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The Bureau will note that in addition to the above sources, the Tampa Division had alerted all of its sources in the racial field during the visit of the Freedom Riders.

In regard to the individuals mentioned in the enclosed memorandum, the following is being set forth for the information of the Bureau:

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LEON COX, JR.

The May 7, 1961, issue of the "St. Petersburg Times" carried an article which identified LEON COX, JR. as the head of a fund drive for the St. Petersburg branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). COX was further identified as a science instructor at the Gibbs Junior College, St. Petersburg, Fla. The December 14, 1960, issue of the same newspaper identified COX as secretary of the Selective Buying Committee of the same NAACP branch.

REVEREND ENOCH D. DAVIS

The May 7, 1961, issue of the "St. Petersburg Times" carried an article which identified DAVIS as a member of the executive committee of the St. Petersburg branch of the NAACP.

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Party which appeared in the 'Daily Worker" issue of
3/5/41. One was also listed
as Ohio Committee for the
Protection of the Foreign Born.

Reverend H. McDONALD NELSON

The May 7, 1961 issue of the "St. Petersburg Times" carried an article which identified NELSON as a member of the executive committee of the St. Petersburg branch of the NAACP. The same paper in its issue of March 3, 1960, carried an article which reported that three groups consisting of two Negroes each attempted to be served at lunch counters of three stores in St. Petersburg on March 2, 1960. One of the groups of two at the lunch counter at Maas Bros. was the Reverend Dr. H. M. NELSON, Pastor, Bethel AME Church.

ROBERT W. SAUNDERS

The February 10, 1961, issue of the "St. Petersburg Times" carried an article which identified ROBERT W. SAUNDERS as field secretary of the NAACP.

WILLIAM SMITH

The January 5, 1961, issue of the "St. Petersburg
Times" carried an article which stated that Dr. WILLIAM
A. SMITH of Gibbs Junior College, St. Petersburg,
Florida, and Dr. CLARK BOUWMAN had arranged a panel
talk on racial problems. It is believed that
referred to in the letterhead memorandum is possibly
identical to

Dr. RALPH WIMBISH

WIMBISH is the subject of an inactive file in the Tampa Division, Tampa File 157-138. This file consists of an article which appeared in the "St. Petersburg"Times" on September 4, 1960, and concerned Mrs. CARRIE BETTY WIMBISH, wife of Dr. RALPH WIMBISH, and her unsuccessful election race for a post on the Pinellas County, Florida School Board. The article stated that about four years before a cross had been burned in front of the home of the WIMBISH's.

The May 7, 1961, issue of the "St. Petersburg Times" carried an article which identified Dr. RALPH M. WIMBISH as president of the St. Petersburg branch of the NAACP.

The following names were checked in the files of the Tampa Division and no references of any kind were noted:

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On June 10, 1961, Congress of	b
Racial Equality, New York City, advised that two groups of	
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On June 12, 1961, Lieutenant Special	
Investigations Squad. Metropolitan Police Department, Washington,	
D. C., advised that Washington, D. C., had	
informed him that the group of "Freedom Riders" destined for	
St. Petersburg, Florida, would leave at 7:45 a.m., June 13, 1961,	
at Washington, D. C., on a Greyhound Bus. They were scheduled to	
proceed to Wilmington, N. C., on Tuesday evening. At Wilmington,	
this group would split into two sections and proceed to Charleston,	
S. C., arriving June 14, 1961, in the evening. The groups would	
leave Charleston the next morning and arrive at Jacksonville,	
Florida, the same day. The groups would depart Jacksonville at	
6:00 a.m. and at 7:30 a.m., June 16, 1961, arriving at St.	
Petersburg, Florida, at 12:45 p.m. and 5:10 p.m. the same day.	
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identified the following among those	
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The "Tampa Tribune," a daily Tampa, Florida, newspaper, issue of June 13, 1961, carried a United Press release to the effect that the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) announced in Washington that two groups of "Freedom Riders" would leave Washington, D. C., for trips through North and South Carolina and Florida and would test racial segregation at bus stops between Tallahassee and

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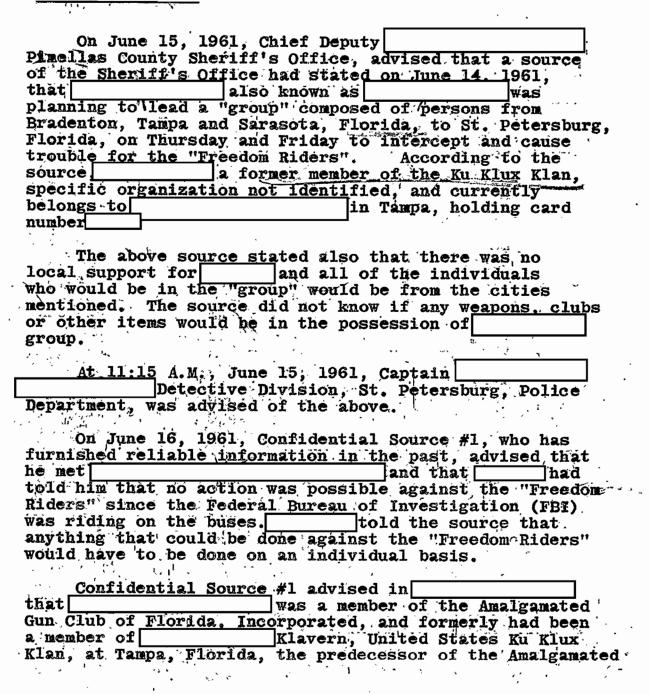
St. Petersburg, Florida, including Tampa. The same issue of the above paper also carried a United Press dispatch quoting the Reverend E. C. TILLMAN of Daytona Beach, Florida, as stating on June 12, 1961, that the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) would send investigating teams of Negroes and whites touring Florida's major interstate travel terminals on the following Wednesday. The dispatch identified Reverend TILLMAN as chairman of the teams.

On June 13, 1961, Chief NEIL G. BROWN (NA), Tampa Police Department, was advised of the plans of the "Freedom Riders" and stated that a delegation from the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office and the Tampa Police Department made a survey of the facilities of the Greyhound Bus Terminal and the Trailways Terminal, The delegation found the Greyhound facilities completely integrated and the restaurant facilities at the Trailways Terminal to be integrated. The restrooms of Trailways were marked for colored and white patrons although it was found that both races use either at will. Chief BROWN added that two plainclothesmen would be stationed in the area of the Greyhound Bus Terminal on June 16, 1961, and that uniformed men would be maintained in reserve at the Police Station nearby. The Chief added that facilities at the Tampa International Airport are completely integrated and he anticipated no problems there. Chief BROWN stated that he had contacted Television Station WTVT, Tampa, and had ascertained that no advance announcements of the schedules of the "Freedom Riders" would be made on television and that as in previous occurences of this type, he did not expect that the Tampa newspapers, the "Tampa Times" or the "Tampa Tribune" to make advance announcements of **b**6 schedules of the "Freedom Riders." b7C

On June 13, 1961, Captain St. Petersburg, Florida, Police Department, advised that he planned to have several plainclothesmen in and near the Greyhound Bus Terminal in St. Petersburg on June 16, 1961. He added that he would have additional manpower in a hotel across the street from the terminal building, to cover any emergency situations. Captain stated that since all transportation facilities at St. Petersburg already were completely integrated he did not anticipate any problems there.

At 10:55 a.m., June 13, 1961, CIC Agent, Tampa, was apprised of the plans of the "Freedom Riders."

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Gun Club of Florida, Incorporated. Confidential Source No. 1 advised that at a meeting of the Amalgamated Gun Club of Florida, Incorporated on December 14, 1959, it was stated that weapons were needed by the members, and that it might be necessary one day to fight the United States Army, the National Guard or other to preserve segregation in the south. Confidential Source No. 1 has advised that the Amalgamated Gun Club of Florida, Incorporated is now defunct.

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At 10:45 a.m., June 16, 1961, Chief NEIL BROWN (NA), Tampa Police Department, advised that the Florida Highway Patrol had reported that Section One of the Freedom Riders was at Bushnell, Florida, at 10:25 a.m. that day.

At 10:55 a.m., June 16, 1961, Sergeant

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Highway Patrol, advised that the Greybound Bus enroute to State

At 10:55 a.m., June 16, 1961, Sergeant Florida Highway Patrol, advised that the Greyhound Bus enroute to St. Petersburg, Florida, contained three white males, two Negro males, one white female, and one Negro female. He identified one of the Negro males as He added that the bus was followed by a Chevrolet with a North Carolina license and a Rambler with a 1961 Tennessee license 599, which contained photographers.

Sergeant added that the second Greyhound Bus left Jacksonville, Florida, at 10:00 a.m. that date and it was one hour late. It was scheduled to stop in Gainesville for ten minutes and in Ocala, Florida, for thirty-five minutes enroute to Dade City, Florida, Tampa, Florida, and St. Petersburg, Florida.

Records of the Tennessee Motor Vehicle Bureau disclosed that 1961 Tennessee license 599 was issued to Tennessee.

"Nashville (Tennessee) Banner," disclosed that is a photographer for the Associated Press, now working for the Associated Press, Raleigh, North Carolina.

Greyhound Bus Number 6234, bearing 1961 Flordda license 68S 8961, was observed to arrive at Dade City, Florida, by Special Agents of the FBI at 10:52 a.m., June 16, 1961. At the Dade City stop, three ministers, two being Negroes and one white, alighted from the bus and attempted to enter the restrooms. However, the three returned to the bus when they noted that the restrooms were blocked off. Police officers from the Dade City Police Department were on duty at the bus stop. It was observed that the bus departed Dade City at 10:54 a.m. and that a 1959 Chevrolet, bearing 1961 North Carolina license AV 1059, followed behind the bus.

The above bus was observed to arrive at Zephyrhills, Florida, by Special Agents of the FBI at 11:09 a.m., June 16, 1961, and only the driver was observed to alight from the bus.

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It was noted that the bus driver soon returned to the bus and it departed at 11:10 a.m. In addition to the above Chevrolet, a 1959 Rambler, bearing 1961 Tennessee license 599, and a patrol car of the Florida Highway Patrol were following the above bus.

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At approximately 12:07 P.M., June 16, 1961, Special Agents of the FBI observed Greyhound Bus #6234 arriving at the Greyhound Bus Terminal, Tampa, Florida. observed that among the group that alighted from the bus was one group consisting of two white males, one Negro male, one Negro female and one white female. The three males thereafter engaged in an extensive conversation with members of the local press and interspersed this activity with a number of telephone calls made from telephone booths in the bus station waiting room.

It was observed that the two females above proceeded to the bus station lunch room where they seated themselves at the lunch counter and were served drinks. They thereafter walked to the bus station waiting room and boarded Greyhound, Bus' #6234 which departed the terminal at approximately 12:17 P.M.

The three males who alighted from the bus previously entered the bus station lunch room and were seryed at the counter at approximately 12:37 P.M. At 1:02 P.M., these three men were observed to leave the bus station and enter a city cab accompanied by a fourth man, described as a white male, age 45, 5'7", brown hair, wearing dark pants and light tan jacket and glasses.

On June 16, 1961, Confidential Source No. 3, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised he had spoken to some passengers of Greyhound Bus #6234 of when it arrived at Tampa, Florida that day. He stated that these passengers identified themselves as "Freedom Riders". He added that the three males in the group proceeded to the Tampa International Airport from the bus station and, according to the source, they were

source added that the white male, who was wearing rimless glasses, was a reporter and rode the bus with the "Freedom Riders". He stated further that

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of the group, as well as the white female and Negro Temale had continued on to St. Petersburg, Florida, on bus #6234.

The records of the reservations desk, Northeast
Airlines, Tampa International Airport, disclosed that
had
reservations on Flight #34 leaving Tampa at 4:45 P.M.,
June 16, 1961, for Idlewild Airport, New York City. It
was observed by Special Agents of the FBI that while
at the Tampa International Airport the three males entered
the coffee shop and were served. The individual previously
pointed out by confidential bource no. o as
was observed to enter bartkes Airport Restaurant
and was served. The above three individuals departed as
scheduled.
On June 16, 1961, Lieutenant Detective
Division, St. Petersburg, Police Department, who was in
charge of the detective detail at the Greyhound Bus
Terminal at St. Petersburg, Florida, advised that the first
group of "Freedom Riders" arrived at the station at 12:55 P.M.,
June 16, 1961.
Confidential Source No. 4, who has furnished reliable
information in the past, advised that the first group of
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of at Columbia University,
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the group from New York;
New York City; and of New York.

"St. Petersburg Evening
Independent," identified
United Auto Workers, New York City, and as the two males
in the "Post House" Restaurant at the
bus terminal.
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Lieutenant advised the four, met by local Negro leaders,
were interviewed by press, radio and TV reporters at the bus terminal
and remained in and around the terminal until about 1:22 p.m.
estimated between 75 and 100 persons, including passengers awaiting other buses were on hand. He stated there was no incident
of violence or any contact with the group by anyone making any
gesture or threat against them.
Lt. advised on departure from the bus terminal the
group was taken to the residence of
who is of the St. Petersburg chapter, NAACP.
Captain advised information had been received from
Attorney, and NAACP leader, June 16, 1961, that the
group would attend a meeting at the Second Bethel Baptist Church, 16th Street at Fifth Avenue South, St. Petersburg, at 4:00 p.m.,
which would be followed by a covered dish supper at 6:00 p.m., to
be followed at 8:00 p.m., by another public meeting.
Lt. advised detectives, assigned to the first group,
observed them at the residence and then proceed to the Second
Bethel Baptist Church for the meeting at 4:00 p.m.
Confidential Source 4 advised on June 16, 1961, that the above-mentioned
group met with St. Petersburg Negroes and white people at the
Second Bethel Baptist Church, a Negro church, at 4:00 p.m. Approxi-
mately 25 persons were present. Among these were Reverend ENOCH
mately 25 persons were present. Among these were Reverend ENOCH DAVIS, Pastor, Reverend WILLIAM SMITH, and Dr. CLARK BOUWMAN. The
meeting was a workshop type session and nothing very specific was
decided. However, the "Freedom Riders urged the persons attending
the meeting to follow up on the integration of the eating facilities
at the Greyhound Bus Terminal in St. Petersburg and to continue to
integrate eating facilities in downtown St. Petersburg.
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June 16, 1961, at the workshop meeting at Second Bethel Baptist
Church, Dr. CLARK BOUWMAN, member of the faculty. Florida Presby-
Church, Dr. CLARK BOUWMAN, member of the faculty, Florida Presby- terian College, St. Petersburg, was in attendance, and introduced
himself to According to Dr. BOUWMAN made a few brief
comments in the course of the workshop meeting but did not advocate
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was interviewed by the FBI on October 20, 1954, at which time he admitted past membership in the Communist Political Association in New York City and later being a member of the Communist Party, USA.

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

On September 9, 1960, in the Supreme Court of the United States, a brief was filed for Amici Curiae in the case, Communist Party of United States, petitioner, vs. Subversive Activities Control Board, respondent. An examination of the brief reveals that in Appendix A there is set out the names and address by city and state of these Amici Curiae. The name, Florida, is one of those listed.
"St. Petersburg Times," May 80, 1961, carried an article which identified Dr. CLARK BOUWMAN as an Associate Professor, Florida Presbyterian College, St. Petersburg, Florida.
Ltadvised the group left this meeting and proceeded to the Greyhound Bus Terminal, St. Petersburg, to meet the second group of "Freedom Riders."
Lt. related that while the first group, in the company of
St. Petersburg, was at the bus terminal, IBI Number of St. Petersburg, approached the F/2
group and was making comments Lt. believed would lead to
trouble was asked to leave by Lt who suggested any
ideas which had were best kept to himself. walked
away from the group but almost immediately returned and according
to Lt addressed as a "nigger," at which time
he was placed under arrest by Sergeant Detective
Division, and booked at the St. Petersburg Police Department on a
charge of being a Disorderly Person.
Papers in possession at the time of arrest
disclosed he had been confined to Florida, and released.
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January 28, 1961. He had apparently been confined September 20, 1960.

