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RE: OAFRICAN BLOOD BROTHERHOOD  
Negro Radical Activities.

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Agent went to the home of Cyril Briggs, 213 West 125th Str. and found him mailing out a Special Bulletin for the A.B.B. Drive and he said we are making great progress now and all that we need is some more speakers like Huiswood. He said that he had received a number of letters from workers in Chicago who said they would do all they could to help us in our drive and would circulate our literature in the meetings that they hold.

Agent helped mail out some of the special Bulletins and then visited a number of other places in the Harlem District, but secured no additional information of value.

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Negro Radical Activities.

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FACTS DEVELOPED:

Agent went to the home of Cyril V. Briggs, 213 W. 135th Str. and helped mail out the Crusader Service. Briggs said that the meeting last night was the best meeting we have had in quite some time and from now on the organization will meet regularly in order to build up the organization. He said the insurance plan will give the members something for their money.

Briggs said what he wanted to do was to get the Negroes out of the strike breaking class and build up an organization where we can demand certain things as well as the White People. He said the K.K.K., the K. of C. and the Jews, as well as various nationalities are against us and are keeping us down.

During my conversation with Briggs, I learned that he was born in Nevis, West Indies.

Agent then went to the home of Grace Campbell, 206 West 133rd Str. She said that Briggs was working very hard for the Party but she thought he was worried very much about something since the workers' Party moved its headquarters to Chicago. She said

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that while the headquarters of the Workers' Party was here Briggs held a position with them that paid \$50.00 a week and that he had time for the African Blood Brotherhood work at the same time.

Agent then visited a number of places in the Negro District of Harlem but learned nothing additional for the Bureau.

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| TITLE AND CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>RE: AFRICAN BLOOD BROTHERHOOD - NEGRO RADICAL ACTIVITIES<br/>Sick and Death Benefit Fund Established by above Organization.</b>  |                                   |   |   |
| FACTS DEVELOPED<br><p style="text-align: right;"><i>61-30</i></p> <p>Continuing on the above investigation last reported upon by the writer on the 19th instant, I today again called at the office of the State Superintendent of Insurance, 165 Broadway and furnished Mr. Diefenauorf of the Legal Department with the address of Cyril Briggs and a copy of the circular letter being distributed throughout the membership of the African Blood Brotherhood by Briggs. He stated that he would have confidential investigation made of this matter and inform me later of the result of same.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CONTINUED.</p> |                                   |   |   |
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 RE: **AFRICAN BLOOD BROTHERHOOD - NEGRO RADICAL ACTIVITIES**  
 Sick and Death Benefit Fund Established by above Organization.

FACTS DEVELOPED

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Today this office received from Special Agent Earl E. Titus, copies of a mimeographed letter issued by "Executive Head" of the African Blood Brotherhood. The letter, which is addressed to "Dear Sisters and Brothers," states "the Insurance Department is now in operation," and goes on to say that those members of the African Blood Brotherhood who join the Insurance Department, will be paid a sick benefit of \$6.00 per week for forty weeks and \$100.00 in the event of death.

As this letter does not state whether the organization had complied with the State Insurance Laws, I today called at the New York Office of the State Superintendent of Insurance, 165 Broadway on the presumption that a possible fraud might be contemplated by Briggs and his associates under the guise of insurance and sick benefit fund.

At this office I interviewed Mr. Diefendorf of the Legal Department, who informed me that it depended upon the membership and amount of insurance offered by

church, social and beneficial organizations, whether they be classified on a footing with insurance companies; he added that societies with a member-

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ship of over 2,000 who offered to pay insurance of more than \$400.00, were required to make returns and a statement of their financial condition to the State Superintendent of Insurance. Mr. Diefendorf stated that while the African Blood Brotherhood offered to pay less than the above amount as a death benefit, which would exempt it from the class of societies required to make a return, he would, if I would furnish him with additional information, have one of his investigators look the matter up and get more detailed information regarding the African Blood Brotherhood's insurance scheme. I arranged to furnish Mr. Diefendorf later with the address of Briggs and such additional information as I might be able to secure.

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 RE: AMERICAN BLOOD BROTHERHOOD  
 Negro Medical Activities.

*61-50*

FACTS DEVELOPED

Agent called at the home of Mr. Cyril V. Briggs and was informed that he would not be home until tomorrow.

Then visited a number of places and during the evening went to Liberty Hall, but found only a few members about and no regular meeting taking place. I remained there from 9.00 P.M. until 9:30 P.M., during which time secured no information of value to the Bureau.

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**U. S. vs MARCUS GARVEY,** **Vio. Sec. 215 U.S.C.C.  
Using Mails to Defraud**

FACTS DEVELOPED 61-50

In company with Agent James E. Amos, the writer had a conference with Assistant U. S. Attorney Mattuck, who requested that we compare the Bill of Exceptions filed by the subject with the original testimony in the case.

Pursuant to his request, and with the consent of Agent in Charge Brennan, the writer and Agent Amos has been so engaged during the period shown above.

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November 21st, 1923.

Director,  
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Department of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.

Attention: J. J. Hoover, Esq.  
Re: African Blood Brotherhood -  
Negro radical Activities. N.Y.  
File No. R-218-D.

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith two copies each of the  
Program and Aims of the African Blood Brotherhood and application  
blanks for membership.

Very truly yours,



EDWARD J. BRENNAN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith two copies of the Special Membership Bulletin of the African Blood Brotherhood, which sets forth the organization's stand on various matters touching upon the race question.

Very truly yours,

*Edward J. Brennan*  
EDWARD J. BRENNAN,  
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SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP BULLETIN  
THE AFRICAN BLOOD BROTHERHOOD

The Spirit of the A. B. B.

Apart from the knowledge of the personal benefits which membership in the A. B. B. has brought you, what do you know of the African Blood Brotherhood?

You know of the benefits to you of its Sick and Death Benefit Department, of its educational classes and forums, of its Sokols or Calisthenic Clubs, of its Co-operative Enterprises whereby all of the investors are benefitted rather than just the few big share holders and the officers as is notoriously the case in capitalist corporation concerns; ~~if~~ you know of its industrial units in which the workers are organized to protect themselves, better their economic status and raise their standard of living. But what do you know of the spirit of the A. B. B. as a race organization?

Its attitude on a Free Africa? Its whole-hearted advocacy of liberation for the African peoples, but its opposition to wholesale immigration of the American Negro to that continent? Its reasons for believing that 12,000,000 Negroes in America, at the heart of an imperialist system, occupy a position of the ~~xxx~~ highest strategic value and once thoroughly organized and intelligently and courageously led could easily utilize that position for, first, elevating their own status, and, secondly, for inspiring, stimulating and helping a revolt against white rule on the part of the warrior peoples of Africa?

Its attitude on the European situation? Its frank hope for another war in Europe in which the white nations will commit suicide on the door-steps of Asia and Africa? Its reasons for believing that such a war would benefit the colored races of the world, and of Africa and America in particular, because of the opportunities the resultant chaos in Europe would offer the Africans and Asiatics for throwing off the blighting domination of the white race, and the increased respect which the American Negro group will receive as a result of the establishment of free, strong states in Africa?

Its attitude on the European debt to this country? Its opposition to any cancellation of that debt, because, first, such cancellation would simply shift the burden from the imperialist-capitalist thieves of Europe to the shoulders of the American working-class, to which 99 per cent. of the American Negro group belong; and, second, because such cancellation would lessen the burden under which the imperialist-capitalist nations of Europe are now forced to stagger toward their doom? The burden that is surely and swiftly dragging them down to barbarism and impotency?

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Its attitude on the Soldiers' Bonus? And its belief that the workers - colored and white - who fought in the last war "to end war", "war to make the world safe for democracy", etc., should get a fraction of the immense wealth reaped by the profiteers who stayed at home to mulct the families of the men in the trenches? Its belief that not only should the bonus be paid but that it should be paid by a tax on wealth rather than by further adding to the taxation burdens of the poor man?

Its opposition to the American Legion as a jim-crow soldier organization and an employers' instrument to be used, alternately with the Ku Klux Klan, against the working-class of this country, to which 99 per cent. of the Negro people in the United States belong? Its partiality to and support of the World War Veterans as a square deal soldier organization? A rank and file organization free of racial discrimination and capitalist control?

Its uncompromising and aggressive opposition to the Ku Klux Klan and all anti-Negro movements because it does not believe in compromising the future of the Negro or in cowardly laying down while the race is under attack and menaced by evil forces?

Its attitude on Bolshevism and Communism? Its belief that all such forces as menace white capitalist control of the world, European eminent domain, and the imperialist regimes of Europe should be encouraged by the darker peoples who stand to benefit most by the undermining and destruction of European imperialism and white world domination?

Its three-year-old agitation for a United Negro Front as the only logical method for successfully meeting the onslaughts of our myriad foes and of materially advancing the interests of our race? Its reasons for supporting wholeheartedly and unselfishly the present move in that direction engineered by the United Front Conference of which, with the N. A. A. C. P., the National Equal Rights League and other leading Negro organizations, it is a member?

Its fostering of the Co-operative Movement because that movement has proved in Europe and the United States its huge possibilities for successful operation, and its capacity for lifting up the under-dog and protecting the masses from the selfish, individualistic exploitation of the ~~xxxx~~ capitalists?

All these questions are adequately dealt with in "Solidarity", the monthly mimeographed ~~xxxx~~ organ of the A. B. D., which is sent to all members who are financial. Have you been getting your copy regularly? Are you financial? Make yourself financial. Remember you must be financial in your general membership to get the full benefit of the protection of the Sick and Death Benefit Department. Your general membership costs only 25 cents a month. Make yourself financial at once.

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 Negro Radical Activities.

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FACTS DEVELOPED.

Agent attended a meeting of the above organization at the home of Miss Grace Campbell, 206 West 133rd Street. The meeting was opened at 9:00 P.M. and closed at 10:30 P.M. Earl L. Titus acted as chairman, Huiswood being absent. A report was read which stated that all expenses for Huiswood and Domingo were paid for by the posts they visited and that they gained over 300 members in the various posts they addressed.

