

Albany, Georgia

FBI File Number 157-6-2 Racial Matters, Georgia (Albany)

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Rosen *RU*

DATE: December 15, 1961

FROM : C. L. McGowan *W*

SUBJECT: SEGREGATION OF GEORGIA
CENTRAL RAILROAD STATION
ALBANY, GEORGIA
RACIAL MATTERS *12-15-61*

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Belmont	_____
Mohr	_____
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In connection with captioned matter, during contact with SAC Weeks at Albany, Georgia, on the evening of 12/14/61, the attention of SAC Weeks was directed to Mobile teletype 12/14/61 setting forth information to the effect that Alabama Klan members intended to proceed to Georgia on 12/15 and 16/61 if things didn't "quiet down" in Albany, Georgia.

SAC Weeks was instructed to furnish such information to appropriate local authorities and to maintain close contact with the Birmingham and Mobile offices concerning the matter. He was further instructed to keep the Bureau advised of all pertinent developments.

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Memorandum

TO : Mr. Rosen *Rosen*

DATE: 12/18/61

FROM : C. L. McGowan *McGowan*

SUBJECT: RACIAL SITUATION
ALBANY, GEORGIA

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The Albany Resident Agency was contacted at 6:15 a. m. , 12/18/61, to ascertain details concerning the number of persons presently incarcerated and the number released on bond.

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SA [redacted] advised that the Identification Officer of the Albany PD is attempting to obtain accurate figures on the number of persons presently arrested and those out on bond and these figures will be available later today.

SA [redacted] was instructed to include in his daily summary teletype figures concerning number of persons arrested, persons out on bond and persons released from custody.

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Memorandum

TO : Mr. Rosen *RW*

DATE: December 17, 1961

FROM : C. L. McGowan *CLM*

SUBJECT: RACIAL SITUATION
ALBANY, GEORGIA
RACIAL MATTERS *1/16/61*

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Time of telephone call: 4:55 P. M., 12-16-61.

SAC Charles E. Weeks, Atlanta Office, telephonically advised from Albany, Georgia, that situation there was renewed at approximately 4:40 P. M., 12-16-61, when approximately 200 Negroes of the Albany Movement marched on City Hall. Group was led by Dr. G. W. Anderson. At head of column were Rev. Martin Luther King and Rev. Ralph Abernathy.

Entire group, including three mentioned, was arrested by police and taken to jail. Bureau Agents observed incident. No violence occurred and none indicated.

Atlanta Office to submit teletype.

ACTION:

In accordance with instructions furnished by Supervisor [redacted] this information was provided to Departmental Attorney John Murphy at 5:32 P. M., who advised no investigation necessary.

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URGENT 12-14-61 11-28 PM EST BJC

TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, ATLANTA /157-315/ 1P

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TESTBUS, ^{Racial Matters} ~~RM~~. NO VIOLENCE OR DEMONSTRATIONS ALBANY TODAY.

~~██████████~~ STATES THERE WILL BE NO KLAN ACTIVITY BY NEARBY KLAVERNS.

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
LOCAL NAACP PRESIDENT STATES NOT PARTICIPATING. REV. MARTIN LUTHER

~~██████████~~ KING WITH RALPH ABERNATHY AND WYATT LEE WALKER SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE

TOMORROW PM AND DEPART SATURDAY MORNING. RUMOR OF LARGE RALLY

SPONSORED BY ALBANY MOVEMENT TOMORROW. ALL JUVENILES RELEASED TO

PARENTS. ORIGINAL ELEVEN ARRESTED SUNDAY BOUND OVER BY RECORDERS

COURT TO SUPERIOR COURT ON CHARGES UNLAWFUL ASSEMBLY AND CONSPIRACY.

