV 3 1961

REC-83

EX 104

SIX



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Chicago, Illinois  
10-24-61

FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
GREYHOUND BUS 4290,  
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE,  
TO JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI,  
JUNE 16, 1961  
RACIAL MATTERS; .....  
CIVIL RIGHTS

On June 16, 1961, the Jackson, Mississippi Police  
Department arrested certain freedom riders among whom was  
[redacted] of the Chicago, Illinois area.

b6  
b7C

The Jackson, Mississippi Police Department listed the  
following information pertaining to [redacted]

[redacted] Jackson Police Department Number  
[redacted] address [redacted] race  
Negro, sex male, age 24, date of birth [redacted] at  
Chicago, height 6' 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", weight 235 pounds, eyes brown, hair  
black, complexion medium brown, build stout, occupation student  
at University of Chicago, marital status single, father [redacted]  
[redacted] mother deceased, education three years University of  
Chicago, admits "sit-in" at County Court House, Alabama State  
College, 1960.

On September 25, 1961, [redacted] Receptionist,  
Registrar's Office, University of Chicago, 5801 South Ellis Avenue,  
Chicago, Illinois, advised that [redacted]  
entered the Evening Division of the University of Chicago, date  
not recorded, and attended the Spring Quarter of 1961. He took  
two courses in sociology, passing one course and receiving an  
incomplete in the other. There is no further record of [redacted]  
attending the University of Chicago.

The files of the Chicago Credit Bureau, Incorporated,  
when reviewed on September 25, 1961, contained no information  
pertaining to [redacted]

ENCLOSURE

157-387-1215

FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
GREYHOUND BUS 4290,  
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE,  
TO JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI,  
JUNE 16, 1961

The records of the Bureau of Records and Communications of the Chicago Police Department, when reviewed on September 22, 1961, contained no information pertaining to [REDACTED]

b6  
b7C

[REDACTED]

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. It is the property of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

Original and 2 Detroit  
1 - Mr. Rosack

SAC, Detroit (100-21750)

10-13-61

Director, FBI (100-337390)

157-387

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 11-27-2009 BY 60324 uc baw/sab/rs

JOHN F. FOREST GROUP  
INTERNAL SECURITY - JFC

FREEDOM RIDES - 1961  
RACIAL MATTERS

There are being transmitted herewith copies of a report of Bureau Confidential Informant No [redacted], at Detroit, Michigan dated 10-3-61.

This report has been and is being obtained from a strictly confidential source and any inquiry made on the basis of the information contained therein should be made in an extremely discreet manner so that it will not in any way reveal the source of the information or the possible identity of the informant. The substance of this material should not be included in an investigative report or made available to unauthorized individuals or outside agencies unless paraphrased in such a way that the identity of the informant and the source of the information will not be disclosed. It is imperative that this procedure be closely followed.

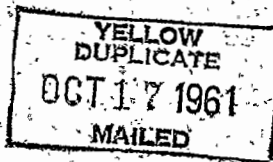
b2  
b7D

You are instructed to consider the contents of this report for intelligence purposes and not as possible evidence. Conduct appropriate investigation in those instances where you feel the reported matter or the reported material along with information already available to your office warrants the same. When pertinent, information from this report should be disseminated and characterized as emanating from a source of "unknown reliability."

Enclosures (3)

- 1 - [redacted] (BA-41)
- 1 - 100-337390 (JFG)
- ① - FREEDOM RIDES - 1961

TPR:mjh (7)



Olson \_\_\_\_\_  
Montgomery \_\_\_\_\_  
Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Ingram \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

66 OCT 26 1961

MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

ORIGINAL FILED IN 100-21750-10042

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED

HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED

DATE 11-27-2009 BY 60324 uc baw/sab/rs

Original and 4 Detroit

1 - Mr. Rosack

SAC, Detroit (100-21783)

10-17-61

Director, FBI

157-387-  
(100-397390)JOHNSON-FOREST GROUP  
INTERNAL SECURITY - JFFREEDOM RIDES - 1961  
RACIAL MATTERS

There are being transmitted herewith copies of a report of Bureau Confidential Informant No. [redacted], at Detroit, Michigan dated 9-25-61.

This report has been and is being obtained from a strictly confidential source and any inquiry made on the basis of the information contained therein should be made in an extremely discreet manner so that it will not in any way reveal the source of the information or the possible identity of the informant. The substance of this material should not be included in an investigative report or made available to unauthorized individuals or outside agencies unless paraphrased in such a way that the identity of the informant and the source of the information will not be disclosed. It is imperative that this procedure be closely followed.

b2  
b7D

You are instructed to consider the contents of this report for intelligence purposes and not as possible evidence. Conduct appropriate investigation in those instances where you feel the reported matter or the reported material along with information already available to your office warrants the same. When pertinent, information from this report should be disseminated and characterized as emanating from a source of "unknown reliability."

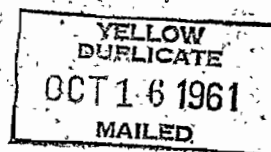
In addition to the report of [redacted] there are enclosed two photocopies of a "News and Letters... Weekly Political Letter", dated September 10, 1961, furnished by [redacted]. This letter should be reviewed and pertinent information included in the next Detroit report on the Johnson-Forest Group.

The report on the Weekly Political Letter, mentioned on page 2 of informant's report, has been returned to the informant.

Enclosures (5)

1 - [redacted] (BA-41)  
1 - 100-397390 (JFG) MISC.  
① OFREEDOM RIDES - 1961

TPR:mjh (7)



Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Evans \_\_\_\_\_  
Malone \_\_\_\_\_  
Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Ingram \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

134-10042-29

News and Letters

Detroit, Michigan  
Sept. 25, 1961

I

I attended a meeting at 8751 Grand River in Detroit on Sept. 24, 1961. There were 9 men at the meeting, 3 of them Negro and 8 women, 5 of them Negro.

The meeting started at 7:00 and ended at 9:30. [ ] ready the minutes from the last meeting and [ ] gave a report on a CORE meeting he had attended.

b6  
b7C

There was a new man at the meeting who works [ ]

[ ] His name is [ ] and works with a Negro man,

[ ] He was asked to come to the meeting and give a first hand report of what happened to him in the plant. He said that last week when he was at work, the foreman asked him to relieve another man and that after he got on the job, the foreman kept riding him and telling him that he wasn't doing the job fast enough. He called in the superintendant and they both stood watching him. He said that after the superintendant left, the foreman came up to him and put his hand on his shoulder while he was working. He swung around and pushed the man's hand off his shoulder and the foreman started fighting with him. He said that they were both sent to the office and that he was fired while the foreman was just suspended for a few days. He said that the foreman tried to prosecute him, but the judge dropped the suit, when he found out that the foreman's witness was hired to testify before the judge and didn't even see what happened. He said that the grievance committee was going to try and get his job back for him, but they were a weak group so he didn't know what the outcome would be. News and Letters is going to publish his story.

Back of  
page



On October 1, 1961, I attended a meeting at 8751 Grand River in Detroit. The meeting started at 7:15 and ended at 9:00. There were 5 women there, 2 of them Negro and 8 men, 2 of them Negro.

[ ] read the minutes from the last meeting. No one had anything to report on activities from working with other organizations.

They received a letter from [ ]

[ ] He has gone back to school, but I don't know where. He asked them to send him 1,000 papers of News and Letters to distribute.

[ ] gave me 5 copies of News and Letters and asked me to go around to the business men here and give them a paper and ask them to contribute to the booklet they are going to publish on the Freedom Riders.

b2  
b6  
b7C  
b7D

[ ] gave a talk on the Hungarian Uprising. She told how young and old alike fought in this uprising. She said that many of the Russian Soldiers came over to the Hungarian side and fought with them.

[ ] who hasn't been to the meetings since the convention, was back Sunday.

[ ] announced that the booklet on the Freedom Riders will be published in about two weeks.



3 photostats to Detroit

Re J.L.; 7K-1961

10-18-61

JPR/mjk

○ FREEDOM RIDERS- Misc.

157-387-  
NOT RECORDED  
126 OCT 23 1961

Back of  
page

II

[redacted] gave a report on a weekly political letter that his written by [redacted]. I am enclosing my copy of the letter, but will have to have back for future reference.

b2  
b6  
b7C  
b7D

[redacted] gave a very brief report on the organizations finances. During a period from June 1961, to August 1961, they made \$1,360.00 and paid out \$1.280.00. They are going to approach Negro business men in the city to try and raise money for the Freedom Riders and for a Freedom Rider booklet they are going to publish. It will tell of the experiences the Freedom Riders had in the Mississippi jails.

I overheard that [redacted] is going to be in Algonac this coming week, presumably on News and Letters business.



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-387)

DATE: October 24, 1961

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-81)

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 11-27-2009 BY 60324 uc baw/sab/rs

SUBJECT: FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
TRAILWAYS BUS, MONTGOMERY,  
ALABAMA, TO JACKSON,  
MISSISSIPPI, JUNE 21, 1961  
RM; CR

Re New Orleans letter to Atlanta dated 9/13/61  
requesting background checks on certain freedom riders.

b6  
b7C

Enclosed is the original and seven copies of a  
letterhead memorandum pertaining to [redacted]

One copy of this letter with an enclosure is  
being sent to New Orleans which is office of origin.

The files of the Chicago Office contain no  
subversive information pertaining to [redacted]

The credit check was conducted by IC [redacted]  
[redacted] on September 26, 1961, and the criminal  
check was conducted by IC [redacted] on September  
26, 1961.

- 2 - Bureau (Encls. 8) (RM)
- 1 - New Orleans (Encl. 1) (157-313) (RM)
- 2 - Chicago
- 1 - 100-38794 [redacted]

WHD:mkp  
(6)

Agency Handwritten  
Req. Rec'd \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Forw. 11/3/61  
How Forw. Handwritten  
By Handwritten

REC-43

CC TO C8C PO  
REQ. 4-1-69  
APR 16 1969  
BY: Handwritten

56 NOV 6 1961

b6  
b7C



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Chicago, Illinois  
10-24-61

FREEDOM RIDE, 1961 TRAILWAYS  
BUS, MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, TO  
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, JUNE 21,  
1961  
RACIAL MATTERS; CIVIL RIGHTS

On June 22, 1961, the Jackson, Mississippi Police  
Department arrested certain freedom riders among whom was  
[redacted] of the Chicago, Illinois area.

The Jackson, Mississippi Police Department listed the  
following information pertaining to [redacted]

[redacted] Jackson Police Department Number  
[redacted] address [redacted]  
race [redacted] sex male, age [redacted] date of birth [redacted]  
[redacted] height [redacted] weight [redacted] pounds,  
eyes [redacted] hair [redacted] complexion [redacted] build [redacted] occupation  
[redacted] part time, marital status  
[redacted] father deceased, mother [redacted]  
[redacted] education four years college, West Virginia State  
College, admitted picketing Woolworth's Department Store,  
Chicago, Illinois, 1960.

b6  
b7C

The files of the Chicago Credit Bureau, Incorporated  
contained no record of [redacted] when checked on  
September 26, 1961.

The records of the Bureau of Records and Communications,  
Chicago Police Department, when checked on September 22, 1961,  
contained no information pertaining to [redacted]

This document contains neither recommendations nor  
conclusions of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. It is the  
property of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and is loaned  
to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed  
outside your agency.

11  
ENCLOSURE

157-387-1216

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 11-27-2009 BY 60324 uc baw/sab/rs

F B I

Date: 10/28/61

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plain text or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL - REGISTERED  
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-373)  
FROM : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-85)

FREEDOM RIDERS 1961  
TRAILWAYS BUS  
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA  
TO JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI  
JUNE 21, 1961  
RM; CR  
OO: NO

FREEDOM RIDERS - MISCELLANEOUS

Enclosed herewith for Bureau are eight copies  
of a letterhead memorandum regarding captioned matter; two copies  
enclosed to New Orleans.

Copies this memorandum also being furnished  
CIC, ONI, and OSI, Birmingham.

Agency *Lawrence*  
Req. Rec'd .....  
Date Forw. *10/31/61*  
How Forw. *157-382-1217*  
By *ICC argument*  
*see destroyed*

REC-43

OCT 31

EX 104

b6  
b7c

P  
3- Bureau (enc. 8) (AM-RM) *157-382-1217*  
2- New Orleans (enc. 2) (AM-RM)  
2- Birmingham  
CBS:pp  
(7)

FBI  
REC'D - CIA W

Approved: *157-382-1217*  
Special Agent in Charge

Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_

56 NOV 6 1961



In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. 157-85

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 11-27-2009 BY 60324 uc baw/sab/rs

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

300 American Life Building  
Birmingham 3, Alabama  
October 28, 1961

RE: FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
TRAILWAYS BUS  
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA  
TO JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI  
JUNE 21, 1961

It is noted that Jackson, Mississippi Police Department arrested MELVIN LORENZO WHITE, II as one of the "Freedom Riders" on June 21, 1961. Jackson Police Department No. 21042. His address was P.O. Box 374, Talladega, Alabama. At the time of the arrest, the following information was obtained from WHITE.

Race	Negro
Sex	Male
Age	19
Date of Birth	February 10, 1942
Place of Birth	Montgomery, Alabama
Height	5'11"
Weight	153 pounds
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Black
Build	Slim
Complexion	Black
Occupation	Student
Marital Status	Single
Father	MELVIN LORENZO WHITE same address
Mother	[redacted] same address
Education	Two years college, Talladega College, Alabama
Admits	Integration of Trailways Station at Anniston, Alabama 1961

b6  
b7C

On September 22, 1961, [redacted] Clerk,  
Talladega County Circuit and Inferior Courts, advised  
his records contained no information concerning MELVIN  
LORENZO WHITE, II.

ENCLOSURE

157-387-1217

RE: FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
TRAILWAYS BUS, MONTGOMERY,  
ALABAMA, TO JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI  
JUNE 21, 1961.

On September 22, 1961, [redacted] Detective.  
Talladega, Alabama Police Department and [redacted]  
Talladega Credit Bureau, advised their records contained  
no information concerning MELVIN LORENZO WHITE, II.

On October 16, 1961, [redacted] Secre-  
tary, Anniston, Alabama Police Department, and [redacted]  
Sheriff, Calhoun County, Anniston, Alabama, advised their  
records contained no information as to this individual.

b6  
b7C

This memorandum is loaned to you by the  
Federal Bureau of Investigation and neither  
it nor its contents are to be distributed  
outside the agency to which loaned.



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED

DATE 11-27-2009 BY 60324 uc baw/sab/rs

TO : DIRECTOR FBI

DATE: 10/26/61

FROM : SAC SAVANNAH (157-314) (RUC)

SUBJECT: FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
TRAILWAYS BUS # 5141  
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, TO  
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI  
2:14 PM, 6/2/61  
RM; CR

(OO: New Orleans)

*Freedom Riders - Misc*

*photo*  
CC TO: *Law Army*  
REQ. REC'D *3 24 67*  
APR 18 1967  
ANS.  
BY: *WHP*

Re New Orleans letter to Atlanta, 9/8/61, and Cincinnati letter to Bureau, 9/6/61, entitled "FREEDOM RIDERS," INFORMATION CONCERNING.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies and for New Orleans one copy of letterhead memorandum in captioned matter.

It should be noted that the interview of [redacted] on 9/7/61 referred to in enclosed letterhead memorandum was conducted by SAA [redacted] and [redacted] was interviewed for the purpose of attempting to locate [redacted] aka FUGITIVE, IO # [redacted] WF # [redacted] UFAP - KIDNAPING, since Charlotte Division had developed information phone calls were made from [redacted] residence in [redacted] to [redacted] residence in [redacted]

- 2 - Bureau (Encls-8)  
1 - New Orleans (157-285) (Encl-1)  
1 - Savannah

PAM:afw  
(4)

ENCLOSURE

REC-31

EX-104

157-387-1218

OCT 30 1961

Agency *9-2001, Crit + CRD*

Req. Rec'd *10/30/61*  
Date Forw. *10/30/61*  
How Forw. *R/S*  
By *R/S*

*1 cc org. unit  
2 cc's destroyed*

FBI  
REC'D - CIV RIGHTS

NOV 6 1961



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Savannah, Georgia  
October 26, 1961

FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
TRAILWAYS BUS # 5141  
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA,  
TO JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI  
2:14 PM, JUNE 2, 1961

With reference to [redacted]

[redacted] born [redacted]

[redacted] male, [redacted]

Manager, Credit Bureau of Greater Charleston, advised on  
October 20, 1961, their files contained no information on  
this person. [redacted] stated their files reveal that

[redacted]  
[redacted] have a good credit rating and [redacted] is employed as [redacted]  
and has been so employed since 1941 at [redacted]  
[redacted] Charleston, South Carolina.

On October 20, 1961, Lieutenant [redacted]  
Record Room, Charleston Police Department, advised their  
files reveal that [redacted] was arrested by this depart-  
ment April 1, 1961, as a sit-in demonstrator at the S. H.  
Kress & Company Store, 281 King Street, and charged with  
trespassing and interfering with an officer. On April 19,  
1961, in Charleston Recorder's Court, [redacted] was fined \$50.00  
or 15 days on each of these charges and the case was appealed  
to a higher court. On June 26, 1961, an order was signed by  
Judge Thomas Bussey, Court of General Sessions, Ninth Judicial  
Circuit, Charleston, South Carolina, to uphold the previous  
sentence in Recorder's Court. [redacted] was released pending  
further appeal.

