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CIVIL ACTION # 3572-65, dated 2/3/65
entitled Martin Luther King; Et AL vs.
Wilson Baker, Et AL

- (1) Motion for Temporary Restraining Order
- (2) Complaint and Supporting Exhibits
- (3) Motion for Preliminary Injunction
- (4) Order Denying Motion for Temporary Restraining Order.

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CIVIL ACTION #3560-65, dated 2/3/65
entitled State of Alabama vs. Amelia P.
Boynton; Et AL

- (1) Motion for Stay of Remand Order
Pending Appeal (Relating to Annie Lee
Cooper and Stanley Leroy *Wise*)

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(2) Notice of Appeal by Cooper and Wise
to U. S. Board of Appeals for the
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(3) Order Granting Stay Pending Appeal
Relating to Cooper and Wise.

Information concerning these items will be included
in the weekly letterhead memorandum being submitted by
this office.

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA
NORTHERN DIVISION

REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., REV. RALPH
Abernathy, and REV. LOUIS LLOYD ANDERSON
on behalf of themselves and all others
similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

WILSON BAKER, individually, and as
Director of Public Safety, City of
Selma, Alabama;
VICTOR B. ATKINS, A. C. ALLEN and J. R. BIBB,
individually and as members of the Board
of Voter Registration, Dallas County,
Alabama; BERNARD A. REYNOLDS, Chairman
and JOHN DOE and RICHARD ROE,
individually and as members of the Board
of Revenue, Dallas County, Alabama, and
all persons in active concert and
participation with them,

Defendants.

NO. 3572-65

ORIGINAL

MOTION FOR TEMPORARY RESTRAINING
ORDER

Plaintiffs move this court for a temporary restraining
order, without notice, restraining defendants, and each of
them, their agents, servants, employees, successors, and all
persons in active concert and participation with them from:

(A) Preventing or interfering, by arrest or threat of
arrest, with plaintiffs and members of their class peacefully
assembling, marching, and demonstrating at any time in the City
of Selma, Alabama, to protest the practices of the Board of
Voter Registration of Dallas County, Alabama;

(B) Refusing or failing to keep open the voter registration
office in the Dallas County Courthouse, Selma, Alabama, for at
least eight hours per day, six days per week, every week in the
year, for the purpose of registering qualified voters of Dallas
County, Alabama.

Refusing or failing to employ at least ten (10) persons to effectuate this order;
Refusing or failing to take the applications of at least one hundred applicants, per registrar on duty, for registration, per day, or as many as shall apply if it be less than one hundred.

Plaintiffs pray that this relief be granted pending hearing and determination of their Motion for Preliminary or Interlocutory Injunction on the ground that immediate and irreparable injury, loss and damage will result to them and members of their class before notice can be served and a hearing had thereon, as more fully appears from the verified complaint and affidavits attached hereto.

The critical question presented is an injunction against further arrests and threats of arrest by Wilson Baker, the Director of Public Safety, and his subordinates, of Negro and white citizens attempting to carry on peaceful demonstrations in protest of the practices and procedures of the Dallas County Board of Voter Registration. If these arrests are not enjoined, irreparable injury will result since plaintiffs' rights to freedom of speech and of petition will be stifled and virtually destroyed by the incarceration of the leaders and participants of the demonstrations and by the burden of meeting bail.

Similarly, if the Dallas County Board of Voter Registration is not immediately enjoined from continuing its present practices of limited hours and limited numbers of applicants, many members of plaintiffs' class of qualified voters will not have the chance to register before upcoming elections, thus suffering irreparable injury.

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AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 824 OF THE 1954 CODE OF THE CITY OF SELMA, ALABAMA ENTITLED "WHEN PERMITS REQUIRED FOR PARADES AND PROCESSIONS."

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Selma, Alabama that Section 824 of the 1954 Code of the City of Selma, Alabama, entitled "When Permits Required for Parades and Processions" be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

"It shall be unlawful to organize or hold, or to assist in organizing or holding, or to take part or participate in, any parade or procession or other public demonstration on the streets or other public ways of the City, unless a permit therefore has been secured from the Council.

To secure such permit, written application shall be made to the Council, setting forth the probable number of persons, vehicles and animals which will be engaged in such parade, procession or other public demonstration, the purpose for which it is to be held or had, and the streets or other public ways over, along or in which it is desired to have or hold such parade, procession or other public demonstration. The Council shall grant a written permit for such parade, procession or other public demonstration, prescribing the streets or other public ways which may be used therefore, unless in its judgment the public welfare, peace, safety, health, decency, good order, morals or convenience require that it be refused. It shall be unlawful to use for such purpose any other streets or public ways than those set out in said permit.

The provisions of this ordinance, however, shall not apply to funeral processions.

Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any provision of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor against the City of Selma and shall be punishable by a fine of not less than one dollar nor more than one hundred dollars and may be imprisoned or sentenced to hard labor for not more than one hundred eighty days, one or both, at the discretion of the Recorder."

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Selma, Alabama, on this the 13 day of April, 1963.

ATTEST:

W. L. Stoudenire
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

C. C. Ward
CITY CLERK

APPROVED:

Chris B. Weins
Mayor

EXHIBIT B

Before Me James C. Kumbrough
Notary Public in and for the County of Dallas, State
of Alabama did appear Mary Lamar
and having been sworn upon his oath did depose and say;

I am a resident of Dallas County Alabama. So far as I
know I have all of those qualifications necessary to
become a registered voter in Dallas County. I am employed
and have duties which occupy me fully and require my attendance
during all of the business hours of the day. I have stood
in line several times to be registered. At all those
times I was not registered because the line moved too slowly
to permit my entrance to the registrar's office. I cannot
be certain as to what days, nor what hour during those
days I will in the future be able to absent myself from
my duties in an attempt to be registered. It is my belief
that the present registration proceeds at far too slow a
pace and I believe that the restriction of registration
to so few days will greatly inhibit and jeopardize my
opportunity to become a registered voter in the future.

Mrs. Mary Lamar

to before me this 2nd day of February

My commission expires March 3, 1968

Signature. James C. Kumbrough

EXHIBIT C

Signed _____
Date _____ (1)

AFFIDAVIT

Before me James C. Humberg, a notary public in and for the county of Dallas, State of Alabama did appear Fred Wallace who, having been sworn, upon his oath did depose and say:

My name is Fred Wallace. I am a staff member of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund. My duties in Selma have been to observe the events in Selma related to the attempts of Negroes to register to vote since the handing down by Judge Thomas of a temporary restraining order last week. Pursuant to these duties I was at Brown Chapel on the morning of Monday, February 1, 1965.

At 10:45 that morning a group of Negroes and a few whites totaling approximately 260 people assembled outside the church. They were organized into a line with the people standing two abreast. The line was headed by Rev. Reese and Dr. King. Rev. Abernathy and Rev. Anderson were immediately behind them. The group walked slowly up Sylvan St. toward Selma Ave. There was no set amount of space between pairs and the group was fairly tightly spaced. There was no traffic on the sidewalks and there was little traffic on the street other than police vehicles.

When the group arrived at the corner of what I believe is Selma and Sylvan Streets, it was met by Public Safety Commissioner Baker. The line headed by Dr. King, stopped in front of Mr. Baker. This was at 10:50. Baker said something to the effect that the group constituted a deliberate attempt to violate the parade ordinance. He ordered them to disperse and to break up into small groups. Dr. King answered him to the effect that the activity in which they were presently engaged was protected by the first amendment to the Constitution of the United States and that the Supreme Court had held that in similar situations, parade ordinances could not be used to interfere with such constitutionally protected activities. King indicated the intent of the group to proceed. Baker moved up the street to where approximately 17 policemen were waiting. The group moved one more block up Sylvan to Alabama Street and took a right onto Alabama St. Approximately a block from this intersection, they came face to face with Comm. Baker who at 10:57 told them that they were each and everyone under arrest for parading without a permit. The group was then marched under arrest to the back of the jailhouse, approximately a block away.

At noon I was in attendance across the street from the Lauderdale entrance of the courthouse. At 12:05, fifteen young Negroes carrying signs, appeared from the Alabama side of the courthouse and marched single file up the Lauderdale side of the courthouse. They were about 10 ft. apart. They were not singing, nor making any noise, nor causing others to make noise, nor blocking any traffic, pedestrian or otherwise. They walked in this manner for approximately 15 minutes without being disturbed. At 12:20, Sheriff Clarke approached and stopped the group near the steps of the Lauderdale entrance of the courthouse. He read something to them. Apparently he gave them some time to disperse for he saw papers drop from his eyes and stood and looked at them for some moments. The pickets turned their signs toward the street so that the photographers could get a mass picture of the group. They were apparently then placed under arrest. Then they began to sing "ain't gonna let nobody turn me around". They stopped for about 30 seconds and then started again. They were then taken into the courthouse at 12:23. At 12:50, groups of four and five Negroes began to descend on the courthouse with great frequency. They were all shunted into waiting buses by the police men. There were simply hundreds.

EXHIBIT D

Signed Fred Wallace

Subscribed before me this 2nd day of February 1965. My commission expires March 3, 1968
Notary Public James C. Humberg

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Before Me James C. Humberg

Notary Public in and for the County of Dallas, State
of Alabama did appear Emily Juanita Smith

and having been sworn upon his oath did depose and say;

I am a resident of Dallas County Alabama, and belong to the
Dallas County Voters League. I feel, and many others in
the community similarly feel, that Negroes are not registered
in nearly the numbers that they should be. Because of this
we have and intend to encourage Negroes in the community
to vote. Given the character of our community, this
encouragement almost necessarily implies that I and others
like me accompany some of these people to the registrar's
office. Given the interest that has been created among
our people in registering, and given the great numbers that
are not registered, the groups that I and others like me
might be accompanying to the courthouse are likely to be
large. I am aware of the events that led to the arrest
of Dr. Martin Luther King on Monday, February 11, 1968.
To my understanding, he was doing little other than I
intend to do in the future, in so far as accompanying
potential registrants to the courthouse. I do not wish
to be arrested nor harrassed by the police. In this I do
not feel that I am any different than others of a like
mind with myself. However, I do feel that should I attempt
to encourage Negroes to register by accompanying them to
the courthouse, I will be arrested.

Emily Juanita Smith

Sworn to before me this 2nd day of February

1968. My commission expires March 3, 1968

Signature. James C. Humberg

EXHIBIT E

Signed _____
Date _____

(3)

February 1, 1965

The Honorable Joseph Britherman
The Honorable J. Wilson Baker
The Honorable James G. Clark
Selma, Alabama

Gentlemen:

The order entered by the United States District Court on January 30, 1965, in the case styled Amelia Boynton, et al. v. James G. Clark, et al, civil action no. 3559-65, provides, in part, that three classes of persons are entitled to either register, assist in registering, as vouchers, or encourage registration. Those persons are also entitled to peacefully assemble in the vicinity of the courthouse.

Large numbers of qualified Negroes remain unregistered in Dallas County, and large numbers of persons are anxious that they be promptly registered. On Monday, February 1, 1965, these persons will proceed in a peaceful and orderly manner from Brown Chapel A.M.E. Church on Sylvan Street, two abreast. The line will turn right and continue down the west side of Alabama Street to Lauderdale, and enter the courthouse from the Lauderdale Street entrance. The group will observe all traffic signals and will conscientiously avoid interfering with the flow of pedestrian traffic on route.

We are mindful of the problems inherent in the movement of large numbers of persons from place to place and of the rightful interest and concern of governmental authorities for regulating such movement with the least possible public inconvenience. However, we do intend to proceed to the courthouse, to line up there in accordance with the order of Judge Thomas, and to petition the authorities in the matter of the slowness of the registration. We do not wish to be interfered with by the city or County police officers, so long as we approach the courthouse in a reasonable manner. If we are interfered with, we will consider such interference contempt of Judge Thomas' order and will proceed accordingly as the order bars interference with anyone acting in concert with the named defendants. For this reason we have included in this letter copies of the amendment to Judge Thomas' order and these should be sufficient notice of the rights being here asserted.

Certainly, the movement of persons within the context of peaceful expression, as above outlined, does not constitute a parade. Nor is this notice intended as an application for a parade permit. We will attempt to proceed as reasonably as possible in our approach to the courthouse. Any attempt to unreasonably interfere with our procession under the guise of enforcement of the Selma parade ordinance can only be construed as an attempt to restrict the process of registration, and consequently in contempt of the District Court's order.

Signed: _____

EXHIBIT A

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA
NORTHERN DIVISION

REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., REV. RALPH
ABERNATHY, and REV. LOUIS LLOYD ANDERSON on
behalf of themselves and all others similarly
situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

WILSON BAKER, individually, and as Director
of Public Safety, City of Selma, Alabama;

VICTOR B. ATKINS, A. C. ALLEN and J. R. BIBB,
individually and as members of the Board of
Voter Registration, Dallas County, Alabama;

BERNARD A. REYNOLDS, Chairman, and JOHN DOE
and RICHARD ROE,
individually and as members of the Board of
Revenue, Dallas County, Alabama, their agents,
servants, employees, successors and all persons
in active concert and participation with
them,

Defendants.

NO. 3572-65.

COMPLAINT

To The Honorable Judge of the District Court in the Southern District
of Alabama:

I.

This action is a civil case seeking injunctive and other
relief to prevent the deprivation, under color of law of the State
of Alabama, of plaintiffs' constitutional and federal statutory
rights, privileges, and immunities. Jurisdiction of this Court is
founded upon the provisions of Title 42 U.S.C. §§1971, 1981 and 1983,
28 U.S.C. 1343 (3) and (4), such action to be commenced by any
citizen of the United States to redress the deprivation under color
of state law, statute, ordinance, regulation, custom and usage of
rights, privileges, and immunities secured by the First, Fourteenth,

and Fifteenth Amendments to the Constitution of the United States and by Title 42 U.S.C. 1971, providing for the equal right to vote of all citizens, and the rights of free speech, of peaceful assembly and of petitioning for a redress of grievances.

II.

This is a proceeding for a temporary restraining order, preliminary or interlocutory injunction and permanent injunction enjoining the defendants, and each of them, their agents, servants, employees, successors, and all persons in active concert and participation with them from:

(a) Denying plaintiffs, or members of the class on whose behalf plaintiffs sue, the equal right to vote by withholding a reasonable opportunity to register to vote by refusing to hold open the Dallas County Voter Registration Office, Selma, Alabama, at least eight hours a day, Monday through Saturday, every week of the year; and by failing to have more than two registrars on duty at any one time.

(b) Denying plaintiffs, and members of their class, the equal right to vote by administering to them a voter registration test more stringent than that required of the great majority of voters presently registered in Dallas County, and by refusing to administer, on request, the voter registration test employed in Dallas County prior to February, 1964;

(c) Denying the plaintiffs, and the members of their class a reasonable opportunity to register to vote by processing at least one hundred applicants per each registrar on duty each day;

(d) Denying plaintiffs, and the members of their class, the right to conduct peaceful public meetings and assemblies to protest to the Dallas County Board of Voter Registrars and other city and county officials at the county courthouse and elsewhere the deprivation of the equal right to vote by the above mentioned practices.

III.

This is a class action brought by the plaintiffs on behalf of themselves and all other Negro citizens of Dallas County, Alabama, similarly situated, pursuant to the provisions of Rule 23 (a)(3) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The plaintiffs and the class on behalf of whom they sue are Negro citizens of the United States and of the State of Alabama, who are similarly affected by the voter registration and law enforcement practices complained of herein. The members of the class on behalf of which the plaintiffs sue are too numerous to be brought individually before the court, but there are common questions of law and fact involved, common grievances arising out of common wrongs, and a common relief is sought for each plaintiff and each member of the class. The plaintiffs fairly and adequately represent the members of the class on behalf of whom they sue.

IV.

A. The plaintiff Louis Lloyd Anderson is a Negro citizen of the United States, resident of Dallas County, Alabama. He wishes to register to vote, but has not been able to make application because of the practices herein complained of.

B. The plaintiffs Martin Luther King, Jr., and Ralph Abernathy, have sought to assemble peaceably and hold peaceful demonstrations to protest the practices complained of and to urge the Dallas County Board of Registrars to modify their procedures. They have been prevented from doing so because of arrests carried out by the defendant, Wilson Baker, and his subordinates.

Defendants, Victor B. Atkins, A. C. Allen and J. R. Bibb, are members of and constitute the Board of Voter Registration of Dallas County, Alabama. Defendant Wilson Baker is the Director of Public Safety of Selma, Alabama. Defendants, Bernard A. Reynolds, Chairman, and John Doe and Richard Roe, are members of and constitute the Board of Revenue of Dallas County, Alabama.

VI

The Defendant members of the Board of Voter Registration are responsible for the processing of and registering of applicants to vote in Dallas County, Alabama. Defendant Wilson Baker is engaged in the enforcement and execution of the laws of the State of Alabama and the ordinances of the City of Selma, Alabama. Defendant Members of the Board of Revenue, Dallas County, Alabama, are responsible for the operation of the Dallas County courthouse, Selma, Alabama, where the Board of Registrars operates.

VII

A. Various practices long employed by the Board of Registrars of Dallas County, Alabama have resulted in only a token number of the eligible Negro voters in the County being registered to vote. Among these practices have been the discriminatory application of voter registration tests, the processing of a minimum number of applications per day, and the holding open of the voter registration office on the average of only a few days per month, viz, two days a month, except in January, 1965, when it was open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of every week.

B. In 1964, a new voter registration test was put into effect in Dallas County. Since it is much more difficult than the one previously used, its effect has been to freeze the existing imbalance in registration of eligible white voters over eligible Negro voters.

C. In January of 1965, Negroes in Dallas County, Alabama, began a program to encourage and bring about a substantial increase in the percentage of Negro citizens registered to vote.

D. Practices of the Board of Voter Registration of Selma, Alabama, have made it impossible for any significant number of Negro citizens to obtain the equal right to vote. Initially, the Board accepted only a small number of applicants per day. At the suggestion of this court, in its order of January 23, 1965, the Board began issuing numbers to the first one hundred applicants each day. The number actually processed per day, however, has been substantially less.

E. Beginning February 1, 1965, the Board resumed its practice of accepting applicants for only two days per month, viz., the first and third Mondays thereof. The Board is open for only five hours each of the two days.

F. The Board has been administering to new applicants a test different from that given for many years, and one so much more difficult as to make it almost a certainty that the number of Negro citizens registered to vote will remain insignificant.

VIII.

A. On February 1, 1965, plaintiffs King and Abernathy began to walk, along with two hundred and seventy other Negro citizens, down the sidewalks in Selma, Alabama, in order to peaceably demonstrate and petition for a redress of grievances, requesting the Board of Voter Registration of Dallas County to cease the above practices, and to offer all citizens of Dallas County a reasonable opportunity to register to vote.

B. Prior to beginning their walk, plaintiffs had sent to Defendants Wilson Baker, Jim Clark, Sheriff of Dallas County, and the Mayor of Selma, Alabama, a letter informing them of plaintiffs' intention to walk peacefully, two abreast, down to the courthouse. The purpose of the demonstration was to protest the difficulties and slowness of registration, including the closing of the Registrar's office, and to request a change in these practices. The letter stated the plaintiffs' belief that they were protected in so demonstrating under the order issued by this court on January 23, 1965, as modified on January 30, 1965. See Exhibit A attached and made a part hereof.

C. The group walked a distance of three blocks, in single file, at which point they were stopped by defendant Wilson Baker, acting in his capacity as Director of Public Safety of Selma, Alabama. At all times the group had been peaceful and orderly. Although Mr. Baker indicated to the group that they were violating the city's parade ordinance, he permitted them to walk two more blocks, at which point he arrested all of them for parading without a permit. Exhibit B is the Selma parade ordinance

D. A number of those arrested were released without bail pending arraignment. However, plaintiffs King, Abernathy, and others are presently in jail.

IX.

Plaintiffs wish to conduct further peaceful demonstrations in Selma, Alabama, including night processions, in order to express their desire that the present dilatory practices of the Board of Registrars be ended, and that procedures will be adopted

that will facilitate the rapid registration of all qualified voters in Dallas County, Alabama. Because of the events of February 1, 1965, however, defendant Baker and his subordinates have shown their intention of interfering with plaintiffs in the exercise of their constitutionally protected rights to peaceably assemble and petition for a redress of grievances.

WHEREFORE, plaintiffs pray that this court will take jurisdiction of the within cause, and issue a temporary restraining order, and upon final hearing a permanent injunction, enjoining:

A. Defendant Wilson Baker, his agents, servants, employees, successors, and all persons in active concert and participation with him from preventing or interfering by arrest or threat of arrest, with plaintiffs and members of their class peacefully assembling, marching, and demonstrating at any time in the City of Selma, Alabama to protest the practices of the Board of Registration of Dallas County, Alabama;

B. Defendants, Victor B. Atkins, A. G. Allen and J. R. Bibb, individually and as members of the Board of Voter Registration of Dallas County, Alabama, from:

1. Refusing or failing to keep open the Voter Registration Office in the Dallas County Courthouse, Selma, Alabama, for at least eight hours per day, six days per week, every week in the year, for the purpose of registering qualified voters of Dallas County, Alabama;

2. Refusing or failing to appoint additional registrars and not fewer than ten in number, as shall be necessary to carry out effectively the terms of the court's order;

3. Refusing or failing to take the application of at least one hundred applicants, per registrar on duty, for registration, per day, or as many as shall apply if it be less than one hundred;

4. Refusing or failing to allow applicants for registration to use the voting tests or procedures used before September 1964 rather than the more stringent test subsequently adopted.