CITY CHARGES CONTINUED UNTIL CONCLUSION STATE PROSECUTION. ALL

CONFINED DOUGHERTY COUNTY JAIL. OTHER ADULTS NOT TRIED. RUMORS

ARE RIFE AND BEING CHECKED OUT

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URGENT 12-13-61 12-13 PM EST RLH

TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC ATLANTA /157-315/

RACIAL MATTERS

TESTBUS. REMYTEL TODAY. INSTANT GROUP DEMONSTRATING IN
FRONT OF RECORDERS COURT, ALBANY, GEORGIA, THIS DATE
ATTACKED BY WHITE YOUTH, ^{FIRST NAME UNKNOWN} ENU [REDACTED] WHO WAS ARRESTED BY
ALBANY PD. GROUP OF DEMONSTRATORS THEN TAKEN INTO RECORDERS
COURT WHERE WERE ADDRESSED BY MAYOR ASA KELLEY, RECORDERS
COURT JUDGE ABNER ISRAEL, AND CHIEF OF POLICE LAURIE PRITCHETT,
WHO REQUESTED THEIR DISPERSAL IN VIEW OF LARGE CROWDS
GATHERING, OUTSIDERS COMING IN THE CITY, AND DANGER TO
PERSONS OF DEMONSTRATORS. DEMONSTRATORS LEFT PEACABLY AND
SLATER KING, LEADER OF DEMONSTRATION, CHARGED WITH CONTEMPT
OF COURT. NO OTHER ARRESTS AND NO FURTHER INCIDENTS. C/C
ADVISED. LETTERHEAD FOLLOWS. REG-12

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URGENT 12/16/61 6-40 PM EST JSP

TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, ATLANTA /157-315 1P

RACIAL SITUATION, ALBANY, GA., RM. CONFIRMING TELEPHONE CALL TO
BUREAU THIS DATE. DEMONSTRATION LED BY MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
BERNATHY, AND DR. W. G. ANDERSON, MARCHED FROM SHILOH BAPTIST
CHURCH TO CITY HALL AT FOUR THIRTY P.M., THIS DATE. GROUP OF APPROX.
TWO HUNDRED INCLUDING ABOVE THREE IMMEDIATELY ARRESTED BY ALBANY PD
ON CHARGES OF UNLAWFUL ASSEMBLY. NO INCIDENTS OF VIOLENCE OBSERVED.
CIC ADVISED. LETTERHEAD FOLLOWS.

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Mr. DeLoach	
Mr. Casper	
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Conrad	
Mr. Felt	
Mr. Gale	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Sullivan	
Mr. Tavel	
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URGENT 12-18-61 3-23 PM EST HHS

TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, ATLANTA /157-315/

^{MATTER}
RACIAL SITUATION, ALBANY, GA., RM. REMYTEL TODAY. ENTIRE

CITY COMMISSION RECENTLY ADJOURNED CONFERENCE WITH M. S. PAGE,
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, ALBANY MOVEMENT, AND OTHER NEGRO LEADERS.

LEADERS OF BOTH SIDES TO CONVENE AGAIN AT THREE P.M. AND

MAYOR ASA KELLEY REPORTEDLY IS TO DISCUSS MATTER WITH BURKE

MARSHALL, CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION, TELEPHONICALLY. CITY OFFICIALS

WAITING OUTCOME OF CONFERENCE BEFORE THEY TRY MARTIN LUTHER

KING, JR. POSSIBILITY EXIST NEGROES WILL HOLD ANOTHER MEETING

THIS EVENING AT LOCAL BAPTIST CHURCH.

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Malone	✓
Rosen	✓
Sullivan	✓
Tavel	✓
Trotter	✓
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TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: December 14, 1961

FROM : A. Rosen

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SUBJECT: TESTBUS TO ALBANY, GEORGIA
RACIAL MATTERS

DATE 8/20/81 BY SP9 MJC/CLL

SAC Weeks, Atlanta, advised that Negroes were attempting to demonstrate at the bus station in the morning on 12/14/61 and information has been received that the National Guard has been alerted.

Thirty to forty demonstrators appeared at the bus station in Albany, Georgia, on the morning of 12/14/61. These colored persons entered the restaurant. They were not afforded service and the police brought nine of them to the police station. There they spoke with the individuals and then released them. It appeared that the police were endeavoring to reason with the leaders that the crowd should disperse.

