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Memorandum

TO : Mr. Rosen *RJR*

DATE: 6-5-61

FROM :

SUBJECT: FREEBUS

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Special Agent advised at 5:53 p.m. this date the 13 freedom riders arrested 6-2-61 were tried in Municipal Court, Jackson, Mississippi, today. All were charged with violation Section 2087.5, Mississippi Code. All entered not guilty pleas through their attorney. Captain Jackson PD, was the only witness for the prosecution and no witnesses were called by the defense.

All defendants were convicted and sentenced to 60 days in jail (suspended) and \$200 fine each. There was no crowd outside. About 12 newsmen, several white people and no Negroes were spectators in the courtroom. There were no incidents. White violators were jailed at the city jail and the Negro violators were jailed in Hines County Jail. The jails are segregated.

Jackson City prosecuting attorney Jack Travis announced in open court he would hereafter ~~reduce~~ the maximum sentence of \$200 fine and four months in jail (not suspended) for similar violators.

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TO :

Mr. Rosen *RX*

DATE: 6-7-61

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FREEBUS

FREEDOM RIDERS-MISC.

ASAC J. T. Sylvester, New Orleans, was contacted at 6:31 p.m. relative to planned action by Roy Wilkins to test facilities of Jackson Airport upon his arrival at 3:55 p.m., Washington time.

Sylvester advised that Medgar Evers, Field Secretary of the NAACP at Jackson, had changed the plans and, upon the arrival of Wilkins, no efforts were made to use white facilities.

Sylvester advised there were no incidents whatsoever. He further advised that everything is presently quiet with respect to the proposed NAACP rally at 8:00 p.m. tonight.

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The "Knickerbocker News" local evening daily newspaper, on 6/7/61 carried two articles concerning Freedom Riders. In one, the Capital Area Council of Churches was announced as having voted to solicit funds through its member churches "to support a Freedom Rider from Albany to the South." The identity of the volunteer rider was not disclosed. This was the result of a resolution passed at the annual Council meeting held on 6/6/61, which in effect stated that if a local person could not be found for the purpose, the funds were to be turned over to Chaplain COFFIN (WILLIAM SLOAN COFFIN of Yale University) for use of Freedom Riders expenses. There appears to have been some opposition as the vote was estimated at 3 to 1 in passing the resolution.

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The "Knickerbocker News" in the same issue in another section, carried an article indicating that the Reverend DORMAN AVERY, Negro Associate Minister of Temple Baptist Church (Albany) had volunteered to represent the Capital Area Council of Churches as a Freedom Rider in the South next month. He said he would be available to go during his vacation. The article

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stated further that AVERY's ride would be a return to his homeland and indicated that he grew up in Wilmington, N. C.

The "Albany Times Union," morning daily newspaper, on 6/8/61 contained an article stating that the Reverend DORMAN AVERY, identified above, would enter the South as a Freedom Rider with the financial backing of the Capital Area Council of Churches. His destination was stated not to have been determined and likewise the amount of money to be donated had not been determined. The article quoted AVERY as saying he had decided to volunteer "out of Christian concern over discrimination and injustice to people." The article described the Capital Area Council of Churches as a council of Protestant, Anglican and Eastern Orthodox churches.

The only information in Albany indices concerning [redacted] reflects that in January, 1961, he was installed as [redacted] of the NAACP.

For information.

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TO DIRECTOR AND SAC MEMPHIS

FROM SAC NEW ORLEANS 1P

FREEBUS, RM - CR. [REDACTED] CORE REPRESENTATIVE,
JACKSON, MISS., ADVISED TODAY EIGHT FREEDOM RIDERS ^{MISC} SCHEDULED
TO ARRIVE JACKSON, APPROXIMATELY EIGHT AM, JUNE TEN NEXT FROM
NASHVILLE, TENN. VIA GREYHOUND BUS. GROUP CONSISTS OF THREE
NEGRO MALES, THREE WHITE MALES, AND TWO WHITE FEMALES. [REDACTED]
HAS NO FURTHER INFO. MEMPHIS AT NASHVILLE CONTACT CORE SOURCE
AND SUTEL DETAILS.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SACS NEW ORLEANS, MEMPHIS, AND MOBILE
FROM SAC, ATLANTA /157-232/ 1P *0 FREEDOM RIDERS - MISS.*

FREEBUS, RM. BERNARD LEE, FREEDOM RIDE COORDINATING COMMITTEE,
ADVISED HE IS ENROUTE MONTGOMERY, ALA., VIA EASTERN FLIGHT
THREE SIX FIVE, ARRIVE MONTGOMERY TWELVE FIFTY NINE CST. WILL
BE STAYING REV. ABERNATHY-S RESIDENCE FOR WEEKEND. RETURNING
ATLANTA SUNDAY NIGHT. LEE STATED WILL CONTACT MONTGOMERY RA
RE ANY CONTEMPLATED FREEDOM RIDERS TRIPS OR WILL CONTACT
ATLANTA OFFICE BY PHONE. LEE BELIEVES MORE FREEDOM RIDERS TO
DEPART NASHVILLE FIVE PM THIS DATE ENROUTE JACKSON, MISS.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, NEW ORLEANS

FROM SAC, MEMPHIS /157-140/ *Freedom Riders-Misc*

FREEBUS, RM - CR. RE NEW ORLEANS TEL TO BUREAU AND

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| MEMPHIS, SIX NINE, SIXTYONE. | | STUDENT CENTRAL |
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COMMITTEE NASHVILLE, TENN., ADVISED GROUP OF EIGHT PERSONS,
TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED TO LEAVE NASHVILLE, SIX, TEN, SIXTYONE,

AT ONE, TEN, AM, ENROUTE TO JACKSON, MISS. WILL RIDE

TRAILWAYS BUS WITH STOPOVER MEMPHIS, TENN., APPROXIMATELY

SIX FORTYFIVE A. M. AND ARRIVAL JACKSON, TWELVE FORTYFIVE P. M.

NO TESTING OF FACILITIES PLANNED UNTIL GROUP REACHES JACKSON.

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STATES PLANS NOT SETTLED AS SOME OF ABOVE PERSONS MAY NOT

BE ACCEPTABLE BUT WAS NOT IN POSITION TO FURNISH DETAILS. JUN 15 1960

ADVISED IF THERE WAS CHANGE OF PLANS HE WOULD FURNISH CHANGE.

MEMPHIS PD NOTIFIED.

NO ADVISED SEPARATELY.

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June 10, 1961

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

Sheriff J. Robert Gilloy planned to move forty-five freedmen riders to the State Penitentiary at Parchman, Mississippi. It was anticipated that the prisoners would be carried in three prison vans leaving Jackson between 3:30 a. m. and 4:00 a. m. on June 15, 1961. Three cars carrying twelve deputy sheriffs were to escort the vans.

The union and professional group of freedom riders who left Washington, D. C., on June 23, 1961, on route to St. Petersburg, Florida, spent the night of June 24, 1961, at Charleston, South Carolina. They were to proceed to Jacksonville, Florida, by Greyhound bus leaving Charleston at 9:35 a. m., June 25, 1961, although it was indicated that part of the group might leave at 6:35 a. m.

When the freedom riders arrived at Charleston, a Negro woman reportedly told the press that she had been threatened with a knife when she attempted to enter a restaurant at Conway, South Carolina. However, a white woman in the group is said to have remarked that the restaurant owner was making a gain and had merely waved his knife.

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 Robert Barker, Chief of Police in Conway, advised that when the group of劫掠者 passed through Conway they were refused service at a snack bar in the bus station although they were the white waiting room and white rest room. Chief Barker had no knowledge of any incident at Conway.

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The Attorney General

The group of rabbis and ministers which left Washington, D. C., on June 13, 1961, on route to Tallahassee, Florida, continued their journey from Raleigh, North Carolina, to Jacksonville, Florida. They planned to leave Jacksonville by Greyhound bus at 6:30 p.m., June 13, 1961, to arrive in Tallahassee at 12:30 p.m.

The group of rabbis and ministers were refused integrated service when the bus stopped at Evans Restaurant which is about two miles from Sumter, South Carolina. [redacted] the restaurant, told them that he did not have a formal contract with the Greyhound Bus Company and that he would serve meals only on a segregated basis. The group returned to the bus after making a call to New York from a telephone booth.

The above group used the rest rooms and waiting rooms of the bus station at Sumter, South Carolina, on an integrated basis without incident. These rooms do not have signs indicating segregation but by custom each race uses its own facilities.

Information has been received that five freedom riders were to leave Daytona Beach, Florida, at 6:00 a.m., June 15, 1961, to travel to Tallahassee testing the facilities along the way. Three of them planned to return to Daytona Beach from Tallahassee and the other two intended to continue their freedom ride into Georgia.

A group of local law enforcement officers surveyed the bus stations in Tampa, Florida, on June 13, 1961. They reportedly found the facilities completely integrated at both the Greyhound and Trailways terminals. The rest rooms at the Trailways station are marked "White" and "Colored" but both races allegedly use either rest room at will. The police anticipate no difficulty when the freedom riders arrive.

All transportation facilities in St. Petersburg, Florida, are completely integrated; however, the St. Petersburg Police state that they will cover the arrival of the freedom riders.

Julius W. Hobbs, Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), Washington, D. C., advised on June 14, 1961, that a group of freedom riders will leave Washington on June 20, 1961, or June 21, 1961. No further details are available at this time.

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The Attorney General

One Negro male freedom rider reportedly left Chicago on June 13, 1961, for Nashville, Tennessee. He plans to proceed to Jackson, Mississippi, after being briefed at Nashville.

Information was previously received to the effect that James E. Jackson and Herbert Aptheker, officials of the Communist Party, USA, intended to travel to Alabama. We have been advised that the trip allegedly was canceled because it was considered that such a trip would result in trouble.

The individual who allegedly saw the Birmingham Police beat freedom riders on May 14, 1961, and whose arm was allegedly broken when he was beaten by the Birmingham Police, has been identified as

[redacted] also known as [redacted]

[redacted] is in a Detroit hospital where he is receiving treatment for an arm fracture caused by a gunshot wound received in February, 1961, at Mobile, Alabama. [redacted] stated that he hitchhiked from Mobile to Nashville about one month ago. In Nashville he received approximately \$20 for transportation to Detroit. This money was obtained for him by [redacted] who contacted various people to raise this amount.

[redacted] denied any knowledge of the violence in Birmingham and said that he has not been in any bus station in Birmingham this year. He also said that he had never claimed any knowledge of the disturbance in Birmingham and he denied having alleged that he was beaten by Birmingham Police.

The Department will be promptly informed of further developments.

- 1 - Mr. Byron R. White
Deputy Attorney General
- 1 - Assistant Attorney General
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Herbert J. Miller, Jr.
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-6-49)

FROM : SAC, SAVANNAH (157-92)

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE NEGRO DEMONSTRATIONS
CHARLESTON, S. C.
6/14 - 15/61
RACIAL MATTERS

FREEDOM RIDERS - MISC

Re Savannah teletype to Bureau 6/9/61.

Enclosed herewith are the original and seven
copies of a letterhead memorandum in captioned matter suitable
for dissemination.CIC Agent [REDACTED] Charleston, S. C.
Detachment, advised at 5:00 PM, 6/9/61.

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**POSSIBLE NEGRO DEMONSTRATIONS
CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA
JUNE 14 - 15, 1961**

Chief WILLIAM F. KELLY (NA), Charleston, South Carolina Police Department, advised this date he was informed by [redacted] State Chapter President, NAACP, that he [redacted] had received a long distance call, allegedly from (FNU) [redacted] Phone [redacted] New York City, advising integrated group of five male and nine female freedom riders leaving New York, date unspecified, by bus to travel to Washington, D. C., Richmond, Virginia, Wilmington, North Carolina, Charleston, South Carolina, and Jacksonville, Florida, and will arrive Charleston Six Fifteen PM, Wednesday or Thursday next, and inquiring regarding availability of housing accommodations for group overnight in Charleston. Chief KELLY said [redacted] was questioning validity of call and inquiring as to whether KELLY knew if this was correct phone number of Core Headquarters, New York.

CIC Agent [redacted] Charleston, South Carolina Detachment advised at 5:00 PM, June 9, 1961.

Above information was furnished the Charleston, South Carolina Resident Agency of the FBI by Chief Kelly of the Charleston, South Carolina Police Department, at 3:55 PM on June 9, 1961.

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NEW YORK VIA WASHINGTON

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FREEDOM RIDERS - M1341

FROM SAC, SAVANNAH /157-92/ 1P

POSSIBLE NEGRO DEMONSTRATIONS, CHARLESTON, S. C., JUNE FOURTEEN -
FIFTEEN, SIXTYONE, RACIAL MATTERS. CHIEF WILLIAM F. KELLY /NA/,
CHARLESTON, S. C., PD, ADVISED THIS DATE HE WAS INFORMED BY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] STATE CHAPTER PRESIDENT, NAACP, THAT HE, [REDACTED] HAD
RECEIVED A LONG DISTANCE CALL, ALLEGEDLY FROM /FNU/ [REDACTED] PHONE

[REDACTED] NEW YORK CITY, ADVISING
INTEGRATED GROUP OF FIVE MALE AND NINE FEMALE FREEDOM RIDERS
LEAVING NEW YORK, DATE UNSPECIFIED, BY BUS TO TRAVEL WASHINGTON,
D. C., RICHMOND, VA., WILMINGTON, N. C., CHARLESTON, S. C., AND
JACKSONVILLE, FLA., AND WILL ARRIVE CHARLESTON SIX FIFTEEN PM,
WEDNESDAY OR THURSDAY NEXT, AND INQUIRING RE AVAILABILITY OF HOUSING
ACCOMMODATIONS FOR GROUP OVERNIGHT IN CHARLESTON. KELLY SAID [REDACTED] WAS
QUESTIONING VALIDITY OF CALL AND INQUIRED IF CHIEF KNEW IF THIS CORRECT
PHONE NUMBER OF CORE HEADQUARTERS, NEW YORK. NEW YORK, SUTEL WHETHER
OR NOT ABOVE NUMBER SUBSCRIBED BY CORE HEADQUARTERS, NEW YORK, AND
ADVISE SAVANNAH AND OTHER OFFICES OF BACKGROUND OF TRIP OUTLINED
ABOVE, IF KNOWN.

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On 5/26/61, a spur-of-the-moment meeting was held at Middlebury College, Middlebury, Vt. by approximately 150 students to protest the jailing of freedom riders.

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[redacted] Chaplain and Associate Professor [redacted] Middlebury College, advised that during the previous week, Chaplain WILLIAM SLOANE COFFIN of Yale University had appeared at his request to speak to students. During discussion, he commented on his experiences in "Operation Crossroads" in taking a group to Ghana and Africa in the Summer of 1960, discussed CORE and the Peace Corps, to which he is an advisor. When COFFIN was arrested with freedom riders, students at Middlebury College, according to [redacted] asked many questions as to how they could help. The result was that [redacted] placed a cardboard box near the entrance to the cafeteria in the Student Union Building for donations to aid in legal expenses of those jailed. Due to a number of

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TO: WICK

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queries, [] decided to hold a meeting and quickly obtained volunteers to make it known on the campus of the college. On the same date, 5/26/61, a meeting was held at which four faculty members and four students spoke. The meeting was orderly and consisted of an analysis of the movement to end segregation and the social and historical aspects of the problem. The meeting was entirely organized by [] who obtained the speakers.

Following the meeting, one student, [] Rye, N. Y., a third-year student, expressed an intention of joining the freedom riders at the end of the school year, which ends on 6/8/61. [] stated he did not know for sure that [] would actually join the freedom riders but stated he could not, in good conscience, discourage [] from such action. He stated he knows of no others indicating the same intention.

Other sources at Middlebury College state that no further gatherings are contemplated due to the end of the school year and the disbursing of students following final examinations. Those sources state no other students are known to have indicated any intention to join freedom riders.

LEADS:

NEW YORK OFFICE

Will check indices on [] Rye, N. Y. and furnish results to Bureau, New Orleans and Albany, and any other interested office.

ALBANY OFFICE

AT MIDDLEBURY, VERMONT

Will arrange to be notified of any future activity in interests of freedom riders and CORE and will attempt to determine if other students or members of faculty indicate intentions of joining freedom riders.

Will obtain from established sources at Middlebury College the background data on [] including names of relatives, if available, and furnish to Bureau, New York and New Orleans.

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NEW YORK VIA WASHINGTON

FROM SAC, CHARLOTTE /157-104/ 5 P *FREEDOM RIDERS - MISG*
FREEBUS, RACIAL MATTERS. CORE, RACIAL MATTERS. RE WFO

TEL TO BUREAU JUNE TWELVE, LAST, AND BUTEL CALL TO
CHARLOTTE JUNE THIRTEEN. GROUP ONE PAREN THE PROFESSIONAL
AND UNION GROUP CLOSE PAREN CONSISTING OF FIVE MALE AND TWO
FEMALE NEGROES AND FIVE MALE AND TWO FEMALE WHITES,
IDENTITIES OF WHICH SET FORTH IN REWFO TEL, ARRIVED RALEIGH,
NC, BUS TERMINAL APPROXIMATELY ONE FIFTEEN PM, EST, JUNE
THIRTEEN, SIXTYONE, AND REMAINED APPROXIMATELY THIRTY
MINUTES BEFORE PROCEEDING WILMINGTON, NC, TRAVELING VIA
GREYHOUND BUS. SPOKESMAN FOR GROUP ONE, STUDENT *EX-105 REG-44 157-387-176*

 OF VALLEY STREAM, NY, COMMENTED TO INTERVIEWING
NEWSMEN THAT GROUP SATISFIED WITH RALEIGH BUS TERMINAL
FACILITIES. NOTE RALEIGH BUS TERMINAL FACILITIES ARE ALL
INTERGRATED. GROUP TWO PAREN INTERFAITH GROUP CLOSE PAREN

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CONSISTING OF ELEVEN NEGROES, TWO WHITES AND THREE NEWSPAPER REPORTERS, ARRIVED RALEIGH, NC, FOUR FORTYFIVE PM, JUNE THIRTEEN, VIA GREYHOUND BUS. THIS GROUP TALKED WITH PRESS AND T. V., INDICATING WERE PLEASED WITH BUS TERMINAL FACILITIES. GROUP TWO SPENDING NIGHT OF JUNE THIRTEEN WITH SHAW UNIVERSITY FACULTY MEMBERS AT PRIVATE HOMES, RALEIGH, WHICH ACCOMMODATIONS WERE ARRANGED BY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] OBERLIN ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH, RALEIGH. NO INCIDENTS OR VIOLENCE OCCURRED RALEIGH TODAY. [REDACTED] GROUP ONE ARRIVED AT WILMINGTON, NC, SIX ZERO EIGHT PM AND PROCEEDED TO UTILIZE WHITE WAITING ROOM WITHOUT INCIDENT. CROWD OF APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED PERSONS COMPRISING WHITES AND NEGROES MET GROUP AT TERMINAL. AFTER USE OF TERMINAL FACILITIES, RIDERS BOARDED TAXICABS OPERATED BY NEGROES AND PROCEEDED TO PAYNE TOURIST HOME, FOUR ONE SEVEN NORTH SIXTY STREET, WILMINGTON, WHERE WILL REMAIN FOR NIGHT. BOARD AND LODGING BILLS BEING PAID BY [REDACTED] WILMINGTON, WHO IS BEING
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ASSISTED IN LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS BY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] EPHESUS SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH. AFTER EATING IN COLORED RESTAURANTS VICINITY OF PAYNE TOURIST HOME, GROUP RETIRED FOR NIGHT. LOCAL AUTHORITIES ADDUCED FROM FNU [REDACTED] WILMINGTON NAACP, THAT GROUP WANTS NO TROUBLE AND APPREHENSIVE RE PUBLICITY AND CROWDS AT WILMINGTON. ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] NAACP PROPOSED WELCOME OF RIDERS CANCELED UPON RECEIPT OF TELEGRAM FROM RIDERS PRIOR TO ARRIVAL AT WILMINGTON. [REDACTED] ALSO ADVISED GROUP WILL CONTINUOUSLY SPLIT INTO SMALLER GROUPS ALONG ROUTE SO THAT IF ANY SINGLE GROUP IS ARRESTED AND/OR INCARCERATED, THERE WILL REMAIN OTHER GROUPS TO REACH FINAL DESTINATION.⁷ FOR INFO BUREAU AND OTHER OFFICES, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED CHARLOTTE OFFICE SEVEN ZERO EIGHT PM, IDENTIFYING HIMSELF AS FREEDOM RIDER AND STATING PRESS AWARE OF PRESENCE OF FREEDOM RIDERS AT WILMINGTON, AND HE HAS HEARD RUMORS THERE WILL BE TROUBLE. [REDACTED] STATED HE

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WAS INSTRUCTED TO CALL FBI IF ANY VIOLENCE OCCURRED ON THIS
FREEDOM RIDE. IN EVENT RECONTACTS CHARLOTTE OFFICE,
HE WILL BE ADVISED THAT PERSONAL PROTECTION IS RESPONSIBILITY
OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES. FOR INFO BUREAU, FORTY MAN CONTINGENT
OF NCHP MAINTAINED IN READINESS IN OUTSKIRTS OF WILMINGTON
DISMISSED EARLY EVENING THIS DATE, WITH EXCEPTION FIFTEEN
MEN. HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL SOURCES REVEALED GROUP ONE WILL
SPLIT ON MORNING OF JUNE FOURTEEN AND DEPART WILMINGTON VIA
GREYHOUND BUSES AT SEVEN THIRTY AM AND TWELVE THIRTY PM. BOTH
FACTIONS WILL PROCEED TO CHARLESTON, SC, AND HOPE TO REACH
JACKSONVILLE, FLA., EVENING OF JUNE FOURTEEN. GROUP TWO
WILL DEPART RALEIGH, NC, NINE FIFTY AM, JUNE FOURTEEN, VIA
GREYHOUND BUS, ENROUTE SUMTER, SC, FOR QUOTE TESTING STOP
UNQUOTE AND CONTINUE THROUGH THE NIGHT TO JACKSONVILLE, FLA.,
ARRIVING SIX FORTYFIVE AM, JUNE FIFTEEN, NEXT. WILL LEAVE
JACKSONVILLE AND GO TO TALLAHASSEE, FLA., AND FROM
TALLAHASSEE WILL DEPART VIA EASTERN AIRLINES TWO TWENTYFIVE PM
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JUNE FIFTEEN FOR NEW YORK CITY. TODAY-S ISSUE RALEIGH
NEWSPAPER LISTS GROUP ONE-S ITINERARY WHICH IS IDENTICAL
WITH ITINERARY SET FOURTH IN REWFO TEL. IN EVENT INFO RE
ITINERARY OR SCHEDULE CHANGES DEVELOPED BY CHARLOTTE OFFICE,
APPROPRIATE OFFICES WILL BE ADVISED. ALL OFFICES SHOULD
CONFIRM ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES AND KEEP BUREAU CURRENTLY
ADVISED OF ALL DEVELOPMENTS.

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TO : Mr. Belmont *AB*

DATE: June 9, 1961

FROM : A. Rosen *ARM*

SUBJECT: FREEBUS

FREEDOM RIDERS- MISC

ASAC Howell, Washington Field Office, advised at 1:55 PM of a call from the Richmond Office. Detective Sergeant [redacted] Charlottesville, Virginia, PD, has just contacted the Richmond Office to state that a Trailways bus carrying 43 white students from the Altavista, Virginia, High School had stopped at Charlottesville for lunch. They left Charlottesville at 1 PM headed for Washington, D. C. on Route #29. (This is 114 miles from Washington, D. C.) ALTAVISTA, VA

This bus has a big sign on it, "Freedom Riders" which attracted considerable attention in Charlottesville and was afforded newspaper and television coverage. The driver complained to Sergeant [redacted] that passing motorists have been very discourteous and he was concerned about the safety of the bus. Richmond is attempting to determine if this is only a "prank" by high school students en route to Washington, D. C., on tour and additional information will be furnished as we receive it.

Virginia and Washington, D. C. law enforcement authorities were alerted by Washington Field Office. [redacted] in Mr. DeLoach's office was also alerted.

1 - Mr. DeLoach

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URGENT 6-10-61 11-40AM EST JLM

TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC-S NEW ORLEANS AND MEMPHIS

FROM SAC, ATLANTA /157-232/ 1P

FREEBUS, RM. BERNARD LEE, FREEDOM RIDERS-MISC. COORDINATING COMMITTEE, ADVISED SIX FREEDOM RIDERS, TWO WHITE FEMALES, TWO WHITE MALES, TWO NEGRO MALES, IDENTITIES UNKNOWN, DEPARTED NASHVILLE, TENN., ONE AM, JUNE TEN, INSTANT, ENROUTE JACKSON, MISS., BY BUS. AT MEMPHIS, TENN., THERE WAS THIRTY MINUTE LAYOVER. BUS DRIVER LEFT WITHOUT SIX FREEDOM RIDERS WHO ARE PRESENTLY STRANDED AT MEMPHIS. ADVISE LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

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TO DIRECTOR AND SACS, TAMPA AND JACKSONVILLE

FROM SAC, MIAMI /157-83/ I P

CONGRESS OF RACIAL EQUALITY. RACIAL MATTERS. RE NEW YORK TEL JUNE
ELEVEN, LAST, CAPTIONED RACIAL MATTERS. ON JUNE ELEVEN, LAST,

[REDACTED] FLA. STATES RIGHTS PARTY, ADVISED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] PRESSURE IS BEING BROUGHT TO

BEAR REGARDING ^{"O"} ~~QUOTE~~ FREEDOM RIDERS ^{"MISC"} ~~UNQUOTE~~, (FR.) ALL FR-S WILL BE
ARRESTED IN FLA. WHERE THEY ATTEMPT SIT INS. FLA. GOVERNOR AND
SHERIFF-S ASSOCIATION HAVE SET UP PLANS AS TO HOW TO HANDLE ARRESTS.

ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] THOSE PEOPLE PUSHING AND FINANCING FR-S ARE
CORE, NAACP AND CP ORGANIZATIONS. ON JUNE SIX, LAST, THE ["]MIAMI
HERALD ["] ~~UNQUOTE~~ REPORTED THAT SHERIFF THOMAS KELLY, WARNED MIAMI IN-
TEGRATION LEADERS THAT ["] ~~QUOTE~~ IF ANY FREEDOM RIDERS COME TO DADE COUNTY,
THEY-LL LAND IN JAIL ["] ~~UNQUOTE~~. JACKSONVILLE AND TAMPA KEEP
BUREAU ADVISED OF ANY PLANS OF ARREST OF FR-S. ^{AIR MAIL} AM COPIES FURNISHED
CHARLOTTE, SAVANNAH, AND WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICES.

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See Memo to Mr. Tolson
6-13-61 entitled
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The Attorney General

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FREEDOM RIDE 1961

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Calvin M. Whitesell, Montgomery City Attorney, in accordance with the request of Assistant Attorney General Burke Marshall was advised that any questions he may have regarding his request for certain investigation by this Bureau to assist him in establishing that the freedom rides have placed an undue burden on interstate commerce should be directed to United States Attorney Hartwell Davis or Mr. Marshall of the Civil Rights Division. Upon being so informed, Mr. Whitesell stated, "Well, I won't get any help out of them, I might as well get me a court order from the judge." It is noted that Judge Johnson as of June 9, 1961, was on vacation and reportedly out of telephonic contact.

Three individuals have filed a complaint and motion for a temporary injunction with the clerk of the United States District Court, Southern District of Mississippi, at Jackson. Named as plaintiffs were [redacted]

[redacted] who are bringing the action on behalf of themselves and others similarly situated. The plaintiffs are identified in the complaint as adult Negro citizens of the United States presently residing in Jackson, Mississippi. The named defendants are Joe T. Patterson, Attorney General of the State of Mississippi, the City of Jackson; Allen C. Thompson, Mayor, the City of Jackson; Douglas L. Lucky, City Commissioner, the City of Jackson; Thomas B. Marshall, City Commissioner, the City of Jackson; W. R. Hayfield, Chief of Police, the City of Jackson; Continental Southern Lines Incorporated; Southern Greyhound Lines; Illinois Central Railroad; Jackson City Lines; [redacted] Cicero's Restaurant, Jackson Municipal Airport.

Attorneys for the plaintiffs are R. Jess Brown of Vicksburg, Mississippi, and Constance Baker Motley and Thurgood Marshall of New York City. [redacted] are listed as "of counsel."

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The action is being brought to redress deprivation of rights, privileges and immunities secured to plaintiffs by the Constitution and laws of the United States (due process and equal protection clauses of the Fourteenth Amendment) and Article I, Section 9, Clause 3, of the commerce clause of the Constitution and Title 48, United States Code, Section 3 (1) and Section 916 (a). The action is being brought to enjoin the enforcement of certain statutes of the State of Mississippi requiring racial segregation on common carriers, in waiting rooms and rest room facilities used by the common carriers. The motion requested that a three-judge court be convened to hear the action and grant a preliminary and permanent injunction enjoining defendants from continuing to enforce racial segregation statutes regarding carriers and at the Jackson Municipal Airport.

The five individuals who were arrested at the Illinois Central Railroad Station in Jackson, Mississippi, on the morning of June 9, 1961, on charges of breach of the peace were tried in Jackson Municipal Court on the afternoon of June 9, 1961. All pled not guilty but were convicted and each was fined \$200 and sentenced to serve four months. No part of the sentence was suspended. No incidents occurred at the trial. As of 5:00 p. m., June 9, 1961, a total of 93 individuals had been arrested at Jackson, Mississippi; 21 were released on bond and four individuals paid their fines. There are presently 72 individuals in custody at Jackson, Mississippi.

This is for your information.

1 - Mr. Byron R. White
Deputy Attorney General

1 - Assistant Attorney General
Burke Marshall

1 - Assistant Attorney General
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TO DIRECTOR, FBI

Freedom Riders - Misc,

FROM SAC, MOBILE 2-P 157-82

Racial Matter

FREEBUS. RM. RE MOBILE CALL JUNE EIGHT, SIXTYONE, REGARDING

REQUEST OF ATTORNEY CALVIN M. WHITESELL, MONTGOMERY, ALA.,

FOR FBI TO CONDUCT INVESTIGATION FOR HIM IN CONNECTION

WITH TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER ISSUED JUNE TWO, SIXTYONE,

AGAINST CORE, ETAL, WHICH IS TO BE HEARD JUNE TWELVE,

SIXTYONE. PURSUANT TO BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS, MR. WHITESELL

ADVISED THIS DATE BY SA [REDACTED] THAT THE FBI HAD

NO INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING CONDUCTING ANY INVESTIGATION

US Attorney

FOR HIM AND SUGGESTED HE CONTACT USA HARTWELL DAVIS

REGARDING HIS REQUEST. INFORMED THAT IF UNABLE TO

GET AN ANSWER FROM DAVIS HE MIGHT DESIRE TO REFER HIS

Asst Atty Gen'l Civil Rights

REQUEST TO AAG BURKE MARSHALL, CR DIVISION. UPON BEING

SO INFORMED MR. WHITESELL STATED "QUOTE" HELL, I WON'T

GET ANY HELP OUT OF THEM, I MIGHT AS WELL GET ME A

COURT ORDER FROM THE JUDGE. "UNQUOTE". AS THE BUREAU IS

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AWARE, JUDGE JOHNSON ON VACATION AND OUT OF TELEPHONE
CONTACT. CONSEQUENTLY, MANNER IN WHICH WHITESELL WILL
SECURE COURT ORDER UNKNOWN AT THIS TIME. ABOVE TO
CONFIRM INFORMATION PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED BUREAU.