5. Refusing or failing to process all applications to register to vote diligently, and to register to vote, within a reasonable period of time, any applicant who has substantially complied with requirements of the Alabama voter registration laws;

C. Defendants, Bernard A. Reynolds, Chairman, and John Doe and Richard Roe, individually and as members of the Board of Revenue of Dallas County, Alabama, from refusing or failing to take all measures necessary to allow the Dallas County Courthouse, Selma, Alabama to remain open and in operation during the times required by an order of this Court.

Plaintiffs also pray that this Court will grant them their costs herein and grant them such other, additional, or further relief as may appear to the Court to be equitable and just.

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U. S. DISTRICT COURT
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WILLIAM J. O'CONNOR

VERIFICATION

State of Alabama }
County of Mobile } SS:

Norman C. Amaker, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is one of the attorneys for the Plaintiffs herein; that he has read the foregoing complaint and knows the contents thereof; and that the same are true according to his information and belief, and as to those matters he believes them to be true.

Norman C. Amaker

Sworn to before me this 2nd
day of February, 1965

Walter J. Franklin
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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA.
NORTHERN DIVISION

REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., REV. RALPH
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of the Board of Revenue, Dallas County,
Alabama, their agents, servants, employees,
successors and all persons in active concert
and participation with them,

Defendants.

NO. 3572-65.

MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF MOTION
FOR TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER

I

Statement of Case

Plaintiffs are Negro citizens of the United States. Rev. Louis Lloyd Anderson is a resident of Dallas County, Alabama, who desires to register to vote. However, like others of the class he represents, he has not been able to do so because of the procedures and practices of the Board of Registrars of Dallas County, Alabama. These practices include keeping the Registrar's office open for only two days in most months, processing a minimum number of applicants, and administering a voter registration test that is far more strenuous than that previously used to register a large percentage of the eligible white voters of the county.

At the end of January, 1965, Negro leaders in Selma, Alabama, including plaintiffs, Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., and Rev. Ralph Abernathy, decided to conduct a peaceful, orderly demonstration to protest continuation of the above practices. On February 1, 1965, they informed Selma and Dallas County officials (see Exhibit A of Complaint) that they intended to lead a group of persons, walking two abreast, down to the courthouse in Selma to demonstrate for a change in voter registration procedures. Such demonstration was protected by this court's order in Bownton v. Clark as amended.

On the stated date, the group, numbering 274 persons, walking in a double file, started toward the courthouse from a church a number of blocks away. They were orderly and quiet at all times, neither singing nor talking. The police on the scene maintained complete control. After the group had proceeded in this fashion for some blocks, they were stopped by Wilson Baker, Public Safety Director of Selma, who told them to break up into smaller groups or they would be in violation of an ordinance prohibiting parading without a permit (Exhibit B of the Complaint). Rev. King replied that they were not parading but were simply going down to the courthouse to attempt to vote and to demonstrate as they had a right to do under this court's previous orders. Baker allowed the walkers to proceed two more blocks, at which point he arrested them. Some of the group are still in jail including Rev. King and Rev. Abernathy, while others were released on their recognizance.

II

The Walkers Were Wrongfully Arrested

Recent decisions of the United States Supreme Court make clear that plaintiffs' activities are constitutionally protected and may not be interfered with by state or city authority.

Edwards v. South Carolina, 372 U.S. 229, 9 L.Ed.2d 697 (1962);
Henry v. City of Rock Hill, ___ U.S. ___, 12 L.Ed.2d 73 (1964).

The above decisions involved arrests for breach of the peace. However, although a properly drawn permit statute may be valid when applied to an actual parade, it may not be used to obstruct a demonstration such as the one here, which involved no more than a peaceful, orderly exercise of the freedoms to assemble and petition for a redress of grievances.

In addition, the parade ordinance (see Exhibit A attached to complaint herein) cannot be validly applied since it confers on city officials a broad discretion to grant or withhold a permit, and does not establish sufficiently precise standards.

Staub v. Baxley, 355 U.S. 313; Niemotko v. Maryland, 340 U.S. 268.

III

This Court Has Power To Enjoin Federal Arrests

The plaintiffs herein wish to hold further public meetings, demonstrations and marches to attempt to bring about a change in the procedures adopted by the Board of Registrars. There is a clear probability that they will be interfered with by officials of the City of Selma. Such interference will result in immediate irreparable injury to the plaintiffs. Therefore, injunctive relief and the issuance of a temporary restraining order to protect effectively their constitutional rights is appropriate, and this court has the power to render such relief. Kelly v. Page, 355 F.2d 114 (5th Cir. 1964) (see, Order of District Court set out at 9 R.R.L.R. 1151).

This court exercised such power in its order of January 23, 1965, as modified on January 30, 1965, in the case of Loynton v. Clark, C.A. No. 3559-65 which, in part, enjoined county officials from interfering with the exercise of protected rights. After recognizing the legitimate interest of officials in the legal enforcement of the laws of the state, county, and city, this court said:

But under the guise of enforcement there shall be no intimidation, harassment, or the like of the citizens of Dallas County legitimately attempting to register to vote, nor of those legally attempting to aid others in registering to vote or encouraging others to vote. (Emphasis added).

Since plaintiffs are clearly in the category of those attempting to aid others to register, they are entitled to the relief sought.

IV

This Court Should Grant The Relief Sought Against The Dallas County Board Of Voter Registration

As has been undisputably shown, both here and elsewhere, the small number of Negroes able to register to vote have been due in large measure to the fact that the Board of Registrars of Dallas County, Alabama is open only two days per month and accept only a limited number of applications. Indeed, this court's order of January 23, 1965 noted that the maximum number processed daily was too few and should be increased and in the January 30th modification of the order, this court indicated it would specify procedures for faster processing. But the nub of the problem is that however many persons are processed on a given day, the Board is not open enough days!

The Fifteenth Amendment to the Constitution and 42 U.S.C. Sec. 1971 establish the equal right to vote regardless of race or color. 42 U.S.C. Sec. 1983 and 28 U.S.C. Sections 1343(3) and (4) empower this court to entertain a suit in equity to enforce plaintiffs' voting rights.

In the exercise of its jurisdiction, this court may render such orders and decrees as are necessary to protect this right. (See *Alston v. Butts*, ___ F.Supp. ___, 9 F.R.I.R. 1756 (S.D. Ala. 1954), in which the District Court, in a suit brought by Negro voters, issued a preliminary injunction restraining election officials from adopting dilatory tactics designed to slow up Negro voter registration and ordered them to speed, except where

absolutely necessary, no more than five minutes in processing each applicant. The preliminary injunction was later dissolved on affidavits that Negro voter registration applicants were now satisfied with the conduct of the officials. See also United States v. Hines, ___ F. Supp. ___, 9 R.R.L.R. 1352 (N.D. Ala., C.A. No. 63-609, 1964).

If a temporary restraining order is not granted, many members of plaintiffs' class, i.e., eligible Negro voters will be unable, due to long delays and the small amount of actual registration days to register and vote in upcoming elections.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA
NORTHERN DIVISION

REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., REV. PAUL
ASTONASHY, and REV. LOUIS LLOYD ANDERSON on
behalf of themselves and all others similarly
situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

WILSON BAKER, individually, and as Director
of Public Safety, City of Selma, Alabama;
VICTOR B. ATKINS, A. C. ALLEN and J. R. BIBB,
individually and as members of the Board of
Voter Registration, Dallas County, Alabama;
BERNARD A. REYNOLDS, Chairman, and JOHN DOE
and RICHARD ROE, individually and as members
of the Board of Revenue, Dallas County, Ala-
bama, their agents, servants, employees,
successors and all persons in active concert
and participation with them,

Defendants

NO. 3572-65

MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION

Plaintiffs, by their undersigned attorneys, move this court for a preliminary injunction based on the allegations in their verified complaint, together with the exhibits attached thereto and as additional grounds, show:

1. The policies and practices of defendants violate plaintiffs' rights under the First, Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments to the Constitution of the United States and under Title 42 U.S.C., Sections 1971, 1981 and 1983.
2. Unless defendants are immediately enjoined, they will continue the policies and practices complained of.
3. The policies and practices complained of constitute irreparable harm and injury to plaintiffs and members of the class.
4. Plaintiffs and members of their class have no plan or adequate remedy at law.

WHEREFORE plaintiffs pray that this court grant a speedy

holding on this motion and thereafter issue a preliminary injunction restraining Defendant Wilson Baker, his agents, servants, employees, successors and all persons in active concert and participation with him from preventing or interfering by arrest or threat of arrest, with plaintiffs and members of their class in peacefully assembling, marching, and demonstrating at any time in the City of Selma, Alabama to protest the practices of the Board of Registration of Dallas County, Alabama.

Plaintiffs further pray that defendants, Victor B. Atkins, A. G. Allen and J. R. Bibb, constituting the Board of Voter Registration of Dallas County, Alabama and Bernard A. Reynolds, Chairman and John Doe and Richard Roe constituting the Board of Revenue of Dallas County, Alabama be restrained from:

1. Refusing or failing to keep open the voter registration office in the Dallas County Courthouse, Selma, Alabama, for at least eight hours per day, six days per week, every week in the year, for the purpose of registering qualified voters of Dallas County, Alabama;

2. Refusing or failing to appoint additional registrars and not fewer than ten in number, as shall be necessary to carry out effectively the terms of the court's order;

3. Refusing or failing to take the application of at least one hundred applicants, per registrar on duty, for registration, per day, or as many as shall apply if it be less than one hundred.

4. Refusing or failing to allow applicants for registration to use the voting tests or procedures used before September 1964 rather than the more stringent test subsequently adopted.

5. Refusing or failing to process all applications to register to vote diligently, and to register to vote, within a reasonable period of time, any applicant who has substantially

Respectfully submitted,

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U. S. DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA
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WILLIAM J. JOHNSON

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF
ALABAMA.

REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR., ET AL.,

V.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 3572-65

WILSON BAKER, Individually, and as
Director of Public Safety, City of
Selma, Alabama, et al

This cause came on to be heard on this day on the Motion
filed on February 3, 1965, by the Plaintiffs herein for a Temporary
Restraining Order in this matter and the said motion having been
considered by the Court;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND ADJUDGED by the Court that the Motion
filed on February 3, 1965, by the Plaintiffs for a Temporary
Restraining Order be and the same is hereby DENIED.

DATED at Mobile, Alabama, this the 3 day of February, 1965,
at 4:15 P.M.

DANIEL H. THOMAS
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA
NORTHERN DIVISION

_____)
STATE OF ALABAMA,)
)
Plaintiff,)
)
v.)
) CIVIL ACTION NO. 3560-65
AMELIA P. BOYNTON, et al.,)
)
Defendants.)
_____)

MOTION FOR STAY OF REMAND ORDER
PENDING APPEAL

Pursuant to Rule 62(g), F. R. C. P., defendants in the above-entitled cause, Annie Lee Cooper and Stanley Leroy Wise, respectfully move this Court for a stay of its order of January 29, 1965 remanding for trial by authorities of the State of Alabama, their criminal charges of assault and battery and public drunkenness (Tit. 14, §120(1), Code of Alabama) respectively, on the grounds that (1) Said defendants have this day appealed the above referred to order and justice and equity require that said order be stayed pending such appeal lest defendants suffer irreparable harm by being tried and convicted before the appeal can be heard and determined; (2) Defendants are entitled to have the Court of Appeals pass on the allegations and claims contained in their verified petition for removal and (3) The order remanding these cases was entered without a hearing being granted defendants.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attorneys for Defendants

By: Norman Amaker

Certificate of Service

This will certify that on this 2nd day of February, 1965, I served the foregoing Motion For Stay Of Remand Order Pending Appeal with Notice of Appeal attached upon the Honorable Blanchard McLeod, Circuit Solicitor, Dallas County, Alabama, and the Honorable Henry Reese, County Solicitor, Dallas County, Alabama, via United States special delivery air mail, addressed to them at the Dallas County Courthouse, Selma, Alabama.

Norman C. Amaker
Attorney for Defendants

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SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA
NORTHERN DIVISION

STATE OF ALABAMA,

Plaintiff,

v.

AMELIA P. BOYNTON, et al.,

Defendants.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 3560-65

ORDER GRANTING STAY PENDING APPEAL

On consideration of defendants' motion for a stay of this Court's order remanding the cases of Annie Lee Cooper and Stanley Leroy Wise to the Alabama state authorities, which order was entered in this cause on January 29, 1965, and for good cause shown,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the order referred to above be and is hereby stayed pending the determination of defendants' appeal therefrom by the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.

DONE and ORDERED this 3rd day of February, 1965.

DANTE H. THOMAS
United States District Judge

FOR THE
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA
NORTHERN DIVISION

STATE OF ALABAMA,

Plaintiff,

v.

AMELIA P. BOYNTON, et al.,

Defendants.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 3560-65

NOTICE OF APPEAL

Defendants, Annie Lee Corner and Stanley Leroy Wise, hereby appeal to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit from the order of this Court entered on January 29, 1965, remanding the charges against them of assault and battery and public drunkenness (Tit. 14, §120(1), Code of Alabama) respectively, to the County Court of Dallas County Alabama for trial. This appeal is taken pursuant to §901 of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

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Election Laws -
Registrars of Voters, Dallas County, Ala.

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RACIAL MATTERS - SELMA, ALA.

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FROM: SAC, MOBILE (44-557)(P)

SUBJECT: REGISTRARS OF VOTERS
DALLAS COUNTY ALABAMA
VOTING DISCRIMINATION
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Objection Laws

Transmitted herewith is Letterhead Memorandum pertaining to investigation resulting from a request made by Departmental Attorney CARL W. GABEL at Selma, Ala.

Inasmuch as the allegations relative to victim being fired because of attending a Civil Rights meeting appear to be untrue as victim is still working, Mobile is conducting no further investigation and the file in this matter is being considered closed.

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Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Mobile, Alabama
January 26, 1965

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS
DALLAS COUNTY ALABAMA
VOTING DISCRIMINATION

On January 21, 1965, Departmental Attorney Carl W. Gabel, Selma, Alabama, delivered a request to the Selma Resident Agency. This request set forth that the Department had been informed that [redacted] Selma, Alabama, was dismissed from his employment at the [redacted] Selma, Alabama, on January 16, 1965, for attending a meeting at which the Reverend Martin Luther King spoke on January 14, 1965.

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Dismissal of employees who attend such meetings may be intimidatory and in violation of the Civil Rights Act of 1957 and 1964.

In substance, the request desired [redacted] be interviewed to determine when he had been fired, the names and addresses of employees for the past ten years, and reasons for leaving previous employments. Various other things were desired by the request in reference to the firing of [redacted].

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On January 22, 1965, [redacted] Selma, Alabama, advised that [redacted] was employed by [redacted] from June 26, 1953 to August 3, 1956, and from December 28, 1964, to the present as [redacted] stated that [redacted] called the president of his company, [redacted] from the City Jail on December 15, 1965, and asked him for a job so that he could pay the fine imposed upon him incidental to an arrest. [redacted] stated that [redacted] had paid [redacted] fine and he was released from jail on December 15, 1964, and was presently working for [redacted].

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ENCLOSURE

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS
DALLAS COUNTY ALABAMA
VOTING DISCRIMINATION

It was determined that [REDACTED] present address
is [REDACTED] Selma, Alabama.

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The above information was furnished to Departmental
Attorney Carl Gabel at Selma, Alabama, on January 23, 1965,
and he stated he desired no further investigation in the
matter.

This document contains neither recommendations
nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI
and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not
to be distributed outside your agency.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Assistant Attorney General
CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION

FROM : Director, FBI

DATE: 1/28/65

SUBJECT: REGISTRARS OF VOTERS
DALLAS COUNTY ALABAMA
VOTING DISCRIMINATION
CIVIL RIGHTS - ELECTION LAWS

Reference is made to _____ memorandum dated _____
(your file _____).

There is enclosed one copy of ~~the report of Special Agent~~
~~XXXXX~~ a letterhead memorandum dated ~~1/26/65~~
at Mobile.

- A. This covers the preliminary investigation and no further action concerning a full investigation will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.
- B. The investigation is continuing and you will be furnished copies of reports as they are received.
- C. The investigation requested by you has now been completed. Unless advised to the contrary no further inquiries will be made by this Bureau.
- D. Pursuant to instructions issued by the Department, no investigation will be conducted in this matter unless specifically directed by the Department.
- E. Please advise whether you desire any further investigation.
- F. This is submitted for your information and you will be advised of further developments.
- G. This is submitted for your information and no further investigation will be conducted unless specifically requested by the Department.
- H. This covers the receipt of a complaint and no further action will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

Enc. **NOTE:** This will confirm conversation between Mr. Brian Landsburgh, CRD, and SA [redacted] on 1/26/65 at which time Mr. Landsburgh requested attached investigation be conducted.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-12831)

FROM : SAC, MOBILE (44-557)(P)

SUBJECT: ~~REGISTRARS OF VOTERS OF~~
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Reference is made to Mobile teletype to the Bureau at 5:02 p.m., 2/4/65, setting forth provisions of an order issued that date by U. S. District Court, Mobile.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are two copies of court order of U. S. District Judge DANIEL H. THOMAS, 2/4/65, in the matter entitled United States of America versus Victor B. Atkins, Et Al, Civil Action 2584.

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Special Agent in Charge

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA
NORTHERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)
)
Plaintiff,) CIVIL ACTION
)
VERSUS) NO. 2584
)
VICTOR B. ATKINS, AUBREY C. ALLEN)
and JOSEPH BIBB, REGISTRARS OF)
VOTERS OF DALLAS COUNTY, ALABAMA;)
and STATE OF ALABAMA,)
)
Defendants.)

This cause was taken under submission on the 12th day of November 1964 at the conclusion of hearing on plaintiff's motion filed March 5, 1964, during which hearing defendants' "Motion to Dismiss and Answer" filed October 5, 1964, was also considered, together with motion of the defendant State of Alabama, filed in open court November 12, 1964, for judgment or directed verdict. On the same day, leave was given to the parties to file briefs; and the Court having considered the evidence and the briefs filed herein, finds as follows:

This is a supplementary proceeding by the United States seeking orders requiring the defendant members of the Board of Registrars of Dallas County, Alabama, to observe certain requirements and procedures in registering voters. This is also a proceeding in contempt in that certain of the acts complained of are alleged to be in violation of this Court's injunction of November 1, 1963.

The application of the United States seeks an order requiring the defendants to register each applicant for registration whose application discloses that he meets the qualifications and standards theretofore applied by the registrars of Dallas County to other applicants; an order requiring said defendants to register certain named rejected applicants alleged by the United States to have been qualified and to have been rejected for registration on account of race; an order requiring the defendants to provide accommodations and personnel sufficient for the expeditious receipt and processing of applications for registration from all persons who seek to apply for registration

to vote in Dallas County; an order requiring the defendants to file with the Court written proposed standards for the grading of registration questionnaires; and for other supplementary orders. The United States also seeks a specific finding by the Court that the defendants have deprived Negro citizens of the right to vote without distinction of race pursuant to a pattern or practice of discrimination. In its proposed relief, the United States also asks that the Board be enjoined from using new and different registration tests which have been put into use in Dallas County in 1964.

A study of the testimony and documentary evidence submitted in this case discloses that much of the evidence is undisputed. Dallas County, Alabama, has a voting age population of 29,515, of which 14,400 are white persons and 15,115 are Negroes. As of the date of the hearing on this motion, 9,542 white persons and 335 Negroes were qualified voters in Dallas County. Between May 1962 and August 1964, the defendant registrars accepted only 93 of 795 applications of Negroes and 945 of 1,232 applications of white persons.

The defendant registrars receive and process applications for registration in an office in the Dallas County Courthouse which has a front room and a back room, each of which is about 12' by 12'. The front room is where the applicants customarily have filled out the informal portions of the application, taken the oath, and had the supporting witness vouch for them. In the back room, the applicants take registration tests. Customarily the defendant registrars have permitted not more than four applicants in the front room simultaneously and only one applicant at a time to occupy the back room.

The result has been an extremely slow registration process. During the month of October 1963, for example, they processed an average of 27 applicants each registration day. Between October 15 and October 30, 1963, approximately sixty priority numbers were issued to prospective applicants on each of the registration days. On none of these days, however, were sixty applicants processed. On October 7, 1963, between 200 and 300 persons, most of whom were Negroes, appeared at the Courthouse

to register, but only 54 were processed.

During the five consecutive special registration days in July, no more than twenty-two persons were able to apply for registration on any one day. On none of these days did the registrars receive applications from all of the prospective registrants who were issued priority numbers. The defendants have given no evidence showing any efforts which have been made by the registrars to streamline the registration system, to use additional facilities in the Courthouse where numerous applicants could apply simultaneously, or to add clerical help to alleviate the gross delays.