Dr. H. G. Anderson who is one of the leaders of the Albany Movement reportedly called the Attorney General or someone in the Department of Justice alleging that some of the individuals who had been taken to the Baker County Jail were without adequate medical facilities; were placed in a public compound; and that the jail was crowded.

SAC Weeks advised that the State Patrol has 20 officers in Albany assisting the local police. The police are not permitting any groups of white persons to gather. Information has also been received that the National Guard has been alerted to be ready to move to Albany on call. The local officials have stated that they do not want any disorder and intend to prevent any violence.

Court is scheduled to reconvene at 1:00 p. m. today. It was during the court session yesterday that the demonstration became most active.

ACTION:

SAC Weeks and a squad of Agents from the Atlanta Office are in Albany and will closely follow all developments in this matter.

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N.A. Miller

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Date: 12/15/61

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FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (157-315) (P)

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ALBANY, GEORGIA

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Enclosed are original and seven copies of letterhead memorandum, suitable for dissemination.

The enclosed letterhead memorandum covers the allegations of a beating of CHARLES SHERROD, one of the Negro defendants, but same has been reported in a separate file under the CR classification.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Atlanta, Georgia
December 15, 1961

TESTING OF UNION RAILWAY TERMINAL,
ALBANY, GEORGIA, SUBSEQUENT TO
NOVEMBER 1, 1961, ATLANTA DIVISION,
DECEMBER 10, 1961

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On December 14, 1961, information developed no near-
by Klaverns of Ku Klux Klan would appear in Albany, Georgia.
NAACP [redacted] said no
participation by his organization in demonstrations.

Reverend Martin Luther King, Ralph Abernathy, and
Wyatt Walker, Southern Christian Leadership Conference,
scheduled to arrive Albany via Southern Airlines, 2:31 p.m.,
December 15, 1961, and to depart via Eastern Airlines,
9:22 a.m., Saturday, December 16, 1961.

Rumors are rally will be sponsored by Albany Move-
ment.

Governor Vandiver and Mayor Asa Kelley telephoned
Attorney General Kennedy for advice as to getting outside
agitators to leave Albany. No definite solution arrived at.

All juveniles arrested night of December 13, 1961,
released by Judge Hudson Malone, Juvenile Court, to their
parents. Number of juveniles reportedly 114. 96 juveniles
arrested December 12, 1961, were released to their parents.

Trial in Judge Abner Israel's Recorder's Court
reconvened 1 p.m., December 14, 1961, with no demonstrations
at City Hall. Attorneys Donald Hollowell, Atlanta, and
Chevene B. King, Albany, representing defendants. Court
adjourned 5 p.m., at which time original eleven arrested
were bound over to Superior Court on charges of unlawful
assembly and conspiracy. Original city charges were con-
tinued until completion of state prosecution. Riders being
detained Dougherty County Jail in default of bond, except
Hayden, who made bond immediately. Bond set at \$500 on
state charges.

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No action taken by Recorder's Court on other individuals charged with offenses during demonstrations. Only about 40 of them made bond, leaving approximately 225 in jail awaiting charges.

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Meetings continue at the Shiloh Baptist Church during day and after school large number of young people gather, however, all dispersed without demonstration or violence.

Allegations were received from Attorney Chevene B. King and Dr. W. G. Anderson, Leader of the Albany Movement, that Charles Sherrod, one of the nine freedom riders arrested December 10, 1961, had been brutally beaten while held in Terrell County Jail. These allegations also made to Mayor Asa Kelley, who voluntarily had Sherrod brought to the Albany City Hall; and called in representative of the Albany Movement, Attorney King and others, as well as press, who knew Sherrod.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, MOBILE

FROM SAC, ATLANTA /157-315/

ALLIERS RACIAL SITUATION, ALBANY, GA., RM. RE MOBILE TEL TO BUREAU AND

ATLANTA, DEC. FOURTEEN, LAST, AND PHONE CALL FROM MR. CLEM

MC GOWAN TO ALBANY, GA., RA, DEC. EIGHTEEN INSTANT. ALBANY,

GA., PD ALERTED TO POSSIBLE APPEARANCE OF MONTGOMERY KLANSMEN

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[REDACTED] SOURCES, ATLANTA, GA., REFLECT NO PROPOSED KLAN
ACTIVITY FOR ALBANY, GA. MOBILE AT MONTGOMERY, ADVISE IF
ABOVE MENTIONED OR ANY OTHER KLANSMEN ANTICIPATE COMING TO
ALBANY. P.