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cc: Mr. Rosen

The Attorney General

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Director, FBI

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Of the one-hundred and eleven freedom riders who have been arrested at Jackson, Mississippi, since May 24, 1961, seventy-eight remain in custody. Twenty-nine have been released on bond and four have been released upon paying fines.

Forty-five freedom riders were transferred from Jackson to the Mississippi State Penitentiary at Parchman, Mississippi, on June 15, 1961. All of those who remain in the Jackson city jail are eating but fifteen of the freedom riders in the Hinds County jail are refusing food.

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Five freedom riders were scheduled to leave Nashville, Tennessee, by Greyhound bus at 2:00 a.m., June 16, 1961, to arrive at Jackson at 12:45 p.m., June 16, 1961.

We have also received information to the effect that the Student Central Committee at Nashville is attempting to organize a freedom ride which will go from Nashville to Jackson via Birmingham and Montgomery, Alabama. It is planned that this group will leave within the next several days.

Information has been received from the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) at New Orleans that eleven white and four Negro freedom riders will arrive in New Orleans on June 16, 1961, by train from San Francisco. They will proceed to Jackson by bus on June 17 or June 20, 1961. CORE also expects a group of freedom riders to arrive in New Orleans from Arizona on June 16, 1961.

The local press in Berkeley, California, has reported that [redacted] are among a group of eleven freedom riders who will depart for New Orleans by train on June 17, 1961.

It was reported that in 1961 one [redacted] attended two classes which were conducted by the Communist Party in Alameda County, California.

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One [redacted] was reportedly sent to the Berkeley, California, area in 1940 by the Workers Party and he allegedly was active in the Independent Socialist League (ISL) prior to May, 1952. On March 3, 1957, this individual testified before a military board at Fort Ord, California, that he was then a member of ISL. The ISL was allegedly a Marxist movement.

Charles R. Glavin, national chairman, CORE, St. Louis, advised on June 16, 1961, that there are no definite plans at this time for any freedom ride to originate at St. Louis. He personally intends to travel to Jackson, Mississippi, by airplane arriving in Jackson at 7:00 p. m., June 16, 1961, but he did not specify the nature of this trip.

Several small groups of freedom riders appeared at the Columbia, South Carolina, bus station on June 15, 1961. They apparently all originated in South Carolina and there were no incidents.

Five freedom riders from Daytona Beach, Florida, traveled by bus from Daytona Beach to Thomasville, Georgia, and back to Tallahassee, Florida, on June 10, 1961, without incident. They planned to continue their trip on June 10, 1961, going to Ocala and Tampa, Florida, before returning to Daytona Beach.

The union and professional group which left Washington, D. C., on June 13, 1961, for St. Petersburg, Florida, spent the night of June 15, 1961, in Jacksonville, Florida. They planned to leave Jacksonville on two Greyhound buses departing at 8:00 a. m. and 9:00 a. m. (Eastern Standard Time), June 16, 1961, to arrive in St. Petersburg at 12:45 p. m. and 3:55 p. m. the same date.

[redacted] a known blackman, was at the bus depot in Jacksonville and appeared to be watching the freedom riders. [redacted] was watched closely by the police and there was no incident.

The group of rabbis and ministers who left Washington, D. C., on June 13, 1961, arrived at Tallahassee, Florida, by Greyhound bus at 12:40 p. m., June 16, 1961. After eating at the bus station they went to the airport and purchased tickets to proceed to New York by Eastern Air Lines at 8:25 p. m.

The Attorney General

After purchasing the tickets it was discovered that the rest rooms were allegedly closed for plumbing repairs and the restaurant was allegedly closed for a monthly cleaning. When the flight left for New York, nine of the freedom riders remained behind. In response to their inquiry they were informed that the terminal was open all night and they indicated that they would stay until they could eat in the airport restaurant even if it took a month.

The Tallahassee City Commission instructed Chief of Police Frank Stoutamire that the airport was to be closed when the last flight left at 11:42 p. m. At midnight the police asked the freedom riders to leave and they proceeded to a private home to spend the night. They held reservations to depart from Tallahassee for New York by Eastern Air Lines at 8:30 a. m. (Eastern Standard Time), June 16, 1961, but [redacted] plan to leave the group at Atlanta and proceed to Washington, D. C.

Shortly after the above group arrived in Tallahassee the police observed [redacted] a known blackman, talking to a group of six men near the bus station. He was taken to the police station, admonished and released some two hours later. [redacted] subsequently attempted to board a bus going to the airport but he was turned away by the police.

An explosion demolished a trash can in the vicinity of Vermont Avenue and H Street, Northwest, Washington, D. C., at about 11:43 p. m., on June 15, 1961. The police recovered fragments which were believed to be pieces of a two-inch pipe. There were no injuries and damage was confined to the trash can.

Shortly after the above explosion, anonymous telephone calls were received by both the police and the FBI. The caller, or callers, indicated that the explosion was to discourage freedom rides and similar bombs planted in hotels, bus depots and restaurants would be exploded unless the freedom rides are discontinued. Bus stations were searched by the police but no bombs were found.

The Attorney General

Chief of Detectives M. B. Flores, Jackson, Mississippi, advised on June 16, 1961, that a freedom rider in the Jackson city jail told a police officer that CORE officials planned to meet with the Attorney General on June 16, 1961, and that the Attorney General will arrange for the freedom riders to be released from jail.

MacDonald Gallion, Attorney General for the State of Alabama, has directed a letter to the FBI office at Mobile in which he requested information from our files regarding six individuals including [redacted] in the office of U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Richard Rives, Montgomery, Alabama. Mr. Gallion is being informed that information in the files of the FBI is of a confidential nature and cannot be released without the authority of the Attorney General. Mr. Gallion is also being assured that any information received by the FBI which indicates a violation of state law is furnished promptly to appropriate local authorities.

Further developments will be promptly brought to the attention of the Department.

- 1 - Mr. Byron E. White
Deputy Attorney General
- 1 - Assistant Attorney General
Duke Marshall
- 1 - Assistant Attorney General
Herbert J. Miller, Jr.
- 1 - Assistant Attorney General
J. Walter Yeagley

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont *AB*

DATE: 6/10/61

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b7cFROM : A. Rosen *Rosen*

SUBJECT: FREEBUS

FREEDOM RIDERS- MISC.

SYNOPSIS

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Pursuant to request of Assistant Attorney General Burke Marshall, Calvin M. Whitesell, Montgomery City Attorney, has been advised to direct any inquiries to the U. S. Attorney or Mr. Marshall relative to Whitesell's prior request that FBI conduct investigation on his behalf to assist in establishing that freedom riders have placed undue burden on interstate commerce. Whitesell replied, "Hell, I won't get any help out of them, I might as well get me a court order from the judge."

Department has advised that Whitesell requested FBI produce sworn statements from freedom riders as to groups they belong to who sponsored trip, purpose, and who planned and paid for trip; results of any FBI investigation conducted on sponsoring organizations; any photos taken relative to freedom rider activity; and any other information developed material to this case.

Assistant Attorney General Marshall has indicated production of such records is improper and would not be allowed and he and [] plan to be in Montgomery 6/12/61 for the hearing on the restraining order issued against freedom riders by Judge Johnson.*

Five freedom riders arrested Jackson, Mississippi, 6/9/61 for breach of peace, tried in Jackson Municipal Court, pled not guilty and each was fined \$200 and sentenced to serve four months. No part of these sentences were suspended. No incidents occurred during trial. As of 5:00 p.m., 6/9/61, a total of 98 freedom riders had been arrested at Jackson, 21 were released on bond and four have been released after payment of fines. A total of 73 individuals remain in custody.

Three Negroes filed motion for temporary injunction on 6/9/61 with clerk of the U. S. District Court, Jackson, Mississippi. Action being brought to redress deprivation of rights, privileges and immunities secured to plaintiffs

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

*On 6/8/61 [] filed a brief requesting the order against the freedom riders be dismissed. Judge Johnson refused pending hearing on 6/12/61.

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Memorandum for Mr. Belmont

by Constitution and ^{protection} laws of the United States which are concerned with due process and equal clauses of the 14th Amendment, commerce clause of Constitution and sections of Title 49, U. S. Code, which make it unlawful for any common carrier to give any undue or unreasonable preference or advantage to any particular person, company, firm, etc.

Action being brought to enjoin enforcement of certain Mississippi state statutes requiring racial segregation on common carriers, in waiting rooms and rest room facilities used by common carriers. The motion requested that a three-judge court be convened to hear action and grant preliminary and permanent injunction enjoining defendants from continuing to enforce racial segregation on common carriers and at Jackson Municipal Airport. Named defendants are Attorney General of State of Mississippi, certain Jackson city officials, certain common carriers and [redacted] Cicero's Restaurant, Jackson Municipal Airport.

Additional freedom riders are reportedly scheduled to proceed to Jackson in the near future.

Another group of freedom riders are reportedly planning to leave New York on an unspecified date by bus traveling along eastern seaboard to Jacksonville, Florida. We are endeavoring to obtain additional details on these tentative plans in order that appropriate offices and local authorities can be alerted.

Information has been received that bus carrying 43 white students from Altavista, Virginia, High School was en route to Washington, D. C., on afternoon of 6/9/61. Bus carried sign on its side "Freedom Riders." Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) and Arlington Police Department (APD) alerted and APD indicated in view of possibility of disturbance being caused by sign, it would discreetly request sign be removed if it is a "prank." If APD is unsuccessful, MPD will also attempt to have sign removed. (The bus arrived in Washington last night bearing no signs. Police described incident as high school boys' prank.)

ACTION:

Memorandum has been prepared for the Attorney General.

Memorandum for Mr. Belmont

DETAILS

With respect to the request of Mr. Calvin M. Whitesell, Montgomery City Attorney, on 6/8/61 that the Bureau conduct investigation to assist in establishing that the freedom riders have placed an undue burden on interstate commerce, pursuant to Assistant Attorney General Burke Marshall's request, Whitesell was advised to direct any inquiries to U. S. Attorney Hartwell Davis or Assistant Attorney General Marshall of the Civil Rights Division. Upon being so informed Mr. Whitesell stated, "Hell, I won't get any help out of them, I might as well get me a court order from the judge." It is noted that Judge Johnson is presently on vacation and out of telephonic contact, and it is therefore unknown as to the manner in which Whitesell will secure the above-mentioned order.

The Department has advised that the records which Whitesell has asked the FBI to produce are as follows:

1. Sworn statements from people who rode buses into Alabama covering groups or organizations they belonged to, who sponsored their trip, the purpose, who planned their trip, who paid for the trip, why they were chosen.
2. Records of FBI on each individual covering any investigation made by FBI into or concerning these sponsoring organizations.
3. Any photo or film in possession of FBI concerning activities of riders and sponsoring organizations.
4. Any investigation made since May 20th into the organization activities.
5. Any further investigation into this matter that would provide material evidence in this case.

Burke Marshall has indicated he does not intend to allow the production of such records as he doesn't feel it is proper and that he and [] plan to go to Montgomery and be there on Monday, 6/12/61, at which time there will be a hearing on the restraining order issued against the freedom riders by Judge Johnson based on the premise that such rides incite violations and place a burden on interstate commerce. On 6/8/61 [] filed a brief requesting the order against the freedom riders be dismissed. Judge Johnson refused pending hearing on 6/12/61.

Five freedom riders were arrested at the Illinois Central Railroad Station, Jackson, Mississippi, at 5:35 a. m., 6/9/61, for breach of the peace and tried in Jackson Municipal Court at 3:00 p. m. on that same date. They all pled not guilty and each was fined \$200 and sentenced to serve four months. No part of the sentences were suspended. No incidents occurred during the

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trial. Two freedom riders arrested on 6/8/61 were released on appeal bonds on the evening of 6/8/61. One individual arrested on 5/24/61 and one other arrested on 5/31/61 were released on bond on 6/9/61. Two freedom riders arrested on 5/30/61 paid their fines and were released on 6/9/61. As of 5:00 p. m., 6/9/61, a total of 98 freedom riders had been arrested at Jackson. Twenty-one were released on bond and four had been released after payment of fines. A total of 73 individuals remain in custody.

Three Negroes filed complaint and motion for temporary injunction on 6/9/61 with the clerk of the U. S. District Court, Southern District of Mississippi, Jackson, Mississippi. According to the complaint the action is being brought to redress deprivation of rights, privileges and immunities secured to plaintiffs by the Constitution and laws of the United States (due process and equal protection clauses of the 14th Amendment) and Article 1, Section 8, Clause 3, the commerce clause of the Constitution and Title 49, U. S. Code, Section 3 (1) and Section 316 (d). These sections of Title 49 make it unlawful for any common carrier to give any undue or unreasonable preference or advantage to any particular person, company, firm, etc. The action is being brought to enjoin enforcement of certain statutes of the State of Mississippi requiring racial segregation on common carriers, waiting rooms and rest room facilities used by common carriers. The motion for the injunction requested the court convene a three-judge court to hear the action and grant a preliminary and permanent injunction enjoining defendants from continuing to enforce racial segregation statutes regarding common carriers and at the Jackson Municipal Airport.

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MISS.
The named plaintiffs are [redacted] described as adult Negro citizens of the United States presently residing in Jackson and others similarly situated. Named defendants are Joe T. Patterson, Attorney General of the State of Mississippi; the City of Jackson; Allen C. Thompson, Mayor, City of Jackson; Douglas L. Lucky, City Commissioner, City of Jackson; Thomas B. Marshall, City Commissioner, City of Jackson; W. D. Rayfield, Chief of Police, City of Jackson; Continental Southern Lines, Inc.; Southern Greyhound Lines; Illinois Central Railroad; Jackson City Lines; [redacted] Cicero's Restaurant, Jackson Municipal Airport.

MISS.
[redacted] Student Central Committee, Nashville, Tennessee, has advised that a group of eight freedom riders is tentatively scheduled to leave Nashville 6/10/61 en route to Jackson, Mississippi. They will ride

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a Trailways bus which has a stopover in Memphis, Tennessee; however, there are no plans to test facilities until the group reaches Jackson, Mississippi. Time of departure has not been set. The group is reportedly made up of individuals from Cleveland, Ohio, New York City area and Chicago, Illinois. Information has also been received that the Congress of Racial Equality is planning a freedom ride from St. Louis, Missouri, to Jackson, Mississippi, on 6/7/61. We are endeavoring to obtain additional details on this.

Information has also been received that an integrated group of five male and nine female freedom riders are to leave New York on an unspecified date by bus to travel to Washington, D. C.; Richmond, Virginia; Wilmington, North Carolina; Charleston, South Carolina; and Jacksonville, Florida. We are endeavoring to obtain additional details on this reported trip in order that appropriate offices and local authorities can be advised.

The Charlottesville, Virginia, Police Department advised on the afternoon of 6/9/61 that a Trailways bus carrying 43 white students from the Altavista, Virginia, High School en route to Washington, D. C., was bearing a sign on its side "Freedom Riders." The bus driver complained that motorists were being discourteous on the highway and he was concerned for the safety of the students. The Metropolitan Police Department and Arlington, Virginia, Police Department have been alerted and an officer of the Arlington Police Department stated that in view of the possibility of a disturbance being caused by the sign on the bus, he would discreetly request to have the sign removed if it is a "prank." If the Arlington Police Department is unsuccessful, the Metropolitan Police Department will also attempt to have it removed. (The bus arrived in Washington, D. C., last night bearing no signs. Metropolitan Police Department described incident as high school boys' prank.)

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TO : Mr. Rosen *Rosen*

DATE: 6/11/61

FROM : *Chen*

SUBJECT: FREEBUS

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Resident Agent, Jackson, Mississippi, at 3:20 pm EDST telephonically advised that six Freedom Riders *MISC.* arrived via Greyhound Bus at Jackson, Mississippi, at 1:02 CST (3:02 EDST). The group consisted of five white males and one white female. These individuals got off the bus and entered the colored waiting room. When told to move on they did not do so and were arrested by the Jackson Police Department. The members of the group were charged with Breach of the Peace and were taken to the Jackson City Jail.

There were no incidents and no crowd gathered. Two reporters were on hand, however no photographers were observed. The hearing for these individuals will probably be held Monday, June, 12.

SA was instructed to obtain further details concerning this matter and submit a summary teletype as soon as practical. *Chen*

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TO : Mr. Rosen *R/200*

DATE: 6/11/61

FROM : [REDACTED] *Ch/200*

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SUBJECT: FREEBUS

*FREEDOM RIDERS-MISC.*12:40 pm EDST

[REDACTED] Duty Agent, New York Field Division, telephonically contacted re teletype concerning two Freedom Rider groups scheduled to leave Washington, D. C. on 6/13/61. He was instructed to advise as to whether groups intend to test facilities and where. Also, to inform Bureau whether groups are made up of whites or negroes. SA [REDACTED] will call Bureau when info obtained and send supplemental teletype.

2:00 pm EDST

[REDACTED] Duty Agent, New York Field Division, advised information from [REDACTED] CORE, New York City, obtained by complaint agent by telephone. Agent handling matter attempted to recontact [REDACTED] however she is out of town until Monday. The CORE office is closed. New York will contact first thing Monday and then call Bureau re requested information.

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TO : Mr. Rosen

DATE: 6/10/61

FROM :

Time of call: 6:30 p.m.

SUBJECT: FREEBUS

FREEDOM RIDERS- MISC.

SA [] called from Jackson, Mississippi, to advise six more freedom riders arriving Jackson on a Greyhound bus were arrested by local authorities 5:20 p.m., CST. They were transported to the city jail. No incidents arose. The group was comprised of two white males, two white females and two Negro males.

Their identities are believed to be []

SA [] advised he would obtain further identifying data regarding these individuals and would submit a confirming teletype.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI *FREEDOM RIDERS- MISC.*

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (157-140)

RE: FREEBUS
RM - CR

Enclosed are eight copies of a letterhead
memo which is self-explanatory.

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Approved: *[Signature]*
Special Agent in Charge

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1104 Sterick Building

Memphis, Tennessee

June 10, 1961

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RE: FREEDOM RIDES, 1961
Racial Matters -
Civil Rights

The following information was obtained by Special
Agent [redacted] at Memphis, Tennessee, on June 10, 1961:

[redacted] Nashville, Tennessee, was interviewed
at the residence of [redacted]
Memphis, Tennessee, and advised that the following persons
arrived in Memphis, Tennessee, at approximately 6:40 AM,
June 10, 1961, enroute from Nashville, Tennessee, to
Jackson, Mississippi, where they planned to test integrated
facilities at the Greyhound bus depot:

[redacted] male, Cleveland, Ohio
[redacted] male, Chicago, Illinois
[redacted] male, Chicago, Illinois
[redacted] male, Rye, New York
[redacted] male, Brooklyn, New York
[redacted] female, Chicago, Illinois
[redacted] female, Chicago, Illinois

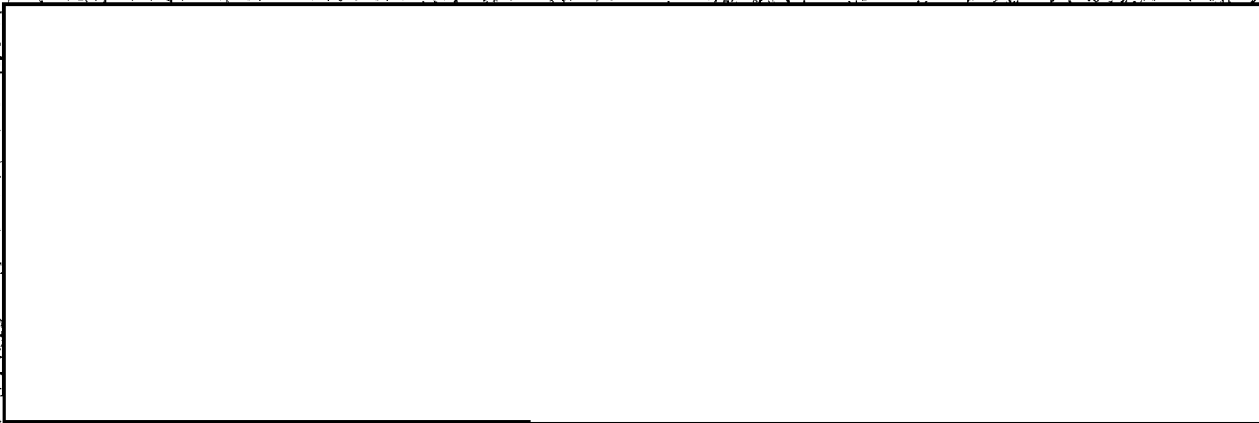
All except [redacted] departed Memphis 10:28 AM,
June 10, 1961, enroute Jackson, Mississippi, via Greyhound
bus.

[redacted] advised that he traveled with
the group from Nashville, to Memphis, Tennessee, arriving
at the Greyhound station in Memphis at approximately 6:40 AM,
June 10, 1961. At about 7:00 AM he heard the announcement
at the bus station concerning the departure of an express
bus enroute Jackson, Mississippi, but did not believe it
was the right bus because the group had been traveling on
a bus which made local stops. After the express bus left, the
group discovered that the next bus was leaving at 10:15 AM.

[redacted] further advised that [redacted]

[redacted] said that in view of the

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[redacted] advised all travel would be by Greyhound bus.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (157-81)
SUBJECT: FREEDOM RIDERS - *ADISC*,
RACIAL MATTERS

Enclosed herewith is the original and 7 copies of a letterhead memorandum. Also enclosed is the original and 7 copies of a reliability memorandum.

A copy of this letter is submitted to New Orleans as they cover Jackson, Mississippi.

In order, the sources utilized are as follows:

Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and Concealment was utilized only in those instances where the identities of the source must be concealed.

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The letterhead memorandum is classified ~~confidential~~ because it contains information from _____ a confidential technique which if disclosed could reasonably result in the identification of this technique of continuing value and compromise future effectiveness thereof.

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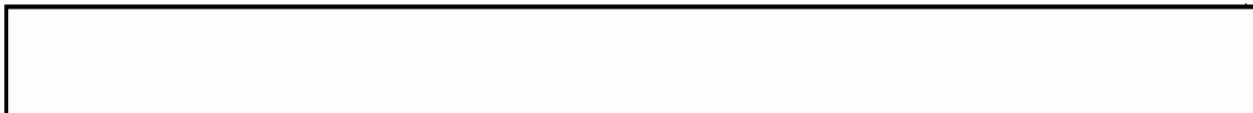
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The sources used to characterize the American
Socialist Clubs are as follows:



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In the June 3, 1961, issue of the "Chicago Daily Tribune", a Chicago, Illinois daily newspaper, in part one, page 3, columns 7 and 8, an article appeared captioned "JOIN FREEDOM RIDERS, N. U. STUDENTS TOLD."

The article stated Walter Bergman, former professor at Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan, and who has led some of the Freedom Riders, on June 2, 1961, spoke before a group of Northwestern University students at Evanston, Illinois. Bergman urged the students to take public transportation home after their final examinations. He said to mix racially and to "'take the integrated route home'". Bergman said he did not agree with the Attorney General's plea for a "'cooling off period'" and said "'We are making to strike while the iron is hot'".

A source advised in early June, 1961, that Dr. Walter Bergman and his wife while in Chicago are staying at [redacted] the residence of [redacted] Dr. Bergman is scheduled to be in Detroit, Michigan, by June 23, 1961.

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The same source advised [] commented in early June, 1961, that Chicago is going to be the main center for relief to the Freedom Riders and Jackson, Mississippi.

This source further advised that [] had in early 1961 been attempting to get information about the Freedom Riders in connection with an article he planned to write.

A second source advised on June 5, 1961, that [] [] Chicago, Illinois, were known by this source to be active members in the Socialist Union of America and the American Socialist Clubs from 1955 to 1960.

A third source advised in May, 1961, that [] is a member of the National Committee of the Communist Party, USA, and is Midwest editor of "The Worker." 2/15/61

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

"The Worker" is an East Coast Communist weekly newspaper.

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AMERICAN SOCIALIST CLUBS, Formerly known
as the Socialist Union of America

A source on November 8, 1954, advised the Socialist Union of America (SUA) was formed by a minority group which broke away from the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) primarily because the minority group believed the SWP should enter the Communist Party (CP) and other left-wing groups with the intention of swinging those groups "right or left", thereby making a revolution possible in a shorter time. The SUA was formerly organized at the Midwest Founding Conference held November 21, 1953, at Detroit, Michigan.

A second source on May 4, 1959, advised that during a conference of the SUA held in Chicago, Illinois, on June 1 and 2, 1957, the SUA was dissolved and the American Socialist Clubs (ASC) was organized as its successor.

The conference adopted a statement of purpose indicating its objectives were the education and organization of new socialist forces to prepare the way for building a new movement of democratic socialism in the United States and to support its monthly magazine, the "American Socialist" (AS), as a prime force in such education.

A third source advised on November 24, 1959, that at an ASC meeting held in Detroit, Michigan, in November, 1959, it was decided to abolish the ASC and discontinue publishing the AS.

A fourth source advised on January 5, 1960, that the office of the ASC located at 857 Broadway, New York 3, New York, was closed as of December 31, 1959.

The SWP and the CP have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order #10450.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

Chicago, Illinois

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Title FREEDOM RIDERS

Character RACIAL MATTERS

Reference Letterhead memorandum of Special
Agent **dated and captioned as above at Chicago.**

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**All sources (except any listed below) used in referenced
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TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Tampa (137-297)

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Enclosed are 8 copies of letterhead memorandum concerning captioned matter. [redacted] volunteered that should any additional information come to the attention of persons at the "Tampa Times," this office will be advised.

A copy of the letterhead memorandum was furnished to CIC locally.

The Bureau will be advised of any additional pertinent information.

- 3 - Bureau (Encl. 8) (AM)
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3 - Tampa
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UNKNOWN SUBJECTS ATTEMPTING
TO RECRUIT STUDENTS FOR
FREEDOM RIDES, TAMPA, FLORIDA

[redacted] "Tampa Times", on June 8, 1961, advised that on that date, [redacted] "Tampa Times," received a telephone call from a female who declined to identify herself. This female told [redacted] that a white man had made inquiry around sandwich shops in the vicinity of Hillsborough High School, Tampa, Florida, endeavoring to recruit white students to participate in freedom rides. [redacted] said that [redacted] had no additional information concerning the matter.

On June 8, 1961, [redacted] Special Agent, 111th CIC Group, Tampa, and Inspector [redacted] Tampa Police Department, were advised concerning the anonymous telephone call.

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Memorandum

TO : MR. MOHR

DATE: June 2, 1961

FROM : N. P. CALLAHAN *med*ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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DATE 09-04-2009 BY 60324 UC BAW/SAB/SP

SUBJECT: *0* FREEDOM RIDERS -- *misc.*
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The Director on the attached routing slip inquires as to the estimated cost of the captioned investigation to date.

A rough estimate of the cost through June 1, 1961, is \$60,000 which takes into consideration all of the expenses involved in connection with this case.

Enclosure

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Via AIRTEL

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-81)

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES

ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP ON 10-18-79SUBJECT: 0 FREEDOM RIDERS - MISSA,
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Enclosed herewith is the original and 7 copies
of a letterhead memorandum plus the original and 7 copies of
a reliability memorandum.

Copies of this airtel with the enclosures are
being submitted to the four southern offices for information
as their territories are mentioned in connection with the
future plans of the Freedom Riders.

- 1 - Bureau (Encl. 16) (RM)
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1 - New Orleans (Encl. 2) (Info) (RM)
1 - Detroit (Encl. 2) (WALTER BERGMAN) (RM)
1 - Chicago

- 1 - [redacted]
1 - [redacted]
1 - 157-81 (FREEDOM RIDERS)
1 - 100-24290
1 - [redacted]
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The sources utilized are as follows:

[redacted]
[redacted] former Chicago PSI, characteri-
zation of himself (Requested)

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[redacted] characterization of [redacted]

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the CYCCR

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Chicago PSI [redacted] characterization of
Students Ad Hoc Committee, etc.

Security Unit, Chicago PD, characterization of
WALTER BERGMAN.

Characterization of Organizations

Sources

Former [redacted]

Organizations

Independent Socialist League

Progressive Youth Organizing Committee

The files of the Chicago Office contain insufficient
information to identify [redacted] or to subversively
characterize the organization CORE.

Careful consideration has been given to each source
concealed and concealment was utilized as these sources
must be concealed. ~~(U)~~

This letterhead memorandum is classified confidential
because it contains information from [redacted]
the unauthorized disclosure of which could reasonably result
in their future effectiveness thereof. ~~(U)~~

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G-2, Chicago, and the Security Unit, Chicago Police Department, have been advised of the plans pertaining to the Freedom Riders demonstration of 6/10/61.

The Bureau will be kept advised of pertinent developments.

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

A source advised on June 5, 1961, that at a CP youth meeting of May 31, 1961 [redacted] member of the National Committee of the CP, USA, and Youth Director of the CP of Illinois, said he had decided to form an organization to send a bus of Freedom Riders to Alabama and Mississippi. [redacted] stated the group will have persons from the Committee On Racial Equality [redacted] of the Chicago Youth Committee for Civil Rights (CYCCR). [redacted] from the University of Chicago, [redacted] from the Progressive Youth Organizing Committee (PYOC) and the National Association for Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) [redacted] said the tentative date for leaving Chicago is June 16, 1961.

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(U) [redacted] A second source advised on October 27, 1960, that [redacted] was then Chairman of the CYCCR.

(U) [redacted] A third source advised on June 6, 1961, that [redacted] is a member of the Negro-American Labor Council (NALC).

(U) [redacted] A fourth source advised in October, 1956, that [redacted] was dropped from the membership of the Independent Socialist League for non-payment of dues during 1956.

(U) [redacted] A fifth source advised on June 6, 1961, that [redacted] is one of the leaders of the CYCCR.

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(U) This source further advised on July 21, 1960, that the CYCCR is a city-wide Chicago organization of students and young people united as a broad and independent group committed to the complete abolition of all forms of segregation and discrimination. The committee is a non-profit organization without membership dues or paid officers. Founded in the early part of 1960, the Committee has no affiliation with any other organization.

(U) A sixth source advised in May, 1961, that the NALC has been designated as a point of concentration by the CP, USA, in connection with the CP's campaign to penetrate "right led mass organizations".

(U) A seventh source advised in March, 1961, that the NAACP has been designated as a point of concentration by the CP, USA, in connection with the CP's campaign to penetrate "right led mass organizations".

(U) An eighth source advised on June 6, 1961, that approximately 70 inter-racial persons peacefully demonstrated in front of the Trailways Bus Terminal, 20 East Randolph Street, Chicago, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. the evening of June 5, 1961. The persons in this group carried Freedom Riders signs and distributed leaflets. Between 15 and 20 Chicago Policemen were on the scene and no trouble occurred.

(U) This same source advised that following the demonstration a Freedom Riders rally was held at 32 West Randolph Street from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Between 400 and 500 persons attended this rally and about one half of the persons in attendance were Negro.