Briggs reported mailing out 9,000 drive letters and stated he had received good results from the drive. Briggs then introduced the sick and death benefit insurance, which was accepted by those present and turned over to the Supreme Council and all posts will abide by the council in the discussion. A discussion was had on this matter and it was shown that other lodges had an insurance plan and as they were not a lodge but an organization, they would have to have something of that kind to build up the organization and to increase its membership, especially in New York City. They said it would be a general

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order all through the A.B.B. and every member would take out a policy and make the order grow. It was voted that there would be another meeting on Friday, Nov. 23rd for the next meeting and final reports would then be turned in.

Richard B. Moore said that the N.A.A.C.P. was to have an open forum in Harlem next week and he wants this organization to have their forum opened again by all means as he believes good results will come from it.

Moore, Grace Campbell and Bernard Pinder were appointed by the chair to look for a place for the forum and report at the next meeting. Miss Campbell said that in other cities they could have their meetings in churches but in New York City they couldn't as the Government always had representatives at these meetings and would order them out and maybe arrest them.

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Negro radical Activities.

FACTS DEVELOPED. 61-50

Agent went to the home of Cyril Briggs, and he told me that since Huiswood spoke in Philadelphia, he believed the organization would grow there and that a good many negroes would join the A.B.B. He further said that Grace Campbell had told him that she was going to see about the hall for the Forum meeting and she said she was quite sure she would get it. He said that he had received a partial list of the Miners Union Secretaries and Huiswood said he would be able to furnish him with the balance soon.

Agent went to Liberty Hall on two different occasions about 9 and 10 o'clock, the usual time of meetings there and although some kind of a small meeting was going on, no speeches were made.

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Agent saw Mr. W.A. Domingo on 135th Street and went with him to the home of Cyril Briggs, 213 West 135th Str. and while there Domingo said he was in Philadelphia with Otto E. Huiswood and while there made a speech in one of the churches there. He said it was a little old church and that it was crowded. He said Huiswood made a fine speech and succeeded in convincing his audience, and if given the chance would make one of the best organizers there is. He said housing conditions in that city are in bad shape and Huiswood got a committee of that church together for the purpose of calling all the local ministers together to see if they couldn't get better living conditions.

Briggs said he met Coles and had a talk with him and found him a pretty nice chap and there was no truth in what he had been told about him.

Domingo said he saw in the Chicago Defender that Duboise was to go to West Africa.

Domingo further said that Garvey was gaining ground

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in his new movement and after he gets a few of those grafters out of his order, he will have one of the foremost organizations in the country. He said Garvey learned a great deal while in jail and had time to think over his mistakes. He said that the N.A.A.C.P. is a good organization and are getting good results out Garvey has the ability of organizing. He said that Garvey in his trip out west made a good many friends who are now willing to help him.

Briggs said he had received a letter from Claude McKay X to the effect that he was in Germany and that he was to stay there until something happened.

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OFFICE OF  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

TELEPHONE, BARCLAY 8160  
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**Department of Justice**  
**Bureau of Investigation**  
15 PARK ROW, 14TH FLOOR  
NEW YORK, N. Y.

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November 19th, 1923.

Director,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.

Attention: J.E. Hoover, Esq.  
African Blood Brotherhood, Negro  
Radical Activities, N.Y. File No. R-218-D.

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith two copies of a "Special Bulletin," dated Nov. 19th, 1923 and issued by the African Blood Brotherhood, calling attention of the membership to the establishment by the organization of an insurance and sick benefit fund.

It will be observed that the organization proposes to pay \$100.00 death benefit and a sick benefit of \$6.00 per week for 40 weeks.

Having in mind the fraud practiced on the Negro people by Marcus Garvey, through the Black Star Line, inquiries will be instituted in this city with a view to ascertaining whether the State insurance laws are being complied with and in the event they are not, it is proposed to turn over such information as may be obtained by this office to the County District Attorney for such action as he may deem advisable.

Very truly yours,

*Edward J. Brennan*  
EDWARD J. BRENNAN  
Special Agent in Charge.

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SPECIAL BULLETIN

AFRICAN BLOOD BROTHERHOOD. Subject: INSURANCE

Dated November 19, 1923.

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

The following information is sent you by order of the Supreme Executive Council of the Brotherhood:-

The Insurance Department is now in operation.

Delay in organizing this Department was due to the care and work involved in order to keep up the Brotherhood's record of fair dealing with its members and the public in general. Every precaution has accordingly been taken for your full protection and the effective and satisfactory operation of the Insurance Department, and the following decisions reached:

First, that the protection of this Department shall be extended only to those who are members of the Brotherhood;

Second, that the Funds of this Department shall be kept separately from the ~~xxxx~~ general funds of the Brotherhood;

Third, that while the Posts or branches of the Brotherhood are made responsible for the payment of the Sick Benefits of their members, the Supreme Executive Council shall accept this responsibility wherever a Post is unable to meet its obligations.

Fourth, that the initiation fee into the Insurance Department shall be the sum of two (\$2.00) dollars for all persons under forty-six years of age and in good health at the time. For applicants over forty-six years of age and under sixty-five, the initiation fee shall be five dollars. For persons over sixty-five years of age and under seventy the initiation fee shall be ten dollars.

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Seventh, that of the monthly dues of 50 cents, the sum of 20 cents shall be retained by the Post Treasury for the payment of the Sick Benefits of its members for which it is responsible, with the provision heretofore stated that the Supreme Executive Council pledges such payments in the event of insolvency of any Post. The remaining 30 cents of the monthly dues shall be forwarded to the Supreme Executive Council for the Death Fund of the organization.

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Executive Head, A. B. B.

"THE A. B. B. - THE NEGRO'S ROCK OF Gibraltar!"

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Executive Head, ... ..

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Instructions c *J* Agt. in Charge Brennan: *P* File No. 61-50-18-D.

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TITLE AND CHARACTER OF CASE

RE: AFRICAN BLOOD BROTHERHOOD  
Negro Radical Activities.

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FACTS DEVELOPED:

Agent called at the home of Cyril Briggs and found Briggs writing for the Crusader Service and he said he was downtown all day yesterday trying to locate the list of the Miner's Union, but so far he has not been able to obtain it. He said he was not getting any rapid results from the drive as yet but thinks that after he gets the Miner's list things will change. He said, he had received a letter from a business man downtown this morning, but didn't mention his name, who is an anti-communist and who offered him a position but that he wrote and told him he didn't want it. He said this man will now know we mean business and that the Communist does not want to co-operate with any one at all.

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Mr. Walter C. Foster,  
P. O. Box 451,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

Information has been received to the effect that one ~~L. N. Coles~~ of Philadelphia was recently in New York City and made arrangements for one W. A. Domingo to speak in a Philadelphia church on November 18th.

The arrangement entered into by Coles was with the representatives of the African Blood Brotherhood and it is evident that Coles, Domingo, et al. are connected with that organization.

The foregoing is for your information.

Yours very truly,

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
Director.

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**Negro Radical Activities.**

*61-50*

FACTS DEVELOPED.

Agent went to the home of Cyril V. Briggs and helped mail out 750 Crusader Service bulletins. Briggs said that he received a letter from the General Secretary of the Miner's Union saying that he would mail him a list of the secretaries and that he should have it by Monday morning. He said he would then be able to complete his drive.

Agent then went to the home of Miss Grace Campbell, 206 West 133rd Str. W. and while there, Mr. L.N. Coles of Philadelphia came in and said that he wanted Mr. Otto E. Huiswood and Miss Campbell to speak in a church in Philadelphia on Sunday. Miss Campbell told him that as she was unable to go she had got W.A. Domingo to go in her place and they were to go to Washington and speak tonight and would be in Philadelphia tomorrow afternoon and would then speak in the church as was intended for her to do.

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Coles went to the telegraph office and sent a telegram to that effect. Later agent talked with Coles, who said that he was in for anything radical and that he has been a radical 16 years and that by hard work he was beginning to work the Negroes up there.

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| FACTS DEVELOPED:<br><br><p style="text-align: right;">61-50</p> <p>Agent called at the home of Cyril Briggs, 213 W. 135th Str. and found him writing for the Crusader Service and he said he was getting some good response from the drive now and the percentage was far greater than he anticipated. He said he was talking with Mr. Huiswood last night and he told him that he would be able to get a list of the miners secretaries by tonight.</p> <p>Agent then visited a number of places in Harlem among the Negroes but learned nothing more of interest to the Bureau.</p> |  |   |                                  |
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| FACTS DEVELOPED   |   |   |                                 |                              |             |  |           |                            |
| <p>Agent met Mr. John T. Morris of 210 West 133rd Str. and he advised me there we are to have a big meeting at 149 West 136th Str. on Sunday night, Nov. 11th.</p> <p>Called on Cyril V. Briggs and found him mailing out the Crusader Service. He said that when we get the Negro worked up to the extent where he will do for himself as the fighting Irish did, then we will be recognized and not until then. He spoke about the moving picture "The Birth of a Nation" and said that the Negroes had protested about it, but nothing was done. He said that every picture of this kind should be smashed. He further said that he now has the drive on and after it sinks into the Negroes mind, they will have to be recognized. He said we have to organize and that this drive is to wake the Negro up.</p> |   |   |                                 |                              |             |  |           |                            |
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| FACTS DEVELOPED.  |  |   |  |
| <p>Agent went to the home of Cyril V. Briggs, and found him looking over his records and he said that he had been down to the Workers' Party for two days looking for the list of secretaries of the Miner's Unions, which had been misplaced by some one or stolen. He said that every one of the secretaries belong to the A.B.B's and that they are 90,000 strong. As soon as he finds the list, he will send out circulars to them. He said that he is carrying on the biggest drive since the organization started. He said that he had arranged for the general organizer of the Miners' Union to make speeches.</p> <p>Briggs said that he hoped to get the Forum started soon and that there will be a meeting of the A.B.B. on the evening of the 7th.</p> <p>I visited a number of places in Harlem among the Negroes but failed to secure any additional information of value to the Bureau.</p> |  |   |  |
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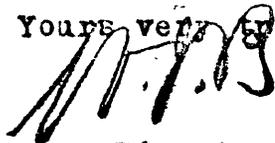
Mr. E. L. Osborne,  
P. O. Box 1033,  
Indianapolis, Ind.