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GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

Date 12/19/61

There is no indication of impending Klansmen activity at Albany, Ga. Albany City officials concluded conference today with Negro representatives. Solutions: Joint press release being made by conferees indicating Negroes have promised no further demonstrations in Albany. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., being released on bond 12/18/61 signed by Dr. W. G. Anderson, who signed his own bond. All adult Negroes in custody being released on bond if signed by property owner or a responsible person. 32 juveniles remaining in custody to be tried in Juvenile Court. Chief of Police Laurie Pritchett will testify and recommend they be released to their parents. National Guard removed from standby and state troopers released from duty at Albany. Mayor Kelley immediately furnished above information telephonically to Burke Marshall, Civil Rights Division. Bureau will be advised of Rev. King's departure.

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URGENT 12-18-61 10-42 AM EST MB

TO DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM SAC ATLANTA 157-315 1 P

RACIAL SITUATION, ALBANY, GA., RM. RE ATLANTA TELETYPE TO BUREAU, DEC. SEVENTEEN, LAST AND BUREAU TELEPHONE CALL THIS DATE. [REDACTED] SUMTER COUNTY SO, AMERICUS, GA., ADVISED NO REPORTS OF ANY THREATS AGAINST KING, AND SITUATION AT SUMTER COUNTY JAIL NORMAL. ALBANY, GA., PD ADVISED TI EXPECTS FURTHER SIMILAR DEMONSTRATIONS IN CITY ON THIS DATE. TOTAL NUMBER OF ARRESTED DEMONSTRATORS WHO HAVE BEEN RELEASED NOT AVAILABLE AT ALBANY PD PRIOR TO EIGHT AM THIS DATE. ALL JUVENILES ARRESTED HAVE BEEN RELEASED WITH EXCEPTION OF THOSE ARRESTED TWO OR MORE TIMES. LATER INQUIRY ALBANY PD REFLECTS TWO HUNDRED FIFTYSEVEN OF SEVEN HUNDRED THIRTYFIVE ARRESTED DEMONSTRATORS STILL IN JAIL. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. AND W. G. ANDERSON SCHEDULED FOR TRIAL RECORDERS COURT, ALBANY, GA., THIS DATE. P. END.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI Racial Matters

FROM SAC, ATLANTA /157-315/ 2P

RACIAL SITUATION, ALBANY, GA., ^{Racial Matters} ~~RM~~ REMYTEL TODAY. NO
INDICATION KLANSMEN LEFT MOBILE, ALA., FOR ALBANY, GA.,
ALBANY ^{POLICE DEPARTMENT} ~~PD~~ ALERTED RE POSSIBILITY [REDACTED]

SOURCES ATLANTA

ADVISE NO KLAN ACTIVITY IN GEORGIA PLANNED FOR ALBANY.
MACON ^{Resident Agency} ~~RA~~ ADVISED NO INFO RE PURPOSED MOTORCADE. CITY
COMMISSIONERS LEAD BY MAYOR ASA KELLEY AND CHIEF OF POLICE
LAURIE PRITCHETT CONFERRED MAJOR PORTION OF DAY WITH M. S.
PAGE, ALBANY MOVEMENT, AND DONALD HOLLOWELL AND C. B. KING,
ATTORNEYS FOR DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., AND OTHER NEGROES
JAILED AS RESULT OF DEMONSTRATIONS. TRIALS POSTPONED PENDING
RESULTS OF CONFERENCE. CONFERENCE CONCLUDED FOUR FIFTY THREE
P.M. TODAY WITH FOLLOWING SOLUTION ~~CONF~~: PRESS RELEASE
BEING MADE BY NEGRO LEADERS AND MAYOR KELLEY AND CHIEF
PRITCHETT INDICATING NEGROES HAVE PROMISED NO ~~FURTHER~~ ^{DEC 20 1961}
DEMONSTRATIONS ALBANY, GA.; DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.,
BEING RELEASED ON BOND THIS DATE SIGNED BY DR. W. G. ANDERSON.
ANDERSON SIGNED OWN BOND; CITY ALLOWING ALL NEGROES PRESENTLY