(U) An appeal for donations was made and \$498 was collected.

(U) Dr. Walter Bergman, retired Professor from Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan, was the principal speaker. On the speakers platform with him were four of the Freedom Riders who had accompanied Dr. Bergman on his tour in the Southern States.

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(U) Dr. Bergman stated the rally was sponsored by the Committee On Racial Equality (CORE). Dr. Bergman emphasized this point by mentioning this fact several times during the course of his speech. Dr. Bergman also said he wanted to give thanks to the Students Ad Hoc Committee to Support the Freedom Riders. ~~X~~

(U) Dr. Bergman said that right can be won with God's help and urged everyone to pray. He said right after school lets out and when final examinations are over that these students should take one day of training at the Liberty Baptist Church, Chicago, where they will learn to be Pacifists and not to fight back. He said the students should then proceed south by bus and fill the Jackson, Mississippi jails. ~~X~~

(U) Dr. Bergman said if this can be done freedom will be won for all by July 4th. ~~X~~

(U) It was announced at the close of the meeting that there would be another demonstration in front of the Trailways Bus Terminal, 20 East Randolph Street, at 12 noon Saturday, June 10, 1961. ~~X~~

(U) The Students Ad Hoc Committee to Support the Freedom Riders, according to the ninth source, is a "one time" committee comprised of interested students from the Chicago, Illinois area universities to support the Freedom Riders.

(U) The ninth source advised in July, 1952, that ~~one~~ Walter Bergman, not further identified, in March, 1941, was a "left-wing labor leader in Detroit, Michigan."

G-2, Chicago, was advised of the above information on July 6, 1961.

The Chicago Police Department was advised of the announced demonstration of June 10, 1961, on June 6, 1961.

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INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE (ISL)
FORMERLY WORKERS PARTY (WP)

The May 4, 1942, issue of "Labor Action", then an official publication of the Workers Party (WP), carried an article which reflected that the WP was formed in April, 1940, as a result of a split within the leadership of the Socialist Workers Party (SWP). The article stated that when the Hitler-Stalin Pact was signed and Poland invaded, the minority group with the SWP, in proclaiming the formation of the WP, condemned the pact as being imperialistic in nature and stated it would not support either imperialist camp.

The April 25, 1949, issue of "Labor Action" contained an account of the Fifth National Convention of the WP, held March 24-27, 1949, in New York City, which reflected the change of name of the organization from the WP to the Independent Socialist League (ISL) in order to emphasize the character of the group as a propaganda group for the spreading of socialist ideas and not as a full-fledged political party.

The July 14, 1958, issue of "Labor Action", an official publication of the ISL, contained an article captioned "The ISL Program in Brief." The article indicated: "The ISL stands for socialist democracy and against the two systems of exploitation which now divide the world: capitalism and Stalinism. The ISL, as a Marxist movement, looks to the working class and its ever-present struggle as the basic progressive force in society. The ISL is organized to spread the ideas of socialism in the labor movement and among all other sections of the people. There can be no lasting and genuine democracy without socialism and there can be no socialism without democracy."

The September 22, 1958, issue of "Labor Action" contained an undated statement signed by the Political Committee of the ISL which indicated that the ISL had been dissolved. The statement urged former ISL members to join the Socialist Party - Social Democratic Federation.

A source advised on October 10, 1958, that the Chicago Branch of the ISL, which was an affiliate of the national

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organization, was dissolved in September, 1958, and all active members joined the Socialist Party - Social Democratic Federation on October 9, 1958.

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

PROGRESSIVE YOUTH ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

A source advised in January, 1961, that the Progressive Youth Organizing Committee (PYOC) was formed at an organizing conference held in Chicago, December 30, 1960, to January 1, 1961. The Conference was initiated and organized by the CP, USA, for the purpose of setting in motion forces with a program to establish an organizing committee the ultimate purpose of which was to organize a national socialist oriented youth organization within one year.

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Reference is made to letterhead memorandum dated and captioned as above.

All sources utilized in referenced letterhead memorandum have furnished reliable information in the past except the second source with whom insufficient contact has been made to determine reliability but who was in a position to furnish reliable information, and the ninth source, which is an agency that collects security information in the Chicago, Illinois area.

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TO, DIRECTOR, FBI, AND SAC-S JACKSONVILLE AND TAMPA

FROM SAC, SAVANNAH /157-273/ 1P

FREEBUS, RACIAL MATTERS. CORE, RACIAL MATTERS. RE SAVANNAH TEL

SIX FOURTEEN SIXTY ONE. GROUP TWO PAREN INTERFAITH GROUP PAREN

CONSISTING OF EIGHTEEN MEMBERS OF CLERGY AND ONE NEWS REPORTER,

DEPARTED SUMTER, SOUTH CAROLINA TWELVE FORTY FIVE A.M. TODAY.

IMMEDIATE DESTINATION SAVANNAH, GEORGIA, BY GREYHOUND BUS AND

WILL FOLLOW ITINERARY AS REPORTED IN RE TEL. END

CORR LINE THREE WORD SIX SHD READ CLERGY

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI, AND SACS SAVANNAH, JACKSONVILLE, AND TAMPA

FROM SAC, CHARLOTTE /157-104/ 1P *FREEDOM RIDERS-MISC.*

FREEBUS, RACIAL MATTERS, CORE, RACIAL MATTERS. RE CE

TELS TODAY. INTERFAITH GROUP NUMBER TWO WHICH SPENT NIGHT
RALEIGH, NC, SERVED RALEIGH BUS TERMINAL THIS A. M. WITHOUT
INCIDENT. THIS GROUP CONSISTING FOUR RABBIS, EIGHT WHITE
MINISTERS, SIX NEGRO MINISTERS, AND POSSIBLY TWO OTHER FREEDOM
RIDERS, ARE THE ONLY OCCUPANTS GREYHOUND BUS NUMBER A SIX
FIVE FIVE EIGHT, A SECOND SECTION WHICH WAS ADDED DUE TO
FIRST BUS BEING FILLED BY PASSENGERS, DEPARTED WITHOUT
INCIDENT RALEIGH, NC, TEN ZERO FIVE A. M. WITH FIRST STOP
BENNETTSVILLE, SC, AND DUE FOR ARRIVAL SUMTER, SC, TWO
THIRTYTWO P. M. EST TODAY.

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SV, JK, AND TP TO BE ADVISED.

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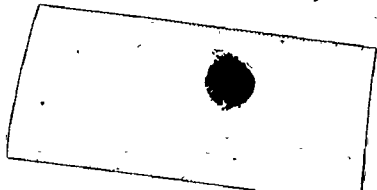
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TO DIRECTOR FBI/1/, AND SACS CHARLOTTE, JACKSONVILLE, MIAMI,
SAVANNAH, TAMPA, WASHINGTON FIELD

FROM SAC NEW YORK 1P

FREE BUS RACIAL MATTERS

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FREEDOM RIDERS - MISC.

RE SAVANNAH AND NEW YORK TELETYPES SIX DASH NINE LAST. ONE
SIX DASH TEN INSTANT. [REDACTED] OF THE CONGRESS
OF RACIAL EQUALITY NYC ADVISED TWO GROUPS OF FREEDOM RIDERS
WILL LEAVE WASHINGTON D.C. JUNE THIRTEEN NEXT VIA GREYHOUND BUS.
GROUP ONE CONSISTING OF EIGHTEEN CLERGYMEN WILL LEAVE IN THE
MORNING AND MAKE STOPS IN RALEIGH, SUMTER, JACKSONVILLE AND
TERMINATE IN TALLAHASSEE, TWELVE THIRTY PM JUNE FIFTEEN NEXT .
GROUP TWO CONSISTING OF FOURTEEN PERSONS WILL LEAVE WASHINGTON D.C.
ON TWO ADDITIONAL BUSES ALSO JUNE THIRTEEN NEXT, MAKING STOPS
AT WILLMINGTON, CHARLESTON, JACKSONVILLE, TAMPA AND TERMINATING
IN ST. PETERSBURG ON JUNE SIXTEEN NEXT AT TWELVE FORTY FIVE PM AND
FIVETEN PM. THERE ARE NO PLANS AT THIS TIME FOR A TRIP
ORIGINATING IN NEW YORK. COPY BEING SENT TO MOBILE FOR INFO.

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TO DIRECTOR FBI AND SAC, NEW ORLEANS

FROM SAC, MEMPHIS *157-140/ 2 P

FREEDOM RIDERS-MISC.

FREEBUS, RM CR. RE MEMPHIS TEL TO BUREAU AND NEW ORLEANS

SIX NINE SIXTYONE AND MEMPHIS TELEPHONE CALL TO NEW ORLEANS

THIS DATE. [REDACTED] AT NASHVILLE, TENN.,

INTERVIEWED AT [REDACTED] AND ADVISED THE FOLLOWING PERSONS

LEFT MEMPHIS AT TEN TWENTYEIGHT AM TODAY ENROUTE JACKSON,

MISS., VIA GREYHOUND BUS TO ARRIVE JACKSON FIVE FIFTEEN PM.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] ALL TRAVEL WAS

VIA GREYHOUND BUS AND NOT TRAILWAYS AS OTHER SOURCE HAD

PREVIOUSLY ADVISED AND [REDACTED] ARRIVED MEMPHIS.

NEW ORLEANS ADVISED TELEPHONICALLY. [REDACTED]

FROM [REDACTED] ADVISED HE TRAVELED WITH [REDACTED] UP FROM

NASHVILLE TO MEMPHIS ARRIVING GREYHOUND STATION, MEMPHIS, AT

APPROXIMATELY SIX FORTY AM TODAY. HE HEARD ANNOUNCEMENT AT

BUS STATION CONCERNING DEPARTURE OF EXPRESS BUS FOR JACKSON,

MISS. AT SEVEN AM BUT DID NOT BELIEVE IT WAS RIGHT BUS SINCE

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GROUP WAS TRAVELING ON BUS WHICH MADE LOCAL STOPS. AFTER
EXPRESS BUS LEFT, GROUP DISCOVERED THAT NEXT BUS WAS LEAVING
AT TEN FIFTEEN AM.

THIS IS PROBABLY

GROUP. NAMES ARE UNKNOWN, ALL TRAVEL WILL BE VIA GREYHOUND

BUS CO. LETTERHEAD MEMO FOLLOWS TO BUREAU.

NEW ORLEANS BEING ADVISED.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 6/5/61

FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-82)

SUBJECT: FREEBUS

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Enclosed herewith to Bureau, with extra copy to Domestic Intelligence Division, are copies of FD-302 reflecting information concerning apparent Communist associations of [redacted]. The matter is being brought to the Bureau's attention in connection with FREEBUS because on 5/31/61, Corporal ELL M. COWLING, Alabama Department of Public Safety, advised that this [redacted] is identical with [redacted] who was one of the "Freedom Riders" who were arrested in Jackson, Miss. and released there on 5/29/61.

Mobile is conducting investigation currently under caption [redacted] SM-C", and has requested information from other offices in letter to New-York dated 5/24/61. It is considered likely that this investigation will result in substantive derogatory loyalty information concerning [redacted] himself, and at that time such information will be included in report on FREEBUS.

MO T-1 in attached FD-302 is [redacted]

[redacted] in Montgomery. [redacted] requested anonymity.

Foregoing is for information of Bureau, pending completion of inquiry on [redacted]

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The following information was furnished by
Mobile Informant T-1:

About the middle of April 1961 [redacted]
rented a room in a private home [redacted]
indicating he would be in Montgomery until June 1961.
[redacted] identified himself as a student at Antioch
College, Yellow Springs, Ohio, and also indicated his
permanent residence is New York City. He has not furnished
a specific address in New York City.

[redacted]
[redacted] is working [redacted]
[redacted] the Southern Farmer, Inc., a
publishing house owned and/or operated by AUBREY WILLIS
WILLIAMS at Montgomery. Mr. WILLIAMS is considered by
many of his fellow Montgomerians as being either a
communist or a person who is frequently aligned with
causes which are also espoused by the Communist Party.
At the present time Mr. WILLIAMS is the National Chairman
of the National Committee to Abolish the Un-American
Activities Committee and further, that it has been recently
stated in the New York Times that six of the founding
leaders of this organization are publicly accused of being
Communists.

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[redacted] possesses literature purporting to be
distributed by the National Committee to Abolish the Un-
American Activities Committee. [redacted] has made state-
ments which indicate he is working closely with [redacted]
[redacted] in some way. [redacted]
[redacted]

On 4/28/61 at Montgomery, Alabama File # MO 100-
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by SA [redacted] -egp Date dictated 5/3/61

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[redacted]
[redacted] is [redacted]
[redacted] associated with FRANK WILKINSON, Field Secretary for the National Committee to Abolish the Un-American Activities Committee, who is further identified as being convicted of contempt of Congress for refusal to testify before the House Committee on Un-American Activities.;
[redacted] has recently met JACOB ROSEN, who, according to a reprint from the Congressional Record Appendix, April 18, 1961, is "one of the nation's leading young communists," and "Vice-President of 'Advance', a new Communist Youth Group."

[redacted] also recently met JOANNE GRANT, who, according to the same reprint from Congressional Record, has worked with JACOB ROSEN in the Communist Party, and who had the Communist Party assignment to work with NICOLAI BUROV, Secretary of the Soviet Mission to the United Nations, in connection with plans for the Seventh World Youth Festival in 1959.

[redacted] also recently met [redacted]
[redacted] the following persons, concerning whom further information is not known:

[redacted]
An apparently close friend of [redacted]
is [redacted] until recently a student at Antioch College, and recently moved to [redacted]

[redacted] and attending some classes at the university there. [redacted] recently participated in a "walk and demonstration against U. S. intervention in Cuba staged by a thousand Bay area students." He was a journalism major at Antioch, and will seek employment at [redacted]

[redacted] He hopes to attend talks at San Francisco State by [redacted] whose opinions he highly respects.
[redacted] came to California with a list of "good"

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people which was furnished to him by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] has been taking note of the "Meisenback case," and believes that the defense is winning, "ripping into (prosecution witnesses) and making them look like the crooks and thieves they are, along with their pal, J. EGAR HOOVER."

[REDACTED] is considering going to Havana, Cuba, to work on an English language newspaper which is being set up there by one BELFRAGE. [REDACTED] has said he would help [REDACTED] get this job in Havana.

[REDACTED] with whom [REDACTED] is living are considered [REDACTED] "a-political," which is believed to mean they do not share [REDACTED] political views.

Before traveling to California [REDACTED] visited for a time with [REDACTED] in Chicago, Illinois.

[REDACTED] is described as follows:

Race
Sex
Characteristics
Height
Build
Age
Hair
Eyes
Complexion



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TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, NEW ORLEANS /157-264/
FROM SAC, CHICAGO /157-8/ 2PFREEDOM RIDERS' PAREN FR ENPAREN, RACIAL MATTERS. RE NEW ORLEANS TEL
TO BUREAU AND CHICAGO JUNE NINE LAST. [REDACTED]RELIABLE, ADVISED FR CONSISTING OF ELEVEN WHITES AND SEVEN NEGROES
PEACEFULLY DEMONSTRATED AT TRAILWAYS BUS TERMINAL, TWO ZERO EAST
RANDOLPH ST., CHICAGO, ELEVEN FIFTYFIVE AM TO ONE THIRTY PM THIS DATE.
FR CARRIED SIGNS AND DISTRIBUTED LEAFLETS. FORMER [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] RELIABLE, ADVISED THIS DATE HE IS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND FURNISHED FOLLOWING. [REDACTED] OF ORIGINAL

FR, LEFT CHICAGO BY PLANE YESTERDAY AFTERNOON TO RETURN TO THEIR
HOMES IN NEW ORLEANS. A GROUP OF FR POSSIBLY SIX INDIVIDUALS LEFT
CHICAGO, TRANSPORTATION UNKNOWN, EVENING OF JUNE EIGHT OR MORNING
OF JUNE NINE LAST. ONLY PERSON KNOWN IN THIS GROUP IS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] FEMALE, AGE TWENTYONE. [REDACTED] A FR AND

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MEMBER OF COMMITTEE ON RACIAL EQUALITY PAREN CORE ENPAREN ADVISED

[REDACTED] JUNE NINE LAST HE PHONED CORE, CITY
UNKNOWN, TO HAVE [REDACTED] REMOVED FROM FR BECAUSE [REDACTED] BELIEVES
HER SUBVERISVE. [REDACTED] STATES WALTER BERGMAN IS A SOCIALIST AND

[REDACTED] CORE [REDACTED] ONLY TWO PERSONS KNOWING COMPLETE
IDENTITIES OF CHICAGO FR. ADDRESS OF [REDACTED] UNKNOWN.

UNDESIRABLE TO CONTACT [REDACTED] IF SOURCE IS TO BE MADE.

[REDACTED] AS TELEPHONE COMPLAINANT WAS ORDERED BY UNKNOWN TO HANG
UP ON FBI. CHICAGO FILES REFLECT [REDACTED] VISITED CUBA AS MEMBER OF
FREE PLAY FOR CUBA. INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

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FREEDOM RIDERS - MISC.

URGENT 6--14--61 5--44PM CST JC

TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, NEW ORLEANS 157--264

FREEBUS. REMYTELCALL TODAY.

ARRESTED GREY-

HOUND TERMINAL, FIVE THIRTY AM, JUNE FOURTEEN, WILL BE TRIED JACKSON MUNICIPAL COURT, THREE PM, JUNE SIXTEEN. NO ONE RELEASED ON BOND OR PAID FINE SINCE LAST SUMMARY. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY AS OF FOUR PM, JUNE FOURTEEN. TOTAL ARRESTED ONE HUNDRED ELEVEN. OUT ON BOND TWENTYSIX. PAID FINES FOUR. NET IN CUSTODY EIGHTYONE. ALL RIDERS EATING AT COUNTY JAIL. SIXTEEN REFUSING FOOD AT CITY JAIL. M. B. PIERCE, CHIEF OF DETECTIVES, JACKSON PD, ADVISED JUNE FOURTEEN THAT HINDS COUNTY JAIL DOCTOR EXAMINED ALL HUNGER STRIKERS AT CITY JAIL JUNE FOURTEEN AND ADVISED AUTHORITIES THAT ALL IN SATISFACTORY HEALTH.

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URGENT 6-11-61 8-40 AM EM *FREEDOM RIDERS-MISC.*

TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, NEW ORLEANS

FROM SAC, MEMPHIS /157-140/ 1P

FREEBUS, RM-CR, . RE MEMPHIS TELS TO DIRECTOR AND NEW ORLEANS
JUNE TEN AND ELEVEN, AND TELEPHONE CALL MEMPHIS TO NEW ORLEANS
JUNE ELEVEN SIXTY ONE. GREYHOUND BUS FROM NASHVILLE, TENN.

ARRIVED MEMPHIS SIX TWENTY AM TODAY AND [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] NO INCIDENTS MEMPHIS. GREYHOUND BUS NUMBER M

FOUR FOUR FOUR SIX DEPARTED MEMPHIS WITH [REDACTED] RIDERS ABOARD AT
SEVEN TEN AM TO ARRIVE JACKSON, MISS., TWELVE FORTYFIVE PM TODAY.

SOURCE [REDACTED] OF NASHVILLE NOW IN MEMPHIS

ADVISED THIS SAME GROUP PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED TO LEAVE NASHVILLE
FIVE FIFTEEN PM JUNE TEN AND LEAVE MEMPHIS ~~ONE FIFTEEN~~ ONE FIFTEEN AM
AND ARRIVE JACKSON THREE AM JUNE ELEVEN BUT [REDACTED]

RIDER [REDACTED] WAS SCHEDULED TO

~~CORRECTION TIME SHOULD BE 8-40 AM~~

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, NEW ORLEANS

FROM SAC, MEMPHIS /157-140/ *FREEDOM RIDERS-MISC.*

FREEBUS, RM - CR. [REDACTED] STUDENT CENTRAL COMMITTEE
NASHVILLE, ADVISED THAT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WILL LEAVE NASHVILLE, TENN., ONE A. M., SIX
ELEVEN, SIXTYONE, ENROUTE TO JACKSON, MISS., VIA MEMPHIS.
WILL ARRIVE MEMPHIS SIX THIRTY A. M. AND LEAVE SIX FORTY-
FIVE A. M. ARRIVING JACKSON TWELVE FORTYFIVE P. M. DO
NOT PLAN TO TEST FACILITIES EXCEPT AT JACKSON. THEY ARE

[REDACTED] MINNEAPO-

LIS, MINN. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ST. PAUL, MINN. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. [REDACTED]

NEW ORLEANS ADVISED SEPARATELY

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FREEDOM RIDERS - MISC.

TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, NEW ORLEANS
FROM SAC, MEMPHIS 157-140 1P

FREEBUS, RM, CR,. RE MEMPHIS TEL-S TO DIRECTOR AND NEW ORLEANS JUNE
TEN LAST, AND TELEPHONE CALL MEMPHIS TO NEW ORLEANS JUNE ELEVEN
SIXTYONE. GREYHOUND BUS ARRIVING TEN FORTYFIVE PM AND TRAILWAYS BUS
ARRIVING TEN FIFTYFIVE PM JUNE TEN SIXTY AT MEMPHIS FROM NASHVILLE,
TENN. MET AND NO RIDERS OBSERVED. NO RIDERS OBSERVED BOARDING GREY-
HOUND AND TRAILWAYS BUSES DEPARTING ONE FIFTEEN AM JUNE ELEVEN SIXTY-
ONE FROM MEMPHIS FOR JACKSON, MISS. MODE OF TRAVEL OF RIDERS ARRIVING
JACKSON, MISS. TWELVE FORTYFIVE PM JUNE ELEVEN SIXTYONE REPORTEDLY
BY GREYHOUND BUS. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RECEIVED WILL BE FURNISHED
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E PLS CORR LAST LINE WORD SEVEN SHD BE WILL
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HAVANA SPECIAL NO. 75
 FLORIDA EAST COAST RAILROAD
 EN ROUTE TO MIAMI, 6/5/61
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Re Miami teletype to Bureau, 6/6/61.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 3 copies of a letterhead memorandum dated and captioned as above.

Enclosed for the Jacksonville Office are 2 copies of a letterhead memorandum dated and captioned as above.

The source utilized in enclosed letterhead memorandum is [REDACTED]

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In Reply, Please Refer to
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Re: Havana Special No. 75
Florida East Coast Railroad
En Route to Miami, June 5, 1961

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A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised as follows on June 6, 1961:

At 10:00 pm on June 5, 1961, in Jacksonville, Florida, the conductor of above-captioned train was overheard telling the porter to separate the white and colored people as they boarded the train. Later on the conductor told several individuals, including the above source, that he could not integrate his train in view of the trouble caused by the "Freedom Riders."

The source stated that captioned train was still segregated as it arrived in Miami, Florida, on June 6, 1961.

[redacted] Central Intelligence Corps, Region 7, Miami, Florida, and Sergeant [redacted] of the Miami Police Department, were furnished the above information on June 6, 1961.

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FREEDOM RIDERS - MISC.

FROM SAC NEW ORLEANS

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FREEBUS. RE PHONE CALL JACKSON, MISS. RA TO BUREAU JUNE
TEN. FOLLOWING FREERIDERS ARRESTED GREYHOUND BUS STATION,
JACKSON, MISS., FIVE TWENTY PM, SIX TEN SIXTYONE, CHARGED
BREACH OF PEACE. NO INCIDENTS AT BUS STATION. SCHEDULED
FOR TRIAL SIX TWELVE NEXT.

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RYE, N. Y.,

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BLOND HAIR, STUDENT MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE, MIDDLEBURY, VERMONT.

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| EYES, BLACK HAIR, | [REDACTED] | | |
| [REDACTED] | CHICAGO, | [REDACTED] | BORN [REDACTED] |
| CHICAGO, | [REDACTED] | | |

BROWN EYES, BLACK HAIR, STUDENT, PARTICIPATED YOUTH MARCH FOR INTEGRATED SCHOOLS, WASHINGTON, D. C., FIFTYNINE, MEMBER CHICAGO YOUTH COMMITTEE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS. [REDACTED]

ARRESTED TRAILWAYS, MAY TWENTYEIGHT LAST, RELEASED ON BOND JUNE TEN. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY AS OF SIX PM, SIX TEN. TOTAL ARRESTED, ONE ZERO FOUR. OUT ON BOND TWENTYTWO. PAID FINES FOUR. NET IN CUSTODY, SEVENTYEIGHT. ALL RIDERS EATING AT COUNTY JAIL. SEVEN REFUSING FOOD CITY JAIL.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SACS, SAVANNAH, JACKSONVILLE

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FREEDOM RIDERS - MISC

FROM SAC, CHARLOTTE /157-104 1P

FREEBUS, RACIAL MATTERS. CORE, RACIAL MATTERS. RE CHARLOTTE
TEL TODAY. FIRST FACTION OF GROUP ONE RIDERS USED WHITE REST
ROOM AND SERVED STAND UP LUNCH COUNTER WITHOUT INCIDENT PRIOR
TO DEPARTURE FROM WILMINGTON SEVEN THIRTY FOUR A. M., TODAY VIA
GREYHOUND BUS NUMBER FIVE FOUR TWO SEVEN, SCHEDULE NUMBER
SEVEN NINE FIVE FOR CHARLESTON, S. C. ELEVEN PASSENGERS
BOARDED BUS, WHICH INCLUDED SEVEN FREEDOM RIDERS CONSISTING
OF THREE WHITE MALES, TWO NEGRO MALES, ONE NEGRO FEMALE, ONE
BLOND WHITE FEMALE. UNIDENTIFIED WHITE MAN, APPROXIMATELY
FIFTY FIVE YEARS OF AGE, GRAY HAIR, WEARING SPORTS COAT, LIGHT
GRAY TROUSERS AND CARRYING TWO PIECES OF LUGGAGE, ONE OF WHICH
APPEARED TO BE A TYPEWRITER CASE, APPARENTLY JOINED THIS
FACTION WILMINGTON, AND DEPARTED WITH THEM. BUREAU WILL BE
ADVISED DEVELOPMENTS.

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Five freedom riders from Nashville, Tennessee, were arrested in Jackson, Mississippi, at 1:15 p.m., June 16, 1961, when attempting to test bus station facilities. They were tried in municipal court the same day together with [redacted] a lone freedom rider who was arrested June 14, 1961. All were found guilty, sentenced to four months in jail and fined \$200 each.

Of the one hundred sixteen freedom riders who have been arrested at Jackson since May 24, 1961, eighty-three remain in custody. Twenty-nine have been released on bond and four have been released upon paying fines.

It is reported that attorneys representing three freedom riders arrested earlier this month in Jackson plan to file writs of habeas corpus in United States District Court. The writs will seek release of the three freedom riders and may be filed this week end.

The Tucson, Arizona, Chapter of the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) announced plans to send five individuals to New Orleans on June 19, 1961. They are to receive training there by CORE and will presumably later travel to Jackson as freedom riders.

On the night of June 15, 1961, a meeting of approximately forty Negro freedom riders was held at Columbia, South Carolina. It was sponsored by the South Carolina Conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) in support of CORE and the freedom riders. Leaders reportedly were disappointed in the small attendance.

The group of five freedom riders which left Daytona Beach, Florida, on June 15, 1961, continued its trip to Tampa, Florida, Upon arrival there at 6:49 p.m., June 16, 1961, no test was made.

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of bus terminal facilities. After determining that the next bus for Orlando, Florida, was scheduled to depart at 6:00 a.m., June 17, 1961, the group proceeded to the residence of NAACP Field Secretary [redacted]. Facilities were tested at various points between Tallahassee and Tampa without incident.

The union and professional group of freedom riders which left Washington, D. C., on June 13, 1961, spent the night of June 15, 1961, at Jacksonville, Florida. These individuals departed from Jacksonville in two separate buses on the morning of June 16, 1961, after testing bus station facilities without incident. Both buses proceeded to St. Petersburg, Florida, arriving there on the afternoon of the same day. Members of the groups used or attempted to use bus station facilities at various locations along the way. Other than the following, there were no incidents of significance.

In Ocala, Florida, three members of one of the groups were arrested at approximately 1:00 p.m., June 16, 1961. This occurred as a result of an argument between freedom riders and a number of white males in the bus station waiting room. The three were charged with failure to obey the lawful order of an officer and attempting to incite a riot. Their bus proceeded without them. They were subsequently released on \$1,000 bond each which was posted by [redacted] one of the members of the group who remained behind for that purpose. These four individuals then proceeded by bus to Tampa.

In the St. Petersburg bus station, a drunken white male made some obnoxious remarks relative to the freedom riders who were there. He was arrested and charged with being drunk by the St. Petersburg police.

On the afternoon of June 16, 1961, members of both groups attended a "work shop" at the Second Bethel Baptist Church in St. Petersburg. A mixed group of approximately twenty-five individuals reportedly attended the session at which local Negroes were encouraged to follow up on integration efforts. Sources reported one of the participants to be [redacted] a white professor at Florida Presbyterian College. He may be

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identical with [redacted] who, during an interview by Bureau Agents in 1954, admitted having been a member of the Communist Party.

At 8:00 p.m. that evening, a public meeting was held in the church and members of the freedom riders were introduced to those in attendance. Various freedom riders spoke to the mixed audience of approximately fifty individuals. The meeting adjourned shortly after 10:00 p.m. and the freedom riders proceeded to nearby Tampa International Airport.

They, together with the four freedom riders who had separated from the group in Ocala, departed by airplane for New York City at 12:57 a.m., June 17, 1961.

A car registered to [redacted] alleged to be an Associated Press newsman, was stopped at Zephyrhills, Florida, by police for speeding. This car had been following one of the buses during the trip from Jacksonville to St. Petersburg.

The group of rabbis and ministers who spent the night of June 15, 1961, in Tallahassee, Florida, were joined by three persons from Tallahassee. The thirteen went to the Tallahassee airport on the morning of June 16, 1961. They found airport facilities closed and after refusing to leave the vicinity they were arrested by Tallahassee police for unlawful assembly shortly after noon of that day. Earlier, the Chief of Police withdrew practically all officers from the airport after advising the freedom riders he could no longer afford them protection due to his responsibility to the city of Tallahassee. A representative of the group contacted our Jacksonville Office in this regard and was informed that no protection could be afforded by the FBI.

At 8:14 a.m. on June 16, 1961, an explosion shattered a telephone booth at Fifteenth Street and Massachusetts Avenue, Northwest, Washington, D. C. Examination of the scene by FBI Laboratory personnel disclosed that the device used in this explosion was similar to that which demolished a trash can on the night of June 15, 1961. The devices appear to have been constructed from galvanized pipe and contained shotgun powder.

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The Attorney General

Pertinent information concerning the explosions and a number of subsequent anonymous telephone bomb threats has been furnished to interested local and Federal agencies. We are maintaining close liaison with the Metropolitan Police Department and have offered our cooperative facilities.

It is noted that during the early morning of June 16, 1961, a number of anonymous telephone calls were received in which the caller indicated he had planted bombs in several Washington, D. C., locations for the purpose of stopping the freedom riders.

Further pertinent developments will be promptly brought to the attention of the Department.

- 1 - Mr. Byron R. White
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- 1 - Assistant Attorney General
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FREEBUS. RE PHONE CALL JACKSON RA TO BUREAU JUNE FOURTEEN. M. B.