On September 7, 1961, [redacted] was interviewed  
in connection with another investigative matter, at which time  
he verified his date of birth and stated he was a sophomore  
at the Tennessee State University, Nashville, Tennessee, where  
he was returning for further education the weekend after this  
interview.

This document contains neither recommendations  
nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the  
property of the FBI and is loaned to your  
agency; it and its contents are not to be  
distributed outside your agency.

157-387-1218  
ENCLOSURE

FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
TRAILWAYS BUS # 5141  
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, TO  
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI  
2:14 PM, 6/2/61

---

[ ] gave the following background information with reference to his previous activities, stating that on May 17, 1961, he joined the Freedom Riders and went from Nashville, Tennessee, to Birmingham, Alabama, where he was taken into protective custody on May 17, 1961, and released May 19, 1961.

[ ] stated he returned to Nashville, Tennessee, on June 1, 1961, and along with other Freedom Riders went to Jackson, Mississippi, where he was arrested June 1, 1961, and placed in jail for 44 days. He stated that on his release he returned to Nashville, Tennessee.

[ ] further advised that after staying in Nashville for a few days he went to Charleston, South Carolina, where he stayed with his parents at [ ] for about a week and then went back to Jackson, Mississippi, for his trial, which trial date was continued until September 19, 1961.

[ ] advised that while in Nashville a group of the Freedom Riders received word from [ ] who he stated was from Chicago and was in Monroe, North Carolina. He stated [ ] wanted some of the Freedom Riders to come to Monroe, North Carolina, to teach "non-violence." [ ] stated he arrived in Monroe August 21, 1961, and stayed at what was referred to as a Freedom House, which he said was located two houses from the residence of [ ]

[ ] who was later wanted by the Monroe Police Department for kidnaping. [ ] stated there were approximately eighteen of the Freedom Riders who stayed at this house. He said he met [ ] the first day he arrived in Monroe and the last day he saw him was the day of the riot in Monroe, which he thought was August 27, 1961.

On September 7, 1961, Detectives [ ] and [ ] Charleston Police Department, advised they were acquainted with the [ ] family. [ ] stated the [ ] were distant relatives of his. These detectives stated the [ ] are considered to be [ ] in the Charleston, South Carolina, area.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 11-27-2009 BY 60324 uc baw/sab/rs

F B I

Date: November 1, 1961

Transmit the following in PLAIN TEXT  
(Type in plain text or code)

Via AIRTEL REGULAR MAIL  
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-6-3)

FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE (157-16)SUBJECT: RACIAL SITUATION

*Freedom Riders - Misc*

Reference Baltimore airtel to the Bureau dated October 28, 1961, captioned "Freedom Ride, Route 40, Maryland and Delaware, 11/11/61, RACIAL MATTERS."

Enclosed for the information of the Bureau are eight copies of a self-explanatory letterhead memorandum.

- ③ - Bureau (Enclosures 8)  
1 - Baltimore

JVS:dfm  
(4)

8 ENCLOSURE

PHOTO ENCL.  
CC TO: MAJCC. ARMY  
REQ. REC'D 6-19  
JUN 27 1966  
ANS. BY: WHP SAR  
RE: [redacted]

b6  
b7C

Agency LA, OR, OSI, CRD.  
Req. Rec'd \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Forw. 11-2-61  
How Forw. R-S  
By let. gpt

1cc org. unit 157-387-1219  
2cc destroyed

U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE  
FBI

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

Sent \_\_\_\_\_

M

Per \_\_\_\_\_

NOV 6 1961



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Baltimore, Maryland

November 1, 1961

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

FREEDOM RIDERS MARCH ON ROUTE 40, MARYLAND  
ON NOVEMBER 11, 1961

Major [redacted] Maryland State Police, advised the Baltimore Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on October 28, 1961, that five New York Negroes were arrested the previous evening as they attempted to stage a sit-in demonstration at a restaurant in Rosedale a few miles east of Baltimore on U. S. Route 40. Those arrested were [redacted]

PERCY E. SUTTON, Springfield Gardens, New York, President of the Manhattan Chapter of the NAACP: [redacted]

and [redacted]

These individuals were arrested for trespass and at the time of their arrest they had in their possession a tape recorder and a motion picture camera. Major [redacted] was of the opinion that the demonstration was a preface to the planned demonstration of the Congress on Racial Equality (CORE), which is set for U. S. Route 40 on November 11, 1961.

Major [redacted] further advised that the individuals were released on bail and the date of their hearing was scheduled for Friday, November 3, 1961.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

157-387-1219  
ENCLOSURE

10/31/61

PLAIN TEXT

*w* AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE (157-351)  
SUBJECT: *0* FREEDOM RIDERS - *MISC*  
ROUTE #40, MARYLAND AND DELAWARE  
11/11/61  
RACIAL MATTERS

Re Bureau AT, dated 10/28/61.

I. BACKGROUND

Starting in May through July, 1960, the Civic Interest Group (CIG) and the Baltimore National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) were successful in influencing Baltimore City downtown department stores and restaurants to serve all customers, both Negro and white, in their restaurants. The methods used by the group were mainly sit-down and picketing. The CIG is a protest organization made up primarily of students from Morgan State College, Baltimore. These demonstrations were accompanied by arrest and fines for trespassing. Under the Maryland law, restaurant owners are not under obligation to serve Negroes and a restaurant owner, who does not wish to serve a Negro, orders the Negro off the premises. The Negro is usually arrested for trespassing when he refuses to leave on the complaint of the proprietor of the restaurant.

③ - Bureau REGIS. MAIL  
2 - Boston " "  
2 - New Haven " "  
2 - New York " "  
2 - Norfolk " "  
2 - Philadelphia " "  
2 - Richmond " "  
2 - Washington Field OFFICE  
2 - Baltimore

JVS:ers  
(19)

REC-12

157-1220  
EX-104  
112  
1961

b6  
b7C

*93*  
C. C. Wick

64 NOV 6 1961

In June and July of 1961, there were a number of instances where representatives of the various African countries were refused service at restaurants along Route #40, which is the route commonly used between Delaware and Washington, D.C. The CIG protested this refusal to serve the African dignitaries to Governor J. MILLARD TAWES, of Maryland. In October, 1961, six Negroes, including the President of the CIG, attempted to force service to them at a restaurant on Route #40 and were arrested for trespassing.

In September, 1961, two statements were made by representatives of the United States State Department; namely, Mr. CHESTER BOWLES, Under Secretary of State, and Mr. PEDRO SAN JUAN, Assistant Chief of Protocol. Their statements pointed out that the refusal of restaurant owners to extend their service to diplomats and foreign visitors from Africa was not only embarrassing to the United States Government in its foreign policy, but provides a ready source of propaganda material for Soviet Russia. They both urged the Governor to see that an equal-accommodations law for the service of both Negroes and whites be passed by the Maryland Legislature.

In the same month, under the auspices of the State Department, meetings were held with representatives of the State of Maryland and the restaurant owners. At these meetings, a statement was read on behalf of the President of the United States, the Honorable JOHN F. KENNEDY, wherein he urged voluntary desegregation in these restaurants, and that such action would have a good influence in showing the world that the ideals of freedom and democracy were actually put into practice. During the same month and at an annual Conference of Southern Governors, held in Nashville, Tenn., reference was made to the above incidents.

One of the concrete results from the above meeting between the representatives of the United States State Department and the restaurant owners was the formation of a committee of restaurant owners to consider the problem. However, this committee after considering the problem for a very short time resigned with a communication to the Governor of Maryland, pointing out that the problem of service by restaurant owners to Negroes was a state-wide problem and not one confined to the restaurants along Route #40.

Governor TAWES has repeatedly taken the position that eventually an equal-accommodations bill will be passed by the Maryland Legislature; however, he pointed out that it will take time for the legislation to be found generally acceptable, and he asked for patience and forbearance from the citizens.



In October, 1961, JULIUS HOBSON, of the Congress on National Equality (CORE), New York city, made a statement that it was going to send into Maryland approximately 750 Freedom Riders who would enter restaurants along Route #40 in an attempt to be served. It was made clear that CORE was not satisfied with the position taken by Governor TAWES and wanted immediate action toward the passage of an equal-accommodations law. They later added to this demand the further demand that the restaurant owners, in advance of the Freedom Riders entering the State, desegregate their restaurants. The date set by CORE for the Freedom Ride is November 11, 1961. According to the plan of CORE, its 750 members would be drawn from CORE chapters in Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, District of Columbia, and Maryland. They will travel along Route #40, testing service to colored people in the various restaurants and hotels. One group was to leave from Baltimore and the other to start at the Delaware state line and the two groups would meet at a half-way point.

In the evening of October 27, 1961, five New York Negroes staged a sit-in at a restaurant along Route #40. According to the Maryland State Police, this was in the nature of a "trial run." The arrested Negroes were four officials of the NAACP, New York, and the editor of the New York Courier. These individuals had in their possession a tape recorder and movie camera.

## II. CURRENT SITUATION

b2  
b7D

On October 28, 1961, CORE Headquarters, New York, held a general meeting at which representatives of the CORE branches were present. A confidential source available to the Baltimore office [ ] advised that not only CORE representatives were at the meeting but also NAACP members were there. At this conference, JULIUS HOBSON announced the firm intention of CORE to send at least 750 - 1000 Freedom Riders into Maryland on November 11, 1961. The confidential source advised that the local branch of CORE is taking cognizance of the rumor that the restaurants along Route #40 may close their doors on November 11, 1961, and consequently CORE is considering the advisability of staging a demonstration in advance of November 11, 1961, possibly November 9. This is very tentative and the informant expects to get more exact information at a subsequent date.

Although the State Commission on Inter-Racial Problems and Relations is meeting with CORE officials on November 3, 1961, in a last minute effort to avoid the Freedom Riders demonstration, the Maryland State Police and the Baltimore County Police are making their plans on the basis that the demonstrations will take



place as announced by CORE. On October 30, 1961, Special Agents of the Baltimore office in the role of observers attended a conference of officers of the Maryland State Police, Baltimore County Police, and the State's Attorney of Baltimore County, where plans were worked out to handle the Freedom Riders.

Briefly, the Maryland State Police is assuming a supporting role. This agency was of the opinion that the Baltimore County Police Department could handle the occurrences along Route #40 within the County. However, the Maryland State Police were preparing blown-up maps of Route #40 area, listing some 75 restaurants and also locations of local magistrates. The entire force of the Maryland State Police has been alerted and all leave cancelled and everyone is held on stand-by basis. The Maryland State Police has formulated plans whereby they will be promptly alerted by the Delaware State Police of the size of the caravan and the mode of transportation of the Freedom Riders as they cross through Delaware.

Chief GILBERT L. DEYLE, Baltimore County Police Department, has assumed primary responsibility for the handling of the Freedom Riders in Baltimore County. They have made an analysis of the 73 restaurants on U.S. Route #40, east, in Baltimore County, and have noted that the largest concentration of 37 restaurants is on Route #40 between Baltimore City and Harford County line.

Both the Maryland State Police and the Baltimore County Police Department have agreed on the following procedure re the Freedom Riders:

At the time the Freedom Riders appear at a restaurant, the proprietor of the restaurant will read Section 577, Article 27, of the Annotated Code of Maryland, with respect to trespassing. In the event the Freedom Riders refuse to leave the restaurant, police officers will be summoned and they too will read the trespassing law. Accompanying the police officers will be committing magistrates who will ride in the patrol cars and immediately following the reading of the trespassing law by the police officers, the magistrate will issue a warrant. The individuals who violate the trespassing law will be placed under arrest and will be taken to the closest Baltimore County police station where a trial magistrate will advise them of the charges and set collateral. They will be fingerprinted at the station house. The State's Attorney advised that in addition to the trespassing law, the Freedom Riders may also be charged with disorderly conduct, inciting a riot, or resisting arrest as the case may be. Collateral will be \$100.00 for the trespassing violation and \$25.00 each for the other violations. Matrons will be available for women prisoners. Women with small children will be released on their own recognizance.

All police officials will bend backward to avoid any civil rights complaints. At the time of the conference, the greatest concern was over the activities of the white citizen groups or general mob misbehavior.

Chief DEYLE stated that it was his opinion that the October 27, 1961, incident (supra) where the colored individuals arrived on the scene with tape recorder and motion picture camera, is something that can be expected to happen with the Freedom Riders.

The question of diplomatic immunity arose when it was suggested that CORE officials may be accompanied by African diplomats. It was the opinion of the State's Attorney that if the diplomats did not identify themselves as diplomats by presenting proper credentials, they should be taken into custody and that immediately upon the establishment of the fact that they are diplomats, they should be released. It was announced at the meeting that another meeting of the same personnel plus representatives of their police agencies would meet on November 7, 1961.

It was further determined that the Maryland State Police would handle Route #40 outside of Baltimore County in conjunction with the local police departments in Harford and Cecil Counties.

The meeting was concluded with the expression of an opinion by Colonel [redacted] Superintendent of the Maryland State Police, that his agency should contact CORE, requesting information concerning the number of their groups and the mode of transportation because of the traffic hazards that may occur on Route #40, on November 11, 1961.

b6  
b7c

### III. PHYSICAL CONDITIONS

The mileage along Route #40 from the Baltimore City line to the Delaware State line is approximately 50 miles.

The Baltimore office made a physical count of eating establishments along this same route and have come up with a figure of 116. CORE, from its Headquarters in New York, has stated that it has made a survey of the restaurants along U.S. Route #40 and intends to visit 65 restaurants. The Baltimore office survey shows the concentration of the restaurants and from the Exhibit Unit of the Bureau will have in its possession detailed maps showing the location of each restaurant. Sufficient copies of these maps will be made available to the personnel of the Baltimore office in its planning for the Freedom Riders' visit to Route #40 and the actual coverage of the event.

#### IV. OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on the above, the following plan of action is recommended:

1. All offices are to alert all possible informants and sources who can be in a position to furnish any information as to the plans of any possible participants in this Freedom Ride. Bureau and Baltimore should be immediately advised by such communication as is necessary, depending on the urgency of the information. Bureau and Baltimore need to know all possible details concerning any of the participants. It cannot be stressed too much that all details are essential.

2. Baltimore has established liaison with the Maryland State Police and Baltimore County Police. This liaison, as well as liaison with other Police Departments that may be involved, will continue in order to determine any further plans these Departments have concerning this Freedom Ride. In addition, liaison is being established by the Wilmington Resident Agency with the Delaware State Police in order to be advised of any information they may obtain concerning the arrival of Freedom Riders.

3. Baltimore plans to have observers on Route #40 on November 11, 1961. Twenty cars with two agents each will be dispatched to assigned sectors of Route #40. Six of these cars will have movie camera equipment to be available for photographing incidents where the Bureau may have a later investigative interest. Radio communication is being established in order that the Bureau may be promptly advised of any developments on that date.

Detailed plans and assignments are being made by Baltimore to accomplish the basic purpose of agents as observers.

#### V. REQUEST OF THE BUREAU

UACB by November 3, 1961, this plan for observance will be completed by Baltimore and ready to go into operation by November 8, 1961, assuming the possibility that an earlier date may be set for this Freedom Ride.

FBI

Date: 10/31/61

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plain text or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-264)  
SUBJECT: FREEBUS

*Freedom Riders - Miss*  
No FR tried, arrested or released at Jackson, Missis-  
sippi, 10/30/61 or 10/31/61.

Following is summary as of 4:00 P.M., 10/31/61:

Total arrested, 312.

Released on bond from municipal court, 296.

Released on bond from Hinds County Court, 29.

Paid fines, 58.

Released to attorney, 1.

Released on probation, 4.

Released as charges dismissed, 1.

Released on expiration of sentence, 3.

Confined to jail in lieu of bond from Hinds County  
Court, 4.Confined to jail in lieu of fine after withdrawing  
appeal, 2.

③ - Bureau

2 - New Orleans

HEH/tal

(5)

REC-12

157-387-1221

NOV 5 3 30 PM '61

EX-113

FBI

64 NOV 6 1961

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

Sent \_\_\_\_\_

Per \_\_\_\_\_

NO 157-264

Net in custody, 10.

All FR's eating at Hinds County Jail.

F B I

Date: 10/31/61

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plain text or code)Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Evans	_____
Mr. Malone	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Mr. Ingram	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, WFO (157-NEW) (P)

b6  
b7C

FREEDOM RIDE  
Route #40, Maryland  
and Delaware,  
11/11/61  
RACIAL MATTERS

FREEDOM RIDERS - Misc

ReBAairtels dated 10/26/61, and 10/28/61, re captioned matter.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are the original and seven copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning captioned matter.

One copy is being forwarded to New Haven, New York, Norfolk, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Richmond, and Baltimore for information purposes.

JULIUS W. HOBSON, President, Washington Chapter, CORE, was contacted on 10/30/61, and WFO will follow closely and advise the Bureau and appropriate offices any pertinent information concerning captioned matter.