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MR. BELMONT FOR THE DIRECTOR

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IN CUSTODY WHO ARE PROPERTY OWNERS AND TAX PAYERS TO SIGN OWN BOND, OTHER WILL BE RELEASED IF RESPONSIBLE INDIVIDUAL WILL SIGN THEIR BONDS; THIRTYTWO JUVENILES REMAINING IN CUSTODY AND WILL BE TRIED JUVENILE COURT, HOWEVER, CHIEF PRITCHETT WILL TESTIFY AND RECOMMEND THEY NOT BE SENT TO TRAINING SCHOOL BUT BE RELEASED TO PARENTS. NATIONAL GUARD REMOVED FROM STANDBY. STATE TROOPERS RELEASED FROM DUTY ALBANY. MAYOR KELLEY TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED BURKE MARSHALL, CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION, OF ABOVE IN PRESENCE OF BUAGT PRIOR TO NOTIFICATION OF OTHER CITY OFFICIALS OR PRESS. BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED OF DEPARTURE OF REV. KING. ^{Unless Advised to Contrary by Bureau} ~~WAS~~ TWENTYFOUR HOUR COVERAGE TELEPHONE ALBANY RA WILL BE DISCONTINUED TEN PM TONIGHT.

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CC-MR. ROSEN

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URGENT 12-16-61 1-33 AM EST JLM

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FROM SAC, ATLANTA /157-315/ 1P

RACIAL SITUATION, ALBANY, GA., RM. NO VIOLENCE OR DEMONSTRATIONS,
ALBANY. MATTER A BI-RACIAL COMMITTEE CONTINUED EFFORTS TO WORK OUT
SOME UNDERSTANDING WHICH IS NOT SUCCEEDING IN VIEW OF NEGRO
DEMAND FOR RELEASE OF ALL PERSONS ARRESTED WITHOUT PROSECUTION
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JAMES ABERNATHY, AND WYATT TEE WALKER,
ARRIVED BY AUTOMOBILE ABOUT SEVEN THIRTY P.M., WHEN WEATHER
PREVENTED PLANE FLIGHTS. LARGE MEETING HELD AT MT. ZION
BAPTIST CHURCH AND GROUP ASKED TO RETURN SEVEN A.M. SATURDAY
IN WARM CLOTHES.

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FROM SAC, ATLANTA

1157-3151 Racial Matter

RACIAL SITUATION, ALBANY, GA., RM. RE BUREAU TELEPHONE CALL HIS

DATE. NO THREATS AGAINST LIFE OF MARTIN LUTHER KING REPORTED TO

DATE TO ALBANY PD OR FBI, ATLANTA. UPON KING-S ARRIVAL, ALBANY,

DEC. FIFTEEN, LAST, WAS MET BY [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WHO REMAINED WITH HIM CONTINUALLY AS PERSONAL

BODYGUARDS UNTIL HIS ARREST, DEC. SIXTEEN, LAST. UPON BEING ARRESTED

KING, ALONG WITH RALPH ABERNATHY AND DR. W. G. ANDERSON, TAKEN TO

SUMTER COUNTY JAIL, AMERICUS, GA., WHERE THEIR CONFINEMENT MADE

CONFIDENTIAL. SUMTER CO. JAIL NEWLY COMPLETED, NINETEEN SIXTY,

HAS ALL MODERN FACILITIES, TWENTYFOUR HOUR ATTENDANT AND SHERIFF

HAS FAMILY QUARTERS SAME BUILDING. JAIL HAS SEPERATE CELLS, SHOWER

AND TOILET FACILITIES AND PRISONERS FED THREE TIMES DAILY. JAIL

APPROVED TO HOUSE FEDERAL PRISONERS. KING, ABERNATHY AND ANDERSON

INCARCERATED SUMTER CO. TO AVOID ANY POSSIBILITY PERSONAL INJURY

FROM EXTREMEISTS, ALTHOUGH NO ONE KNOWS THEY ARE THERE

AT TIME OF ARREST ALBANY AREA HEAVILY CONGESTED

WITH PERSONS FROM OUTSIDE OF AREA WHO WERE ATTEMPTING TO OBSERVE

DEMONSTRATIONS AS WELL AS PERSONS CONDUCTING CHRISTMAS SHOPPING.