Lieutenant Florida Highway Patrol, advised that second section "Freedom Riders" arrived Dade City, Florida, 2:32 p.m., and departed 2:37 p.m., June 16, 1961, with no one alighting, except the driver. New passengers got on bus at this point. The bus arrived Zephyrhills, Florida, at 2:54 p.m. and

departed at 2:57 p.m. A 1961 Ford, Georgia license 1J55035,
registered to Associated Press newsman, Fla
who had been following bus, was stopped for speeding before
arriving Zephyrhills. Lieutenant stated that estimated
time of arrival at Tampa was 3:30 p.m.
At 3:17 p.m., June 16, 1961, Lt. Florida Highway
Patrol, advised that concerning the "Freedom Riders" Greyhound bus
arriving in Tampa in a short while, that three Negro males and a
white male were arrested while the bus was at Ocala, Florida, by
the Marion County Sheriff's Office.

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On June 16, 1961, it was observed by Special Agents of the FBI that at approximately 3:43 p.m., Greyhound Bus #M5961 arrived at the Greyhound Bus Terminal, Tampa, Florida. Debarking passengers who appeared to be in the group included one Negro male, one white female, and one Negro female. It was observed that the Negro female and the white female proceeded to the bus station lunch room, sat at the counter and were served food and drink. It was observed that another white female seated herself near these women and was observed taking notes of her observations in the bus station and lunch room proper. This latter individual engaged in brief conversation with the arriving passengers.

It was observed that during the time the group above was in the bus station was positioned at the public address system and the Negro male who arrived with the above group went to the ticket window. The above group was observed to board Greyhound Bus #3358 which, upon announcement, departed for St. Petersburg, Florida, at approximately 4:30 p.m. It was observed that the white female who had conversed with the passengers left the terminal on foot and proceeded to the vicinity of Cass and Franklin Streets, Tampa, Florida.

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At approximately 4:20 p.m., June 16, 1961, a person who did not identify himself contacted the Tampa Office of the FBI by telephone and stated that he wanted an incident investigated by the FBI. This person added that the incident occurred about an hour or an hour and a half before in Ocala, Florida, and he wanted to know whether something could be done about the incident. This caller was told that further facts would be needed. Thereafter, the caller identified himself as _______ one of the "Freedom Riders" who had traveled to Ocala and arrived there between 12:25 and 1:05 p.m. that day. He stated that a group of the "Freedom

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Riders" had begun to go into the lunch room of the Greyhound Bus station in Ocala, at which time a group of local citizens approached them.

	At this point six or seven plainclothesmen interjected				
	themselves and advised that they were plainclothesmen				
	and placed				
Γ	of the "Freedom Riders" under arrest.				
	added that a fourth member of the group				
	had not been molested nor arrested. added that				
	the men who identified themselves as plainclothesmen				
did not show any identification nor were they asked to show any. He added that he had observed the incident, but he had to leave on the bus for Tampa, Florida, and did not					
					observe anything which occurred thereafter.
	then said that his bus was leaving for				
	St. Petersburg, Florida, momentarily, and that he planned				
to stay in St. Petersburg a few hours and then to proceed to Tampa Airport flight to New York at 12:55 A.M.,					
					June 17, 1961. He explained that a group of about 10 persons
	would be on this flight. then explained that				
1	his bus was leaving and he terminated the call.				

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Lt St. Petersburg Police Department, advised June 16, 1961, that the second group of "Freedom Riders" arrived at the Greyhound Bus Terminal at 5:14 p.m., and that there were three in the group.
Confidential Source 4 advised that this group was composed of the following: Workers Local New York City; and New York City.
Lt advised there was a group of about thirty persons, including press representatives, on hand at the time of arrival. Lt. advised the entire group entered the waiting room of the terminal, all but one entered the "Post House" Restaurant, and were served at tables and at the counter. He advised shortly thereafter they departed in private cars and proceeded to the Bethel Baptist Church, 16th Street South and Fifth Avenue.
Lt. advised a covered dish supper was held at the church, in the basement hall, at 6:00 p.m., after which the "Freedom Riders" were taken to private homes to "freshen up" and returned to the church where an open meeting was held, commencing at about 8:30 p.m.
Confidential Source 4 advised on June 16, 1961, that Group 1 and 2 of the "Freedom Riders" would attend a public meeting at 8:00 p.m., that night, at the Second Bethel Baptist Church, St. Petersburg. The meeting would be under the direction of
Dinner was to be served. F/a
Sergeant St. Petersburg Police Department, who was in attendance at the above meeting, advised it was addressed by who discussed the training the "Freedom Riders" had undergone and the gains which could be made through passive resistance to any movement against them if arrest were threatened, or any action threatened by any group. There was also comment that St. Petersburg was the first of the cities visited in which the group had seen a Negro policeman on duty.
Ltadvised that except for the arrest ofat the Greyhound Bus Terminal, there was no disturbance, or threat of disturbance at the terminal or at any subsequent meeting.
Lt. and Sgt advised the meeting at the Second Bethel Baptist Church was attended by a mixed group of white and Negro. With about fifty in attendance, twenty of whom were white.

The meeting broke up at about 9:45 p.m. and after some discussion on the street in front of the church, the seven "Freedom Riders" left St. Petersburg in two private cars with a requested escort being furnished by the Police Department. The group was escorted to Tampa, Florida, where they were planning to depart via airplane.

advised on June 17, 1961 on that date appeared in City Court, St. Petersburg, and on a plea of guilty to was sentenced to days of which were suspended by Judge H. C. PETERSON.

At 5:55 P.M., June 16, 1961, Chief NEIL BROWN (NA), Tampa, Police Department, advised that the Daytona group of the "Freedom Riders" was due to arrive at Tampa, Florida at 6:40 P.M. that day and that he anticipated no trouble in this connection.

On June 16, 1961, Special Agents of the FBI observed Greyhound Bus #5644 to arrive at 6:49 P.M. at the Greyhound Bus Terminal, Tampa, Florida. A group of debarking passengers from the above bus included two Negro males, two Négro femalés and one white female. They proceeded to the ticket window of the terminal and inquired concerning the next bus to Daytona. Florida. The next bus for Daytona was scheduled to Teave at 6:00 A.M. the following day. A member of this group was heard to say "Let's call BOB", and thereafter, a member of the group used the pay telephone in the waiting room. It was observed that the group remained, in the station for about seven minutes when the group was joined by a This individual remained with the group until white male. joined them. an'individual recognized as Thereafter the passengers and entered a late model Plymouth station wagon, bearing 1961 Florida license The group then proceeded to the residence of Tampa, Florida.

On June 19, 1961 Florida Highway Patrol, advised that Greyhound Bus M5513 containing the remainder of the "Freedom Riders" group had arrived at Brooksville, Florida, at 8:20 P.M., and had departed at 8:23 P.M.

At Brooksville, no passengers alighted from the bus.

At approximately 9:33 P.M., Greyhound Bus #M5513 was observed to arrive at the Greyhound Bus Terminal, Tampa, Florida, by Special Agents of the FBI. It was observed

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that a group of passengers, which included three Negro males and one white male, alighted from the bus and proceeded to the pay telephones in the station. Thereafter, the group entered the lunch room at the bus station, seated themselves at a table and were served food and drink. It was observed that at 10:41 P.M. the group was joined by two white males and two Negro males and after conversing for a short time, the entire group entered a 1961 Rambler, bearing 1961 Florida IE 1985 and a 1959 Ford convertible with a green top and light body, bearing 1961 Louisiana License 763154. The two vehicles with their passengers then proceeded directly to Tampa International Airport where they entered the passenger terminal.

The records of the Hertz, Incorporated, Tampa b6 b7C International Airport, were checked on June 16, 1961, and it was disclosed that the Rambler above had been rented in Tampa at 3:19 P.M. that day by of Altamont, New York, who had New York Drivers License Credit Card and paid for the rental by check, drawn on the Albany, New York. On June 16, 1961, Reservations Office, Eastern Airlines, Tampa, Florida, advised that South Bethel Baptist Church, St. Petersburg, Florida, telephone had made reservations for 14 persons on Eastern Airlines Flight 690 leaving Tampa International Airport at 12:55 A.M. on June 17. 1961, for New York City. The flight was scheduled to arrive at the Idlewild Airport at 7:15 A.M., New York time, with stops enroute at Washington, D.C. and Baltimore, Maryland. The following were listed as holding reservations:

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of June 16, the group remained in Tampa, Florida only a few hours, held no meetings, and returned to Daytona Beach, Florida during the night of June 16, 1961, in personal automobiles.

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Date: 6/26/61

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[On 6/26/61, Dept. Delta Airlines, NYC, advised records indicate not further identified departed NY for New via Delta Airlines Flight #91 on 6/23/61. the records indicate that advised he could be at telephone number CO 7-0038. It is noted that telephone CO 7-0038 is listed to the Congress of Racial (CORE), 38 Park Row, NYC.	that one Orleans stated contacted phone
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TO DIRECTOR FBI

FROM SAC NEW ORLEANS

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FREEBUS, RM. REMYTEL JUNE TWENTYSIX LAST RE MEETING OF COORDINATING COMMITTEE OF VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS PROMOTING FREEDOM RIDES AT JACKSON,

JACKSON DAILY NEWS, FURNISHED FOLLOW-ING INFORMATION RE THREE AND ON HALF HOUR MEETING HELD AFTERNOON, JUNE PRESENT WERE TWENTYSEVEN. FIELD SERVICE, CORE,

REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING, SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP, NEW YORK CITY.

STUDENT NON VIOLENCE COORDINATING COMMITTEE. ATLANNTA. SNVCC. NASHVILLE, SNVCC. MEMPHIS, REV. REV. BERNARD LEE, SCLC, ATLANTA, CORE,

NEW ORLEANS, JAMES BEVEL, SNVCC, NASHVILLE, REV, RALPH ABERNATHY.

MONTGOMERY IMPROVEMENT ASSN. AND KING WERE SPOKESMEN FOR GROUP.

THIS WAS REPORTED TO BE REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING OF FREEDOM RIDES

COORDINATING COMMITTEE. NO THOUGHT OF DISCONTINUING FREEDOM RIDES

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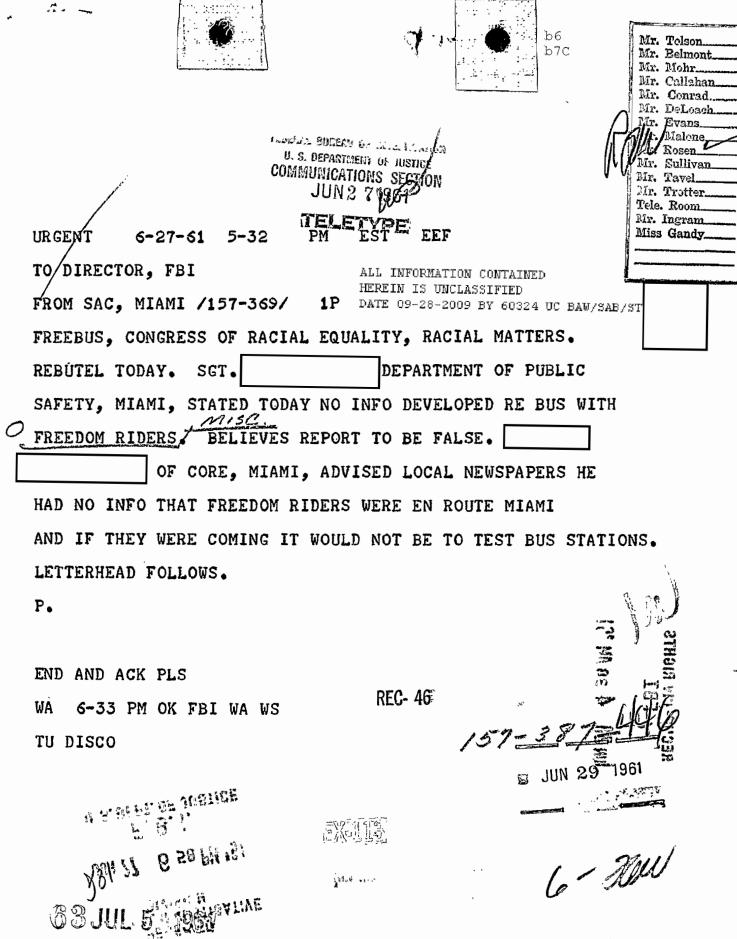
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	Memorandum for Mr. Belmont			
	on 6/22/61. said she believes the sentence of one year was excessive although reportedly pleaded guilty, and the extreme sentence possibly was imposed because had been a freedom rider.			
	The press has reported that the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) has filed suit in U. S. District Court, Tallahassee to force integration at the Tallahassee airport restaurant. The suit reportedly was filed by mail on 6/23/61 by Miami attorney, and lies unopened in the office of the Clerk, U. S. District Court. The Clerk is on vacation.			
	The suit is reportedly being filed on behalf of			
ı	both of Tallahassee, and			
X	of Miami, all of whom are Negroes. The court is asked to enjoin city			
1	officials and the restaurant concessionaire from making any distinction based on color at the airport restaurant. The suit reportedly also seeks an injunction against further arresting or harassing of the plaintiffs or the class they represent.			
The Deputy Clerk of Court has advised that the package containing the papers to be filed in this connection will be opened 6/26/61.				
	ACTION:			
	A memorandum is being prepared for the Attorney General.			
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UNITED STATES GERNMENT 1emorandum

DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE:

June 27, 1961

FROM

SAC, DETROIT (157-68)

FREEDOM RIDERS- MISC,

SUBJECT:

CONGRESS OF RACIAL EQUALITY INFORMATION CONTAINED RACIAL MATTER

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Re Bureau radiograms all field divisions dated 6/21/61, and 6/22/61.

No demonstrations of CORE noted at Detroit Division on June 24, 1961. Local authorities and racial informants have been alerted and the Bureau will be immediately advised of any information received indicating that a CORE demonstration will be held in Detroit Division on July 4, 1961.

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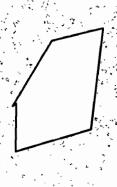
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FROM SAC, NEW ORLEANS 15790
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ORLEANS, ADVISED PICKETING JULY FOURTH NEXT WILL BE IN FRONT OF THE
MASONIC TEMPLE, ST. CHARLES AVENUE, NEW ORLEANS, BECAUSE IT HOUSES
THE OFFICES OF THE INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION ON THE SIXTH AND
SEVENTH FLOORS AND THIS IS THE ONLY LOCATION WHICH WILL BE PICKETED.
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> CONGRESS OF RACIAL EQUALITY DEMONSTRATIONS SCHEDULED AT FEDERAL BUILDINGS RACIAL MATTERS

The source advised on June 26, 1961, that the Chicago Chapter of the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) held a demonstration at the Trailways Bus Terminal, 20 East Randolph Street, Chicago, Illinois, on Saturday, June 24, 1961. The demonstration started at approximately 1:55 p.m. and was discontinued shortly after 4 p.m. Twelve persons participated in this demonstration which consisted of two Negroes and ten white persons. These individuals carried picket signs with slogans protesting segregation of transportation facilities. There were no incidents and the demonstration was peaceful.

G-2, Chicago, was advised of the above information on June 26, 1961.

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Chicago, Illinois June 26, 1961

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CONGRESS OF RACIAL EQUALITY DEMONSTRATIONS SCHEDULED AT FEDERAL BUILDINGS

Character RACIAL MATTERS

Reference is made to the letterhead memorandum dated and captioned as above at Chicago, Illinois.

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

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SUBJECT:

FREEDOM RIDER

RACIAL MATTERS

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ReMOtels to Bureau 6/20/61 and 6/21/61.

Enclosed herewith is a letterhead memorandum concerning the arrival of nine Freedom Riders at Montgomery, Ala. by Greyhound Bus from Atlanta, Ga. on 6/20/61 and the departure of nine Freedom Riders from Montgomery, Ala. to Jackson, Miss. on 6/21/61 by Trailways Bus.

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At 5:01 P.M., June 20, 1961, Greyhound Bus Number M5356 arrived at the Greyhound Bus Station in Montgomery, Alabama bearing nine Freedom Riders, who are identified as follows:

A group estimated at between 60 and 80 white persons, consisting of teen-agers; adults; both male and female, was: gathered in the vicinity of the bus station; were from the street in front of the station and across the street from the station; prior to the arrival of the bus. Upon arrival of the bus, a number of Montgomery Police Officer, both in uniform and plain clothes, estimated at about 50 in strength, broke up any groups of persons gathered in or in the immediate vicinity of the bus station, and kept any groups from gathering near the Freedom Riders.