## ENCLOSURE

- ③ - Bureau (Enc. 8)  
1 - Baltimore (Enc. 1) (INFO) (RM)  
1 - New Haven (Enc. 1) (INFO) (RM)  
1 - New York (Enc. 1) (INFO) (RM)  
1 - Norfolk (Enc. 1) (INFO) (RM)  
1 - Philadelphia (Enc. 1) (INFO) (RM)  
1 - Pittsburgh (Enc. 1) (INFO) (RM)  
1 - Richmond (Enc. 1) (INFO) (RM)  
1 - WFO

LED:mak  
(11)

AIRTEL

157-387-1222

8 NOV 2 1961 State Dept.

Agency 6-2 ONI, OSI, CIO  
Req. Rec'd \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Forw. 11-1-61  
How Forw. R/S  
By JCT: oik

1cc Org. Unit  
1cc Destroy

C. C. Wick

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_

57 NOV 7 1961 Special Agent in Charge



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.  
October 31, 1961

FREEDOM RIDE  
ROUTE NUMBER FORTY  
MARYLAND AND DELAWARE  
NOVEMBER 11, 1961  
RACIAL MATTERS

Julius W. Hobson, President, Washington Chapter, Congress of Racial Equality, (CORE) advised a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on October 30, 1961, the tentative plans for the Freedom Riders on November 11, 1961, are as follows:

A conference is being planned with the chairman of the Maryland Commission on Inter-racial Problems (MCIP) and members of CORE sometime between November 2, 1961, and November 6, 1961, in Baltimore, Maryland, concerning the Freedom Ride on November 11, 1961, when the restaurants along Route Number Forty in Maryland and Delaware will be tested to serve colored people.

Hobson said if assurance is given at this conference that the committee of restaurant owners, which has recently disbanded, will reorganize and reconsider discussions and conferences with members of CORE, the demonstration on November 11, 1961, will be postponed.

Further, Hobson said, if the proposed conference with MCIP is in any way productive, the proposed demonstration will be postponed.

Hobson stated he, himself, is not in accord with the demonstration as he feels the demonstration, which Governor Tawes of Maryland has opposed, will not result in the special session of Maryland legislative representatives. Hobson favors, he said, more conferences with the restaurant owners and the MCIP. He reiterated he, himself, feels the demonstration on November 11, 1961, will not take place.

Hobson commented on the point that the Department of State is doing a commendable job in trying to desegregate the restaurants along Route Number Forty.

157-387-1222  
This document contains neither  
recommendations nor conclusions of  
the FBI. It is the property of  
the FBI and is loaned to your agency;  
it and its contents are not to be  
distributed outside your agency.

ENCLOSURE

F B I

Date: November 2, 1961

Transmit the following in PLAIN TEXT  
(Type in plain text or code)Via AIRTEL REGULAR MAIL  
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE (157-351)  
SUBJECT: FREEDOM RIDE  
ROUTE 40  
MARYLAND AND DELAWARE  
11/11/61  
RACIAL MATTERS *Freedom Riders - Misc*

Re Baltimore airtel dated October 31, 1961.

The Sun, Baltimore daily newspaper, in its issue of November 2, 1961, reflects a statement of Governor ELBERT N. CARVEL of Delaware in which he asserted that Delaware restaurant owners have the "legal right to refuse service to Negroes." The Governor quoted a section of Delaware law to this effect. In making the statement the Governor was commenting on the threat of a massive "Freedom Ride" scheduled for November 11 along Maryland and Delaware sections of U. S. Route 40. The position taken by the Governor was attacked by the Wilmington Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the Congress on Racial Equality.

SA [redacted] of the Wilmington, Delaware. Resident Agency was advised by [redacted] in confidence, that the Delaware State Police had conducted a survey of 27 restaurants on Route 40 from the Delaware Memorial Bridge to the Maryland line. All of these restaurant owners advised that they would

③ - Bureau  
1 - Baltimore

JVS:dfm  
(4)

W.C. Wick

RECEIVED OCT 30 1961

REC-96

157-382-1223

12 NOV 3 1961

EX 107

Approved: [Signature] Special Agent in Charge

Sent [ ] M Per [ ]

58 NOV 7 1961

b6  
b7C  
b7D



BA 157-351

b6  
b7C  
b7D

serve Negroes except four who claimed they would not serve Negroes and two others who gave a qualified "yes", that they would serve Negroes. [redacted] mentioned that the announcement by the Governor of Delaware, however, might prompt other restaurants not to serve Negroes. The same issue of "The Sun" reflected the fact that the legislative council of the Maryland State Legislature had endorsed a bill banning racial discrimination in hotels, motels and restaurants and specifically would make it a crime to deny service to a customer because of race, religion, or a national origin. The vote of the legislative council which is composed of most of the legislative leaders was 12 to 6. This action is advisory in its nature and will serve as a basis for the introduction of the bill at the next General Assembly which is scheduled for February, 1962. Governor J. MILLARD TAWES of Maryland has already refused to call a special session of the General Assembly to consider any bill. The restaurant owners along Route 40 are meeting tonight in an attempt to work out some common action in the face of the expected arrival of freedom riders on November 11, 1961. This office will, through the Maryland State Police and the Baltimore County Police, be advised of the results of the conference of restaurant owners.

The Baltimore Office, in view of the developments in the Delaware area, are taking steps to assure adequate coverage in this area and included in the plans of the Baltimore Office for November 11, 1961.

11/3/61

Airtel

To: SAC, Baltimore (157-351)

From: Director, FBI

*0*  
FREEDOM RIDERS - m. SC.  
ROUTE #40  
MARYLAND AND DELAWARE  
11/11/61  
RACIAL MATTERS

*pc*  
Re Baltimore airtel 10/31/61.

In connection with captioned matter, close liaison with local authorities and contact with other sources of information should be maintained for any information indicating that the freedom ride on Route #40 will take place on a date prior to 11/11/61 or that it may not take place at all.

With regard to the use of Agents as observers on Route #40, you should instruct the Agents assigned that they must be most discreet in any of their actions in carrying out the assignment. Since local police authorities have indicated that they intend to maintain order and enforce the law, it does not appear necessary that photographs be taken of any arrests being made by the local authorities in carrying out that intention. The identities of any individuals arrested can be obtained through liaison with the local police. If photographs are considered necessary in the event of any mob opposition to the freedom riders,

- 1 - Boston (For information)
- 1 - New Haven (For information)
- 1 - New York (For information)
- 1 - Norfolk (For information)

- 1 - Philadelphia (For information)
- 1 - Richmond (For information)
- 1 - Washington Field (For information)

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Evans \_\_\_\_\_  
Malone \_\_\_\_\_  
Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Ingram \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

JCT: jam  
(11)

MAILED 20  
NOV - 2 1961  
COMM-FBI

SEE NOTE PAGE TWO

REC-96

157-387-1224

19 NOV 3 1961

MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

Airtel to SAC, Baltimore  
RE: FREEDOM RIDE

Agent personnel should be circumspect in obtaining these photographs and bear in mind the fact that their value would be for use in identification of unknown participants and possible witnesses.

The Bureau should be immediately advised of any developments of interest and in addition, pertinent information should promptly be submitted in letterhead memorandum form suitable for dissemination.

NOTE: On 10/28/61 the headquarters of the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), New York City, held a meeting at which Julius Hobson, a CORE official, announced the firm intention of CORE to send 750-1,000 freedom riders into Maryland on 11/11/61 to test restaurant facilities along Route #40. The Maryland State Police and Baltimore County Police, with whom close liaison is being maintained, have agreed on a definite procedure they will follow in maintaining order. If freedom riders are refused service at a restaurant the proprietor will read the Maryland trespassing law to the freedom riders and if they refuse to leave the restaurant upon request, police officers will be summoned and they too will read the trespassing law. If the freedom riders still refuse to leave the restaurant, they will then be placed under arrest. In the event any African diplomats participate, they will be taken into custody if they do not present proper credentials. They will be immediately released upon the establishment of the fact that they are diplomats. The Baltimore Office is assigning 20 cars with two Agents in each car along the 50 mile stretch of Route #40 for the purpose of observing the activity. Six of the cars will have camera equipment available for photographing incidents where the Bureau may have a later investigative interest. While there is some local opposition to integration among several of the restaurant owners and some of the communities involved, there is no indication that any violence is expected and no indication that the local police authorities do not intend to preserve the law if any violence does occur.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED

HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED

DATE 11-27-2009 BY 60324 uc baw/sab/rs

F B I

Date: 10/25/61

Transmit the following in PLAIN

(Type in plain text or code)

Via AIRTELAIRMAIL

(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, ALBUQUERQUE

NAACP

RACIAL MATTERS

*Freedom Riders. Misc*

C. L. ROGERS, Chief of Police, Las Cruces, N.M., on 10/24/61, was furnished a form letter on stationery of the NAACP, bearing an address of 709 W. LaGuardia Road, Chicago, Ill., and 1313 LaBrea, Los Angeles, Calif. This was an undated letter which had been postmarked at Los Angeles, 10/19/61. It had been sent to [redacted] Las Cruces, N.M. [redacted]

b6  
b7C

The mimeographed letter informed him that he was to be able to take advantage of a study made by the Freedom Riders which determined that Las Cruces would be an over-night stop on a forthcoming cross-country ride. Typed in in a space in the letter was the wording, [redacted]

This letter was signed [redacted] The letter did not specify what date any group would arrive at Las Cruces, gave no further plans. ROGERS says that [redacted] is not aware of any plans the group may have, and knows nothing concerning any plans to buy any firearms. He said letters were also received at the Walgreen Drug Store and Office of the Mayor, Las Cruces, of a similar nature to the above letter wherein no reference was made to ammunition or guns.

- ③ - Bureau  
 1 - Chicago (Info.)  
 1 - Dallas (Info.)  
 1 - El Paso (Info.)  
 1 - Houston (Info.)  
 1 - Los Angeles (Info.)  
 1 - San Antonio (Info.)

2 - Albuquerque

HFG:md

Typed by: *RSP*

Special Agent in Charge

Sent

M

Per

58 NOV 9 1961

EX-113  
 OCT 27 1961  
 REC-53  
 11-2-66  
 FHF/knf  
 11-2  
 OCT 27 1961

[redacted] has been a source of this office for several years and has been asked to keep this office advised of any developments. b6 b7C

In view of the reference to ammunition and guns, this matter is being referred to the Bureau and possible interested Texas offices. Contact will be maintained with sources at Las Cruces and appropriate action taken as deemed necessary.

November 2, 1961

Airtel

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 11-27-2009 BY 60324 uc baw/sab/rs

To: SACs, Albuquerque  
Chicago  
Los Angeles

From: Director, FBI

FREEBUS  
RACIAL MATTERS

*Freedom Riders - Misc*  
ReAQairtel dated October 25, 1961, captioned  
"NAACP, Racial Matters" with copies to Los Angeles and  
Chicago Offices.

The Los Angeles Office should ascertain if the  
NAACP has an office located at 1313 LaBrea Street,  
Los Angeles, California. It is noted that the current  
Los Angeles Telephone Directory lists an NAACP Office  
4261 South Central Street, Los Angeles, California.

Chicago Office should ascertain if the NAACP  
has an office located at 709 W. LaGuardia Road, Chicago,  
Illinois. The present Chicago Telephone Directory lists  
an NAACP Office at 3856S South Park Avenue, Chicago,  
Illinois.

The possibility exists that the letter, which  
was received by [redacted] at Las Cruces, New Mexico,  
may be fictitious. All information obtained by  
Los Angeles and Chicago should be forwarded to the Bureau  
and the Albuquerque Office.

b6  
b7C

Albuquerque should include information contained  
in reairtel, information received from Los Angeles and  
Chicago Offices and any additional information received  
concerning this situation in a letterhead memorandum  
suitable for dissemination with original and seven copies  
submitted to the Bureau.

FHF:kwb

(8)

(SEE NOTE PAGE TWO)

66 NOV 8 1961

MAIL ROOM ☒ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Evans \_\_\_\_\_  
Malone \_\_\_\_\_  
Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Ingram \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

MAILED 4  
NOV - 2 1961  
COMM-FBI

EX-113 REC-53 157-387-1226  
19 NOV 3 1961

NOTE:

Albuquerque advised that a source of the Albuquerque Office informed that the source received a mimeographed letter informing him that Freedom Riders would be making an over-night stop in Las Cruces, New Mexico. Typed in a space on the letter was a wordino [REDACTED]

b6  
b7C  
b7D

[REDACTED] Albuquerque following this matter closely.



Assistant Attorney General  
Burke Marshall

November 2, 1961

Director, FBI

FREEDOM RIDE 1961  
SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA, TO  
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, VIA  
TRAILWAYS BUS, NOVEMBER 1, 1961  
RACIAL MATTERS

Our New Orleans, Louisiana, Office has furnished information that a Trailways bus from Shreveport, Louisiana, arrived at Jackson, Mississippi, at 7:24 a.m., Central Standard Time, November 1, 1961. A Negro female, identifying herself as [redacted] and a Negro male, identifying himself as [redacted] disembarked from the bus and walked into the white waiting room of the Trailways terminal where both approached the ticket counter.

An officer of the Jackson Police Department ordered both of these persons to move on. [redacted] is reported to have said to the officer, "We came here for some information." The officer then repeated his order for them to move on. [redacted] then is reported to have stated, "Isn't your order in defiance of the ICC regulation?" The officer did not respond to this and again ordered the couple to move on. When they failed to do so, he placed both of them under arrest. They were escorted from the terminal to a police department car and were driven off.

No incidents occurred during the arrest and it is reported that approximately ten press representatives were present at the terminal.

The above information was orally furnished to [redacted] of the Civil Rights Division of the Department on November 1, 1961.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 12/1/00 BY SP-4 bjt/ty

RBL:jam  
(4)

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Evans \_\_\_\_\_  
Malone \_\_\_\_\_  
Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Ingram \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

MAILED 20  
NOV - 2 1961  
COMM-FBI

EX 104  
#428602  
REC-53  
57-387-1227  
19 NOV 3 1961

MAIL ROOM TELETYPE UNIT



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 11-27-2009 BY 60324 uc baw/sab/rs

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-387)

DATE: Oct. 30, 1961

FROM : SAC, MILWAUKEE (157-88)

SUBJECT: MISCELLANEOUS  
FREEDOM RIDERS 1961  
GREYHOUND BUS 4290  
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE TO  
JACKSON, MISS. JUNE 16, 1961  
RM;CR

OO: New Orleans

Re New Orleans letter to Albany 9/12/61.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are an original and seven copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning [redacted] one of the freedom riders. Also enclosed herewith for New Orleans is one copy of that letterhead memorandum.

MI T-1 is [redacted] who confidentially gave information to SA [redacted]

b6  
b7C  
b7D

RUC

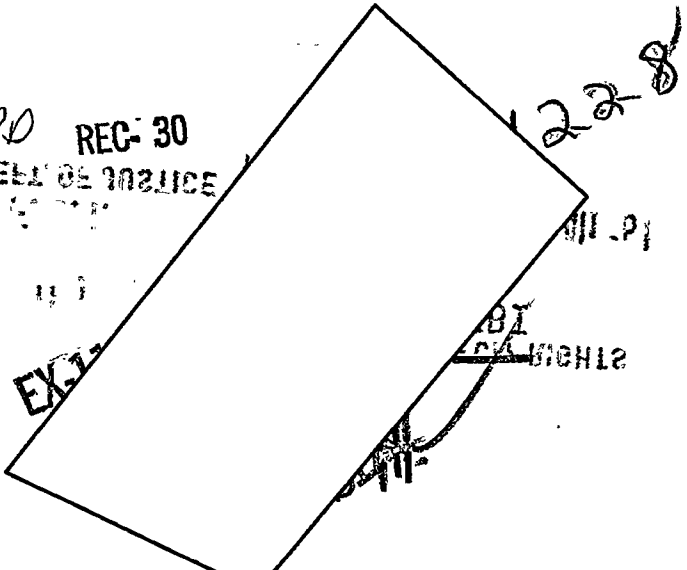
- 2 - Bureau (157-387) (Encls. 8) (RM)  
1 - New Orleans (Encls. 1) (RM)  
1 - Milwaukee (157-88)

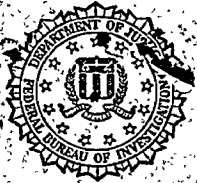
GVH:EL  
(4)

Agency g-2, org. unit + CRD REC-30  
Req. Rec'd 11/2/61  
Date Forw. 11/2/61  
How Forw. g-2  
By g-2

1 cc org. unit  
2 cc's destroyed

63 NOV 8 1961





UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

157-88

Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
October 30, 1961

FREEDOM RIDE, 1961 GREYHOUND  
BUS 4290, NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE  
TO JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI  
JUNE 16, 1961

[redacted] was arrested by the police at Jackson, Mississippi June 16, 1961. Records of that police department gave the following information about her:

[redacted] was born [redacted] at [redacted]. She was [redacted] in height, [redacted] pounds in weight, [redacted] eyes, [redacted] hair, [redacted] build, and [redacted] complexion. She was [redacted] the daughter of [redacted] deceased, and [redacted] of [redacted]. She had spent two years at [redacted] where she was then a student. She had attended a civil rights rally in Madison, Wisconsin and admitted picketing at Madison during the 1960 Woolworth sit-in strike.