KING CHARGED WITH PARADING WITHOUT PERMIT. BOND SET AT TWO HUNDRED

DOLLARS. NO HEARING AFFORDED AND NO REQUEST FOR HEARING MADE. KING

BEING REPRESENTED BY ATTORNEYS CHEVENE B. KING AND DONALD HOLLOWELL,

WHO HAVE BEEN IN CONTACT WITH ALBANY PD ON EVENING OF DEC. SIXTEEN,

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LAST, AND AM OF DEC. SEVENTEEN, SIXTYONE. NO EFFORT MADE TO POST
BOND FOR KING. ABERNATHY RELEASED ON BOND PM, DEC. SIXTEEN, LAST.
TELEPHONE AT ALBANY RA BEING MANNED TWENTYFOURS DAILY IMMEDIATELY.
RA TELEPHONE NO. ^{HE 26922} H E TWO SIX EIGHT TWO TWO. FOUR EXTRA AGENTS
ASSIGNED TO ALBANY RA, TWO TO MAN PHONE, TWO TO STAND BY.

/// INQUIRY IMMEDIATELY
/// BEING MADE AT SUMTER CO. SO TO DETERMINE IF ANY REPORTS OF ANY
THREAT AGAINST KING. AT PRESENT NO INDICATION OF FURTHER DEMONSTRATIONS
THIS DATE. DAILY SUMMARIES BEING SUBMITTED.

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TO DIRECTOR FBI

FROM SAC, ATLANTA 157-315

1-P Racial Situation

RACIAL SITUATION, ALBANY GA., RM. RE ATLANTA TEL TO DIRECTOR
TODAY. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, WYATT T. WALKER AND BERNARD
LEE DEPARTED ALBANY GA., VIA SOUTHERN AIRLINES, FLIGHT TWO ZERO
EIGHT AT NINE ZERO SEVEN P. M. TONIGHT. DESTINATION ATLANTA,
GA. ATLANTA S. D. ADVISED THIS DATE.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC ATLANTA 157-315 1 P

RACIAL SITUATION, ALBANY, GA. RM. CONTACT THIS DATE WITH

[REDACTED] REFLECTS CITY OFFICIALS WELL PLEASED WITH DEVELOPMENTS YESTERDAY IN RACIAL SITUATION. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED THE NEGRO LEADERS IN ALBANY ALSO PLEASED WITH DEVELOPMENTS. PLANS MEETING THIS EVENING SHILOH CHURCH TO FURTHER EXPLAIN CONDITIONS WHICH LED TO SETTLEMENT OF RACIAL DIFFERENCES. UACB, NO FURTHER TELETYPE SUMMARIES WILL BE SUBMITTED. LETTERHEAD FOLLOWS. P.

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FROM SAC ATLANTA 157-315
MATTER - ATLANTA

RACIAL SITUATION, ALBANY, GA., RM. RMYTEL DECEMBER NINETEEN

LAST. [REDACTED] ADVISED ALL
INDIVIDUALS ARRESTED IN RACIAL UNREST HAVE BEEN RELEASED AS
OF TODAY. ALL INDIVIDUALS MADE EITHER CASH BOND OR PROPERTY
BOND. NO FURTHER INCIDENTS. NEWSPAPER REPORTERS HAVE ALSO
LEFT ALBANY.