Just Prior to the arrival of the bus bearing the Freedom Riders, two anonymous telephone calls to the Greyhound Bus Station advised that a bomb was planted in the station, and another anonymous call stating that a bomb was planted in the station was received about 5:17 P.M. On each occasion, police cleared the bus station interior and conducted a search without finding a bomb.

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The Freedom Riders did not enter the interior of the bus station.

No. incidents of violence occurred at the bus station on this date.

The Freedom Riders were driven away from the bus station by Reverend RALPH ABERNATHY in one vehicle and an unidentified Negro Male in another vehicle. One of the Freedom Riders advised Montgomery Advertiser that they intended to spend the night at the home of Reverend ABERNATHY.

On June 21, 1961, advised that the Freedom Riders were going to proceed by Trailways Bus at 11:30.A.M. to Jackson, Mississippi and plan to test the facilities at the bus stations in Montgomery and in Jackson. He advised that was returning by plane to Atlanta, and his place in the group of Freedom Riders departing Montgomery for Jackson, Mississippi was being taken by

a Negro Male: As this group of Freedom Riders was boarding a Trailways Bus at the Trailways Bus Station at approximately 11:20 A.M., on June 21, 1961, a firecracker exploded near or under another bus about 30 yards from the bus which the Freedom Riders were boarding. There was no damage or injury to anyone. The some six to eight officers of the Montgomery Police Department who were present at the bus station conducted an immediate investigation, but they were unable to identify the person who set off this firecracker.

Trailways Bus Number T-2953, which carried the Freedom Riders from Montgomery, departed the Trailways Bus Station at 11:32 A.M. on June 21, 1961. Prior to boarding the bus on June 21, 1961, the nine Freedom Riders took seats at the lunch counter in the Trailways Bus Station. The lunch counter manager required each of them to exhibit their bus tickets to prove that they were interstate passengers and had a Negro waiter serve them. They did not appear to be more than two or three persons in the bus station or immediate vicinity other than the Freedom Riders and other bus passengers or employees of the bus company.

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Other than the exploding firecracker, there were no incidents of any kind at the bus station on this occasion.

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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.

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Following articles appeared in 6-23-61 issue of "St. Louis Argus," a weekly Negro Newspaper:

Article captioned "Dr. Johnson Behind King" reflects Dr. MORDECAI W. JOHNSON, president emeritus of Howard University, in an "impassioned" address Wednesday night (6-21-61) before the convention of the Sunday school auxiliary of the National Baptist Convention in St. Louis, Missouri, stated that Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING "was doing more than any man alive" to make white and Negro churches realize their Christian responsi-He stated it was his "fervent hope" that there would be many more followers of the Freedom Riders in the months to come. He called for the unification of the "great liberals" of both the Republican and Democratic Parties as a moving force to eradicate the evils of our democracy.

Article captioned "Alabama Leader Supports Crusade" by William Clarke, Special Correspondent, reflects Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, vice president-at-large of "National Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress," stated on Wednesday (6-21-61) that he had nothing to say about a rumor circulating among convention delegates thereof that attempts by dissenting factions were being made to weaken his position in the Congress. Dr. KING who was attending the convention in St. Louis stated the Freedom Riders had done three things:

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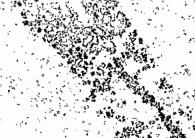
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"2-Some signs have actually been removed from bus terminals in the South; and this has come about by the efforts of the Freedom Riders.

"3--The Attorney General has petilioned the Interstate Commerce Commission to come out with a strong, forth-right ruling concerning segregation and interstate travel."

"While (the methods of) the Freedom Riders might not change the hearts of (segregationists), they are certainly changing their habits, the minister added."



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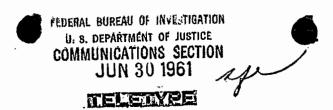
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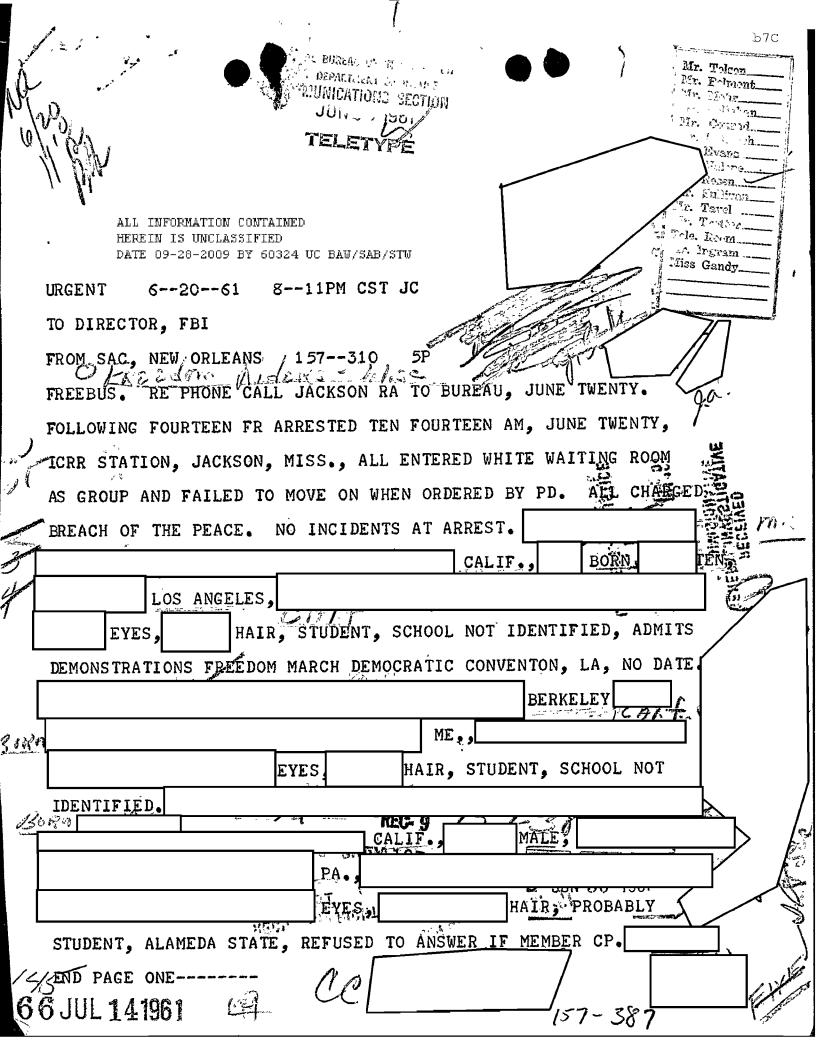
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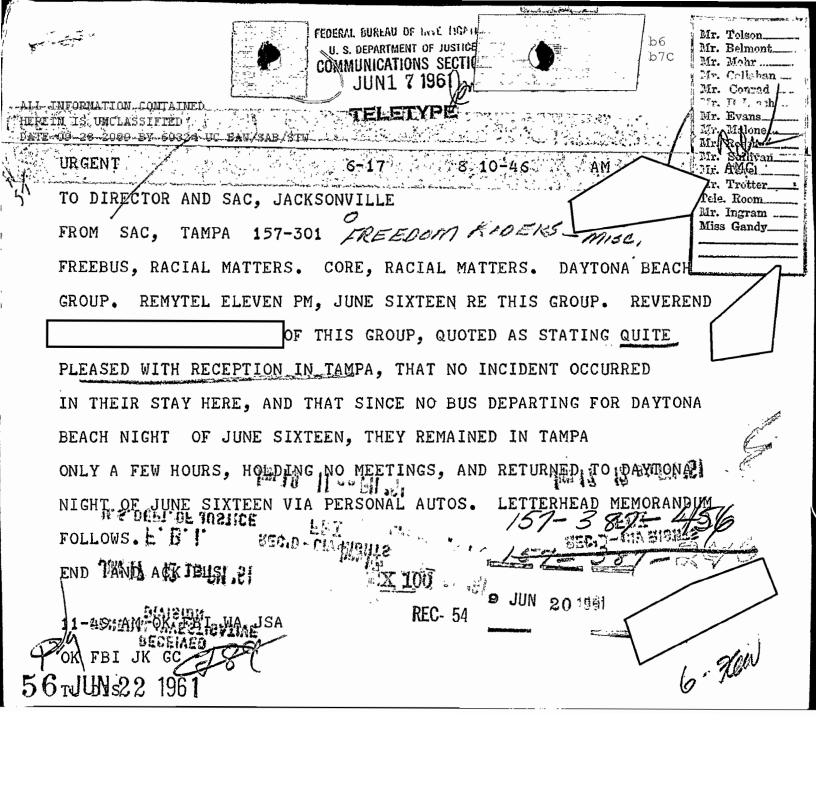
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Re WFO airtel dated 6/18/61 captioned "Unsub; Explosion of Homemade Bomb in Trash Can, Vermont Avenue and H Street, Northwest, Washington, D. C., 6/15/61; Bombing Matters."

Re airtel advises that Julius W. Hobson, President of Washington Chapter of CORE, advised that the next proposed trip of freedom riders leaving Washington, D. C., is scheduled to depart on Wednesday, 6/21/61.

You should make certain that the Metropolitan Police Department is aware of this information and you should arrange to be definitely advised when these freedom riders leave Washington and their destination.

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CORE, RACIAL MATTERS. RE NEW YORK RAD JUNE THIRTY CONCERNING DEMONSTRATION AT INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION, LOS ANGELES, JULY FOUR. IMMEDIATELY ADVISE ICC AND APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES, KEEP BUREAU ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS.

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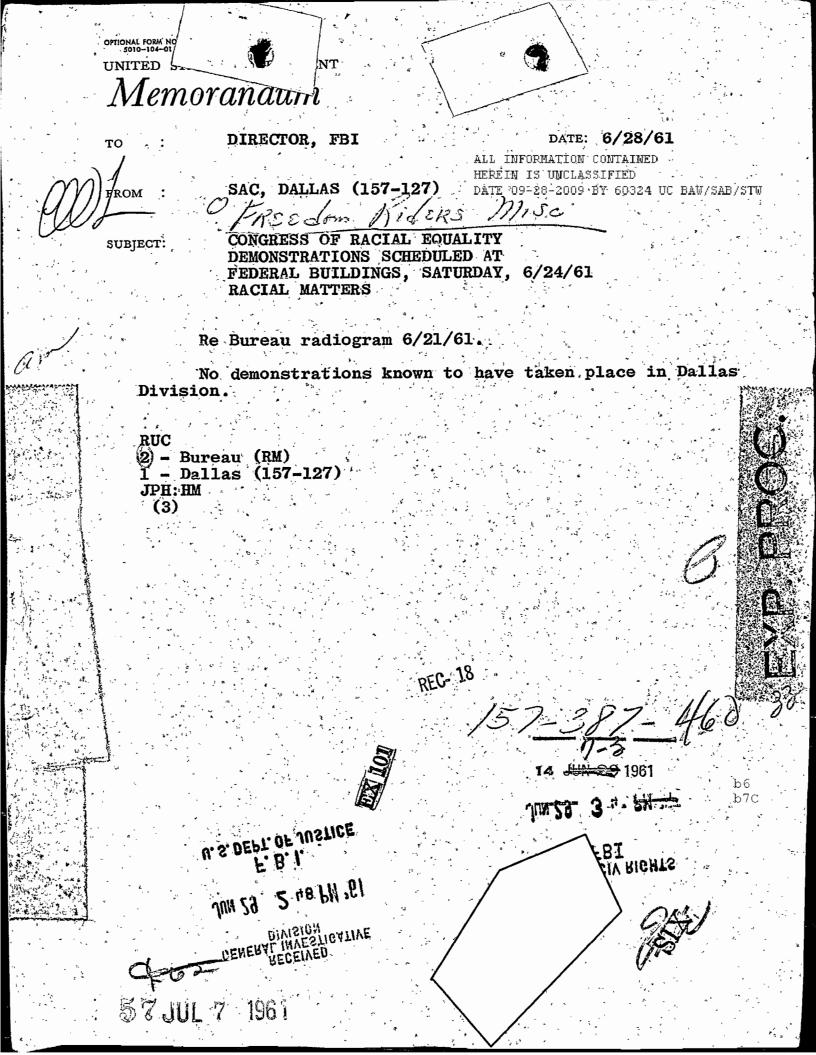
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NOTE:

MM advised Trailways bus containing several freedom riders allegedly departed Naples, Fla., 3:00 a.m. 6/26/61 en route to MM. Bus due MM 5:00 a.m. same date but had not arrived. State officials checking to ascertain whereabouts of bus.

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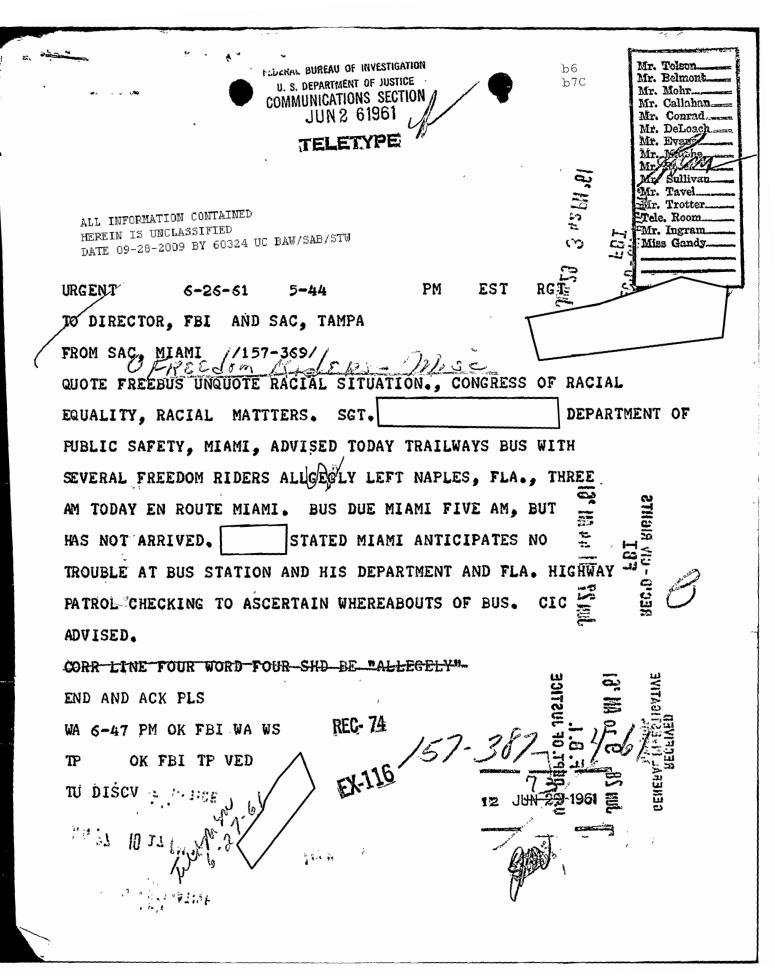
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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning two individuals from Stillwater, Oklahoma who were arrested at Jackson, Mississippi in connection with the Freedom Ride sponsored by above captioned organization. One copy of the letterhead memorandum is being enclosed for the information of the New Orleans Office.

The files of the Oklahoma City Office reflect that on 3/10/61 McAlester, Oklahoma advised that he had received information from a source, who had requested his identity to be kept confidential, that at Oklahoma State University (OSU) was believed to be a member of a Communist Party organization at Stillwater, advised he had no additional information concerning this matter.

The at OSU is No information has been received by this Office indicating has had any association with the Communist Party or related organizations. It is considered that the person referred to by source was OSU, who was

described by of the Security Force, OSU, on 5/4/61 as a controversial figure on the OSU campus, an admitted [

Confidential Informants who are familiar with Communist Party activities in the State of Oklahoma have advised that to their knowledge there is no Communist Party organization in Stillwater, Oklahoma.