The following investigation was conducted at Madison, Wisconsin:

Records of the Registrar's Office, UW, as made available by [redacted] October 2, 1961 contained the following information about [redacted] who entered that school on September 15, 1958. She spent the full academic year of 1958-1959 there and the succeeding semester. However, during the second semester of the 1959-1960 year, she dropped out and re-entered the University for the second semester of the 1960-1961 school year. The following notations appeared in her record:

- 2/12/60 - May continue on strict probation.
- 6/2/60 - Withdrew for medical reasons; may not re-enter without permission of the Associate Dean, based on recommendation from the Student Health Department.
- 1/30/61 - Re-entered.
- 5/4/61 - In spite of continued cutting, may complete present semester; may not continue in the University after this semester.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

157-387-1228  
ENCLOSURE

FREEDOM RIDE - JUNE 16, 1961

On October 3, 1961 Sergeant [redacted] Protection and Security Division, UW, advised that his records revealed that on May 13, 1960, his office was advised that [redacted] was missing [redacted] [redacted] was described as:

Race [redacted]  
Sex [redacted]  
Nationality [redacted]  
Age [redacted]  
Height [redacted]  
Weight [redacted]  
Hair [redacted]  
Eyes [redacted]  
Complexion [redacted]  
Home Address [redacted]

b6  
b7C  
b7D

Madison  
Address [redacted]

[redacted] records indicated that [redacted] was picked up on May 14, 1960 and returned to [redacted] of the University Hospital.

On October 3, 1961 MI T-1 advised that [redacted] was confined to [redacted] of the hospital, UW from April 26, 1960 to June 10, 1960. At the time of her confinement, the primary diagnosis was [redacted] the secondary diagnosis was [redacted] She received a series of twelve electric shock treatments. The results were fair. She was discharged to the care of [redacted] (name not given); [redacted]

MI T-1 added that [redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]

As of January 19, 1961, [redacted] according to the informant.

On October 2, 1961 records of the following agencies were respectively checked by [redacted] and [redacted] and found to contain no reference to [redacted] Madison Police Department; Dane County Sheriff's Office; Credit Bureau of Madison, Wisconsin.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 11-27-2009 BY 60324 uc baw/sab/rs

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 10/27/61

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (157-386)

SUBJECT: FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
Illinois Central Railroad  
New Orleans, Louisiana to  
Jackson, Mississippi  
July 9, 1961  
RM; CR

Rerep SA HUNTER E. HELGESON dated 8/21/61  
at New Orleans.

Enclosed herewith are the original and seven  
copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning captioned matter.  
Two copies of the letterhead memorandum are being forwarded  
to New Orleans, the office of origin.

The source referred to in the memorandum is [REDACTED]

ENCLOSURE

RUC

- 2 - Bureau (Encs. -8) (REGISTERED)
  - 2 - New Orleans (Encs. -2) (REGISTERED)
  - 1 - Los Angeles
- CRS/jmf  
(5)

U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE  
F.B.I.

Agency: J. Edgar Hoover, Dir. FBI  
Req. Rec'd: 11/1/61  
Date Forw.: 11/1/61  
How Forw.: R/S  
By: [Signature]  
1 cc orig. unit  
3 cc's destroyed

OCT 31 5 08 PM '61

RECEIVED  
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE  
DIVISION

56 NOV 6 1961

OCT 31 1961

REC'D - CIV RIGHTS  
FBI



In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Los Angeles, California  
October 27, 1961

FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
Illinois Central Railroad  
New Orleans, Louisiana to  
Jackson, Mississippi  
July 9, 1961

Chief of Detectives M. B. PIERCE, Police Department, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that the individuals whose names are set out below were arrested at the Illinois Central Railroad Depot, Jackson, Mississippi, at 10:20 AM, on July 9, 1961, by Captain [REDACTED] Police Department. PIERCE advised that this group of Freedom Riders had arrived at Jackson by train from New Orleans, Louisiana. They entered the white waiting room of the terminal and were ordered to move on by police officers. When they failed to obey the orders of the officer, they were arrested on a charge of Breach of the Peace and transported to the city jail where they were booked. PIERCE said there were no incidents in connection with the above arrests.

PIERCE furnished the following information from Police Department records concerning the individuals arrested:

Name  
Jackson PD #  
Residence  
Date of arrest  
Charge  
Race  
Sex  
Age  
Date of birth  
Place of birth  
Height  
Weight

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
7/9/61  
Breach of peace  
Negro  
Male  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

MISS

157-387-1229  
ENCLOSURE

Eyes  
Hair  
Complexion  
Build  
Occupation  
Marital status  
Father  
Mother  
Education

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

b6  
b7C

Single

Comments  
Prior arrests

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

None

\* \* \*

Name  
Jackson PD #  
Residence

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Date of arrest

7/9/61

Charge

Breach of peace

Race

Negro

Sex

Male

Age

[REDACTED]

Date of birth

[REDACTED]

Place of birth

[REDACTED]

Height

[REDACTED]

Weight

[REDACTED]

Eyes

[REDACTED]

Hair

[REDACTED]

Complexion

[REDACTED]

Build

[REDACTED]

Occupation

[REDACTED]

Marital status

Single

Father

[REDACTED]

Mother

[REDACTED]

Education

[REDACTED]

Prior arrests

None

7/11/65



Name  
Jackson PD #  
Residence

Date of arrest

Charge

Race

Sex

Age

Date of birth

Place of birth

Height

Weight

Eyes

Hair

Complexion

Build

Occupation

Marital status

Father

Mother

Education

Prior arrests

Comments

7/9/61

Breach of peace

Negro

Male

Single

b6

b7C

MISS

Name  
Jackson PD #  
Residence

Date of arrest

Charge

Race

Sex

Age

Date of birth

Place of birth

Height

Weight

7/9/61

Breach of peace

Negro

Male

Eyes  
Hair  
Complexion  
Build  
Occupation  
Marital status  
Father  
Mother  
Education  
Prior arrests

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Single  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Comments

[REDACTED]

\* \* \*

Name  
Jackson PD #  
Residence

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

b6  
b7C

Date of arrest

7/9/61

Charge

Breach of peace

Race

Negro

Sex

Male

Age

[REDACTED]

Date of birth

[REDACTED]

Place of birth

[REDACTED]

Height

[REDACTED]

Weight

[REDACTED]

Eyes

[REDACTED]

Hair

[REDACTED]

Complexion

[REDACTED]

Build

[REDACTED]

Occupation

[REDACTED]

Marital status

Single

Father

[REDACTED]

Mother

[REDACTED]

Prior arrests

None



Name	[REDACTED]
Jackson PD #	[REDACTED]
Residence	[REDACTED]
Date of arrest	7/9/61
Charge	Breach of peace
Race	Negro
Sex	[REDACTED]
Age	[REDACTED]
Date of birth	[REDACTED]
Place of birth	[REDACTED]
Height	[REDACTED]
Weight	[REDACTED]
Eyes	[REDACTED]
Hair	[REDACTED]
Complexion	[REDACTED]
Build	[REDACTED]
Occupation	[REDACTED]
Marital status	Divorced
Father	[REDACTED]
Mother	[REDACTED]
Education	[REDACTED]
Prior arrests	None
Comments	[REDACTED]

b6  
b7C

Except the one item set out below, no pertinent information concerning any of the above persons could be located in the files of the Los Angeles Retail Merchants Credit Association, Los Angeles Police Department and Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office, nor could any information be obtained from confidential informants who are in a position to have knowledge of subversive activities in the Los Angeles area.

One source advised that [REDACTED] Social Security Number [REDACTED] had been observed stealing merchandise from his employer; had admitted such thefts and was discharged. No formal charges were made against [REDACTED] to the police.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED

HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED

DATE 11-27-2009 BY 60324 uc baw/sab/rs

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI-~~(157-373)~~

DATE: October 30, 1961

FROM : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-381)

SUBJECT: 0 -MISC-  
FREEDOM RIDEs/1961

Greyhound Bus #4445  
Hammond, Louisiana  
September 1, 1961  
RM - CR

Rerep SA A. GLENWOOD GILLILAND, New Orleans, 10/5/61.

On October 18, 1961

[redacted] advised SA [redacted]

of this office of the following information on a confidential basis. These facts are being referred to the Bureau in view of the Bureau's possible interest in this matter.

[redacted] stated that [redacted]

b6  
b7C  
b7D

2-Bureau  
1-New Orleans  
FAS:gas  
(3)

EX 113

REC-91

58 NOV 7 1961

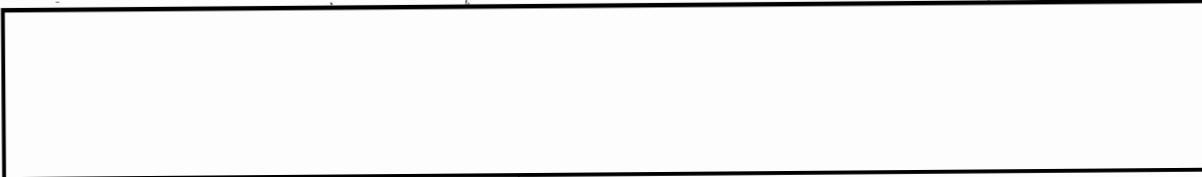
1961

11/3/61  
RBL:tek2

1961

EXP-PROC

NO 157-381



b6  
b7C  
b7D

He stated that subsequent to that time he received a personal note from ROBERT F. KENNEDY, Attorney General, United States of America, in which Mr. KENNEDY expressed his appreciation for his consideration in handling a most delicate matter and also offered the services of his office to [redacted] in the event these service should ever be necessary.

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office <b>NEW ORLEANS</b>	Office of Origin <b>NEW ORLEANS</b>	Date <b>OCT 27 1961</b>	Investigative Period <b>9/12 - 10/19/61</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>FREEDOM RIDE, 1961 NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA TO DEARBORN, MICHIGAN 9/11-16/61</b>  <i>Freedom Ride - Mich</i>		Report made by <b>SA HUNTER E. HELGESON</b>	Typed By: <b>eah;</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>RM; CR</b>	

- REFERENCE -

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 11-8-90 BY SP7 me

Detroit airtel to Bureau, 9/7/61.  
New Orleans teletypes to Bureau, 9/12, 13/61.

- P -

LEADS

CC TO: Army  
REQ. REC'D 4-12-62  
APR 30 1962  
ANS.  
BY: men

NEW ORLEANS OFFICE

AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

Will report results of arraignment of [redacted]  
in Hinds County Court, 11/13/61.

CC TO: Cor  
REQ. REC'D 2-3-70  
FEB 6 1970

Approved

Copies made:

4 BUREAU

3 - NEW ORLEANS

ANS. Special Agent  
BY: WTC In Charge

Do not write in spaces below

REC-22

EX-115

Deleted Copy Sent  
by Letter 11276  
Per FOIA Request mcl

1 cc to Dept. of Justice, 10/31/61  
1 cc org. unit 11276

FBI  
REC'D CIV RIGHTS

SEE REFERENCE  
ADD. DISSEMINATION

**NOV 14 1961**

NOV 1 1961

Ch R up, Kertnig + Class.

REC'D - CIV RIGHTS  
FBI

OCT 30 12 48 PM '61

Photo

ch. 11/7

CC TO:	CIA
REQ. REC'D	8-13-70
AUG 25 1970	
ANS.	See
BY:	TS

LET Q 1910
REC 1300
CC 10



RECEIVED  
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE  
DIVISION

OCT 30 12 26 PM '61

F. B. I.  
U. S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 11-18-80 BY 1043

b6  
b7C

Back of page

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 11-18-80 BY 1043

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 11-18-80 BY 1043

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 11-18-80 BY 1043

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 11-18-80 BY 1043

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 11-18-80 BY 1043



NO 157-385

ADMINISTRATIVE

An additional copy of this report is designated for the New Orleans Office in the event the Bureau instructs that a copy be furnished the U. S. Attorney, Jackson, Mississippi.

By airtel dated 9/14/61, all offices covering residence of Freedom Riders in instant group were requested to search indices and furnish Bureau with any positive results by letterhead memo.

-B\*-

COVER PAGE

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 11-27-2009 BY 60324 uc baw/sab/rs

**Copy to:****Report of:**

SA HUNTER E. HELGESON

**Office:**

NEW ORLEANS

**Date:**

OCT 27 1961

**File Number:**

157-385

**Title:**

FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA TO  
DEARBORN, MICHIGAN  
9/11-16/61

**Unclassified**  
**Review Conducted**  
**See Top Serial**  
**Form 4-774**

**Character:**

RACIAL MATTERS;  
CIVIL RIGHTS

**Synopsis:**

Article appearing in 8/30/61 edition of Detroit, Michigan, newspaper reflects the Episcopal Society for Cultural and Racial Unity, Atlanta, Ga., is sponsoring a "Prayer Pilgrimage" to leave New Orleans, La., 9/11/61, to arrive Dearborn, Michigan, 9/16/61, with stop at Jackson, Miss. (28 Episcopal Ministers reported to have arrived via bus at Tougaloo Southern Christian College, Tougaloo, Miss., near Jackson, Miss., on 9/12/61.) On 9/13/61, following 15 individuals, all Episcopal clergymen, arrested at Trailways Bus Depot, Jackson, Miss. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] All above individuals tried for Breach of Peace, a violation of S. 2087.5, Mississippi Code, in Jackson Municipal Court, 9/15/61. All convicted after not guilty pleas and sentenced to four months in jail and fined \$200. All above released on \$500 cash appeal bonds on 9/19/61, except [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] who were released on \$500 cash appeal bonds 9/29/61. All of the above individuals, with the exception of [REDACTED] arraigned in Hinds County Court, 10/9/61, and entered not guilty pleas to Breach of Peace charges. Trials set for these individuals for 5/62. [REDACTED] not arraigned due to illness and is scheduled for arraignment in Hinds County Court 11/13/61.

b6  
b7c

- P -

1251



NO 157-385

DETAILS: AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

Investigation in this case was predicated upon receipt of the following communication from the Detroit Office of the FBI, which was dated September 7, 1961:

The August 30, 1961, edition of "The Detroit Free Press," Metro Final, Page 1, Column 2, carried an article reflecting that the following Episcopal ministers plan to become Freedom Riders on a "Prayer Pilgrimage" Bus departing New Orleans, Louisiana, on September 11, 1961, and arriving Dearborn, Michigan, September 16, 1961:

Rev. MALCOLM ROYD, Chaplain, Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan.

*Tenn*  
*HA*  
Rev. ~~JOSEPH S. DICKSON~~ *Joseph S. Dickson*, Rector, St. Joseph's Church, Detroit, Michigan.

Rev. JAMES B. ~~GUINAN~~ *MISS*, Rector, Trinity Church, Farmington, Michigan.

According to this article, the Prayer Pilgrimage is being sponsored by the Episcopal Society for Cultural and Racial Unity, an Episcopal church group with headquarters in Atlanta, Georgia.

"The tour is primarily to alert the church and General Convention to the situation within our own structure and to recognize that we are all involved" (Quotes in article from un-named spokesman)

Article stated that the Society hopes to gather 37 priests from across the nation for a briefing and prayer session in New Orleans on September 11, 1961, and

NO 157-385

then go to Jackson, Mississippi, the next day. The tour will include a half dozen Episcopal related colleges in the south, some integrated, some not. The men on the tour are warned to prepare for time in jail in Jackson and to refuse bail; however, the Detroit priests are not expected to be among those risking jail sentences because of the church convention in Detroit September 17, 1961.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]

On September 12, 1961, [REDACTED] Reporter, Jackson Clarion-Ledger Daily News, 311 E. Pearl Street, advised that an AP wire service story datelined at New Orleans on September 12, 1961, informed that a group of twenty-eight Episcopal Ministers, including the co-ordinator, JOHN B. MORRIS, of Atlanta, Georgia, the Executive Director of the Episcopal Society for Cultural and Racial Unity, have chartered an unidentified bus at New Orleans and intend to depart New Orleans on the morning of September 12, 1961, en route to the 60 General Conference of their church at Detroit, Michigan. He informed this story states the group consists of six Negroes and twenty-two white clergymen who plan to arrive at Detroit on September 17, 1961. He said the story does not reflect that any of this group plans to test facilities at bus terminals or elsewhere on this trip. He advised that Reverend MALCOLM BOYD, Chaplain, Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan, advised reporters in New Orleans that the group intended to visit "church related institutions in the south offering prayers where such institutions had been integrated and protests where they had not been integrated." Mr. STARR advised the group refused to furnish their schedule in advance except to state that they planned to visit Jackson, Mississippi, and spend the night of September 12, 1961, at this city and would proceed to Sewanee, Tennessee, on September 13, 1961. Mr. STARR advised that All Saints Episcopal College, Vicksburg, Mississippi, is the only church related institution in this state and further advised that St. Andrews Day School at Jackson, Mississippi, is a private school, although it is located on property owned by the Episcopal Church.

b6  
b7C

NO 157-385

On September 12, 1961, the above information was telephonically furnished to [redacted] CIC Agent, Jackson, Mississippi, and to Chief of Detectives M. B. PIERCE, Police Department, Jackson, Mississippi.