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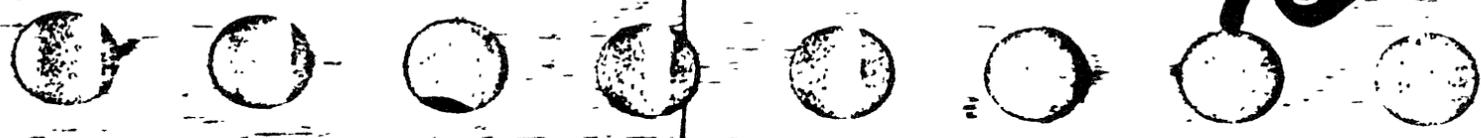
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Rosen *RJR*

DATE: December 17, 1961

FROM : C. L. McGowan *CLM*

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A limited investigation has been requested in this matter into the arrest and detention of Dr. Martin Luther King.

At 12:50 P. M. Departmental Attorney Murphy contacted the Bureau, at about the same time Mr. Barrett contacted Supervisor Lavin, and at 1:17 P. M. Mr. Marshall called your office, all with regard to the same matter. Mr. Marshall advised that Governor Rockefeller had called the Attorney General and expressed concern about the arrest and safety of Dr. Martin Luther King. The Attorney General asked Mr. Marshall to determine if "we" were doing all that we should be doing to make sure that "he was safe."

Mr. Marshall had been informed that Dr. King had been transferred to the jail at Americus, Georgia. The Department Attorneys and Mr. Marshall asked that we determine why Dr. King was taken to Americus, the nature of the charges against him, if he had been afforded a hearing, and generally, the situation surrounding his confinement at Americus, including a description of the jail. Americus police authorities were to be contacted to determine if they had knowledge of any threats to Dr. King and what precautions they had taken in this regard. Mr. Marshall also asked to be advised of any information we had received from any contacts or sources indicating any potential violence or harm to Dr. King. Both Mr. Murphy and Mr. Marshall wanted to be telephonically furnished results at home this date. (Marshall, OL 2-3562; Murphy, WH 6-2786).

ACTION:

The Department's request was forwarded to Atlanta Supervisor [redacted] at 1:30 with instructions to advise the Bureau immediately of the results and follow with a summary teletype this date. [redacted] said Negro leaders had scheduled a press conference at 2:00 P. M. in Atlanta and he would advise of any pertinent developments.

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At 3:15 P. M. SA [REDACTED] advised that SAC Weeks and a number of the Agents in the Atlanta Office were en route back to Atlanta due to the lack of activity today; however, additional Agents would be called back to help the three remaining Agents appropriately cover the Albany situation. He mentioned that they had been occupying a hotel room (telephone number 66796) which overlooked the Police Department and afforded good coverage on that area.

[REDACTED] stated that we have had excellent liaison with the Albany Police who have advised of the following:

Two detectives met Dr. King at the city limits on Friday and stayed with him until he was arrested and also accompanied him to Americus jail Saturday evening. He was moved to avoid any demonstrations and for his own personal safety. The police noted that there were a lot of out-of-townners in Albany Christmas shopping on Saturday evening which caused some concern. All of the others arrested on 12-16-61 were also moved from the area. Albany police advised Americus police to immediately contact them of the slightest indication of violence or harm to any of the prisoners. Rev. Abernathy and Rev. Anderson had also been moved to Americus. Abernathy made bond and left for some speaking engagement. Two attorneys were in touch with the Albany police on Saturday evening and again this morning on behalf of King and are well aware that his bond has been set at \$200.

With regard to the over-all situation on Saturday SA [REDACTED] advised that 266 people were arrested, all charged with "parading without permit." 114 of these were juveniles. They were released to the juvenile court and held overnight there; present plans are for them to be released to their parents at 5:00 P. M. 12-17-61.

[REDACTED] advised that the jail at Americus was completed in 1960, has very modern facilities, twenty-four hour attendants, separate cells and is federally approved. It is very fine in all respects and in addition to the regular guards, the sheriff has living quarters in the jail.