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CONGRESS OF RACIAL EQUALITY RACIAL MATTERS

The June 20, 1961 issue of The Daily Oklahoman, an Oklahoma City, Oklahoma newspaper, contains an article reflecting that EUGENE B. LEVINE, a professor of English at Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Oklahoma, had been arrested by the police in Jackson, Mississippi, and charged with committing a breach of the peace. According to the article Jackson Police quoted LEVINE as stating he tried to integrate a Negro lunchroom after arriving in Jackson by car.

The above article also reflects that on June 16, 1961 KAREN ELIZABETH KYTLE; was arrested in Jackson while sitting at a white lunch counter in the bus terminal. According to the article she was one of five students, including a Negro man, sentenced to four months in jail for the incident. The article relates that Dr. JUANITA KYTLE is an assistant professor of English literature at Oklahoma State University: On July 5, 1960, Oklahoma, advised she had learned through that a student at Oklahoma State University, had in formed he had learned a new faith and wanted to serve a new cause. According to she learned that some type of meetings were being held under the teaching of Professor Oklahoma and the meetings were held at the home of stated that Oklahoma would have knowledge of this matter.

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> CONGRESS OF RACIAL EQUALITY (CORE), DEMONSTRATION SCHEDULED AT FEDERAL BUILDINGS, SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 1961

On June 19. 1961 Mississippi State Penitentiary, Parchmán, Mississippi, made available to an Agent of this Bureau, for reading, three letters addressed to James Farmer, National Director, Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), who has been transferred to the penitentiary from the Hinds County, Mississippi, jail. These letters, stated, appeared to him to contain information of interest to the Federal Government; the letters having been opened for routine penitentiary censorship pursuant to written permission from Farmer on his arrival. The pertinent portions of the letters are summarized below. Letter dated June 14, 1961, from CORE New York, discussed success of the Freedom Rider movement. One paragraph disclosed that CORE plans to stage demonstrations throughout the United States at Federal Buildings on Saturday, June 24, No details of the demonstrations were disclosed. Another paragraph disclosed CORE plans to post an appeal bond for Farmer by July 5, 1961, so that he can get out of jail and be available to participate in a telethon scheduled for July 7, 1961, presumably at New York. Another paragraph has had contacts with "political big wigs stated that on the IRS thing" and that "the initial contact was made by trade union leaders at my suggestion." Letter dated June 14, 1961, from CORE staff member, New York, also discussed various aspects of the Freedom Rider Movement. She said that she had attended a rally at Washington, D. C. on June 10, 1961, at which guest speakers were James Carey, James Baldwin and Rauk of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU). She said that a one

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b6 b7C day training session was held June 12, 1961, for eighteen Interfaith Freedom Riders and fourteen Union and Professional Freedom Riders. "They made every mistake in the books on their socio-dramas but caught on fast." These Riders were the two groups going through the Carolinas to Florida.

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In an envelope bearing the return address of Brooklyn, New York, was a printed legal cap page entitled "The Black Maria," No. 1, July 4, It contained a long discourse on the efforts to achieve integration, with the general theme being the futility of Americans fighting abroad for liberty when segregation exists at home and in the armed forces. that the Federal Government was supporting segregation at home and abroad. The page concluded with "Let our young men refuse to be drafted. Let them wage a constant war against segregation in all its forms. Let them petition en masse for release from military duty when their resistance is put down. Let our leaders, from the President down to the last greedy and corrupt politician be warned that this generation will not die until freedom has been won for all Americans." The author, source or distributor of this page was not disclosed, but on the reverse side was the typed name and address of Sol Battle.

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SA H. E. Helgeson, Resident Agent at Jackson, Mississippi, telephonically advised at 3:45 p.m., July 2, 1961, that at 1:29 p.m., Central Standard Time, same date, the Jackson Police Department arrested five freedom riders at the Trailways Bus Station in Jackson. The group consisted of three white males, one Negro male, and one Negro female, and they arrived from Montgomery, Alabama. All were arrested as a group in the waiting room at the Trailways Bus Station without incident. They have been transported to the City Jail in Jackson.

Helgeson stated that a teletype will be forwarded to the Bureau within the next couple of hours giving full details concerning this occurrence, together with identity of the persons who were taken into custody by the Jackson police.

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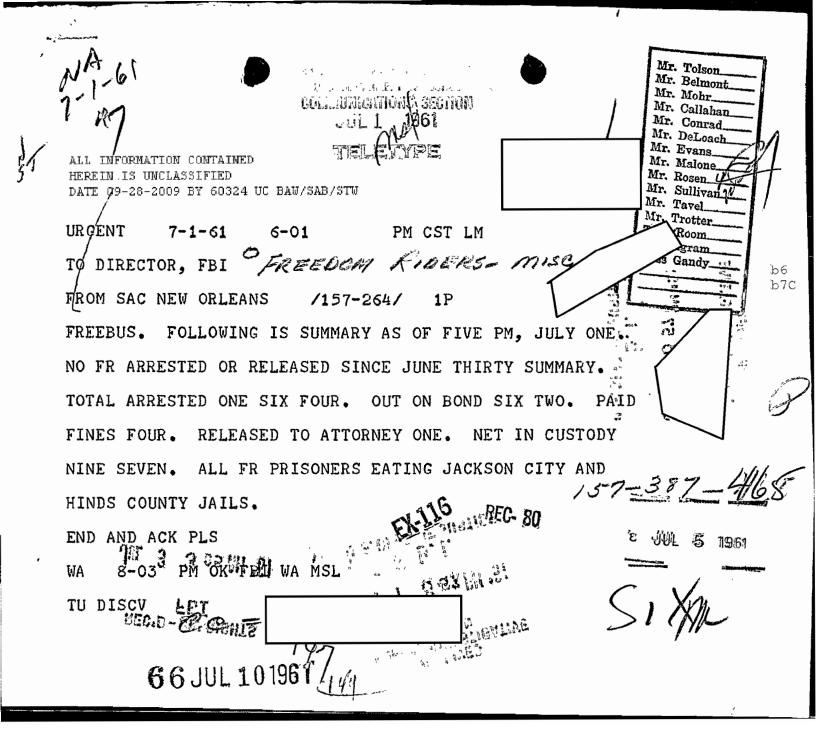
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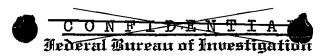
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and both NA	ACP and CORE sources in Mississippi have denied any knowledge	\mathbf{of}
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be false.		b7C

New Orleans Chapter, CORE, advised on 6/29/61 that the demonstration in New Orleans on 7/4/61 will be limited to picketing in front of the Masonic Temple which houses the office of the Interstate Commerce Commission. It is also noted that the FBI office is in the same building. Local authorities have been advised.

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

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SUBJECT:

Freedom Riders - misc

One hundred sixty-four freedom riders have been arrested at Jackson, Mississippi, since 5/24/61. Sixty-two have been released on bond. Four have been released upon the payment of fines and one has been released without the filing of charges. Ninety-seven remain in custody.

Field Representative, Congress of Racia Equality (CORE), New Orleans, advised on 6/30/61 that male freedom rider, left New Orleans on the morning of 6/30/61 en route to Montgomery, Alabama, via Greyhound bus. At Montgomery he plans-to join two other freedom riders presently in Montgomery and proceed to Jackson, Mississippi, on the morning of 7/2/61. Additional freedom riders may join the group at Montgomery. is from Los Angeles and remained behind at New Orleans when the group that he was with traveled to Jackson from New Orleans 6/25/61.

It has previously been reported that a suit has been filed in U. S. District Court, Jackson, by three Negroes who seek to enjoin the enforcement of Mississippi statutes requiring segregation of transportation facilities. A defense motion for dismissal was filed on 6/30/61 alleging that state remedies have not been exhausted, plaintiffs have not stated a claim upon which relief can be granted and the complaint failed to join an indispensable party, to wit: the Jackson Municipal Airport Authority. It was also alleged that the plaintiffs are not entitled to maintain this as a class action, and the court is without jurisdiction.

Medgar Evers, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Field Secretary for the State of Mississippi, advised on 6/30/61 that he has no information concerning plans for Negroes from Mississippi to proceed to neighboring states for the purpose of testing facilities. Evers stated that if any such activities were planned by NAACP members in Mississippi, he would know about it. NAACP representative Mississippi, and Mississippi, also stated that they have no knowledge of any contemplated demonstrations from Mississippi to neighboring states.

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CORE, New York City, advised that CORE demonstrations will take place on 7/4/61 in Washington, D. C., and Los Angeles, California. No demonstrations are planned for New York City. said that he had no information concerning other CORE demonstrations scheduled for 7/4/61. advised that the demonstrations in Los Angeles and Washington will take place at the buildings housing offices of the Interstate Commerce Commission. It is noted that Julius W. Hobson, President, Washington, D. C., Chapter of CORE, has previously advised that the Interstate Commerce Commission in Washington, D. C., will not be picketed but that the demonstration consists of a march from the Mall to Judiciary Square. Local authorities advised. ACTION: A memorandum is being prepared for the information of the

Attorney General.

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FREEDOM RIDE 1901 RACIAL MATTERS; DESTRUCTION OF AIRCRAFT OF MOTOR VEHICLES; CIVIL RIGHTS

One hundred sixty-four freedom ridors have been arrested at Jackson, Mississippi, since May 24, 1961. Sixty-two have been released on bond. Four have been released upon the payment of fines and one had been released without the filing of charges. Ninety-seven remain in custody.

Ireeform rider, traveled from New Orleans to Montgomery, Alekama, by Greyhound kus on June 30, 1961. At Montgomery, he intends to join two or more freedom riders and proceed to Jackson, Missiscippi, on the morning of July 2, 1961. Is from Los Angeles and remained in New Orleans when the group with which he was traveling went from New Orleans to Jackson on June 25, 1961.

In connection with the pending suit in United States District Court, Jackson, Michischpi, in which three Negroes seek to enjoin the enforcement of Mississippi statutes requiring segregation of transportation facilities, a defense motion for dismissal was filed on June 30, 1861. The motion alleges that the court is without jurisdiction, that the suit cannot be brought as a class action and that state remedies have not been enhanced. It is further alleged that the plaintiffs have not stated a claim upon which relief can be granted and that the complaint failed to join the Jackson Municipal Airport Authority, an indispensable party, to the suit.

Congress of Macial Educate (CCCC) New York City, has adviced that CORE will demonstrate at the Hallding housing offices of the Interstate Commerce Commission in Washington, D. C., and Los Angeles, California on July 42600 in it is noted that Julius W. Hobson, President, Washington, D. Chapter of the COMP. has previously stated that the Interstate Commerce Tolson Belmont Callahan Conrad DeLoach 1E W. l - Mr. Tolson Malone 1 - Mr. Mohr Rosen 1 - Mr. DeLoach Sullivan Tavel 1 - Mr. Evans Trotter

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Commission at Washington, D. C., will not be picketed but that the demonstration will be confined to a march from the Mall to Judiciary Square.

The Department will be promptly advised of further developments.

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FREEDOM RIDE, 1961 TRAILWAYS BUS # 5131 NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, TO

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RACIAL MATTERS; CIVIL RIGHTS

Synopsis:

Character:

Trailways Bus # 5131 departed New Orleans, La., 6:15 a.m., 6/6/61, arrived Jackson, Miss., 11:27 a.m., 6/6/61. A group of the passengers consisting of 5 white males, one Negro male, and one Negro female entered the white waiting room at the Trailways Bus Station, Jackson, Miss., and placed under arrest by Jackson Police Department after entering the white waiting room. Arrests made without incident. All charged "Breach of Peace." Tried in City Court, 6/6/61. All found guilty, and each sentenced to pay fine of \$200 and to serve 4 months in jail; sixty days of this period was suspended, and all returned to Jackson City Jail.

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DETAILS:

TRAVEL NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, TO JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

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were arrested by the New Orleans Police Department on June 3, 1961, and are presently in the custody of the New Orleans Police Department and will be arraigned June 5, 1961 at 1:00 PM. If they are at liberty following their arraignment, they will go in the above group. If, however, they are still confined, the remainder of the group will proceed to Jackson.

On 6/5/61 at New Orleans, Louisiana File # NO 157-288

by SA JOSEPH E. PRESLEY /js Date dictated 6/9/61

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On June 5, 1961, Sgt	New Orleans
Police Department, New Orleans	Louisiana, advised SA
That the records of	the Bureau of Identification.
New Orleans Police Department, JAMES MC DONOUGH, and	were arrested by the
Now Onleans Police Department	on June 3, 1961, and charged with
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Upon receipt of the above information, M. B. PIERCE, Assistant Chief of Police, Jackson Police Department, Jackson, Mississippi; Colonel T. B. BIRDSONG, Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol, Jackson, Misssippi; and Sheriff J. R. GILFOY, Hinds County Sheriff's Office, Jackson, Mississippi, were notified by SA HUNTER E. HELGESON.

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On June 6, 1961, the following individuals were furnished the preceding information by SA HUNTER E. HELGESON:

M. B. PIERCE, Assistant Chief of Police, Jackson Police Department;

Colonel T. B. BIRDSONG, Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol, Jackson;

Sheriff J. R. GILFOY, Hinds County Sheriff's Office, Jackson.

Colonel BIRDSONG advised that a Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol car would follow the bus into Jackson, Mississippi.

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Hacial Equality (CORE), Edward Lee Hotel, telephonically advised at 9:05 a.m. that he spoke with the CORE representative in New Orleans on the night of June 4, 1961, and was advised that a group of riders expects to leave New Crleans, Louisiana, en route to Jackson, Mississippi, on the early morning of June 6, 1961. He advised the group will travel by bus, but the number of riders or time of departure has not yet been established. He advised he has also learned that there is a possibility that a separate group of riders may leave Nashville, Tennessee, on June 6, 1961, en route to Jackson; however, he has no details of this trip as yet.

vith his representatives at both New Orleans, Louisiana, and Nashville, Tennessee, on the morning of June 5, 1961, and will advise the Jackson Resident Agency of the results of these conferences.

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The following was observed at the Trailways Dus Depot, 201 East Pascagoula Street, Jackson, Mississippi;

At 11:27 a.m., Trailways Bus # 5131 arrived at the passenger platform at the terminal; and, after the doors were opened, about thirty passengers got off the bus. Just to the right of the passengers, as they stepped off the bus, was a large sign with the words "Colored Waiting Room" on the entrance doors of that waiting room. Down the platform, approximately forty feet from that waiting room, was a large sign with the words "White Waiting Room" on the doors there.

A group of the passengers from the bus stood together mementarily on the platform after leaving the bus and then walked to the White Vaiting Room and entered the doors there. This group consisted of five white males, one Negro male, and one Negro female. The two Negroes were the last two of the group to enter the White Waiting Room. The group then stood by the benches nearest the door through which they came, at which time Captain ______ Jackson, Mississippi, Police Department, in uniform, told the group, "You must move on." He repeated this twice. The group then sat down on the benches there. Captain _____ then told the group they were under arrest.

There were present in the White Waiting Room, in addition to the group referred to above, approximately 35 or 40 people; about eight of these appeared to be newspapermen, some having camera equipment, 4 or 5 uniformed policemen; and 2 or 3 detectives of the Jackson, Hississippi, Police Department. Also present was Colonel T. B. BINDSONG, Hississippi Highway Safety Patrol.

and none of the officers were observed to touch any of the group.

The officers present appeared to have no equipment other than usual sidearms.

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police officers in uniform, walked through the front doors of the White Waiting Room of the bus station to East Pascagoula Street and entered the Jackson, Mississippi, Police Department Patrol Wagon, which was parked there. The Patrol Wagon was driven off by a police officer.

It is estimated that approximately ten minutes passed from the time the group entered the White Walting Room until they left in the Patrol Wagon.