PIERCE, CHIEF OF DET., JACKSON, MISS. PD ADVISED JUNE FOURTEEN

THAT [REDACTED] WHO IDENTIFIES SELF AS FREEDOM RIDER

WAS ARRESTED FIVE THIRTY FIVE A. M., JUNE FOURTEEN AT GREYHOUND

BUS TERMINAL JACKSON, AFTER ALIGHTING FROM INCOMING BUS FROM

MEMPHIS, TENN. WHEN FAILED TO MOVE ON WHEN ORDERED BY OFFICER

AFTER ENTERING COLORED WAITING ROOM AND REST ROOM. CHARGED WITH

BREACH OF PEACE. [REDACTED]

BORN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WASHINGTON, D. C., [REDACTED]

BROWN HAIR,

BROWN EYES, [REDACTED]

HOME ADDRESS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CLEVELAND, OHIO, STUDENT, LAST ATTENDED KENT

STATE UNIVERSITY, KENT, OHIO. ARRESTED SAN FRANCISCO PD FOR

[REDACTED] NEBRASKA PD NINETEEN FIFTY NINE AND ST.

PETERSBURG, FLA. NO DATE. ADMITS PICKETING BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

NINETEEN SIXTY. WILL PROBABLY BE TRIED JACKSON MUNICIPAL COURT

THREE P. M. CST JUNE FOURTEEN, NINETEEN SIXTY ONE FOR VIOLATION

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC MEMPHIS

FROM SAC NEW ORLEANS /157-264/ 1P

FREEBUS. J. ROBERT GILFOY, SHERIFF, HINDS COUNTY, JACKSON,
MISSISSIPPI, ADVISED JUNE FOURTEEN THAT BETWEEN THREE THIRTY
AND FOUR AM, JUNE FIFTEEN NEXT, HE WILL LEAVE JACKSON WITH FORTYFIVE
FREEDOM RIDERS PRISONERS, NOW CONFINED CITY AND COUNTY JAILS,

CONSISTING OF TWO NINE NEGRO MALES AND ONE SIX WHITE MALES, ENROUTE
MISS. PENITENTIARY, PARCHMAN, MISS. WILL TRANSPORT THEM IN THREE
PRISON VANS ESCORTED BY THREE SHERIFF-S CARS AND TWELVE DEPUTIES.

DOES NOT INTEND TO TRANSFER ANY FEMALE FREEDOM RIDERS PRISONERS

AT THIS TIME. HINDS COUNTY DEPUTY SHERIFF

WILL BE IN CHARGE OF FREEDOM RIDERS AT PARCHMAN. GILFOY ADVISES

PRESS DOES NOT HAVE ADVANCE NOTICE OF ABOVE TRANSFER. ABOVE

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JULIUS W. HOBSON, President, Washington Chapter, CORE, advised WFO today, next proposed trip of ~~FREEDOM RIDERS~~, scheduled to depart from WDC on 6/20/61 or 6/21/61. HOBSON reported he will obtain official confirmation from CORE Headquarters, NYC, and furnish WFO itinerary and names of individuals planning to make trip to southern states. WFO will follow closely and report pertinent information.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, TAMPA

FROM SAC, JACKSONVILLE /157-246/ 1P

FREEBUS, RACIAL MATTERS. LOCAL AUTHORITIES, JACKSONVILLE AND DUVAL COUNTY, HAVE ADVISED POLICE OFFICERS ON STANDBY BASIS AND PLAN TO CLOSELY COVER AND FOLLOW ACTIVITIES OF FREEDOM RIDERS WHILE IN JACKSONVILLE AREA. NO ARRESTS PLANNED UNLESS TROUBLE DEVELOPS. ELABORATE PLANS MADE BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES, TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA, TO COVER BUS STATION AND VICINITY. COVERAGE BY POLICE WILL BE IMPLEMENTED BY USE OF MOVIE CAMERAS. POLICE ESCORT FOR FREEDOM RIDERS NOT PLANNED, HOWEVER, HIGHWAY PATROL INTENDS TO COVER TRAVEL OF FREEDOM RIDERS THROUGH SPOT CHECKS ALONG HIGHWAY AT STRATEGIC POINTS. GOVERNOR FARRIS BRYANT HAS MADE PUBLIC STATEMENT THAT HE EXPECTS PEOPLE OF FLORIDA TO IGNORE FREEDOM RIDERS AND THAT NO INCIDENTS ARE ANTICIPATED. NEWS MEDIA COOPERATING WITH LOCAL AUTHORITIES BY GIVING FREEDOM RIDERS LITTLE PUBLICITY. RACIAL INFORMANTS ALERTED AND ADVISED NO ORGANIZED KLAN OPPOSITION TO DATE. BUREAU AND INTERESTED OFFICES WILL BE ADVISED OF PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS.

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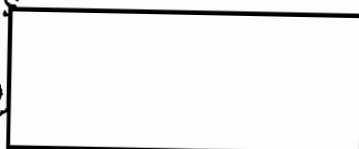
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TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SACS, ST. LOUIS AND NEW ORLEANS
FROM SAC, SPRINGFIELD 159-22 1P

FREEBUS, R. M. RE NEW ORLEANS TELETYPE JUNE NINE LAST.

[] SPECIAL AGENT, ICRR, EAST ST. LOUIS, ILLINOIS, ADVISED
THAT ALL INFORMATION CONCERNING PROPOSED FREEDOM RIDE FROM
ST. LOUIS TO JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, FURNISHED TO SPECIAL AGENT,
ICRR, JACKSON. HE STATED HE OBTAINED HIS INFORMATION FROM
LOCAL PRESS AND HAS NO FURTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING DATE OF
DEPARTURE OR NUMBER OF PEOPLE INVOLVED. CHECKS BY HIM OF
TICKET OFFICE REFLECTS NO PURCHASES OF TICKETS FOR JACKSON.
PERSONS DEPARTING FOR JACKSON WOULD HAVE TO BOARD TRAIN IN
EITHER ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, OR BELLEVILLE, ILLINOIS, AS ICRR
TRAIN DOES NOT STOP EAST ST. LOUIS. CONTACT BEING MAINTAINED
WITH [] AND ANY PERTINENT INFORMATION WILL BE FURNISHED. P.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI, AND SACS, JACKSONVILLE AND TAMPA
FROM SAC, SAVANNAH /157-92/ 2P

FREEBUS, RACIAL MATTERS, CORE, RACIAL MATTERS. RE CHARLOTTE
TELS TODAY. SEVEN FREEDOM RIDERS ^{MISS} DASH PROFESSIONAL GROUP
ARRIVED CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA, BUS STATION TWELVE SIX PM
THIS DATE ABOARD GREYHOUND BUS FROM WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA.
GROUP CONSISTED OF TWO NEGRO MALES, ONE NEGRO FEMALE, THREE
WHITE MALES AND ONE WHITE FEMALE. ENTIRE GROUP HAD LUNCH AT
LUNCH COUNTER AT BUS STATION. NO CROWD HAS GATHERED AT BUS
STATION AND NO INCIDENTS HAVE ARISEN. BAGGAGE OF GROUP CHECKED
OFF AT CHARLESTON AND [REDACTED] NAACP OFFICIAL AT CHARLESTON
WHO MET RIDERS, ADVISED CHIEF WILLIAM F. KELLY, CHARLESTON POLICE
DEPARTMENT, THAT THIS GROUP AS WELL AS GROUP OF RIDERS SCHEDULED
TO ARRIVE AT FIVE THIRTY PM IN CHARLESTON WILL SPEND NIGHT AT
VARIOUS PRIVATE HOMES IN CITY. DEPARTURE TIMES, DESTINATIONS
AND SPECIFIC FUTURE SCHEDULES OF BOTH GROUPS NOT YET DETERMINED.
CIC CHARLESTON ADVISED ONE FOURTEEN PM JUNE FOURTEEN INSTANT.

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CLOSE CONTACT BEING MAINTAINED WITH LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND SOURCES,
AND BUREAU AND INTERESTED OFFICES WILL BE ADVISED OF PERTINENT
DEVELOPMENTS. LETTERHEAD MEMO FOLLOWS. AIR MAIL COPY CHARLOTTE.
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TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC-S JACKSONVILLE AND TAMPA

FROM SAC SAVANNAH 157-273

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3 FREEDOM RIDERS

FREEBUS-RACIAL MATTERS. CORE-RACIAL MATTERS. GROUP TWO

/ INTER-FAITH GROUP/. THIS GROUP NOW AT EMANUAL NEGRO CHURCH,
SUMTER, S.C. AWAITING DEPARTURE BY GREYHOUND BUS TONIGHT.

SCHEDULE AS FOLLOWS. LEAVES SUMTER, S.C. TWELVE TWENTYEIGHT

AM, ARRIVE WALTERBORO, S.C. TWO FIFTEEN AM. LEAVE WALTERBORO,

S.C. TWO TWENTY AM, ARRIVE SAVANNAH, GA. THREE FORTYFIVE AM.

LEAVE SAVANNAH, GA. FOUR AM, ARRIVE JACKSONVILLE SEVEN TWENTYFIVE

AM. LEAVE JACKSONVILLE EIGHT TWENTY AM ARRIVE TALLAHASSEE

TWELVE THIRTY PM. PURPOSE IS TO TEST BUS STATION EATING,

WAITING ROOM AND REST ROOM FACILITIES AT SAVANNAH, JACKSONVILLE,

AND TALLAHASSEE. AT TALLAHASSEE, SCHEDULE TO TEST AIRPORT

FACILITIES AT WHICH PLACE WILL BOARD PLANE AND RETURN TO

NEW YORK MID-AFTERNOON JUNE FIFTEEN, SIXTYONE. AT SUMTER,

S.C. GROUP HAD EVENING MEAL ON INTEGRATED BASIS AT

MC CLAIN-S NEGRO RESTAURANT SOUTH MAIN STREET. NO INCIDENTS.

GROUP CONTINUES TO CONFER WITH CORE AND NAACP LEADERS.

REPRESENTATIVES OF SCLED WILL FOLLOW BUS TO SC-GA STATE LINE

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TO PREVENT ANY POSSIBLE VIOLENCE EVEN THOUGH NONE ANTICIPATED.

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INVESTIGATION WILL CONTINUE UNTIL GROUP BOARDS BUS AT SUMTER.
BUS STATION FACILITIES, SAVANNAH, GA., WILL BE CLOSED AT THIS
HOUR EXCEPT FOR REST ROOMS.

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TO DIRECTOR FBI AND SACS JACKSONVILLE AND TAMPA
FROM SAC SAVANNAH /157-273/ 2P

FREEBUS, RACIAL MATTERS, CORE RACIAL MATTERS. RESVTELS INSTANT. *Misc.*
SECOND SECTION, GROUP ONE / PROFESSIONAL GROUP/, FREEDOM RIDERS ARRIVED
CHARLESTON, S. C. VIA GREYHOUND BUS FROM WILMINGTON, N. C.
AT FIVE TWENTY PM SIX FOURTEEN SIXTYONE. GROUP CONSISTED OF
THREE NEGRO MALES, TWO WHITES MALES, ONE NEGRO FEMALE AND ONE
WHITE FEMALE. GROUP ATE AT BUS STATION LUNCH COUNTER, CHARLESTON
WITH NO INCIDENTS. GROUP MET AT BUS STATION BY [REDACTED]
NAACP OFFICIAL CHARLESTON, S. C. AND GROUP WENT TO [REDACTED] HOME FROM
STATION WITH BAGGAGE. [REDACTED] ADVISED CHIEF ~~W. F. KELLY~~ W. F. KELLY, CHARLESTON,
PD., GROUP WILL SPEND NIGHT IN CHARLESTON IN VARIOUS PRIVATE
HOMES. [REDACTED] ALSO TOLD CHIEF KELLY THAT IT IS NOT YET DECIDED
WHETHER BOTH GROUPS OF / PROFESSIONAL/ FREEDOM RIDERS WILL DEPART
FOR JACKSONVILLE FLA. VIA GREYHOUND BUS NINE THIRTYFIVE AM JUNE FIFTEEN
SIXTYONE OR WHETHER ONE SECTION OF THE GROUP WILL DEPART AT SIX FIFTEEN AM JUNE FIFTEEN SIXTYONE
AND SECOND SECTION OF THE GROUP AT NINE THIRTYFIVE AM JUNE FIFTEEN SIXTYONE. HE PROMISED TO ADVISE CHIEF KELLY TONIGHT OF SPECIFIC
TIMES OF DEPARTURE BOTH GROUPS FROM CHARLESTON TO JACKSONVILLE.

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CHIEF KELLY FURTHER ADVISED THAT HE HEARD AT BUS STATION THAT NEGRO FEMALE IN GROUP TOLD REPORTERS AT BUS STATION CHARLESTON, S. C. THAT WHILE BUS IN CONWAY, S. C. SHE ATTEMPTED TO ENTER EATING ESTABLISHMENT NOT CONNECTED WITH BUS STATION AND MAN PULL KNIFE FROM UNDER TABLE AND SAID YOU ARE NOT GOING TO EAT HERE.

HOWEVER HE ALSO HEARD THAT WHITE FEMALE IN GROUP STATED THAT RESTAURANT OWNER WAS MAKING SALAD AND MERELY WAVED KNIFE AT FEMALE. HE DID NOT KNOW NAME OF RESTAURANT IN CONWAY.

HUBERT BARKER, COP, CONWAY, S. C., ADVISED THAT ONE GROUP FREEDOM RIDERS ENROUTE CHARLESTON ARRIVED CONWAY BUS TERMINAL APPROXIMATELY NINE FORTY AM THIS DATE AND REMAINED FEW MINUTES AND DEPARTED WITHOUT ATTEMPTING TO INTERGRATE BUS STATION. SECOND SECTION SAME GROUP ARRIVED ABOVE BUS STATION AROUND TWO THIRTY PM THIS DATE S AND WERE REFUSED SERVICE AT SNACK BAR IN STATION. THIS GROUP CONSISTING OF NEGROES AND WHITES, USED WHITE WAITING ROOM AND WHITE REST ROOM. NO ARRESTS AND NO INCIDENTS TO KNOWLEDGE OF BARKER. CIC ADVISED SIX THIRTY PM JUNE FOURTEEN SIXTYONE.

~~ONE~~. LETTERHEAD MEMO FOLLOWS.

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TO : Mr. Rosen *Roh*

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At 6:40 a.m., 6/15/61, ASAC Murphy, Savannah, advised that the Rabbi and minister group arrived at Savannah by Greyhound bus at 3:41 a.m., 6/15/61. They had coffee at a lunch counter which had previously been integrated. Negroes used the white rest room and whites used the Negro rest room. They left for Jacksonville by Greyhound bus at 4:19 a.m., EST, 6/15/61, and were due to arrive at Jacksonville at 7:25 a.m., EST, 6/15/61. There were no incidents at Savannah.

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TO : Mr. Rosen *RV*

DATE: June 14, 1961

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Assistant Attorney General Burke Marshall telephonically contacted Mr. Rosen at 12:56 p.m. on 6/14/61. Marshall stated that during the next week or so it would be necessary to serve papers on members of klan groups in Alabama. It was pointed out to Marshall that the Bureau desired to obtain such lists in advance so that they could be directed to our field offices and the names checked by the field offices. Marshall stated that there was no rush on this matter and that they would be in touch with the Bureau and furnish a list to us in time.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM SAC NEW ORLEANS /157-NEW/ 3P

RE PHONE CALL TJACKSON RA TO BUREAU SIX ELEVEN. FOLLOWING
0 FREEDOM RIDERS MISC. ARRESTED GREYHOUND BUS TERMINAL, JACKSON, MISS.,
ONE ZERO FOUR PM, CST, SIX ELEVEN SIXTYONE, AFTER ENTERING
COLORED WAITING ROOM. NO INCIDENTS. ALL CHARGED BREACH OF
PEACE. WILL BE TRIED SIX TWELVE NEXT JACKSON, MISS. MUNICIPAL
COURT. [REDACTED] AKA, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., [REDACTED] BORN [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] AT PALO ALTO, CALIF., [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HAZEL, BROWN, STUDENT U. OF MINN., ADMITS SIT-INS, MIAMI,
FIFTYNINE, PICKET FOR QUOTE OPEN OCCUPANCY BILL END QUOTE, ST.
PAUL, SIXTY, PEACE WALKS, FIFTYNINE, SIXTY, MINN., MEMBER
NAACP, CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTOR, REFUSED TO ANSWER 157-387-215
AS TO WHETHER MEMBER C. P. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MINNEAPOLIS, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] MINN., [REDACTED] BORN [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] ORANGE, N. J., [REDACTED]

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STUDENT U. OF MINN. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MINNEAPOLIS, [REDACTED]

BORN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HAZEL, BROWN, [REDACTED]

ADMITS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] KY., PEACE-WALK, ANTI-BOMB TESTMARCH SIXTYONE,

MINNEAPOLIS, PICKET FEDERAL BUILDING, MINNEAPOLIS, RE CUBAN

INVASION, SIXTYONE, PEACE WALK, ANTI-BOMB TEST, FIFTYNINE.

[REDACTED] JACKSON,

WYOMING, [REDACTED]

SALT LAKE CITY, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BROWN, BROWN, [REDACTED]

ADMITS PEACE WALK,

MINN., TO BAN NUCLEAR TESTING FIFTYEIGHT, FIFTYNINE, SIXTY.

[REDACTED] ST. PAUL, MINN.,

[REDACTED] BOSTON, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HAZEL, BLOND, STUDENT U. OF MINN. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AKA [REDACTED]

MINNEAPOLIS, [REDACTED]

MADISON, WIS., [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HAZEL, BROWN, STUDENT U. OF MINN.,

ADMITS PARTICIPATION PEACE MARCH FOR WORLD DISARMAMENT, SIXTY

AND SIXTYONE. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY AS OF THREE PM, JUNE

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ELEVEN, SIXTYONE. TOTAL ARRESTED ONE ONE ZERO. NONE RELEASED
BOND OR FINE SINCE LAST SUMMARY. OUT ON BOND TWENTYTWO.

PAID FINES FOUR. NET IN CUSTODY EIGHTYFOUR. ALL RIDERS
EATING AT COUNTY JAIL. EIGHT REFUSING FOOD CITY JAIL.

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FROM SAC, CHARLOTTE /157-104/ 2P
FREEBUS, RACIAL MATTERS. CORE, RACIAL MATTERS. RE CHARLOTTE
TEL TODAY. THE REMAINING SEVEN FREEDOM RIDERS OF THE
PROFESSIONAL AND UNION GROUP NUMBER ONE, WHICH SPENT THE
NIGHT JUNE THIRTEEN, SIXTYONE, PAYNE-S TOURIST HOME, WILMINGTON, N. C.
ARRIVED UNION BUS TERMINAL, WILMINGTON, APPROXIMATELY ELEVEN
THIRTY A. M., IN TWO TAXI CABS AND WERE SERVED AT STAND UP LUNCH
COUNTER AND WHITE REST ROOM FACILITIES USED BY MALE RIDERS
WITHOUT INCIDENT. THE RIDERS, CONSISTING OF THREE NEGRO MALES
AND TWO WHITE MALES AND ONE NEGRO FEMALE AND ONE WHITE FEMALE,
DEPARTED WILMINGTON TWELVE FORTY THREE P. M., ON GREYHOUND
BUS NUMBER FIVE SIX ZERO ONE TRAVELING U. S. HIGHWAY SEVENTEEN
VIA MYRTLE BEACH, GEORGETOWN AND SCHEDULED ARRIVE CHARLESTON,
S. C., FIVE TWENTY P. M., AND CONTINUE ON TO SAVANNAH, GA.,
ARRIVING EIGHT TWENTY P. M., TODAY. WILL BE NECESSARY JUN 19 1961
FOR PASSENGERS EN ROUTE TO JACKSONVILLE, FLA., TO CHANGE
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BUSSES AT SAVANNAH. NO UNUSUAL CROWD GATHERED WILMINGTON
UPON DEPARTURE AND NO INCIDENTS OCCURRED. ALL OFFICES SHOULD
CONFIRM ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES OF GROUPS AND KEEP BUREAU
CURRENTLY ADVISED OF ALL DEVELOPMENTS. LETTERHEAD MEMO
FOLLOWS.

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SV, JK AND TP TO BE ADVISED.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, JACKSONVILLE

FROM SAC, TAMPA /157- / 2 PAGES

FREE BUS, RACIAL MATTERS. LOCAL AUTHORITIES, INFORMANTS
ALLERTED FOR ARRIVAL OF TWO GROUPS OF FREEDOM RIDERS, WASHINGTON
D.C. JUNE SIXTEEN, INSTANT. CHIEF NEAL BROWN, TAMPA PD HAS
ADVISED THAT A DELEGATION FROM HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY SO AND TAMPA
PD MADE SURVEY YESTERDAY OF FACILITIES OF GREYHOUND BUS
TERMINAL AND TRAILWAYS TERMINAL, TAMPA, FLA. THIS DELEGATION
FOUND GREYHOUND FACILITIES COMPLETELY INTEGRATED AND RESTAURANT
FACILITIES AT TRAILWAYS INTEGRATED. RESTROOMS OF TRAILWAYS
MARKED FOR COLORED AND WHITE, ALTHOUGH EITHER RACE USES EITHER
COLORED OR WHITE FACILITIES AT WILL. CHIEF BROWN ADVISED THAT
TWO PLAINCLOTHESMEN WILL BE MAINTAINED IN AREA OF GREYHOUND
BUS TERMINAL, TAMPA, ON JUNE SIXTEEN, AND THAT UNIFORMED MEN
WILL BE MAINTAINED IN RESERVE AT THE PD NEARBY. CHIEF BROWN
POINTED OUT AIRPORT FACILITIES, TAMPA, COMPLETELY INTEGRATED
AND NO PROBLEMS ANTICIPATED THERE. CONTACT MADE BY CHIEF BROWN
WITH WTVT AND NO ADVANCE ANNOUNCEMENTS OF SCHEDULE OF FREEDOM
RIDERS WILL BE MADE ON TV. AS IN PREVIOUS OCCURENCES NO
ANNOUNCEMENT BY LOCAL PAPERS OF SCHEDULES OF FREEDOM RIDERS

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ANTICIPATED. CAPT. ^{NATIONAL ACADEMY}
PAREN(NÁ)PAREN, ST. PETERSBURG,
FLA. PD ADVISED YESTERDAY THAT HE PLANS TO HAVE SEVERAL
PLAINCLOTHESMEN IN AND NEAR GREYHOUND BUS TERMINAL ON JUNE SIXTEEN
TO COVER ARRIVAL OF FREEDOM RIDERS AND THAT HE WILL HAVE
ADDITIONAL MANPOWER IN HOTEL ACROSS THE STREET FROM TERMINAL TO
COVER ANY EMERGENCY SITUATIONS. ALL TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES,
ST. PETERSBURG. ALREADY COMPLETELY INTEGRATED AND NO PROBLEM
CONCERNING FREEDOM RIDERS ANTICIPATED BY POLICE AUTHORITIES,
ST. PETERSBURG. CLOSE LIAISON BEING MAINTAINED TAMPA DIVISION
WILL ALL LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN AREAS THROUGH WHICH FREEDOM RIDERS
WILL PASS. BUREAU AND INTERESTED OFFICES WILL BE ADVISED
IMMEDIATELY OF PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS. WASHINGTON FIELD BEING
ADVISED BY AIRMAIL.

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CC-MR. ROSEN

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Date: 6/12/61

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, ALBANY (157-21)

RE: FREEBUS
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FREEDOM RIDERS - MISC

(OO: New Orleans)

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Individuals listed hereinafter have been identified by sources at Cornell University as Freedom Riders, who are leaving Ithaca, New York, on 6/12/61, for Nashville, Tennessee, to attend CORE workshop there prior to acting as riders. All are Cornell students.

Established Cornell sources have furnished identifying and background information concerning each as set out below.

All offices are requested to further identify the individuals listed and to search office indices concerning each for any subversive documenting information.

NEW YORK

[redacted] born [redacted] at New York City admitted to Cornell as undergraduate from [redacted] High School in September, 1957. Parent - [redacted] Home address [redacted] New York.

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[redacted] born [redacted] at Pittsburgh, Pa.,
admitted to Cornell as undergraduate from [redacted] High
School in September, 1957. Parent - [redacted] Home
address - [redacted] Forest Hills, N.Y.

PHILADELPHIA

[redacted] born [redacted] at Philadelphia,
admitted to Cornell as undergraduate with advanced credit from
[redacted] College in September, 1960. Parent - [redacted]
Home address - [redacted] Philadelphia, Pa.

DETROIT

[redacted] born [redacted] at Ithaca,
New York, admitted to Cornell as undergraduate from [redacted] High
School, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, in September, 1954, presently
a graduate student. Parent - [redacted] Home address
[redacted] Detroit, Michigan.

New York, Philadelphia and Detroit are requested to
advise of any subversive data in files identifiable with
students or parents.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Rosen *Rosen*

DATE: 6/15/61

FROM :

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SUBJECT: FREEBUS

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At 6:25 a.m., 6/15/61, SAC D. K. Brown, Jacksonville, advised that the scheduled arrival of the Rabbis and ministers by Greyhound bus at 7:25 a.m., was being covered. Brown will call the Bureau at 8:35 a.m. (Washington time) to advise whether the group arrived.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI

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FROM SAC, MOBILE /157-82/ 1P

FREEBUS, THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE OF THE ALABAMA STATE
LEGISLATURE ON JUNE NINE LAST RETURNED A FAVORABLE REPORT ON A
BILL TO OUTLAW ^① FREEDOM RIDERS ^{MISC.} IN ALABAMA. BILL SPONSORED BY SENATOR
E.O. EDDINS OF MARENGO COUNTY. PRESS REPORTS STATE MEASURE AIMED AT
ANYONE ACTING IN SUCH A MANNER AS TO PAREN OUTRAGE THE
DECENCY AND THE MORALS OF THE PEOPLE OR TO TRANSGRESS AND VIOLATE
THE CUSTOMS OF ALABAMA PAREN. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS THE BILL
INDICATED THAT ACTION SUCH AS FREEDOM RIDERS WOULD LIKELY
CAUSE RIOTS OR BE A BREACH OF THE PEACE AND WOULD LIKELY INDUCE
THE ASSEMBLING OF A CROWD WHICH COULD SET OFF RIOTS. THE BILL
INDICATES THAT ANYONE FOUND GUILTY UNDER THIS LAW WOULD BE
CHARGED WITH A MISDEMEANOR AND FINED NOT MORE THAN THREE HUNDRED
DOLLARS AND IMPRISONED FOR A PERIOD NOT EXCEEDING SIX MONTHS. THE
BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED AS TO PROGRESS OF THIS LEGISLATION.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Rosen *ReW*

DATE: June 14, 1961

FROM : [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: FREEBUS

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SA [REDACTED] Jackson, Mississippi, telephonically advised at 12:40 p.m. that an additional freedom rider had been arrested by the Jackson Police Department. He stated that [REDACTED] was arrested at 5:35 a.m. at the Greyhound Bus terminal. [REDACTED] who is white, male, came to Jackson from Memphis, Tennessee. He entered the colored waiting room and the colored rest room and was arrested when he refused to move on.

[REDACTED] is described as white male [REDACTED] pounds. He was born [REDACTED] at Washington, D. C. He presently resides at [REDACTED] Cleveland, Ohio.

[REDACTED] claims to have previously been arrested by the San Francisco, California, Police Department on a [REDACTED] charge in 1959; by the North Platte, Nebraska, Police Department on a [REDACTED] charge in 1959; and by the police department at St. Petersburg, Florida, on a [REDACTED] charge, no date given.

[REDACTED] is scheduled to be tried on 6/14/61. He was arrested under Section 2089.5, the general breach of peace statute. This provides for six months' imprisonment and \$500 fine.

[REDACTED] was questioned regarding the hunger strike at the city jail. He stated that the last report was that 13 were not eating at the city jail. He was asked if Price Chatam, one of those arrested, had also been one of the hunger strikers. Hegelson stated he did not have any information from the police as to the identities of the individuals who were not eating. He stated that the police distributed the food and then at the completion of the meal they would count the number of plates which had not been touched. He advised that the police were apparently interested only in the number who were not eating and not in the identity of the noneaters.

[REDACTED] also advised there had been no reports of anyone not eating at the county jail.

[REDACTED] further advised that the prisoners at the city jail had not been removed to the state penitentiary as of June 14, 1961.

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URGENT 6-12-61 11-07 PM CLM

TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SACS, MEMPHIS AND NEW ORLEANS /157-264
FROM SAC, CHICAGO /157-81/ 2P

FREEDOM RIDERS MISC. PAREN FR END PAREN, RACIAL MATTERS. REMYTELS JUNE
EIGHT AND TEN LAST. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] PROTECT, REQUESTED, INSUFFICIENT CONTACT
RE RELIABILITY, ADVISED THIS DATE SEVEN FR LEFT CHICAGO JUNE NINE
LAST FOR NASHVILLE CONSISTING OF [REDACTED] AGE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AGE [REDACTED] [REDACTED] AGE [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] AGE [REDACTED] [REDACTED] AGE [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] AGE [REDACTED] [REDACTED] AGE [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] AGE [REDACTED] ALL OF CHICAGO. [REDACTED]

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DID NOT GO

PAREN SEE MYTEL JUNE EIGHT LAST END PAREN. [REDACTED] WAS ILL. CP MEMBER
APRIL, SIXTY. [REDACTED] POSSIBLY IDENT WITH UNSUB. IN ILL. CP. [REDACTED]
VISITED CUBA AS MEMBER OF FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE. CHICAGO FILES
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LEAVE CHICAGO JUNE THIRTEEN NEXT FOR NASHVILLE WILL CONTACT CORE AND
AND PROCEED BY INTERSTATE BUS TO JACKSON, MISS. [REDACTED] WILL
KNOW AND FURNISH IDENTITIES JUNE THIRTEEN NEXT. G DASH TWO, CHICAGO,
ADVISED THIS DATE. LETTERHEAD MEMO FOLLOWS.

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UNITED STATES

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: June 16, 1961

FROM : A. Rosen *RW*

SUBJECT: FREEBUS

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FREEDOM RIDERS - MISC.

SAC Brown, Jacksonville Office, advised that the nine members of the inter-faith group are still at the Tallahassee Airport and police protection has been withdrawn.

The Chief of Police, City Commissioners, Mayor, City Attorney and County Prosecutor of Tallahassee have been in conference all morning and a decision has reportedly been made to arrest the group at the airport. The members of the conference are en route to the airport now.

SAC Brown will advise of further developments.

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| Reporting Office NEW ORLEANS | Office of Origin NEW ORLEANS | Date 5/31/61 | Investigative Period 5/29 - 31/61 |
| TITLE OF CASE 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 | | Report made by SA | Typed By: eah |
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REFERENCE

New Orleans telephone calls to Bureau, 5/29 & 30/61.