The Board of Registrars has, since the date of this Court's decree of November 1, 1962, employed a variety of new registration tests, some of their own making and some prescribed by the Supreme Court of Alabama. In February 1964, the Board began to use a new test promulgated by the Supreme Court of Alabama which required the applicants to answer four questions on government, to read aloud excerpts from the Constitution, and to write from dictation words or phrases from the Constitution. The words for dictation were selected by the registrars and they were very difficult words. In April the Board required applicants to explain one of the excerpts which they read. In September 1964, the Board began to use a revised set of tests which require applicants to answer four questions on government, answer four questions based on written excerpts from the Constitution, and to write from dictation one or more excerpts from the Constitution. These two tests, the February and September tests both, are more difficult than any tests previously required of voters in Dallas County. Insofar as these tests involve elements of oral reading or oral dictation, they violate section 101(a)(2)(C) of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 which requires all literacy tests to be "wholly in writing."

The United States seeks an order which would grant relief against the use of the more stringent tests employed in 1964. When this case was originally before this Court, the Court was of the opinion that relief of this type was not appropriate

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under the statute. In the view of this Court, it was not authorized to supersede or enjoin practices and procedures which were in accord with the letter of State law. Since that time, the Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit has ruled to the contrary, and this Court is, of course, bound by that Court's decision. United States v. Duke, 332 F.2d 759 (C.A. 5, 1964). Also, since a previous decision of this Court in this case, the Congress has enacted the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which in section 101(a)(2)(A) provides:

"No person acting under color of law shall ... in determining whether any individual is qualified under State law or laws to vote in any Federal election, apply any standard, practice, or procedure different from the standards, practices, or procedures applied under such law or laws to other individuals within the same county, parish, or similar political subdivision who have been found by State officials to be qualified to vote."

Accordingly, the Court enters the following order:

The motion of defendants to dismiss, filed October 5, 1965, is denied.

The motion of the State of Alabama for judgment or directed verdict, filed November 12, 1964, is moot. The relief granted herein is directed against the Board of Registrars.

This Court specifically finds that the defendants have deprived Negroes of the right to vote without distinction of race or color and such deprivations have been pursuant to a pattern and practice.

It is the order of this Court that the defendants, Registrars of Voters of Dallas County, Alabama, are hereby restrained and enjoined:

1. From failing or refusing to receive and process expeditiously applications for registration to vote;
2. To expedite the registration of voters in Dallas County by receiving and processing at least 100 applications on each registration day, provided that number of persons present themselves for registration;
3. To provide adequate personnel and facilities for the registration of voters so that at least eight applicants can apply for registration simultaneously;

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4. To observe the following procedures for the receipt of applications for registration to vote in Dallas County:

- (a) Applicants shall be permitted to apply for registration in the order in which they appear at the registrar's office for that purpose.
- (b) Applicants who appear to apply for registration shall be requested to immediately sign an appearance sheet and shall be issued successive numbers in the order in which they appear and shall be permitted to apply for registration in that order without having to wait in line.
- (c) An appearance sheet shall be maintained showing the name of each person who offers himself for registration and the priority number assigned to him.
- (d) At the end of each registration day the defendants shall post in a conspicuous place in the courthouse and on the door of their office the date of the next registration day, the first number which will be called on the next registration day, and the numbers if any which were called that day but were not answered.
- (e) Any prospective applicants who fail to appear when their numbers are called shall be called first on the next registration day in their proper sequence, but any prospective applicant who fails to appear on two successive days shall lose his priority and must obtain a new number if he still desires to apply for registration.

5. From administering to applicants for registration to vote the insert Part III test now in use. The literacy of applicants shall be judged by their writing in filling out Part II of the application form now in use;

6. From denying registration to Negro applicants on the grounds that they made formal, technical or inconsequential errors or omissions in filling out their application forms;

7. To submit to this Court on or before the fourth Monday of each month a photocopy of the appearance sheet showing each entry not previously submitted to the Court with the symbol "A" indicating all applications accepted, the symbol "R" indicating all applications rejected, and the symbol "F" indicating all persons who failed to appear when their number was called.

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No applications shall be allowed to remain in a pending status.

8. In the event the defendants are unable, except for good cause shown, by the end of the special registration days in July 1965, to receive and process all of the applications from persons who have signed the priority sheet and have presented themselves at the provided time to be processed prior to July 1, 1965, this Court will deem that all such persons, not processed, have been denied the opportunity to register within the meaning of 42 U.S.C. 1971(e) and will instruct the voter referee, already appointed by this Court, to receive and process applications submitted by them.

The Court also wishes to make clear that any rejected Negro applicant from this date forward may apply to this Court for registration in accordance with the provisions of 42 U.S.C. 1971(e).

Dated this the 4th day of February 1965.

DANIEL H. THOMAS
District Judge

Filed February 4, 1965, 1:15 P.M.

William J. O'Connor, Clerk.

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REGISTRARS OF VOTERS, DALLAS COUNTY, ALA., VOTING
DISCRIMINATION. CR - EL.

REMO TEL TO THE BUREAU FEB. FIVE, SIXTYFIVE.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ADVISED TODAY THAT NO ACTIVITIES OR DEMONSTRATIONS,
EXCEPT STRATEGY MEETINGS AND VOTER WORKSHOPS, ARE PLANNED FOR
TODAY. NEGRO MASS MEETING PLANNED FOR TOMORROW NIGHT, FEB.
SEVEN, SIXTYFIVE. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING LEFT SELMA APPROXIMATELY
EIGHT O'CLOCK A. M., CST, EN ROUTE TO MONTGOMERY, ALA. HE LEFT
MONTGOMERY, ALA., VIA DELTA FLIGHT SIX ONE FOUR AT NINE TEN
A.M., CST, EN ROUTE TO ATLANTA, GA. INFORMATION HAS BEEN
RECEIVED THAT KING INTENDS TO FLY TO WASHINGTON, D. C. FEB.
SEVEN, SIXTYFIVE; HOWEVER, DETAILS REGARDING THIS TRIP ARE NOT
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KNOWN. ONLY INFORMATION AVAILABLE IS THAT KING ALLEGEDLY WILL MEET WITH PRESIDENT JOHNSON, IF HE OBTAINS AN APPOINTMENT, TO DISCUSS VOTER REGISTRATION MATTERS RELATIVE TO ALA. KING IS EXPECTED TO RETURN TO MONTGOMERY, ALA., FEB. EIGHT, SIXTYFIVE TO SPEAK TO MASS MEETING AND WILL POSSIBLY RETURN TO SELMA FEB. NINE, SIXTYFIVE.

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL JOHN DOAR, CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION, WHO IS ON THE SCENE AT SELMA, ALA., HAS BEEN ADVISED OF PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS CONTAINED HEREIN. DOAR, WHO MET WITH DR. KING AND OTHER NEGRO LEADERS NIGHT OF FEB. FIVE, SIXTYFIVE, ADVISED THAT THEY WERE "NOT PLEASED" WITH THE ORDER ISSUED BY USDJ DANIEL H. THOMAS, SDA, ON FEB. FOUR, SIXTYFIVE, AS THEY FEEL IT IS TOO VAGUE IN ITS INSTRUCTIONS TO THE DALLAS COUNTY VOTER REGISTRATION BOARD.

[REDACTED] SELMA, ALA., ADVISED TODAY HE HAS CONFERRED WITH ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL DOAR AND HE WAS ARRANGING FOR DOAR TO MEET WITH REX MORTHLUND, PRESIDENT, AND FRANK WILSON, VICE PRESIDENT, PEOPLES BANK AND TRUST CO., WHO HAVE BEEN INFLUENTIAL IN ESTABLISHING

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DISCRIMINATION. CR - EL.

REMYTEL TODAY.

NEGRO SOURCE ADVISED VOTER REGISTRATION WORKSHOPS TO BE HELD
BROWN'S CHAPEL AME CHURCH, ST. PAULS CHURCH, TABERNACLE BAPTIST
CHURCH, HOPEWELL BAPTIST CHURCH AND NORTHERN HEIGHTS PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH THIS DATE.

COVERAGE AFFORDED BY BUREAU AGENTS REFLECT ACTIVITY AT
HOPEWELL BAPTIST CHURCH, TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH AND ST. PAULS
CHURCH ONLY. WORKSHOPS COMMENCED AT SEVEN P.M. CST AND ALL
TERMINATED BY NINE THIRTY P.M. CST. OBSERVATION BY BUREAU AGENTS
REFLECT NOT MORE THAN TWENTY PEOPLE IN ATTENDANCE AT EACH MEETING.

NO EVIDENCE OF COVERAGE BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

NO INCIDENTS OCCURRED.

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REMYTEL SIX FIFTYSIX PM THIS DATE.

FOR INFO OF BUREAU THE LAST OF TWO HUNDRED NEGRO STUDENTS THAT
WERE CONFINED AT CAMP THOMASTON, ALA., APPROXIMATELY SEVENTYFIVE,
WHO WERE ARRESTED TWO TWO SIXTYFIVE HAVE BEEN RETURNED TO SELMA, ALA.,
TODAY AND HAVE BEEN PROCESSED, RELEASED OR ARE BEING PROCESSED AND
RELEASED BY PROBATE JUDGE.

THE SEVENTYONE NEGRO ADULTS AND THREE WHITE ADULTS ARRESTED
TODAY FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT DURING DEMONSTRATION AT DALLAS COUNTY
COURTHOUSE WERE PROCESSED AT THE OLD NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY,
WASHINGTON ST., SELMA, ALA. THESE ARE BEING RELEASED ON ONE
HUNDRED DOLLARS PERSONAL RECOGNIZANCE BOND IF RESIDENTS OF DALLAS
COUNTY, ALA., AND ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS SURETY BOND IF NON-RESIDENTS.

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AS OF FIVE THIRTY P.M. CST ONLY TWENTY OF THE ABOVE WERE STILL BEING PROCESSED.

ALL PERSONS, TWENTYTWO IN NUMBER, NEGROES, ARRESTED ON TWO ONE DASH TWO SIXTYFIVE ON CHARGE OF CONTRIBUTING TO DELINQUENCY OF MINORS WERE RELEASED TWO FOUR, LAST ON BOND. TWENTYONE MADE ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS SURETY BONDS, ONE SIGNED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS PERSONAL RECOGNIZANCE BOND.

REGARDING THREE NEGROES ARRESTED TWO ONE SIXTYFIVE ON MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES, SUCH AS PUBLIC DRUNK, CRIMINAL PROVOCATION AND UNLAWFUL ASSEMBLY, ALL HAVE BEEN RELEASED ON BOND AS OF TWO FOUR SIXTYFIVE. TWO MADE THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS SURETY BOND AND ONE SIGNED OWN BOND.

THE APPROXIMATELY FOUR HUNDRED AND FIFTY NEGRO STUDENTS ARRESTED IN TODAYS DEMONSTRATION ARE STILL AT CAMP SELMA AND DISPOSITION RELATIVE TO THEM IS NOT KNOWN AT PRESENT TIME.

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING MADE PRESS RELEASE TODAY AT BROWN'S CHAPEL AME CHURCH THREE FORTYFIVE P.M. CST AND HE REPORTEDLY STATED THAT HE WANTED TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT JOHNSON MONDAY

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REGARDING CHANGES IN THE VOTING APPLICATION IN ALABAMA. HE ALSO STATED THAT HE AND REV. ABERNATHY HAD RECEIVED QUOTE PROPER TREATMENT ENDQUOTE DURING HIS CONFINEMENT TO SELMA CITY JAIL. HE STATED THAT ON MONDAY NEXT HE WOULD SPEAK AT A MASS MEETING MONTGOMERY, ALA., AND DEMONSTRATIONS TO ENCOURAGE VOTER REGISTRATION WOULD BE DISCUSSED AT THIS MEETING.

KING LEFT BROWN'S CHAPEL APPROX FOUR FRTYFIVE P.M. CST AND TRAVELED TO MARION, ALA. HE INDICATED HE WOULD RETURN TO SELMA, ALA., FOR MEETING AT BROWN'S CHAPEL SEVEN THIRTY PM TONIGHT.

NEGRO SOURCE SELMA REPORTED TODAY THAT QUOTE SELMA POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS HAD SHOT AT SOME NEGRO CHILDREN INVOLVED IN THE RACIAL DEMONSTRATIONS IN SELMA ENDQUOTE. THIS INFO DISCUSSED WITH AAG JOHN DOAR ON SCENE AT SELMA. INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED PER REQUEST OF DOAR, REPRESENTATIVE NUMBER OF NEGRO CHILDREN INTERVIEWED AND STATEMENTS OBTAINED FROM SELMA POLICE DEPARTMENT. INFO CONCERNING INCIDENT WAS THAT OFFICER FIRED WARNING SHOT IN AIR AT TIME NEGRO STUDENTS ATTEMPTING TO RUN IN ALLEY AND NO CHILD INJURIED AS RESULT OF SHOT. THIS INFO BEING REPORTED IN MOBILE FILE ONE SEVEN THREE DASH FOUR FOUR CAPTIONED U. S. VERSUS

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JAMES G. CLARK, JR., SHERIFF DALLAS COUNTY, SELMA, ALA., ET AL,
CR - EL PER REQUEST OF AAG DOAR.

DEPT ATTORNEY CARL GABEL BEING APPRISED OF PERTIENT
DETAILS HEREIN.

ATLANTA AND BIRMINGHAM ADVISED AM.

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REMYTEL TODAY.

AT APPROXIMATELY ELEVEN FORTYFIVE A.M. CST, A GROUP OF SEVENTYFOUR PERSONS, FORTYFOUR FEMALES, THIRTY MALES, ALL NEGROES, AND TWO WHITE MALES PLUS ONE WHITE FEMALE, MARCHED FROM BROWN'S CHAPEL A.M.E. CHURCH, SYLVAN ST., TO THE ALABAMA STREET ENTRANCE OF THE DALLAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE WHERE THEY WERE CONFRONTED ON THE STEPS AT THE ALA. ST. ENTRANCE, BY DALLAS COUNTY SHERIFF JAMES G. CLARK, JR. AT ELEVEN FIFTYEIGHT A.M. CLARK READ AN ORDER OF CIRCUIT JUDGE JAMES HARE ISSUED FEB. THREE, LAST WHICH WAS DESCRIBED IN WOTEL FEB. THREE IN FULL. THE GROUP WAS LED BY REV. CORDY T. VIVIAN, SCLC STAFF MEMBER, WHO ASKED TO SEE THE REGISTRAR OF VOTERS, AND AFTER CLARK READ THE ABOVE ORDER TO HIM VIVIAN MADE SEVERAL STATEMENTS CONCERNING CLARK AND HIS APPARENT STAND ON THE RACIAL SITUATION REGARDING NEGROES AND THEN LED THE

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GROUP IN PRAYER. AFTER THE PRAYER WAS CONCLUDED, CLARK INFORMED THEM THEY WERE UNDER ARREST FOR QUOTE, CONTEMPT OF COURT, UNQUOTE AND TOOK THEM INTO THE BUILDING TO THE SECOND FLOOR CIRCUIT COURT ROOM. AGAIN CIRCUIT JUDGE JAMES HARE READ HIS ORDER TO THEM A SECOND TIME. AT APPROXIMATELY TWO THIRTY P.M. CST THESE PERSONS WERE BEING TRANSFERRED BY BUS FROM THE DALLAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE TO THE OLD NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY ON WASHINGTON ST. IN SELMA. NOTHING HAS BEEN DONE BY JUDGE HARE RELATIVE TO DISPOSITION OF THE CHARGE AGAINST THESE SEVENTYFOUR INDIVIDUALS. REPORTEDLY THE TRANSFER FROM THE COURTHOUSE TO THE NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY WAS DONE BECAUSE OF THE FACT CIRCUIT JUDGE HARE IS HOLDING A CONFERENCE AT THREE P.M. CST IN THE COURTROOM WITH THE ALABAMA CONGRESSMEN WHO ARE ON THE SCENE AT SELMA, ALA. THESE INDIVIDUALS ARE DICK DICKINSON, JOHN BUCHANAN, JIM MARTIN, AND GLENN ANDREWS. IT WAS ASCERTAINED THIS MEETING IS A CLOSED MEETING, NOT OPEN TO THE PRESS OR ANY OTHER INDIVIDUAL. AFTER HARE COMPLETES HIS CONFERENCE WITH THE ALA. CONGRESSMEN, HE REPORTEDLY WILL THEN DISPOSE OF THE CASES AGAINST THE SEVENTYFOUR INDIVIDUALS ARRESTED THIS MORNING.

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AT APPROXIMATELY TWELVE THIRTYSEVEN P.M. A GROUP OF APPROX. FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY NEGRO STUDENTS BEGAN MARCHING TO THE DALLAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE FROM THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH. THIS MARCH WAS ACCOMPLISHED BY SEPARATING INTO GROUPS OF FOUR AND FIVE AND WALKING APPROXIMATELY TEN TO FIFTEEN FEET APART. AFTER THEY ARRIVED AT THE DALLAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, THEY MADE LINES OF STUDENTS BACK AND FORTH ON THE LAUDERDALE ST. SIDE OF THE DALLAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE WHERE THEY BEGAN SINGING FREEDOM SONGS AND HOLDING PLACARDS THEY TOOK FROM UNDER THEIR CLOTHES WHICH RELATED TO VOTER REGISTRATION. AFTER THE ENTIRE GROUP HAD ARRIVED AT THE DALLAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE SIDEWALK, SHERIFF JAMES G. CLARK READ A COPY OF THE ORDER OF CIRCUIT JUDGE HARE DATED FEB. THREE, LAST TO THE GROUP OVER A BULL HORN. AS NOTED, THIS ORDER WAS FURNISHED THE BUREAU IN MOTEL OF FEB. THREE, LAST. THE GROUP WAS TOLD BY CLARK TO DISPERSE, AND AFTER THEY REFUSED TO DO SO AND BEGAN SINGING MORE FREEDOM SONGS, THEY WERE PLACED UNDER ARREST BY SHERIFF CLARK AT ONE EIGHTEEN P.M. AND MARCHED NORTH ON LAUDERDALE ST. TO THE OLD NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY. SHORTLY THEREAFTER, THEY

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WERE ALL LOADED ON SCHOOL BUSES AND TAKEN TO ALA. PRISON CAMP,
HWY. EIGHTY WEST, SELMA, ALA. THE LAST BUS LEFT THE ARMORY
WITH A GROUP OF STUDENTS AT TWO FIFTEEN P.M. CST. [REDACTED]

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AT ONE TWELVE P.M., DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING AND REV. RALPH
ABERNATHY LEFT THE SELMA CITY JAIL AFTER THEIR BONDS OF ONE
HUNDRED DOLLARS POSTED BY REV. L. L. ANDERSON AND EDWIN L. D.
X ROSS. THEY WENT FROM THE JAIL IN A LATE MODEL CADILLAC AT ONE A1A
FORTYFIVE P.M. TO THE RESIDENCE OF MRS. AMELIA BOYNTON, ONE THREE
FIVE FIVE LAPSLEY ST. AT THE BOYNTON RESIDENCE, THEY WERE MET
BY THE SIXTEEN CONGRESSMEN REFERRED TO IN RETEL, AND A FEW BRIEF
COMMENTS WERE MADE BY KING TO SOME PRESS REPRESENTATIVES ON THE
SCENE, AND HE ANNOUNCED HE WOULD HOLD A FORMAL PRESS CONFERENCE
AT THREE P.M. TODAY AT BROWN'S CHAPEL AME CHURCH, HOWEVER AS OF
THREE THIRTY P.M. THERE HAS BEEN NO REPORT OF THIS PRESS CONFERENCE
BEING HELD. AS OF THREE THIRTY P.M. CST, KING WAS STILL LOCATED
IN THE HOME OF DR. SULLIVAN JACKSON, ONE FOUR ONE SIX LAPSLEY
ST., SELMA, ALA.

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AS OF THREE THIRTY P.M. CST, IT WAS REPORTED PART OF THE DELEGATION OF SIXTEEN CONGRESSMEN FROM WASHINGTON HAD MERGED WITH THE DELEGATION OF ALA. CONGRESSMEN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT ROOM OF JUDGE HARE WHERE A CLOSED CONFERENCE IS BEING HELD AND ADMITTANCE BARRED BY ALA. STATE TROOPERS. SEVERAL OF THE DELEGATION OF CONGRESSMEN FROM WASHINGTON, D.C., ARE PRESENTLY OUTSIDE OF BROWN'S CHAPEL AME CHURCH AS OF THREE THIRTY P.M. BEING QUESTIONED BY MEMBERS OF THE NEWS MEDIA.

ASST. ATTORNEY GENERAL JOHN DOAR AND CHARLES QUAINANCE, DEPT. ATTORNEY, ON SCENE AT SELMA BEING ADVISED. IT IS NOTED BOTH OF THESE DEPARTMENTAL OFFICIALS OBSERVED THE DEMONSTRATIONS AND THE ABOVE ARRESTS.

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Date: 1-28-65

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FROM: SAC, JACKSON(44-883) (RUC)

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DALLAS COUNTY, ALABAMA
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1cc of LHM to ISD by
0-6-2-3-65.

Re Jackson teletypes to Bureau and Mobile 1-18-65,
1-19-65 and 1-20-65.

Enclosed for Bureau are an original and seven copies
of LHM. Enclosed for Mobile is one copy of LHM.

The affidavit of [redacted], dated
1-18-65 in which he denies knowing a [redacted] has
been maintained in Jackson file.

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[redacted] was interviewed on 1-19-65 by SAS [redacted]
and [redacted]. The attempted interview of [redacted]
was made by SA [redacted]. The interviews on 1-20-65 with [redacted]
Mississippi, [redacted] and [redacted]
were conducted by SAS [redacted]
and [redacted].