On September 12, 1961, Chief of Detectives M. B. PIERCE, Police Department, telephonically advised that the chartered bus containing twenty-eight Episcopal Ministers arrived at Tougaloo Southern Christian College, Tougaloo, Mississippi, which is approximately five miles north of Jackson, at 7:00 PM, September 12, 1961, and the ministers apparently intend to spend the night at that college. He advised he had no further information concerning their intentions and has no information that they plan to test the facilities at Jackson or elsewhere. b6 b7C

The above information was telephonically furnished to [redacted] CIC Agent, Jackson, Mississippi, on September 12, 1961.

On September 13, 1961, AP Reporter [redacted] Jackson, Mississippi, advised that [redacted]

[redacted] advised the AP on September 13, 1961, that the group of twenty-eight ministers, of which he is a member, voted on the morning of September 13, 1961, to split up and that sixteen of the group will leave Jackson today by unknown transportation en route to Sewanee, Tennessee, time of departure not stated. [redacted] said [redacted] said the other twelve members will remain in Jackson for several days and hope to talk with church leaders and city and state leaders. According to [redacted] Reverend [redacted] said none of the twenty-eight plan to test facilities at Jackson or elsewhere but plan to act with dignity and responsibility. [redacted] advised the chartered bus formerly used by this group has been dismissed by the group.

At 12:01 PM, September 13, 1961, Captain [redacted] Detective Division, Jackson Police Department, advised that a group of fifteen unidentified Episcopal

NO 157-385

Ministers were arrested by the Jackson Police Department at approximately 11:45 AM, September 13, 1961, when they attempted to enter the white restaurant at the Trailways Bus Station. He could supply no further details except that this was a mixed group of white and Negro ministers.

At 4:38 PM, September 13, 1961, [redacted] AP Representative, advised that the AP had received an unconfirmed report from an unknown source that [redacted] one of the above individuals arrested today at Jackson is [redacted]

b6  
b7C

On September 13, 1961, City Attorney JACK TRAVIS advised that the above fifteen ministers will be tried at 3:00 PM, on September 14, 1961, in Jackson Municipal Court and their bond has been set at \$500.00 each. He said they have expressed no intentions of making bond before their trial.

On September 13, 1961, at 9:45 AM, [redacted] Associated Press Representative, advised that the following eight Episcopal Ministers departed Jackson, Mississippi, at 8:45 PM, September 13, 1961, via Delta Airlines Flight 406 which arrives at Atlanta, Georgia, at 12:17 AM, September 14, 1961. He said all except [redacted] are en route to Detroit, Michigan, to attend the Episcopal Church Convention there on September 17, 1961, and they have expressed the intention to visit the University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee, en route to Detroit. He noted they have declined to violate any local laws en route. He said they have indicated they do not intend to test facilities at any locations en route to Detroit and noted that there were no incidents at Jackson in connection with their departure.



NO 157-385

[redacted]  
[redacted] Detroit, Michigan

[redacted] Detroit, Michigan

[redacted] New York City

[redacted] Farmingdale, N. Y.

[redacted] Long Beach, California

[redacted] Swarthmore, Pa.

[redacted] Hempstead, N. Y.

[redacted] Tallahassee, Florida

*Mich  
Tenn  
GA*

[redacted] advised that he has no further descriptive data regarding the above eight individuals except that [redacted] and [redacted] are Negroes. The race of the remaining individuals identified above is unknown.

[redacted] said that [redacted] is en route to his home at Tallahassee, Florida.

[redacted] advised the remaining five members of this group of twenty-eight individuals are registered in Room 928 of the Heidelberg Hotel, Jackson, Mississippi, and have informed the press they intend to remain at Jackson to observe the trial of the fifteen ministers arrested September 13, 1961, and do not intend to test facilities at Jackson. He identified these five as follows:

[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted] Chaplain, [redacted]  
[redacted]

NO 157-385

THREE

[REDACTED]

Farmington, Michigan

[REDACTED]

Boston, Massachusetts

[REDACTED]

Baltimore, Maryland

b6  
b7C

On September 13, 1961, at 10:03 PM, Assistant Chief M. B. PIERCE, Jackson Police Department, telephonically advised that the trial of the fifteen ministers has been postponed until 3:00 PM, September 15, 1961, at their request in order that they can obtain funds to post \$500 bond after this trial. He advised that the eight individuals who left Jackson on Delta Airlines Flight 406 on September 13, 1961, departed without any incidents taking place.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 9/20/61

Assistant Chief of Police M. B. PIERCE, Jackson Police Department, advised that at approximately 11:35 a.m. (September 13, 1961, Patrolmen [redacted] and [redacted] Jackson Police Department, while stationed at the Trailways Bus Depot, Jackson, Mississippi, observed three Dotty taxicabs pull into the driveway on the east side of that station, at which time approximately 15 men in clerical garb disembarked from the taxicabs and started toward the white restaurant at that station.) PIERCE advised that [redacted] and [redacted] requested these individuals to move on and one of them who was later identified as [redacted] said, "We are not breaking the law, we are interstate passengers." PIERCE said Officer [redacted] asked them again to move on, and [redacted] said all we want to do is get some food to eat before we catch a bus, or words to that effect. PIERCE said [redacted] then asked them again to move on and they refused the order.) PIERCE said Officer [redacted] then called police headquarters and Captain [redacted] was sent to the scene at which time [redacted] asked this group to move on. They refused the order and Captain [redacted] then asked them to follow him and he would take them to their bus. PIERCE said the group again refused to comply whereupon Captain [redacted] placed them under arrest at 11:50 a.m. and they were taken to Police Headquarters.

b6  
b7C

Chief PIERCE advised the above group consisted of three Negro males and 12 white males. He advised that no incidents of any kind occurred in connection with these arrests. He advised all of these individuals were charged with Breach of the Peace. PIERCE furnished the following descriptive information concerning these 15 individuals as obtained from the records of the Jackson Police Department:

8

On 9/13/61 at Jackson, Miss. File # 157-385  
by SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] /dfs Date dictated 9/13/61

NO 157-385

(1) Name  
Jackson PD #  
Residence  
  
Race  
Sex  
Age  
Date of birth  
Place of birth  
Height  
Weight  
Eyes  
Hair  
Complexion  
Build  
Occupation  
  
Marital Status  
Father

[Redacted]  
[Redacted]  
[Redacted]  
[Redacted] Massachusetts

Male

[Redacted]  
[Redacted]

MISS

b6  
b7C

[Redacted]  
[Redacted]  
[Redacted]  
[Redacted]  
[Redacted]  
[Redacted]

Episcopal Clergyman,

[Redacted]  
[Redacted]  
[Redacted]

Mother

[Redacted]  
[Redacted]

Education

4 years, Southern Methodist  
University, Dallas, Texas;  
3 years, Episcopal Theologi-  
cal Seminary, Cambridge,  
Massachusetts.

Admits

\* \* \* \* \* Member of NAACP and CORE.  
\* \* \* \* \*

(2) Name  
Jackson PD #  
Residence

[Redacted]  
[Redacted]  
[Redacted] Massachusetts

MISS

Male

[Redacted]  
[Redacted]  
[Redacted]  
[Redacted]  
[Redacted]  
[Redacted]  
[Redacted]  
[Redacted]

Race  
Sex  
Age  
Date of birth  
Place of birth  
Height  
Weight  
Eyes  
Hair  
Complexion



**NO 157-385**

description cont'd:

**Build**  
**Occupation**

Episcopal minister,  
Massachusetts  
Massachusetts.

Marital Status  
Father

**Mother  
Education**

High school, 4 years, Kenyon College, Gambier, Ohio;  
3 years seminary, Episcopal Theology, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

b6  
b7C

\* \* \* \* \*

(3)

Name  
Jackson PD #  
Residence

**Race**  
**Sex**

Male

### Age

Date of birth

Place of birth

Height

## Weight

## Eyes

## Hair

### Complexion

## Build

## Occupation

Clergyman (Episcopal),

### Marital Status

**Father**

**Mother**

## Education

High school; 4 years, Dartmouth College, New Hampshire; 3 years seminary, Union

NO 157-385

[redacted] description cont'd:

Education  
Admits

Seminary, New York, New York.  
Member of CORE, admits  
picketing Woolworth's,  
New York City.

\* \* \* \* \*

(4)

Name  
Jackson PD #  
Residence  
  
Race  
Sex  
Age  
Date of birth  
Place of birth  
Height  
Weight  
Eyes  
Hair  
Complexion  
Build  
Occupation  
Marital Status  
Father

[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]  
Male  
[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]  
Clergyman (Episcopal)  
[redacted]  
[redacted]

*Miss*  
*Mass*

b6  
b7C

Mother  
Education

Massachusetts.  
[redacted] same address  
High school; 4 years, Harvard  
University, Massachusetts;  
Seminary, Episcopal Theology,  
Cambridge, Massachusetts  
Member of NAACP.

Admits

\* \* \* \* \*

(5)

Name  
Jackson PD #  
Residence

Race  
Sex  
Age  
Date of birth

[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]  
Male  
[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]

*Miss*  
*calif*

*P.O.B.*

NO 157-385

[redacted] description cont'd:

Place of birth  
Height  
Weight  
Eyes  
Hair  
Complexion  
Build  
Occupation

[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]  
Episcopal Priest.

b6  
b7C

Marital Status  
Father

[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]

Mother

[redacted] Missouri.  
[redacted] same address as  
father.

Education

High school; 4 years, Uni-  
versity of Missouri,  
Columbia, Missouri;  
3 years, Seminary Church  
Divinity School, Berkeley,  
California.

Comments

[redacted]

\* \* \* \* \*

(6)

Name  
Jackson PD #  
Residence

[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]

Race  
Sex  
Age  
Date of birth  
Place of birth  
Height  
Weight  
Eyes  
Hair  
Complexion  
Build

[redacted]  
Male

miss  
mass

[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]

NO 157-385

[redacted] description cont'd:

Occupation

Minister. [redacted]

Marital Status  
Father

Mother

same address as  
father.

Education

4 years, Howard University,  
Washington, D. C.; 2 years,  
American University, Wash-  
ington, D. C.; 3 years,  
Episcopal Theology Seminary,  
Cambridge, Massachusetts.  
Member of NAACP.

Admits

\* \* \* \* \*

(7)

Name

Jackson PD #

Residence

Race

Sex

Age

Date of birth

Place of birth

Height

Weight

Eyes

Hair

Complexion

Build

Occupation

Priest, [redacted]

Marital Status

Father

Mother

b6  
b7C

MISS  
MISS

NO 157-385

[redacted] description cont'd:

Education

High School; 4 years, Boston University, Boston, Massachusetts; 3 years seminary, Episcopal Theology School, Massachusetts.

Admits

Member of NAACP.

\* \* \* \* \*

(8)

Name

Jackson PD #

Residence

Race

Sex

Age

Date of birth

Place of birth

Height

Weight

Eyes

Hair

Complexion

Build

Occupation

Marital Status

Father

Mother

Male

Priest,

b6

b7C

Miss

Education

High School; 4 years, Butler College, Indianapolis, Indiana; 2 years, graduate school, Yale University; 3 years seminary, Nashotah House, Wisconsin.

Admits

Picketing at a movie in Indianapolis, Indiana, 1941.

\* \* \* \* \*

**NO 157-385**

(9)

Name  
Jackson PD #  
Residence

Race

## Sex

**Age**

~~Date of birth~~

Place of birth

## Height

## Weight

## Eyes

## Hair

## Complexion

## Build

**Occupation**

### Marital Status

## Father

**Mother**

## Education

Clergyman (Episcopal)

b6  
b7C

**Admits**

High School; 4 years, Columbia University, New York City; 3 years seminary, Virginia T. Seminary, Alexandria, Virginia.  
Member of NAACP.

\* \* \* \* \*

(10)

Name  
Jackson PD #  
Residence

## Race

**Sex**

### Age

Date of birth

Place of birth

Height

### Weight

## Eyes

## Hair

## Complexion

Male

miss  
wisc

NO 157-385

b6  
b7C

[redacted] description cont'd:

Build [redacted]  
Occupation Episcopal Priest  
Marital Status [redacted]  
Father [redacted]  
Mother [redacted]  
Education 5 years college; 3 years seminary, Lawrence College, Wisconsin; University of Wisconsin, Nashotah House, Nashotah, Wisconsin.

\* \* \* \* \*

(11)

Name [redacted]  
Jackson PD # [redacted]  
Residence [redacted]  
Race [redacted]  
Sex Male  
Age [redacted]  
Date of birth [redacted]  
Place of birth [redacted]  
Height [redacted]  
Weight [redacted]  
Eyes [redacted]  
Hair [redacted]  
Complexion [redacted]  
Build [redacted]  
Occupation Clergyman, [redacted]  
Marital Status [redacted]  
Father [redacted]  
Mother [redacted] same address as father.  
Education 4 years, Hamilton College, Clinton, New York; 3 years, seminary, General Seminary, New York  
Comments [redacted]

b6  
b7C

17155

\* \* \* \* \*

NO 157-385

(12)

Name  
Jackson PD #  
Residence  
  
Race  
Sex  
Age  
Date of birth  
Place of birth  
Height  
Weight  
Eyes  
Hair  
Complexion  
Build  
Occupation

[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]  
Male  
[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]  
Assistant Priest, [redacted]

*ny, SS*

b6  
b7C

Marital Status  
Father

[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]

Mother  
Education

[redacted] same as father  
4 years, University of Vir-  
ginia, Charlottesville;  
3 years, Seabury-Western  
Seminary, Evansville, Illinois

\* \* \* \* \*

(13)

Name  
Jackson PD #  
Residence  
  
Race  
Sex  
Age  
Date of birth  
Place of birth  
Height  
Weight  
Eyes  
Hair  
Complexion  
Build

[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]  
Male  
[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]

*ny*

*Miss*



NO 157-385

[redacted] description cont'd:

Occupation  
Marital Status  
Father  
Mother

Episcopal Priest

Education

4 years, George Washington University, Washington, D. C.;  
3 years seminary, General Seminary, New York

Comments

Refused to answer whether or not a member of CORE. Refused to answer whether or not a member of Communist Party- Changed his answer and said he had never been a member of Communist Party.

\* \* \* \* \*

b6  
b7C

(14)

Name  
Jackson PD #  
Residence  
  
Race  
Sex  
Age  
Date of birth  
Place of birth  
Height  
Weight  
Eyes  
Hair  
Complexion  
Build  
Occupation  
Marital Status  
Father  
Mother

Male

Priest, now unemployed.

*Vy*  
*MISS*

**NO 157-385**

description cont'd:

## Education

4 years, Kenyon College,  
Gambier, Ohio; 3 years,  
General Theology Seminary,  
New York City.

## Comments

\* \* \* \* \*

(15)

Name  
Jackson PD #  
Residence

## Race

## Sex

### Age

Date of birth

Place of birth

Height

**Weight.**

## Eyes

**Hair**

## Complexion

## Build

### Occupation

### Marital Status

**Father**

**Mother**

## Education

## Comments

Male

b6  
b7C

miss

**Episcopal Clergyman**

same address

4 years, Harvard University,  
3 years, General Seminary,  
New York; 1 year, graduate  
work, Harvard Divinity School.

\* \* \* \* \*

NO 157-385

The following investigation was conducted by SA HUNTER E. HELGESON:

On September 15, 1961, City Prosecuting Attorney J. A. TRAVIS, JR., City of Jackson, advised that the following individuals, arrested September 13, 1961, were tried in Jackson Municipal Court, Jackson, Mississippi, on September 15, 1961, on charges of Breach of the Peace:

[REDACTED]

b6

b7C

According to TRAVIS, all of the above individuals entered pleas of not guilty. All were charged with violating Section 2087.5, Mississippi Code. All were convicted and sentenced to four months in jail and fined \$200. TRAVIS advised there were no incidents during the course of the trial.

NO 157-385

On September 19, 1961, Deputy [redacted] Hinds County Sheriff's Office, advised that on September 19, 1961, (the following individuals were released on \$500 cash appeal bonds, returnable in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi, on October 9, 1961:

[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]

b6  
b7C

On September 29, 1961, Deputy [redacted] Hinds County Sheriff's Office, advised that on September 29, 1961, [redacted] and [redacted] were released from the Jackson City Jail on \$500 cash appeal bonds, returnable in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi, on October 9, 1961.

On October 9, 1961, [redacted] Deputy Clerk, Hinds County Circuit Clerk's Office, advised SA [redacted] that the following individuals were arraigned in Hinds County Court on October 9, 1961, on Breach of the Peace charges. All entered pleas of not guilty and the date of their trials was set as indicated.

NO 157-385

below. All were released on the \$500 appeal bond previously posted.