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AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

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Office: NEW ORLEANS

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5/31/61

Field Office File No.: 157-280

Bureau File No.:

Title:

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

Character:

RACIAL MATTERS; CIVIL RIGHTS

Synopsis:

City of New Orleans, ICRR Train, departed New Orleans, La., 7:12 AM, arrived Jackson, Miss., 10:10 AM, 5/30/61. 8 Freedom Riders, 5 of which were white males, two Negro females and one Negro male, disembarked from train and entered white waiting room of railroad station. Captain, Jackson PD, ordered them to move on and when they refused placed under arrest for "Breach of the Peace." [REDACTED] one of group arrested, asked PD the basis of the arrest. Group tried, City Court, Jackson, Miss., 5/30/61, and found guilty. Sentenced 60 days, suspended sentence and fined \$200. All refused to pay fine and confined to jail. 5 of group presently confined Jackson City Jail and other three confined Hinds County Jail. No demonstrations at train station when group arrived. No crowds and train area policed by 12 uniformed officers. Trial attended by two white spectators, 10 white reporters and one Negro spectator.

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TRAVEL NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA
TO JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

DETAILS:

This investigation is predicated on information received by the New Orleans Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to the effect that CORE was sending the following Freedom Riders by Illinois Central Railroad, the City of New Orleans, which would leave New Orleans, Louisiana, at 7:15 AM, arriving Jackson, Mississippi, 10:16 AM, May 30, 1961. The group will consist of eight persons, five whites and three Negroes, and they will purchase tickets from New Orleans, Louisiana to Canton, Mississippi, in order to check integration facilities at the railroad station in Jackson, Mississippi. They are as follows:

~~SECRET~~
[redacted] male, [redacted] lbs., [redacted] dark brown hair, cut short, looks older.

~~SECRET~~
[redacted] male, [redacted] looks younger, [redacted] lbs., slender build, dark wavy hair, [redacted]

~~SECRET~~
[redacted] male, [redacted] lbs., blue eyes, brown hair.

~~SECRET~~
[redacted] male, [redacted] lbs., heavy, [redacted]

[redacted] male, [redacted] lbs., black hair.

~~SECRET~~
[redacted] male, [redacted] dark complexion, muscular build, [redacted]

[redacted] female, [redacted] lbs., build slender, dark complexion.

~~SECRET~~
[redacted] female, [redacted] lbs.

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Advice was received that if the facilities at the railroad station were made available then they would try the Greyhound Bus Depot, then buy tickets down through Mississippi to test the interstate facilities.

Information concerning this matter was given to Chief of Detectives M. B. PIERCE, Jackson, Mississippi, 6:00 PM, May 29, 1961, and to Colonel T. B. BIRDSONG, Mississippi Highway Patrol, at 6:12 PM, by ASAC JOSEPH T. SYLVESTER, JR.

Efforts were made to contact Sheriff J. ROBERT GILFOY but it was determined that he was attending a meeting in the Governor's Office.

On May 30, 1961, at 7:20 AM, information was received from New Orleans Division, FBI, that the train, City of New Orleans, of Illinois Central Railroad, left New Orleans at 7:12 AM, en route to Jackson, Mississippi, carrying a group of Freedom Riders. This group was riding in Car 2610 and when it left New Orleans it was the second to last car. It was scheduled to arrive Jackson, Mississippi, 10:10 AM, May 30, 1961.

The group of Freedom Riders comprised eight individuals, five of whom were white males, one Negro male and two Negro females.

The New Orleans FBI Office advised that on departure of the train and prior thereto there were no incidents at the train station, no crowds and normal newspaper coverage.

The above information was furnished to the Police Department at Jackson, Mississippi, at 7:50 AM, May 30, 1961.

ARRIVAL JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, AND ARREST

5/31/61

Date

Observations were made at the Illinois Central Railroad (ICRR) Station on May 30, 1961.

At 10:00 AM, twelve uniformed officers of the Jackson Police Department were located in the station and four or more outside. There were small groups of spectators totaling about twenty-five within a radius of one block.

ICRR train, "The City of New Orleans," arrived at Jackson at 10:12 AM. A group of newsmen and photographers were first to get off. They were followed by eight Freedom Riders. This group consisted of five white males, two Negro females, one Negro male.

[redacted] of the New Orleans Times-Picayune, identified the Negro males as [redacted] from Florence, [redacted] was the spokesman for the group.

The Freedom Riders went directly to the white waiting room of the station where Captain [redacted] of the Jackson Police Department, ordered them to move on. When they did not leave the waiting room he placed the group under arrest. [redacted] asked why they were being arrested and was informed by Captain [redacted] that the arrest was for "breach of the peace." The Freedom Riders were not searched but directed to the patrol wagon parked at the side of the station with the exception of [redacted] who was allowed to make a recording of an interview with a member of the press in the white waiting room. This interview lasted approximately five minutes.

When the train arrived a crowd of about seventy-five people was at the platform. Many of these people were passengers who boarded the train. A large group of newsmen was present. [redacted] Jackson news reporter, advised that [redacted] CORE Field Representative from Chicago, Illinois, met the Freedom Riders at the ICRR Station platform but did not go with them to the white waiting room where the arrests took place. *Miss*

[redacted] a Negro male from Nashville, Tennessee, who arrived in Jackson, Mississippi, on May 29, 1961, was also observed on the railroad platform to meet the train. He did not go to the white waiting room and was not arrested. *Tenn. - Miss.*

On 5/30/61 at Jackson, Mississippi File # 157-280

by SA [redacted] eah Date dictated 5/30/61

Date 5/30/61

Chief of Detectives M. B. PIERCE, Jackson Police Department, advised the following eight individuals were arrested by Captain [redacted] at the Illinois Central Railroad Station, Jackson, Mississippi, at 10:30 AM, 5/30/61, for Breach of the Peace by refusing to obey an officer and were confined to the Jackson City Jail on 5/30/61:

BORN [redacted] FLORENCE, S.C. [redacted] La. - Miss.
[redacted] Florence,
S. C., [redacted] male, age [redacted] student, Claflin University, [redacted]
Orangeburg, S. C., [redacted] lbs., black hair, black complexion,
brown eyes, Mother [redacted] Father [redacted]
BORN [redacted] PHILADELPHIA, PA [redacted] Rockville,
Centre, N. Y., [redacted] male, age [redacted] student, Tulane University,
New Orleans, La., [redacted] lbs., fair complexion, brown hair,
grey eyes, Mother [redacted] Father [redacted]
BORN [redacted] GREAT FALLS, S.C. [redacted] Great Falls,
S. C., [redacted] female, age [redacted] student at Claflin University, APPROX.
Orangeburg, S. C., [redacted] lbs., black hair, black complexion,
brown eyes, Mother [redacted] Father [redacted] BORN [redacted] N.Y.
[redacted] Eye, N. Y.,
[redacted] male, age [redacted] student, Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.,
[redacted] fair complexion, brown hair, green eyes, Mother [redacted]
[redacted] Father [redacted]
BORN [redacted] NEW ORLEANS, LA [redacted] New Orleans,
La., [redacted] female, age [redacted] student at Southern University,
New Orleans, La., [redacted] lbs., brown complexion, black
hair, black eyes, Mother [redacted] Father [redacted]
BORN [redacted] OKLAHOMA CITY [redacted] Ithaca, N. Y.,
[redacted] male, age [redacted] student at Cornell
University, [redacted] lbs., fair complexion, brown hair,
blue eyes, Mother [redacted] Father [redacted]
[redacted] Ithaca, N. Y.,
[redacted] male, age [redacted] student, Cornell University, [redacted] lbs.,
fair complexion, brown hair, blue eyes, Father [redacted]
Mother [redacted] *BORN* [redacted] FLUSHING, N.Y. APPROX.

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[redacted] Ithaca, N. Y.,
[redacted] male, [redacted] student at Cornell University, [redacted] lbs.,
fair complexion, brown hair and eyes, Mother - [redacted] Father -
[redacted]

Mr. PIERCE advised [redacted] stated [redacted]
he is the spokesman for the above group and noted that [redacted]
was permitted to call attorney [redacted] Jackson, Mississippi,
before being booked. Mr. PIERCE advised the date of trial of
the above individuals has not been determined.

B. APPROX

5/31/61

Date

The fingerprint cards on the below listed individuals revealed the following information:

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| [redacted] | born | [redacted] | Florence, S. C. |
| [redacted] | born | [redacted] | Philadelphia, Pa. |
| [redacted] | born | [redacted] | Great Falls, S. C. |
| [redacted] | born | [redacted] | N. Y., N. Y. |
| [redacted] | born | [redacted] | New Orleans, La. |
| [redacted] | | | Oklahoma City, Okla. |
| [redacted] | born | [redacted] | Flushing, N. Y. |
| [redacted] | , born | [redacted] | N. Y., N. Y. |

The fingerprint cards on [redacted] reflect the statements that no prior arrests were admitted.

Cards of [redacted] show the following admitted arrests:

[redacted] "Many" arrests for breach of peace by police in Orangeburg, S. C., and Columbia, S. C.

[redacted] - Arrested by New Orleans Police Department in 1960 for "handing out pamphlets" and in 1961 for picketing.

[redacted] - Arrested by Orangeburg, S. C. police in 1959 for breach of peace and by Columbia, S. C., police in 1960 for breach of the peace.

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by SA [redacted] eah Date dictated 5/30/61

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Date 5/31/61

Chief of Detectives M. B. PIERCE, Jackson, Mississippi, Police Department, advised Judge JAMES L. SPENCER, Municipal Court Judge, had found all defendants guilty of "Breach of the Peace," Section 2087.5, Mississippi Code 1942 Annotated, as amended 1960. All defendants were sentenced to 60 days in jail, fined \$200, with jail sentence being suspended.

Mr. PIERCE advised that the newspapers had been told the time of the instant trial and that in the courtroom, in addition to the defendants and their attorney, there were a Negro spectator named [redacted] a CORE leader, ten white reporters, two white spectators, one of whom was the Justice of the Peace, the other being Mr. [redacted] of the State Forestry Commission, of the State of Mississippi.

Mr. PIERCE advised that no one had been barred from the courtroom; that no police were utilized on the streets; no spectators on the streets, and there was no incident of any sort during this trial.

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On 5/30/61 at Jackson, Mississippi File # 157-280
by SA [redacted] ah Date dictated 5/30/61

Date 5/31/61

Chief of Detectives M. B. PIERCE, Jackson Police Department, advised the following eight individuals, who were arrested at 10:30 AM, May 30, 1961, for Breach of the Peace by refusing to obey an officer, were tried before Judge JAMES L. SPENCER, Jackson Municipal Court Judge at 3:00 PM, on May 30, 1961, at which time each entered a plea of not guilty and each was represented by Attorney [redacted] of Jackson:



Mr. PIERCE advised each of the above individuals was found guilty as charged and each was sentenced to pay a fine of \$200.00 and to serve 60 days; however, the 60-day sentence was suspended by Judge SPENCER.

Mr. PIERCE advised the case was prosecuted by City Attorney [redacted] and Captain [redacted] Jackson Police Department, the arresting officer, was the only witness called by the prosecution. He advised no witnesses were called by the defense.

Mr. PIERCE advised the above individuals have indicated they do not desire to pay their fine or to seek release on bond by filing an appeal at this time but may do so later. He advised they were remanded to the Jackson City Jail and he is not certain when they will be transferred to the Hinds County Jail.

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by SA [redacted] eah Date dictated 5/30/61

Date 5/31/61

JACK A. TRAVIS, JR., City Attorney, advised that on May 30, 1961, Captain J. L. RAY, Jackson Police Department, appeared before JAMES L. SPENCER, a Police Justice of the City of Jackson and Ex-Officio Justice of the Peace of Jackson, and signed eight separate affidavits charging the eight individual Freedom Riders did, on or about May 30, 1961, in the corporate limits of Jackson, First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, with intent to provoke a breach of the peace, did then and there wilfully and unlawfully congregate with others in or around the Illinois Central Railroad Station or Depot, 300 West Capitol Street, Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi, a place of business engaged in selling or serving members of the public, in violation of Section 2087.5, Mississippi Code of 1942, Annotated, as amended, and did then and there fail or refuse to disburse and move on when ordered to do so by affiant (Captain [redacted], a law enforcement officer of the City of Jackson, Mississippi, a Municipality, contrary to the laws and ordinances in such cases made and provided, and against the peace and dignity of the State of Mississippi.

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On 5/30/61 at Jackson, Mississippi File # 157-280

by SA [redacted] /eah Date dictated 5/30/61

Date 5/31/61

Chief of Detectives M. B. PIERCE, Jackson
Police Department, advised that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] are presently in Jackson City Jail
awaiting transportation to the Hinds County Jail. He further
stated that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] are presently incarcerated in the Hinds County
Jail.

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On 5/31/61 at Jackson, Mississippi File # 157-280

by SA [REDACTED] eah Date dictated 5/31/61

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The following is the content of Mississippi Code Section 2087.5:

"Disorderly conduct--may constitute felony, when.

"1. Whoever with intent to provoke a breach of the peace, or under circumstances such that a breach of the peace may be occasioned thereby:

"(1) crowds or congregates with others in or upon shore protecting structure or structures, or a public street or public highway, or upon a public sidewalk, or any other public place, or in any hotel, motel, store, restaurant, lunch counter, cafeteria, sandwich shop, motion picture theatre, drive-in, beauty parlor, swimming pool area, or any sports or recreational area or place, or any other place of business engaged in selling or serving members of the public, or in or around any free entrance to any such place of business or public building, or to any building owned by another individual, or a corporation, or a partnership or an association, and who fails or refuses to disperse and move on, or disperse or move on, when ordered so to do by any law enforcement officer of any municipality, or county, in which such act or acts are committed, or by any law enforcement officer of the State of Mississippi, or any other authorized person, or

"(2) insults or makes rude or obscene remarks or gestures, or used profane language, or physical acts, or indecent proposals to or toward another or others, or disturbs or obstructs or interferes with another or others, or

"(3) while in or on any public bus, taxicab, or other vehicle engaged in transporting members of the public for a fare or charge, causes a disturbance or does or says, respectively, any of the matters or things mentioned in subsection (2) Supra, to, toward, or in the presence of any

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"other passenger on said vehicle, or any person outside of said vehicle or in the process of boarding or departing from said vehicle, or any employee engaged in and about the operation of such vehicle, or

"(4) refusing to leave the premises of another when requested so to do by any owner, lessee, or any employee thereof,

"shall be guilty of disorderly conduct, which is made a misdemeanor, and, upon, conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not more than two hundred dollars (\$200.00), or imprisonment in the county jail for not more than four (4) months; or by both such fine and imprisonment; and if any person shall be guilty of disorderly conduct as defined herein and such conduct shall lead to a breach of the peace or incite a riot in any of the places herein named, and as a result of said breach of the peace or riot another person or persons shall be maimed, killed or injured, then the person guilty of such disorderly conduct as defined herein shall be guilty of a felony, and upon conviction such person shall be imprisoned in the Penitentiary not longer than ten (10) years.

"2. The provisions of this act are supplementary to the provisions of any other statute of this state.

"3. If any paragraph, sentence, or clause of this act shall be held to be unconstitutional or invalid, the same shall not affect any other part, portion or provision of this act, but such other part shall remain in full force and effect."

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Memorandum

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TO : Mr. Rosen *Rosen*

DATE: June 17, 1961

FROM :

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SUBJECT: FREEBUS

MISC.
 At 2:05 a.m., 6-17-61, ASAC Andrew M. Dinsmore of the Tampa Division phoned and advised that the remaining eleven of the professional group of the freedom riders had departed from the Tampa Airport via Eastern Airlines for New York City at 12:57 a.m., 6-17-61. The reservations had been made some time ago at New York City.

Further details concerning this matter to be sent to the Bureau immediately by teletype.

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URGENT 6-14-61 6-23 PM EST PP

TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC-S JACKSONVILLE AND TAMPA
FROM SAC, SAVANNAH /157-273/ 3P *FREEDOM RIDERS. MISC.*
FREEBUS, RACIAL MATTERS. CORE, RACIAL MATTERS. RE CHARLOTTE TELS
TODAY AND SAVANNAH TEL TO BUREAU AND CAPTIONED OFFICES, TODAY.
GROUP TWO PAREN INTER FAITH GROUP END PAREN, CONSISTING OF EIGHT
WHITE, FOUR JEWISH, SIX NEGRO, MEMBERS OF CLERGY AND ONE MEMBER OF
NEW YORK PRESS, ARRIVED SUMTER, S. C., TWO THIRTY PM FROM RALEIGH,
N. C., AFTER MAKING A THREE MINUTE STOP FROM TWELVE TWENTY SEVEN TO
TWELVE THIRTY AT BENNETTSVILLE, S. C., TO PICK UP PASSENGERS. NO
RIDERS LEFT BUS AT BENNETTSVILLE. THIS GROUP ARRIVED SUMTER, S. C.,
TWO THIRTY PM BY GREYHOUND BUS LABELED MIAMI EXPRESS, CARRING
NINETEEN PASSENGERS, DESCRIBED ABOVE. STOPPED AT EVANS RESTAURANT,
A REGULAR BUS RESTAURANT STOP. MEMBERS OF BUS WENT TO DOOR OF
RESTAURANT AND ASKED TO BE SERVED MEALS ON AN INTERGRATED BASIS.

[REDACTED] ADVISED THEM HE HAD AVAILABLE
FACILITIES FOR BOTH THE WHITE AND NEGRO RACES AND WOULD SERVE THEM
MEALS ONLY ON A SEGREGATED BASIS. SPOKESMAN FOR GROUP ADVISED HIM
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THEY WERE TRAVELLING ON AN INTER STATE BASIS AND HE ADVISED THEM HE HAD NO OFFICIAL CONTRACT WITH GREYHOUND BUS AND SERVED MEALS ONLY ON A SEGREGATED BASIS. MEMBERS THEN MADE TELEPHONE CALL FROM PHONE BOOTH TO NEW YORK AND AFTER COMPLETING CALL, BOARDED BUS WITHOUT FURTHER SEEKING SERVICE OR MEALS IN RESTAURANT. THE PRESS, TV, STATE, COUNTY AND CITY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS PRESENT. NO INCIDENTS. APPROXIMATELY THIRTY WHITE SPECTATORS. BUS THEN DRIVEN APPROXIMATELY TWO MILES TO GREYHOUND BUS STATION, SUMTER, S. C., WHERE ALL OCCUPANTS OF BUS LEFT BUS AND ENTERED REST ROOMS AND WAITING ROOMS OF BUS STATION ON INTEGRATED BASIS. THESE ROOMS ARE UNMARKED BUT BY TRADITION EACH RACE VOLUNTARILY USE THEIR OWN ~~RE~~ FACILITIES. PRESS, TV, STATE, COUNTY AND CITY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS PRESENT. APPROXIMATELY TWENTY FIVE SPECTATORS PRESENT, CONSISTING OF BOTH WHITE AND NEGRO. NO INCIDENTS. OCCUPANTS LEFT BUS STATION AND DEPARTED IN TAXI CAB, OPERATED BY WHITE, ON AN INTEGRATED BASIS. ALL GATHERED AT EMMANUEL NEGRO BAPTIST CHURCH WITH KNOWN NAACP AND CORE LEADERS OF SUMTER. PLANS OF GROUP BETWEEN FOUR THIRTY PM AND NEXT SCHEDULED BUS FOR TALLAHASSEE, FLA., AT TWELVE TWENTY EIGHT AM, JUNE FIFTEEN, NEXT, NOT KNOWN. SPECIFIC ITINERARY

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OF GROUP AFTER DEPARTURE FROM SUMTER TO TALLAHASSEE, NOT KNOWN.
MATTER BEING FOLLOWED AT SUMTER, S. C., AS TO SUBSEQUENT ACTION
CONTEMPLATED BY GROUP AND BUREAU AND AUXILLIARY OFFICIES WILL BE
IMMEDIATELY ADVISED OF PERTIENT FUTURE DEVELOPEMENTS.

CHARLOTTE ADVISED BY AIR MAIL. OTHER OFFICES WILL BE ADVISED .

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC NEW ORLEANS /157-264/ 1P

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FREEBUS. RACIAL MATTERS. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY AS OF THREE PM,
JUNE EIGHTEEN, SIXTYONE. NO FREEDOM RIDERS ARRESTED OR RELEASED
BOND OR FINE JACKSON, MISS., SINCE SUMMARY JUNE SEVENTEENTH
LAST. TOTAL ARRESTED ONE ONE SIX. OUT ON BOND THIRTY. PAID
FINES FOUR. NET IN CUSTODY EIGHTYTWO. ALL FREEDOM RIDERS
EATING AT JACKSON CITY JAIL AND HINDS COUNTY JAIL.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FREEDOM RIDERS - MISC.

FROM SAC, NEW ORLEANS /157-264/ 1P

FREEBUS. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY AS OF THREE PM, JUNE
SEVENTEEN. NO FR ARRESTED SINCE JUNE SIXTEEN SUMMARY.

[REDACTED] ARRESTED IC RAILROAD DEPOT,

JACKSON, JUNE NINE. RELEASED ON FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS CASH APPEAL
BOND NIGHT JUNE SIXTEEN. TOTAL ARRESTED ONE ONE SIX. OUT
ON BOND THIRTY. PAID FINES FOUR. NET IN CUSTODY EIGHTYTWO.
ALL FR PRISONERS EATING AT JACKSON COUNTY JAIL AND HINDS
COUNTY JAIL.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FREEDOM RIDERS-MISC.

FROM SAC, JACKSONVILLE /157-246/ 2P

FREE BUS, RACIAL MATTER, QUOTE "CORE" UNQUOTE RACIAL MATTERS. RE
INTERFAITH GROUP. AS OF NOON TODAY, NO EFFORT BEING MADE TO
EFFECT BOND FOR JAILED RIDERS PRESENTLY CUSTODY LEON COUNTY
JAIL, TALLAHASSEE, FLA. FLORIDA GOVERNOR ISSUED THE
FOLLOWING STATEMENT JUNE SIXTEEN LAST AS HIS POSITION IN THIS
REGARD. QUOTE [FLORIDA HAS ACCORDED TO THE FREEDOM RIDERS THE
FULL PROTECTION OF HER LAWS. REGARDLESS OF COST OR CONVENIENCE,
THEIR TRIP ACROSS FLORIDA WAS MADE PEACEFUL AND WITHOUT INCIDENT.
UNFORTUNATELY THESE PEOPLE WERE NOT WILLING TO LEAVE FLORIDA
WITHOUT CREATING DISCORD AND SECURING ATTENDANT PUBLICITY.
IN THE LAST TEN MINUTES OF THEIR SCHEDULED STAY, THEY EMBARKED
UPON A NEW COURSE DESIGNED TO MAKE TROUBLE. IF NOT DETERRED BY
LOCAL AUTHORITIES THEY WOULD HAVE SUCCEEDED WITH DAMAGE TO
THE POISE AND DIGNITY OF THIS STATE. WE OFFER THE FULL
PROTECTION OF THE LAW TO ALL IN FLORIDA WHO SEEK TO PURSUE
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LAWFUL PURPOSES, BUT WE ISSUE NO LICENSES GRANTING IMMUNITY
FROM ARREST TO THOSE WHO VIOLATE OUR LAWS BY THEIR ACTIONS.

NEITHER THE CAUSE NOR THE COMPOSITION OF ANY GROUP OF PEOPLE
FREES THEM FROM THEIR OBLIGATION AS CITIZENS. UNQUOTE.

THE BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED AS TO FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.

MIAMI AND TAMPA ADVISED BY AM.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, JACKSONVILLE /157-246/ 1P

QUOTE FREE BUS UNQUOTE, RACIAL MATTERS., CORE, RACIAL MATTERS.
RE INTERFAITH GROUP UNDER ARREST TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA. AT
TWO FIFTEEN P.M., ENTIRE GROUP WHICH HAD BEEN INCARCERATED
MADE BOND, FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS EACH, THROUGH TALLAHASSEE
BONDSMAN [REDACTED] WERE RELEASED FROM LEON COUNTY JAIL
AND DEPARTED JAIL AREA IN PRIVATE CARS OF REV. [REDACTED]
REV. [REDACTED] AND REV. [REDACTED] THEY ARE STILL IN
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA. PRESENT PLANS UNDETERMINED AT THIS
TIME. BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED.

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LINE 4, WORD 4, "HUNDRED" LINE 6, NAME AT END OF LINE
REV. [REDACTED]

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC-S, ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, MOBILE,
AND NEW ORLEANS

FROM SAC, MEMPHIS 1157-1401 *FREEDOM RIDERS-MISC*

FREEBUS, RACIAL MATTERS. RE ATLANTA TEL TO BUREAU AND
INTERESTED OFFICES TODAY. [REDACTED] STUDENT CENTRAL

COMMITTEE, NASHVILLE, TENN., ADVISED THSI PM THERE IS A
CHANGE OF PLANS RE FREEDOM RIDERS. HE STATED THAT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CHICAGO, ILL., [REDACTED] CHICAGO,
ILL., [REDACTED] CLEVELAND, OHIO AND PROBABLY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] FROM NASHVILLE WILL LEAVE NASHVILLE
TEN-THIRTYFIVE, PM, THIS DATE ENROUTE TO ATLANTA BY
GREYHOUND BUS. NO PLANS TO TEST FACILITIES ENROUTE.

IN ATLANTA WILL JOIN WITH ANOTHER GROUP OF FREEDOM RIDERS
AND LEAVING ATLANTA SIX, NINETEEN, SIXTYONE ENROUTE
JACKSON, MISS., BY WAY OF MONTGOMERY, ALA. STATES [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ATLANTA, WILL HAVE DETAILS RELATING TO TRIP.

AT, BH, MO, AND NO ADVISED SEPARATEY.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 6-6-61

FROM :

SUBJECT:

JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

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For your information, the attached letter dated 6-1-61 has been received from captioned individual who is highly critical of Federal protection being given to the "Freedom Riders" MISC, currently in the south. [redacted] is not identifiable in Bufiles.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached letter not be acknowledged.

Enclosure

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Director, F.B.I. Washington D.C.

It looks like you folks could find something worth while to do instead of running down to the County Farm to see if some "Freedom rider" had gotten himself in trouble.

If a guard smacked a white man you wouldn't worry, but when a black man who got himself arrested on purpose, turns out to be a crybaby you come on the run.

The F.B.I. has only been able to make it's record because ordinary people trusted it and helped it. Why should I ever help you if this is all you have to do?

[Redacted]

Miss.

W. J. Bufiles

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to DeLoach memo
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[Redacted]

Jackson Miss.

June 1 1961.

Director, F.B.I., Washington D.C.,

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It looks like you folks
could find something worth
while to do instead of running
down to the County Farm to
see if some "Freedom rider"
had gotten himself in trouble.

If a guard smacked a white
man you wouldn't worry,
but when a black man who
got himself arrested on purpose,
turns out to be a crybaby
you come on the man.

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Why should I ever help you
if this is all you have to do?

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JACKSON,

MISS.

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5-30-61

[Redacted]

Dear Sir:

Woonsocket R.I.

It is my contention that the free-
dom riders can inflame the whole
South particularly now since they are
enlarging their ranks with North-
-ern sympathizers and this is doubly
aggravating to a Southerner.

This is not progress for the colored
people.

Instead of hedgehopping from
State to State they should concentrate
their efforts in one State until
that State yields - this is orderly
progress.

All our mistakes from now on
will be magnified to Canada
and So. America by the Soviet.

We are nicely recuperating from
[Redacted] to [Redacted]
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the recent Cuban Strike so it
makes sense to know that
Federal troops in all So. States
is not good business.

your Truly,

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 6-6-61
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FROM : [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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For your information, the attached letter dated May 30, 1961, has been received from captioned individual who protests the current methods of the "Freedom Riders" in the south. [REDACTED] also protests the use of Federal officers to offer them protection.

Correspondent forwarded his observations relative to certain matters he believed of interest to the Bureau twice in 1940 and again in 1950, and short notes of appreciation were sent him. He offered no specifics at that time. 65-0-2543, 91-5535-668 and 65-0-2304.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached letter not be acknowledged.

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TO : Mr. Belmont *HB*

DATE: June 14, 1961

FROM : A. Rosen *ARM*

SUBJECT: FREEBUS

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SYNOPSIS

Two previously convicted freedom riders released on bond at Jackson, Mississippi, 6/13/61. b6
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One-hundred and ten freedom riders arrested at Jackson since 5/24/61. Twenty-six released on bond, four paid fines and 80 remain in custody. Thirteen in city jail refuse to eat.

Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) freedom riders scheduled to leave Chicago 6/13/61 now plan to leave 6/16/61.

Plans for contemplated freedom ride from St. Louis area 6/17/61 are indefinite but plans are to be formulated 6/14/61.

Union and professional group of 14 freedom riders left Washington, D. C., by Greyhound bus 6/13/61 and spent night at Wilmington, North Carolina. They are to continue by Greyhound bus to Jacksonville, Florida, 6/14/61. Final destination is St. Petersburg, Florida.

The group reportedly will continuously split into smaller groups as they continue their travel so that if one group is arrested the others can continue to their destination.

North Carolina Highway Patrol had forty men on outskirts of Wilmington and later dismissed all but fifteen. one of the freedom riders called Charlotte Office and said he had heard rumors there would be trouble but no incident occurred.

Group of thirteen rabbis and ministers accompanied by three newspapermen left Washington, D. C., by Greyhound bus 6/13/61 and spent the night at Raleigh, North Carolina, with faculty members of Shaw University. They will

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proceed by Greyhound bus 6/14/61 to test the facilities at Sumter, South Carolina, and then continue to Jacksonville, Florida, arriving 6/15/61. From Jacksonville they will go to Tallahassee to test the facilities and then fly to New York. There have been no incidents.

[redacted] allegedly told Student Central Committee, Nashville, Tennessee, on 5/21/61 he saw police officers change into civilian clothing and attack freedom riders at Trailways bus station, Birmingham, Alabama, 5/14/61. Officers then followed [redacted] to his home and allegedly beat him breaking his arm. Student Central Committee gave [redacted] \$20 for travel to Detroit. There has been no prior indication that officers engaged in violence at bus station. [redacted] being immediately interviewed and his story will be checked out.

ACTION:

A memorandum is being prepared for the information of the Attorney General.

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Memorandum for Mr. Belmont

DETAILS

[redacted] a freedom rider who was arrested at Jackson, Mississippi, 5/28/61, and [redacted] a freedom rider who was arrested at Jackson, Mississippi, 5/24/61, were released 6/13/61 on \$500 cash bonds.

Since 5/24/61, 110 freedom riders have been arrested at Jackson. Twenty-six have been released on bond, four have been released upon payment of fines and 80 remain in custody. Thirteen freedom riders confined in the Jackson city jail are refusing to eat.

It was previously reported that a group of freedom riders would leave Chicago, 6/13/61, for Nashville, Tennessee, where they would arrange for travel by bus to Jackson, Mississippi. [redacted] CORE, Chicago, advised on 6/13/61 that the group would not leave Chicago until 6/16/61.

It has been previously reported that a freedom ride was contemplated by train from St. Louis, Missouri, or East St. Louis, Illinois, to Jackson, Mississippi, on 6/17/61. On 6/13/61 Charles R. Oldham, National Chairman, CORE, St. Louis, advised that the plans for this trip are still indefinite but will be formulated at a meeting on 6/14/61.

The two groups of freedom riders whose final destinations are Tallahassee, Florida, and St. Petersburg, Florida, left Washington, D. C., by Greyhound bus as scheduled 6/13/61. In passing through Richmond, Virginia, both groups ate at desegregated facilities in the bus terminal without incident.