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No further investigation being conducted in this
matter.

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REGISTRARS OF VOTERS
DALLAS COUNTY, ALABAMA
VOTING DISCRIMINATION

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that he knew of no discussion concerning a threat to kill Martin Luther King or concerning any conspiracy to kill Martin Luther King. He advised that he did not hear any such comment while at the two-day meeting and did not hear any rumors to that effect.

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On January 20, 1965, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] recalled that the table was occupied by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] an unidentified white male, approximately 45 - 48 years of age, approached the table where [REDACTED] was sitting.

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DALLAS COUNTY, ALABAMA
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AIA [REDACTED] DC [REDACTED] LA [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] The above
unknown white male approached [REDACTED] and
stated, "I heard King won't be here long if he goes to
Selma, Alabama". All of the individuals seated at the table
had been [REDACTED] and the individual that approached
the table had apparently also been [REDACTED] at the meetings and was
apparently known to [REDACTED] stated that he did not
hear any comment by [REDACTED] about an alleged killing
of Martin Luther King. He believes that all individuals
at the table heard the above comment, but does not believe
any of them took the comment seriously. All had been
drinking before the meal, but no one was intoxicated. [REDACTED]
advised he has no knowledge of any conspiracy to kill Martin
Luther King and is certain that the individuals seated at his
table in the restaurant were not engaged in any conspiracy
to kill King. b7c
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On January 20, 1965, [REDACTED] C-21/F

[REDACTED] advised
that he has no knowledge of any conspiracy to kill Martin
Luther King. He stated that he had attended CCA meetings
at the Whitley Hotel in Montgomery, Alabama, on January 15-16,
1965, but does not recall any comments at the meetings or
any rumors [REDACTED] the meetings that indicated
King would be killed or that there was a conspiracy to kill
King. [REDACTED] stated that he is certain in his mind that none
of the responsible leaders of CCA would have anything to do
with attempted violence against Martin Luther King.

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DALLAS COUNTY, ALABAMA
VOTING DISCRIMINATION

On January 20, 1965, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that he attended the National Conference of CCA at Montgomery, Alabama, which took place at the Whitley Hotel on January 15-16, 1965. He does not recall making any statement either at the meetings or in the private company of any of the individuals attending the meetings that he had heard Martin Luther King would be killed within 36 hours, at Selma, Alabama. [REDACTED] advised that it is possible he made some statement in jest concerning the possibility that some one would kill King. He advised that if he made such a statement it was not based on any personal knowledge of a conspiracy or based upon any information he had received concerning a conspiracy to kill King. He is certain that he did not make any such comment before one of the official meetings but if any such comment was made by him it was made in an informal private group. He advised that he has no information concerning any conspiracy to kill King and would not be a party to any such violent act. He stated that he feels certain no official of the CCA would be involved in any conspiracy or intended to do any violent act against King. [REDACTED] indicated that during the meetings he heard numerous rumors around the Whitley Hotel about King. All these rumors were speculative in nature and were mainly concerned with possible trouble in Selma, Alabama. [REDACTED] indicated that he was not particularly popular with CCA and occasionally some joking occurred by CCA members about King. [REDACTED] advised that rumors at the Hotel included speculation that a clash might occur between George Lincoln Rockwell and King at Selma. He also heard rumors at the Hotel that Rockwell intended to move into the Whitley Hotel while the CCA was having its meetings and occupying the hotel. These Rockwell

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rumors lead CCA to place a guard at the entrance to their meetings. The rumors proved to be unfounded as Rockwell never did come to the Hotel. [REDACTED] indicated that various rumors about King and Rockwell were probably based from member to member at the CCA meetings. He has no information concerning the origin of the rumor about someone killing King.

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TO DIRECTOR /44-12831/

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REMYTEL TODAY.

A GROUP OF APPROXIMATELY TWO HUNDRED NINETEEN NEGRO STUDENTS
BEGAN MARCHING IN SMALL GROUPS FROM FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, SYLVAN
ST., TO THE DALLAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, THE FIRST GROUP ARRIVING AT
THREE THIRTYNINE PM CST AND CONTINUED CONGREGATING UNTIL THE
ENTIRE GROUP WAS LINED UP ON THE WEST SIDE OF LAUDERDALE ST. ALONG
SIDE THE DALLAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE FACING EAST, THE LAST GROUP
ARRIVING AT THREE FIFTYEIGHT PM. THE GROUPS STOOD QUIETLY ALONG
SIDE THE COURTHOUSE, SOME HOLDING PLACARDS CONTAINING VARIOUS STATE-
MENTS RELATIVE TO VOTING, UNTIL FOUR NINETEEN PM WHEN THEY
MARCHING AWAY TOWARD BROWNS CHAPEL AME CHURCH, SYLVAN ST.
TOWARD FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH. AS THE LINE STARTED BREADING UP, THREE
NEGRO MALES WERE ARRESTED BY DEPUTY SHERIFFS OF THE DALLAS COUNTY

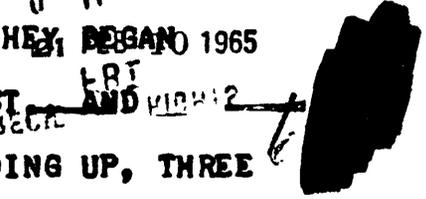
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PERSONS APPEARED TO BE OLDER THAN OTHER NEGRO STUDENTS AND APPEARED TO BE ORGANIZERS OR ADMINISTRATING THE LINES. OTHER NEGRO CHILDREN CONTINUED MARCHING BACK TOWARD BROWNS CHAPEL AME CHURCH AND FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH WITH A NUMBER DISPERSING.

THE FIFTY PERSONS ARRESTED EARLIER TODAY, INCLUDING REV. JAMES BEVEL, SCLC LEADER, ON CONTEMPT OF COURT CHARGES WERE ALL BROUGHT BEFORE CIRCUIT JUDGE JAMES A. HARE, DALLAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, AND FOUND GUILTY ON CONTEMPT CHARGES AND EACH WAS INDIVIDUALLY SENTENCED TO FIFTY DOLLARS AND FIVE DAYS.

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[REDACTED] ADVISED HE HAS RECEIVED NO PLANS REGARDING ANY MASS MEETING OR FURTHER DEMONSTRATIONS TODAY.

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BOARD OF REGISTRARS CLOSED FOUR THIRTY PM AND THIRTEEN
NUMBERS HAD BEEN ISSUED, ALL TO NEGROES. VICTOR ATKINS, CHAIRMAN,
SAID BOARD WILL BE OPEN EACH DAY THIS WEEK FOR ISSUANCE OF NUMBERS
BUT WILL NOT CONDUCT REGISTRATIONS UNTIL MONDAY FEB. FIFTEENTH,
NEXT.

DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY BRIAN LANDSBERG ON THE SCENE BEING
ADVISED PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS.

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TO DIRECTOR /44-12831/

FROM MOBILE /44-557/

Election Laws

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS, DALLAS COUNTY, SELMA, ALA., VOTING
DISCRIMINATION. CR, EL. *ELECTION LAWS*

A NEGRO MASS MEETING COMMENCED AT EIGHT FORTYFIVE A.M. AT BROWN'S CHAPEL AME CHURCH, WITH AN ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE OF APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED SIXTY, MOSTLY ADULTS. AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, CORNER OF SYLVAN AND JEFF DAVIS AVE., A MEETING OF NEGRO STUDENTS ALSO BEGAN AROUND EIGHT FORTYFIVE AM, AND ATTENDANCE ESTIMATED AT TWO HUNDRE FIFTY TO THREE HUNDRED NEGRO SUTDENTS. NO DEMONSTRATIONS OR OTHER ACTIVITY AROUND THE COURTHOUSE, DALLAS COUNTY, HAS OCCURRED AS OF ELEVEN THIRTY A.M. CST.

U. S. MARSHAL GEORGE STUART, SDA, ADVISED INFORMATION HAD BEEN RECEIVED SIXTEEN CONGRESSMEN PLUS ADAM CLAYTON POWELL'S SEVENTEEN YEAR OLD SON ARE DUE TO ARRIVE IN MONTGOMERY, ALA. FEB 6 1965 ELEVEN THIRTY A.M. TODAY. THESE CONGRESSMEN WILL THEREAFTER TRAVEL TO SELMA AND LUNCH AT THE HOLIDAY INN. THEREAFTER THEY

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WILL ATTEMPT TO ARRANGE MEETING WITH DALLAS COUNTY AUTHORITIES AND SELMA CITY OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS PRESENT CIVIL RIGHTS SITUATION AT SELMA WITH THEM. [REDACTED]

SELMA, HAS ADVISED THE GENERAL CONSENSUS OF OPINION RIGHT NOW AMONG OFFICIALS OF THE COUNTY AND CITY IS THEY DO NOT DESIRE TO MEET WITH THE GROUP SINCE THEY FEEL IT IS A BIASED AND UN-OBJECTIVE, PUBLICITY SEEKING GROUP OF CONGRESSMEN DESIRING NOTHING MORE THAN TO MAKE QUOTE, "POLITICAL HAY," UNQUOTE OUT OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS SITUATION AT SELMA, [REDACTED] STATED, HOWEVER, THERE WAS STILL SOME DISCUSSION GOING ON AMONG THE OFFICIALS AND POSSIBLY THEIR STAND WOULD CHANGE LATER IN THE DAY AND THEY MIGHT MEET WITH THESE CONGRESSMEN.

U.S. MARSHAL ADVISES THAT AFTER THE CONGRESSMEN ARE SUPPOSED TO MEET WITH THE CITY AND COUNTY ADMINISTRATION, THEY WILL RECEIVE COMPLAINTS FROM CITIZENS REGARDING THE LOCAL RACIAL UNREST AT THREE P.M. CST IN THE SECOND FLOOR FEDERAL COURT ROOM IN THE FEDERAL BLDG. SELMA. THIS PROCEDURE WAS REPORTEDLY CLEARED WITH THE ATTORNEY

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GENERAL ON FEB. FOUR LAST. NO RADIO BROADCAST, TV OR PHOTOGRAPHIC COVERAGE WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE COURTHOUSE, HOWEVER REPORTERS WILL BE ALLOWED TO ATTEND THE SESSION WHERE THE CONGRESSMEN WILL RECEIVE COMPLAINTS FROM VARIOUS NEGROES WHO WERE CONFINED DURING THE RACIAL DEMONSTRATIONS AT SELMA. THESE CONGRESSMEN ARE REPORTED TO BE AS FOLLOWS:

BINGHAM OF NEW YORK, KOHELAR OF CALIF., CONYER OF MICH., DIGGS OF MICH., DOW OF NEW YORK, DYAL OF CALIF., HAWKINS OF CALIF., RESNICK OF NEW YORK, RYAN OF NEW YORK, SCHEUER OF NEW YORK, VIVIAN OF MICH., REED OF NEW YORK, MIATHAS OF MARYLAND, MORSE OF MASS., EDWARDS OF CALIF., AND NIX OF PA.

NO INFOATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED AS TO WHEN DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING OR REV. RALPH ABERNATHY WILL MAKE BOND AND LEAVE THE SELMA CITY JAIL, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] NO EFFORTS HAVE BEEN MADE BY EITHER KING OR ABERNATHY TO ARRANGE BOND. HOWEVER, AT NINE NINE A.M. REV. ANDREW YOUNG AND JAMES BEVEL. STAFF MEMBERS OF SCLC, HAD CONFERRED
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WITH DR. KING AT THE SELMA CITY JAIL TO FURTHER DISCUSS PLANS AND STATUS OF RACIAL DEMONSTRATIONS AT SELMA.

INFO HAS BEEN RECEIVED THAT AT APPROXIMATELY ELEVEN THIRTY A.M. A DELEGATION OF ALABAMA CONGRESSMEN ARRIVED IN SELMA AND ARE ON SCENE AND FURNISHING VARIOUS PRESS RELEASES CONCERNING THEIR BEING IN SELMA, HOWEVER THE IDENTITIES ARE NOT KNOWN AT THE PRESENT TIME, BUT THEY ARE CONFERRING WITH DALLAS COUNTY OFFICIALS AS OF ELEVEN THIRTY.

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL JOHN DOAR IS ON SCENE AT SELMA AND BEING ADVISED OF ALL PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS.

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ELECTION LAWS

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS, DALLAS COUNTY, ALABAMA, VOTING DISCRIMINATION

Civil Rights Election Laws

NEGRO MASS MEETING BROWNS CHAPEL AME CHURCH, SELMA TONIGHT
CENTRAL STANDARD TIME
BEGINNING AT SEVEN THIRTY PM ~~EST~~ AND TERMINATED APPROXIMATELY NINE
FORTYFIVE PM. MEETING ATTENDED BY ESTIMATED CROWD OF APPROXIMATELY
FIVE HUNDRED PERSONS.

PRINCIPAL SPEAKERS, JAMES BEVEL, ^{SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE} ~~SOLE~~, REV. FREDERICK D. REESE
PRESIDENT DALLAS CO. ^{WHITE MALE} VOTERS LEAGUE AND A ~~WM~~, RICHARD COX, WHO IS
ALLEGEDLY A MINISTER FROM NEW YORK. BEVEL STRESSED MORE DEMONSTRATIONS
MORE PETITIONING AND STATED ~~QUOTE~~ "IT WOULD NOT BE ^{QUET} ~~QUOTE~~ IN SELMA
FOR A LONG TIME ~~QUOTE~~. BEVEL ALSO EXTREMELY CRITICAL OF ^{U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE} ~~QUOTE~~

DANIEL H. THOMAS, MOBILE, CALLING HIM ^{EX-114} ~~QUOTE~~ "SEGREGATIONIST JUDGE"
~~QUOTE~~ WHO HAS BEEN CONFERRING WITH SHERIFF JAMES G. CLARK
ON THE SIDE. BEVEL STATED ~~QUOTE~~ "THE AMERICAN TRADITION WAS TO
~~QUOTE~~ LIE AND CHEAT AND ALWAYS WOULD BE ~~QUOTE~~ ^{SO} ~~QUOTE~~.
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~~REDACTED~~ SELMA ADVISED HE RECEIVED
INFO THAT, DALLAS CO. BOARD OF REGISTRARS WOULD HAVE A BOOK OPEN
EVERY DAY THIS WEEK AND AVAILABLE FOR NEGROES TO SIGN BOOK SO

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THEY COULD RECEIVE PRIORITY NUMBERS FOR REGISTRATION FEB. FIFTEEN NEXT. THAT BOARD OF REGISTRARS HAS STATED THEY WOULD ALLOW EVERY NEGRO WHO APPEARED TO REGISTER TO FILL OUT APPLICATION BY JULY ONE NEXT EVEN IF BOARD HAD TO HAVE EXTRA REGISTRATION DAYS IN ORDER TO COMPLY WITH USDJ THOMAS'S ORDER OF FEB. FOUR LAST.

JAMES BEVEL, SCLC WAS INFORMED OF THE ABOVE [REDACTED] IN PRESENCE OF BUREAU AGENT AND BEVEL STATED THIS WAS NOT ENOUGH THAT HE WANTED REGISTRATION BOARD OPEN TOMORROW AND THAT RECEIVING A PRIORITY NUMBER WOULD NOT SATISFY NEGROES AND HE HAD INSTRUCTED THEM TO GET A NUMBER TOMORROW BUT REMAIN IN LINE AT COURTHOUSE AND NOT LEAVE THE AREA. THAT THE NEGROES COULD ALWAYS GET A ~~SMILE~~ "FAVORABLE" ~~EMPHATIC~~ RULING FROM JUDGE TUTTLE IN ATLANTA IF THEY NEEDED IT AND THEY DIDN'T INTEND TO COMPLY WITH THE ORDER ISSUED BY JUDGE THOMAS.

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COVERAGE OF MEETING TONIGHT HANDLED BY BAKER AND TWO PLAIN CLOTHES OFFICERS OF SELMA ~~PD~~ ON SCENE. BUREAUAGENTS OBSERVING. ONE ~~PD~~ AND TWO ~~SO~~ CARS OBSERVED PATROLING IN AREA.

Police Department

Sheriff's Office

DEPT. ATTORNEYS BRIAN LANDSBERG AND MORTON SKLAR BEING ADVISED.

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GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

We are keeping the Department currently advised of developments in Selma, Alabama.

U. S. District Judge Daniel H. Thomas, mentioned in attached teletype, is the judge who issued a Federal order that all Negroes wishing to register were to be registered by the local authorities at Selma.

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111 AM CST 2/4/65 URGENT CCM

TO DIRECTOR (44-12831) AND WASHINGTON FIELD

FROM MOBILE (44-557) 3 PAGES

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS OF DALLAS COUNTY ALABAMA: ~~DISCRIMINATION~~ ^{Civil Rights Election Laws} ~~CR - FL.~~

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CENTRAL STANDARD TIME

REMOTEL TO DIRECTOR SIX ZERO SEVEN PM CST TWO THREE SIXTYFIVE

NEGRO MASS MEETING HELD AT BROWNS CHAPEL AME CHURCH,

SLYVAN STREET, SELMA, TONIGHT. MEETING BEGAN APPROXIMATELY SEVEN THIRTY PM CST AND TERMINATED AT TEN FORTYFIVE PM CST WITHOUT INCIDENT. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY TO SIX HUNDRED NEGROES.

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

PRINCIPAL SPEAKER WAS REV. FRED SHUTTLESWORTH, ~~SOLE~~ STAFF

WHO CALLED FOR CONTINUING DEMONSTRATIONS AT SELMA AND CONTINUING DRAMATIZATION OF RACIAL IMAGE OF THE BLACK BELT AREA OF ALABAMA.

NO SPECIFIC PLANS INDICATED FOR FEB FOUR INSTANT, HOWEVER,

GENERAL TONE OF MEETING INDICATED DEMONSTRATIONS WOULD CONTINUE.

COVERAGE OF MEETING HANDLED BY J. WILSON BAKER, DIRECTOR PUBLIC SAFETY, SELMA. TWO PLAIN CLOTHES POLICE OFFICERS, THREE PD CARS AND FOUR ^{Sheriff's Office} ~~S-O~~ CARS PATROLING AREA. BUREAU AGENTS OBSERVING.

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COPY OF ORDER OBTAINED FROM DALLAS CO COURTHOUSE WHICH IS REPORTED TO BE SERVED ON DEMONSTRATORS AND OTHER INDIVIDUALS IN SELMA. THIS ORDER IS SIGNED BY JAMES A. HARE, JUDGE OF CIRCUIT COURT, DALLAS CO., ALA AND DATED FEB THREE SIXTYFIVE. COMPLETE CONTEXT TO BE INCORPORATED IN WEEKLY ~~MEMO~~ ^{LETTERHEAD MEMORANDUM} HOWEVER IN SUMMATION THIS ORDER STATES IT WILL BE PLACED IN HANDS OF SHERIFF, ~~CO~~ ^{Chief of Police} SELMA AND IT DIRECTS THEM TO FULLY ENFORCE ORDER. THE ORDER STATES THAT THE COURT BY ITS PROCESS TO PRESERVE PEACE AND ETC AROUND THE DALLAS CO COURTHOUSE AND DUE TO DEMONSTRATIONS OCCURRING IN THE PAST TEN DAYS IT IS ORDERED THAT ANY PERSON OR PERSONS ~~QUOTE~~ ATTEMPTING TO ASSEMBLE IN, AROUND OR ABOUT DALLAS CO COURTHOUSE OR GROUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEMONSTRATING OR ASSEMBLING FOR SAID PURPOSE ~~BE~~ ^{be and are} HEREBY ORDERED TO SEPARATE AND ~~DIS~~ ^{AS}SEMBLE AND TO VACATE SAID COURTHOUSE GROUNDS AND ITS IMMEDIATE VICINITY SO AS NOT TO INTERFER WITH COURT IN THE DUE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE AND THE BUSINESS THAT IS CARRIED ON BY THE PUBLIC AT OR IN THE OFFICES OF SAID COURTHOUSE. THIS YOU WILL IN NO WISE OMIT UNDER PENALTY OF LAW ~~ENFORCE~~

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[REDACTED] SELMA ADVISED TONIGHT HE TALKED
TO A SCLC REPRESENTATIVE JOYCE ROLL /PH/ ^{NETIC} WHO IS REPORTED TO BE A
SECRETARY IN THE SCLC OFFICE WASHINGTON D C AND SHE ADVISED A CONGRESSIONAL
COMMITTEE HEADED BY ADAM CLAYTON POWELL AND FIVE OTHERS DESCRIBED
BY HER AS ~~QUOTE~~ LIBERALS ^M ~~END~~ OR NEGRO MEMBERS OF CONGRESS WOULD
ARRIVE SELMA FEB FIVE NEXT AND WILL STAY AT HOTEL ALBERT, SELMA.
PURPOSE OR LENGTH NOT KNOWN OTHER THAN TO ~~QUOTE~~ INVESTIGATE ^M ~~END~~
THE SITUATION IN SELMA.

WFO SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT LOGICAL SOURCE INCLUDING SCLC
OFFICE WASHINGTON FOR VERIFICATION OF ABOVE INFORMATION AND DETAILS
OF TRIP. SUTEL MOBILE.

HOTEL ALBERT, SELMA AT PRESENT HAS NO RESERVATIONS FOR ABOVE
GROUP.

DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS MORTON SKLAR AND CHARLES QUANTAINCE
BEING ADVISED.

