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Mr. E. J. Brennan,
P. O. Box 241,
City Hall Station,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

Referring to the report of Agent Titus of your office under date of November 27th, 1923, captioned AFRICAN BLOOD BROTHERHOOD, there is noted therein a statement to the effect that a communication has been received from the organizer of the branch of the Blood Brotherhood, at Montgomery, Va.

A perusal of the Postal Guide fails to show a place of this name in Virginia. Possibly Montgomery, West Virginia is meant.

Will you please endeavor to ascertain whether or not the latter is correct.

Very truly yours,


Director.

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TITLE AND CHARACTER OF CASE
IN RE: AFRICAN BLOOD BROTHERHOOD - NEGRO RADICAL ACTIVITIES.

FACTS DEVELOPED **At New York:**

Agent covered meeting of the African Blood Brotherhood at the home of Miss Grace Campbell, 206 W. 135d St., which opened at 8:45 p.m. and adjourned at 10:00 p.m., and at which eighteen were present, Otto F. Huiswoud being chairman. Briggs read a communication from the supreme council that the A. B. B. and the workers Party, Harlem Branch, had joined together by agreement for the purpose of getting a place for an office and for a forum to meet jointly for the good of both organizations, and said that a representative from the workers Party would help conduct the forum of the A. B. B. as the workers party cannot have a forum, there being provision for certain sections, and it would give the A. B. B. a good chance for a forum in Harlem. He also said, that it would give the A. B. B. an opportunity to build up a headquarters where members who did not attend regularly could get in closer touch with the organization through literature and other means. He also read a communication from the Supreme Council in regard to the A. B. B. and the insurance department which will be printed

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and sent to each member of Post Kenelek and there will be attached a letter instructing every member to read carefully so as to understand it. He also

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read a communication from the organizer from Montgomery, Va., in which it stated, that they had rented a hall and had a place for a forum and had gained sixty-two members in six weeks; that the post had other entertainments to get the people in the organization. He stated that for that reason Post Penelek had taken the opportunity to make a suggestion to the supreme council for the insurance department and that as the supreme council had adopted it, it would be a general order for all posts to take up at once. He also stated that he had taken the opportunity to look for a place as he was sure that the A. B. B. would be willing to have a thing of this kind and it was voted on and accepted. Bernard Pinder made an engagement with Briggs to help him in securing a place as a member of the A. B. B. which joined the A. B. B. and Workers Party.

Huiswoud said, that he was on a speaking tour for four days in Jersey City and towns in Jersey and had spoken in churches and other places and that the organizations there were growing fast. He made a suggestion that some of the members take it upon themselves to try to secure some churches to hold their meetings in addition to their forum meetings. Miss Grace Campbell said, that she had been looking for a place and would help those who had been chosen to secure a place. It was voted that the A. B. B. hold a special meeting at the same place on Friday night next so that all committees can report. At the close of the meeting Briggs said that there would be literature for sale at the new headquarters so that everybody could get just what they wanted as there wasn't any place in Harlem to get it, that is, for both parties, the Workers Party and the A. B. B. as well as he expected to keep a full line of both kinds.

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IN RE: AMERICAN BLOOD BROTHERHOOD - NEGRO RADICAL ACTIVITIES.

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FACTS DEVELOPED At New York:

Agent went to the home of Cyril Briggs, 213 W. 135th St., and talked with him. He was writing letters at the time and said he would get the Crusader Service out to-morrow; that the Workers Party had a good meeting last night and that he wished the A. B. B. would have as good a crowd and as much enthusiasm as they had. He further stated that he would like to have the A. B. B. and the Workers Party work together when they find a suitable place and one can help the other. Briggs said that he was downtown early this morning and that he had gone home with Marshal who lives on St. Nicholas Avenue near 132nd St. and talked over some matters. Bernard Pinder, Briggs stated, made a good suggestion last night when he asked for some A. B. B. pamphlets and he took some this morning and left some in every office into which he went.

Agent visited a number of places in Harlem among the colored people, but learned nothing additional for the Department.

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RE: AFRICAN BLOOD BROTHERHOOD
Negro radical Activities.

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FACTS DEVELOPED

Agent met Bernard Pinder who is an active member of the African Blood Brotherhood, who lives at 201 West 136th Street, top floor with a family named Clark, and accompanied him to the home of Cyril V. Briggs, 213 West 135th Street and was informed that Briggs had left this morning at 7 o'clock and would not be in until some time after 4 o'clock. Pinder said his mission was to get some more literature to distribute as he was selling pictures now and had a good opportunity to leave some at each house and advertise the A.B.B. He also said that he had some of the Workers' Party literature and would leave both at the same time.

Agent then visited a number of places among the Negroes but learned nothing additional for the Department.

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