Dear Sir:

The Bureau is in receipt of information to the effect that a recent advertisement appeared in a periodical called the Indianapolis "Spokesman", relative to a membership drive of the African Blood Brotherhood.

As you know this is a particularly radical organization doing propaganda work in negro circles, and your attention is called thereto in order that appropriate investigation may be made of the periodical in question and of the situation in general.

Yours very truly,



Director.

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 Negro radical Activities.

FACTS DEVELOPED

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Dodge  
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Instruct Agent Davis arrange arrive New York not  
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15 PARK ROW, 14TH FLOOR  
NEW YORK, N. Y.

Nov. 9 1923

Mr. William J. Burns,  
Director Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice,  
Washington D.C.

RE: U.S.VS. MARCUS GARVEY

Dear Sir:

Assistant U.S. Attorney Maddox spoke to me yesterday and also today to arrange to have Special Agent Mortimer J. Davis here as soon as possible for the reason that the above named defendant, Marcus Garvey has filed a bill of exception and the Government has to reply to same within the next two weeks.

Mr. Maddox states that Davis is almost indispensable and it will be absolutely necessary that he should have the services of Agent Davis to aid and assist him in preparing the Government's answer.

I explained to Mr. Maddox that Davis is now in Savannah on another important investigation and the date of his return I did not know but that we consider the Marcus Garvey case also a very important one and that I would write the Director and put the facts up to him and request that arrangements be made to have Agent Davis return to New York to assist him on this case.

Mr. Maddox stated that in view of the circumstances he would do everything in his power to arrange his matters, and requested that Special Agent Davis be here in New York not later than next Wednesday morning Nov. 14 1923.

I would thank you to please arrange to have Special Agent Davis here next Wednesday.

Very truly yours,

*Edward J. Brennan*  
Edward J. Brennan  
Special Agent in Charge.

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| RE: MARCUS GARVEY.   |  | Negro Radical.                        |                    |
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| Washington, D. C.  |  | #6725<br><u>Attention Mr. Hoover.</u> | 61-50              |
| <p>On Tuesday evening, November 6, 1923, this Agent attended a meeting which was addressed by Marcus Garvey, at John Wesley A. M. E. Zion Church, 14th and Corcoran Streets, N. W., Probably the largest audience ever addressed by Garvey in this city were on hand to hear him.</p> <p>Attorney Joseph H. Stewart, who has been identified with all of Garvey's activities in this city, acted as Master of Ceremonies, and in introducing the speaker referred to him as the most wide awake, the only, NEGRO in the world.</p> <p>The subject was quite as outspoken in his address as he was before his trial and conviction; in fact, his address was substantially the same as the one delivered by him at the Lincoln Memorial Church, 11th &amp; R Streets, N. W., on April 21st last.</p> <p>Mr. Garvey began by stating that he had just returned from a trip across the continent by way of the South. He remarked that he liked the south better than any other part of the United States because he understood the southern people better. They being very frank and outspoken</p> |  |                                       |                    |
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in regard to the Negro. They make no pretence of being willing to accept him in any other manner than his present status in the south allows, whereas people further north are very hard to understand because they are always on the fence and are likely to flop either way.

He went on to say that he wanted to tell the negroes how much progress they were making - none at all, stating that the negroes are the most backward, the laziest people in the world. Instead of getting out and going after what they want they sit around and expect the white man to give them what he has.

He referred to Booker Washington, as the greatest man the world has produced during this century, and said that his work would live forever.

He pointed out that at the present rate of increase of the white race in about one or possibly two years there would be no room on this continent for the negro and as it is a white man's country the negro will be compelled to go or be exterminated. Therefore he advises going while the going is good. He said that he does not blame the white people for keeping the negroes down; he blames the negroes for allowing them to do it. He said the white race has risen to power and glory, the yellow race has risen to power and glory, and the black race thru the U. N. I. A., will rise to power and glory.

Referring to his recent trial in New York, Garvey said there were three things he might do - go to Heaven, hell, or jail, but the U. N. I. A., would not be stopped whatever might happen to him.

He referred to the minerals and oil and other riches of this

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country saying they were for the white man because this is his country, but the wealth of Africa is for the black man because that that is his country, and he is going to have them no matter what means may be necessary to get them; adding the sooner the white people now colonizing Africa realize that and get out the better for them.

Garvey closed his remarks by paying his respects to America, the Greatest Democracy in the world, the greatest Republic in the world, the greatest nation in the world - for the white man.

There were between fifteen hundred and two thousand people in the audience.

Admission fee of 50¢ paid in cash by Agent.

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

*61-50*

FACTS DEVELOPED. **at New York:**

Agent went to the home of Cyril Briggs, 213 West 135th St., and found him getting some literature ready for the drive of the A. B. B. Service. He said he had been talking with some of the heads of the unions for the last few days to see what they were going to do, but they promised nothing and he is going to increase his drive to nearly one-third. He further stated that Edgar Mercer was down to see him last night and helped him in his work and said he would see him to-night. They haven't had time to look after the Crusader Service this week, but Briggs says he will get to it at once, although the drive for membership is of great importance to him at this time. He stated, that he has men right in the unions who are spreading propoganda.

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## Bureau of Investigation

15 PARK ROW, 14TH FLOOR  
NEW YORK, N. Y.

61-50

November 5th, 1923.

Director,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.

Attention: J.E. Hoover, Esq.,  
Re: African Blood Brotherhood  
Crusader Service. N.Y. File  
No. R-218-D.

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith in duplicate the  
"Crusader Service," press release dated November 5th, issued  
by the African Blood Brotherhood.

Very truly yours,

*Edmund J. Behrman*  
EDMUND J. BEHRMAN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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

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At New York:  
 FACTS DEVELOPED.

Agent went to the home of Cyril Briggs, 213 West 135th St., and found him writing for the Crusader Service. He said he had some notices to get out and would get the service out afterwards; that he was to send notices to all the unions and to all the posts in the world. He remarked that Kelly Miller of the "Messenger" is scheming against him and that he will have an article on this in the next service. Agent went to the home of Briggs at four o'clock and helped mail out the drive and service. The drive is for the membership and was sent all over the world to negroes. Briggs stated, that there were posts in every place that these membership drive papers went, on the east and west coast of Africa, Jamaica, British Isles, Italy and all dark colonies. Briggs told Agent that Miss Campbell and Mr. Huiswoud were mailing out the literature just as fast as he was. At Miss Campbell's home, 206 West 133d St. Agent was unable to get hold of but one copy of the membership drive papers.

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TITLE AND CHARACTER OF CASE  
**RE: AFRICAN BLOOD BROTHERHOOD**  
**Negro Radical Activities.** 61-50

FACTS DEVELOPED.

Agent proceeded to the home of Cyril Briggs, 213 West 135th Street and found Briggs writing letters and he stated that while in Washington, he was a very busy man. He said that he went to Washington for the purpose of putting the policies of the African Blood Brotherhood before the United Front Conference and he had seen while there Percy Miller, who is one of the heads of the United Front Conference, who liked the plans of the A.B.B. very much and said that they would finance them in their efforts if they would adopt the U.F.C. by-laws and policies. He further said that they liked the co-operative store and insurance plan as well and so far as they could see it would be a paying proposition. Briggs said that he told him that the A.B.B. was an organization and had its own by-laws and rules, but after a long talk with Miller, said he was going to write to all the posts of the A.B.B. and lay the plans out to them.

Agent visited a number of places in Harlem out learned nothing additional for the department. DELETED COPY SENT *Ben Watkins*

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TITLE AND CHARACTER OF CASE  
 RE: *0* AFRICAN BLOOD BROTHERHOOD  
 Negro Radical Activities.

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FACTS DEVELOPED

Agent went to the home of Cyril V. Briggs, 213 West 135th Str. and found him writing for the Crusader Service and he said that he had worked very late last night and had mailed out over 9,000 of the drive papers for the A.B.B. Drive and will have about 3,000 more to mail out and would like to get them out this week. He said he intends to follow them up with the Crusader Service and every post will get at least ten copies of them so they can distribute them among their friends.

Agent later proceeded to the vicinity of the Metropolitan Opera House, Broadway between 39th and 40th Str., where Lloyd George delivered an address. I saw several crowds dispersed at Broadway and 40th Street but no other information was secured.

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RE: AFRICAN BLOOD BROTHERHOOD  
Negro Radical Activities.

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FACTS DEVELOPED

Agent went to the home of Cyril Briggs, 213 West 138th Str. and was informed that they hadn't seen Briggs for two days and did not know where he had gone nor when he would return.

Agent then went to Liberty Hall, 120 West 138th Str. and was informed that there would be no meeting there tonight as they were holding a social function and nobody but members would be admitted. Agent covered other sections of Harlem but learned nothing of interest to the Bureau.

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FACTS DEVELOPED At New York:

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Agent visited several places in Harlem among the colored people but learned nothing of interest to the Department. At two p.m. Agent went to the home of Cyril Briggs, 213 West 135th St., and found him mailing out the drive notices for the A. B. B. He said that he had about seven hundred more to mail and he was then going to Miss Grace Campbell's at 206 West 133d St. to help them in their work; that while there he will make arrangements for the forum meeting as that is one of the important matters to take care of.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. BOHNER 61-

Information has been received to the effect that MARCUS GARVEY, notorious negro radical, is scheduled to speak at a negro church on Fourteenth Street, between J and R Streets, N.W., Tuesday night, November 6th.

Please arrange to have this meeting covered in the usual manner.

Very truly yours,



Director.

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**AFRICA OURS, GARVEY  
TELLS 2,000 NEGROES**  
*WASH. POST - Nov. 7 '23*  
**Condemns European Colonization There; Urges Founding of Nation.**

Condemning colonization by European nations in Africa, Marcus Garvey, self-styled provisional president of Africa, and president general of the Universal Negro Improvement association, speaking last night before more than 2,000 negroes in the John Wesley African Methodist Episcopal church, declared that Africa is for the negroes, and that they should band together and set up a government there.