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GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

Reverends Martin Luther King and Ralph Abernathy remain in jail in Selma, Alabama, after having been arrested 2/1/65 in connection with their Negro voter registration drive activities.

The drive organizers have been utilizing Negro school children to parade in support of the program and hundreds have been arrested this week for their participation in demonstration parades.

Acting Assistant Attorney General John Doar, evening of 2/3/65, requested investigation of conditions under which juveniles are detained at Camp Selma, Selma, Alabama, after allegations of mistreatment were received. This is being handled.

The Department is being currently advised of developments.

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12:43 AM CST URGENT 2/6/65 LPB
TO DIRECTOR (44-12831) AND ATLANTA
FROM MOBILE (44-557)

ELECTION LAWS

REGISTRATION OF VOTERS, DALLAS COUNTY, SELMA, ALABAMA, VOTING
DISCRIMINATION. Civil Rights Section Laws

REMOTELS TWO FIVE SIXTYFIVE.

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING SPOKE AT NEGRO MASS RALLI BROWN'S
CHAPEL AVE CHURCH TONIGHT FOR PERIOD OF APPROXIMATE THIRTY
MINUTES. PRIOR TO HIS RETURN TO SELMA ABOUT SEVEN THIRTY AM CST
HE HAD MADE TALK AT A METHODIST CHURCH IN MARION, ALA. AFTER
ARRIVAL BACK IN SELMA KING VISITED THE HOME OF DR. SULLIVAN JACKSON
AND ARRIVED AT BROWN'S CHAPEL AVE CHURCH ABOUT NINE ZERO FIVE PM
AND LEFT AT ABOUT TEN PM. AFTER HE LEFT CHURCH HE RETURNED TO
JACKSON HOME WHERE IT IS REPORTED HE WILL SPEND THE NIGHT.
AFTER HIS ARRIVAL AT THE JACKSON HOME AS JOHN DOAR WAS
BUREAU AGENTS ENTERING THE JACKSON RESIDENCE AND SHORTLY THEREAFTER
REV. FRED SHUTTLESWORTH AND WIFE, PETER HALL, NEGRO ATTORNEY FROM
BIRMINGHAM AND PERSON BELIEVED TO BE FRED WALLACE, NAAPC ATTORNEY

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FROM NEW YORK ARRIVED AT RESIDENCE. ABOUT TEN MINUTES LATER MOST
OF THE ~~SSLC~~ ^{SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE} STAFF WHO ARE LEADERS OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT IN
SELMA APPEARED AT THE JACKSON HOME AND ENTERED SAME. MEETING AT
HOME STILL IN PROGRESS AS OF ELEVEN FIFTEEN PM CST.

ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE AT MASS MEETING BROWN'S CHAPEL SEVEN TO
EIGHT HUNDRED NEGROES AND THREE TO FOUR HUNDRED NEGRO STUDENTS
GATHERING AROUND OUTSIDE OF CHURCH AS THEY WERE UNABLE TO GAIN
ENTRANCE INTO CHURCH BECAUSE OF CROWDED CONDITION.

KING IS REPORTED TO HAVE AGAIN STATED THAT HE WILL ATTEND A
MASS MEETING IN MONTGOMERY, ALA., TWO EIGHT, NEXT AND WILL
ORGANIZE A ~~QUOTE~~ "DRIVE" ~~ENDQUOTE~~ TO GET NEGROES REGISTERED IN
MONTGOMERY COUNTY. ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] KING WILL LEAVE b7D
MONTGOMERY, ALA., ON ~~QUOTE~~ "EARLY FLIGHT" ~~ENDQUOTE~~ TWO SIX, NEXT
TO ATLANTA, GA. WILL LEAVE ATLANTA ~~QUOTE~~ "SOMETIME SUNDAY NIGHT"
~~ENDQUOTE~~ TO SEVEN NEXT TO GO TO WASHINGTON, D.C. IN WASHINGTON
HE INTENDS TO ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN AN APPOINTMENT WITH PRESIDENT
JOHNSON FOR THE PURPOSE OF REQUESTING JOHNSON'S INTERVENTION IN
VOTER REGISTRATION MATTERS IN ALABAMA IN ORDER TO MAKE IT EASIER
TO BECOME A QUALIFIED VOTER. THEREAFTER HE INTENDS TO RETURN TO
SELMA OR MONTGOMERY, ALA., FOR MASS MEETING NIGHT OF TWO EIGHT

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REV. JAMES BEVEL, STAFF MEMBER SCLC, ADVISED [REDACTED] b7D
AT CHURCH THAT NO DEMONSTRATIONS ^{WERE} ~~WAS~~ SCHEDULED FOR TWO SIX DASH ²⁻⁶⁻⁶⁵
SEVEN SIXTYFIVE WITH EXCEPTION OF STRATEGY MEETING AND A MASS
MEETING ON NIGHT OF TWO SEVEN ²⁻⁷⁻⁶⁵ SIXTYFIVE.

PROBATE JUDGE BERNARD REYNOLDS, SELMA, ADVISED THAT THE FOUR
HUNDRED AND FIFTY NEGRO CHILDREN ARRESTED IN TODAY'S (TWO-FIVE-
SIXTYFIVE) DEMONSTRATION WERE BEING RELEASED TO THEIR PARENTS AT
CAMP SELMA AND THE PARENTS HAD BEEN ADVISED AT THE MASS MEETING
TONIGHT THEIR CHILDREN WOULD BE RELEASED IF THEY WOULD PICK THEM
UP AT THE CAMP.

COVERAGE OF MASS MEETING TONIGHT HANDLED BY J. WILSON BAKER,
PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR, SELMA, ALA. THREE PLAINCLOTHES PD OFFICERS
ON SCENE, ONE PD CAR AND THREE MOTORCYCLES OFFICERS PATROLING AREA.
TWO SHERIFF'S OFFICE CARS OBSERVED PATROLING AREA.

NO INCIDENTS OCCURRED AND MEETING TERMINATED TEN FORTYFIVE
PM CST. BUREAU AGENTS OBSERVING.

DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY, CHARLES QUAINANCE AND MORTON SKLAR
OBSERVED ON SCENE AT BROWN'S CHAPEL AND HAVE BEEN FURNISHED
PERTINENT INFO CONTAINED HEREIN.

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GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

During the day of 2/5/65, 74 adults and 450 students marched on Dallas County Courthouse. They refused to disperse when so ordered by Dallas County Sheriff James Clark and were arrested for Contempt of Court.

At Assistant Attorney General Doar's request we investigated report that Selma police officers shot at student demonstrators. Investigation revealed that one Selma police officer fired a warning shot in the air when Negro students attempted to run into alley and no one was injured.

Rev. Martin Luther King was released from Selma Jail early on afternoon of 2/5/65, and conferred with delegation of 16 Congressmen present in Selma.

We are keeping Department currently advised of developments.

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FBI MOBILE
1-32 PM CST URGENT 2/4/65 LLO
TO DIRECTOR (44-12831)
FROM MOBILE (44-557) 10P

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS, DALLAS COUNTY, ALABAMA, SELMA,
ALABAMA, VOTING DISCRIMINATION, CR DASH EL,

FOR INFO OF BUREAU AND TO SUMMARIZE ARRESTS MADE AT
SELMA, ALABAMA SINCE FEBRUARY ONE LAST, THE FOLLOWING IS
SET FORTH:

ON FEBRUARY ONE SIXTYFIVE, SELMA PD ARRESTED TWO HUNDRED
FIFTYSEVEN NEGROES AT APPROXIMATELY ELEVEN AM AND CHARGED
THEM WITH QUOTE PARADING WITHOUT A PERMIT UNQUOTE. AMONG
THIS GROUP WERE DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING AND REV. RALPH
ABERNATHY. ALL AFFORDED BOND HEARINGS SAME DATE, AND AT
PRESENT TIME ALL HAVE MADE BONDS OF TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS
WITH SELMA PD, WITH EXCEPTION OF DR. KING AND REV. ABERNATHY,
WHO HAVE REFUSED TO MAKE BONDS AND ELECTED TO REMAIN IN JAIL.

AT ABOUT ONE PM, CST, FEBRUARY ONE SIXTYFIVE, APPROXIMATELY
FOUR HUNDRED NEGRO STUDENTS WERE ARRESTED AT DALLAS COUNTY

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COURTHOUSE, WHERE THEY WERE ENGAGED IN A PICKETING DEMONSTRATION. ALL WERE RELEASED FEBRUARY ONE SIXTYFIVE AFTER THEY HAD BEEN PROCESSED AND IDENTITIES ESTABLISHED ON THESE PERSONS. ONLY REQUIREMENT FOR RELEASE OF THESE JUVENILES WAS THAT THEY FURNISH THEIR IDENTITIES AND SCHOOLS THEY ATTENDED.

BETWEEN TWELVE AND ONE PM, CST, FEBRUARY ONE SIXTYFIVE, WHILE PICKETING WAS OCCURRING AT DALLAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, FORTYSIX NEGRO MALES, ALL OVER THE AGE OF SIXTEEN, WERE ARRESTED BY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, IMMEDIATELY BROUGHT BEFORE CIRCUIT JUDGE JAMES A. HARE, WHERE THEY WERE CITED FOR CONTEMPT OF HIS COURT, AS HE ALLEGED WAS CONDUCTING A TRIAL IN EQUITY COURT AT THAT TIME. ALL RECEIVED FINES OF FIFTY DOLLARS PLUS FIVE DAYS JAIL SENTENCE TO DALLAS COUNTY JAIL. ELEVEN NEGROES OF THIS GROUP WERE RETURNED TO COURT FEBRUARY THREE SIXTYFIVE FOR FURTHER TESTIMONY RE CONTEMPT CITATIONS. ONE OF THE ELEVEN IDENTIFIED AS BEING AT COURTHOUSE BY SHERIFF AND INVOLVED IN PICKETING DEMONSTRATIONS. HE WAS RETURNED TO

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JAIL. TEN OTHERS OF THIS GROUP WERE NOT IDENTIFIED BY SHERIFF AT HEARING, AND JUDGE HARE SET BONDS OF ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS EACH AND CONTINUED HEARINGS UNTIL FEBRUARY TEN NEXT. OF THIS TEN, SIX HAVE MADE BOND AS OF FEBRUARY THREE SIXTYFIVE.

ON FEBRUARY ONE SIXTYFIVE, SEVEN NEGROES WERE ARRESTED BY DALLAS COUNTY SO FOR QUOTE CONTRIBUTING TO THE DELINQUENCY OF MINORS UNQUOTE. NONE HAVE MADE BOND AS OF TODAY.

ON FEBRUARY ONE SIXTYFIVE, THREE NEGROES WERE ARRESTED BY DALLAS COUNTY SO ON MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES OF PUBLIC DRUNK, UNLAWFUL ASSEMBLY, AND CRIMINAL PROVOCATION. THESE THREE WERE ALLEGEDLY INVOLVED IN THE DEMONSTRATIONS AT THE COURTHOUSE. ALL OF THESE REMAIN IN THE DALLAS COUNTY JAIL.

ON FEBRUARY TWO SIXTYFIVE, AT APPROXIMATELY ELEVEN FORTY AM, CST, ONE HUNDRED ELEVEN NEGRO ADULTS WERE ARRESTED BY DALLAS COUNTY SO AT THE COURTHOUSE AND CHARGED WITH QUOTE CONTEMPT OF COURT UNQUOTE. [REDACTED]

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ON FEBRUARY TWO SIXTYFIVE, AT ABOUT ONE PM, CST, APPROXIMATELY FOUR HUNDRED MORE STUDENTS WERE TAKEN INTO CUSTODY AFTER DEMONSTRATIONS AT THE COURTHOUSE, AND ALL BUT APPROXIMATELY TWO HUNDRED OF THESE FURNISHED THEIR IDENTITIES, OR WERE IDENTIFIED, AND RELEASED. HOWEVER, THE APPROXIMATELY TWO HUNDRED WHO REFUSED TO FURNISH THEIR IDENTITIES AND WERE CONFINED AT CAMP SELMA, ALABAMA, REMAINED AT CAMP SELMA, ALABAMA NIGHT OF FEBRUARY TWO SIXTYFIVE, AND WERE TRANSFERRED TO CAMP THOMASTON, AT THOMASTON, ALABAMA, FEBRUARY THREE SIXTYFIVE.

ON FEBRUARY TWO SIXTYFIVE, FIFTEEN OTHER NEGRO ADULTS WERE ARRESTED BY DALLAS COUNTY SO FOR QUOTE CONTRIBUTING TO THE DELINQUENCY OF MINORS UNQUOTE. [REDACTED]

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ON FEBRUARY TWO SIXTYFIVE, FOUR ARRESTS WERE MADE BY SELMA PD, ONE WHITE AND THREE NEGROES. THREE WERE CHARGED WITH

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QUOTE PARADING WITHOUT A PERMIT UNQUOTE AND ONE WITH QUOTE
RESISTING ARREST AND REFUSING TO OBEY AN OFFICER UNQUOTE. ALL
RELEASED ON TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS BOND EACH SAME DATE.

ON NIGHT OF FEBRUARY TWO SIXTYFIVE, SIXTEEN NEGROES WERE
ARRESTED BY MARION, ALABAMA PD, AT MARION, ALABAMA, BETWEEN
FIVE THIRTY AND SIX PM, CST, AND CHARGED WITH QUOTE TRESPASS
AFTER WARNING UNQUOTE, AS THEY ATTEMPTED TO TEST A PUBLIC
ACCOMMODATION, THE CORNER CAFE, AT MARION. TWO OF THESE
WERE JUVENILES AND IMMEDIATELY RELEASED TO THEIR PARENTS
WITHOUT BOND. FIFTY DOLLARS BOND WAS SET ON THE REMAINING
FOURTEEN, ONE IMMEDIATELY MADE BOND, AND THE THIRTEEN OTHERS
REFUSED AND ELECTED TO REMAIN IN PERRY COUNTY JAIL, MARION.

ON FEBRUARY THREE SIXTYFIVE, AT MARION, ALABAMA, SOME
FIVE HUNDRED TWENTYFIVE PERSONS, MOSTLY NEGROES, WERE ARRESTED
ON THE COURTHOUSE SQUARE BY MARION PD, PERRY COUNTY SO, AND
AST. THEY WERE CHARGED WITH QUOTE UNLAWFUL ASSEMBLY UNQUOTE
AND TAKEN TO CAMP SELMA, SELMA, ALABAMA, WHERE THEY REMAIN
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STILL CONFINED.

ON FEBRUARY THREE SIXTYFIVE, BETWEEN TWELVE AND ONE PM, CST, APPROXIMATELY THREE HUNDRED SEVENTYFIVE NEGRO STUDENTS WERE TAKEN INTO CUSTODY WHILE DEMONSTRATING AT DALLAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE. AS OF PRESENT, FIFTYFIVE NEGRO MALES OF THIS GROUP AND ONE HUNDRED SIXTYTWO NEGRO FEMALES OF THIS GROUP ARE STILL BEING DETAINED AT THE OLD NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY, SELMA, ALABAMA. FIFTYFIVE MALES ARE REPEATERS FROM DEMONSTRATIONS ON FEBRUARY ONE, TWO, SIXTYFIVE, AND THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTYTWO FEMALES ARE BEING PROCESSED AT PRESENT, AND ALL HAVE INDICATED THEY WILL FURNISH THEIR IDENTITIES, WHEREUPON THEY ARE BEING RELEASED. [REDACTED]

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RELATIVE TO REQUEST OF ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL JOHN DOAR, CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION, MADE TO BUREAU NIGHT OF FEBRUARY THREE SIXTYFIVE AT APPROXIMATELY NINE PM, CST, TO INTERVIEW TWO NEGRO JUVENILES WHO HAD BEEN CONFINED TO CAMP

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SELMA AND CAMP THOMASTON, ALABAMA, WHICH INFORMATION ALLEGEDLY
WAS FURNISHED BY [REDACTED] TO DOAR, [REDACTED] WAS
CONTACTED AT SELMA, ALABAMA NIGHT OF FEBRUARY THREE SIXTYFIVE,
AND HE ADVISED THAT HE HAD QUOTE HEARD UNQUOTE THE INFORMATION
THAT TWO NEGRO FEMALE JUVENILES HAD BECOME HYSTERICAL BECAUSE
OF CONFINEMENT AT CAMP SELMA AND CAMP THOMASTON. HE STATED
HE DID NOT KNOW AT PRESENT TIME THE SOURCE OF THIS INFORMATION
OR THE IDENTITIES OF THE NEGRO JUVENILES, HOWEVER, HE WOULD
ATTEMPT TO ASCERTAIN THIS INFORMATION AND IMMEDIATELY FURNISH
SAME ON MORNING OF FEBRUARY FOUR SIXTYFIVE AT SELMA, ALABAMA.
AS OF TEN THIRTY AM, CST, NO CALL HAS BEEN RECEIVED
FROM [REDACTED] AND THE IDENTITIES OF THESE TWO NEGRO FEMALES
HAVE NOT BEEN ASCERTAINED. [REDACTED] DID ADVISE THAT THE INFORMATION
HE HEARD RELATIVE TO CONDITIONS AT CAMP SELMA AND CAMP THOMASTON
WERE THAT THE HEAT HAD BEEN TURNED OFF, THE JUVENILES WERE
FORCED TO SLEEP ON A CEMENT FLOOR, THEY WERE PHYSICALLY
ABUSED BECAUSE THEY WERE QUOTE CATTLE PRODDED UNQUOTE, IT WAS
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COLD, AND THE WATER WAS DISTASTEFUL. HE STATED THE JUVENILES
COULD HAVE BEEN IMMEDIATELY RELEASED IF THEY FURNISHED THEIR
IDENTITIES, HOWEVER, THEY ELECTED TO REMAIN AT CAMP SELMA
AND CAMP THOMASTON IN ORDER TO QUOTE DRAMATIZE UNQUOTE THE
RACIAL SITUATION BEFORE THE NATION.

██████████ REQUESTED THAT SPECIAL AGENTS AT SELMA,
ALABAMA, IMMEDIATELY INSPECT BOTH PRISON CAMPS, HOWEVER, HE
WAS ADVISED THIS IS NOT A FUNCTION OF THE FBI TO INSPECT
ALABAMA STATE PRISON CAMPS, AND THAT IN ORDER TO DO SO THE
STATE AUTHORITIES WOULD HAVE TO BE NOTIFIED AND APPROVAL
FROM THESE AUTHORITIES WOULD HAVE TO BE OBTAINED TO CONDUCT
SUCH INSPECTIONS AS HE DESIRED.

██████████ RELATED RELATIVE TO PLANS OF NEGROES AT
SELMA, ALABAMA THAT THEY PLANNED TO HAVE BOTH NEGRO ADULTS
AND NEGRO TEENAGERS ARRESTED TODAY AT SELMA, ALABAMA BY
MARCHING ON THE DALLAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, AND ON THE NIGHT
OF FEBRUARY FOUR SIXTYFIVE THEY POSSIBLY WOULD CONDUCT A
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QUOTE NIGHT MARCH UNQUOTE. HE STATED DR. KING HAS CANCELLED ALL SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS THROUGH FRIDAY, FEBRUARY FIVE SIXTYFIVE, AND WILL REMAIN IN JAIL AT LEAST UNTIL AFTER FRIDAY, IN ORDER TO QUOTE DRAMATIZE UNQUOTE THE RACIAL SITUATION AT SELMA, ALABAMA BEFORE THE NATION. HE STATED HE FURTHER EXPECTED DR. KING'S WIFE AND REV. ABERNATHY'S WIFE TO APPEAR IN SELMA, ALABAMA TODAY, AS WELL AS A DELEGATION LED BY CONGRESSMAN ADAM CLAYTON POWELL TO ARRIVE IN SELMA, ALABAMA FEBRUARY FIVE SIXTYFIVE, WHERE THEY WILL REMAIN POSSIBLY THROUGH THE WEEKEND TO INVESTIGATE THE RACIAL SITUATION AT SELMA, ALABAMA.

AS OF TEN THIRTY AM TODAY, IT HAS BEEN ASCERTAINED THAT MALCOLM X, LEADER OF A BLACK MUSLIN GROUP IN NEW YORK CITY, IS PRESENTLY ON SCENE AT BROWN'S CHAPEL AME CHURCH AT SELMA, ALABAMA. THE PURPOSE OF HIS VISIT TO THE SELMA AREA HAS NOT BEEN DETERMINED AS YET, HOWEVE, ATTEMPTS ARE BEING MADE TO ASCERTAIN THIS INFORMATION.

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DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS CHARLES QUAINANCE AND MORTON SKLAR, AT SELMA, ALABAMA, HAVE BEEN APPRISED OF ALL INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THE ARRESTS AND ARE BEING APPRISED OF THE INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM [REDACTED] PLUS THE INFORMATION REGARDING MALCOLM X.

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RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.
(U.S.D.C, D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
V. CLARENCE M. KELLY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
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REMOTEL FEB. NINE INSTANT.

NEGRO MASS MEETING HELD THIS DATE SELMA AT BROWN'S
CHAPEL AME CHURCH. MEETING STARTED SEVEN THIRTY PM CST
WITH ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE AT FIVE HUNDRED TO FIVE HUNDRED
AND FIFTY. PRINCIPAL SPEAKER REV. FRED SCHUTTLESWORTH, SCLC
STAFF MEMBER. MEETING CONCLUDED AT TEN THIRTY PM.