The so-called union and professional group, consisting of five Negro males, two Negro females, five white males and two white females, did leave Washington, D. C., 6/13/61 by Greyhound bus arriving at Wilmington, North Carolina, at 6:08 p. m. They used the white waiting room without incident. They were met by a biracial crowd of approximately 100 persons at the terminal.

The above group left the Greyhound bus station in taxicabs operated by Negroes and proceeded to the Payne Tourist Home where they had reservations for the night. Their bills for board and lodging were paid by [redacted]

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Wilmington, who was assisted in making arrangements for the group by Reverend [redacted] Negro minister of the Ephesus Seventh-Day Adventist Church. The group ate in Negro restaurants in the vicinity of the tourist home.

A representative of the Wilmington Chapter, NAACP, advised local authorities that the group of freedom riders did not want any trouble and was apprehensive regarding the publicity and the crowd which was encountered at the bus depot. The NAACP had proposed to welcome the freedom riders but canceled these plans upon receiving a telegram from the group prior to their arrival in Wilmington. It was further stated that the group will continuously split up to smaller groups so that if any single group is arrested other groups will remain which can proceed to their final destination at St. Petersburg, Florida.

The above group reportedly intended to leave Wilmington on two separate buses departing at 7:30 a. m. , and 12:30 p. m. , 6/14/61, arriving in Jacksonville, Florida, on the evening of 6/14/61. Information received previously indicated that they intended to spend the night of 6/14/61 in Charleston, South Carolina.

The other group of freedom riders which left Washington, D. C. , 6/13/61, en route to Tallahassee, Florida, reportedly consists of three newspaper reporters as well as eleven Negro and two white rabbis and ministers. They arrived at Raleigh, North Carolina, by Greyhound bus at 4:45 p. m. , 6/13/61, and indicated to the press that they were pleased with the bus terminal facilities at Raleigh. They were spending the night of 6/13/61 in Raleigh at the homes of faculty members of Shaw University and planned to depart from Raleigh by Greyhound bus at 9:50 a. m. , 6/14/61, en route to Sumter, South Carolina, where they will test the facilities and then continue to Jacksonville, Florida, arriving at 6:45 a. m. , 6/15/61. From Jacksonville they plan to proceed to Tallahassee, Florida, where they will test the facilities at the airport and then proceed to New York by airplane 6/15/61 at 2:25 p. m.

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No incidents occurred with regard to the travel of either of the above groups. However, [redacted] who is with the union and professional group, advised the Charlotte Office on the evening of 6/13/61 that he had heard rumors there would be trouble at Wilmington and had been instructed that he should call the FBI if any violence occurred.

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The North Carolina Highway Patrol had forty men in readiness on the outskirts of Wilmington when the freedom riders arrived 6/13/61. All but fifteen were dismissed later in the evening.

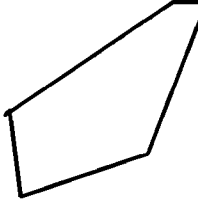
[redacted] of the Student Central Committee, Nashville, Tennessee, advised on the evening of 6/13/61 that [redacted] had informed the Committee as follows:

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[redacted] was employed as a shoeshine boy at the Trailways bus station in Birmingham, Alabama, when the freedom riders arrived 5/14/61 and encountered a violent mob. Prior to the arrival of the bus [redacted] allegedly observed police officers change into civilian clothing and later saw these police officers attack the freedom riders. When [redacted] left for his home the officers followed him and beat him breaking his arm. He was then taken to the Hillmer Hospital where his arm was set and put in a cast. Upon being released from the hospital he hitchhiked to Nashville where he contacted the Student Central Committee on 5/21/61.

On the basis of [redacted] story the Student Central Committee gave him \$20 for transportation to Detroit, Michigan. [redacted] said that he did not believe that [redacted] had furnished this information to any authorities. It is noted that extensive investigation into the violence at the bus station has not developed any indication that police officers engaged in the violence. Arrangements are being made for the immediate interview of [redacted] and his story will be checked out in detail.

No record pertaining to [redacted] was found in the General Indices or in the records of the Identification Division.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

*Memorandum*TO : Mr. Rosen *RK*

DATE: 6-7-61

FROM :

[REDACTED] *Chapman*

SUBJECT:

0 FREEDOM/RIDE *RIDERS - MISC.*

Atlanta, Georgia, to
 Jackson, Mississippi, 6-7-61
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 OF COURT; CIVIL RIGHTS

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With reference to the presence of members of the press at the Jackson, Mississippi, bus depot when the bus carrying Lane and Sutton arrived, SA [REDACTED] of Mobile furnished the following information:

USA Hartwell Davis advised that he received a telephone call from [REDACTED] Associated Press, Montgomery, Alabama, inquiring whether Davis felt the activities of [REDACTED] were in violation of Judge Johnson's order. Davis told [REDACTED] that he did not wish to comment on the matter until he has had an opportunity to discuss it with Judge Johnson.

Davis stated that during the conversation with [REDACTED] the latter stated that members of the press had received information concerning [REDACTED] arrival from the Office of the Governor in Montgomery.

It is noted that among the local authorities notified by the Mobile Office concerning the arrival of [REDACTED] was Floyd Mann, the Alabama State Director of Public Safety.

USA Davis has advised that Judge Johnson is out of town and can not be reached until his return to Montgomery on Monday, 6-12-61. Davis will discuss the matter relating to [REDACTED] with Judge Johnson upon his return to Montgomery on that date.

SAC Held of Mobile furnished the following additional information:

With regard to the young "punk" observed at the bus depot whom the police allegedly were going to arrest, a check with the Montgomery Police Department reflected that this

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individual was not actually arrested but was "run off" from the depot. Mobile is attempting to determine the identify of this individual.

SAC Held subsequently advised at 6:45 p.m. that inquiry had determined that [redacted] ~~HAD MADE~~ two long distance telephone calls. One was from a bus depot telephone and the telephone company was unable to identify the party called. The second was made from a public booth on the street at 12:18 p.m.. The telephone company advised that one [redacted] had called [redacted] in New York City and the call was placed to one [redacted] →

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TO : Mr. Belmont *AB*

DATE: June 15, 1961 ✓

FROM : A. Rosen *Rosen*

SUBJECT: FREEBUS

FREEDOM RIDERS - MISC.

SYNOPSIS

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One freedom rider arrested Jackson, Mississippi, 6/14/61.

One-hundred and eleven freedom riders arrested at Jackson since 6/24/61. Twenty-six released on bond, four released after paying fines and 81 remain in custody.

Sixteen freedom riders at Jackson city jail refuse to eat.

Forty-five freedom riders were to be transferred from Jackson to Mississippi State Penitentiary between 3:30 AM and 4:00 AM, 6/15/61.

Union and professional group which left Washington, D. C., 6/13/61, arrived in Charleston, South Carolina, 6/14/61 and plan to continue to Jacksonville, Florida, by Greyhound bus 6/15/61.

Chief of Police at Charleston heard that a Negro female said she was threatened with a knife when she attempted to enter an eating establishment at Conway, South Carolina. However, a white female in the group reportedly said that the restaurant owner had been making a salad and merely waved his knife at the woman.

Chief of Police at Conway, South Carolina, said that when the freedom riders passed through on their way to Charleston, a group was refused service at a snack bar but he had no knowledge of any incident at Conway.

The group of rabbis and ministers who left Washington, D. C., 6/13/61 continued their journey from Raleigh, North Carolina, 6/14/61, and left Sumter, South Carolina, at 12:45 AM, 6/15/61 by Greyhound bus for Savannah, Jacksonville and Tallahassee. They used facilities at Savannah without incident leaving Savannah 4:19 a. m. and are due to arrive at Jacksonville at 8:25 a. m. (EDST).

The rabbis and ministers were refused service on an integrated basis at a restaurant where the bus stopped just outside Sumter, South Carolina. The

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restaurant owner stated that he had no contract with the Greyhound bus company and would serve meals only on a segregated basis. There was no incident.

Local authorities at Jacksonville and Tallahassee are closely following the situation. Jacksonville police have stated they do not contemplate any arrests unless trouble develops.

Five freedom riders reportedly will go from Daytona Beach, Florida, to Tallahassee, 6/15/61 testing facilities at stops along the way. Three will return to Daytona Beach from Tallahassee while two of them plan to continue to Georgia to test facilities.

Next proposed freedom ride originating at Washington, D. C., will leave 6/20/61 or 6/21/61.

One freedom rider arrived at Nashville from Chicago 6/14/61 to be briefed by the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) and then to continue to Jackson.

~~James E. Jackson and Herbert Aptheker, Communist Party (CP) officials in New York will not travel to Alabama as previously indicated.~~

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It was previously alleged that [] saw police engage in violence at the Birmingham bus station 5/14/61 and was beaten by police receiving a broken arm.

[] has been identified as [] also known as [] who is in a Detroit, Michigan, hospital receiving treatment for [] in February, 1961, at Mobile. He denies any knowledge of the violence at Birmingham and completely repudiates the statements in this regard which were attributed to him by the Student Central Committee, Nashville, Tennessee. The Birmingham address of [] as furnished by the Student Central Committee is nonexistent. The Trailways bus station at Birmingham has never had a shoeshine stand and [] is unknown to the bus station manager.

The Department says papers will be served on Alabama klansmen about next week.

ACTION:

Memorandum is being prepared for the Attorney General.

Memorandum for Mr. Belmont

DETAILS

[redacted] a lone white freedom rider, arrived at Jackson, Mississippi,¹ by Greyhound bus from Memphis, Tennessee, and was arrested at 5:35 AM, 6/14/61 when he entered the Negro waiting room and refused to move on. His trial is scheduled for 6/16/61.

Since 5/24/61, 111 freedom riders have been arrested at Jackson. Twenty-six have been released on bond, four have been released upon payment of fines and 81 remain in custody.

Sixteen freedom riders at the Jackson city jail refuse to eat. They were examined by a physician on 6/14/61 and were found to be in satisfactory condition.

Sheriff Gilfoy advised on 6/14/61 that he intended to transfer 45 freedom riders from Jackson to the Mississippi State Penitentiary at Parchman, Mississippi, leaving Jackson between 3:30 AM and 4:00 AM, 6/15/61. The prisoners were to be transported in three prison vans escorted by three cars and twelve deputy sheriffs. Sheriff Gilfoy stated that the press was to have no advance notice of the transfer of the prisoners.

The union and professional group of freedom riders who left Washington, D. C., 6/13/61 en route to St. Petersburg, Florida, continued their trip from Wilmington, North Carolina, on 6/14/61. They left in two groups with seven in each group traveling by Greyhound bus. One bus arrived at Charleston, South Carolina, at 12:06 PM, 6/14/61. The other bus arrived at 5:20 PM, 6/14/61. The freedom riders used white facilities in the bus stations at Wilmington and Charleston without incident.

[redacted] National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) representative at Charleston, informed the Charleston Police Department (PD) that the freedom riders would spend the night of 6/14/61 at various private homes in Charleston and would depart for Jacksonville, Florida, by Greyhound bus on the morning of 6/15/61. Brown also told the police that it had not been determined whether the entire group would leave at 9:35 AM or whether part of the group would leave at 6:15 AM and the remainder of the group would leave at 9:35 AM.

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W. F. Kelly, Chief of Police, Charleston, advised that he had heard that a Negro female told reporters at the bus station in Charleston that while the bus was in Conway, South Carolina, she attempted to enter an eating establishment which was not connected with the bus station and a man pulled a knife from under the table and said that she could not eat there. Chief Kelly also heard that a white female in the group said that the restaurant owner had been making salad and merely waved his knife at the woman.

Hubert Barker, Chief of Police, Conway, South Carolina, stated that one group of freedom riders en route to Charleston had arrived at the bus terminal in Conway at approximately 9:40 AM, 6/14/61 and departed a few minutes later without testing the facilities. A second group arrived at about 2:30 PM, 6/14/61 and was refused service at a snack bar in the bus station although they did use the white waiting room and white rest room. Chief Barker had no knowledge of any incidents at Conway.

The group of rabbis and ministers who left Washington, D. C., 6/13/61 for Tallahassee, Florida, continued their journey from Raleigh, North Carolina, leaving by Greyhound bus at 10:05 AM, 6/14/61. They arrived at Sumter, South Carolina, at 2:30 PM. Just before reaching Sumter, and approximately two miles from the Sumter bus station, the bus made a regularly scheduled stop at Evans Restaurant. The freedom riders went to the door of the restaurant and requested service on an integrated basis. [redacted]

[redacted] informed them that he had facilities available for both races and would serve meals on a segregated basis only. The freedom riders said that they were interstate passengers and [redacted] replied that he had no official contract with the Greyhound bus company and would not serve meals on an integrated basis. The group made a telephone call to New York from a phone booth and then boarded the bus.

At the bus station in Sumter the freedom riders used the rest rooms and the waiting rooms on an integrated basis. These rooms have no signs indicating that the facilities are segregated but by tradition members of each race normally use separate facilities. The group left the bus station in taxicabs and gathered at the Emanuel Negro Baptist Church. They planned to leave Sumter by Greyhound bus at 12:28 AM, 6/15/61, arriving in Savannah, Georgia, at 3:45 AM. They also intended to leave Savannah at 4:00 AM to arrive at Jacksonville at 7:25 AM, 6/15/61. They intend to leave Jacksonville at 8:20 AM by Greyhound bus arriving at Tallahassee 12:30 PM, 6/15/61. It has been reported that they will test the facilities at Savannah, Jacksonville and Tallahassee before returning to New York by airplane from Tallahassee on the afternoon of 6/15/61. (See page seven for subsequent travel)

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Representatives of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division will follow the bus carrying the rabbis and ministers to the Georgia State line even though they anticipate no trouble.

Local authorities in Jacksonville plan to closely cover and follow the activities of the freedom riders while they are in the Jacksonville area. They do not plan to make any arrests unless trouble develops.

Local authorities at Tallahassee have made elaborate plans to cover the bus station and the coverage includes the use of movie cameras. Governor Bryant has previously stated that he expects the people of Florida to ignore the freedom riders and no incidents are anticipated.

Local news sources in Jacksonville advised on 6/14/61 that Reverend E. C. Tillman, Chairman of NAACP Investigating Committee, Daytona Beach, Florida, stated that a group of five freedom riders would leave Daytona Beach at 5:00 AM, 6/15/61, to travel to Jacksonville, Lake City, Live Oak, Madison and Tallahassee testing the facilities at each stop. Detective Sergeant [redacted] Jacksonville PD has received information that three of these people planned to return to Daytona Beach from Tallahassee by airplane while two of them will proceed to Georgia to test the facilities in that state.

Julius W. Hobson, President, Washington Chapter, Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), advised on 6/14/61 that the next proposed trip of freedom riders scheduled to depart from Washington, D. C., will leave on 6/20/61 or 6/21/61. Hobson was unable to furnish any additional details at this time.

[redacted] CORE, Chicago, advised on 6/14/61 that [redacted] a Negro male, left Chicago, by bus 6/13/61 to arrive at Nashville, Tennessee, on 6/14/61. He will proceed from Nashville to Jackson, Mississippi, as a freedom rider after being briefed in Nashville by CORE. *Ill*

It has previously been reported that James E. Jackson, member of the National Board, Communist Party (CP), USA, and editor of "The Worker," together with Herbert Aptheker, a member of the National Committee, CP, USA, planned to travel to Alabama from New York. In view of the interest which the CP has exhibited in freedom rides it was suggested that their trip might have the purpose of exploiting the situation. A confidential informant in New York has advised that Gus Hall, General Secretary, CP, USA, said the trip was canceled because it would have resulted in trouble.

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It was previously reported by [redacted] Student Central Committee, *TENN*
Nashville, Tennessee, that [redacted] was [redacted] at *ALA*
the Birmingham bus station and saw police engage in violence on 5/14/61.
[redacted] received a broken arm when he was
beaten by Birmingham police 5/14/61. This individual has been identified as
[redacted] who is also known as [redacted]

[redacted] interviewed in a Detroit hospital where he is undergoing
treatment for an arm fracture caused by [redacted] received in February,
1961, at Mobile, Alabama. [redacted] was accidentally inflicted
by one Louis Johnson who was subsequently charged with assault by the Mobile
police.

[redacted] denied any knowledge of the violence at Birmingham. He related
that he had hitchhiked from Mobile to Nashville last month and he first heard
of the freedom riders when a stranger on the street in Nashville asked him if
he had been in Birmingham when the freedom riders were there.

A stranger directed [redacted] to Reverend [redacted] in *TENN*
Nashville and [redacted] told the minister he had been in an accident and was trying
to get home to Detroit. Reverend [redacted] made several contacts in behalf of
[redacted] and raised approximately \$20 which he gave [redacted] for transportation to Detroit.
At one place where Reverend [redacted] attempted to raise funds some unknown
person asked [redacted] if he had been hurt when the freedom riders encountered violence
in Birmingham and [redacted] stated he replied that he had not. [redacted] advised that he
does not know the identities of any person or agency whom Reverend [redacted]
contacted in his behalf and he denied any knowledge of [redacted] or the Student
Central Committee. He also said that he has never been employed as [redacted]
[redacted] and that he had not been in any Birmingham bus station this year. He
denied any knowledge of the statements which had been attributed to him by [redacted]

It has been determined at Birmingham that the address [redacted]
furnished as purportedly being the address of [redacted] in Birmingham is nonexistent.
The nearest address is an apartment building occupied by white tenants in a
white neighborhood. The Trailways bus station at Birmingham has never had
a shoeshine stand and [redacted] is unknown to the station manager.

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Assistant Attorney General Burke Marshall advised on 6/14/61 that during the next week or so it will be necessary to serve papers on members of klan groups in Alabama. Marshall said there was no rush in this regard and that lists will be furnished to the Bureau so that the names can be checked out in advance.

The rabbis and ministers arrived at Savannah at 3:41 a. m. (EST) 6/15/61. They had coffee at the lunch counter at the bus station which has previously been integrated and then white members of the group entered the colored rest room and colored members of the group entered the white rest room. They left without incident at 4:19 a. m., by Greyhound bus which is scheduled to arrive at Jacksonville, 7:25 a. m. (EST) 6/15/61 (8:25 a. m. Washington time).

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REFERENCES:

Phone call from Montgomery, Ala. Resident Agency to Jackson, Miss. Resident Agency, 6/2/61 (Interoffice).

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AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI. Will report disposition of convicted Freedom Riders.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

An additional copy of this report is being designated for the New Orleans Office in the event the Bureau instructs later to disseminate a copy to the USA, Jackson.

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Title:

FREEDOM RIDE, 1961
TRAILWAYS BUS #5141,
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2:14 p.m., JUNE 2, 1961

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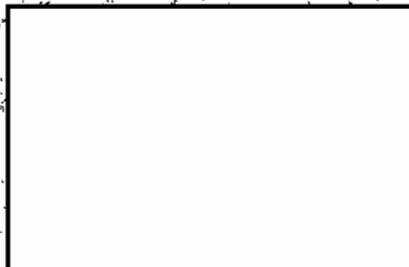
Synopsis:

6 Freedom Riders, identified in details, arrived Jackson, Miss., via Trailways Bus #5141, 2:14 p.m., 6/2/61. 3 Negro Freedom Riders arrested in white waiting room, Trailways Terminal, and 3 white Freedom Riders arrested in colored waiting room, Trailways Terminal, when they failed to move on to orders of Jackson PD. No incidents at time of arrest. All 6 Freedom Riders tried Jackson Municipal Court, 6/5/61, entered NG plea, were convicted and sentenced to 60 days suspended and \$200 fine. No incidents during trial.

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DETAILS:

Investigation in this case was predicated upon information received from the FBI, Montgomery, Alabama, that a group of 7 Freedom Riders left Montgomery, Alabama via Trailways Bus #5141 at 7:35 a.m. CST, June 2, 1961, destination Jackson, Mississippi. They were:

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Date 6/1/61

[redacted] Congress of Racial Equality, 38 Park Row, New York, New York, was recontacted at the Edward Lee Hotel, 144 West Church Street, Jackson, Mississippi, and advised he is still unable to furnish any definite information regarding the contemplated trip by bus of a group of Freedom Riders from Atlanta, Georgia to Jackson, Mississippi. He advised his representative in Atlanta advised him on June 1, 1961 that a group is being made up at that city but that no definite information is available as to the composition or number of riders scheduled to participate in this trip, [redacted] advised he will immediately notify the Jackson Resident Agency when he receives additional information regarding this matter.

On 6/1/61 at Jackson, Miss. File # 157-285

by SA [redacted] /dfs Date dictated 6/1/61

Date 6/1/61

At 3:30 p.m., [redacted] C.O.R.E., telephonically advised that two groups of Freedom Riders consisting of six persons in each group plan to test facilities at the Trailways and the Greyhound Bus Terminals in Montgomery on June 2, 1961, and then to depart via Trailways bus for Jackson, Mississippi, at approximately 7:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m., that day. He does not know their arrival time in Jackson, nor the composition of the groups, but stated that the FBI Office in Montgomery had been notified. He said he would advise the FBI in Jackson when he received further information.

On 6/1/61 at Jackson, Miss. File # 157-285

by SA [redacted] /dfs Date dictated 6/1/61

Date 6/2/61

At 8:35 a.m., [redacted] Congress of Racial Equality, Edward Lee Hotel, telephonically advised that a group of Freedom Riders consisting of 3 white males; 2 Negro males, and 2 Negro females, departed Montgomery, Alabama, at 7:30 a.m., June 2, 1961 en route to Jackson, Mississippi via Trailways bus and will arrive at Jackson at 1:45 p.m.

[redacted] advised that a second group of 7 will depart Montgomery later this same date and that these 14 individuals are the only Freedom Riders to leave Montgomery to date.

On 6/2/61 at Jackson, Miss. File # 157-285

by SA [redacted] /dfs Date dictated 6/2/61

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Information concerning this matter was furnished to the following on June 2, 1961:

Sheriff DEWITT SIMMONS, Scott County Sheriffs Office, Forest, Mississippi, by SA [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Sheriff J. R. GILFOY, Hinds County Sheriff's Office, Jackson, Mississippi, by SA [REDACTED]

Chief of Police DAVID HOLMES, Morton, Mississippi, by SA [REDACTED]

Chief of Detectives M. B. PIERCE, Jackson, Mississippi, Police Department, by ASAC J. T. SYLVESTER.

Col. T. B. BIRDSONG, Commissioner, Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol, Jackson, Mississippi, by ASAC J. T. SYLVESTER.

Acting Manager [REDACTED] Trailways Bus Terminal, Jackson, Mississippi, by SA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CIC, Jackson, Mississippi, by SA [REDACTED]
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Chief of Police O. A. BOOKER, Meridian, Mississippi, Police Department by SA [REDACTED]

Date 6/2/61

[redacted] City Attorney, Lamar Building, Meridian, advised he had instructed the city officials to act in these cases if necessary against the Freedom Riders under the Code of the City of Meridian, Mississippi, 1949, Chapter 18, Section 63, and under Section 2087.5 - "Disorderly Conduct May Constitute Felony, When" of the 1960 Cumulative Supplement, Mississippi Code, 1942, Annotated, recompiled Volume 2A.

[redacted] stated he would instruct the City Attorney of Meridian to instruct Chief of Police BOOKER that he [redacted] stated that he did not think it wise for them not to permit them to leave the bus in Meridian and that they should not so order them and that he would tell them that if they disembarked from the bus in Meridian and committed a violation of the above sections, they should be arrested.

On 6/2/61 at Meridian, Mississippi File # 157-285

by SA [redacted] /dfs Date dictated 6/2/61

Date 6/2/61

Chief of Police O. A. BOOKER, Meridian, Mississippi, Police Department, was advised at 8:10 a.m. with reference to the proposed travel through Meridian by groups of Freedom Riders on Trailways bus line, one group arrived at about 11:00 a.m. and the other group arrived on Trailways bus at about 3:35 p.m. this date. Chief BOOKER advised he plans to have each bus escorted by a police car from the city limits to the bus station and thence to the west edge of Meridian. He also plans to call out and have on duty about 40 uniformed police officers, armed with clubs and sidearms, and plans to completely surround the bus station with these officers, cut off all traffic in the area during the time the bus is at the station and advised he had orders from the City Manager to order the Freedom Riders not to get off the bus at Meridian. Chief BOOKER advised the Code of the City of Meridian, Mississippi, 1949, Chapter 18, Section 63, pertains to State misdemeanors committed within the corporate limits of the city and states "All offenses under the Penal laws of the state which are misdemeanors are hereby declared to be offenses against the city when such offenses are committed within the corporate limits of the city and upon conviction thereof the same punishment should be imposed by the city as is provided by the laws of the state with regard to such offenses against the state except that such punishment shall not be in excess of that provided by Section 12 of Chapter 1 of this Code."

Chapter 1, Section 12, of the Code, states that where no specific penalty is provided the limit is set at a \$50 fine and/or 30 days in jail.

The city intends to act under Section 2087.5, Mississippi Code, 1942, Annotated, Recompiled Volume 2A, 1960 Cumulative Supplement, regarding "disorderly conduct may constitute felony, when" and this section states generally that whoever with intent to provoke a breach of the peace or under circumstances such that a breach of the peace may be occasioned thereby congregates in public place, etc. and who fails or refuses to disperse and move on or disperse or move on when ordered to do so by any officer of any municipality, city, etc. shall be guilty of disorderly conduct which is a misdemeanor and upon conviction penalty shall be \$200 fine, 4 months or both. This section also states that if breach of the peace

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should incite a riot and any person be maimed or killed, it would be a felony and such person may be imprisoned upon a conviction in the penitentiary not longer than 10 years.

Date 6/5/61The following was observed by SA

Trailways Bus 5141 arrived at Meridian, Mississippi at 11:42 a.m., June 2, 1961, and departed 11:58 a.m. No incidents observed. Bus was escorted by the Sheriff's Office of Lauderdale County, Constables and Meridian Police.

The bus station at Meridian was surrounded by police and people on the streets in the area were kept moving.

Two Negroes, apparently Freedom Riders, walked to the front of the bus after it had docked. They chatted with two police officers and showed their tickets. They thereafter walked back to their seats. The conversation lasted a very short time, only sufficient for several words to be spoken.

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The officers of Meridian Police Denartment, who boarded the bus, #5141, were Captain [redacted] who stood at the door and Patrolman [redacted] who boarded the bus and stood at the front of the bus in the center of the aisle. None of the passengers made an effort to get off at first but after the bus had been in the station a few minutes, one or more of the male passengers walked to the front of the bus, showed their tickets to Patrolman [redacted] and wanted to know if they could get off the bus. He told them they could not get off the bus. They turned around and returned to their seats.

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At 2:14 p.m., June 2, 1961, Trailways bus #5141, arrived in Jackson from Montgomery, Alabama. Three Negro riders, one male and two females, entered the "White Only" waiting room in the Trailways Terminal and were immediately told to "move on" by Captain [redacted] of the Jackson Police Department. When they failed to comply, he repeated this order and when they again failed to comply, they were arrested and placed in a police wagon. The arrest was made at approximately 2:18 p.m., and took place without any disturbance. The bus station was fairly crowded with passengers, there being perhaps forty persons present. Approximately five uniformed Jackson Police officers were inside the terminal, and several more were stationed outside. Casual bystanders were discouraged by police officers from approaching or remaining in the vicinity of the terminal. About fifteen photographers were present in the terminal.

About four minutes after the Negroes were escorted to the wagon, police officers emerged from the colored waiting room escorting three white males. The white males were placed in the wagon at approximately 2:21 p.m. without incident, and all six were driven to the city jail.

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Chief of Detectives M. B. PIERCE, Police Department, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that the following individuals were arrested at the Trailways Bus Station, Jackson, Mississippi, on June 2, 1961, at 2:30 PM. All were charged with Breach of the Peace. All individuals were arrested after they got off a Trailways bus at Jackson, Mississippi, on June 2, 1961, at approximately 2:20 PM. He stated that the three Negroes entered the white waiting room and failed to move on at the direction of Captain [redacted]. He stated that the three white individuals entered the colored waiting room of the bus station and failed to move on at the orders of Lieutenant [redacted]. He advised that all these individuals were loaded in the Police Department patrol wagon and driven to the Jackson Police Headquarters, where they were booked and jailed. He stated these individuals will be tried in Jackson Municipal Court at 3:00 PM, on Monday, June 5, 1961:

[redacted]
Charleston, S. C., age [redacted] born [redacted] Charleston, S. C.,
[redacted] lbs., [redacted] male, black hair, brown eyes, [redacted]
[redacted] Mother [redacted] Father [redacted] *MIS*
occupation, student, Tennessee A&I, Nashville, Tenn.,
arrest record, Police Department, Charleston, S. C., [redacted]
breach of peace, \$250 bond; arrested Birmingham, Ala.,
[redacted] protective custody, released; participated stand-in's,
Nashville, Tenn., and Charleston, S. C., in 1960-61.

[redacted]
Long Island, N. Y., [redacted] male, age [redacted] born [redacted] New *MIS*
Gulf, Texas, [redacted] complexion, brown hair, blue eyes, [redacted]
[redacted] lbs.. Mother [redacted] Father [redacted] occupation -
[redacted] Paramount Pictures, no previous arrests. *Red*

[redacted]
Avdne, Oceanside, N. Y., [redacted] male, age [redacted] born [redacted]
Brooklyn, N. Y. [redacted] complexion, brown hair, grey eyes,
[redacted] lbs.. scars & marks: [redacted] *MIS*
Mother [redacted] Father [redacted] occupation - unemployed -
has been in service, arrest record - arrested [redacted] N. Y., *Red*

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[redacted] Nashville, Tennessee, [redacted] female,
age [redacted] born [redacted] Nashville, Tennessee, [redacted]
complexion, black hair, black eyes, [redacted] lbs., Mother -
[redacted] Father - [redacted] occupation - student, Tennessee
A & I, Nashville, Tennessee, no prior arrests.

[redacted]
[redacted] Nassau, New York, [redacted] male, age [redacted] born [redacted]
Far Rockaway, N. Y., [redacted] complexion, brown hair, brown eyes,
[redacted] lbs., Mother - [redacted] Father - [redacted] occupation,
unemployed - to enroll New York University, New York, N. Y.,
no prior arrests.

[redacted] Atlanta,
Ga., [redacted] female, age [redacted] born [redacted] Atlanta, Ga. [redacted]
complexion, black hair, brown eyes, arrest record - Arrested
Atlanta, Ga., [redacted] three
charges, [redacted] bond; arrested [redacted]
[redacted] Mother [redacted] Father - [redacted]
occupation, student, Spellman College, Atlanta, Ga.

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[redacted] Police Department, Jackson, Mississippi, furnished the following information:

When the group of Freedom Riders got off the Trailways bus at approximately 2:15 p.m., June 2, 1961, at the Trailways Terminal, a newspaper reporter [redacted] from the Jackson "Clarion-Ledger", went up to one of the Freedom Riders and told him that he had an emergency message to call home.

This rider was [redacted] male, age [redacted] [redacted] Montgomery, Alabama. His father is [redacted] Montgomery.

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[redacted] stated that [redacted] then left the Freedom Riders group without attempting to test the facilities and was therefore not arrested.

According to [redacted] male named [redacted] [redacted] had been at the bus terminal prior to the arrival of the bus. [redacted] had told several members of the press that [redacted] would not participate in the test of the facilities inasmuch as he had an emergency message to call home. [redacted] requested the newspaper reporters to pass this information on to [redacted] inasmuch as he [redacted] would not be there at the time the bus arrived.