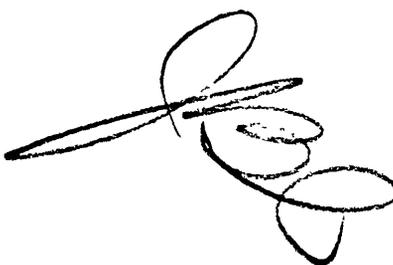
"Uncle Tom" is a figure of the past, he said, adding that the negroes have buried him and are still burying his like, every day. A new type of negro, with higher ambitions, has come, the speaker emphasized. But, withal, he continued, the negro is backward and lazy, and will never get anywhere until he decides to go out for himself.

Garvey, who was convicted in New York courts on a charge of using the mail to defraud, in connection with his "Black Star steamship line," a subsidiary of the Universal Negro Improvement association, declared that he was willing to do anything to get his race a place in Africa—even go to jail. Garvey thanked the Ku Klux Klan for its frankness in saying that America is for the white man. This, he pointed out, is bringing the negroes to a clearer race consciousness.

"I am calling upon the negroes to think," Garvey asserted. "They must remember that America is for the white people, Europe and Russia are for the white people, Asia is for the yellow races, but Africa must be for the black man. And the sooner the leaders in European nations realize that, and relinquish their colonies in Africa, the better it will be for them, for we, the members of the Universal Negro Improvement association, are coming 400,000,000 strong, and we are willing to go to any lengths for the land that is ours."

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IN RE: AFRICAN BLOOD BROTHERHOOD - NEGRO RADICAL ACTIVITIES.

FACTS DEVELOPED At New York:

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Agent went to the home of Cyril Briggs, 215 West 135th St., and was informed that Mr. Briggs would be in from Washington to-night, having so informed them by postal card.

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15 PARK ROW, 14TH FLOOR  
NEW YORK, N. Y.

October 27th, 1923. 61-50

Director,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.

Re: Circular issued by  
African Blood Brotherhood.  
N.Y. File No. R-218-D.

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith a mimeographed circular issued by the African Blood Brotherhood which purports to be a statement of the League for Industrial Democracy, concerning the exodus of the Negroes from the South.

Very truly yours,

*Edward J. Brennan*  
EDWARD J. BRENNAN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Agent Charles T. ...

10/24/23.

A MIGRATION THAT CAN'T BE STOPPED!

LEAGUE FOR INDUSTRIAL DEMOCRACY SAYS NEGRO EXODUS FROM SOUTH CANNOT BE STOPPED, AND RACIAL FRICTION WILL ONLY PLAY INTO THE HANDS OF THE BOSS IN THE NORTH AS IT DOES CONTINUALLY IN THE SOUTH.

BLACK WORKERS MUST BE ORGANIZED AS BROTHERS IN THE INTERESTS OF ALL LABOR, LEAGUE WARNS, FOR "UNLESS NEGROES CAN BE ORGANIZED, WHITE WORKERS IN THEIR INDUSTRIES WILL BE DISORGANIZED."

WILL WHITE LABOR SEE ITS INTERESTS AND ITS DUTY?

Speaking of immigration, here is one employer's idea: President Grace of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation in an interview with the United Press suggested a method of selective immigration under which plant managers would apply to the government for permission to fill their unskilled labor requirements in Europe." The plan, according to Mr. Grace "would eliminate competitive bidding among plants for labor."

This particular dream of a reservoir of cheap labor will not be fulfilled. The next best thing, many employers think, is to ship in colored workers from the South. The great Negro migration is partly encouraged by employers who find the cotton states a reservoir of cheap labor. But if employers did nothing Negroes would migrate because of conditions in the South. This migration, at best, compels the South to treat the Negroes like men, to abolish the virtual peonage, the humiliating laws, the menace of the mob under which they now live. At worst, this Negro migration to the North may extend the area of race conflict and drag down to yet lower levels the too low standards of white workers in coal mines and steel mills.

There is no stopping the Negro migration as immigration has been stopped. Racial friction will only play into the hands of the boss in the North as it does continually in the South. It will not be easy to organize the Negro fresh from the Mississippi delta. But the Negro in America is such as the white race made him. White men today owe him a debt that labor may help to pay by organizing the black men as brothers. From a labor standpoint, there is a selfish reason: Unless Negroes can be organized, white workers in their industries will be disorganized.- League for Industrial Democracy.

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YOUR

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The African Blood Brotherhood,  
2299 Seventh Avenue;  
New York City.

Instructions received from Special Agent in Charge, Edw. J. Kennan.

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RE: U.S. vs. MARCUS GARVEY, et al: Violation Section #215 U.S.C.C. (Using the mails to defraud.)

FACTS DEVELOPED

At New York, N.Y.

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In connection with the above matter, at 10:00 A. M. A gent proceeded to the Federal Building to hear the argument between GEORGE GORDON BATTLE (counsel for defense) and Asst. U. S. Attorney Maxwell Mattuck in regard to a postponement of the date set for the hearing of MARCUS GARVEY'S appeal from conviction (which had been set for this day, October 25th.) Before JUDGE JULIAN MACK, BATTLE asked for a postponement until January 1st, 1924, because they did not have all of their records completed. Asst. U.S. Atty. Mattuck opposed this and JUDGE MACK ruled that one month from today, November 25th, they would be ready for the hearing; he then reconsidered the matter and ruled that as the 25th of November came on Sunday, he would allow them until November 26th, 1923.

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**IN RE: AFRICAN BLOOD BROTHERHOOD - NEGRO RADICAL ACTIVITIES.**

FACTS DEVELOPED.

**At New York:**

Agent went to the home of Cyril Briggs, 213 West 135th St., and was informed that Briggs was still in Washington and would be back Wednesday, October 24th. They got a post card from him, but it had no address on it. Briggs' mother said, that Huiswoud came up to the house and ran off on the mimeograph machine the Crusader Service which she mailed out on Sunday.

Agent afterwards met Miss Grace Campbell on the street, who said, that she had a post card from Briggs, but there was no address on it.

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

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October 29, 1923.

Mr. L. E. Sawyer,  
P.O. Box 665,  
Milwaukee, Wisc.

Dear Sir:

Information has been received to the effect that CYRIL BRIGGS of New York City, organizer for the African Blood Brotherhood addresses the Co-operative Central Exchange, of Superior, Wisc. as one of the "wholesale co-operatives" connected with the African Blood Brotherhood.

As you know the latter is an extremely radical organization operating in New York cities.

The above is for your information.

Yours very truly



Director.

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IN RE: AFRICAN BLOOD BROTHERHOOD - NEGRO RADICAL ACTIVITIES.

FACTS DEVELOPED At New York:

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Agent called on Cyril Briggs, 213 West 135th St., who was very busy getting ready to make his trip, and asked Agent to help him address some envelopes for the Crusader Service. He wrote a note for Miss Grace Campbell which he asked me to bring to her and which stated that he was going to Washington and requested that she tell Huiswoud to take care of the Crusader Service.

The addresses of the Wholesale co-operatives are: The Central States Co-operative Wholesale, East St. Louis, Ill., and the Co-operative Central Exchange, Superior, Wis.

Agent took the letter to Miss Campbell, 206 W. 133d St., and remained at her home for about an hour, but learned nothing of value to the Department.

*St. Louis 10/21/23  
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FACTS DEVELOPED At New York: 61-50

Agent met D. E. Tobias on the street and while talking, mentioned that Cyril Briggs had gone to Washington and he told Agent that he had no use for Briggs as he was one of the fellows that sent Marcus Garvey to prison and that any man who would work against his own race to get a little benefit for himself was no good. Agent could get no information out of him in regard to any other movements.

Agent visited a number of places in Harlem among the colored people but learned nothing of interest to the Department.

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TITLE AND CHARACTER OF CASE

IN RE: <sup>0</sup>AFRICAN BLOOD BROTHERHOOD  
Negro Radical Activities.

61-50

FACTS DEVELOPED

Agent today visited various places in Harlem, but did not learn anything of value.

I later went to the home of Miss Grace Campbell, 206 West 133d Street, and was informed by her that she had received a letter from Claude McKay, who is in Russia, stating that Russia had her eyes on the colored people of this country, and the colored people should get together and show some spirit and form a Communist group, and stand out from the white people, so they could be recognized. He stated they would not get anything by coming up from the south and falling into the hands of the politicians, but should get together and make one mass, in order to get power. He further stated the Communist Party of Russia has a great deal of faith in the colored people of America, and they should get a man of Garvey's type for their leader.

McKay further stated he expected to be in France in a few weeks, but never expected to return to America, but would keep in touch with his friends here and keep them posted, and would assist any good movement that might arise.

I was unable to secure McKay's address from Miss Campbell.

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| TITLE AND CHARACTER OF CASE<br><br>RE: <u>U. S. vs. MARCUS GARVEY, et al:</u> Violation Section #215 U.S.C.C. (Using the mails to defraud.)  |   |   |                                  |                             |             |                         |   |                       |           |                  |
| FACTS DEVELOPED<br><br><u>At New York, N.Y.</u> <span style="float: right;">61-50</span>   |   |   |                                  |                             |             |                         |   |                       |           |                  |
| <p>In connection with the above entitled matter, from a confidential source Agent learned that MARCUS GARVEY'S brother-in-law, CLEVELAND JACQUES, has arrived in the United States from JAMAICA, W.I., for the purpose of assisting GARVEY in making his escape from America. GARVEY is reported to be in Los Angeles, Calif., at the present time. However, informant has promised Agent that just as soon as he gets anything definite regarding the attempt to escape he will communicate with Agent at once.</p> <p>Agent is keeping in close touch with the situation and will notify the Bureau immediately on receipt of further information.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CONTINUED.</p> |   |   |                                  |                             |             |                         |   |                       |           |                  |
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IN RE: AFRICAN BLOOD BROTHERHOOD - NEGRO RADICAL ACTIVITIES.