NAME	DATE OF TRIAL	
[REDACTED]	5/7/62	
[REDACTED]	"	
[REDACTED]	5/8/62	b6
[REDACTED]	"	b7C
[REDACTED]	5/9/62	
[REDACTED]	5/9/62	
[REDACTED]	5/10/62	
[REDACTED]	"	
[REDACTED]	5/11/62	
[REDACTED]	"	
[REDACTED]	5/14/62	
[REDACTED]	"	
[REDACTED]	5/15/62	
[REDACTED]	"	

[REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] was reported to be ill and the date of his trial was not set, but was to be set at a later date. He said he understood that proof of illness on the part of [REDACTED] was to be presented to the court on October 12, 1961.

On October 19, 1961, City Prosecuting Attorney J. A. TRAVIS, JR., City of Jackson, advised that the attorney for [REDACTED] had produced a satisfactory affidavit of illness of [REDACTED] and the arraignment of [REDACTED] had been reset for November 13, 1961, in Hinds County Court.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
 Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
 Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
 Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
 DeLoach ☒ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Evans \_\_\_\_\_  
 Malone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
 Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ingram \_\_\_\_\_  
 Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

TO : Mr. Belmont *amb*

DATE: 10/31/61

FROM : A. Rosen *ARM*

SUBJECT: FREEDOM RIDES - misc  
 Albany, Georgia, 11/1-2/61  
 RACIAL MATTERS

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
 HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED

DATE 10/22/00 BY *P. B. J. H. G.*  
 # 428602

Our Atlanta Office has furnished information that a group of Negroes are planning to lead a group of freedom riders into Albany, Georgia, on 11/1 and 2/61 where they plan to use the white facilities at the Trailways bus station, the Carnegie Public Library and an unidentified theater.

The leader of this movement is alleged to be Chevene B. King, a Negro attorney in Albany, Georgia. It has also been alleged that a Negro male from Washington, D. C.; and a Negro male from the State of Virginia are directing the movement.

It has been reported that three to five Negro citizens of Albany attended a meeting in Atlanta, Georgia, during the week end of 10/28-29/61 for the purpose of instructing individuals concerning the proposed action. It has been alleged that this movement is being sponsored by persons who were involved in the freedom rides at Jackson, Mississippi.

It has been reported that unknown individuals have been on the campus of Albany State College, Albany, Georgia, a Negro institution, attempting to recruit students for the instant movement. The president of the college has instructed that no student at the institution is to leave the campus until further notice.

Chief of Police Laurie Pritchett of the Albany, Georgia, Police Department has already instituted twelve-hour police patrols and has designated two plainclothesmen to be at the bus station until such time as there is no further threat of violence.

ACTION:

The Department is being advised.

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

RBL:dsj

32 NOV 14 1961

NOV 6 1961

DATE: November 3, 1961

Transmit the following in PLAIN TEXT

Via AIRTEL REGULAR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE (157-351)

SUBJECT: FREEDOM RIDE FREEDOM RIDERS - MISCELLANEOUS  
ROUTE 40  
MARYLAND AND DELAWARE  
11/11/61  
RACIAL MATTERS

Re Baltimore airtel dated October 31, 1961, and  
Bureau airtel dated November 3, 1961.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are the original  
and seven copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning captioned  
matter.

WFO's attention is directed to the statement in the  
enclosed letterhead memorandum that CORE intends to hold the  
freedom ride institute at 8:00 p.m., November 7, 1961, in  
Washington, D. C.

- ③ - Bureau (Enclosures 8)  
1 - Boston (INFO) (Enclosure 1) (AIR MAIL)  
1 - New Haven (INFO) (Enclosure 1) (REGULAR MAIL)  
1 - New York (INFO) (Enclosure 1) (REGULAR MAIL)  
1 - Norfolk (INFO) (Enclosure 1) (AIR MAIL)  
1 - Philadelphia (INFO) (Enclosure 1) (REGULAR MAIL)  
1 - Richmond (INFO) (Enclosure 1) (REGULAR MAIL)  
1 - WFO (INFO) (Enclosure 1) (REGULAR MAIL)  
1 - Baltimore

JVS:dfm  
(11)

REC-12 157-387-1235

1 NOV 4 1961

b6  
b7c

Agency 157-387-1235  
Req. Rec'd \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Forw. 11-6-61  
How Forw. R-5  
By Jev: gpt

11 cc Org. Unit  
2 cc's destroyed

62 NOV 13 1961



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Baltimore, Maryland WASHINGTON 25, D. C.  
November 3, 1961

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

FREEDOM RIDE  
ROUTE 40  
MARYLAND AND DELAWARE  
NOVEMBER 11, 1961

The Sun, Baltimore daily newspaper, in its issue of November 2, 1961, reflects a statement of Governor ELBERT N. CARVEL of Delaware in which he ascertained that Delaware restaurant owners have the "legal right to refuse service to Negroes." The Governor quoted as his authority a section of the Delaware law to this effect. In making the statement the Governor was commenting on the threat of a massive "freedom ride" scheduled for November 11 along Maryland and Delaware sections of United States Route 40. The position taken by the Governor was attacked by the Wilmington Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and the Congress on Racial Equality (CORE).

The Wilmington Resident Agency of the Federal Bureau of Investigation was advised by a confidential source that the Delaware State Police had conducted a survey of 27 restaurants on Route 40 from the Delaware Memorial Bridge to the Maryland State line. All of these restaurant owners advised that they would serve Negroes except four who claimed they would not serve Negroes and two others who gave a qualified yes. The source further advised that the announcement by the Governor of Delaware might prompt other restaurant owners not to serve Negroes.

The same issue of the Sun, supra, reflected the fact that the Legislative Council of the Maryland State Legislature had endorsed a bill banning racial discrimination in hotels, motels and restaurants and specifically would make it a crime to deny service to any customer because of race, religion or national origin. The vote of the Legislative Council, which is composed of most of the state legislative leaders, was 12 to 6. This action is advisory in its nature and will serve as a basis for the introduction of the bill at the next General Assembly which is scheduled for February, 1962. Governor J. MILLARD TAWES of Maryland has already refused to call a special session of the General Assembly to consider any bill. The same issue of the paper reflected that the restaurant owners along Route 40 were meeting on November 2 in an attempt to work out some common action

157-387-1233  
ENCLOSURE



in the face of the expected arrival of freedom riders on November 11, 1961.

Inspector [ ] of the Baltimore County Police Department advised the Baltimore Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on November 3, 1961, that at their meeting held on the previous evening of restaurant owners and/or leasees, who are located along Route 40 East, there was a decided mixed reaction to what plans they would follow in the face of the freedom riders. Some 27 of the restaurant owners out of a possible 32 appeared. Some of the owners advised that they would close their establishments. Others will place reserve signs on their tables and refuse to serve Negroes on the ground that all the tables are reserved. Others will point blank refuse to serve under the existing law of the state. Very few advised that they would serve Negroes that day and on the following will revert to their practice of not serving Negroes. It is the opinion of Inspector [ ] that depending upon the situation as it arises in each of their establishments on November 11, the restaurant owners individually will determine their own course of action. The restaurant owners advised the Inspector that CORE has, during the last week, been taking photographs of their establishments and undoubtedly planned to use them in the course of the march. b6 b7C

Inspector [ ] also advised on November 2, 1961, leaders of the CORE, together with leaders of the NAACP, Maryland Crime Investigations Committee, States Attorney's Office for Baltimore County, various civic leagues totalling approximately 57 people, met in Baltimore City to discuss the coming freedom ride. The NAACP and CORE, the former represented by [ ] Secretary, and the latter by Mr. JULIUS ROBINSON, indicated that the proposed legislation of the Legislative Council was completely inadequate and that the march on November 11 will go forward. Inspector [ ] stated that at this meeting each individual spoke his own ideas and there was no unanimity except by the CORE and NAACP groups. At the conclusion of the meeting handbills were passed out urging citizens to join the State's Rights Ride on November 11, 1961, along Route 40 and these handbills were supported by the Maryland Petition Committee for State's Rights, Box 187, Jessups, Maryland. NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE

The Sun, in its issue of November 3, 1961, reflected the statement of the CORE leaders that they intended to hold a freedom ride institute at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 7, 1961, at All Souls Unitarium Church in Washington, D. C. to indoctrinate

volunteers in the tactics of the ride. They also stated that they would hold a mammoth prayer meeting at 8:00 p.m. on Friday before the Governor's Mansion in Annapolis.

The Maryland Petition Committee for States Rights, Incorporated, has been incorporated under the laws of the State of Maryland since 1954 and in its bulletin describes itself as "designated to the preservation of our state, our country and our race."

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

Tolson ☒  
Belmont ☒  
Mohr ☒  
Callahan ☒  
Conrad ☒  
DeLoach ☒  
Evans ☒  
Malone ☒  
Rosen ☒  
Sullivan ☒  
Tavel ☒  
Trotter ☒  
Tele. Room ☒  
Ingram ☒  
Gandy ☒

TO : Mr. Callahan

DATE: 11-2-61

FROM : L. J. Gauthier

SUBJECT: ROUTE MAP - U. S. 40  
\*FREEDOM RIDERS' CONTEMPLATED TRAVEL  
NOVEMBER 11, 1961

On 10-27-61 ASAC Lally, Baltimore Division, telephonically spoke with me asking whether it would be possible to have a detailed map prepared of Route U. S. 40 between Baltimore and the Delaware Memorial Bridge, that this was needed to brief Agents in several conferences to be held before November 11. The map was to show the location of restaurants along the route. Two Agents of the Baltimore Office personally visited the Exhibits Section for the purpose of furnishing the technical staff with information that should be contained on the proposed map. A sufficient number of copies of the attached map has been furnished to the Baltimore Office for their use as an investigative aid.

RECOMMENDATION:OF FREEDOM RIDERS - MISC.

None; for information only.

LJG:pha  
(3)

Enclosure

1 - Mr. Rosen (Attention - SA ) (Enclosure) (Sent Direct)

ENCLOSURE

ENCLOSURE ATTACHED

REC-45

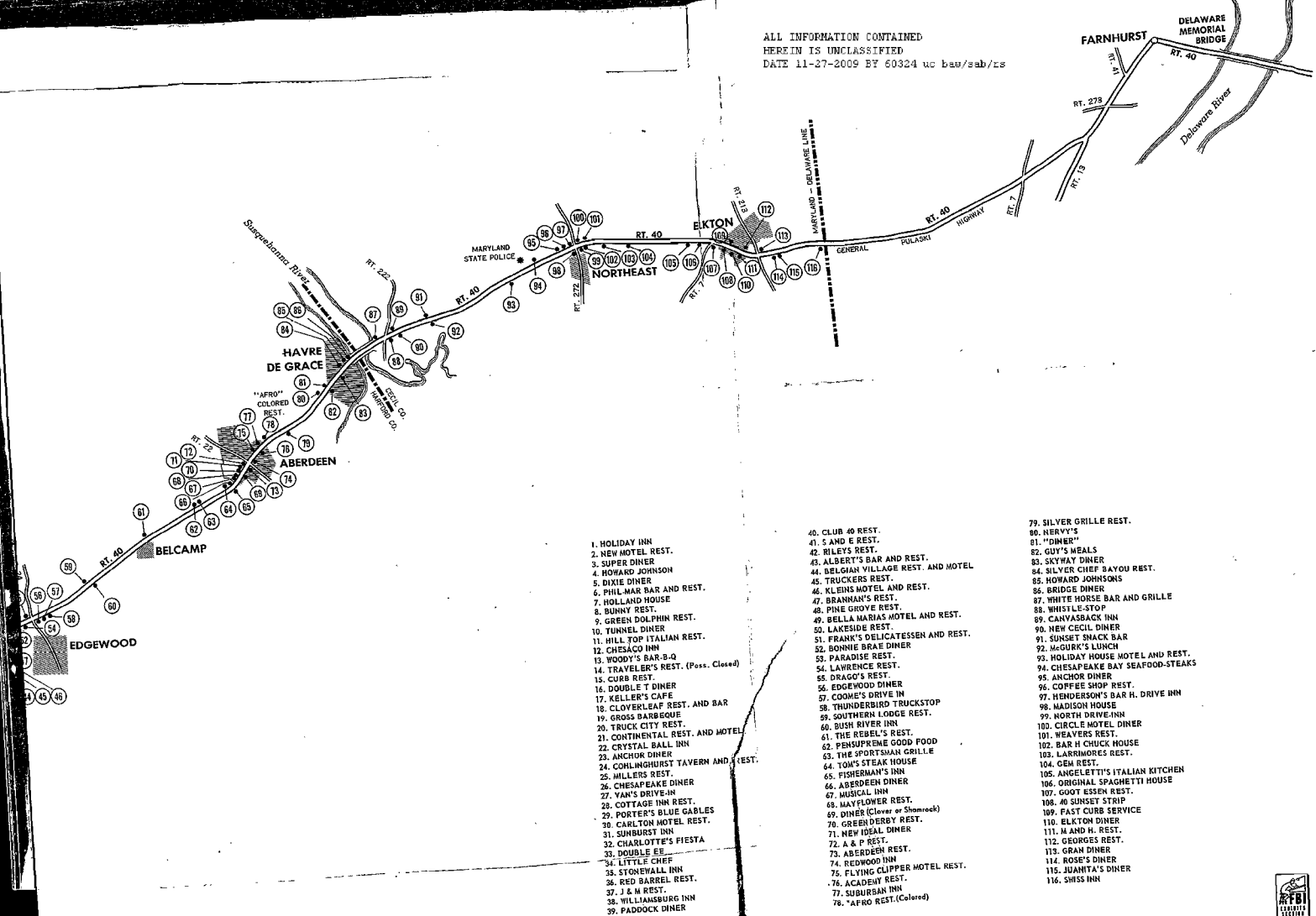
157-387-1234

EX - 102

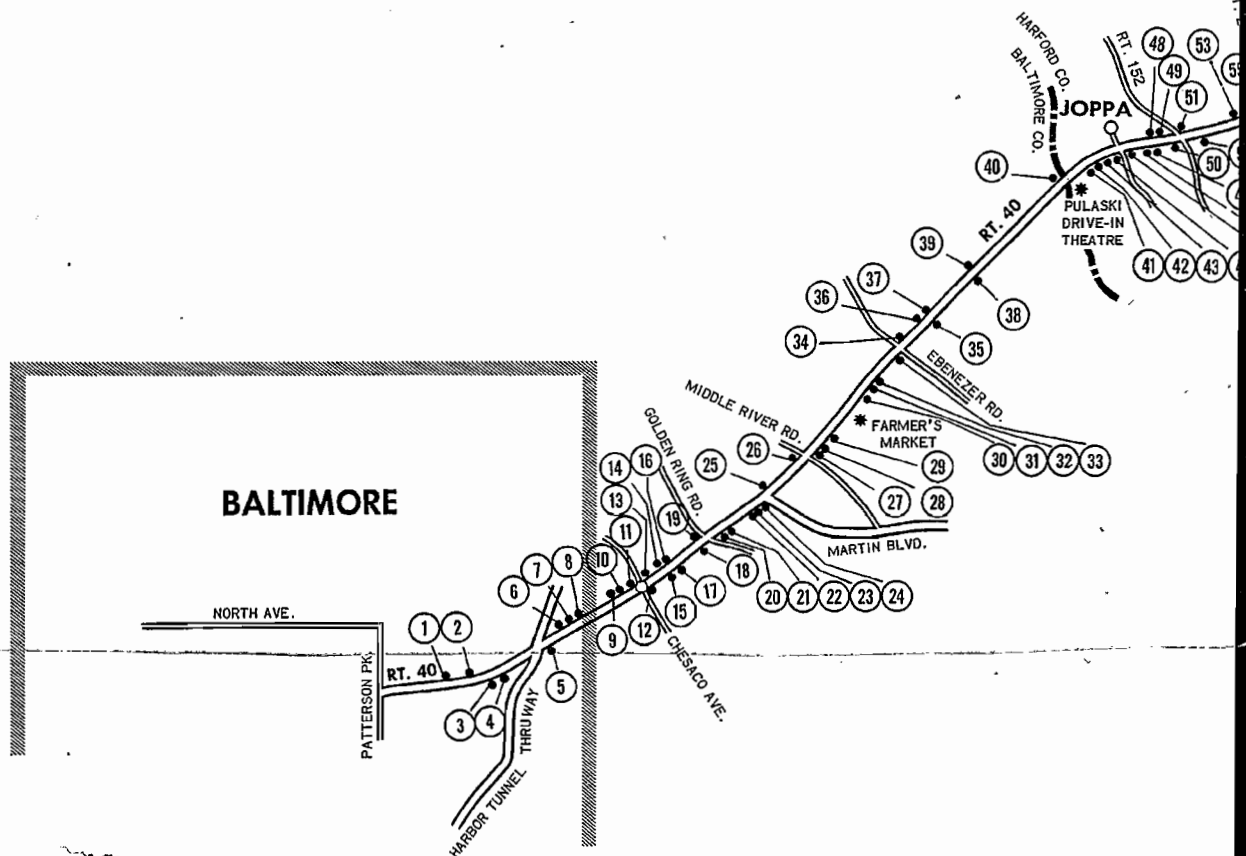
b6  
b7C

NOV 6 1961

62 NOV 13 1961



ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 11-27-2009 BY 60324 uc baw/sab/rs



TO: *g*  
FROM: *B*  
SUBJECT: *rich*

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE (157-351)

SUBJECT: FREEDOM RIDE *○ FREEDOM RIDERS - MISCELLANEOUS*  
U. S. ROUTE 40  
MARYLAND AND DELAWARE  
NOVEMBER 11, 1961  
RACIAL MATTERS

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are the original and seven copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning captioned matter. This information has been furnished to local police.