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JACK A, TRAVIS, JR.. City Attorney, advised that on June 6, 1961, Captain 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 seven separate affidavits charging the seven individual Freedom Riders did, on or about June 6, 1961, in the corporate limits of Jackson, First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, with intent to proyoke a breach of the peace, did then and there wilfully and unlawfully congregate with others in or around the Trailways Bus Depot, Pascagoula Street, Jackson, Mississippi, a place of business engaged in selling or serving members of the public, in violation of Section 2037.5, Hississippi Code of 1942, Annotated, as amended, and did then and there fail or refuse to disperse and move on when ordered to do so by a law enforcement officer of the affiant (Captain 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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Assistant Chief of Police H. B. PIERCE, Jackson Police Department, advised the following individuals were tried in the Jackson Hunicipal Court, Jackson, Histsippi, before Municipal Judge JAMES L. SPENCER on June 6; 1961, on a charge of Ereach of the Peace, in connection with their arrest at Jackson on June 6, 1961, and were convicted, and each was sentenced to pay a fine of \$200 and to serve four months in jail; sixty days of this period was suspended:

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Miami, Florida June 27, 1961

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Re: "FREEBUS"

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CONGRESS OF RACIAL EQUALITY

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such a bus with several	Freedom Riders aboard actually
did leave Naples.	~

On June 26, 1961, the "Miami News," a local Miami, Florida, newspaper, stated that the report that a group of Freedom Riders was headed toward Miami today was discounted by A. D. MOORE, head of the Miami branch of the Congress of Racial Equality. MOORE said if they were coming to Miami, he would more than likely know about it. He further stated that if they were coming, it would not be to test our bus stations. He stated, "They're desegregated. They might stop over here before heading somewhere else, though."

Counter Intelligence Corps, Miami, was advised of the above information on June 26, 1961.

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FROM

Mr. Belmont

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SUBJECT: FREEBUS

Freedom Riders - Misc.

Five freedom riders traveled from Montgomery, Alabama, to Jackson, Mississippi, by Trailways bus on 7/2/61. They were arrested when they entered the white waiting room in the Jackson bus depot and refused to comply with instructions of the police that they move on.

One hundred sixty-nine freedom riders have been arrested at Jackson since 5/24/61. Sixty-two have been released on bond, four have been released upon payment of fines and one has been released without the filing of charges. One hundred two remain in custody.

Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., has reservations to travel from Atlanta, Georgia, to Jackson, Mississippi, by air on 7/6/61 and to return to Atlanta on 7/7/61.

Third Army Headquarters, Fort McClellan, Alabama, has received information indicating that an unidentified group of Negroes may attempt to integrate the public park at Okolona, Mississippi, 7/4/61. Local authorities are cognizant.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in Memphis, Tennessee, has recently been sponsoring a weekly march on Main Street protesting various aspects of segregation in Memphis. James C. MacDonald, Chief of Police, Memphis, has advised that he has information indicating that Negroes plan to test restaurants, swimming pools and theaters on 7/4/61. Chief MacDonald is of the opinion that white people in Memphis are becoming agitated over the demonstrations and he feels that if the Negroes continue such activities, it will only be a matter of time until there will be racial trouble in Memphis.

The local press in Detroit, Michigan, has reported that Mayor Orville he Hubbard, Dearborn, Michigan, has received a telegram from the Episcopal Society for Cultural and Racial Unity, Atlanta, Georgia, requesting permission for an integrated group of ministers to visit Dearborn for the purpose of determining whether housing is segregated. The visit apparently is in connection with a church convention to be held in Detroit 9/16/61.

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont

The Detroit press also reported that the Ann Arbor, Michigan, Chapter of the Congress of Racial Equality announced that it was planning a trip to Dearborn to investigate public facilities. Mayor Hubbard reportedly referred to them as "freedom clowns" and said, "I don't want them coming here to stir up trouble, but if they obey the traffic laws, don't make noise or throw junk on the streets, they'll be treated all right."

The Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D. C., received information at 10:30 a.m., 7/2/61, indicating that a bomb would explode at the Greyhound bus station at noon 7/2/61. Police made a complete search of the bus station but no bomb was found.

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A memorandum is being prepared for the Attorney General.

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Mr. Belmont Mr. Mohr_ Mr. Callahan Mr. Conrad. Mr. DeLoach h6 Mr. Evans. Mr. Malon b7C Mr. Rosen FORMATION CONTAINED Mr. Sullivan HEREIN IS UNCLĀSSIFIED Mr. Tavel DATE 09-28-2009 BY 60324 UC BAW/SAB/STW Mr. Trotter. Tele. Room. URGENT **6--28--61** 6--50PM CST Mr. Ingram. Miss Gandy_ TO DIRECTOR. FBI AND SACS MEMPHIS. MOBILE AND BIRMINGHAM FROM SAC, NEW ORLEANS 157--264 FREEBUS. RM. RE TELETYPES FROM BIRMINGHAM AND MEMPHIS JUNE muscelleneous TWENTYEIGHT, SIXTYONE, TO NEW ORLEANS, DIRECTOR AND NEW ORLEANS AIRTEL JUNE TWENTY, SIXTYONE, SETTING FORTH INFORMATION CONCERNING ALLEGED REPORTED TWO THOUSAND FREEDOM RIDERS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN ALL MAJOR CITIES OF MISSISSIPPI DURING WEEK JULY FOUR, SIXTYONE. LETTERHEAD MEMORANDUM FROM NEW ORLEANS SET FORTH THAT THIS INFORMATION REPORTEDLY WAS FURNISHED IN A LETTER FROM MISSISSIPPI STATE SOVEREIGNTY COMMISSION AND THAT INFORMATION HAD BEEN FURNISHED TO SOVEREIGNTY COMMISSION FROM INFORMANTS IN NEW YORK CITY AND CHICAGO. ILL. M.B. PIERCE. NA. CHIEF OF DETECTIVES. JACKSON. MISS., ADVISED TODAY THAT OF THE STATE SOVEREIGNTY COMMISSION ADVISED PIERCE THAT STATE SOVEREIGNTY COMMISSION HAD NOT RE-CEIVEANY SUCH INFORMATION FROM INFORMANTS IN NEW YORK CITY AND CHICAGO, ILL., AND THAT HAD WRITTEN A LETTER TO EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF STATE SOVEREIGNTY COMMISSION STATING HE HAD QUOTE PICKED UP A RUMOR UNQUOTE THAT HE HAD RECEIVED TO 9 20 Photes Amal 學 JUL 5 1961 6 7000 END PAGE ONE REC- 85 EX-107.

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THE EFFECT THAT A WHITE EVANGELIST NAMED BILLY JOE HARGIS WHO HAD HAD SOME METTINGS AT THE KING EDWARD HOTEL IN JACKSON, MISS., WAS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID THAT BETWEEN TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTYFIVE HUNDRED FREEDOM RIDERS WOULD ARRIVE IN MISSISSIPPI DURING JULY FOUR HOLIDAY WEEK. M.B. PIERCE AD-VISED THAT AS OF THIS TIME, BASED ON CONTACT WITH STATE SOVERIGHTY COMMISSION, THIS INFO WAS APPARENTLY RUMOR. HE ADVISED HE WOULD IMMEDIATELY FURNISH ANY INFO INDICATING OTHERWISE. SOURCES IN NEW ORLEANS IN CORE AND NAACP AND OTHER HAVE NO INFO INDICATING ANY TWO THOUSAND RIDERS COMING IN TO MISSISSIPPI DURING JULY FOUR HOLIDAY WEEK. CORE REPRESENTATIVE, JACKSON, ADVISED SMALL GROUP OF RIDERS ENROUTE NASHVILLE, TENN., PLAN TO ARRIVE IN JACKSON DURING WEEKEND OF JULY FIRST. HAS NO FURTHER DETAILS. MEMPHIS CONTACT SOURCES AND DETERMINE IDENTITES, TIME OF DEPARTURE, TIME OF ARRIVAL AND MODE OF TRAVEL OF FREEDOM RIDERS FROM NASHVILLE TO JACKSON. BIRMINGHAM IMMEDIATELY CONTACT CIC HEADQUARTERS, FORT MC CLELLAN, TO DETERMINE HOW QUOTE THEY HAD CONFIRMED THAT THE RIDERS WOULD GO TO JACKSON, MISS., UNQUOTE AND END PAGE TWO----

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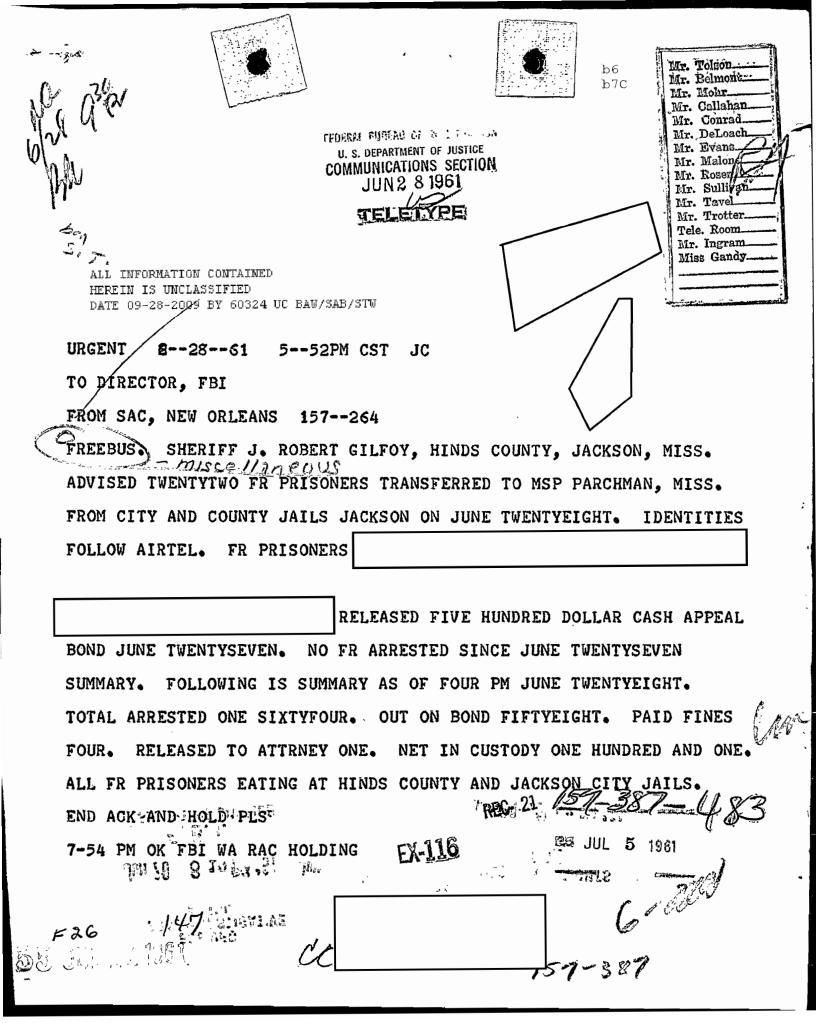
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BY FREEDOM RIDER WAS FILED JUNE TWENTY SEVEN IN USDC. LETTER SIGNED BY USDJ S. C. MIZE. LETTER READS

AS FOLLOWS - QUOTE I HAVE STUDIED THE RECORD AND YOUR BRIEFS CAREFULLY AND HAVE REACHED THE CONCLUDSION THAT THE WRIT MUST

BE DENIED UNDER THE ACT OF CONGRESS. I WILL FILE A WRITTEN

OPINION DURING THE WEEK, BUT DESIRE TO GIVE FURTHER THOUGHT TO

WHETHER OR NOT I SHOULD RETAIN JURISDICTION OF THE CASE. AS

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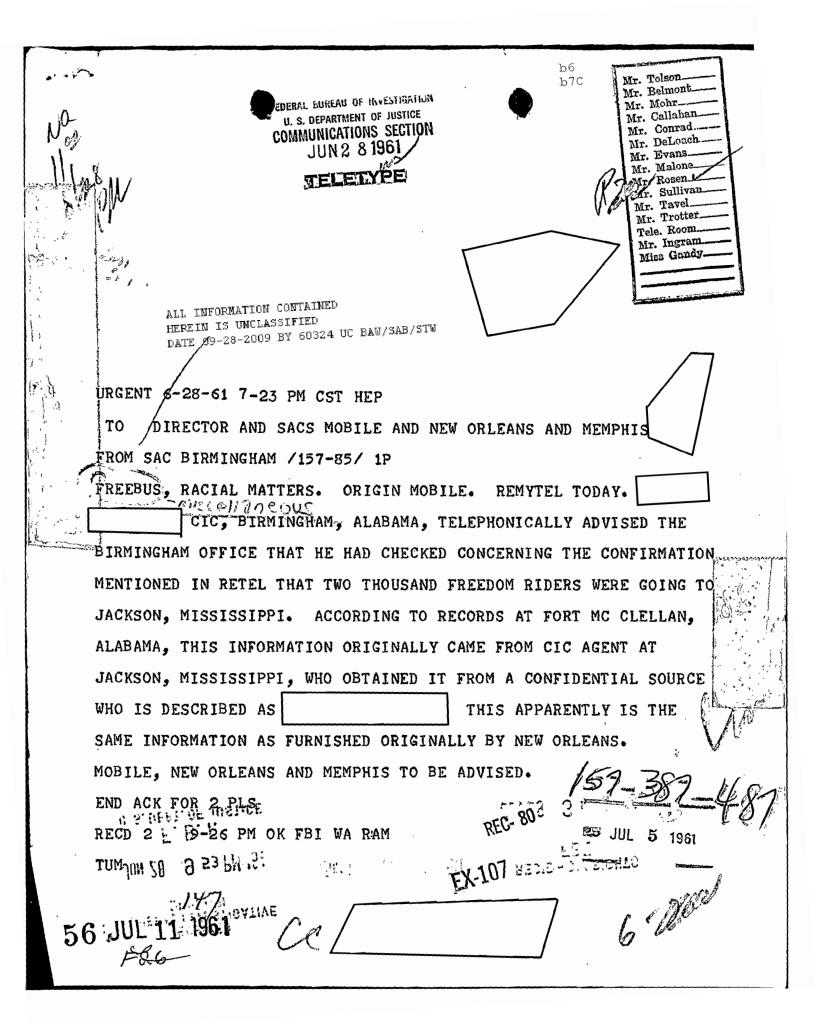
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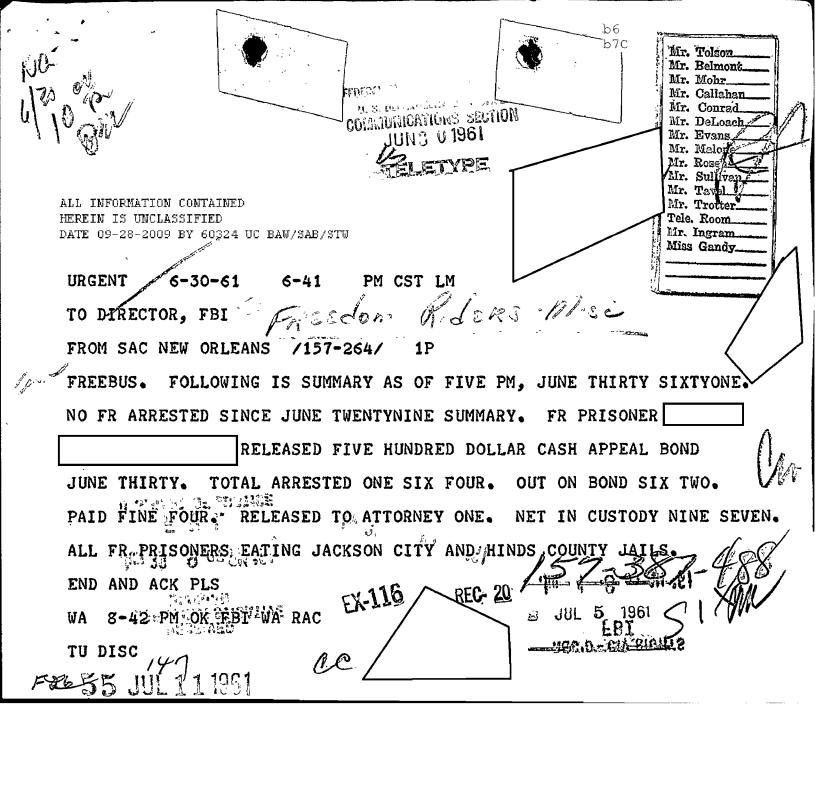
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The Attorney General

July 6, 1961

Director, FBI

FREEDOMRIDE 1961

RACIAL MATTERS; DESTRUCTION OF

AIRCRAFT OR MOTOR VEHICLES: CIVIL RIGHTS

Three freedom riders were arrested for breach of the peace at the Trailways bus terminal, Jackson, Mississippi, on the afternoon of July 5, 1961, after they entered the white waiting room and expressed the intention of purchasing bus tickets and failed to move on, at orders of the Jackson Police Department. They stated that they were protesting their "second class" citizenship. These three freedom riders are all from Jackson, Mississippi. No incidents occurred and no date has been set for their trial.