FACTS DEVELOPED At New York:

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Agent went to the home of Cyril Briggs and helped address some mail for the Crusader Service and while there found the address of Edgar Mercer, which is 163 West 135th St.,

Briggs said, that he is going out of town for a few days and would start on Friday night, October 19th. Agent went to the home of Miss Grace Campbell, 205 West 133d St., who said that Briggs was going to Washington, D. C., but she was not aware of his reason for going. Agent also talked with Otto Huiswoud who said, that they are making efforts to hold a forum meeting on Sunday, Oct. 21st.

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| FACTS DEVELOPED<br>At New York:<br><br>Agent interviewed Cyril V. Briggs, 213 West 135th St., who, during his conversation, said that in a short time we can rejoice as Germany was turning to Bolshevism; that then his party will be on top and Russia will overrun Europe; that this comes next among the countries which will turn to Bolshevism; that Japan was not in the world's war and is not friendly to the United States on account of the treatment the Japanese received in California, which result in Japan's joining with the other darker races to right the wrongs that the white people have perpetrated on the darker races. |                            |   |   |
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TITLE AND CHARACTER OF CASE

RE: **AFRICAN BLOOD BROTHERHOOD**  
**Negro Radical Activities (Edgar Mercer)**

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FACTS DEVELOPED

Continuing on the above matter, last reported by Agent on October 13th, believing that subject might be an employee of the U.S. Post Office Department at the City Hall Station, agent this morning proceeded to the Federal Building on Park Row and made inquiries of George B. Cutler, Superintendent of City Hall Station and learned that Edgar Mercer, a Negro is employed there as a clerk.

Mercer resides at 163 West 145th Str.; was born Sept. 28th, 1886; was appointed a clerk December 6th, 1919; receives a salary of \$1800.00 at the present time and his duties consist of sorting mail. Mercer at present is on the night shift, starting work at 12 midnight. Mr. Cutler stated that Mercer's work has been entirely satisfactory to the P.O. Department.

In view of the fact that Edgar Mercer, the postal clerk resides at 163 West 145th Str., which is in the Negro District of Harlem, and the further fact that he is employed at the City Hall Station, it would appear that this Mercer is identical with the one mentioned in Agent Titus' report of October 3rd, 1923.

So far as agent was able to learn, there is no evidence of radical activities in connection with Mercer's position as

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a postal clerk, therefore, this phase of the investigation will be considered closed.

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| TITLE AND CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>RE: AFRICAN BLOOD BROTHERHOOD<br/>Negro Radical Activities. (Edgar Mercer)</b>   |  |                                      |  |
| FACTS DEVELOPED<br><p style="text-align: right;">61-50</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Reference is made to the report of Agent Earl E. Titus, dated October 3rd, 1923, under the title "African Blood Brotherhood - Negro Radical Activities," wherein he states that a Mr. Mercer, who is employed at "City Hall" had been present with Cyril Briggs at the latter's home, 213 West 135th Str. on the 1st instant, engaged in figuring out the cost of the paper and printing of a pamphlet the above mentioned organization is endeavoring to publish to help defray the expenses of the organization as well as disseminating propaganda.</p> <p>For the purpose of establishing Mercer's identity and the position he holds, if any, with the city administration, agent this morning proceeded to the office of Mr. Joseph McGann, Room 1340, Municipal Building, who has charge of the list of city employees on the retirement list. After searching the retirement list, agent found a William F. Mercer, who was eliminated as he is a white man.</p> <p>Agent later called on Mr. Frank Byrne at Room 1440, Municipal Building, who has charge of the entire list of city civil service employees. A search of his records shows that a Gaston Mercer, Negro, residing at 1004 Brook Ave., Bronx, is employed as an auto truck driver by the Street Cleaning Department of the City of New York and works</p> |  |                                      |  |
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out of Stable B. located at 365 East 152nd Str. Gaston Mercer is 36 years of age; was born in North Carolina (city not known on October 15th, 1888; is 5 ft. 9-1/2" tall, and has brown eyes and black kinky hair.

A later report of Agent Titus, dated October 9th, 1923 under the same title, states that Mercer's first name is Edgar, and in view of this fact and also that the description of Gaston Mercer does not tally with that of Edgar Mercer, agent is of the belief that the two are not identical.

Inasmuch as Gaston Mercer is the only person of that name and a Negro on the City payroll, agent will make further inquiries elsewhere concerning Edgar Mercer.

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Instructions from R.B.Spencer, Special Agent in Charge.  
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| TITLE AND CHARACTER OF CASE<br>MARCUS GARVEY,  |   | President, 'Universal Negro Improvement Association. Alleged Radical and Fraud. |                                |
| FACTS DEVELOPED<br>AT PITTSBURGH, PA.  |   | 61-50<br><u>Office File No.54-2 M.R.</u>  |                                |
| <p>With reference to previous reports made in this matter, last of which was made by Special Agent Ames, of this office, entitled "MARCUS GARVEY, Speaker at the Gospel Tabernacle, Erin St., Pittsburgh", under date of May 5th, 1923.</p> <p>Agent having been informed that MARCUS GARVEY would address a meeting of colored citizens at the Gospel Tabernacle, Corner of Heman Street and Centre Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa., and that the meeting would be preceded by a large parade, I called on Chief of Police Jones and acquainted him with the facts in the case, and later arranged to have a colored operative cover the meeting.</p> <p>Agent having been absent from headquarters during the balance of the week did not obtain a report on the meeting until today, October 9th. The report follows in full:</p> |   |   |                                |
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"Monday, October 1st, 1923.

Pittsburgh, Pa.

The Garvey meeting, was held tonight as per schedule, at Gospel Tabernacle, corner of Heman Street and Center Avenue, the meeting starting at 8:00 o'clock. Prior to the meeting, a parade was had, starting on Wylie Avenue, and ending up at the place of meeting. Long before the programme started, the hall was comfortably filled, and by the time the speaking started, all seats were occupied, and all aisles were crowded, there being so many on the outside desiring admittance, that the doors were closed after the hall had been filled to capacity. Conservatively speaking, there were between twenty-five hundred and three thousand people in the hall, and it is a matter of speculation just how many were turned away, being unable to get in. The audience was a typical Garvey crowd, though there were a great many who came out of idle curiosity to see how Garvey looked after his three months so-journ in the Tombs Prison in New York. Immense pictures of Garvey were put on sale throughout the meeting, which were eagerly gobbled up by his frenzied adherents.

There were several speakers preceeding Garvey, one of whom was from Homestead, a man by the name of Samuel Campbell, who is employed in the old Court House, and who has resided in Homestead for a number of years. The trend of the remarks of the speakers who were present, was to laud Garvey, and his enterprises, and speak of him as

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a martyr to the cause of the Universal Negro Improvements Association, as evidenced by his incarceration in the Tombs. All spoke of the 'Back to Africa' idea promulgated by this association, and advised everybody to 'Get on the band wagon'. Garvey was spoken of as the greatest Negro in the history of the world. To give some idea as to the way in which these frenzied idiots believe in Garvey, and his avowed intention to take all of the Negroes back to Africa, the writer heard one of the spectators say, 'If they don't go willingly, they should be drafted, and forced to go'. Applause and howls of enthusiasm and approval greeted every speaker, especially when he made some mention to Garvey and his doings.

The address delivered by Garvey, was a typical Garvey speech, in fact, all of the addresses which he has made in his various trips to Pittsburgh, were on the same order. He spoke in lengthy detail about the fact that the Negro can never expect to obtain economic freedom in this or any other details, he will never rise to more than a figure head, and it was his intention to take them all to the place where they could have their own government, senators, representatives, and political and economic freedom.

He flayed the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and stated in effect, that all they were doing was grafting from the people, and giving nothing tangible in return. He spoke of the activities surrounding the attempt to pass the Dyer Anti-Lynching Bill in the last session of Congress, and with much sarcasm,

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inquired of the audience, if they believed that any white men, were going to pass legislation which would have for its ultimate object, the granting of the Negro of any of his so called rights.

He dwelled at some length on the recent edict of Mayor Cauffiel of Johnstown, in which he issued an order, requiring all negroes to leave the city who had not lived there for periods of seven years and upwards. Garvey stated, that he had no complaint to make against the action of Mayor Cauffiel, that he was simply following out the dictates of his own race, and that it served the negroes right, for their lack of initiative in organizing their own enterprises.

He then started on another tirade, painting a beautiful picture of the advantages offered to negroes in Africa, and what it was his intention to do in that regard. In speaking about his imprisonment, he stated, that the only reason why he was let out of jail, was because the authorities could see, that by keeping him imprisoned, was simply furthering the cause of the Universal Negro Improvements Association, and that Garvey out of jail, was less of a menace than he was in jail.

No explanation was offered as to what became of the funds of the Black Star Steamship Line, and the Universal Negro Improvements Association, though additional funds were solicited, and in all probability, will be forthcoming.

The personnel of the audience, was very illiterate for the most part, the type whom Garvey is capable of swaying at will. He has lost none of his cunning in oratory, and in the event he was to remain permanently in Pittsburgh, would cause a great deal of trouble, in addition to that which he starts every time he comes here.

After the meeting, long lines were formed, and the hero worshippers had the opportunity to shake hands with their idol. There was no disorder, either before or after the meeting.

Garvey has no campaign mapped out for the present, being en route to California, to recuperate from his recent imprisonment."

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 Negro Radical Activities. 61-50

FACTS DEVELOPED

Today went to home of Cyril Briggs, 213 West 135th Street, and found Briggs working on some sort of insurance policy to be presented to the MENELEK POST, African Blood Brotherhood, 149 West 136th Street, on October 12th. He stated same might be the means of bringing the people closer together, as is the case with other lodges and societies.

He further stated that the man referred to as working in the City Hall is EDGAR MERCER, but did not know in what department he was engaged.

Agent visited a number of places in Harlem, but failed to learn anything of value.



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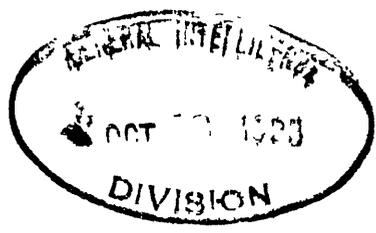
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FACTS DEVELOPED

Agent saw W.A. Domingo on the street today. He is the Director of Publicity and Propaganda for the African Blood Brotherhood. He told me that Cyril Briggs had gone out of town and would not be back until some time tomorrow and that he and Briggs notified a good many people to be present at the meeting of the A.B.B. on Friday night, October 12th for business of importance. He said he expected quite a few there.