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Chief of Detectives M. B. PIERCE, Jackson, Mississippi, Police Department, advised that at 3:00 p.m., June 5, 1961, the following individuals were tried in Jackson Municipal Court, Jackson, Mississippi;



He stated that all of the above individuals were tried for violation of Section 2087.5 of the Mississippi Code. All entered pleas of not guilty through their attorney. Jackson, Mississippi, Captain [redacted] Police Department, Jackson, Mississippi, was the only witness called for the prosecution. No defense witnesses were called. The trial lasted approximately 10 minutes. All the defendants were convicted and sentenced to 60 days in jail, suspended and a \$200 fine. According to Chief PIERCE, the Negro defendants would be transferred to the Hinds County Jail to serve out their fine and the white individuals would remain in the Jackson City Jail to serve out their fine.

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Chief PIERCE advised that during the course of this trial, City Prosecuting Attorney JACK TRAVIS announced in open court that in the future he would recommend a maximum \$200 fine and 4 months in jail, not suspended, for all convicted Freedom Riders.

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The following is the content of Mississippi Code Section 2087.5:

Disorderly conduct--may constitute felony, when.

1. Whoever with intent to provoke a breach of the peace, or under circumstances such that a breach of the peace may be occasioned thereby:

(1) crowds or congregates with others in or upon shore protecting structure or structures, or a public street or public highway, or upon a public sidewalk, or any other public place, or in any hotel, motel, store, restaurant, lunch counter, cafeteria, sandwich shop, motion picture theatre, drive-in, beauty parlor, swimming pool area, or any sports or recreational area or place, or any other place of business engaged in selling or serving members of the public, or in or around any free entrance to any such place of business or public building, or to any building owned by another individual, or a corporation, or a partnership or an association, and who fails or refuses to disperse and move on, or disperse or move on, when ordered so to do by any law enforcement officer of any municipality, or county, in which such act or acts are committed, or by any law enforcement officer of the State of Mississippi, or any other authorized person, or

(2) insults or makes rude or obscene remarks or gestures, or uses profane language, or physical acts, or indecent proposals to or toward another or others, or disturbs or obstructs or interferes with another or others, or

(3) while in or on any public bus, taxicab, or other vehicle engaged in transporting members of the public for a fare or charge, causes a disturbance or does or says, respectively, any of the matters or things mentioned in subsection (2) supra, to, toward, or in the presence of any other passenger on said vehicle, or any person outside of said vehicle or in the process of boarding or departing from said vehicle, or any employee engaged in and about the operation of such vehicle, or

(4) refusing to leave the premises of another when requested so to do by any owner, lessee, or any employee thereof, shall be guilty of disorderly conduct, which is made a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a

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fine of not more than two hundred dollars (\$200.00), or imprisonment in the county jail for not more than four (4) months, or by both such fine and imprisonment; and if any person shall be guilty of disorderly conduct as defined herein and such conduct shall lead to a breach of the peace or incite a riot in any of the places herein named, and as a result of said breach of the peace or riot another person or persons shall be maimed, killed or injured, then the person guilty of such disorderly conduct as defined herein shall be guilty of a felony, and upon conviction such person shall be imprisoned in the Penitentiary not longer than ten (10) years.

2. The provisions of this act are supplementary to the provisions of any other statute of this state.

3. If any paragraph, sentence, or clause of this act shall be held to be unconstitutional or invalid, the same shall not affect any other part, portion or provision of this act, but such other part shall remain in full force and effect.

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REFERENCE:

Phone call from Montgomery, Ala. Resident Agency to Jackson, Miss.
Resident Agency, 6/2/61 (Interoffice).

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LEADS:

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AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI. Will report disposition of
convicted Freedom Riders.

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 to the USA, Jackson.

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RACIAL MATTERS - CIVIL RIGHTS

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Synopsis:

7 Freedom Riders, identified in details of report, arrested by Jackson, Miss. PD, 6:55 PM, 6/2/61, at Trailways Bus Terminal, Jackson. Charged with breach of the peace. All arrested were tried 6/5/61 in Jackson Municipal Court and convicted of violation S. 2087.5, Miss. Code, after NG pleas. All fined \$200 and sentenced to 60 days in jail, suspended. All jailed in lieu of payment of fine. On 6/5/61, Freedom Rider, [REDACTED] Chicago, Ill., one of 7 arrested 6/2/61, talked to press telling of his disillusionment with this group Freedom Riders. Copy of statement furnished by [REDACTED] to PD set out. [REDACTED] released 6/6/61 after payment of fine.

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DETAILS:

Investigation in this case was predicated upon information furnished by the FBI, Montgomery, Alabama on June 2, 1961 to the effect that 8 Freedom Riders had departed Montgomery, Alabama at 11:32 AM, June 2, 1961, aboard Trailways Bus #T-2953, destination Jackson, Mississippi. The names of these Freedom Riders were reported as follows:

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| [REDACTED] | Negro |
| [REDACTED] | Negro |
| [REDACTED] | Negro |
| [REDACTED] | Negro |
| [REDACTED] | Negro |
| [REDACTED] | White |
| [REDACTED] | White |
| [REDACTED] | White |

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On June 2, 1961, at 8:35 a.m. [redacted]
[redacted] Congress of Racial Equality, Edward Lee Hotel,
telephonically advised that 7 Freedom Riders consisting of
1 white female, 1 white male, 3 Negro males and 2 Negro females,
are departing Montgomery, Alabama at 11:30 a.m., June 2, en
route to Jackson, Mississippi via Trailways bus and will
arrive at Jackson at 5:45 p.m., June 2, 1961.

[redacted] said that there are no additional Freedom
Riders assembled at Montgomery at this time.

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Information concerning this matter was furnished to the following individuals on June 2, 1961:

Sheriff DEWITT SIMMONS, Scott County Sheriff's Office, Forest, Mississippi by SA [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Sheriff J. ROBERT GILFOY, Hinds County Sheriff's Office, Jackson, Mississippi by SA [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Chief of Police DAVID HOLMES, Morton, Mississippi, by SA [REDACTED]

Chief of Police O. A. BOOKER, Meridian, Mississippi Police Department, by SA [REDACTED]

Chief of Detectives M. B. PIERCE, Police Department, Jackson, Mississippi, by ASAC J. T. SYLVESTER.

Col. T. B. BIRDSONG, Commissioner, Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol, by ASAC J. T. SYLVESTER.

[REDACTED] Trailways Bus Terminal, Jackson, Mississippi, by SA [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CIC, Jackson, Mississippi, by SA [REDACTED]

Date 6/5/61

Continental Trailways Bus T2953, a regularly scheduled bus, arrived at Meridian, Mississippi at 3:52 p.m. and departed the bus station at 4:13 p.m.. It was escorted from the Alabama line to the city limits by cars occupied by the Sheriff, Deputies, and Highway Patrol and from the city limits by this group and police cars. It was also escorted when it left the bus terminal by the same group. The city cars to escort to the city limits and the Sheriff and Constable to Lauderdale county line.

About 40 uniformed policemen of Meridian Police Department surrounded the bus station around 10 minutes before the arrival of the bus, routed all traffic away from the bus station. Various other officers and detectives of the department were on hand at the bus station. There were no incidents.

When the bus stopped at the station, Captain [] of the Meridian Police Department entered the bus and stayed at the door and Patrolman [] entered the bus and stopped at the front of the center aisle and was heard to tell the large group of passengers that all passengers for Meridian should get off and all other passengers should remain on the bus.

A few minutes later a white passenger was seen to approach [] and then turn around and return to his seat. After the bus left, [] said this white man said he wanted a drink of water. [] told him that there had just been a fire and all the water was turned off. He did not know whether this man was a member of the Freedom Riders group. No further questions were asked and no further efforts were made by anyone to get off the bus at Meridian. The bus was fully loaded when it arrived in Meridian, approximately 12 to 15 people disembarked and approximately 12 to 15 people left on the bus, which appeared to be fully loaded when it left Meridian.

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The following observations were made at the Trailways Bus Terminal, Jackson, Mississippi:

At 6:44 p.m., June 2, 1961, Trailways Bus #T2953 pulled into Dock #8. Of the passengers disembarking 3 Negro males, 1 Negro female and 1 white female entered the white waiting room as a group. They stopped approximately 25 feet inside the door and Captain [redacted] of the Jackson Police Department ordered them to move on. They did not reply to his command and stood still. He again ordered them to move on and when they failed to do so, he told them they were under arrest and instructed them to go out the front door, which they did, accompanied by officers, and were loaded into the police patrol wagon. After this group had left the white waiting room, a white male was observed to enter the white waiting room. He looked around, then went back outside toward the loading platform, looked into the colored waiting room through a window, then walked into the baggage room, stepped immediately back out of the baggage room, walked down to the loading platform and back into the white waiting room. He stopped inside the white waiting room and was addressed by a uniformed officer of the Jackson Police Department. The officer was observed to speak to him and point in the direction of the patrol wagon parked outside the front of the terminal. The white male was escorted to the patrol wagon by a police officer and was loaded in the wagon.

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The following was observed at the Trailways Bus Station, Jackson, Mississippi, by the below named Agent in the vicinity of the colored waiting room:

One white male was observed debarking from Bus #T2953 at 6:44 p.m., June 2, 1961, and immediately entered the colored waiting room and stood near the seats. He was approached by Lt. [redacted] Jackson Police Department, Jackson, Mississippi. [redacted] conversed briefly with the individual and gestured toward the door to the street of the waiting room. [redacted] then escorted the individual from the waiting room.

Approximately three minutes later, [redacted] approached two Negro males near the telephone booths in the colored waiting room and briefly conversed with them. Captain [redacted] approached the group and motioned with his arm toward the door of the waiting room leading to the street. The two Negroes were then escorted by two uniformed policemen from the waiting room.

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Lt. [] Jackson, Mississippi, Police Department, advised that while on duty in the colored waiting room of the Trailways Bus Station, Jackson, at approximately 6:55 p.m., he approached two Negro males who were standing near the telephone booths in the waiting room. He ordered them to move on out of the building. He stated that Captain [] then entered the colored waiting room and [] ordered the two Negroes to leave the building. They indicated they would not. At that point [] placed them under arrest. [] stated he understood these two Negroes, after debarking from Bus #T2953, immediately entered the white waiting room and walked through the lobby on to the street; and they then entered the colored waiting room from the street and walked to the telephone booths where he approached them.

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M. B. PIERCE, Chief of Detectives, Jackson Police Department, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that the following individuals were arrested at the Trailways Bus Station, Jackson, at 6:55 p.m., June 2, 1961, charged with breach of the peace:

1. [redacted] address - [redacted] Corinth, Mississippi. Sex - [redacted] Race - [redacted] Age - [redacted] Eyes - Brown. Hair - Black. Complexion - Light. Height - [redacted] Weight - [redacted] Build - Stout. Date of birth - [redacted] Place of birth - Amory, Mississippi. Characteristics - [redacted] Occupation - [redacted] Admitted Arrests - Corinth, Mississippi, 1948, charge - [redacted] disposition - released. [redacted] refused to sign his fingerprint card.) Arrested by Captain [redacted] Jackson, Mississippi Police Department in the colored waiting room of the Trailways Bus Station. ALA
2. [redacted] address - [redacted] Atlanta, Georgia. Sex - [redacted] Race - [redacted] Age - [redacted] Eyes - Brown. Hair - Black. Complexion - Light. Height - [redacted] Weight - [redacted] Build - Slim. Date of birth - [redacted] Place of birth - Opalika, Alabama. Occupation - Student and part-time work at [redacted] Atlanta, Georgia. Admitted Arrests - Atlanta, Georgia, 1961 for sit-in demonstration, trespassing. Arrested by Captain [redacted] in the colored waiting room, Trailways Bus Station, Jackson, Mississippi.
3. [redacted] address - [redacted] Chicago, Illinois. Sex - [redacted] Race - [redacted] Age - [redacted] Eyes - Blue. Hair - Medium brown. Complexion - Sallow. Height - [redacted] Weight - [redacted] Build - Medium. Date of birth - [redacted] Refused to furnish. Place of birth - Refused to furnish. Characteristics - [redacted] Occupation - [redacted] Arrest Record - Refused to furnish; refused to sign fingerprint card. Arrested by [redacted] APPROX

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Lt. [redacted] Jackson, Mississippi Police Department, Trailways Bus Station, colored waiting room. (PIERCE advised that other Freedom Riders told him that [redacted] may be [redacted] and is possibly identical with a person who previously furnished his name in Alabama as [redacted]

4. [redacted]
[redacted] New York, New York. Sex - [redacted]
Race - [redacted] Age - [redacted] Eyes - Brown. Hair - Black.
Complexion - Fair. Height - [redacted]
Weight - [redacted] Build - Medium. Date of birth - [redacted] Place of birth - New York City, New York. Education - Claims [redacted] Pennsylvania. Occupation - [redacted]
Arrests - Admitted arrests - [redacted]
New York City, 1961, participated in demonstrations in New York several times during the last 2 years. Arrested by Captain [redacted] in the white waiting room, Trailways Bus Station, Jackson.

5. [redacted] address - [redacted]
Nashville, Tennessee. Sex - [redacted] Race - [redacted]
Age - [redacted] Eyes - Brown. Hair - Black.
Complexion - Light. Height - [redacted] Weight - [redacted]
Build - Slim. Date of birth - [redacted] Place of birth - Nashville, Tennessee.
Occupation - [redacted]
Arrest record - No admitted arrests. Arrested by Captain [redacted] white waiting room, Trailways Bus Station, Jackson, Mississippi.

6. [redacted] address - [redacted]
Nashville, Tennessee. Sex - [redacted] Race - [redacted]
Age - [redacted] Eyes - Brown. Hair - Black. Complexion - Light. Height - [redacted] Weight - [redacted]
Build - Slim. Date of birth - [redacted] Place of birth - Nashville, Tennessee. Occupation - Student, Tennessee A & I, Nashville.
Arrests - None, but has participated in sit-ins Nashville in 1960. Arrested by Captain [redacted] white waiting room, Trailways Bus Station, Jackson, Mississippi.

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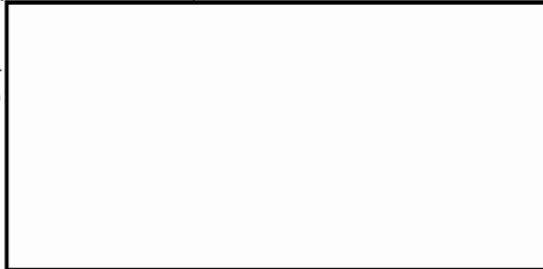
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[redacted] Place of birth - Morienci, Michigan.
Education - [redacted] Chicago,
Illinois. Occupation - [redacted]
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by Captain [redacted] white waiting room, Trail-
ways Bus Station, Jackson, Mississippi.

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On June 2, 1961, Chief of Police W. D. RAYFIELD, Police Department, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that it was his information that one of the Freedom Riders originally on the bus with this group had been arrested at Selma, Alabama on the complaint of a woman passenger. He believed that the Freedom Rider's last name was [redacted] and that he was white. He had no other details.

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Chief of Detectives M. B. PIERCE, Jackson, Mississippi, Police Department, advised that at 3:00 PM, June 5, 1961, the following individuals were tried in Jackson Municipal Court, Jackson, Mississippi:



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Disorderly conduct--may constitute felony, when.

1. Whoever with intent to provoke a breach of the peace, or under circumstances such that a breach of the peace may be occasioned thereby:

(1) crowds or congregates with others in or upon shore protecting structure or structures, or a public street or public highway, or upon a public sidewalk, or any other public place, or in any hotel, motel, store, restaurant, lunch counter, cafeteria, sandwich shop, motion picture theatre, drive-in, beauty parlor, swimming pool area, or any sports or recreational area or place, or any other place of business engaged in selling or serving members of the public, or in or around any free entrance to any such place of business or public building, or to any building owned by another individual, or a corporation, or a partnership or an association, and who fails or refuses to disperse and move on, or disperse or move on, when ordered so to do by any law enforcement officer of any municipality, or county, in which such act or acts are committed, or by any law enforcement officer of the State of Mississippi, or any other authorized person, or

(2) insults or makes rude or obscene remarks or gestures, or uses profane language, or physical acts, or indecent proposals to or toward another or others, or disturbs or obstructs or interferes with another or others, or

(3) while in or on any public bus, taxicab, or other vehicle engaged in transporting members of the public for a fare or charge, causes a disturbance or does or says, respectively, any of the matters or things mentioned in subsection (2) supra, to, toward, or in the presence of any other passenger on said vehicle, or any person outside of said vehicle or in the process of boarding or departing from said vehicle, or any employee engaged in and about the operation of such vehicle, or

(4) refusing to leave the premises of another when requested so to do by any owner, lessee, or any employee thereof, shall be guilty of disorderly conduct, which is made a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a

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fine of not more than two hundred dollars (\$200.00), or imprisonment in the county jail for not more than four (4) months, or by both such fine and imprisonment; and if any person shall be guilty of disorderly conduct as defined herein and such conduct shall lead to a breach of the peace or incite a riot in any of the places herein named, and as a result of said breach of the peace or riot another person or persons shall be maimed, killed or injured, then the person guilty of such disorderly conduct as defined herein shall be guilty of a felony, and upon conviction such person shall be imprisoned in the Penitentiary not longer than ten (10) years.

2. The provisions of this act are supplementary to the provisions of any other statute of this state.

3. If any paragraph, sentence, or clause of this act shall be held to be unconstitutional or invalid, the same shall not affect any other part, portion or provision of this act, but such other part shall remain in full force and effect.

which of us were Freedom Riders tho we were not together. There were policemen and photographers there. When we arrived in Montgomery at 7:30 P.M. on Thursday evening crowds were around and instead of going into the station we got a cab to Rev. Abernathy's home. We were given two addresses while we were in Atlanta.

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"As soon as we arrived at Rev. Abernathy's home we had dinner. After dinner we were told of the other people traveling and we were divided into two groups, one to leave the following morning at 7:30 A.M. and the other group to leave at 11:30 A.M. from Montgomery to Jackson.

[REDACTED] the Abernathy home where the group was to meet at 10:00. We left Abernathy's for the bus station by car. A total of 8 Freedom Riders were in group at this point. Rev. Abernathy drove me down in his car.

"At the bus station there were quite a few people waiting, as well as police, and for the first time members of the group used Negro facilities and Negroes used white facilities. Our bus left on schedule. The Freedom Riders tried as much as possible to integrate the bus. This was accomplished by first having the white Freedom Riders trying to occupy the first seat. The one Freedom Rider who was supposed to get in the front seat got in the back seat. Before the bus got filled the whites who occupied the seats right in front exchanged their seats with Negro Freedom Riders who were seated in the back.

"When we arrived in Selma, while the bus was waiting, one Freedom Rider saw a vacant front seat on the right side of the bus. He had given his seat to someone else and went to the front of the bus to occupy the vacant front seat. A white lady was sitting in the adjoining seat with her leg partially on the vacant seat. The Freedom Rider asked if he could sit down and the lady refused to move her leg from the seat so the Freedom Rider sat on the arm of the vacant seat. At this point others were boarding the bus. He kept insisting. The bus driver, who was most unsympathetic,

asked the lady if she wanted to sign a complaint. She said she did. The County Sheriff was standing by the door and he came into the bus and told the rider that he was under arrest and being charged with molesting a lady. The rider was taken off the bus. The lady got off the bus and the bus went on.

"I went to the two vacant front seats and waited. The plan was some of the fellow Freedom Riders was to place a Negro girl in the other vacant seat. I held them up from doing this and later a Negro fellow came and occupied the seat. When we arrived in Meridian we were not allowed to get off the bus, only those that had tickets to Meridian. To enforce this idea a most unfriendly officer of the law stood and waited. I was so afraid that I would breathe the wrong way. He kept glancing at the Negro Freedom Rider beside me and I motioned to the Negro rider to be careful before we all were arrested. He was the most unfriendly officer I have ever seen in my life, including the Chicago Police.

"A lady got on the bus and said, 'I am a Southern gal and I won't sit back of no Nigger. I am still a lady,' and she sat on the front step of the bus and talked all the way. By the time we left Meridian I had a stomach ache. After about an hour and a half of riding I turned around and asked one of the Freedom Riders how he was feeling. He said in a loud tone, 'I have to urinate.' Others around heard him I am sure. I told him there was a restroom in the back of the bus and he said, 'Oh, yes, why didn't I think of it' and ran down the aisle. He was the same person who got in the end of the bus when we left Montgomery.

"By the time we arrived in Jackson all of the Freedom Riders were upset and when I saw the police cars parked near the city limits I could see them radioing ahead and by the time we turned the corner and could see the bus station I saw a big black paddy wagon in front of the bus station waiting for us. Then I recalled the sign I saw as we crossed the Mississippi line, 'Welcome to Mississippi.'

"Our bus finally stopped [redacted] to get off the bus [redacted] went to the telephone and called Chicago. No one answered. [redacted] in less than two minutes [redacted] Already the Freedom Riders were out of sight. The officers

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in the station kept saying to move out, move out of the station or to move on. I kept moving, first to the front door. The wagon door was closed and I could not see if the Freedom Riders were in it or not so I went back to the station, to the back door. On the way I was reminded to keep moving so I did. I found myself by the colored waiting room. I did not see the door but I did see the people inside. I grabbed the first door I saw and it was the baggage room. After discovering it was the baggage room I hurried out before I got in trouble there. I did not want to leave the station because I did not know where to go. So as I was going back to the front door I was spoken to again by one of the officers so I stopped to hear what he was saying and since I stopped for a second I was placed under arrest and was taken to the wagon.

"The ride to the jail was terrible. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The first thing to be done was for us to be booked. Captain [REDACTED] then told me that as long as we did not cause any disturbance we would be treated well.

[REDACTED] I was particularly impressed with the attitudes of every officer I saw. In every way possible I was treated above anything I could have imagined. I was placed in a cell with [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] They are all from [REDACTED]

"That night Captain [REDACTED] After the lights were turned out I went to bed. The next morning, early, breakfast was served. The jailer called through the small window and asked how many were eating [REDACTED] When lunch was served I was more than hungry and when they asked how many of us were eating I said [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] When the evening meal was brought around and they asked how many were eating [REDACTED]

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"While I was eating [redacted] the officers told me about the records of some of the Freedom Riders, including the ones in my cell. I could hardly believe that someone who [redacted]

[redacted]
[redacted] any person or individuals who may be considered questionable.

[redacted]

"They felt that the Government was off when it accused the participants of the riots in California of being communists. They felt that the film 'Operation Abolition' was not true though it was made by the FBI.

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[REDACTED]

"The Negros who were above me had a completely different attitude and I am sure that they were not in sympathy [REDACTED]

"There is no doubt in my mind that some of the Freedom Riders are questionable in areas of politics and that the problem was and is that the organization and leaders behind the Freedom ride should screen the riders more carefully if they are to accomplish anything for the Negro race and make the 'Freedom Ride' an effective step toward integration."

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[REDACTED] On June 6, 1961, Chief PIERCE advised that [REDACTED] had paid \$200 fine that date, had been released from jail and had departed for Chicago, Illinois.

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On June 5, 1961, Chief of Detectives M. B. PIERCE, Jackson, Mississippi, Police Department, advised that Freedom Rider, [redacted] White, male, Chicago, Illinois, had talked to the press that day and told them of his disillusionment with this group of Freedom Riders.

On June 6, 1961, Chief of Detectives PIERCE made available a copy of his voluntary statement dictated by [redacted] to a police stenographer. The following is statement:

"My name is [redacted]

[redacted] been [redacted]

[redacted] work among the Negroes of Chicago's Near South-side. [redacted] consists of contacting Negro street gangs and providing wholesome organized activities in the various organizations in our area such as the YMCA and Boys Club. During the past three years the Cook County Family Court of Chicago has placed in our mission the care of seven different Negro youth. We also visit various schools, holding religious services in effort to rehabilitate these youth.

"Several months ago when I heard about the Freedom Ride movement in the south I became very interested because of my work among the Negro people in Chicago. I called at first Rev. King's office and the Students Non-Violence Committee [redacted] and planned at first to come south and to see the situation as it was.

"I left Chicago Thursday morning at 1:30 A.M., by plane, for Atlanta and arrived Atlanta 4:30 A.M. That afternoon, Thursday, I went to [redacted] office. They told me of the purpose of the Freedom Ride movement and that they were in need of more people to go on another ride that was scheduled that afternoon at 2:45 from Atlanta. Already it was 12:30 or so, if not later, and since I felt the Freedom Ride was doing lots of good I decided to come on that afternoon's scheduled trip.

"I purchased a ticket from Atlanta to Jackson. Nothing much happened in Atlanta of any importance. By the time we arrived at the first rest stop people knew

The Attorney General

June 19, 1961

Director, FBI

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No freedom riders have been arrested at Jackson, Mississippi, since June 16, 1961. Eighty-two remain in custody and all freedom riders in the Jackson City Jail and in the Hinds County Jail are eating.

A group of three or four freedom riders reportedly left Nashville, Tennessee, by Greyhound bus at 10:30 p.m., June 18, 1961. They were scheduled to arrive in Atlanta, Georgia, at 6:40 a.m., June 19, 1961. They plan to join nine other freedom riders in Atlanta on June 19, 1961, and proceed to Jackson, Mississippi, via Montgomery, Alabama. Further details were not available last night but were to be worked out this morning by the Freedom Ride Coordinating Committee in Atlanta.

It has been previously reported that a group of freedom riders were to travel from San Francisco, California, to New Orleans, Louisiana, by train and would then proceed to Jackson, Mississippi, on June 19 or June 20, 1961.

The Los Angeles press has reported that on June 16, 1961, thirteen freedom riders passed through Los Angeles en route to New Orleans. It was stated that the group consists of nine white persons and four Negroes, all of whom are students with the exception of Reverend Grant H. Muse, Pastor of the Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, Berkeley, California.

Information has previously been received to the effect that [redacted] is a former [redacted] who has only [redacted]

[redacted]. On May 7, 1961, Reverend Muse allegedly delivered a sermon in which he bitterly denounced policies of the United States and in which he branded former President Eisenhower as a liar with regard to the U-2 incident.

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The Attorney General

The rabbis and ministers who were arrested at Tallahassee, Florida, on June 16, 1961, were released on \$500 bond each on June 17, 1961. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] remained in Tallahassee while others in the group returned to Newark, New Jersey, the same date. Trial has been set for June 22, 1961, on charges of unlawful assembly.

Farris Bryant, Governor of Florida, has issued the following statement regarding the arrests at Tallahassee:

"Florida has accorded to the freedom riders the full protection of her laws. Regardless of cost or convenience, their trip across Florida was made peaceful and without incident. Unfortunately these people were not willing to leave Florida without creating discord and securing attendant publicity. In the last ten minutes of their scheduled stay, they embarked upon a new course designed to make trouble. If not deterred by local authorities they would have succeeded with damage to the poise and dignity of this state. We offer the full protection of the law to all in Florida who seek to pursue lawful purposes, but we issue no licenses granting immunity from arrest to those who violate our laws by their actions. Neither the cause nor the composition of any group of people frees them from their obligation as citizens."

The group of freedom riders which left Daytona Beach, Florida, on June 15, 1961, returned to Daytona Beach from Tampa, Florida, in private automobiles on the night of June 16, 1961. Their trip was without incident.

Julius W. Hobson, President, Washington, D. C., Chapter, Congress of Racial Equality, has advised that a freedom ride will originate from Washington, D. C., on June 21, 1961. The group will consist of a few people from New York, two from Philadelphia and two from Washington, D. C. They will travel by regularly scheduled bus but their itinerary has not yet been determined.

The Attorney General

This matter is continuing to receive close attention and full coverage. Additional pertinent developments will be brought to the attention of the Department on a current basis.

1 - Mr. Byron E. White
Deputy Attorney General

1 - Assistant Attorney General
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1 - Assistant Attorney General
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[redacted] was arrested at Jackson, Mississippi, on June 19, 1961, when he entered the colored waiting room at the Greyhound bus terminal and failed to move on, upon being instructed to do so by the police. [redacted] is white, stated that he is [redacted]

[redacted] and had traveled from Oklahoma by private automobile because he wanted to join the freedom riders in jail.

One hundred seventeen freedom riders have been arrested at Jackson since May 24, 1961. Thirty have been released on bond, four have been released upon payment of fines, and eighty-three remain in custody. All freedom riders in custody at the Jackson City Jail and the Hinds County Jail are eating.

It has been reported that the following freedom rides are scheduled:

Fifteen freedom riders were to depart from New Orleans, Louisiana, aboard the Illinois Central Railroad train, City of New Orleans, at 7:10 a.m., June 20, 1961, to arrive at Jackson, Mississippi, at 10:20 a.m., Central Standard Time (CST), June 20, 1961.

Seven or eight freedom riders were scheduled to leave Atlanta, Georgia, by Greyhound bus at 12:40 p.m., June 20, 1961, to arrive at Montgomery, Alabama, at 4:55 p.m., CST, June 20, 1961. After spending the night in Montgomery, the group intends to proceed to Jackson, Mississippi, by Trailways bus on June 21, 1961.

The Second Baptist Church, Los Angeles, California, is organizing a freedom ride to leave Los Angeles on July 12, 1961, en route to Jackson, Mississippi.

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

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Three freedom riders plan to leave Washington, D. C., by Eastern Air Lines at 5:45 p.m., June 20, 1961, to arrive at Tallahassee, Florida, at 10:46 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, June 20, 1961.

[redacted] who stated in 1954 that he had been a member of the Communist Party, attended a "workshop" in St. Petersburg, Florida, at which freedom riders were present on June 16, 1961. Although [redacted] spoke briefly, he was not an active participant.

A reliable informant has advised that [redacted] of the Northwest Bureau of "Peoples World," Seattle, Washington, has indicated an active interest in the freedom ride movement and has stated he may attempt to sponsor a freedom rider from the northwest area. [redacted] also indicated that if he can locate a freedom rider, he would like to sponsor his appearance in Seattle. The "Peoples World" is a West Coast communist newspaper.

At approximately 12:12 a.m., June 20, 1961, the Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D. C., received an anonymous telephone call from a man who stated, "I do not like freedom riders, therefore a bomb will go off in Union Station tonight." The Union Station was searched by police who found no bomb.

Further developments will be promptly brought to the attention of the Department.

- 1 - Mr. Byron R. White
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- 1 - Assistant Attorney General
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- 1 - Assistant Attorney General
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- 1 - Assistant Attorney General
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NOTE:

Information regarding [] furnished by [] as per Seattle airtel 6/16/61, captioned "CP USA, Negro Question, IS-C," Bufile 100-19222.

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Local press carrying results of Western New York Conference of the AME Zion Church held at Schenectady, New York weekend of 6/9-11/61 states that five ministers of this church volunteered to join an interracial inter-religious "Freedom Ride" leaving Washington, D. C., Tuesday 6/13/61. Articles named Reverend LESLIE L. SMITH, Pastor of Sojourners AME Zion Church, and Reverend EDWARD C. MORTON, Assistant Pastor at Walls Temple AME Zion Church, both Albany; Reverend GEORGE W. LEAKE of Buffalo; Reverend EMORY C. PROCTOR of Syracuse, New York, and Reverend C. D. ALSTORK of Saratoga Springs, New York.