A similar incident occurred at 11:00 p.m. (Central Standard Figure), July 5, 1981, at Jackson, Mississippi, on which occasion six Negro male freedom riders, residents of Jackson, also entered the white waiting room in the Trailways bus terminal and expressed the intention of buying tickets to New Orleans. They also were arrested for breach of the peace and no further incidents occurred.

To date, one hundred seventy-eight freedom riders have been garrested in Jackson since May 24, 1961. Sixty-six have been released on bond, four have paid lines and one has been released to his attorney leaving the total of one hundred seven remaining in custody.

On the afternoon of July 5, 1961, a group of twelve Negro students from Campbell College. Jackson, Mississippi, congregated near the swimming pool reserved for white patrons at the Livingston Municipal Park, Jackson. Two of these individuals attempted to enter through the gate but were barred by the Jackson Police Department and the entire group was ordered to move on. Eight of these individuals complied antifour refused as a result of which these four were arrested for breach of the peace. No incidents of the connection with the arrests and no trial data has been set.

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It has been reported that the contemplated demonstration by the Congress of Racial Equality in Los Angeles, California, on July 4, 1961, was called oif because sufficient notification had not keen given to the Congress of Racial Equality headquarters in New York City, the Interstate Commerce Commission only maintains a suite in a large office building in Los Angeles, and since the Los Angeles downtown area is practically desorted on a holiday. In view of these considerations it was felt the demonstration would not have been effective.

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

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It is noted that all the above information was contained in Summary Report of SA Pittsburgh, 1/14/52. Inasmuch as Pittsburgh is in a position to furnish the identity and current status of sources who furnished the above information relating to Pittsburgh is requested to furnish letterhead memorandum to Bureau and New Orleans.

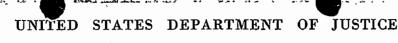
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> Jacksonville 1, Florida June 27, 1961

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> "Freedom Riders" (Interfaith Group)

Eight members of the Interfaith Group of Freedom Riders who were arrested by local authorities at Tallahassee, Florida, on June 16, 1961, subsequently made bail and returned to Newark, New Jersey, area, arrived back in Tallahassee, Florida, on Eastern Airlines Flight Number 273 at 4:21 p.m. June 21, 1961. Five deputies from the Leon County Sheriff's Office at Tallahassee were inside the air terminal upon arrival of the group. In addition, three plain-clothed police officers were inside the terminal and two uniformed officers were just outside the main entrance. It was learned through Frank Stoutamire, Chief of Police, Tallahassee, Florida, that the terminal cafe would be closed upon arrival of the group.

Stoutamire advised that plans formulated prior to the arrival above were that in the event the restaurant at the terminal was not closed for some reason and members of the Freedom Riders attempted to test these facilities. they were to be refused service by the management and requested to leave the premises. If they refused to leave the premises on request and the Leon County Sheriff's Office was requested to lend assistance, the group would be arrested for violation of Florida Statute 509.141 of the Hotel and Restaurant Commission regulations giving the owner of a restaurant the right to refuse service to anyone. Stoutamire also advised that in the event the group of Freedom Riders on this occasion assembled in the terminal for an unreasonable length of time and refused to move on when so ordered, the Tallahassee Police Department would arrest the group on a charge of unlawful assembly.

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It had also been decided by members of the Tallahassee, Florida, city government that the Leon County Sheriff's Office had been designated to handle any arrest in the restaurant so that a judgement could also be tested in Leon County Court at Tallahassee.

It was determined through Stoutamire that

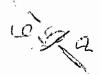
all Miami, Florida, attorneys, had been retained by
the Florida Civil Liberti & Union, 706 Ainsley Bullding,
Miami, Florida, to represent the members of the Interfait
Group at their trial for solawful assembly scheduled for
9:00 a.m., June 22, 1961. Defense attorneys for the group
standing trial were expected to contest the right of city
police to make arrests at the airport terminal which lies
outside the city limits, although city property. It was
also expected the constitutionality of the unlawful assembly
law would be contested vigorously.

Upon arrival at the Tallahassee airport, all eight members of the returning group (two members had remained in the Tallahassee area) went inside the main terminal. The restaurant was closed prior to their arrival; however, the restroom facilities were not closed. Two white clergymen were observed to enter a restroom clearly marked "colored men." Officers inside the terminal made no attempt to impede the movements of these two members nor was anything said to them.

The eight members of the group then went almost immediately to the main terminal restaurant and waited briefly while four cars, all driven by colored males, drove up. All eight members entered these cars and went directly to the Inter-Civil Council meeting hall located at 803 Floral Street where they staved briefly before being met by St. Michael's and All Angels Episcopal Church at 1405 Kelvin Street.

Two marked Sheriff's patrol cruisers maintained constant surveillance of the group, which, after leaving the church above, stayed overnight at the Bethel Baptist Church at 224 North Boulevard Street, a prominent local Negro integration leader

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At approximately 8:50 a.m. on June 22, 1961, all ten members of the Interfaith Group previously arrested
at Tallahassee appeared at the Tallahassee City Hall with
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Negro integration leader, arrived at City Hall with the
group. Also with the group were
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, all local sympathizers, arrested
with the Interfaith Group at the Tallahassee airport.
As the trial began, City Judge John Rudd dropped
unlawful assembly charges against He
also dropped same charge against after early tester only
indicated the three local sympathizers for the northern group
were moving to comply with the dispersal order at the airport
terminal when arrested.

Each of the ten Interfaith members took the stand during the course of their defense, handled by Attorneys retained by the Florida Civil Liberties Union of Miami, Florida, and each identified himself - some with long lists of college degrees, pastorates and book authorships - and testified about making up a party sponsored and partially financed by the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), for a tour of Southern cities from Washington to Tallahassee to test bus and airport terminal facilities.

Some also said that, as clergymen, they wanted to bear witness to their support of racial integration efforts.

There was no contention during the trial that the party was disorderly at the aiport, but both Police Chief F. Stoutamire and City Manager Arvah Hopkins testified that, in their judgment, continued presence of the group and the attendant publicity and rumors were creating public sentiment which called for a dispersal order. Although Judge Rudd commented several times that conditions surrounding the closing of the restaurant had no material bearing on the charge of unlawful assembly which was before him, defense lawyers were allowed to put lengthy testimony about it into the record. Members of the Interfaith Group testified they were told the restaurant was closed for cleaning and would re-open later in the afternoon. The defense called

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the restaurant, who testified he decided to close the restaurant for repairs after talking to City Manager Arvah Hopkins. Hopkins, also called by the defense, said he had discussed the closing for repairs with and that the presence of the demonstrators in town had a minor part in the decision. He stated, "Since they had to close for repairs anyway, it might be the best time to do it during the time the bus riders were here."

spokesman for the group, testified that he was talking on the telephone to an Assistant U. S. Attorney General in Washington but interrupted the conversation when another member of his party informed him the police were arriving to arrest them. There was no testimony on the nature of conversation with Washington.

City Attorney Messer testified at the opening of the trial that Governor Bryant of Florida had relayed to city officials a request from Attorney General Kennedy to hold off action for two hours so he could have time to ask the northerners to leave town.

The opening of the trial was consumed by Messer in a recitation of the events of the two days preceding the arrest of the defendants at the airport after they had ignored an order read to them by Messer which directed them to disperse because their activities were creating a danger of public disorder.

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unlawful assembly for their refusal to obey a police order to disperse after nearly two days of waiting to be served at the restaurant, which had been closed to members of both races. The fine of \$500 or 60 days in jail is the maximum allowed for the offense. There is no provision for a jury in city court.

The ten members of the Interfaith Group made no
comment upon being sentenced and filed quietly out of the
court room to the police Station nearby where all ten posted
appeal bonds of \$1,000 each through local bondsman
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Judge Rudd Handed out a five day mandatory jail
sentence and \$200 fine or \$0 days in jail sentence to
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Florida A &/M University at Tallahassee, on charges of
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1405 Melvin Street where they remained until
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northern Interfaith Group arrived at the airport with
local integration leaders. Two Sheriff's Office cruisers
accompanied the group to the terminal. All ten members
had earlier confirmed reservations on National Airlines
Flight Number 314 leaving Tallahassee at 11:42 p.m. on
June 22, 1961, for Jacksonville, Florida, with connecting
flights from Jacksonville to both New York and Washington,
D. C. The group left Tallahassee as scheduled.

There were no incidents of any kind upon arrival back in Tallahassee by this group, prior to or during the trial, or prior to their departure from Tallahassee on their return North.

Five members of the group departed from Jacksonville, Florida, airport at 1:05 a.m., June 23, 1961, on Eastern Airlines Flight Number 842. The destination of two members of the group was Washington, D. C., while the destination of the other three members was Newark, New Jersey.

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The remaining five members of the group left Jacksonville, Florida, at 5:35 a.m. on June 23, 1961, via National Airlines Flight Number 114 for New York, New York. No incidents occurred while the group was in Jacksonville, Florida.

All pertinent information in this regard was furnished immediately to Special Agent Military Intelligence (CIC), Tallahassee, Florida, on a continuing basis.

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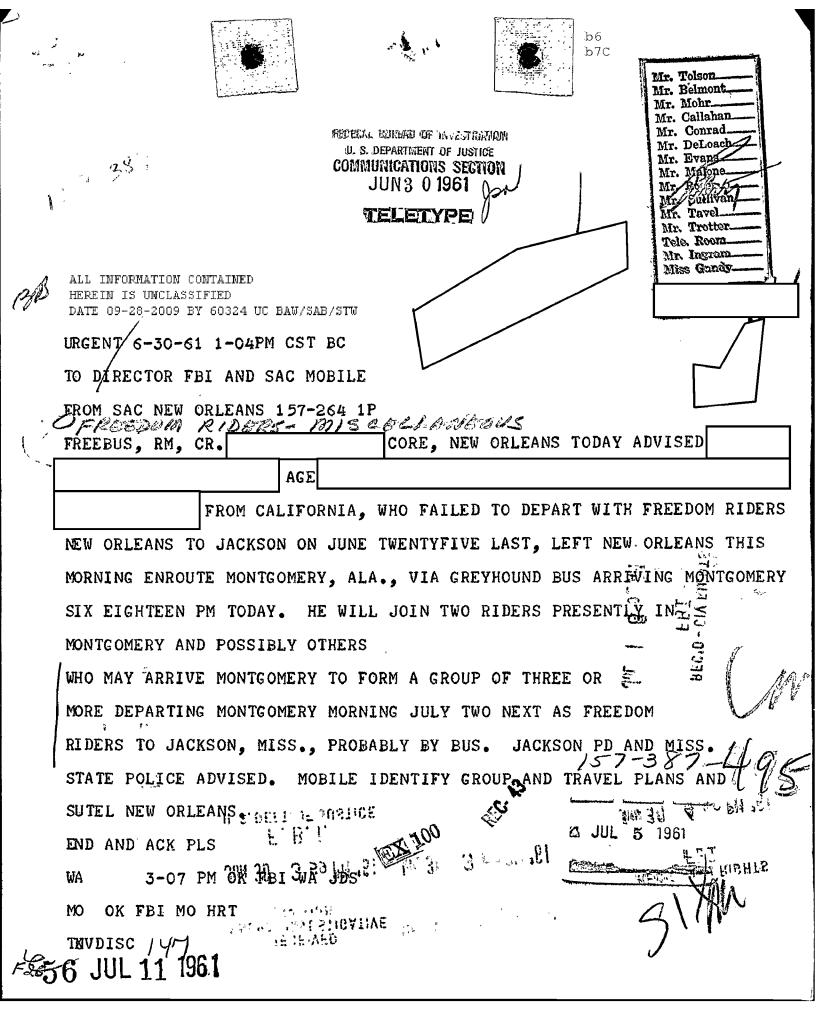
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FREEDOM RIDE 1961 RACIAL MATTERS: DESTRUCTION OF AIRCRAFT OR MOTOR VEHICLES; CIVIL RIGHTS

Five freedom riders traveled from Montgomery, Alabama, to Jackson, Mississippi, by Trailways bus on July 2, 1961. They were arrested when they entered the white waiting room in the Jackson bus depot and refused to comply with instructions of the police that they move on.

One hundred sixty-nine freedom riders have been arrested at Jackson since May 24, 1961. Sixty-two have been released on bond, four have been released upon the payment of fines and one has been released without the filing of charges. One hundred two remain in custody.

Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., has reservations - 5 to travel by air from Atlanta, Georgia, to Jackson, Mississippi, on July 6, 1961, returning to Atlanta on July 7, 1961.

It has been alleged that an unidentified group of Negroes-may attempt to integrate the public park at Okolona. Missisşippi, on July 4, 1961.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in Memphis, Tennessee, has recently been sponsoring a weekly march on Main Street to protest various aspects-of segregation in Memphis. Information has now been dreceived indicating that Negroes plan to test restaurants, swimming pools and theaters in Memphis on July 4, 1961. Chief of Police James C. Hacdonald is of the opinion that if the Negroes continue such activities it will only be a matter of / ine/until there is racial trouble in Memphis X-107, 157-387-

The local press in Detroit, Michigan, has reported that Mayor Orville L. Hubbard, Dearborn, Michigan, received a telegram from the Episcopal Society for Cultural and Bacial Tolson Belmont: Unity, Atlanta, Georgia. The telegram requested permission for an integrated group of ministers to visit Dearborn, apparently for the purpose of determining whether housing list segregated. Mohr Conrad DeLogc Evans

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The Attorney General It was indicated that the contemplated visit is in connection with a church convention to be held in Detroit on September 16, 1961. The Detroit press has also reported that the Ann Arbor, Michigan, Chapter of the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) has announced a proposed trip to Dearborn to investigate public facilities. Mayor Hubbard reportedly referred to the CORE representatives as "freedom clowns" and said, "I don't want them coming here to stir up trouble; but if they obey the traffic laws, don't make noise or throw junk on the streets, they'll be treated all right." The Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D. C.,

received information at 10:30 a.m., July 2, 1961, indicating that a bomb would explode at the Greyhound bus station in Washington at noon on July 2, 1961. A complete search of the bus station failed to locate any bomb.

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

- I Mr. Byron R. White Deputy Attorney General
- 1 Assistant Attorney General Burke Marshall
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Other groups which may join with CORE in 7/4/61 demonstration at New Orleans include Consumers League, NAACP, Negro fraternal organizations, and possibly graduate chapters of Negro college fraternities. Local authorities have been advised.

Three hundred members of CORE, Washington, D. C., plan to assemble on the Mall at 11 AM, 7/4/61. They will proceed to Judiciary Square with signs protesting the arrest of freedom riders. The protest will be directed against the states rather than the Federal Government. Law enforcement and intelligence agencies advised.

Joseph Rauh, Washington attorney and an official of Americans for Democratic Action, has been invited to speak at Judiciary Square 7/4/61 but has not indicated whether he will do so.

Julius W. Hobson, President, Washington, D. C. Chapter of CORE, stated no Federal buildings in Washington will be picketed 7/4/61. He also said CORE groups throughout the country plan to demonstrate 7/4/61. All offices advised.

Hobson has recommended to CORE national headquarters that freedom rides be discontinued. He believes fact of segregation in Southern transportation facilities has been established and legal action should now be taken to effect integration.

Washington, D. C. Chapter of CORE will not sponsor future freedom rides but will devote its activities to housing matters in Washington, D. C.

A hearing has been scheduled U. S. District Court, Tallahassee 7/18/61 regarding suit by three Negro ministers seeking to integrate the airport restaurant at Tallahassee.

ACTION:

A memorandum is being prepared for the Attorney General.

DETAILS

It has previously been reported that the Mississippi State Sovereignty Commission allegedly wrote Lieutenant Governor Paul D. Johnson of Mississippi to the effect that 2000 freedom riders from New York and Chicago will appear in all major cities in Mississippi during the week of 7/4/61. Information was received in this regard that all Mississippi State Police had been ordered to remain in duty status from 7/1/61 through 7/9/61. It was also alleged that Mississippi officials plan to arrest any U. S. Marshals who may be used in connection with freedom-ride activities during this period. G-2 has advised that most National Guard units in northern Mississippi have been ordered to summer camp beginning 7/2/61.