Visited a number of places in the Harlem District among the Negroes but learned nothing more for the Bureau.



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| <p style="text-align: right;">61-50</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Agent went to the home of Cyril Briggs, 213 West 135th Str. at 10 A.M. and found him very busy writing a story for the Crusader Service and he had very little to say. Agent then went to the home of Miss Grace Campbell, 206 West 133rd Str. She said that she had seen about the hall and we would have a place for the Forum to meet on Next Sunday, Oct. 14th.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Agent then went to the home of Cyril Briggs and found Otto Huiswood there. Agent and Briggs mailed out 250 Crusader Services. Briggs said as they have the machine going now, he will start a drive for the A.B.B. and the booklet and he will be able to do a great many things now as it won't cost so much. The Forum is the center of all things and we will have that going by next Sunday.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Agent visited about the Harlem district among the colored people but learned nothing more of interest to the Bureau.</p> |  |   |  |
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 RE: AFRICAN BLOOD BROTHERHOOD  
 Negro Medical Activities.

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FACTS DEVELOPED

Agent went to the home of Cyril Briggs, 213 West 105th Str. and found Briggs cleaning the mimeograph machine and he told agent that it was all ready for business and that he and Quiswood would try and get the Crusader Service out themselves for the first time. He told agent that he was going over to see Miss Campbell as he had not seen her since Monday. As Agent left Briggs' home, he met D. E. Hobbs who has a small office in his home at 204 W. 121st Str. He told agent that between the republicans and the democrats they nearly had him down but that he was coming up fighting just the same. He was on his way over to see Miss Campbell as he had heard she was sick and that he and Miss Campbell would get the Forum meetings going as soon as she could get out. He said that Miss Campbell was the mainstay of the A.B.'s and was the best worker that any party could ever get.

Agent visited in Harlem but learned nothing further for the Bureau.

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IN RE: AMERICAN BLOOD BROTHERHOOD.

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FACTS DEVELOPED At New York:

Agent called at the home of Cyril Briggs, 213 West 135th St., and found him very much worried. He said, that things were not as they should be and he was going to move as soon as he could get quarters; that on account of the illness of Grace Campbell she was not able to see about a hall and consequently there would be no forum meeting next Sunday, Oct. 7th.

Agent visited a number of places in Harlem among the colored people, but learned nothing more of interest to the Department.

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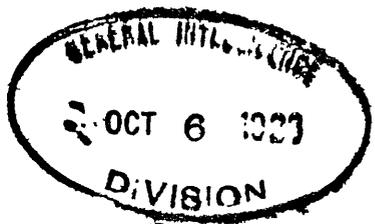
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At New York:

FACTS DEVELOPED

Agent went to the home of Cyril Briggs, 213 West 135th Street, and found Mr. Mercer, an African Blood Brotherhood member who is employed at the City Hall. He and Mr. Briggs were figuring out the cost of the paper and printing of a pamphlet that the A. B. B. is trying to get out for the benefit of the A. B. B. and help pay the expenses as well as disseminating propaganda. Mr. Mercer said that he was sure he knew of a place where he could get it done cheaper than they could do it themselves.

Agent visited a number of other places in the Harlem colored district but no information of additional interest was obtained.



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TITLE AND CHARACTER OF CASE  
**IN RE: MARCUS GARVEY  
 Deportation Matter.**

FACTS DEVELOPED

On September 25th, during my absence, Inspector Zucker from Ellis Island, called at the Bureau Office and informed Agent Scully that he has instructions from his department in Washington to prepare a deportation case against Marcus Garvey based upon alleged radical speeches which the subject has made during the past.

On the 28th instant agent interviewed Inspector Zucker and was informed by him that it is the wish of his department to prepare the case based on radical statements so that should Garvey's appeal from his recent conviction on a mail fraud charge be successful the charge of radicalism can be placed against him.

After going over the matter with Inspector Zucker it was agreed that agent would endeavor to locate from the Bureau records, and otherwise, copies of speeches made by Garvey during the past, which would in turn be furnished to the Immigration authorities for their use in this matter, and agent was engaged on the 28th and 29th locating such material.

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TITLE AND CHARACTER OF CASE

IN RE: NEGRO RADICAL ACTIVITIES

FACTS DEVELOPED At New York:

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Agent called at the home of Cyril Briggs, 213 West 135th St., and found Briggs writing notices for the members of the African Blood Brotherhood to be present at the next meeting which will be held on Sept. 28th, 1923. He stated that the meeting of the Supreme Council held last night was not well attended, although they had some important business to look after. He further stated that he thought he would get a place for the forum meeting on next Sunday and that he was going to see about it this afternoon.

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

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TITLE AND CHARACTER OF CASE  
 IN RE: NEGRO RADICAL ACTIVITIES.

FACTS DEVELOPED At New York:

Agent this day went to the home of Cyril Briggs, 213 West 135th St., and found Briggs writing for the Crusader news service. Agent remained an hour, but learned nothing of interest. Agent covered meeting at Liberty Hall, 120 West 138th St., which opened at eight o'clock and at which about 5,000 were present, the admission being fifty cents. William Cherrill acted as chairman and the first speaker was G. E. Carter who gave a brief outline of the order. The next speaker was R. L. Postin who said he was too full of joy to speak and anxious to hear his majesty, Marcus Garvey. Marcus Garvey then spoke and told of his stay in jail and stated that it was due to his wife, the little "pale face," that he was released from jail, and that she worked for him against the advice of those who said they would stand by him. He stated that the white people were not the only ones against him, that some of the black people as well opposed him, thinking that the Universal Negro Improvement Association would go under; that he was not convicted because of his connection with the U. N. I. A. and the Black Star Line, but because some one said he misused the mail and that the truth of the matter was that the white men at the head of the Black Star Line couldn't get enough money out of the thing and had him indicted unjustly; that they, the white men, knew that he had stirred up the whole world

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and they didn't want the black man to get up in the world; that some of the people told him that he could not fight the Government; that he was not fighting the Government, only fighting for his rights and his peoples rights and is going to keep on fighting. "I have been in jail for three months, but to ---- with the jail and to ---- with the prison; I will stay there for the length of my term and then come out and fight just as I am now, for my people; for I am fighting for justice and I want justice. He further said, that there are no colored juries, judges or prosecutors and it is impossible to get justice; that if given a chance and given Africa they will be the happiest people on earth. "I took my own case because some of these so-called niggers who pretend to be lawyers would have had me given thirty years instead of five years and I am carrying it to the higher courts where they have more brains and maybe more justice. He further stated that while in jail he learned that the whole of Africa had heard of his incarceration and had awakened and are up in arms about the way he is treated; that if he serves his term he will still fight for his race; that while he is waiting for his case to be decided he is going on a little vacation to various cities such as Cleveland, Chicago, Detroit, Denver and will stop at Fort Leavenworth where he will tell them to keep him if they think he deserves to be there. Concluding he introduced D. E. Tobias who, Garvey, said, had offered his services free of charge and had expressed himself as willing to anything for his people and particularly Garvey himself.

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IN RE: NEGRO RADICAL ACTIVITIES.

FACTS DEVELOPED At New York:

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Sept. 11th: Agent visited a number of place in Harlem among the colored people, but learned nothing of interest to the Department.

Sept. 12th: Agent visited the home of Cyril Briggs, 213 West 136th St., and found him there, mailing out notices to the African Blood Brotherhood members of a meeting of Post Kenelek, 149 West 136th St., to be held on Sept. 14th at nine p.m. Agent helped Briggs and remained with him until 4:15 p.m. While there, Briggs informed Agent that 8,722 members were connected with this post, 3,000 of whom are active and upon whom he stated he could call at any time. He also stated that there are about 2,000 women in the organization, all being good members and capable of getting information; that nearly all of the members are away now, but would be coming back soon, as the summer was about over, and that they would hold some rousing meetings. He further stated that he would put it up to the Supreme Council to have a hall and have all the business in one place. Agent had occasion to look over the books and found that over 7,00 had paid dues up to Sept. 1, 1923, and Briggs stated that the notices were for the payment of dues. Agent also visited several other places in Harlem among the colored people but learned nothing additional.

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RE: AFRICAN BLOOD BROTHERHOOD  
 Negro Radical Activities.

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FACTS DEVELOPED

Pursuant to instructions, agent went to the home of Cyril Briggs, 213 West 135th Str. and found Briggs writing an article for the Crusader Service and he said he would be very busy today and asked Agent to help him mail out the A.B.B. Monthly Bulletin. Briggs said that he had seen Mr. Bright, the man who has the renting of the hall at 169 West 131st Str., where they held the Forum Meeting but said that he had not come to any definite terms but that he was to see him again today and he thought things would be all O.K. He said that if he was successful he intended to have all meetings held in that hall and have his office there too, which will take in the Supreme Council and members of all it's committees.

Agent went to the home of Miss Grace Campbell at 3:20 and found that she had just come in and Briggs came in about 3:40. We mailed out 200 copies but didn't have time to mail all of them. Briggs had an engagement with Mr. Bright at 4:30 and said that he would let me know how he came out. While agent was at Miss Campbell's she told agent that there

was a very interesting piece in the New York Times, morning issue and to be sure and get one and read it and give it to Mr. Briggs if I got one.

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Agent got one and is sending the article to the Bureau. Miss Campbell seemed to be very much elated over it and said that it is time that Soviet Russia is doing something and that it would waken the people up. Agent then visited several places in Harlem among the colored people but learned nothing additional for the Bureau.