- ③ - Bureau (Enclosures 8)  
1 - Boston (Enclosure 1)(INFO)(AIR MAIL)  
1 - New Haven (Enclosure 1)(INFO)(REGULAR MAIL)  
1 - New York (Enclosure 1)(INFO)(REGULAR MAIL)  
1 - Norfolk (Enclosure 1)(INFO)(AIR MAIL)  
1 - Philadelphia (Enclosure 1)(INFO)(REGULAR MAIL)  
1 - Richmond (Enclosure 1)(INFO)(REGULAR MAIL)  
1 - WFO (Enclosure 1)(INFO)(REGULAR MAIL)  
1 - Baltimore

d/m

EL-XE

REC- 45

157-387-1235

Agency U-2, on, psi, Ord.  
 Req. Rec'd .....  
 Date Forw. 11-6-61 .....  
 How Forw. R-5 .....  
 By QC:apt .....

NOV 4 1961

2 CC's destroyed

b6  
b7C

ENCLOSURE

58 NOV 9 1961



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
Baltimore, Maryland  
November 3, 1961

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

FREEDOM RIDE  
U. S. ROUTE 40  
MARYLAND AND DELAWARE  
NOVEMBER 11, 1961

On November 3, 1961, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that at a meeting of a special committee of the Baltimore Chapter of CORE, held on the evening of November 2, the following plans were announced concerning the November 11th mass sit-in demonstrations on Route 40 east of Baltimore.

1. At the meeting of CORE in National Headquarters in New York on October 28, it was decided that the organization would not backdown from its plan to hold the demonstration on November 11, 1961.

2. Delegates from New England, New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania will assemble at the last (southbound) Howard Johnson restaurant on the New Jersey Turnpike by 10:00 a.m. on the morning of November 11, 1961. There instructions would be given out concerning how each group of individuals should conduct themselves, including how they can get telephonic assistance in case of arrest.

Beginning at 10:00 a.m., parties will be dispatched at intervals and assigned to restaurants located on the north, or right-hand side (westbound), of U. S. Route 40, all the way to Baltimore.

At 12:30 all groups should make simultaneous sit-in approaches to their respectively assigned establishments.

3. Delegates from the Virginia, D. C. and Maryland areas will assemble at Cornerstone Baptist Church, 1627 Bolton Street, Baltimore, also by 10:00 a.m. on November 11, 1961, where they will receive instructions and be dispatched along the south, or right-hand side (eastbound), of U. S. Route 40. They too will commence sit-ins at 12:30 p.m.

4. JULIAN HOBSON, of Washington, D. C., stated he expects to have over 400 delegates from Virginia and D. C. This

ENCLOSURE

157-387-1235

group will hold a meeting on November 7, 1961, at Saul's Unitarian Church, Washington, D. C., to make plans for the trip to Baltimore on the morning of November 11, 1961.

5. All rank-and-file demonstrators will be instructed to avoid arrest if at all possible. If they are ordered by the police to leave or move on they should do so and proceed to another location.

6. The sit-ins will continue until 5:00 p.m., unless circumstances suggest it be extended beyond that time, in which case all will be notified. Any group which moves completely down its side of the highway before completion of the overall demonstration should reverse direction and start working the other side back towards their home state.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.



The Attorney General

November 6, 1961

-X-115 REC-39

Director, FBI

157-387-1236

FREEDOM RIDE 1961

RACIAL MATTERS - CIVIL RIGHTS

NOV 6 3 44 PM '61  
REC'D-READING ROOM  
FBI

b6  
b7C  
b7D

The Department was previously advised that on September 1, 1961,

[redacted] was arrested at Hammond, Louisiana, when he entered the Negro section of the Hammond bus station. [redacted] was one of twenty-four passengers on a bus who were members of the Friendly Relations Committee en route to Memphis, Tennessee. He was placed in jail but released on September 2, 1961, [redacted] No further action is expected on this matter at Hammond, Louisiana.

[redacted] has confidentially advised that [redacted]

[redacted] alleged that subsequent to this episode he received a personal note from you expressing appreciation for his consideration in handling a most delicate matter. [redacted] also stated you had offered the services of your office to him in the event these services should ever be necessary.

I thought you would be interested in [redacted] remarks concerning

Mr. Byron R. White  
Deputy Attorney General

Assistant Attorney General

Burke Marshall

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 6/22/00 BY [signature]

Tolson  
Belmont  
Mohr  
Callahan  
Conrad  
DeLoach  
Evans  
Malone  
Rosen  
Sullivan  
Tavel  
Trotter  
Tele. Room  
Ingram  
Gandy

NOV 8 1961  
JGT:ers (9)

TELETYPE UNIT

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: 11/3/61

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT:

FREEDOM RIDE <sup>ERS - MISC.</sup> 1961

GREYHOUND BUS #4445  
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA  
SEPTEMBER 1, 1961  
RACIAL MATTERS -  
CIVIL RIGHTS

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 6/2/02 BY SP-4 JH/HCg  
# 428602

On 9/1/61

[redacted] was arrested at Hammond, Louisiana, when he entered the Negro section of the Hammond bus station. Hoever was one of 24 passengers on the bus who were members of the Friendly Relations Committee en route to Memphis, Tennessee. He was placed in jail but released on 9/2/61 to a representative [redacted]. His case was continued but no further action is expected on the matter.

b6  
b7C  
b7D

Our New Orleans Office has now advised that [redacted]

[redacted] has confidentially furnished information that [redacted]

1 - Mr. Moore  
1 - Mr. DeLoach

RBL:kak  
(8)

REC-39

EX-115

NOV 8 1961

CC MR. TOLSON

Tolson ☒  
Belmont ☒  
Mohr ☒  
Callahan ☒  
Conrad ☒  
DeLoach ☒  
Evans ☒  
Malone ☒  
Rosen ☒  
Sullivan ☒  
Tavel ☒  
Trotter ☒  
Tele. Room ☒  
Ingram ☒  
Gandy ☒

*Mr. Tavel*

*Yours truly*

*Delivered to AG  
11-6-61 JH/ers*

*6-AM*

Memorandum to Mr. Belmont  
RE: FREEDOM RIDE, 1961

b6  
b7C  
b7D

[ ] commented that subsequent to this episode, he received a personal note from Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy, in which Mr. Kennedy expressed his appreciation for his consideration in handling a most delicate matter. Mr. Kennedy also offered the services of his office to Mr. Kemp in the event these services should ever be necessary.

ACTION:

For information.

*PM* *Bram* *clerk* *Q* *V. Kemp* *EDB*  
*send memo to A.G.*  
*Q*

F B I

Date: 11/3/61

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plain text or code)Via AIRTEL REGULAR MAIL  
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, RICHMOND (157-370) P.

FREEDOM RIDE,  
Route #40, Maryland  
and Delaware,  
11/11/61  
RACIAL MATTERS

FREEDOM RIDERS

Re Baltimore airtels dated 10/26/61 and 10/28/61,  
in captioned matter.Enclosed herewith for the information of the Bureau,  
is the original and seven copies of a letterhead memorandum  
concerning captioned matter, with designated copies for  
Baltimore and WFO.The source mentioned in the letterhead memorandum  
is [redacted] who furnished the information on  
11/2/61 to SA [redacted]b2  
b6  
b7C  
b7DAny additional information received will be  
promptly furnished the Bureau and interested offices.

ENCLOSURE

- 3-Bureau (Encls. 8) (REGISTERED MAIL)  
1-Baltimore (Encl. 1) (REGISTERED MAIL)  
1-WFO (Encl. 1) (REGISTERED MAIL)  
2-Richmond

CFH/mkb  
(7)

Agency Y-2, inc., corp.  
Req. Rec'd .....  
Date Forw. 11-7-61  
How Forw. R 5  
By [signature]

cc Org. Unit

cc [redacted] District

REC-95/157-387-1237

EX-113

SIX

Approved: [signature]  
Special Agent in Charge

Sent \_\_\_\_\_

Per \_\_\_\_\_



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Richmond, Virginia.

November 3, 1961

Re: FREEDOM RIDE,  
Route #40, Maryland  
and Delaware,  
November 11, 1961

On November 2, 1961, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the ~~Maryland Petition Committee~~, an old segregationist group, is being re-activated to organize a counter drive to the freedom ride planned by Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), scheduled for November 11, 1961, along Route #40 in Maryland and Delaware. MD.

According to the source, a motor car caravan is being organized by the Maryland Petition Committee and will follow the freedom ride group, sponsored by CORE and will distribute handbills reflecting "Business Men have Rights Too", "Business Men want to Protect Investments" and "Free Enterprise is an American Heritage".

The source reported that the Maryland Petition Committee hopes to have approximately ten car loads of individuals to participate in this motor car caravan.

THIS IS LOANED TO YOU BY THE FBI, AND NEITHER  
IT NOR ITS CONTENTS ARE TO BE DISTRIBUTED  
OUTSIDE THE AGENCY TO WHICH LOANED.

157-387-1237

ENCLOSURE

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED

HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED

DATE 11-27-2009 BY 60324 uc baw/sab/rs

F B I

Date: 11/6/61

Transmit the following in PLAIN TEXT

(Type in plain text or code)

Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL

(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-264)

RE: FREEBUS

*Freedom Riders - Miscellaneous*b6  
b7C

No FR arrested or released at Jackson, Miss., 11/5/61.

tried and convicted on breach of peace charge in Hinds County Court, Jackson, 11/6/61, sentenced to four months in jail and fined \$200. Released on \$1,500 appeal bond same date.

*17125*

Following is summary as of 4:00 P. M., 11/6/61:

*ms*

No FR arrested at Jackson since 11/4/61 summary. Total arrested 315. Released on bond from municipal court 299. Released on bond from Hinds County Court 30. Paid fines 58. Released to attorney 1. Released on probation 4. Released as charges dismissed one. Released on expiration of sentence 3. Confined to jail in lieu of bond from Hinds County Court 4. Confined to jail in lieu of fine after withdrawing appeal 2. All FR eating at Hinds County Jail.

- ③ - Bureau  
1 - New Orleans

HEH:pab

(4)

*155*

66 NOV 14 1961

EX-113

REC-95

8 NOV 8 1961

*ASW*

Approved: CC Wick

Special Agent in Charge

Sent

M

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, CINCINNATI (157-103)

DATE: 10/31/61

SUBJECT: FREEDOM RIDE, 1961 Trailways  
 Bus #5141 from Montgomery, Alabama  
 to Jackson, Mississippi, 7:00 a.m.  
 to 1:15 p.m., May 28, 1961  
 RM; CR  
 (OO:NEW ORLEANS)

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
 HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
 DATE 11-27-2009 BY 60324 uc baw/sab/rs

Re New Orleans letter to Atlanta, dated  
 9/12/61.

Enclosed for the Bureau, suitable for  
 dissemination, are the original and seven (7) copies  
 each of two letterhead memorandum concerning [redacted]  
 [redacted] and [redacted] mentioned in  
 relet. One copy of each of these is being sent the  
 New Orleans Office. A copy of the memorandum concern-  
 ing [redacted] is being sent the Indianapolis Office  
 inasmuch as [redacted] resides at [redacted]  
 when not attending Central State College, Wilberforce,  
 Ohio.

The Indianapolis Office is in receipt of  
 copies of relet with a request to check indices,  
 credit and criminal concerning [redacted]  
 [redacted] was the subject of a CO investigation in late  
 1960, case entitled [redacted] SSN [redacted]  
 SSA [redacted] OO:Indianapolis, Indianapolis file  
 25-15276, Cincinnati file 25-16816. Copies of Cincinnati  
 reports in this investigation were furnished the  
 Indianapolis Office, as Office of Origin. It is

- 2 - Bureau (Enc. 16)  
 2 - New Orleans (157-2278) (Enc. 2) REC-95  
 1 - Indianapolis (Enc. 11), PI  
 1 - Cincinnati

RWL:mac  
 (6)

Agency Rec'd  
 Date Forw. 11-6-61

How Forw.  
 By [redacted]

4 cc Org. Unit  
 4 CC's destroyed

62 NOV 14 1961

EX-113

157-2278-1239

B61

STW

CI 157-103

anticipated the Indianapolis Office will report pertinent information concerning [ ] and this investigation and consequently no information concerning same has been incorporated in the enclosed letterhead memorandum concerning him.

b6  
b7C





UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Cincinnati, Ohio

October 31, 1961

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

FREEDOM RIDE, 1961 Trailways  
Bus #5141 from Montgomery, Alabama  
to Jackson, Mississippi, 7:00 a.m.  
to 1:15 p.m., May 28, 1961

RE: DAVID B. FRANKHAUSER  
617 East Mitchell Avenue  
Cincinnati, Ohio

B. APPROX. 1/9/62

The "Cincinnati Enquirer", a daily morning newspaper published in Cincinnati, Ohio, in its issue of July 9, 1961, contained an article captioned "'Bus Rider' Gets Back 'Home'". The article indicated that David D. Frankhauser, 617 Mitchell Avenue, one of the "Freedom Riders" arrested May 28, in Jackson, Mississippi, arrived back in Cincinnati last night after spending 37 days in Mississippi jails.

11/2  
According to the article, Frankhauser, 19, white, and a sophomore at Central State College, Wilberforce, Ohio, where he is an honor student majoring in Chemistry, was arrested and sent along with sixteen other Freedom Riders for breach of the peace and disobeying an officer, when they refused to leave an all white waiting room in a Jackson bus station. The article quoted Frankhauser as follows: "We were prepared to be arrested but we wanted to continue on to New Orleans. When we were arrested, our trial was sure a farce. We were transferred to the penitentiary because the city jail was getting too crowded and the county jail was full. In the penitentiary we were kept in maximum security. We got very little exercise and were let out of the cell only twice a week to take a

157-387-1239  
ENCLOSURE

shower. We were supposed to be able to write two letters a week and receive two letters. I got only one and none of mine were sent out. When I was released late Friday I had numerous letters waiting for me but two envelopes were minus their content." Frankhauser, according to the article, also said, "If I thought it would do any good, I would do it all over again".

On September 22, 1961, [redacted] Supervisor of Records, Credit Bureau of Cincinnati, Incorporated, 26 East Sixth Street, Cincinnati, Ohio, advised that the files of the Credit Bureau contain no information concerning [redacted]

On September 22, 1961, Captain [redacted] [redacted] Bureau of Identification, Cincinnati Police Department, advised that the records of the Identification, Record, and Traffic Bureaus of the Cincinnati Police Department, contain no information relative to [redacted]

b6  
b7C

[redacted] Manager, Credit Bureau of Greene County, Incorporated, 34 East Main Street, Xenia, Ohio, which Bureau covers Wilberforce, Ohio, advised on September 26, 1961, that there is no information concerning [redacted] in the files of the Credit Bureau.

On September 26, 1961, Chief Robert D. Killeen, Xenia, Ohio Police Department, and Deputy [redacted] Greene County Sheriff's Office, advised that their respective records contain no arrest information concerning [redacted] Deputy [redacted] advised there is no Police Department at Wilberforce, Ohio, and that law enforcement is handled by the Greene County Sheriff's Office.

THIS IS LOANED TO YOU BY THE FBI  
-2-  
AND NEITHER IT NOR ITS CONTENTS  
ARE TO BE DISTRIBUTED OUTSIDE THE  
AGENCY TO WHICH LOANED.



In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 11-27-2009 BY 60324 uc baw/sab/rs

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Cincinnati, Ohio

October 31, 1961

FREEDOM RIDE, 1961 Trailways  
Bus #5141 from Montgomery, Alabama  
to Jackson, Mississippi, 7:00 a.m.  
to 1:15 p.m., May 28, 1961

RE: [REDACTED]

On September 26, 1961, [REDACTED]  
Manager, Credit Bureau of Greene County, Incorporated,  
34 East Main Street, Xenia, Ohio, which Bureau covers  
Wilberforce, Ohio, advised that the records of the  
Credit Bureau contain no information relative to  
[REDACTED]

b6  
b7C

On September 26, 1961, Chief Robert D.  
Killeen, Xenia, Ohio Police Department, and Deputy  
[REDACTED] Greene County Sheriff's Office,  
advised that their respective records contain no  
arrest information concerning [REDACTED]  
Deputy [REDACTED] advised there is no Police Department  
at Wilberforce, Ohio, and that law enforcement is  
handled by the Greene County Sheriff's Office.

THIS IS LOANED TO YOU BY THE FBI,  
AND NEITHER IT NOR ITS CONTENTS  
ARE TO BE DISTRIBUTED OUTSIDE THE  
AGENCY TO WHICH LOANED.