Colonel T. B. Birdsong, Commissioner, Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol (MHSP), advised on 6/28/61 that he has received no information concerning the alleged freedom ride by 2000 people. Colonel Birdsong also stated that all MHSP patrolmen will be on duty from 7/1/61 through 7/4/61 as a traffic control measure to reduce traffic fatalities over the holiday weekend. This is done every year as a matter of standard procedure.

With regard to the rumors that U. S. Marshals would be arrested in Mississippi, Colonel Birdsong said that he had not heard any such rumors and remarked, "That is crazy."

Sam Ivy, Director, Identification Bureau, MHSP, former Bureau Agent, advised that he had received no information regarding the alleged mass freedom ride and that such information would probably have come to his attention if developed through Mississippi State sources.

M. B. Pierce, Chief of Detectives, Jackson, Mississippi, advised on 6/28/61 that the letter which the Mississippi State Sovereignty Commission reportedly wrote to the Lieutenant Governor was based upon a rumor to the effect that Evangelist Billy J. Hargis allegedly had stated that between 2000 and 2500 freedom riders would arrive in Mississippi during the week of 7/4/61. Pierce said this information was apparently only a rumor. (Additional information from Pierce appears on page 5.)

Bureau sources in New Orleans, including contacts in CORE and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), have no information indicating any mass freedom ride into Mississippi.

advised on 6/28/61 that a small group of freedom riders will travel from Nashville, Tennessee, to Jackson, Mississippi, sometime during the weekend of 7/1/61. He had no further details at this time.

New Orleans Chapter of CORE, advised on 6/28/61 that CORE will demonstrate in New Orleans on 7/4/61. They plan a demonstration between 10 AM and 11 AM with a parade from the St. James A. M. E. Church to the offices of the Illinois Central Railroad. The marchers will carry placards supporting the freedom riders and demanding desegregation of travel facilities by the Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC). At least ten members of CORE will participate and they may be joined by representatives of the Consumers League, the NAACP, Negro fraternal organizations, and possibly graduate chapters of Negro college fraternities. Local authorities have been advised.

Julius W. Hobson, President, Washington, D. C. Chapter, CORE, advised on 6/28/61 that 300 local members of CORE will assemble on the Mall at 11 AM, 7/4/61. They will proceed to Judiciary Square, 5th and E Streets, Northeast, carrying signs protesting the recent arrests of freedom riders in the South. The protest will be directed against the states rather than against the Federal Government. Joseph Rauh, Washington attorney and an official of Americans for Democratic Action, has been invited to speak at Judiciary Square but has not indicated whether he will do so. Appropriate law enforcement and intelligence agencies have been advised of the demonstration.

According to Hobson CORE groups throughout the country plan to hold demonstrations on 7/4/61. The original plan for the Washington group included a demonstration in front of the ICC but this was abandoned as Hobson felt that it would be in poor taste to demonstrate in front of a Federal building.

Hobson said that CORE members feel the Federal Government is doing all in its power to promote racial equality. In this regard he made reference to legal action being taken by the Department to integrate restaurants in Louisiana. (All offices have been advised of CORE demonstrations scheduled for 7/4/61.

Hobson commented that he has recommended to national headquarters of CORE that the freedom rides be discontinued because of a shortage of funds and also because he feels that CORE has proven that segregation exists in transportation facilities in Mississippi, Alabama and Florida. He believes that legal action should now be taken in these states to effect integration of transportation facilities. The Washington Chapter of CORE will not sponsor future freedom rides and will devote its activities to housing matters in Washington, D. C.

M. B. Pierce, Chief of Detectives, Jackson, Mississippi, has now advised that as a result of discreet inquiries he believes that the rumors concerning the 2000 freedom riders originated in the following manner:

Evangelist Billy J. Hargis held a meeting in Jackson in which he made reference to the freedom riders and said that 2000 or 2500 of them would come to Jackson. Pierce was not able to determine the exact date of this meeting but said that it was about two weeks after the freedom rides had started. He is of the opinion that Hargis, who uses an anticommunist theme in his meetings, made the statement to obtain publicity and that segregationists present at the meeting may have been responsible for passing on the information.

It has previously been reported that a suit was filed in U. S. District Court, Tallahassee, Florida, on behalf of three Negro ministers seeking integration of the airport restaurant at Tallahassee. A hearing has been scheduled for 7/18/61 before U. S. District Judge G. Harrold Carswell.

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On June 20, 1961, Lieutenant
Chicago Police Department, furnished the Chicago Division,
Federal Bureau of Investigation, with a photostat of an
hobscene threatening letter addressed to
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Illinois. The envelope is postmarked June 11, 1961, at
Chicago, Illinois, and bears the return address of "Chicago
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The letter ridiculed in
obscene terms and charged him with being lazy, crooked,
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The letter also threatens "You better leave town forever, get a job somewhere, hide out and keep quiet for ever if you want to live."

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The "Chicago Daily Tribune", a daily newspaper

published in Chicago, Illinois, edition of June 6, 1961, contains an article captioned "Chicago Pastor Quits as a 'Freedom Rider'". This article which bears the dateline

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Jackson, Mississippi, June 5, states, "A white minister from Chicago, who came down South and joined the 'Freedom Riders' announced today he is disillusioned and is severing all connections with the movement.

"'I advise anyone thinking of joining the Riders to look them over carefully,' said the Reverend Richard Gleason, 24, who conducts a mission and has worked for several years with Negro delinquents on Chicago's South Side.

"The Baptist minister said he was shocked when he discovered the background of some of his companions on the 'Freedom Ride' and their attitudes towards Communism, atheism and police records.

"Gleason was among thirteen 'Freedom Riders' arrested here Friday in two groups when they arrived from Montgomery, Alabama. With the others, he was fined \$200 and given a 60 day suspended jail sentence today for breach of peace. All were returned to jail pending payment of the fines.

"'I had expected a high type of people' he said.
'I am disappointed with their caliber. I will not knowingly associate with any questionable group.'

"Gleason said police who had fingerprinted the arrested Riders and obtained records of some from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, told him about 'the persons in my party':.

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"He said he was informed that several had police records, that one had been arrested on theft charges, that another had served five months for being AWOL from Fort Dix, New Jersey, and another had a dishonorable discharge from military service.

"'I went back to the cell' the minister related, 'and asked them about the records. I asked them if these charges were true. They said, 'Yes, what's wrong with that? What difference does it make what kind of record we have if we're doing a good job?' '."

On June 21, 1961, details concerning this matter were furnished to Region I, United States Army Operations Group, Chicago, Illinois.

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On June 28, 1961, CIC Agent
who is stationed in Columbus, Mississippi, but whose
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Freedom Riders are expected to arrive in Mississippi during the week of July 4, 1961. All major cities in Mississippi will be involved and the Freedom Riders plan to arrive by train, bus, and by plane.

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AT LOS ANGELES, CALIF.: Will, upon receipt of photographs from New Orleans, exhibit same to PSI to ascertain if the persons depicted are identical to subjects



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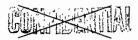
of NLC, is a chapter of and affiliated with the NLC whose headquarters are in Detroit, Michigan. The source further advised the aims and purposes of the LANLC are identical to those of the NLC and that the LANLC was then currently active

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TACIAL MATTERS: DESTRUCTION OF ATECRAFT OF LOYOR VEHICLES; CIVIL DICRYS

The five freedom riders who were arrested at Juckson. Hispinsippi, on July 2, 1961, were convicted of breach of the peace on July 3, 1861. Each was centenced to serve four months in jail and was fined 8200.

One hundred sixty-nine freedom riders have been arrested at Jackson since May 24, 1981. Sixty-six have been released on bond, four have been released upon the payment of Lines and one has been released without the filling of charges. Minoty-eight remain in custody.

James Leonard Parmer, National Director, Congress of Tacini Equality (COEE), who was arrested as a freedom rider at Wiscisson, Mississippi, on May 24, 1961, was released on bond on July 3, 1961. Upon his release he held a news conforence in shich he stated that although none of the freedes riders was beaten at the Mississippi State Denitentiary, they were allegedly subjected to psychological cruelty. He complained of ill-fifting clothing, lights being turned on all night and the resount of mattresses as punishment for singing. He further stated that the freedom rides vill continue and will expand to now fields although he did not olatorate upon this point.

James McCain, Contor Field Representative, CORE, New Orleans, fold reporters that the recent slow-down in freedom ridgs to Jackson, Mississippi, was caused by the time that is required to achieve More effective ecropsing of prospective freeden riders.

U. D. District Judge Lize has denied a petition for anner wriv of babeas comme filed at Jackson, Mesissiph, by who was arrested as a freedom rider on June 2. 1964.

Judgo lizo is retaining jurisdiction until state readiles have been exhausted and attorneys for the potitioner have filed a motion for Tolson a cortificate of probable conice in order to appeal the action taken Callahan by Judge Hise. Conrad 4

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Information has been received indicating that the Students for Integration Committee at the University of Hinnesota has atated that another group of freedom riders may proceed to Nashville and thon to Mesicolppi later this month.

Jackson, Mississippi, has advised that Reverend Martin Luther King will be the principal speaker at an organizational meeting of the Jackson Nonviolent Movement to be held at Jackson, Mississippi, on July 6, 1961. A large attendance is anticipated.

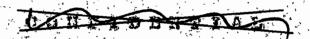
The CORE description in Washington, D. C., on July 4, 1961, consisted of a march from the Wall to Judiciary Equate by fifty-four people. They were led by Julius V. Hobson, President, Washington, D. C. Chapter of CORE. The group corried placards calling for racial equality as well as freedom of speech, freedom of religion, and freedom of "ride."

The CORE demonstration which had been scheduled in Los Angeles for July 4, 1901 was canceled. It has been reported that the organization was unable to obtain demonstrators and also it was believed that it would not be realized that they were picketing a Government office since the office of the Interstate Commerce Commission is in a private office boilding that houses no other Government agency.

The Masonic Temple building in New Orleans which houses the Interstate Commerce Commission as well as the FDI and other Federal agencies was picketed by CORE on July 4, 1981.

Negroes approached swimming pools in state parks at Jacksboro, Tennessee and Union County, Tennessee, on July 4, 1961. The pool at Jacksboro was closed by the management and at the park in Union County the Negroes were informed that since no law enforcement officers were present the park superintendent could not be responsible for any injuries that might result in the event of violence. The Negroes then departed and there were no incidents at either park.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NACD) has recortedly been sponsoring demonstrations at



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Rainbow Peach in Chicago and plans additional deconstrations on July 8, 1981, and July 16, 1981. Information has been resolved indicating the NAACP anticipates that CORE will participate in the deconstrations on July 16, 1981.

At a recent scetting of section organizors of the Equinora California District Communict Party, it allegedly was Ograss that the freedom riders should be supported through financial contributions and physical participation, where possible.

Commist Party Ecoboro in St. Louis are currently distributing a flyor headed. "Support the Freedom Miders." This flyor is inscribed. "Issued by the Communist Party of Missouri." It demands the arrest and prosecution of Governor Patterson of Alabama and other State officials. It also demands the prosecution of officers of the blan and white citizens councils and calls for the Freedom to issue an Executive Order outlawing the Jim Crow by stem. The reader is urged to John in the freedom rides.

Three Communist Party members allegedly attempted to organize a rally for freeden riders to be held at Ebiladelphia on July 4, 1881. The rally was not held. The rally was alleged to inve the sponsorship of the NAACP which reportedly withdrew support upon learning that the demonstration was being organized by a communist element.

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

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Detroit, Michigan June 28, 1961

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Re: Congress of Racial Equality Racial Matter

The "Detroit Free Press", a metropolitan newspaper published locally in Detroit, Michigan, in its June 28, 1961, Metro Final Edition, on page 9, columns 4 and 5, contained an article captioned "Hubbard to Greet Them", subcaptioned "Freedom Riders Plan Trip to Dearborn", which reads as follows:

"Freedom Riders are planning a trip into Dearborn, and Mayor Orville Hubbard says he'll meet them on the City Hall steps.

"The trip into the all-white suburb was announced Tuesday by the Ann Arbor chapter of the Congress of Racial Equality.

"Judy resner, research assistant at the University of Michigan Medical Center and chairman of the Ann Arbor CORE chapter, said the trip would be made in July.

"Miss Yesner said she expects about 40 members of the Ann Arbor and Detroit CORE chapters to take part.

"She said the purpose is to investigate 'segregated public facilities.'

"There is no such animal in Dearborn, Hubbard said. It sounds like some freedom clowns trying to make some trouble.

"'I don't want them coming here to stir up trouble. But if they obey the traffic laws, don't make noise or throw junk on the streets, they'll be treated all right.

"'The mayor will meet them in front of City Hall,' the mayor said."

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Re: Congress of Racial Equality

The "Michigan Daily", a University of Michigan student publication, published at Ann Arbor, Michigan, in its May 7, 1961, edition on page 1, columns 1 - 3, contained an article captioned "AADAC Pickets Stores on Campus Downtown".

The above article advised that 25 pickets had participated in a two and a half hour demonstration on May 7, 1961, at Ann Arbor, Michigan, which demonstration was sponsored by the Ann Arbor Direct Action Committee, the local affiliate of the National Congress of Racial Equality. Instant article advised that Judith Yesner, a graduate at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, was the spokesman for the AADAC - CORE.

Detective Redford Post, Michigan State Police, and 113th CIC, Region IV, Detroit, Michigan, was advised of the planned CORE demonstration at Dearborn, Michigan, at 1:15 PM on June 28, 1961.

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Title:

FREEDOM RIDE, 1961

DELTA AIRLINES FLIGHT #409 MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA TO

JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

JUNE 8, 1961

Character:

RACIAL MATTERS; CIVIL RIGHTS:

CONTEMPT OF COURT ORDER

Synopsis:

lature, and arrived Jackson, Miss. via Delta Airlines Flight #409, at 9:02 a.m., 6/8/61. Both arrested by Jackson PD at Airport Terminal when they failed to obey the orders of Jackson PD officer to move on. Both charged with breach of the peace. No incidents at time of arrest. Both tried in Jackson Municipal Court, 6/8/61, and after not guilty pleasewere convicted of violation S. 2087.5, Miss. Code. Both sentenced to 4 months and fined \$200. 60 days of the jail sentence was suspended. No incidents during trial. Both released on \$500 cash appeal bond, 6/8/61, returnable County Court, Jackson, Miss., 8/14/61.

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DETAILS:

Investigation in this case was predicated upon information furnished by the Mobile Office of the FBI on June 8, 1961 advising that departed Montgomery, Alabama en route to Jackson, Mississippi at 7:43 a.m., June 8, 1961 via Delta Airlines Flight #409, due to arrive at Jackson, Mississippi, 9:02 a.m., June 8, 1961.

By communication dated June 6, 1961, the Bureau advised that the Department of Justice has received a telegram from New York City of the New York State Legislature, stating that he and of the New York Bar and the New York Chapter of the NAACP, planned to leave Newark, New Jersey by plane, 6:00 p.m.,

June 6, 1961 en route Atlanta, Georgia and Jackson, Mississippi.
states he views with alarm the unlawful interference with
residents of New York by Alabama and Mississippi authorities,
and he and are going to Alabama and Mississippi to inves-
tigate the situation and give legal counsel to individuals
unlawfully detained by state authorities. are
scheduled to arrive at Atlanta, Georgia, 7:43 p.m., June 6, 1961.
Thereafter, they will proceed by bus to Montgomery, Alabama and
on the forenoon of June 7, 1961 they plan to proceed to Jackson,
Mississippi. According to he and plan to use all
facilities available to persons traveling within the U. S.
By communication dated June 6. 1961, the Newark Office
advised that departed the Newark Air- port aboard Eastern Airlines Flight #515 at 6:00 p.m., June 6.
1961, for Atlanta, Georgia.
By communication dated June 7, 1961, the Atlanta Office
advised that arrived Atlanta on
Eastern Airlines Flight #515 at 7:40 p.m., June 6, 1961. They
proceeded to 1972 Auburn Avenue, N. E., Atlanta, which is the
office of the Freedom Ride Coordinating Committee, which was set
up by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Student-Non-
violent Coordinating Committee and Congress of Racial Equality.
By Communication dated June 7, 1961, the Atlanta Office
advised that departed on Greyhound bus at 7:15 a.m.
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At 8:00 a.m.,	Assistant (Chief of I	Police M.	B. PIERCE	NA). Jackson
Police Departs	ment, was ac	lvised tha	at		1.
both from New	York City,	would arr	rive in Ja	ckson, Miss	issippi via
Delta Airlines	s Flight #40	09 at 9:02	2 a.m. fro	m Birmingha	m, Alabama.