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| FACTS DEVELOPED<br><p style="text-align: right;">61-50</p> <p>Pursuant to instructions, agent went to the home of Cyril Briggs, 213 West 135th Str. and was informed by his mother that he had been in but went away again. Agent then went to the home of Miss Grace Campbell, 206 West 133rd Str., and she stated that Mr. Briggs and Mr. Huiswood went downtown and would return about noon with the Crusader Service. She stated that they were going to the Workers Party office to see if they could secure funds to rent the hall at 169 West 131st Str., where they met last Sunday as they had been informed that they could secure it for \$100.00 per month. She also stated that the Workers' Party did not consider the colored people very much as there was so many coming up from the South that they considered them as a racial party more than anything else, and as they had ideas of their own such as the Marcus Garvey and other societies and that for that reason they were taking more interest in the White people.</p> <p>Agent went to the home of Miss Grace Campbell again at 2:30 P.M. and helped mail out the Crusader Service. Mr. Briggs came at 4:00 P.M. and he stated that there would be no meeting of the Forum on Sunday, Sept. 9th as he had not succeeded in securing a hall and that it would be too late now, but he thought after having another talk with Mr. Bright, he would be able to</p> |  |                       |                 |
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secure the same place at 169 west 131st Str. for \$90.00 per month and he could also have the office of the Crusader there and rent the hall out to different social functions and make the rent of the hall. He also said that the Workers' Party absolutely refused to do anything for them to secure a hall as they were hard up themselves. Briggs said that Otto Huiswood was down getting out the African Blood Brotherhood Bulletin for the next regular meeting and would probably have it by Sunday or Monday. Agent was unable to secure any additional information for the Bureau.

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| FACTS DEVELOPED<br>Pursuant to instructions, agent went to the home of Cyril Briggs, 213 West 135th Str. on two different occasions but could not see him. Later agent went to the home of Grace Campbell at 206 West 133rd Str., who stated that Briggs had just left her home and informed agent that the people that had the renting of the hall at 169 West 101st Str. where they held the Forum meeting on last Sunday, Sept. 2nd had refused to rent it to them again and Mr. Briggs was on his way to see about another place. Agent again inquired at Briggs' home but received the information that he would not return until very late if at all.<br><br>I then visited a number of places among the Negroes in Harlem but learned nothing additional that would interest the Bureau. |                             |  |  |
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September 11, 1923.

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Director,  
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Attention: Mr. Hoover.

In Re: African Blood Brotherhood.  
Negro Radical Activities.

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith, "Monthly  
Bulletin", for September, 1923, of the African Blood Brother-  
hood, issued by the Supreme Executive Council to the  
membership.

Yours very truly,

*Edward J. Brennan*  
EDWARD J. BRENNAN  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE.

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TITLE AND CHARACTER OF CASE  
 U. S. VS. MARCUS GARVEY. Violation section 215, U. S. C. C.  
 Using Mails in Scheme to Defraud.

FACTS DEVELOPED

Pursuant to instructions, in company with Agent Mortimer J. Davis, proceeded to the Federal Building, this city, where it was learned Marcus Garvey was to be released.

From the records of the Clerk of the court it was ascertained that Marcus Garvey would be released on a bail bond of \$15,000, consisting of U. S. Liberty Bonds, furnished by Miss Amy Jacques Garvey, of 133 West 129th Street, New York City, for appeal to the Circuit Court of Appeals. The order for release on bond was signed by Judge Martin T. Manton.

Garvey was represented by his attorney, Mr. Nagles, of Kohn & Nagles. His attorneys of record will be Battle, Vandiver, Levy & Van Fine, this city.

After a wait of some time, due to the fact that the bond had to be signed by either Judge Manton or a U. S. Commissioner, Garvey was finally released about 3 P.M. after Commissioner Hitchcock had signed the order.

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TITLE AND CHARACTER OF CASE

RE: AFRICAN BLOOD BROTHERHOOD  
 Negro Radical Activities.

61-50

FACTS DEVELOPED

Pursuant to instructions agent proceeded to the home of Cyril V. Briggs, 213 West 135th Str. and found Mr. Briggs writing a story for the Crusader Service, after which Briggs and the writer went to locate a small office room. Briggs stated he wanted to get near a sub Post Office so he wouldn't have so much trouble in mailing his letters and literature that he has to send out. He located a small office at 125 East 126th Str. near a sub Post Office for \$2.00 per month. Briggs stated that it was rather small but he thought he would take it until he could get another place to suit better. He said it was not wise to have his office where he was rooming and thought it best to have it outside and it would stop all inquiries about his business. He told agent he thought that the Crusader Service would be out on Friday, Sept. 7th. Briggs asked agent to help mail them when they came out which I agreed to do.

I then visited various places in Harlem but learned nothing additional.

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TITLE AND CHARACTER OF CASE

IN RE: NYRO RADICAL ACTIVITIES. 5-0

FACTS DEVELOPED

Today went to the home of Cyril Briggs, 213 West 135th Street, and found him writing for the "Crusader Service", the organ of the African Blood Brotherhood. Briggs gave me a note to deliver to Otto E. Housewood, 206 West 133d Street, stating that he, Briggs would send Burrell down to help Housewood in getting the mimeograph machine from Allison.

I then went to Housewood's home, where I assisted him in mailing out 96 copies of the "Crusader Service". While there learned the printing machine will be taken to the home of Briggs, at the address given above.

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| IN RE: NEGRO RADICAL ACTIVITIES. <span style="float: right;">6-50</span>  |   |  |                         |
| FACTS DEVELOPED   |   |  |                         |
| <p>Today went to the home of Miss Grace Campbell, 206 West 133d Street, where a meeting of the committee of the African Blood Brotherhood was to be held at 2 P.M. Waited until 4 P.M., but no one put in an appearance, although Briggs called Miss Campbell on the telephone and stated he would not be able to attend.</p> <p>I had a long conversation with Miss Grace Campbell regarding various matters, but was unable to secure any information of value. Secured copy of literature which is to be given out to each member to be distributed to some confidential friend, asking them to come to the first forum meeting on September 2, 1923, same being entitled "A Burning Question, Will the Collapse of European Civilization Benefit The Negro?".</p> <p>Agent then visited several places in Harlem, but learned nothing of value.</p> |   |  |                         |
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TITLE AND CHARACTER OF CASE  
 IN RE: "AFRICAN" BLOOD BROTHERHOOD - NEGRO RADICAL ACTIVITIES.

At New York;  
 FACTS DEVELOPED

I went to the home of Cyril Briggs, 213 West 135th St. and found him writing an article for the "Crusader Service" for next week's issue. He stated that he was much elated over the article which appeared in this week's Negro World regarding the loyalty of some negroes to the negro race. He said that it was Garvey's idea to dissolve all negro organizations and reorganize them under his banner and dictatorship and that Garvey has done more harm to the colored race than any other man in the world; that it is his (Briggs) idea and that of those working with him to work on a co-operative basis. He further stated that although Garvey's band talked of using firearms, they never had any and only made a big noise by drilling and band playing; that Garvey is jealous because his confinement prevents him from having things his own way and that he wishes to blunt the opportunity of other negroes to help the colored race. Briggs stated there will be an article in the Amsterdam, the Messenger and Crusader Service concerning the new co-operative idea of running stores for the people to be controlled by a committee to be appointed. Agent was invited to attend a special meeting to-morrow afternoon at 2:00 p.m. at Miss Grace

Campbell's, 206 W. 133rd St. Agent visited different places in the Harlem section, but learned nothing of interest to the Bureau.

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TITLE AND CHARACTER OF CASE

IN RE: AFRICAN BLOOD BROTHERHOOD \* NEGRO RADICAL ACTIVITIES.

FACTS DEVELOPED At New York:

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Agent visited a number of places in Harlem in an endeavor to obtain information regarding negro radical activities, but learned nothing of interest.

August 29th: Agent visited the home of Miss Grace Campbell, 206 West 133rd St., and had a talk with her about the story that came out in the Negro World entitled "Quick Change Artists of the Negro Race." She stated that as Mr. Garvey was incarcerated and knew he could not be harmed, he was very courageous; that he was also a very treacherous man and would do anything to harm the A. R. B.

Agent visited a number of places in Harlem, but learned nothing of value to the Department.

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15 PARK ROW, 14TH FLOOR  
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August 29, 1923.

Director,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Re: Circulars - African Blood  
Brotherhood.

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

Dear Sir:

I am attaching circulars secured by  
Agent Earl W. Titus in connection with his investigation  
of the above entitled organization.

Yours very truly,

*Edward J. Brennan*  
EDWARD J. BRENNAN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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TITLE AND CHARACTER OF CASE  
 IN RE: NEGRO RADICAL ACTIVITIES. 61-50

FACTS DEVELOPED At New York:

Agent visited the home of Cyril Briggs, 213 West 135th St., and found Briggs about to leave for downtown to attend a meeting. Briggs told Agent there would be a meeting at Post Menelik of the African Blood Brotherhood Friday night, August 24th, and requested Agent to be there. He gave Agent his membership card to the African Blood Brotherhood and told Agent he would have a copy of the "Crusader Service" for him at the meeting, this being a paper that is published by Mr. Briggs for African Blood Brotherhood propaganda. Agent visited a number of places throughout Harlem, but learned nothing of interest to the Department.

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 IN RE: NEGRO RADICAL ACTIVITIES.

At New York:

FACTS DEVELOPED

Pursuant to instructions, Agent visited a number of places in Harlem during the day and obtained no information that would benefit the Department. Agent covered meeting at Post Menelek, 149 West 136th St., headquarters of the African Blood Brotherhood. The meeting opened at 10:15 p.m. and closed about 11:30 p.m. Among those present, who numbered about sixteen, were Cyril V. Briggs, Theo Burrell, Otto Huiswood, Richard B. Moore, Grace P. Campbell, W. A. Domingo. It was a business meeting and Agent was sworn into full membership. Mr. Huiswood read a report after a trip to Chicago in an attempt to co-operate with the Farmer-Labor Party. There was an argument as to whom he should report and Domingo left the session in a huff. They decided in the course of the meeting to hold the first meeting at 165 West 131st St., Sept. 2, 1923, at 2:00 p.m. and to advertise it through the "Crusader" and "Messenger." They appointed a committee of three, Mr. Burrell, Mr. Huiswood and Mr. Domingo, to obtain some church or other meeting place to spread their propaganda. The same committee was appointed on the Co-operative Committee to build up as many stores as possible as they had a good field in New York City.