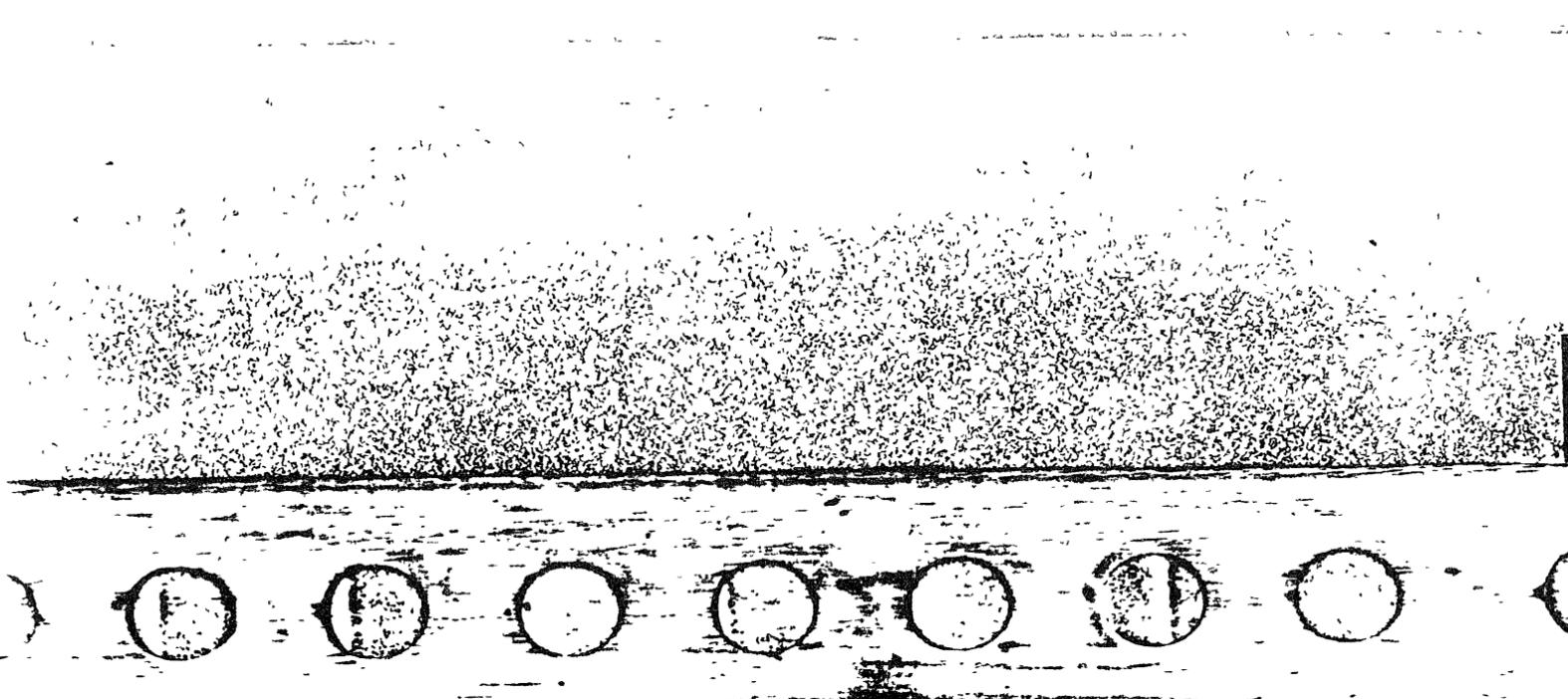
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[REDACTED] will telephonically advise of the remaining investigation involving a contact with Americus Police and follow with a summary teletype this evening.

ACTION:

At 3:45 P. M. Mr. Marshall, and immediately thereafter, Mr. Murphy, was advised of the above developments. Mr. Marshall was well pleased. He asked if we would normally disseminate to local authorities and auxiliary offices information received from sources indicating racial violence, and he was assured that this was the standard operating procedure with the Bureau. He also indicated he was going to personally call the Mayor of Albany, Georgia, but he did not comment concerning the nature of the call.

At 4:30 P. M. SAC Weeks advised that he was between Albany and Atlanta and would immediately dispatch some of his Agents back to Albany to afford this matter appropriate, continuous attention.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, ATLANTA /157-315/ 1P

RACIAL ^{MATTER} SITUATION, ALBANY, GA., RM. REMYTEL DECEMBER
TWENTY LAST. [REDACTED]

ADVISED NO NEW DEVELOPMENTS AND NO INCIDENTS TODAY.

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