*Incl. [unclear]
11:00 AM
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NEGRO STUDENT YOUTH RALLY HELD SEVEN THIRTY PM CST AT
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH SELMA. RALLY ATTENDED BY APPROXIMATELY
TWO HUNDRED FIFTY TO THREE HUNDRED STUDENTS AND CONSISTED MAINLY
OF THE SINGING OF FREEDOM SONGS. RALLY CONCLUDED NINE FORTY FIVE
PM AT WHICH TIME MAJORITY OF THOSE ATTENDING MOVED TO MEETING
AT BROWN'S CHAPEL. NO INCIDENTS OCCURRED AT EITHER MEETING.

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MEETING COVERED BY PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR J. WILSON,
BAKER AND TWO UNMARKED SELMA PD CARS WITH PLAIN CLOTHES
OFFICERS IN EACH. TWO DALLAS CO., SO CARS PATROLING AREA AS WELL
AS TWO MARKED SELMA PD CARS. ONE AST CAR ON SCENE INTERMITTENTLY.
BUREAU AGENTS OBSERVING.

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[REDACTED] AT MEETING ADVISED NEGRO LEADERS HAVE INFORMED
THAT DEMONSTRATIONS AT SELMA WILL CONTINUE TWO TEN NEXT,
BUT DID NOT SPECIFY NATURE OF DEMONSTRATIONS, [REDACTED]
OF OPINION DEMONSTRATIONS ARE DEPENDANT UPON WHETHER SUFFICIENT
INTEREST CAN BE GENERATED TO SUSTAIN DEMONSTRATIONS.

DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY BRAIN LANDSBERG AT SELMA BEING ADVISED.

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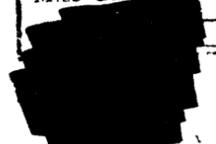
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REMOTEL FEB. EIGHT SIXTYFIVE.

BOARD OF REGISTRARS OFFICE AT DALLAS CO. COURTHOUSE
SELMA, ALA. OPENED FRONT DOOR AS OF NINE AM CST TODAY TO
ALLOW ANYONE WHO DESIRED TO SIGN THE BOOK TO OBTAIN A
NUMBER FOR PRIORITY WHEN REGISTRATION OPENS. AS OF
TWELVE THIRTY PM TWENTY SIX NUMBERS HAVE BEEN ISSUED.
NOS. THIRTEEN THROUGH TWENTYSIX ISSUED TODAY HAVE BEEN
ISSUED TO WHITE PERSONS AS NO NEGROES APPEARED AT THE
BOARD. BOARD WILL BE OPENED THROUGH LUNCH HOUR AND UNTIL
FOUR THIRTY PM TODAY.

COMM. VOT. U.S. DIST. CT. DIST. N. ALA.
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AT A. R. HUDSON HIGH SCHOOL, SELMA, ALA., WERE REPORTEDLY
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[REDACTED] SELMA, ADVISED TOTAL SCHOOL ABSENTEEISM FOR
SELMA AREA ESTIMATED TWELVE HUNDRED. MEETING WAS HELD
BROWN/S CHAPEL, SYLVAN ST. WITH AN ESTIMATED ONE HUNDRED
TO ONE HUNDRED FIFTY NEGRO ADULTS IN ATTENDANCE. TWO HUNDRED
FIFTY TO THREE HUNDRED NEGRO STUDENTS WERE IN AND AROUND
BROWN/S CHAPEL AND FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH BOTH LOCATED
SYLVAN ST., SELMA. [REDACTED] REPORTED REV. L. L.
ANDERSON SPOKE AND INDICATED THAT INFORMATION HAD BEEN
RECEIVED FROM DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING THAT IT WAS
BETTER NOT TO DO ANYTHING THAN TO DO SOMETHING WRONG AND
THE CROWD AGREED WITH HIM AT THE CHURCH. ANDERSON REPORTEDLY
INSTRUCTED ADULTS TO LEAVE AT APPROXIMATELY ELEVEN THIRTY
AM. AND TO GO TO VARIOUS WARDS OF THE CITY AND QUOTE
"KNOCK ON DOORS" ~~END QUOTE~~ AND ENCOURAGE NEGROES TO COME
TO THE MEETINGS AS APPARENTLY THE NO. OF PERSONS APPEARING
WERE NOT AS LARGE AS EXPECTED. ANDERSON REPORTEDLY
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INDICATED TO [REDACTED] THERE WAS A POSSIBILITY NEGRO STUDENTS WOULD AGAIN MARCH ON COURTHOUSE THIS AFTERNOON SIMILAR TO YESTERDAY/S DEMONSTRATION HOWEVER, DETAILS WERE NOT COMPLETE.

SEVERAL SNCC LEADERS IN VICINITY BROWN/S CHAPEL AND FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH AS MEETING BROKE UP AROUND ELEVEN THIRTY AM WERE ALSO ENCOURAGING NEGRO STUDENTS TO GO BACK TO THEIR WARDS AND ENCOURAGE LARGER ATTENDANCE AT RALLIES.

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A TELEGRAM WAS RECEIVED ADDRESSED TO THE FBI, POST OFFICE BLDG., SELMA, ALA. THIS AM READING AS FOLLOWS, QUOTE "WE, THE STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO, URGENT THAT FEDERAL ENTERVENTION NOW ESSENTIAL BY USED IN SELMA, ALA. TO PREVENT FURTHER VIOLENCE AND ILLEGAL ARRESTS SUCH AS OCCURRED ON EIGHT FEB." END QUOTE. THE TELEGRAM CONTAINS THE NAMES OF APPROXIMATELY THIRTYTHREE

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PEOPLE AND ADDRESS OF FIVE FIVE ONE FOUR UNIVERSITY
CHICAGO, ILL. THE NAMES ARE [REDACTED]

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THIS TELEGRAM BROUGHT TO ATTENTION OF DEPARTMENTAL
ATTORNEY BRIAN LANDSBERG ON THE SCENE AT SELMA WHO ADVISED
NO ACTION NECESSARY.

LANDSBERG BEING ADVISED OF PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS.

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Enclosed herewith are copies of letterhead memorandum containing information to supplement that previously reported. Weekly letterhead memorandum concerning the activity at Selma, Alabama, will be continued in view of the activity being conducted there and planned for the future.

Agents observing the activity in Selma, Alabama, in the attached letterhead memorandum were SAs

Copies of this letterhead memorandum are being disseminated locally to intelligence agencies, and to the U. S. Attorney at Mobile, who has requested copies of same. Copy is also being furnished to Departmental Attorney on the scene at Selma.

Departmental Attorneys CARL GABEL and CHARLES QUAINANCE were on the scene in Selma and were kept advised of developments.

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 - 1 - 157-367, RACIAL SITUATION, SELMA, ALA.)
 - 1 - 100-1342, RACIAL SITUATION, STATE OF ALA.)
 - 1 - 44-1144, VOTER REGISTRATION MATTERS (ALA.)
 - 1 - 157-192, SCLC)
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Mobile, Alabama
February 5, 1965

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS OF
DALLAS COUNTY, ALABAMA
VOTING DISCRIMINATION

The information set forth herein will supplement information set forth in letterhead memorandum dated January 29, 1965.

AT SELMA, ALABAMA

Special Agents of the FBI observed a Negro student rally which was held at Brown's Chapel AME Church from 4:00 P.M. to approximately 6:00 P.M., January 28, 1965. Estimated attendance was 75 to 100 Negro students. No coverage was afforded the meeting by local authorities. Speakers were Reverend James Bevel and James Orange, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) representatives. Reverend Bevel advised that the discussions at the meeting centered on politics and plans to break down the present political structure of Alabama by Negroes obtaining representation in the State Legislature. He said plans were made for teachers and other Negroes to boycott the schools and their jobs on February 1, 1965, to participate in a march on the Dallas County Courthouse.

On January 28, 1965, attorneys for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) filed a motion in United States District Court, Mobile, Alabama, against Sheriff James Clark for an order to show cause why he should not be held in contempt of the injunction previously issued by the court. The complaint contends that Sheriff Clark arrested civil rights workers and voter applicants in violation of the court order. It also contended that Sheriff Clark first assaulted Annie Lee Cooper and she struck back in self-defense. NAACP

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attorneys also petitioned the Federal Court for removal to Federal Court of the cases involving the persons arrested in Selma in connection with captioned matter.

On the night of January 29, 1965, between 7:00 A.M. and 9:00 P.M., voter registration workshops were held in Brown's Chapel AME Church, Hopewell Baptist Church, Northern Heights Presbyterian Church, St. Paul's Church and Tabernacle Baptist Church. There were approximately 75 persons in attendance at the Brown's Chapel meeting and approximately 50 in attendance at the other meetings. Special Agents of the FBI observed these meetings. Officers of the Selma Police Department were patrolling the areas. No incidents were observed in connection with these meetings.

On January 30, 1965, United States District Judge Daniel H. Thomas issued an order amending his temporary restraining order which had been issued January 23, 1965. In this order it was set forth that 100 numbers are to be issued to voter registration applicants. It was set forth that the order does not prohibit those persons interested in encouraging others to register from having the right peaceably to assemble at the end of the voter registration line, either in small groups or in a line, but specifies that they shall do so in a way as not to interfere with lawful business expected to be transacted at the courthouse and so as not to interfere with normal flow in traffic from the sidewalk, streets or building entrances and as long as these groups remained orderly and peaceful.

Deputy United States Marshal Stanley Fountain, on January 30, 1965, advised that the United States District Court, Mobile, had assumed jurisdiction of the cases of those persons arrested in Selma in the past week in connection with voter registration matters. Most would be released on their own recognizance and \$100 bond would be set for the leaders.

Information was received from [REDACTED]

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Special Agents of the FBI observed Negro mass meetings the night of January 31, 1965, at Brown's Chapel AME Church and the First Baptist Church. There were about 600 persons, mostly adults at the Brown's Chapel AME Church and about 450 Negro students at the First Baptist Church. Martin Luther King arrived at the Brown's Chapel AME Church at about 7:45 P.M. At this meeting Reverend Frederick D. Reese, president of the Dallas County Voters League (DCVL), called for a massive march on the County Courthouse the next day by students, teachers and professional people. King also addressed the meeting at Brown's Chapel AME Church, urging Negroes to participate in breaking down racial barriers. King left this church about 9:00 P.M., going to the First Baptist Church where he addressed the Negro students for about 20 minutes. He then returned to Brown's Chapel AME Church and both meetings terminated about 9:30 P.M.

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King checked into the Torch Motel at approximately 10:00 P.M., January 31, 1965.

Coverage of the two meetings the night of January 31, 1965, was handled by J. Wilson Baker and plain-clothes officers of the Selma Police Department. Sheriff's Office cars patrolled the areas. No incidents were observed in connection with these meetings.

On February 1, 1965, voter registration began at the Dallas County Courthouse at 9:00 A.M. As of 12:15 P.M. when the Board closed for lunch, 34 persons had been processed for registration, 4 being whites and 30 being Negroes. During the afternoon, 30 more Negroes were processed for registration, making a total of 64 persons processed during the day, this being according to information furnished by Board Chairman Victor Atkins.

Special Agents of the FBI observed the registration line during that day and no incidents were observed in addition to that reported hereinafter.

When the Board opened on the morning of ^{February} January 1, 1965, persons who held numbers from the previous Wednesday, all Negroes, were issued the first numbers, 1 to 20, even though 7 white persons were in line ahead of them. The

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seven white persons were issued number twenty-one to twenty-seven.

At approximately 10:42 A.M., February 1, 1965, a group of Negroes lead by Martin Luther King left Brown's Chapel AME Church walking down Sylvan Street toward Selma Avenue. At the corner of Sylvan Street and Selma Avenue, they were confronted by Public Safety Director, J. Wilson Baker, who told them that they were violating a city parade ordinance by marching in that order. The parade ordinance is Section 824 of 1954 City Code of Selma, Alabama, as amended. The group continued to march on down Selma Avenue for three blocks where they were again confronted by Baker and informed that they were all under arrest. Baker then had them form a single file line and walk the remaining three blocks to the City Hall and upstairs to the Police Department. Upstairs, Baker told the older Negroes of the group that they would be allowed to leave if they so desired and about 10 of them left. Baker advised Martin Luther King and Reverend Ralph Abernathy to leave the police building as they were not under arrest. They left the police building and stood on the front of the steps of City Hall holding a press conference. They were told by a City Officer to leave the premises and when they refused, King and Abernathy were arrested at 11:56 A.M., charged with failure to obey an order of an officer and violation of the parade ordinance.

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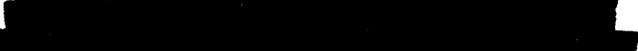
[REDACTED] They were brought before City Judge Edgar Russell who informed them that the Dallas County residents in the group could sign their own bonds and that persons residing outside of Dallas County would be required to post \$200 appearance bond for trial in City Court, February 15, 1965. Later in the day of February 1, 1965.

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Between 12 noon and 1:00 P.M., February 1, 1965, a group of Negroes were observed picketing the Dallas County Courthouse. Sheriff Clark stopped a group of 12 to 15 of them and read to them that the Dallas County Circuit Court was in session at the time and the picketing of the courthouse constituted an unwarranted interference of witnesses appearing before the court. Clark told them that if they did not disperse they would be arrested and charged with contempt of court. The Negroes did not disperse and were taken by Sheriff Clark to the Circuit Court Room on the second floor of the courthouse at which time they began to sing in court. Judge James A. Hare thereupon found each one of them in contempt of court and sentenced each to 5 days in the county jail plus a fine of \$50, further stating that failure to pay the fine would result in further time in the county jail.

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At approximately 12:45 P.M., February 1, 1965, approximately 500 young Negroes arrived at the County Courthouse after marching in groups of 4's and 5's from Brown's Chapel AME Church. They carried picket signs and as they arrived at the courthouse they were asked by the Sheriff if they were school students. When they answered in the affirmative, they were instructed to file into a parking area near the courthouse. They were loaded on buses and taken to the Old National Guard Armory on Washington Street. At the armory they were asked for their identification and those who furnished identification were released and ordered to appear on February 2, 1965, before Probate Judge Bernard A. Reynolds, at 8:00 A.M. Those who refused to identify themselves were charged with truancy and taken by bus to Camp Selma on Highway 80 East, a State Prison Camp.

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Later in the day on February 1, 1965, information
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A Negro mass meeting was held the night of February 1, 1965, at Brown's Chapel AME Church from about 7:30 P.M. to 10:05 P.M. Special Agents of the FBI observed no incidents in connection with the meeting. There were approximately 500 to 600 persons in attendance and the meeting was covered by Public Safety Director J. Wilson Baker and officers of the Selma Police Department. The principal speakers were Reverend Frank D. Reese, IMVL and Moses Williams, SCLC. The speech primarily concerned human dignity and the mass arrests of the day in Selma. Reverend Andrew Young, SCLC, also spoke at the meeting and said there would be a mass meeting at 9:00 A.M., February 2, 1965, and another march that day on the County Courthouse.

On February 1, 1965, approximately 30 Alabama State Troopers automobiles were observed at the National Guard Armory. [REDACTED]

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At about 10:30 A.M. on February 2, 1965, a group of approximately 100 Negro adults, both male and female, marched from Brown's Chapel AME Church to the County Courthouse where they entered the Alabama Street entrance. Inside the courthouse, the leaders, Reverend Marshall C. Cleveland, pastor, First Baptist Church, and Reverend Hosea Williams, SCLC leader from Atlanta, Georgia, were confronted by Sheriff James G. Clark and told Sheriff Clark that they wished to speak to the Chief Registrar. Clark informed them that the Board of Registrars was not open that date and asked them to leave the courthouse. The group left the courthouse and lined up on the Lauderdale Street side of the courthouse in two lines. Clark then read to them a citation to the effect that the Circuit Court of Dallas County was in session and that picketing the courthouse and the immediate area thereto constituted an unwarranted interference with the court. Clark ordered the group to leave and walked up and down the line asking them if they had heard his order. After waiting two minutes, Clark arrested those in the front line. He then read the order to those in the second line and after two minutes arrested them. All were taken to Camp Selma by bus for processing and were being charged with contempt. Information from [REDACTED] b7D

At approximately 12 noon, February 2, 1965, a large number of Negro students who had congregated at the First Baptist Church earlier in the morning, started marching to the Dallas County Courthouse carrying picket signs. They were stopped en route by Public Safety Director J. Wilson Baker, who instructed them that they could not march without violating the city parade ordinance. The group insisted on marching and approximately 60 were taken by the Police Department to the Old National Guard Armory on Washington Street for processing on truancy charges. Numerous other Negro teen-agers, both male and female, continued marching to the county courthouse where they were loaded on to buses and also taken to the Old National Guard Armory. [REDACTED] b7D

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Concerning the 475 Negro students who were detained on February 1, 1965, at the National Guard Armory on truancy charges, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] all were released February 3, 1965, after their identities were established and told to report to Judge Bernard A. Reynolds on February 2, 1965. On February 2, 1964, as of 3:00 P.M., 43 of these persons had appeared before Judge Reynolds with parents or guardians and were released by Judge Reynolds to the custody of their parents. They were each given a paper which must be presented to school authorities prior to re-entry into school. Approximately 105 of these students appeared before the judge without their parents and were instructed to leave the court and return with their parents or guardians by Thursday, February 4, 1965.

Eleven of the 45 persons held in contempt of court by Judge James A. Hare, February 1, 1965, were returned to Hare's courtroom February 2, 1965, for further testimony as they claimed the Sheriff did not read the contempt citation to them prior to their being arrested. They were returned to jail without hearing, because the Sheriff was unavailable for testimony. Hearing for them was rescheduled for February 3, 1965.

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The approximately 111 adults arrested February 2, 1965, were [REDACTED] b7D

[REDACTED] were scheduled for hearings on the morning of February 3, 1965.

Concerning the almost 400 Negro juveniles detained on February 2, 1965, approximately 200 were released that afternoon after furnishing background information and were given slips of paper to allow them to re-enter school. The remaining number who refused to give identification were being removed to Camp Selma for processing and truancy charges. Alabama State Troopers and Dallas County Sheriff's Deputies assisted in the handling of these persons.

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At about 6:09 P.M., February 2, 1965, Special Agents of the FBI observed a group of about 40 Negroes, described as businessmen, arrive at the county courthouse and attempt to enter through the Alabama Street entrance. Deputy Sheriff Leo Nichols told them that the courthouse was closed. One of them said they wished to say a short prayer in protest of the Board of Registrars not holding extra registrations for them. They said the prayer and dispersed.

A mass meeting was observed at Brown's Chapel AME Church beginning at 6:30 P.M. February 2, 1965, with attendance between 600 and 700. The principal speakers were Reverend James Bevel, SCLC, Andrew Young, SCLC, and Fred Reese, DCVL. The meeting terminated at 10:30 P.M., after speakers indicated that demonstrations would continue on February 3, 1965, and that there would be marches on the county courthouse similar to those on February 2, 1965. Speakers also requested school children to remain out of school and participate in the marches on February 3, 1965. The meeting was covered by Selma police officers. No incidents were observed in connection with the meeting.

Alabama Governor George C. Wallace spoke on the evening of February 2, 1965, before a gathering of the Selma Chamber of Commerce at the YMCA. The speech was of a general nature and did not deal with the racial situation. No incidents were observed in connection with this speech.

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At about 11:05 A.M., February 3, 1965, Special Agents of the FBI observed a group of Negro adults marching in small groups from Brown's Chapel AME Church to the county courthouse. Edwin L.D. Moss and Benny Lee Tucker, local Selma Negroes, appeared to be leaders of this group. They entered the courthouse and stood by the Board of Registrars door and told Sheriff Clark that they were protesting the fact that the Board of Registrars was closed. Sheriff Clark requested them to go to the second floor courtroom where Circuit Judge James A. Hare was presiding. Hare read to them a statement explaining the meaning of court citations. He told them they could leave the courtroom if they desired and the group peaceably left the courthouse, and returned to Brown's Chapel AME Church. No members of the group were arrested.

At about 12:17 P.M., approximately 330 Negro students were observed marching in small groups carrying signs toward the Dallas County Courthouse. At about 12:30 P.M. they formed a line at the curb of the Lauderdale Street

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side of the courthouse, the line stretching the complete length of the courthouse. After all of the group arrived, three lines were formed across Lauderdale Street. The group sang songs and at approximately 12:52 P.M., Sheriff Clark informed the group that they were under arrest for truancy or contempt of court. All were then marched to the Old National Guard Armory on Washington Street for processing.

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Concerning 11 Negroes who were among the 45 charged with contempt of court, February 1, 1965, but who claimed the Sheriff had not read the contempt citation to them before arrest, they were given a hearing before Judge Hare, February 3, 1965. Judge Hare set bond for 10 of them at \$100 each and scheduled a hearing for February 10, 1965. The other one was found guilty of contempt of court by Judge Hare and was sentenced to serve 5 days in the county jail and fined \$50.

On the night of February 3, 1965, Special Agents of the FBI observed that a mass meeting was held in Brown's Chapel AME Church from 7:30 P.M. to 10:45 P.M. The attendance was between 550 and 600 Negroes. Reverend Fred Shuttlesworth, SCLC, was the principal speaker and called for continuing demonstrations at Selma. Coverage of the meeting was handled by Public Safety Director J. Wilson Baker and officers of the Selma Police Department. No incidents were observed in connection with the meeting.