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They haven't any speaker for next Sunday and will have a meeting to discuss what the best thing is for the negro, at the hall or at Mrs. Campbell's, 206 W. 133 St. They will try and get James Waldon

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Johnson to speak for them in the near future as they believe that he will bring a crowd and start things going.

They are making efforts to increase their membership.

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TITLE AND CHARACTER OF CASE

IN RE: AFRICAN BLOOD BROTHERHOOD - NEGRO RADICAL ACTIVITIES.

FACTS DEVELOPED At New York.

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Agent visited the residence of Miss Grace Campbell, 208 West 133rd St., and there found Mr. Cyril Briggs who was writing for the Crusader Service, press service of the African Blood Brotherhood. A forum is to be opened on Sunday, Sept. 2nd, at 4:00 p.m. and arrangements are being made for speakers, the list of whom will be published in their paper. It is intended that they shall have speakers every Sunday of next month. The National Headquarters of the Workers Party are moving to Chicago and the local headquarters will move from where they are located at the present time, but Agent was unable to learn where they will in future be located. The local in Harlem will remain where it is. The speeches of the local forum No. 105 will be made at 159 W. 131st St. and each member will be given cards so they can give them confidentially to friends, both male and female, for the purpose of recruiting members.

Agent learned that the Co-operative Store proposition will be taken up in full at the next regular meeting, as the committee has been instructed to make a full report.

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 Negro Medical Activities. 61 - 30

FACTS DEVELOPED

Pursuant to instructions, agent visited a number of places in Harlem and owing to the fact that the Supreme and Grand Lodge of the Knights of Pythias were holding a session, agent was unable to learn anything of interest for the Bureau.

Agent called at the headquarters of the African Blood Brotherhood at 9:00 P.M., but no members were there. A man informed agent that they will hold a meeting about Friday.

Agent went to Liberty Hall and found a very few there and as there were no speakers present, which was about 9:30 P.M., discontinued.

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| FACTS DEVELOPED<br><p>Pursuant to instructions proceeded to the Harlem District and visited a number of places but learned nothing of interest to the Bureau.</p> <p>During this time I called on Mrs. Campbell, 206 W. 133rd Str., where Cyril Briggs frequents and learned that Briggs will be back in the city tomorrow, the 23rd inst. and she thought the African Blood Brotherhood will hold a meeting on the following Friday, Aug. 24th. Agent will cover this meeting.</p> |   |   |                                 |
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FACTS DEVELOPED

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| FACTS DEVELOPED<br><p style="text-align: right;"><i>61-50</i></p> <p>Pursuant to instructions from Special Agent Scully, agent went to the headquarters of the various negro organizations and found nothing of interest to the bureau.</p> <p>Agent also went to the headquarters of the African Blood Brotherhood, Post Menelek Hall, 149 W. 136th Str. and found no one present. Agent went to Liberty Hall, Headquarters of the Universal Negro Improvement Association at 120 West 138th Str. and found only a few there in meeting.</p> |  |  |  |
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 RE: NEGRO RADICAL ACTIVITIES

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FACTS DEVELOPED

Pursuant to instructions, I was in conference with Agents Scully and Amos. Received and read literature and was then instructed on various lines of Negro radical activities, after which agent went to Harlem, a colored section and visited a number of places but found nothing of interest to the Bureau. Agent went to the headquarters of the African Blood Brotherhood at 9:00 P.M. and remained about the place until 9:45. There was no meeting held as but three people came. Nothing of interest to the Bureau was learned.

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| FACTS DEVELOPED<br><u>At New York, N.Y.</u> <span style="float: right;">61-50</span>   |  |   |                                   |
| <p>In connection with the above entitled matter, on Sunday, August 19th, 1923, a negro meeting was held at Liberty Hall, New York City, for the purpose of collecting \$500. with which to purchase a loving cup to be presented to MARCUS GARVEY on his birthday.</p> <p>From a confidential source Agent was advised that HENRIETTA VINTON DAVIS in a speech, said, among other things--"We want to let them know that we live by him. We die by him. We will give up our last drop of blood for him. And we will fight for him with our money, with our blood and with our lives--our indomitable leader, MARCUS GARVEY." (Loud and prolonged cheers and, "This is the speech we like to hear" shouted by the audience.)</p> <p>The collection amounted to \$27.00.</p> |  |   |                                   |
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| TITLE AND CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>RE: NEGRO ACTIVITIES.</b>   |                                    |  |  |
| FACTS DEVELOPED   |                                    |  |  |
| <p>Pursuant to instructions, I visited various business places in Harlem, seeking information concerning the radical movement but no facts were learned.</p> <p>I then called at the home of Cyril Briggs, 213 W. 135th Str. and was told he was down in the city on some business and would not be back until late in the evening.</p> <p>Then called at Post Menelek Hall, 149 W. 136th Str. at 9:00 P.M. Members of the African Blood Brotherhood were preparing to have a card party for members only. As I am not yet a member of this organization I did not insist on staying.</p> <p>I then went to Liberty Hall, and there found a social and dance for the benefit of the children. The benefit was to buy uniforms for the young drill teams that have been organized of late.</p> |                                    |  |  |
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FACTS DEVELOPED

Pursuant to instructions, agent read various negro newspapers and negro radical literature and visited various parts of the Negro section of Harlem, in order to get better acquainted so as to be prepared to locate any radical activities that may arise.

I then went to the Post Menelek Hall, 149 West 136th Str., headquarters for the African Blood Brotherhood at 9:00 P.M. and waited until 9:45 and as no members showed up by that time, went to Liberty Hall and found about 150 present, mostly women. There was a man there who seemed to be giving an explanation of the organization, however, I learned nothing of value to the Bureau.

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| RE: AFRICAN BLOOD BROTHERHOOD<br>Radical Negro Activities.  |                                    |   | 61-50          |
| FACTS DEVELOPED   |                                    |   |                |
| <p>Agent called at the home of Cyril Briggs, 213 West 135th Str. and found him not at home but learned he would be there in the afternoon. Agent returned at 2:00 P.M. and learned that Briggs was at 206 West 133rd Str. Agent went to address and there found Mr. Briggs and Mrs. Dison getting out literature to send out by mail but as they were in such a hurry to get the mail out and to put it into so many mail boxes so as not to create suspicion, they had no time to talk. Mr. Briggs said that they were very much elated over the situation in Germany and he said he had to write a few letters of interest to some of his business friends so that the parties would be sure to get them by Monday morning, so they could get started and take some action next week. Agent could not learn who he was writing to but one of them was The Workers of the World. Briggs told me that he expected to have some of the other brotherhood members to see him Monday in the afternoon.</p> |                                    |   |                |
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RE: **NEGRO ACTIVITIES.**  
**African Blood Brotherhood.**

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FACTS DEVELOPED

Agent interviewed Cyril Briggs, 2nd floor, 213 West 135th Street, who gave agent the following information:

The African Blood Brotherhood is getting in good shape and was, as he thought, in better shape than ever before. They are going to start a chain of stores and will sell stock to its members only who wish to take them at \$25.00 a share. The stores will be co-operative at this time and they intend to operate 25 stores in different cities around the country where there are a large number of colored people and it is thought by doing that, it will increase the membership. Any negro can join the organization. This movement has been on ever since the Supreme Council met in July last. Literature will be given to each and every member concerning the principles of the organization and every member, no matter how many shares he or she holds, will be entitled to vote on any question which may arise. After this has been completed, it is intended to start a bank which they believe will be a paying proposition. It is understood that the stores will not be incorporated, which would make the individual officers responsible and it is the desire to make all the members responsible as the officers and still profit two ways, in the shares and in the buying of goods from the

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stores. The goods will be sold at a standard price to every one of the members and all the dividends will be divided at the end of each month. It is expected that the stores will be in operation within six months. There will be a meeting at 149 W. 136th Str. at 9:00 P.M. today.

Briggs said that the colored people do not get a chance at business or anything else; that the supremacy of the white man will soon be checked as the Negroes are going after the money now and once things are started they can't be stopped. He said there are enough colored people in the west and South to support these stores and keep them going.

I was at the hall, 149 W. 136th Str. at 9:00 P.M. There were present Cyril Briggs, Mr. Oswood, General Organizer, Mr. Omera and in all about 12. Mr. Oswood has been on a tour to Pittsburgh and Chicago to put some spirit in the local organizations and his remarks seem to be very discouraging concerning the movement as he said nobody was working at all and he had learned in Chicago that the police had driven them off the streets and would not let them work there at all. He said they had spread their propaganda and the workers of the world had not been in touch with them in Chicago at all and the Machinist's Union could not work with them any more as the head of it was a man from the South and the man who was at the head of it in 1919-1920-1921 was not with them and had got fired because he was working with the Negro who believed in radicalism and Soviet Russia. After

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this speaker had finished they went into a business meeting to see if they could start a new form and make new circulars and get a new place to hold there meetings.

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**RE: AFRICAN BLOOD BROTHERHOOD**  
**Negro Radical Activities.**

FACTS DEVELOPED

Pursuant to instructions I went to the home of Cyril Briggs, 218 West 135th Str. No one was home so I proceeded to the home of Miss Grace Campbell, 206 W. 133rd Str. and there found Briggs, Miss Campbell, Mrs. Dison and W. Monroe Trotter, Editor of the Guardian, a Negro publication of Boston, Mass., who from what I could learn had been in session for some time. They had about finished the conversation when I arrived: Miss Campbell left the room very soon after agent entered. Mrs. Dison remained about twenty minutes, after which Mr. Briggs left. They said they were disgusted with the way some people had been trying to run things as there is six different leagues that was against the A.B.B. and didn't want to let them have a voice in some general conference that they are to have and have termed them as radicals and Communists.

Mr. Trotter said that when he was in jail in Boston, not stating the time, that he received no word from Marcus Garvey and he was not going to extend any sympathy for him. Trotter said that Kelly Miller is trying to put things over and to keep the Negro in the same path as they have been. He said that he wanted to be at the head of a

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big organization and get some money out of it, but he is too old and has those old fogey ways. He said the All-Race Conference is going through and if they don't look out the black man will have no place in the conference at all.

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