The press noted that ministers from New York, Connecticut and Cambridge, Massachusetts, participated and that the group leaving Washington to make this trip would include Jewish rabbis and clergymen of many denominations. No details were furnished concerning the trip, but it was stated that the trip would end in Florida and would not include those states in which Freedom Rides had been prohibited.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, NEW ORLEANS

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, NEWARK 1 P

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FAITH GROUP UNDER ARREST TALLAHASSEE, FLA. RE JACKSONVILLE TELS
THIS DATE. MEMBERS INTERFAITH GROUP ARRIVED NEWARK AIRPORT EIGHT FORTY
PM TODAY. ACCORDING TO PORT AUTHORITY POLICE THEY WERE MET BY
NEWSPAPER MEN AND PHOTOGRAPHERS AND SHORTLY THEREAFTER LEFT THE AIRPORT
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FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (157-81)

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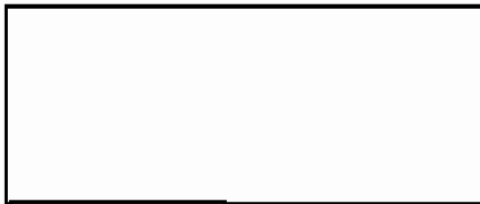
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The files of the Chicago Office contain no information pertaining to [redacted]

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

Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and these sources must be concealed.

This letterhead memorandum is classified ~~confidential~~ because it contains information from [redacted] the unauthorized disclosure of which could jeopardize their effectiveness.

(U) [redacted] as a complainant telephonically advised this Office on June 8, 1961, that [redacted] with CORE and affiliated with the Freedom Riders (FR) training school at the Liberty Baptist Church, Chicago. [redacted] advised CORE and other organizations sponsoring FR did not want to have FR with backgrounds of a derogatory nature of either a subversive or a criminal background. ~~C~~

[redacted] was advised the files of the FBI are confidential, and that the FBI was not authorized to furnish information to individuals or organizations unauthorized for such information. [redacted] was also advised that this was not to infer that the FBI did or did not have information in its files pertaining to the individuals she inquired about.

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[redacted] then furnished information concerning [redacted]

[redacted] to the effect that they were leaving Chicago for New Orleans and then to Jackson, Mississippi, the evening of June 8, 1961. This information was furnished the Bureau and New Orleans by Chicago teletype dated 6/8/61.

[redacted] was located on June 12, 1961, and voluntarily agreed to furnish the names, age, race, and descriptive data of future FR that come to her attention.

[redacted] stated some persons go to the South as FR not sponsored by CORE. The pertinent information from this source is incorporated into this letterhead memorandum.

G-2, Chicago, was advised of the information contained in this letterhead memorandum on June 12, 1961.

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FREEDOM RIDERS
RACIAL MATTERS

A source advised on June 12, 1961, a group of Freedom Riders (FR) left Chicago, Illinois, on June 9, 1961, for Nashville, Tennessee. These FR went under the sponsorship of the Committee on Racial Equality (CORE). This group was to have contacted CORE in Nashville and to have made arrangements to travel by interstate bus to Jackson, Mississippi. These FR, all from the Chicago, Illinois, area, consisted of the following:

[redacted]
White-female, age [redacted] 5'5" in height, black hair, marital status single

[redacted]
White-male, age [redacted]

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Negro-male, age [redacted]

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Negro-male, age [redacted] 5'5" in height 8. APPROX. [redacted]

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Negro-male, age [redacted] 5'5" in height, marital status single

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White-female, age [redacted] 5'5" in height,
marital status single

[redacted] A. APPROX. [redacted]
Negro-male, age [redacted]

This source continued that the following persons,
also from the Chicago, Illinois, area, had been scheduled to
go as FR but did not do so for personal reasons:

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[redacted]
[redacted] age [redacted] 5'4" in height, A. APPROX. [redacted]
[redacted] hair, marital status single

[redacted]
[redacted] age [redacted] 5'5" in height, A. APPROX. [redacted]
marital status single

[redacted]
[redacted] age [redacted] 5'8 $\frac{1}{2}$ " in height A. APPROX. [redacted]
[redacted] A. APPROX. [redacted]
[redacted] age [redacted] 5'7 $\frac{1}{2}$ " in height

The above four persons, according to this source, may
go as FR Friday, June 16, 1961, under the sponsorship of CORE
in Chicago.

This source continued that under the sponsorship of
CORE, Chicago, a FR training school was set up at the Liberty
Baptist Church, 4849 South Parkway, Chicago, Illinois, about
May 31, 1961. The purpose of this school is to give one day
of training to future FR teaching the ideas and techniques
of non-violent protest.

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The source stated CORE and FR are attempting to obtain financial support and public stated support from other Chicago area organizations and leading Chicago area citizens. CORE does not want FR to have support from organizations or individuals with either subversive or criminal backgrounds.

According to a second source, [] was a member of the Illinois Communist Party (CP) Youth in April, 1960.

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According to a third source, one [] a male Negro, 6' in height, 30-35 years old, residing in the Chicago, Illinois, area attended a meeting of the South Side Club of the CP of Illinois in []

A fourth source advised in June, 1961, that [] is a current member of the Chicago Chapter Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC), and that she participated in [] that was sponsored by the FPCC.

A fifth source advised on January 20, 1961, that [] in 1960 had been a member of the Youth Work Committee of the National Association for Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). This source further advised that [] in the summer of 1960 participated in the "wade-ins" at Rainbow Beach and "sit-in" demonstrations against Woolworth Department stores, both in the Chicago, Illinois, area, sponsored by the NAACP.

A sixth source advised in March, 1961, that the NAACP has been designated as a point of concentration by the CP-USA in connection with the CP campaign to penetrate "right led mass organizations."

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The fourth source advised on June 8, 1961, that FR consisting of eleven white persons and seven Negro persons peacefully demonstrated at the Trailways Bus Terminal, 20 East Randolph Street, Chicago, Illinois, on June 8, 1961, from 11:55 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. The FR carried signs and distributed leaflets.

The seventh source advised that RICHARD CRILEY, Executive Secretary of the Chicago Committee to Defend the Bill of Rights and member of the CP of Illinois State Committee, stated in early June, 1961, that the FR are being led by the Chicago CORE. CRILEY stated the CP must not be left out, that the CP is the only one equipped to pass out leaflets, rent halls, etc. and so the CP is going to get into the FR activity through the back door. 211.

G-2, Chicago, was advised of the above information on June 12, 1961.

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FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE

The April 6, 1960, edition of "The New York Times" newspaper contains a full page advertisement captioned, "What is Really Happening in Cuba", placed by the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC). This advertisement announced the formation of the FPCC in New York City, listed various sponsors of the Committee and declared the FPCC intended to promulgate "the truth about revolutionary Cuba" to neutralize the distorted American press on Cuban affairs.

"The New York Times" edition of January 11, 1961, reported that at a hearing conducted before the United States Senate Internal Security Subcommittee on January 10, 1961, Dr. CHARLES A. SANTOS-BUCH identified himself as one of the organizers of the FPCC. Also, Dr. SANTOS-BUCH identified ROBERT TABER as a co-organizer of the FPCC and said TABER drafted the aforementioned FPCC advertisement. Dr. SANTOS-BUCH further testified that he and TABER obtained \$3,500 from the Cuban Government through the son of Cuba's Foreign Minister, which funds, along with about \$1,100 collected from supporters of the FPCC, paid for the cost of aforementioned advertisement in "The New York Times".

On October 3, 1960, a source advised that the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) in New York had become active in the FPCC, and that SWP members, in a recent FPCC election, had been able to remove several Communist Party (CP) members who were on the Executive Board of the FPCC and gain control of the organization. This source asserted that the SWP members believed that they had achieved a great influence in the course of the Cuban revolution through their control of the FPCC.

On February 10, 1961, a second source advised that PHIL BART, National Organizational Secretary and member of the National Committee, CP, USA, had reportedly stated recently that the FPCC had been captured by the Trotskyites, but that the CP had not given up in the FPCC.

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FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE
CHICAGO CHAPTER

A source advised in October, 1960, that the Chicago Chapter of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC) was formed during the summer of 1960 at Chicago, Illinois, under the direct guidance and leadership of RICHARD CRILEY, a member of the State Committee, Communist Party (CP) of Illinois. The Chicago Chapter, FPCC, maintains no headquarters at Chicago, but receives mail through Post Office Box 4555, Chicago 80, Illinois. Its meetings are held in public halls or homes of individual members.

A second source, in August, 1960, furnished a leaflet entitled, "What is Really Happening in Cuba?", distributed by the FPCC, Post Office Box 4555, Chicago 80, Illinois. The aims and purposes of the FPCC as set forth in this leaflet include the following: "To disseminate the truth, to combat untruth; to publish and distribute factual information which the United States mass media suppresses. In general, to contribute to foundations for peace, friendship and understanding between ourselves and the Cuban people." The leaflet reflects the FPCC plans to accomplish these aims: "By mailing of informational bulletins; organizing public meetings and forums; providing speakers, movies and slides for meetings of interested organizations; placing ads in newspapers; to visit Cuba and see for themselves what conditions really are."

The first source added that at a meeting of the Chicago Chapter, FPCC, held in Chicago on July 28, 1960, it was mentioned that the membership dues in the FPCC were \$5 per year and it was decided by those present at the meeting that payment of the \$5 dues would entitle one to dual membership in the national organization as well as the Chicago Chapter.

This same source advised that as of October, 1960, this Committee continued to exist, with the same aims and purposes and under the same direction.

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CHICAGO COMMITTEE TO DEFEND THE BILL OF RIGHTS

The Chicago Committee to Defend the Bill of Rights (CCDBR), maintains headquarters in Room 811, 189 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois.

A source advised [redacted] the Communist Party (CP) met with RICHARD CRILEY, the then Executive Secretary of the Chicago Committee to Defend Democratic Rights (CCDDR), and a member of the Civil Liberties Commission, CP of Illinois. [redacted] CRILEY indicated that the climate in the United States on civil liberties and civil rights issues had changed to the extent that it was now possible to proceed to form an organization with broader mass support than the present CCDDR. By so doing, CRILEY believed that people who would not associate themselves with the CCDDR because of the narrow scope of the purposes of this organization, that is, defense of Smith Act victims, Taft-Hartley victims, etc., would join a Civil Liberties and Civil Rights organization built around a broader issue, such as the Abolishment of the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA). [redacted] from CRILEY that any new organization that might evolve would protect the Party interests in the same manner as the old CCDDR [redacted] a broader organization than the CCDDR.

A second source advised on October 31, 1960, that a new organization known as the Chicago Committee to Defend the Bill of Rights was formally launched in Chicago at a meeting on [redacted]. The stated primary purpose of the new organization was to seek the abolition of the HCUA, and RICHARD CRILEY was named as its Executive Secretary, after having been the guiding force in arranging the [redacted] meeting.

The first source, [redacted] advised that CRILEY again attended a meeting of Illinois District CP leadership on [redacted] at which time he reported on the organizational meeting of the CCDBR. CRILEY stated that the immediate purpose of his organization is to obtain mass support to abolish the HCUA, but the new Committee purposes will also include defense of Smith Act and Taft-Hartley victims. He said there will be no formal affiliation with any national organization of similar purpose; however, the CCDBR, according to CRILEY, will consult and have liaison with national organizations having the same purpose. According to the source, the CP leadership agreed with the general direction of the CCDBR as outlined by CRILEY.

The second source advised on February 8, 1961, that the CCDBR continues to adhere to the same aims and purposes and operates under the same leadership.

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CHICAGO COMMITTEE TO DEFEND DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS,
Formerly known as Chicago Joint Defense Committee
to Defeat the Smith Act

A source advised on April 15, 1958, that the Chicago Joint Defense Committee to Defeat the Smith Act (CJDC) was formed by the Communist Party (CP) in March, 1956.

A second source advised on July 17, 1958, that at a working conference of the CJDC held on June 8, 1958, at Chicago, Illinois, the name of the CJDC was changed to the Chicago Committee to Defend Democratic Rights (CCDDR). The purpose of the CCDDR, according to its "Statement of Principles and Organization" was to "...defend and extend the human rights embodied in the Bill of Rights...and to put an end to the political and racial persecutions which threaten American democracy today."

The second source further advised on May 18, 1960, that as of May, 1960, the CCDDR continued to function within the framework of its stated principles and that in accordance with its "Statement of Principles and Organization" had a number of "Working Committees" which included the Chicago Smith Act Families Committee, South Side Freedom Committee, and Taft-Hartley Working Committee. The source further stated that as of May, 1960, RICHARD CRILEY was serving as the Executive Secretary of the CCDDR.

This same source advised on February 8, 1961, that the CCDDR continued to operate until October 26, 1960 when the Chicago Committee to Defend the Bill of Rights (CCDBR) was formed and the offices and assets of what was formerly the CCDDR were taken over by the CCDBR. At the [redacted] meeting, a referendum for approval of the above described action was called for, and subsequently, votes were solicited from "associates" of the old CCDDR. The source further advised that no formal dissolution meeting of the CCDDR was ever held, but for all intents and purposes the CCDDR ceased to exist on October 26, 1960, and the new CCDBR has functioned under the guidance of RICHARD CRILEY, its Executive Secretary, since that time. b7D

RICHARD CRILEY, according to a third source, was a member of the State Committee, CP of Illinois, as of February, 1961.

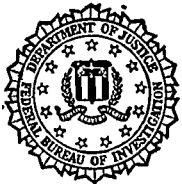
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RACIAL MATTERS

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI

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FREEBUS, RACIAL MATTERS.. REMYTEL JUNE FIFTEEN LAST. ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION INDICATES NINE MEMBERS INTERFAITH GROUP PAREN GROUP TWO PAREN
REMAINED AT TALLAHASSEE AIRPORT RATHER THAN TEN. GROUP CONSISTS SIX
COLORED AND THREE WHITE. AT MIDNIGHT, EST, POLICE ASKED GROUP TO LEAVE
AIRPORT AS IT WAS CLOSED. ALL WENT IN PRIVATE AUTOS TO BETHEL BAPTIST
CHURCH FOR MEETING AND THEN PROCEEDED RESIDENCE [REDACTED]
COLORED, WHERE SPENDING NIGHT. ALL HAVE RESERVATIONS ON EASTERN AIRLINES
FLIGHT NINE FIVE FOUR DEPARTING TALLAHASSEE AT EIGHT THREE EIGHT AM
EST JUNE SIXTEEN TO ARRIVE ATLANTA TEN FIFTEEN AM. TWO MINISTERS,
[REDACTED] PLAN LEAVE ATLANTA AT TWELVE ZERO FIVE PM. FOR
WASHINGTON, D. C. ARRIVING THREE ZERO THREE P. M. REMAINDER PLAN FLY
EASTERN AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE THREE EIGHT LEAVING ATLANTA TWELVE ZERO
ONE P.M. AND ARRIVING NEW YORK CITY PAREN NEWARK AIRPORT PAREN AT THREE
THREE ONE P.M. DURING STAY AT TALLAHASSEE AIRPORT POLICE REMOVED
CONTROLS AT ENTRANCE ABOUT SIX THIRTY P.M. BUT NO CROWDS GATHERED AND
NO INCIDENTS OCCURRED. IT IS NOT ANTICIPATED THE REST ROOM AND LUNCH

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ROOM FACILITIES WILL BE REOPENED UNTIL GROUP DEPARTS TALLAHASSEE.
AIRPORT MANAGEMENT CONTINUES CLAIM REST ROOM PLUMBING BEING REPAIRED AND
RESTAURANT MANAGER CONTENDS CLOSED FOR MONTHLY CLEANING. ATLANTA ADVISE
BUREAU RE GROUPS ACTIVITIES THERE AND ALERT LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

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FROM SAC, NEW ORLEANS /157-264/ 1P

FREEBUS. FOLLOWING FREE RIDERS RELEASED FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS
CASH APPEAL BOND JUNE FOURTEEN SUBSEQUENT TO MY JUNE FOURTEEN
SUMMARY TEL - [REDACTED] ARRESTED TRAILWAYS
TERMINAL, MAY TWENTYFOUR. [REDACTED] ARRESTED
ICRR DEPOT, MAY THIRTY. [REDACTED] ARRESTED
AIRPORT, JUNE SEVEN. NO FREE RIDERS ARRESTED SINCE LAST SUMMARY.
THE FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY AS OF FOUR PM, JUNE FIFTEEN -
TOTAL ARRESTED ONE HUNDRE ELEVEN. OUT ON BOND TWENTYNINE.
PAID FINES FOUR. NET IN CUSTODY SEVENTYEIGHT. ALL EATING AT
JACKSON CITY JAIL. FIFTEEN NOT EATING AT HINDS COUNTY JAIL.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, NEWARK

FROM SAC, JACKSONVILLE /157-246/ 1 P

QUOTE FREEBUS UNQUOTE, RACIAL MATTERS, CORE, RACIAL MATTERS. RE
INTERFAITH GROUP UNDER ARREST TALLAHASSEE, FLA. RE JACKSONVILLE
TEL TO BUREAU FOUR FORTY THREE PM TODAY. EIGHT MEMBERS INTERFAITH
GROUP ARRIVED JACKSONVILLE AIRPORT FROM TALLAHASSEE FOUR FORTY PM.
DEPARTED FOR NEWARK FOUR FIFTY FIVE PM VIA EAL FLIGHT NUMBER SIX
ZERO EIGHT DUE TO ARRIVE NEWARK EIGHT THIRTY PM TODAY. AIRPORT
FACILITIES JACKSONVILLE NOT TESTED. TALLAHASSEE BONDS-
MAN, ADVISED HE POSTED FIVE HUNDRED DOLLAR BONDS FOR THE JAILED
INTERFAITH GROUP AND FOR TWO OTHER LOCAL INDIVIDUALS ARRESTED WITH
THEM ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM

CALLLED ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM PAREN
FNU PAREN TELEPHONE NUMBER

TELEPHONED

TALLAHASSEE CHRISTIAN CHURCH AND

ASKED TO INTERCEDE FOR JAILED INTERFAITH GROUP WITH

FLORIDA GOVERNOR. OTHER TWO MEMBERS OF GROUP STAYING AT

HOUSE, TALLAHASSEE. THE GGGUP APPEARED BEFORE TALLAHASSEE

CITY JUDGE JOHN RUDD THIS AM. ENTERED NOT GUILTY PLEAS TO UN-

LAWFUL ASSEMBLY CHARGES. TRIAL SET BY RUDD AT TALLAHASSEE JUNE

TWENTYTWO NEXT. BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS.

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PHONE CALL FROM [REDACTED]
RE HUNGER STRIKE BY FREEDOM RIDERS
IN JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, JAIL

EX-116

Reference is made to your memorandum dated June 12, 1961.

We have been informed by the Jackson, Mississippi, Police Department that the following sixteen freedom riders who were prisoners in the city jail at Jackson engaged in a hunger strike off and on from the time they were first received at the jail: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] allegedly has not eaten for twelve days. The number of individuals who refused to eat was determined by counting the unused plates after each meal was served. We have been advised that these prisoners have occupied cells in which other freedom riders who did not refuse food were located. The alleged hunger strikers would have had access to the food served the other prisoners.

These sixteen prisoners, all of whom are white, were transferred to the Mississippi State Penitentiary at Parchman, Mississippi, on the morning of June 15, 1961, with the exception of [REDACTED] was released on bond on the evening of June 14, 1961. All of these prisoners were examined by a jail physician on June 14, 1961, and their health was found to be satisfactory.

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Our files do not reflect any additional pertinent information identifiable with [REDACTED] mentioned in your memorandum.

[REDACTED] may be identical with one [REDACTED] New York, who signed a Communist Party nominating petition in 1946. This individual invoked the Fifth Amendment when questioned about communist activities by a [REDACTED]

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Senate subcommittee at New York in 1953. He allegedly had photographs of Molotov and Gromyko in his home and he reportedly admitted to a confidential informant that he was a member of the Communist Party. ~~X~~ 4

[redacted] was born [redacted] at Newark, New Jersey. He was employed by [redacted] from 1946 until 1951 and from 1951 until 1953 he was employed [redacted]

He was subsequently reported to be engaged in the film slide business. On December 21, 1952, [redacted] was arrested by the United States Marshal at Brooklyn, New York, for [redacted]. The charges were dismissed on July 30, 1953.

No further action will be taken unless it is specifically requested by the Department.

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NOTE: [redacted] wrote the Attorney General alleging that [redacted] and two others in the Jackson, Mississippi, jail were on a hunger strike which they would continue until the office of the Attorney General protects freedom riders from arrests. Incoming requests information concerning the hunger strike and any information in the Bureau's possession regarding [redacted] whose name is spelled both [redacted] in the material furnished by the Department. This has been classified "~~Confidential~~" because exposure of the informant could prejudice the defense interests of the U. S.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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Memorandum

TO : Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: June 12, 1961

FROM : Burke Marshall
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights DivisionSUBJECT: Phone call from [redacted] re hunger
strike by Freedom Riders in Jackson, Mississippi,
jail MISE.

On June 10, 1961, [redacted]

[redacted] New York, informed

this Division by telephone that [redacted] and
two other persons in the Jackson, Mississippi, jail
were on a hunger strike and would continue on it
until the office of the Attorney General stepped
in to protect the Freedom Riders from their arrests.[redacted] stated that the press would
be informed of the proposed hunger strike at noon on
Sunday, June 11.

I would appreciate any information in your
possession on either of the two named men. Also,
please find out whether this hunger strike is in
fact in progress and the names of the persons in-
volved.

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Rm 5706
88 East Avenue
East Rockaway, New York
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Bush -
The Attorney General, Mr. Robert Kennedy
Justice Department
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir:

This is to restate in writing the request which I made by telephone to [redacted] the Civil Rights Division, on Saturday, June 10, 1961.

At that time, and, to the best of my knowledge, at the present time, [redacted] was and still remains in jail in Jackson, Mississippi. He was arrested on Friday, June 2, 1961, as a Freedom Rider. Today's New York Times states that most of the Freedom Riders have been transferred to a state farm somewhere in Mississippi.

[redacted] am very much concerned about his present situation. On Sunday, June 12, 1961, I received a letter from him which was carried out of jail and mailed by a Freedom Rider who had left jail.

[redacted] believes, as I do, that he was jailed in violation of his rights. Since due process of law in the state of Mississippi has not afforded him protection of his rights, he believes that he has no alternative but to engage in an action which may attract the attention of those who can help him and the others who have been unjustly convicted.

In his letter he states that he will refuse to eat any food until he and all other Freedom Riders are set free. As of the date on his letter, he had not eaten for eight days (the period of time he had been in jail).

[redacted] He is a man of strong character and deep conviction. I believe he will die in jail before surrendering his rights.

I therefore appeal to you to take such action as you can in order to set him and the other Freedom Riders free. It is of great concern to me, as well as [redacted] to have your immediate reply, since, as I have stated, it is a question of life or death. I would appreciate knowing what, if anything, the Justice Department can do. If you find no legal means available to you, I would appreciate a reply so stating.

By the time this letter reaches you, [redacted] will have been without food for twelve days.

Very respectfully yours,

[redacted signature box]

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Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont *WBE*

DATE: 6-15-61

FROM : A. Rosen *AR*

SUBJECT: FREEBUS

FREEDOM RIDERS - MISC.

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SAC Maynor, New Orleans, advised today that the following information had been received from Chief of Detectives M. B. Pierce, Jackson, Mississippi, Police Department.

Pierce had been informed that eight white freedom rider prisoners remaining in the city jail at Jackson told officers of the Jackson Police Department that officials of the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) are planning to meet with Attorney General Kennedy on 6-16-61 and that the Attorney General is going to get them out of jail. Pierce does not know the source of the prisoner's information.

JCT: vhm

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TO DIRECTOR FBI AND SAC JACKSONVILLE

FROM SAC TAMPA 157-301 1P

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0 FREEDOM RIDERS - MISC.

FREEBUS, RACIAL MATTERS. CORE, RACIAL MATTERS, DAYTONA BEACH GROUP.
RE PREVIOUS TELS RE DAYTONA BEACH GROUP, JACKSONVILLE TEL FIVE FIFTY
PM JUNE SIXTEEN, AND TAMPA TELCALL TO BUREAU. GREYHOUND BUS WITH
THIS GROUP ARRIVED BROOKSVILLE, FLA., FIVE THIRTY PM. NONE OF GROUP
GOT OFF BUS, NOTHING TESTED, NO INCIDENTS. BUS ARRIVED TAMPA SIX
FORTYNINE PM, CONSISTING OF TWO NEGRO MALES, TWO NEGRO FEMALES, AND
ONE WHITE FEMALE. NOTHING TESTED, NO INCIDENTS, WENT TO TICKET WIN-
DOW, INQUIRED AS TO TIME NEXT BUS TO ORLANDO DEPARTS, AND WERE AD-
VISED SIX AM JUNE SEVENTEEN. ON NEGRO MALE SAID QUOTE LET-S CALL BOB
UNQUOTE. PHONE CALL MADE. GROUP WAITED AROUND BUS TERMINAL. LATER
STATION WAGON BEARING SIXTYONE FLORIDA TAG [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] PICKED ALL OF THEM UP. ~~STATION WAGON~~

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TO WAGON
STATION REGISTERED TO [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] IS FIELD SECRETARY, NAACP. AS OF EIGHT PM
GROUP WAS NOTED TO BE AT HOME OF [REDACTED] BUREAU AND JACKSONVILLE
WILL BE ADVISED OF ANY FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS AND OF DEPARTURE FROM
TAMPA AND SUBSEQUENT ITINERARY AND STOPS. JUN 20 1961

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FROM SAC NEW ORLEANS /157-307/ 3P *FREEDOM RIDERS-MISC.*

FREEBUS. RE PHONE CALL JACKSON RA TO BUREAU JUNE SIXTEEN.

FOLLOWING FREERIDERS ARRESTED BY JACKSON, MISS. PD AT GREYHOUND
BUS TERMINAL, ONE FIFTEEN PM CST, JUNE SIXTEEN. ALL HAD ARRIVED
ON BUS FROM MEMPHIS AND WERE ARRESTED AT LUNCH COUNTER WHITE
WAITING ROOM, WHEN FAILED TO MOVE ON AT ORDER OF POLICE OFFICERS.
NO INCIDENTS. ALL CHARGED BREACH OF PEACE. THEY ARE DASH

[REDACTED] BROOKLYN, NY, [REDACTED]

BORN [REDACTED] DETROIT, [REDACTED]

BROWN EYES, BLACK HAIR, STUDENT UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN, ADMITS
PICKETING IN WOOLWORTH SIT-IN AND ATTENDANCE CIVIL RIGHTS RALLY
MADISON, WIS., SIXTY. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] FORREST HILLS, NY, [REDACTED]

BORN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] PITTSBURGH, PA., [REDACTED]

HAZEL EYES, BROWN HAIR, STUDENT, CORNELL UNIVERSITY, ADMITS STUDENT
MARCH FOR INTEGRATION, WASH, DC, FIFTYEIGHT. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] ALSO SHOWN AS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ITHACA, NY, [REDACTED]

BORN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ITHACA, [REDACTED]

BROWN

HAIR, BROWN EYES, OCCUPATION SHOWN AS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ITHACA, NY, AND ALSO [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ADMITS PICKETING WOOLWORTH-S, ITHACA, SIXTY, PEACE MARCH

N. J. AND N. Y., SIXTYONE, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] FORMER MEMBER NAACP. [REDACTED]

AKA

[REDACTED] STILLWATER, OKLA.,

[REDACTED] BORN [REDACTED]

OKLAHOMA CITY, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BLUE EYES, BLEACHED BLOND, STUDENT

SCHOOL NOT SHOWN, MEMBER NAACP, OKLAHOMA CITY. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CHICAGO, [REDACTED]

BORN

[REDACTED] CHICAGO, ILL., [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BROWN EYES, BLACK HAIR, STUDENT, UNI-

VERSITY OF CHICAGO, ADMITS SIT-INS, COUNTY COURT HOUSE, ALA.

STATE COLLEGE, CITY NOT SHOWN, SIXTY. ALL ABOVE TRIED JACKSON
MUNICIPAL COURT THREE PM, JUNE SIXTEEN FOR VIOLATION SEC.

TWO ZERO EIGHT SEVEN POINT FIVE, MISS. CODE. ALL CONVICTED AND
SENTENCED FOUR MONTHS JAIL, TO HUNDRED DOLLAR FINE. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] LONE FREE RIDER, ARRESTED GREYHOUND TERMINAL, JACKSON,

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JUNE FOURTEEN, ALSO TRIED JUNE SIXTEEN, FOR VIOLATION SEC.
TWO ZERO EIGHT NINE POINT FIVE, MISS. CODE, AND RECEIVED SAME
SENTENCE AS ABOVE. NO INCIDENTS AT TRIAL. FOLLOWING IS
SUMMARY AS OF FOUR PM, JUNE SIXTEEN COLON NONE RELEASED ON BOND OR
PAID FINE AND FIVE ARRESTED SINCE JUNE FIFTEEN SUMMARY. TOTAL
ARRESTED ONE HUNDRED SIXTEEN. OUT ON BOND TWENTYNINE. PAID
FINES FOUR. NET IN CUSTODY EIGHTYTHREE. ALL EATING AT CITY
JAIL. FIFTEEN NOT EATING AT HINDS COUNTY JAIL.

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FREEDOM RIDERS-MISC

QUOTE FREEBUS UNQUOTE, RACIAL MATTERS, CORE, RACIAL MATTERS.

RE JACKSONVILLE TEL TEN THIRTYSEVEN AM TODAY. SECOND SECTION,

PROFESSIONAL GROUP, LEFT JACKSONVILLE NINE FIFTYSIX AM TODAY ON

GREYHOUND BUS AND ARRIVED OCALA TWELVE TWENTYTHREE PM. GROUP

LEFT BUS AND ENTERED WAITING ROOM. FIVE OR SIX WHITE MALES

WERE IN WAITING ROOM THREE OF WHICH CLAIMED NEGROE QUOTE

FREEDOM RIDERS UNQUOTE STEPPED ON THEIR FEET AND BUMPED

THEM. ARGUMENTS ENSUED AND [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] MARION COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE, OCALA, IMMEDIATELY

INTERVENED AND ASKED WHAT TROUBLE WAS. PROFESSIONAL GROUP

SAID THEY MERELY WANTED TO GO IN RESTAURANT TO EAT. [REDACTED]

SAID DID NOT WANT ANY TROUBLE AND THAT THEY COULD NOT EAT

THERE. GROUP SAID THEY WERE GOING IN ANYWAY AND [REDACTED]

IMMEDIATELY PLACED FOLLOWING THREE MEMBERS OF GROUP UNDER

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ARREST. [REDACTED]

AGE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AGE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AGE [REDACTED]

ALL WERE CHARGED WITH FAILURE TO OBEY

LAWFUL ORDER OF AN OFFICER AND ATTEMPT TO INCITE RIOT.

GREYHOUND BUS DEPARTED OCALA ONE ZERO SEVEN PM FOR TAMPA

WITH REMAINING FOUR MEMBERS OF GROUP ABOARD. SITUATION

BEING FOLLOWED AND BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED. CIC ADVISED.

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