On February 3, 1965, Judge James A. Hare, acting on his own motion, signed an order prohibiting further demonstrations in, around or about the Dallas County Courthouse. The order said that demonstrators who assemble or try to gather at the courthouse will be charged with contempt of court if they fail to disperse immediately. Hare said in the order that he was acting to preserve the peace and dignity of his court and its proceedings.

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On February 4, 1965, Mr. William J. O'Connor, Clerk, United States District Court, Mobile, Alabama, advised that on the previous day Reverend Martin Luther King, Reverend Ralph Abernathy and Reverend Louis Lloyd Anderson filed a motion in District Court for a temporary restraining order against local authorities of Selma, Alabama, to prevent them from:

- (1) Interfering with Negroes peacefully assembling, marching and demonstrating in Selma to protest the practices of the Board of Voter Registration.
- (2) Refusing to keep voter registration office in Selma open for at least 8 hours a day, 6 days a week, each week of the year to register qualified voters.
- (3) Refusing to employ at least 10 registrars.
- (4) Refusing to take applications of at least 100 applicants per day per registrar on duty, or as many who so apply if it be less than 100.

The ministers complained that voter registration test being administered in Dallas County was more stringent than that required of most of the persons presently registered as voters.

Judge Thomas on February 3, 1965, denied the motion filed by the three ministers.

Also, on February 3, 1965, in United States District Court, Mobile, the motion was filed for a stay of the remand order which had been issued by Judge Thomas January 29, 1965, under which the cases involving Annie Lee Cooper and Stanley Leroy Wise had been remanded to State Court for prosecution. In the motion it was set forth that the defendants had appealed the remand order to the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals and that justice required that the order be stayed pending the appeal.

Judge Thomas on February 3, 1965, granted the stay of his remand order pending appeal to the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals.

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On February 4, 1965, [REDACTED] advised that it was planned that Negro adults and teenagers would be arrested that date at Selma by marching to the county courthouse, and that on the night of February 4, they possibly would conduct a "night march." He said that Reverend King would remain in jail at least until Friday, February 5, 1965, in order to "dramatize" the racial situation at Selma before the nation. He said that Reverend King's wife and Reverend Abernathy's wife would be in Selma February 4, 1965, and that a delegation led by Congressman Adam Clayton Powell would arrive in Selma February 5, 1965, to investigate the racial situation.

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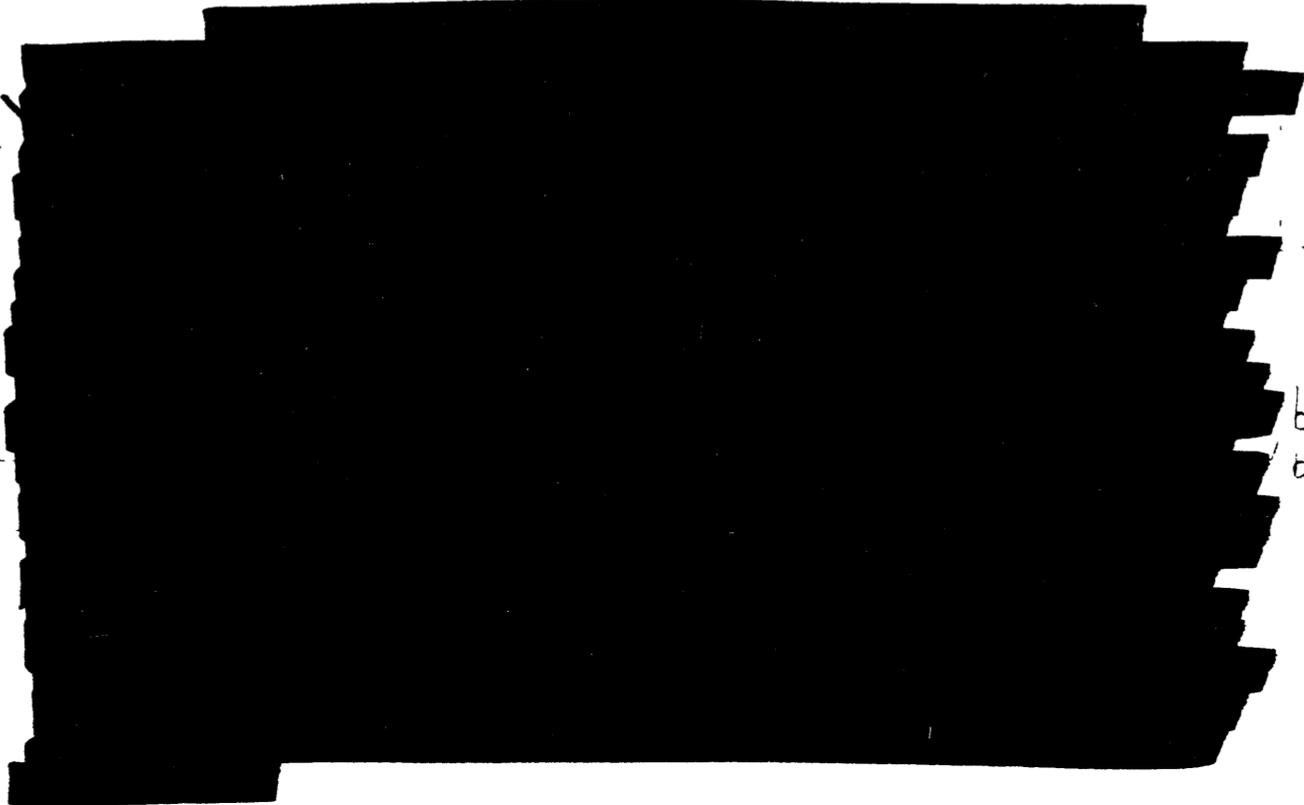
As of 1:35 p.m., February 4, 1965, a Negro meeting was still in progress at Browns Chapel AME Church, which meeting had begun at about 8:00 a.m. that date. Most of the Negroes present appeared to be of student age.

At approximately 9:47 a.m., February 4, 1965, Malcolm X, leader of a Muslim group of New York City, appeared in Selma in an automobile bearing 1965 Alabama license 46-282. He was accompanied by two Negro males and one Negro female, identities unknown. He spoke to the group of Negroes assembled at Browns Chapel Church and stated that President Johnson should order a full scale investigation of the Ku Klux Klan. He said he was not in Selma to incite anyone, and made no statement indicating that his group would take any action in the racial situation in Selma. He advised the newsmen on the scene that he would try to see Martin Luther King at the Selma City Jail, and expected to leave Selma at approximately 1:00 p.m., February 4, 1965. After speaking to the group at the church, he remained in the vicinity of the church until about 12:45 p.m., when he was observed leaving Selma, traveling by automobile east on Highway 80 towards Montgomery, Alabama.

At 11:20 a.m., February 4, 1965, Mrs. Martin Luther King and Mrs. Ralph Abernathy appeared at Browns Chapel AME Church, where they contacted several leaders of the civil rights movement, and indicated they would attempt to see their husbands in the city jail. Reverend Fred Shuttlesworth, SCLC, made a

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statement to the press at the church that there definitely
would be a night march the night of February 4, 1965.



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Regarding the 111 Negroes arrested February 2, 1965,
and confined to Camp Camden, Alabama, the 55 males were brought
to Selma by the county authorities on February 4, 1965, and as
of 12:15 p.m., 52 had been released on \$100 personal recognizance
bond. Three others, [redacted] Hosea Williams, and [redacted]
[redacted] were waiting to post \$100 surety bonds. The 50 Negro
females in the group had not at that time arrived in Selma,
but were to be brought to Selma during the afternoon of
February 4, 1965, where they would be released on \$100 personal
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Judge Bernard A. Reynolds, Probate Judge, was holding
truancy hearings on the afternoon of February 4, 1965, for the

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juveniles who were arrested in connection with racial demonstrations during the week. No definite count was available as to the number of juveniles already handled or remaining to be handled.

On February 4, 1965, U. S. District Judge Daniel H. Thomas issued an order in the matter entitled United States of America versus Victor B. Atkins, Et Al, Civil Action 2584, which order reads as follows:

"It is the order of this Court that the defendants, Registrars of Voters of Dallas County, Alabama, are hereby restrained and enjoined:

1. From failing or refusing to receive and process expeditiously applications for registration to vote;
2. To expedite the registration of voters in Dallas County by receiving and processing at least 100 applications on each registration day, provided that number of persons present themselves for registration;
3. To provide adequate personnel and facilities for the registration of voters so that at least eight applicants can apply for registration simultaneously;
4. To observe the following procedures for the receipt of applications for registration to vote in Dallas County:
 - (a) Applicants shall be permitted to apply for registration in the order in which they appear at the registrar's office for that purpose.
 - (b) Applicants who appear to apply for registration shall be requested to immediately sign an appearance sheet and shall be

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"issued successive numbers in the order in which they appear and shall be permitted to apply for registration in that order without having to wait in line.

- (c) An appearance sheet shall be maintained showing the name of each person who offers himself for registration and the priority number assigned to him.
 - (d) At the end of each registration day the defendants shall post in a conspicuous place in the courthouse and on the door of their office the date of the next registration day, the first number which will be called on the next registration day, and the numbers if any which were called that day but were not answered.
 - (e) Any prospective applicants who fail to appear when their numbers are called shall be called first on the next registration day in their proper sequence, but any prospective applicant who fails to appear on two successive days shall lose his priority and must obtain a new number if he still desires to apply for registration.
5. From administering to applicants for registration to vote the insert Part III test now in use. The literacy of applicants shall be judged by their writing in filling out Part II of the application form now in use;
6. From denying registration to Negro applicants on the grounds that they made formal, technical or inconsequential errors or omissions in filling out their application forms;

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- "7. To submit to this Court on or before the fourth Monday of each month a photocopy of the appearance sheet showing each entry not previously submitted to the Court with the symbol 'A' indicating all applications accepted, the symbol 'R' indicating all applications rejected, and the symbol 'F' indicating all persons who failed to appear when their number was called. No applications shall be allowed to remain in a pending status.
8. In the event the defendants are unable, except for good cause shown, by the end of the special registration days in July 1965, to receive and process all of the applications from persons who have signed the priority sheet and have presented themselves at the provided time to be processed prior to July 1, 1965, this Court will deem that all such persons, not processed, have been denied the opportunity to register within the meaning of 42 U.S.C. 1971(e) and will instruct the voter referee, already appointed by this Court, to receive and process applications submitted by them.

"The Court also wishes to make clear that any rejected Negro applicant from this date forward may apply to this Court for registration in accordance with the provisions of 42 U.S.C. 1971(e)."

On the night of February 4, 1965, Special Agents of the FBI observed a mass meeting which was held at Browns Chapel AME Church from 7:30 p.m. until 10:05 p.m. Most of the 650 to 700 in attendance were adults. The principal speaker was Hosea Williams, who related his experience while confined to the State Prison Camp at Selma and Camden, in connection with the civil rights movement at Selma. A meeting of approximately 400 to 500 Negro youths was held the night of February 4, 1965, at the First Baptist Church, from about 7:30 p.m. to 9:45 p.m. There were no main speakers, and the program consisted primarily of singing freedom songs. No incidents were observed in connection with these meetings.

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At 7:30 p.m. on February 4, 1965.

[REDACTED] King [REDACTED] told Williams that no night march should be conducted as previously planned. King indicated to [REDACTED] that the reason for canceling the night march was to afford the order of U. S. District Judge Daniel H. Thomas further study, and that he, King, felt that this was "a fair order."

[REDACTED] advised that King confidentially advised him that if Sheriff James G. Clark had not made mass arrests on January 19, 1965, the impetus of the voter registration movement in Selma would have failed, and he would have moved his activities to Montgomery. King stated consideration is being given at present to shifting activities to Montgomery, as he feels the situation has resolved itself satisfactorily in his favor at Selma. He said he would remain in jail until all of his people have been released from the Selma jail, and that he might make a speech at a mass meeting at Montgomery the night of February 8, 1965.

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February 12, 1965

James G. Clark
St. Louis County Sheriff
Doaks, Alabama

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Dear Sheriff Clark:

Your past, abominable actions have received harsh criticism from American citizens; however, your forced march on 165 school children is one of the most appalling and inhumane actions which has taken place since the beginning of the negro drive for equality.

Eyes of a disapproving United States, and World, are upon you. You and your colleagues are definitely in the minority group. However, actions such as yours are the ones which are undermining the moral, ethical and philosophical foundations of our Country. Be assured, Sheriff Clark, the patience of civilized, God-fearing citizens of this Nation has been exhausted.

It is demanded that you review your purpose as a human being, American Citizen and County Sheriff, and begin treating all human beings in the manner which God, and our Constitution, intended them to be treated - equally!

Sincerely,

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RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.
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RE: REGISTRARS OF VOTERS OF
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VOTING DISCRIMINATION
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Enclosed herewith are 8 copies of letterhead memorandum captioned as above.

Copies of this letterhead memorandum have been furnished to local intelligence agencies.

The interviews were conducted by SA [REDACTED]

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Mobile, Alabama
February 3, 1965

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DALLAS COUNTY, ALABAMA
VOTING DISCRIMINATION

On February 1, 1965, Departmental Attorney CHARLES "CHAD" QUAINANCE, Selma, Alabama, requested that one of the pickets arrested at Selma, Alabama on February 1, 1965 be interviewed. He specifically desired interview with one of the group of 12 to 15 Negroes who were read a notice by Sheriff JAMES CLARK and told to disperse, and who subsequently were singing in the courthouse and courtroom before being found guilty of contempt in presentee.

The following persons were interviewed on February 2, 1965 at the Dallas County Jail, Selma, Alabama:

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Alabama, advised that at about 3:30 P.M., he was driving his car on Franklin Street, near Jeff Davis Avenue, in Selma, Alabama. In the car were the following people: [REDACTED] and one other person whom he did not recall at the present time. He stated they were going from the West Trinity Church en route to the Internal Revenue Office to see about his income tax. He had stopped his car, had gotten out of the car, and saw about five or six sheriff's men. When he got back in the car, the sheriff's men surrounded his car, took all of the individuals, including himself, out of the car, and took them to jail. They were arrested then for contempt of court. [REDACTED] stated that none of the occupants of the car had been around the courthouse on the evening of February 1, 1965, and he still did not know why the arrest was made. He stated he had not been in court yet.

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[REDACTED] Alabama, who resides [REDACTED] advised that

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he was in a group of five Negroes carrying voter registration signs at the Dallas County Courthouse between 1:00 and 2:00 P.M., Central Standard Time, on February 1, 1965. He advised that he is [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] they walked around the courthouse with the signs picketing. A deputy sheriff stopped them and told them they were under arrest and to follow him. They were taken to the front of the courthouse. The signs were taken away from them, and they were taken to an upstairs courtroom.

They sat down for about three minutes, and a judge called him up to the bench. He was asked his name, school, and age. The judge also asked him if the sheriff had read "an order" to him. He answered the judge "No", and the judge then charged him with contempt and sentenced him to five days and \$50.00 fine. He was then brought to jail.

He did not know the names of anyone of the group of five who were with him, and they were all high school kids. He stated that he is 22 years of age, and he is [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and he has to earn his own support.

On February 2, 1965, [REDACTED] Alabama, an 18-year old Negro male, advised that at about 12:30 P.M. he was with a group of about 15 other Negroes carrying picket signs at the Dallas County Courthouse. His sign was showing a picture of a policeman and had the words on it: "Is he protecting you?" "No". "Register and vote". All of the other 15 Negroes were carrying signs that had information thereon concerning voting. They walked back and forth on Lauderdale Street and Alabama Avenue around the Dallas County Courthouse for a period of 10 to 15 minutes. The sheriff stopped them on Lauderdale Street. He was third in line. The sheriff read a court order to the Negroes and then ordered them to disperse. They started singing, and the sheriff stopped them from singing and said "Maybe you didn't hear it". The sheriff then read the order again. The Negroes started singing again, and the sheriff gave them two minutes to disperse. They then started

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singing "I'm not going to let anyone turn me around". They sang various verses of this song. When two minutes were up, the sheriff arrested them and took them immediately upstairs to a courtroom. As they entered the courthouse, they continued singing, but softly. As they went upstairs, they stopped singing. They started singing again softly just before they went into the courtroom, and they were still carrying signs. The judge was not in the courtroom at the time they first entered, and they continued to sing softly again inside of the courtroom. One of the deputy sheriffs started taking the signs away from them and then started taking photographs of them. The sheriff then made the deputy sheriffs give the signs back to the Negroes in the courtroom, but they were not in the same order he had taken them away from the Negroes.

The judge came in at about the time the deputy sheriffs were taking the signs away from them, and he said "Stop this singing in my courtroom" loudly. They stopped singing immediately, and the judge called each one of them up in front of the bench, asked them each if the sheriff had read the court order to them, and when they indicated that the sheriff had read the order, the judge then told them they had failed to obey the order. He fined each one of them for contempt of court \$50.00 and five days in jail; and if they failed to pay the fine, they would have to work it out at the rate of \$3.00 per day at hard labor.

After the group of 15 were handled by the judge, about four others were brought into the courtroom, and they were charged with the same thing, and given the same sentence; however, these four had not been singing in the courtroom with them.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC MOBILE (44-557)

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Electoral Laws

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS OF DALLAS COUNTY, ALABAMA,

VOTING DISCRIMINATION, CR DASH EL.

REMOTEL FEBRUARY FOUR SIXTYFIVE.

CONTACTED TODAY AND ADVISED HE HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH SNCC AND SCLC REPRESENTATIVES, WASHINGTON, D. C., AND BOTH GROUPS DO NOT HAVE PLANS TO SEND ANYONE TO SELMA.

REV. WALTER FAUNTROY, SCLC, REPRESENTATIVE, STATES HE IS OPPOSED.

CONTACTED CONGRESSMAN ADAM CLAYTON POWELL'S OFFICE AND WAS ADVISED THAT CONGRESSMAN POWELL AND ABOUT FIFTEEN OTHER ASSOCIATES, STAFF MEMBERS, AND

SOME FELLOW CONGRESSMEN PLAN TO DEPART WASHINGTON, D. C. FEBRUARY FOUR SIXTYFIVE, ARRIVE SELMA, ALABAMA, FEBRUARY

FIVE SIXTYFIVE VIA AIR. STATES HE DOES NOT KNOW

WHO WILL BE IN THE GROUP NOR WHERE GROUP WILL STAY OR OTHER

DETAILS PERTAINING TO PURPOSE OF TRIP. WFO CONTINUING TO

FOLLOW AND WILL KEEP BUREAU AND MOBILE ADVISED.

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SUBJECT: REGISTRARS OF VOTERS,
DALLAS COUNTY, SELMA, ALA.
VOTING DISCRIMINATION
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Re telcon from SAC, Mobile to Section Chief CLEM
McGOWAN 2/9/65.

Enclosed are four copies of self-explanatory LHM
pertaining to petition read to Sheriff JAMES G. CLARK, Selma,
Ala., by CORDY T. VIVIAN, SCLC representative, 2/5/65.

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Note on 6-94. Attached will
confirm request of
Mr. J. DuPont, 2-9-65.
1 cc of LHM to CR Unit.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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In Reply, Please Refer to
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Mobile, Alabama
February 9, 1965

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS,
DALLAS COUNTY, SELMA, ALABAMA
VOTING DISCRIMINATION

On February 9, 1965, Departmental Attorney Charles Quaintance telephonically contacted the Selma, Alabama, FBI Resident Agency from Washington, D. C., and requested that the contents of a petition read to Sheriff James G. Clark by Cordy T. Vivian, Southern Christian Leadership Conference representative, on February 5, 1965, be ascertained. This was a petition that was read to Clark at the time of the confrontation at the Dallas County Courthouse. This petition is as follows:

"SELMA, ALABAMA
February 5, 1965

Victor B. Atkins,
Aubrey C. Allen, and
Joseph Bibb,
REGISTRARS OF VOTERS OF
DALLAS COUNTY, ALABAMA

"We members of the Dallas County Voters League and citizens of Dallas County have received the order from Judge Thomas, Federal District Judge, and do hereby petition the registrars of Dallas County and the Mayor of Selma to begin immediately to record the names of prospective registrants by making available the Appearance Sheet called for by Judge Thomas in Section 4(b) of the above-mentioned order.

"Many thousands of persons in this county are desirous of presenting themselves for registration, and we will appreciate a good faith response to this basic right from the county registrars.

"We are hereby presenting this petition under the security offered us in the previous order from

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DALLAS COUNTY, SELMA, ALABAMA
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"Judge Thomas' court which restrains the Sheriff of Dallas County and persons acting in concert with him from interfering with our right to present ourselves in peaceful assembly before the Board of Registrars for registration, or redress of grievance in connection with said registration.

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REGISTRARS OF VOTERS, DALLAS COUNTY, SELMA, ALABAMA., VOTING
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ON FEB. TEN, LAST MR. WILLIAM J. O'CONNOR, CLERK, USDC,
MOBILE, ADVISED THAT PETITION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS HAD
BEEN FILED FEB. FIVE, LAST ON BEHALF OF TWENTYSIX PERSONS WHO
HAD BEEN ARRESTED FEB. ONE DASH TWO, LAST AT SELMA AND CHARGED
WITH CONTEMPT OF COURT AND SENTENCED TO FIVE DAYS AND FIFTY
DOLLARS FINE. USDJ DANIEL H. THOMAS DENIED THE PETITION ON
FEB. NINE AND THE RULING WAS APPEALED THE SAME DATE TO THE
FIFTH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS. AN APPLICATION FOR STAY OF
PAYMENT OF FINE PENDING APPEAL WAS MADE TO JUDGE THOMAS BUT NOT
RULED ON BY HIM.