ENCLOSURE

73-7387-1239

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 10/31/61

FROM : SAC, CINCINNATI (157-100)

SUBJECT: FREEDOM RIDE  
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA  
TO DEARBORN, MICHIGAN  
9/11-16/61  
RACIAL MATTERS

*Freedom Riders - misc.*

Re New Orleans airtel to Detroit, dated 9/14/61.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and seven copies, and for the New Orleans Office, one copy, of a letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination, concerning [redacted] mentioned in referenced letter.

- RUC -

- 2 - Bureau (Enc. 8)
- 2 - New Orleans (Enc. 1)
- 1 - Cincinnati

RWL:cak  
(5)

**ENCLOSURE**

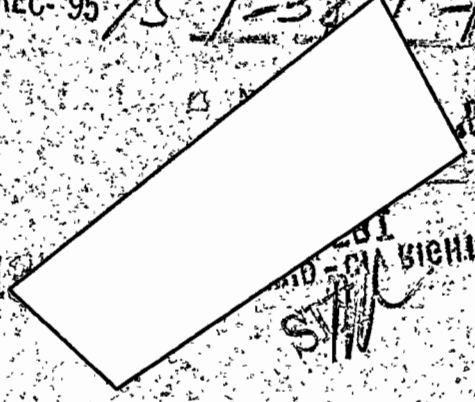


Deleted copy sent  
11/2/76 mco

REC-95 157-387-1240

U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE  
FBI

NOV 5 3 55 PM '61



Agency *San Francisco*  
Req. Rec'd  
Date Forw. *11-6-61*  
How Forw. *R-5*  
By *J. R. P. 2/25*

1 cc: Org. Unit

82 NOV



In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 11-27-2009 BY 60324 uc baw/sab/rs

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Cincinnati, Ohio  
October 31, 1961

B. APPROX. 1934

[REDACTED]

Twenty-eight Episcopal ministers arrived at Jackson, Mississippi, from New Orleans, Louisiana, at 7:00 p.m., on September 12, 1961. Fifteen members of this group were arrested by the Jackson, Mississippi Police Department at approximately 11:45 a.m., on September 13, 1961, while testing facilities at the Trailways Bus Depot in Jackson. One of the persons arrested was [REDACTED]

b6  
b7c

The "Cincinnati Enquirer", a daily morning newspaper published at Cincinnati, Ohio, in its issue of Saturday, September 16, 1961, contained an article captioned 'Clergyman from Cincinnati One of 15 Freedom Riders Jailed in Jackson'. The article read as follows:

"A Cincinnati clergyman who resigned his church post this week to make a Freedom Ride pilgrimage to Jackson, Mississippi, was convicted of breach of the peace yesterday in Jackson Municipal Court.

[REDACTED] was among 12 white and three Negro clergymen fined \$200 and sentenced to four months each in prison after they sought to desecrate a Jackson bus terminal.

[REDACTED] resigned as [REDACTED] after saying he felt conscience-bound to take part in the pilgrimage.

157-387-1240  
ENCLOSURE

"The clergyman lives at [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

"He is the son of [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

b6  
b7C

THIS IS LOANED TO YOU BY THE FBI,  
AND NEITHER IT NOR ITS CONTENTS  
ARE TO BE DISTRIBUTED OUTSIDE THE  
AGENCY TO WHICH LOANED.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 11-27-2009 BY 60324 uc baw/sab/rs

FBI

Date: 10/31/61

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plain text or code)

Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-386)

SUBJECT: MISCELLANEOUS  
FREEDOM RIDE, 1961 Trailways  
Bus #P224, Los Angeles, Calif.  
to Jackson, Miss. 9/9/61  
RM - CR  
(OO - NO)

Enclosed are eight copies of a letterhead memo  
which is self-explanatory.

b6  
b7C

3 - Bureau (Encls. 8)  
2 - New Orleans  
DC:nhb  
(5)

*Photo*

CC TO: CSC  
REQ. REC'D 10-31-61  
NOV 16 1962  
ANS.  
BY: Pritt/Ken

8 ENCLOSURE

Agency 12 Encl. 121 + CRD  
Req. Rec'd \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Forw. 11/6/61  
How Forw. R/S  
By RHO: jpb  
1 cc Bg. Unit  
2 cc's destroyed  
REC-51  
FBI DEPT. OF JUSTICE  
SEP 1 1961

157-3

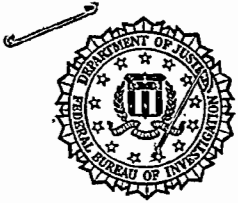
12 41

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

Sent \_\_\_\_\_

Per \_\_\_\_\_



In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
New Orleans, Louisiana  
October 31, 1961

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 11-27-2009 BY 60324 uc baw/sab/rs

FREEDOM RIDE, 1961 Trailways  
Bus #P224, Los Angeles, California  
to Jackson, Mississippi, 9/9/61

LA. On October 30, 1961, Deputy Clerk of Court  
Shelby Lafitte, First Judicial District Court, Caddo  
Parish, furnished his file concerning charges against  
[redacted] and [redacted] for disturbing  
the peace. The file shows that on September 19, 1961,  
a bill of information was filed charging each with a  
violation of the Louisiana Revised Statutes, Title 14,  
Section 103.1. On the same date, the matter was  
continued and the defense was given until October 6, 1961  
to file motions. On October 2, 1961, a motion for a bill  
of particulars and a motion to quash were filed by the  
defendants. On October 6, 1961, upon motion of the defense,  
a continuance was granted pending argument of the above  
motions filed.

b6  
b7C

This document contains neither re-  
commendations nor conclusions of  
the FBI. It is the property of the  
FBI and is loaned to your agency; it  
and its contents are not to be distri-  
buted outside your agency.

157-387-1241  
ENCLOSURE



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED

DATE 11-27-2009 BY 60324 uc baw/sab/rs

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 10/31/61

FROM : SAC, INDIANAPOLIS (157-58) (RUC)

SUBJECT: FREEDOM RIDE, 1961

Trailways Bus #5141 from Montgomery, Alabama  
to Jackson, Mississippi  
7:00 a.m. to 1:15 P.M.  
May 28, 1961  
RM, CR

OO: NEW ORLEANS

Re New Orleans letter to Atlanta, 9/12/61.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of  
letterhead memorandum regarding investigation concerning  
[redacted] eight copies of letterhead memorandum  
regarding investigation concerning [redacted]

Enclosed for the New Orleans Division is one copy  
of letterhead memorandum regarding investigation concerning  
[redacted] one copy letterhead memorandum regarding  
investigation concerning [redacted] The following  
enclosures are for information of New Orleans Division and  
pertain to the Conscientious Objector investigation of  
[redacted] during approximately October and November,  
1960:

One autostat copy Richmond Report of SA  
[redacted] dated 11/28/60;

One autostat copy of Cincinnati Report of  
SA [redacted] dated 11/23/60;

One copy Cincinnati report of SA [redacted]  
[redacted] dated 12/7/60;

One copy Indianapolis report of SA [redacted]  
[redacted] dated 11/23/60

- 2-Bureau (enc. 16)
- 2-New Orleans (enc. 6) (157-278)
- 1-Indianapolis

WHS-cjb  
(5)

FBI

REC'D CIVIL RIGHTS

Agency

Req. Rec'd

Date Forw.

How Forw.

By

2 cc's [redacted]  
4 cc's [redacted]

REC-91

11/16/61

11/16/61

11/16/61

11/16/61

11/16/61

11/16/61

11/16/61

11/16/61

11/16/61

IP 157-58

On October 16, 1961 [redacted] Central Records, Indiana State Police, Indianapolis, Indiana, advised SA [redacted] that his records reflect no criminal record for [redacted] but that his records did reflect that Major [redacted] (Investigation and Identification Division, Department of Public Safety, State of Alabama, Montgomery 2, Alabama) addressed letter dated June 7, 1961, to the Indiana State Police requesting information concerning [redacted] who was being held in jail in Alabama as one of the "Freedom Riders." The Indiana State Police conducted investigation in the vicinity of Noblesville, Indiana and furnished general background information concerning [redacted] to the Alabama authorities. The Indiana State Police also advised Alabama authorities that the FBI had conducted investigation concerning [redacted] appeal for a conscientious objector Selective Service Classification.

b6  
b7C

In view of the fact that the Indiana State Police advised Alabama authorities of the fact that the FBI had conducted a conscientious objector investigation concerning [redacted] the general results of the conscientious objector investigation are being set forth in the enclosed letterhead memorandum concerning [redacted]

**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
**United States Department of Justice**

Indianapolis, Indiana

October 31, 1961

FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
Trailways Bus #5141 from Montgomery, Alabama  
to Jackson, Mississippi, May 28, 1961

RE: [REDACTED]

b6  
b7C  
Investigation was conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation during November and December, 1960, concerning [REDACTED] claim as a Conscientious Objector. [REDACTED] registered with Selective Service Board Number 27, Noblesville, Indiana. He submitted Selective Service Form Number 150, claiming to be a Conscientious Objector and appealed his 1-A Selective Service classification. Federal Bureau of Investigation investigation was conducted concerning [REDACTED] sincerity in his claim as a Conscientious Objector. Investigation reflected that [REDACTED] (a white male, born [REDACTED] had attended grade school through two years of high school at Fishers, Indiana; completed high school at Noblesville, Indiana and subsequently entered Central State College, Wilberforce, Ohio.

On October 4, 1961, Major [REDACTED] Indiana State Selective Service Headquarters, Indianapolis, Indiana, informed Special Agent [REDACTED] that the Appeal Board for the Southern District of Indiana had reviewed the case concerning [REDACTED] who appealed for a change of classification from 1-A to 1-0, on the basis of his being a Conscientious Objector. Major [REDACTED] advised that on June 29, 1961, his office had notified Local Board Number [REDACTED] Noblesville, Indiana that [REDACTED] appeal had been granted and that [REDACTED] had been placed in a 1-0 (Conscientious Objector) classification by the Appeal Board for the Southern District of Indiana.

During the investigation conducted late September, 1960, through early November, 1960, the following individuals advised that their respective records reflected no information concerning [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Credit Bureau  
642 Main Street, Lafayette, Indiana  
contacted by Special Agent [REDACTED]  
on November 17, 1960;

157-387-1242  
ENCLOSURE

RE: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Records Bureau  
Lafayette, Indiana Police Department  
contacted by Special Agent [REDACTED]  
November 17, 1960;

[REDACTED] Tippecanoe County,  
Indiana Sheriff's Office, contacted by  
Special Agent [REDACTED] on  
November 17, 1960;

[REDACTED] Records Bureau,  
West Lafayette, Indiana Police Department  
contacted by Special Agent [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] on November 17, 1960;

Captain [REDACTED] Anderson, Indiana  
Police Department, contacted by  
Special Agent [REDACTED] on  
November 14, 1960;

[REDACTED] Assistant Manager,  
Credit Bureau of Greene County, Ohio  
Xenia, Ohio, contacted by Special Agent  
[REDACTED] on November 17, 1960;

b6  
b7C

Deputy Sheriff [REDACTED] Greene County,  
Ohio Sheriff's Office, contacted by  
Special Agent [REDACTED] on  
November 16, 1960.

The following listed individuals advised Special  
Agent [REDACTED] that their respective records  
reflected no information concerning [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Sheriff, Hamilton County,  
Indiana (covers Noblesville and Fishers,  
Indiana) contacted October 19, 1961;

[REDACTED] Merchants Association of  
Indianapolis (a credit reporting agency, 400  
Bankers Trust Building, Indianapolis, Indiana,  
covering Indianapolis and Marion County,  
Indiana) contacted by Special Agent [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] October 12, 1961;

RE: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Identification Bureau,  
Indianapolis Police Department, Indianapolis,  
Indiana contacted October 16, 1961.

On September 29, 1961, Harry Horn, Chief, Noblesville, Indiana Police Department, advised that he had no criminal record concerning [REDACTED] however, he stated that on December 28, 1960, his department had arrested [REDACTED] Indiana, for speeding 40 miles per hour in a 30 miles an hour zone. [REDACTED] paid an \$8.75 fine.

[REDACTED] advised that the incident had not been aggravated and that he was unable to furnish any additional information.

b6

b7C

On October 16, 1961, [REDACTED] Central Records, Indiana State Police, Indianapolis, Indiana, advised that his agency has no criminal record for [REDACTED]

On October 24, 1961, [REDACTED] proprietor, Hamilton County, Indiana Credit Bureau, Noblesville, Indiana, advised Special Agent [REDACTED] that she had received information on October 24, 1961 reflecting that [REDACTED] had a small two figure account with the Riverview Hospital, Noblesville, Indiana, and that [REDACTED] had been very slow paying this account. She stated that her records reflected no additional information concerning [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
**United States Department of Justice**

Indianapolis, Indiana

October 31, 1961

FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
Trailways Bus #5141 from Montgomery, Alabama  
to Jackson, Mississippi, May 28, 1961

RE: [REDACTED] *Ind, Miss, Ala*

On October 16, 1961, the following listed individuals advised Special Agent [REDACTED] that records of their respective departments did not reflect any information concerning [REDACTED] or his parents, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Records Bureau, Fort Wayne,  
Indiana Police Department;

b6  
b7C

[REDACTED] Identification Division,  
Allen County Sheriff's Office, Fort Wayne,  
Indiana.

On October 16, 1961, [REDACTED] Credit Bureau, Fort Wayne, Indiana, advised Special Agent [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] has an excellent credit rating. However, [REDACTED] stated that he had been unable to locate any record concerning [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

157-387-1242

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 11-27-2009 BY 60324 uc baw/sab/rs

FBI

Date: 11/4/61

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plain text or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC NEW ORLEANS (157-264)

SUBJECT: FREEBUS *Freedom Riders Note.*

Following is a summary as of 4:00 PM 11/4/61.

No FR tried, arrested or released at Jackson, Mississippi since 11/3/61 summary.

Summary same as 11/3/61.

③-Bureau  
1-New Orleans  
HEH:cjo  
(4)

REC-91 157-287-1243

17 NOV 6 1961

U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE

C. G. Wick

6 NOV 9 1961

Approved: *[Signature]*  
Special Agent in Charge

Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_

FBI

Date: 11/1/61

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plain text or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-387)

FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (157-250)

SUBJECT: "FREEBUS"  
RM FREEDOM RIDERS - MISCELLANEOUS  
CORE  
RM

Re Jacksonville airtel, August 24, 1961.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 8 copies  
of a letterhead memorandum captioned "FREEDOM RIDERS"  
(SECTION TWO, PROFESSIONAL GROUP), suitable for dissemination.

This matter will be closely followed and the  
Bureau will be advised of all future pertinent developments.

Agency 9-2, on, as, crd.  
Req. Rec'd \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Forw. 11-6-61  
How Forw. h-5  
By R.B.L. gpt

I cc Org. Unit

- 3 - Bureau (Enc. 8)  
4 - Jacksonville  
(1 - 105-663)  
(1 - 105-823)

RHA/ssp  
(7)

(RM) 2 cc's destroyed

REC-13

b6  
b7C

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_

62 NOV 14 1961





UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Jacksonville, Florida  
November 1, 1961

"FREEDOM RIDERS"  
(SECTION TWO, PROFESSIONAL GROUP)

Freedom Riders [redacted]

[redacted] and [redacted] were previously convicted on charges of "Unlawful Assembly" in Marion County Court, Ocala, Florida, and are currently free on \$1,000 bond each, awaiting the results of appeal in Fifth Circuit Court, Marion County, Ocala, Florida, which was filed on August 3, 1961.

b6  
b7C

The records of the Marion County Circuit Court, Ocala, as checked on October 30, 1961, reflect no further action has been taken in this matter and no date has been set for a hearing on the appeal before Circuit Judge D. R. Smith.

The above information has been discussed with [redacted] 111th Intelligence Group (INTC), Jacksonville, Florida, on a continuing basis.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

157-387-1244  
ENCLOSURE

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 11-27-2009 BY 60324 uc baw/sab/rs

FBI

Date: 11/3/61

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plain text or code)

Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Evans \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Malone \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ingram \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI 157-387

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-264)

SUBJECT: FREEDOM RIDERS - MISCELLANEOUS  
FREEBUS

\_\_\_\_\_ who were arrested as FRs, 11/1/61, tried and convicted on breach of peace charges in Jackson, Miss. Municipal Court, 11/3/61. All sentenced to 4 months in jail and fined \$200. All released on \$500 appeal bond each, 11/3/61.

Following is summary as of 4:00 p.m., 11/3/61:

No FR arrested at Jackson, Miss. since 11/2/61 summary.  
Total arrested 315.  
Released on bond from Municipal Court - 299.  
Released on bond from Hinds County Court - 29.  
Paid fines 58.  
Released to attorney - 1.  
Released on probation - 4.  
Released as charges dismissed - 1.  
Released on expiration sentence - 3.  
Confined to jail in lieu of bond from Hinds County Court 4.  
Confined to jail after withdrawing appeal - 2.  
Net in custody - 10,

All FR eating at Hinds County Jail.

P  
(3) - Bureau  
1 - New Orleans

HEH:dfs  
(4)

REC-71

EX 104

NOV 8 1961

C. C. Wick

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

58 NOV 14 1961