PIERCE was advised of the description of the above persons.

On 6/8/61 at Jackson, Miss. File # 157-292

by SA SAMUEL E. VIRDEN, II /dfs Date dictated 6/8/61

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Date ____6/12/61 SA SAMUEL E. VIRDEN, II advised to Governor ROSS R. BARNETT in the absence of Governor BARNETT, that New York City. the New York State Legislature and New York Bar and who may New York Chapter of the NAACP, plan to arrive in Atlanta, Georgia by plane the night of June 6, 1961 and depart the following day by bus to Montgomery, Alabama and Jackson, Mississippi, and to use "all facilities available to persons traveling within the U. S." and to investigate and give legal counsel to residents of New York state whom he declares are unlawfully detained by State authorities. was informed that the above plans were tentative and he stated he was sure that the Governor would appreciate being advised of this information.

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J. L. MORGAN, Meridian, at 5:17 p.m. It was furnished tele-	. 4
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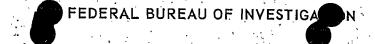
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by SA SAMUEL E. VIRDEN, _Date dictated _

On June 20, 1961, JACK TRAVIS, City Prosecuting Attorney, Jackson. Mississippi. advised that the appeal bonds posted by are returnable in County Court of Hinds County, Mississippi, Jackson, Mississippi, on the second Monday of August (8/14/61). At that time, they will be required to be in court and their cases will be set for trial.

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DELTA AIRLINES FLIGHT #409

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA TO Jackson, Mississippi

June 8, 1961

Character:

RACIAL MATTERS: CIVIL RIGHTS:

CONTEMPT OF COURT ORDER

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GREYHOUND BUS TERMINAL

JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, 6:00 PM

JUNE 7, 1961

Character:

RACIAL MATTERS; CIVIL RIGHTS

Synopsis:

arrested by Jackson PD at Greyhound Bus
Terminal, Jackson, 6/7/61, when he failed to obey the orders of
Jackson PD officer to move on. Charged with breach of the peace.
No incidents at time of arrest. Tried in Jackson Municipal Court,
Juné 8, 1961 and after not guilty plea was convicted of violation
of S. 2089.5, Miss. Code. Sentenced to 4 months indjail and
fined \$200. 60 days of the jail sentence was suspended. No
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Penitentiary, Parchman, Miss., 6/15/61.

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DETAILS:

Investigation in this case was predicated upon information furnished by Chief of Detectives M. B. PIERCE, Police Department. Jackson. Mississippi, on June 8, 1961. He advised that had been arrested at the Greyhound Bus Terminal, Jackson, Mississippi, on June 7, 1961 as a Freedom Rider.

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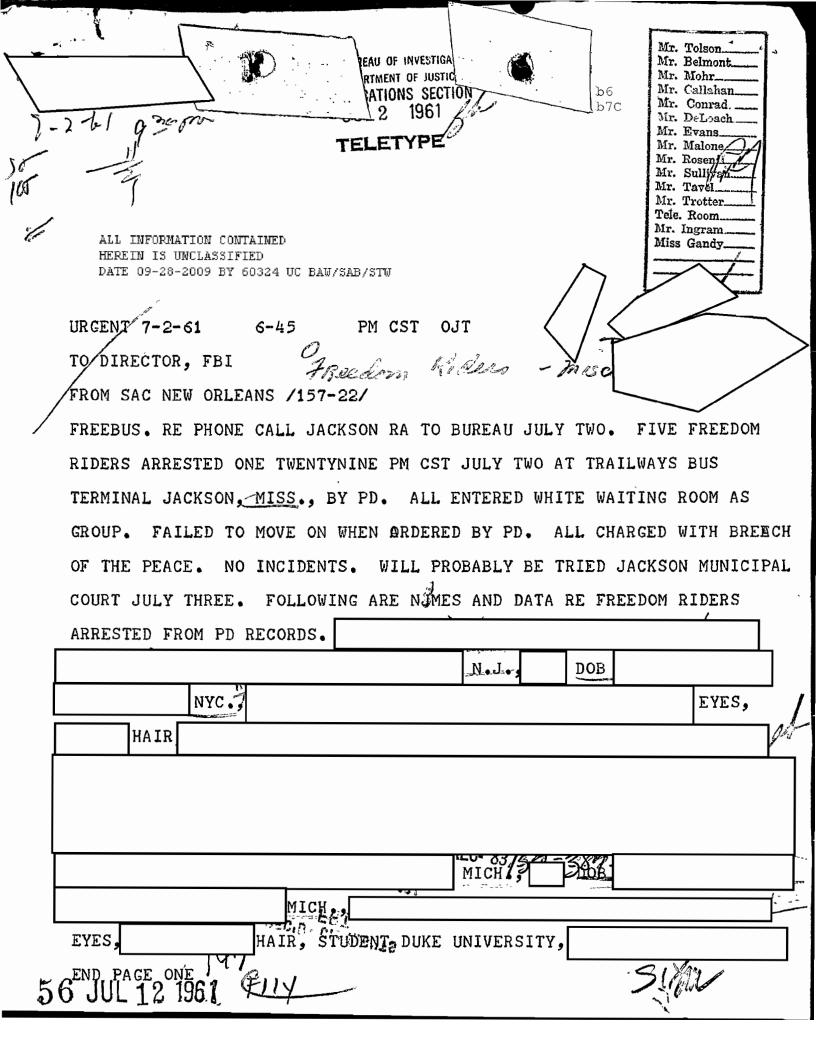
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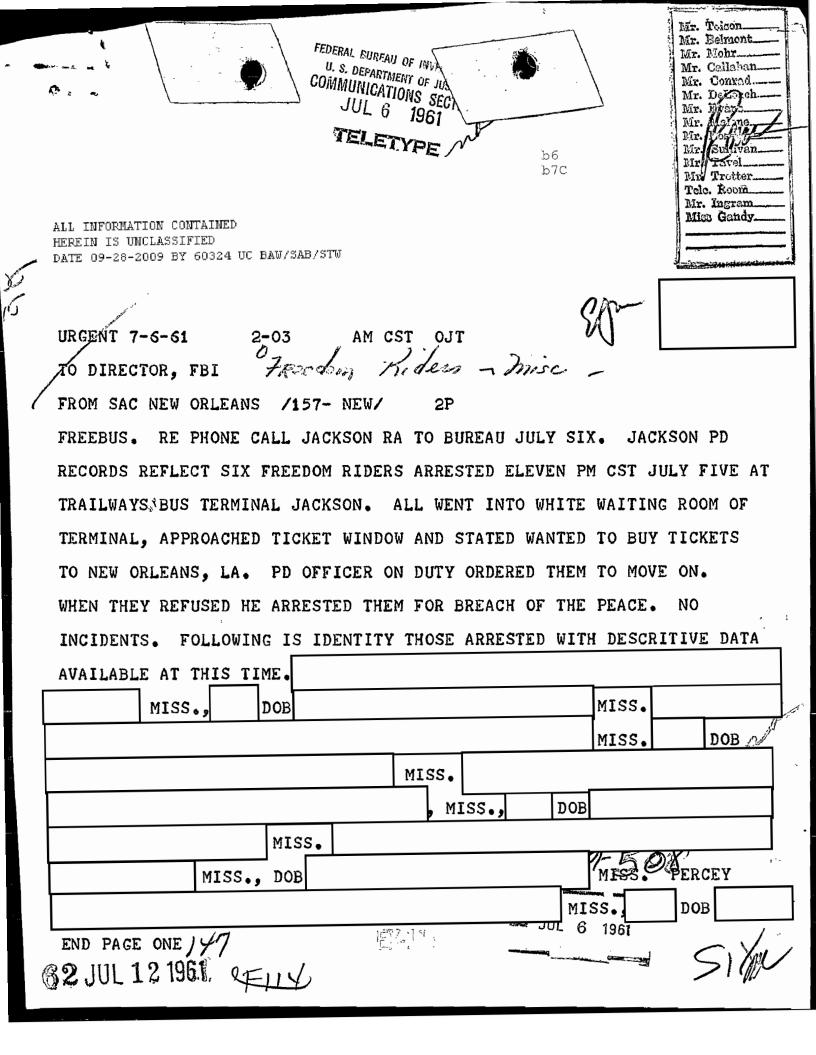
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On June 15, 1961, J. ROBERT GILFOY. Sheriff Hinds County, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that had been transferred to the Mississippi State Penitentiary, Parchman, Mississippi, on June 15, 1961.



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FREEDOM RIDE, 1961

TRAILWAYS BUS # 5703

FROM NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE, TO JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

6/7/61

Character:

RACIAL MATTERS; CIVIL RIGHTS

Synopsis:

Trailways Bus departed Nashville, Tennessee, 1:10 a.m., 6/7/61, with group consisting of three Negro males, two white males, and one white female. Bus arrived Memphis, Tenn., 6/7/61, at 6:25 a.m. Above group had breakfast in white restaurant and tested other white facilities Memphis Bus Station without incident. Group departed Memphis on Trailways Bus # 5708 at 7:53 a.m., 6/7/61, and arrived Jackson, Miss., 1:12 p.m., 6/7/61. On disembarking from bus, the white female and two white males entered the colored waiting room, and the three Negro males walked into the white waiting room at Trailways Bus Station. All arrested by Jackson, Miss., Police Department without incident after no response to police order to move on. All charged with "Breach of Peace." Tried in City Court, 6/8/61. All found guilty and each sentenced to pay a fine of \$200 and serve four months in jail. Sixty days of this period suspended. and all returned to Jackson City Jail.

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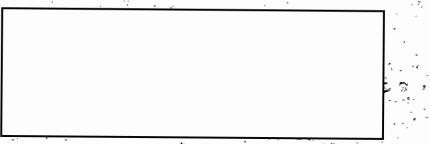
DETAILS:

TRAVEL NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE, TO JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

This investigation is predicated upon information furnished the New Orleans Division by the Memphis Office on June 6, 1961, advising that information had been received that



a group of seven persons were scheduled to leave Nashville, Tennessee, at 1:10 a.m., June 7, 1961, en route to Memphis, Tennessee, via Trailways bus scheduled to arrive at Memphis at 6:25 a.m. on June 7, 1961, and would leave on undetermined bus for Jackson, Mississippi, as soon as possible after arrival in Memphis. The individuals were listed as follows:



Memphis also advised group planned to test facilities upon arrival Jackson, Mississippi, and would possibly test facilities at Memphis, Tennessee, en route.

Upon receipt of the above information, Assistant Chief of Police MEADY B. PIERCE, Jackson, Mississippi, Police Department; Colonel T. B. BIRDSONG, Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol, Jackson, Mississippi; and Sheriff J. R. GILFOY, Hinds County, Jackson, Mississippi, were notified.

The Memphis Division advised on June 7, 1961,
referred to above, would not make the trip,
and that the bus was leaving Nashville, Tennessee, at 1:10 a.m.,
June 7, 1961, with one stop between Nashville and Memphis,
Tennessee, that being Jackson, Tennessee. Memphis also advised
that group would leave Memphis, Tennessee, via Trailways bus
to arrive in Jackson, Mississippi, at 12:45 p.m., June 7,
1961; that five of the group purchased tickets to Jackson,
Mississippi; and purchased ticket to Mexico City,
Mexico.

The Memphis Division further advised as follows on June 7, 1961:

Trailways bus which departed Nashville, Tennessee, at 1:10 a.m., June 7, 1961, arrived Trailways Bus Station, Memphis, Tennessee, at 6:25 a.m. Six so-called Freedom Riders left bus and entered white section of Trailways Bus Station. These Riders, consisting of three Negro males, two white males, and one white female, had breakfast in white restaurant and tested other white facilities without incident. Freedom Riders

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departed Memphis, Tennessee, on Trailways Eus No. 5708 at 7:53 a.m., June 7, 1961, destined for Jackson, Mississippi; and arrival time at Jackson, Mississippi, is 12:45 p.m., June 7, 1961, Central Standard Time.

Upon receipt of the above information, the individuals of the law enforcement agencies previously mentioned were notified. In addition, the Sheriff's Office, Madison County, Canton, Mississippi; Chief of Police, Canton, Mississippi; and the Sheriff's Office, Holmes County, Mississippi, were notified, as bus determined scheduled to make stops at Durant, Mississippi, (Holmes County) and Canton, Mississippi, en route from Memphis, Tennessee, to Jackson, Mississippi.



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At 11:25 p.m., SA SALUEL E. VIRDEM, II., advised Colonel T. B. BIRDSONG, Commissioner of Public Safety, Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol, at his residence, of the fact that a group of seven individuals identified as

Trailvays Eus at 1:10 a.m., June 7, 1961, en route Memphis, Tennessee, where they were to arrive at 6:25 a.m. and whose plans were to proceed to Jackson, Mississippi, on the earliest bus out of Memphis after their arrival there. He was advised that these individuals planned to test the facilities at Jackson, Mississippi Bus Terminal. Colonel BIRDSONG stated that if he was made aware of the identity of the bus upon which these persons were traveling and time of departure from Memphis, Tennessee, he would detail a unit of the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol to follow same to Jackson, Mississippi. He said that, as always, in the event any violence might be anticipated he would make additional units available.

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At 1:12 p.m., June 7, 1961, Trailways Bus # 5708 arrived at the passenger platform at Bamp No. 3. After the door was opened, approximately forty passengers got off the bus. After the passengers got off, a group consisting of two white males, one white female, and three Negro males who had been passengers on the bus stood together by the side of the open door of the bus for several minutes.

This group then walked together on the unloading platform at the terminal, east for about thirty feet to the doors there, bearing the large printed words thereon "COLORED WAITING ROOMS." The group stopped at these doors and at that time the white female and the two white males entered this door. The three Negro males of the group then continued east on the platform to the doors marked "WHITE WAITING ROOMS" and entered there.

The three white individuals then walked to about the center of the Colored Waiting Room and stood there. At that time they were approached by four uniformed officers of the Jackson, Mississippi, Police Department. Lt. spoke to the group, saying, "Move on, you must move on." He then repeated this, and the group remained standing and did not move. The Officer said to the three, "You have heard the order," and the three remained standing and did not move. The Officer then stated to the three white individuals. "You are under arrest." The officers then asked the three their names, and the three then moved with the officers through the front doors of the Colored Valting Room that open on East Pascagoula Street, and again met the three Hegro males they had been with previously on the bus, who came out of the front doors of the White Waiting Room. All six of the group then entered the Police patrol vagon that was parked in front of the Trailways Bus Station.

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The following observations were made at the Trailways Bus Station, East Pascagoula Street, Jackson, Misissippi, on June 7, 1961:

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After the three Negro males had entered the White Waiting Room, they were approached by Captain son Police Department at 1:23 p.m. Captain then said. "Move on out. You will have to move out of the station." The three Negro males did not reply and did not move from where they were then standing on the south side of the White Waiting Room. Captain _____ then said, "You heard my order."
The three men did not reply, and Captain _____ then said, "You are all under arrest." Captain _____ then obtained the assists then obtained the assistance of two uniformed patrolmen of the Jackson Police Department, who obtained the names of the above three men. These men were then escorted to the Jackson Police Department Paddy Vagon, which was parked at the front of the bus station, and were driven directly to the Jackson Police Department.

There were no incidents at the Trailways Station or at the Jackson Police Department in connection with this arrest.

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Information not cut in referenced letterhead memo points out that approximately 1,000 MAACP convention delegated will come from Philadelphia to Vachington to vicit constors and congression to make it clear that "there must be action now on Civil hights legislation."

Since this is a legitimate netivity of the WAACP and the Wall's interest is concerned only with communicat infiltration of the WAACP, no coverage of this delegation is contemplated by VEO.

have been alerted to the estimated size of the delegation.

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