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ARTICLE IN MOBILE PRESS NEWSPAPER AFTERNOON FEB. ELEVEN,
INSTANT REPORTED FIFTH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS TURNED DOWN
REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF THESE TWENTYSIX PERSONS BUT SAID ¹⁸ FEB 12 1965
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MR. BELMONT FOR THE DIRECTOR

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HEARING IS NEEDED AND DIRECTED JUDGE THOMAS TO HOLD ONE.

O'CONNOR ADVISED ELEVENTH INSTANT NO OFFICIAL WORD HAS
BEEN RECEIVED CONCERNING APPEAL COURT ACTION.

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GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

Judge Thomas has denied a petition for writ of habeas corpus filed U. S. District Court, Mobile, on behalf of twenty-six demonstrators arrested at Selma 1/2/65. Judge's order appealed to Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals which reportedly has refused to release petitioners but is ordering Judge Thomas to hold hearing.

James Bevel, Southern Christian Leadership Staff Member, is serving five day sentence in connection with demonstrations. Information received alleging he is in infirmary with virus infection and is kept in leg irons.

Department being currently advised.

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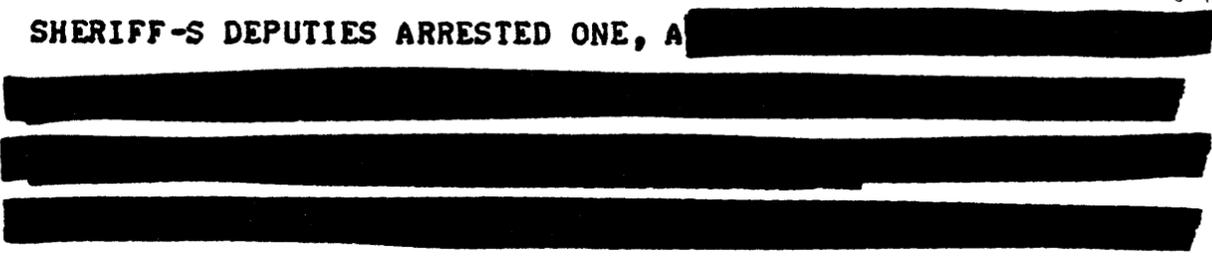


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DURING DEMONSTRATION THIS MORNING, NEGRO STUDENTS
WHO APPEARED AT THE DALLAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE STOOD FOR
APPROXIMATELY ONE HOUR AND THEN DISPERSED. DALLAS COUNTY
SHERIFF-S DEPUTIES ARRESTED ONE, A



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SHE WAS
TRANSPORTED TO THE COUNTY JAIL IN A SELMA PD CAR.

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AT TWO FOURTEEN PM, CST, A NUMBER OF NEGRO STUDENTS
BEGAN MARCHING FROM BROWNS CHAPEL AME CHURCH, SYLVAN STREET
IN SMALL GROUPS OF FOUR AND FIVE SPACED FIFTEEN TO TWENTY

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MR. [REDACTED]

PAGE TWOFEET APART. AT TWO THIRTYNINE PM, CST, THE ENTIRE GROUP
OF ONE SIX ONE STUDENTS WERE LINED UP ON BOTH THE LAUDERDALE
STREET SIDE AND THE ALABAMA AVENUE SIDE OF THE DALLAS COUNTY
COURTHOUSE IN TWO SEPARATE GROUPS, ONE GROUP NUMBERING NINE
ZERO AND ONE GROUP NUMBERING SEVEN ONE. THEY DISPLAYED
SMALL SIGNS URGING VOTER REGISTRATION. THEY STOOD IN THESE
TWO GROUPS UNTIL TWO FIFTYFOUR PM, CST, WHEN SHERIFF JAMES
G. CLARK, JR. CAME OUT OF THE DALLAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE AND
SAID TO THE STUDENTS, QUOTE¹¹ MOVE OUT ~~UNQUOTE~~¹¹. THE STUDENTS
LEFT THE COURTHOUSE IN SINGLE FILE, MARCHING EAST ON ALABAMA
AVENUE FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE HALF BLOCK. THE SHERIFF RAN
TO FRONT OF LINE AND LED ALL THE STUDENTS OUT INTO THE MIDDLE
OF THE STREET WHERE THEY MARCHED ON EAST ON ALABAMA AVENUE.
THEY PROCEEDED DOWN ALABAMA AVENUE TO SYLVAN STREET WHERE THEY
TURNED TOWARD THE RIVER ROAD ON SYLVAN STREET. THE GROUP
OF NEGRO STUDENTS WAS THEN LED ON SYLVAN STREET TO THE
RIVER ROAD WHICH GOES BY THE SELMA STOCK YARDS AND THE COSBY
DASH CARMICHAEL GRAVEL PIT. CLARK MARCHED AT THE HEAD OF THE
GROUP UNTIL HIS CAR WAS BROUGHT TO HIM AND THEN HE GOT INTO
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THE CAR. SHERIFF S POSSE MEMBERS WERE ON THE FLANKS OF THE STUDENTS AND AT THE REAR, FOLLOWING ALTERNATELY ON FOOT AND IN CARS AND INTERMITTENTLY THEY WOULD URGE THE STUDENTS TO RUN. THIS PROCEDURE WAS CARRIED OUT FOR A DISTANCE OF TWO AND THREE TENTHS MILES EAST ON THE RIVER ROAD TOWARD THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE LODGE. IN FRONT OF A FARMHOUSE OF ONE JUDGE DAVIS, WHOSE ADDRESS IS ROUTE THREE, BOX SIXTEEN DASH D, SELMA, SOME OF THE STUDENTS BROKE OUT OF THE LINE AND RAN TOWARD THE FARMHOUSE AT APPROXIMATELY THREE TWENTYFIVE PM. WHEN THE FIRST GROUP OF STUDENTS BROKE FROM THE FORMATION, THEN ALL OF THE STUDENTS BROKE AND RAN INTO THE FIELDS AND FARMHOUSES IN THE AREA. APPROXIMATELY ONE HALF MILE PRIOR TO THE TIME THE STUDENTS BROKE FROM THE FORMATION WAS A BRIDGE WHERE ALL CARS EXCEPT DEPUTIES CARS, FBI CARS, AND PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR J. WILSON BAKERS CAR WERE STOPPED AND NO NEWSMEDIA WERE ALLOWED TO PROCEED ACROSS THE BRIDGE. JUST PRIOR TO THE TIME THAT THE STUDENTS BROKE FORMATION, SHERIFF CLARK ALLEGEDLY TOLD HIS DEPUTIES TO LET ANYBODY WHO WAS TIRED DROP OUT OF THE LINE. BUREAU AGENTS
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WHO WERE ON THE SCENE PHOTOGRAPHING ENTIRE MARCH AND THE DISPERSING OF THE GROUP NEAR THE FARMHOUSE OBSERVED THE COMPLETE ACTIVITY. SHERIFF CLARK DROVE IN BETWEEN THE TWO FARMHOUSES AT THE TIME THEY DISPERSED AND TOLD THE CHILDREN TO QUOTE "MOVE ON" UNQUOTE. AFTER THE STUDENTS DISPERSED INTO THE FIELDS AND AROUND THE FARMHOUSES, THE SHERIFF AND DEPUTIES LEFT THE AREA AND RETURNED TO THE DALLAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE. THIS ALL OCCURRED AT APPROXIMATELY THREE FORTYFIVE PM CST. SOME STUDENTS WERE OBSERVED ALONG THE ROAD EN ROUTE ~~BA~~ TO BROWNS CHAPEL AME CHURCH.

AT ABOUT FOUR OCLOCK PM, SHERIFF TOLD [REDACTED] AT THE DALLAS COUNTY COURHOUSE THAT HE ARRESTED THE MARCHERS FOR QUOTE "TRUANCY" UNQUOTE AND WAS MARCHING THEM TO THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE LODGE ON THE RIVER ROAD WHEN THEY QUOTE "ESCAPED" UNQUOTE FROM HIM. HE STATED HE DID NOT KNOW THE NAME OF ANY OF THE STUDENTS OR WHAT HE INTENDED TO DO NOW THAT THEY HAD QUOTE "ESCAPED" UNQUOTE.

DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY BRIAN LANDSBERG ON SCENE AT SELMA ADVISED OF DETAILS CONTAINED HEREIN.

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REVEREND MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. LEFT MONTGOMERY, ALA. ON
 EARLY FLIGHT THREE TWO TWO AT EIGHT AM. A GROUP OF NEGRO STUDENTS
 BEGAN ASSEMBLING AT BROWNS CHAPEL AME CHURCH, SYLVAN ST. SELMA, ALA AT
 APPROXIMATELY EIGHT TWENTYFIVE AM. STUDENTS WERE IN AND OUT OF
 CHAPEL UNTIL APPROXIMATELY ONE PM WHEN MEETING BROKE UP,
 APPARENTLY FOR LUNCH, WITHOUT ANY MORNING DEMONSTRATIONS. AS
 OF ONE THIRTY PM DALLAS COUNTY BOARD OF REGISTRARS OFFICE,
 WHICH WAS OPEN FROM EIGHT AM CST, HAD ISSUED NUMBERS FIFTYFIVE
 THROUGH SIXTYSIX TO PERSONS WHO SIGNED THE APPEARANCE BOOK.
 ALL NUMBERS ISSUED TO WHITE PERSONS EXCEPT NUMBER FIFTYFIVE,
 WHICH WAS ISSUED TO A NEGRO.

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MR. BELMONT FOR THE DIRECTOR

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PROBATE JUDGE BERNARD H. REYNOLDS, WHO HANDLES JUVENILE MATTERS, ADVISED HEARINGS FOR ALL PERSONS CHARGED WITH CONTRIBUTING TO THE DELINQUENCY OF A MINOR WERE SET FOR TWO THIRTY PM TODAY, BUT WERE POSTPONED UNTIL TWO THIRTY PM FEB. EIGHTEEN INSTANT AT THE REQUEST OF PETER HALL, NEGRO ATTORNEY. CIRCUIT JUDGE JAMES A. HARE ADVISED HEARINGS FOR ALL PERSONS NOT PREVIOUSLY HANDLED ON CONTEMPT OF COURT CHARGES ARE SET FOR FEB. SIXTEEN INSTANT, HOWEVER, HALL HAS ALSO ASKED FOR A CONTINUANCE IN THIS MATTER, WHICH JUDGE HARE HAS NOT GRANTED, BUT WILL LEAVE THIS TO THE DISCRETION OF BLANCHARD MCLEOD, CIRCUIT SOLICITOR.

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AT THREE TWENTY PM A GROUP OF NEGRO YOUTHS BEGAN MARCHING IN SMALL GROUPS FROM BROWNS CHAPEL AME CHURCH TOWARD THE DALLAS COUNTY COURT HOUSE, FIRST GROUP OF FIVE ARRIVING AT THREE THIRTY PM. THEY CONTINUED TO LINE UP UNTIL THREE FIFTYSIX PM WHEN

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THE LAST GROUP ARRIVED, MAKING A TOTAL OF THREE HUNDRED NINETY NINE. NBC, ABC AND CONSIDERABLE NEWS MEDIA OBSERVED IN AREA OF DEMONSTRATIONS. NEGRO STUDENTS CONTINUED TO STAND IN LINES IN FRONT OF DALLAS COUNTY COURT HOUSE ON THE ALABAMA STREET SIDE. AT APPROXIMATELY FOUR FIFTEEN PM THE DOOR ON THE ALABAMA ST. ENTRANCE TO THE DALLAS COUNTY COURT HOUSE WAS CLOSED AND INFORMATION WAS RECEIVED THAT SHERIFF JAMES G. CLARK, JR DID NOT INTEND AT THE MOMENT TO ARREST THESE STUDENTS. AS OF FOUR THIRTY PM THESE STUDENTS WERE STILL STANDING IN FRONT OF THE COURT HOUSE HOLDING SMALL PIECES OF PAPER CONTAINING VARIOUS PHRASES ENCOURAGING VOTER REGISTRATION.

ONE SIGN OBSERVED REFERRING TO NECESSITY FOR PAVING STREETS. SELMA TIMES JOURNAL OF FEB. ELEVEN INSTANT ON FRONT PAGE CONTAINED EDITORIAL CRITICAL OF DALLAS COUNTY ^{SHERIFFS OFFICE} SO CONCERNING YESTERDAYS MARCH OF A GROUP OF NEGRO TEENAGERS. ARTICLE INDICATED THAT SELMA CITIZENS HAD AN IMPORTANT DECISION TO MAKE AND THAT PUBLIC OPINION MUST DEMAND THE END TO THESE DISORDERS AND EARNESTLY SEEK REALSITIC SOLUTIONS TO THEIR

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PROBLEMS.

AS OF FOUR THIRTY PM WHEN THE DALLAS COUNTY BOARD OF REGISTRARS OFFICE CLOSED, NUMBERS FIFTYFIVE THROUGH SEVENTYTHREE HAD BEEN ISSUED TO PERSONS WHO HAD SIGNED THE APPEARANCE BOOK, ALL TO WHITES EXCEPT PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED NUMBER FIFTYFIVE.

AT FOUR THIRTY PM THE GROUP OF NEGRO YOUTHS LINED UP IN FRONT OF THE DALLAS COUNTY COURT HOUSE BEGAN MARCHING AWAY IN SMALL GROUPS UP LAUDERDALE ST. THE LEAD GROUP MARCHED COMPLETELY AROUND THE BLOCK, RETURNING TO THE ALABAMA ST. SIDE OF THE COURT HOUSE, THE REAR OF THE GROUP REMAINING IN FRONT OF THE COURT HOUSE. AT APPROXIMATELY FOUR FORTY PM THEY BEGAN KNEELING AND REMAINED KNEELING FOR SEVERAL MINUTES. AT FOUR FORTYFIVE PM THE LEAD GROUP BEGAN DISPERSING, MARCHING DOWN ALABAMA ST AND OTHER SMALL GROUPS FOLLOWED. AS OF FOUR FORTYSIX PM THE FIRST GROUP HAD CROSSED WASHINGTON ST. ON ALABAMA, APPARENTLY RETURNING BACK TOWARD BROWNS CHAPEL AME CHURCH.

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NEGRO SOURCES INFORM NO MASS MEETING TONIGHT. LOCAL WARD
MEETINGS WILL BE HELD.

DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY BRIAN LANDSBERG ON THE SCENE AND
BEING ADVISED OF PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS.

ATLANTA AND BH ADVISED AIRMAIL.

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THIS GROUP STOOD ALONG THE ALABAMA AVENUE STREET SIDE OF THE DALLAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, FOLDED THEIR ARMS AND CLASPED HANDS. NO SIGNS WERE DISPLAYED BY THIS GROUP AND THEY REMAINED STANDING AT THE COURTHOUSE UNTIL FIVE SIXTEEN PM . WHEN THEY BEGAN DISPERSING FROM THE AREA, LEAVING IN SMALL GROUPS IN THE SAME MANNER THAT THEY ARRIVED. THEY APPEARED TO LEAVE THE AREA IN THE DIRECTION OF BROWNS CHAPEL AME CHURCH. THE LAST GROUP LEFT THE DALLAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE AT FIVE TWENTYTWO PM. JUST BEFORE DISPERSING THE NEGRO STUDENTS KNELT FOR A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME ON THE SIDEWALK AND SHERIFF CLARK WAS OBSERVED TO LEAVE THE COURTHOUSE AT ABOUT FIVE PM.

A MASS MEETING IS REPORTEDLY SCHEDULED FOR SEVEN THIRTY PM AT BROWNS CHAPEL AME CHURCH TONIGHT; HOWEVER, NO INFORMATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED INDICATING THAT DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING HAS RETURNED TO THE SELMA AREA.

[REDACTED] CONTACTED THE SELMA RESIDENT AGENCY THIS AFTERNOON AND STATED HE WAS OBTAINING A LIST OF MARCHERS WHO WERE ON THE AFTERNOON MARCH

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OUT THE RIVER ROAD. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT TWELVE NEGRO FEMALES AND TWO NEGRO MALES WERE TREATED BY A DOCTOR AND NURSE AT BROWNS CHAPEL AME CHURCH AFTER THEIR RETURN FROM THE AFTERNOON MARCH OUT THE RIVER ROAD AND WERE REPORTEDLY TREATED FOR PHYSICAL EXHAUSTION.

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[REDACTED] ALSO REPORTED THAT ONE NEGRO FEMALE HAD BEEN TAKEN TO AN UNNAMED HOSPITAL IN SELMA FOR TREATMENT.

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[REDACTED] PRESENT AT BROWNS CHAPEL STATED THIS NEGRO FEMALE HAD CUT HERSELF ON A BARBED WIRE FENCE NEAR THE FARMHOUSE THIS AFTERNOON WHERE THE GROUP DISPERSED ON THE RIVER ROAD AND SHE WAS TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL FOR A TETANUS.

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[REDACTED] WAS REQUESTED TO MAKE AVAILABLE THE NAMES OF ANY INDIVIDUALS WHO HAD SUSTAINED PHYSICAL INJURIES DURING THE MARCH AND HE WAS TOLD THAT ARRANGEMENTS WOULD BE IMMEDIATELY MADE TO OBTAIN PHOTOGRAPHS AND THE DETAILS CONCERNING THE INJURIES. HE ADVISED THAT HE WOULD COMPLY.

FOUR NEWS REPRESENTATIVES WHO CONTACTED THE SELMA RESIDENT AGENCY THIS AFTERNOON AND REQUESTED INTERVIEWS WITH THE FOUR ^{SPECIAL AGENTS} SAS WHO OBSERVED THE MARCH OF THE STUDENTS OUT THE
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RIVER ROAD WERE COURTEOUSLY ADVISED THAT ALL INFORMATION DEVELOPED BY THE FBI WAS BEING FURNISHED TO THE U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE WHO WERE ON THE SCENE AND THAT THE FBI WAS PRESENTLY CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION FOR THE DEPARTMENT TO DETERMINE IF ANY VIOLATIONS OF FEDERAL LAWS HAD OCCURRED; THEREFORE, NO AGENTS WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEWS AND INFORMATION FURNISHED WOULD HAVE TO BE OBTAINED THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.

DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY BRIAN LANDSBERG ON THE SCENE AT SELMA AND ADVISED OF ALL PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS.

ATLANTA AND BIRMINGHAM ADVISED BY AIRMAIL.

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CC-MR. ROSEN

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GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

Sixty-one students arrested at court house in Selma at 2:14 p. m., 2/10/65, and were marched and run by the Sheriff two or three miles out River Road where they broke formation and dispersed into the woods. Sheriff Clark told [redacted] he was b7b marching the students to the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge Hall when they "escaped" and he did not know their identities.

Martin Luther King appeared last night at a rally in Selma where a demonstration leader reportedly criticised the FBI for only photographing the Sheriffs march of the students instead of taking some direct action. Negro leaders in Selma reportedly were sending a telegram to the White House last night requesting Federal troops.

King to speak in East Lansing, Michigan, tonight and return to Selma 2/14/65 or 2/15/65.

Department being kept currently advised.

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REGISTRARS OF VOTERS, DALLAS COUNTY ALABAMA, SELMA, ALA

VOTING DISCRIMINATION ^{Civil Rights Election Laws} CR EL.

Election Laws

REMOTEL FIVE ZERO TWO PM CST TODAY.

NEGRO MASS MEETING HELD TONIGHT BROWNS CHAPEL AME CHURCH
CENTRAL STANDARD TIME
BEGINING SEVEN THIRTY PM CST AND ENDING TEN ZERO FIVE PM.

THIS MEETING PRIMARLY ATTENDED BY ADULT NEGROS WITH HOSEA WILLIAMS
AS PRINCIPAL SPEAKER. WILLIAMS SPEECH RELATED TO HIS EXPERIENCE
WHILE CONFINED TO ALABAMA PRISON CAMP AT SELMA AND CAMDEN ALA IN
CONNECTION WITH CR MOVEMENT AT SELMA. A MEETING OF NEGRO YOUTHS
ALSO OCCURRED AT THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ON SYLVAN STREET AND
BEGAN AT APPROXIMATELY SEVEN THIRTY PM. TERMINATING AT ABOUT
NINE FORTYFIVE PM. ATENDENCE AT BROWNS CHAPEL ESTIMATED AT SIX
HUNDRED. FIFTY TO SEVEN HUNDRED NEGROES AND AT FIRST BAPTIST, FOUR
TO FIVE HUNDRED YOUTHS. NO PRINCIPAL SPEAKERS AT YOUTH MEETING WHICH
CONSISTED PRIMARLY OF SINGING FREEDOM SONGS.

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CONTACTED HOSEA WILLIAMS AT BROWNS CHAPEL [REDACTED]

KING TOLD WILLIAMS THEY SHOULD NOT CONDUCT A NIGHT MARCH TONIGHT AS PREVIOUSLY PLANNED AND HE WAS EMPHATIC WITH WILLIAMS, ABOUT HIS DISAPPROVAL OF THE NIGHT MARCH, STATING ~~QUOTE~~ "IF THEY MARCH TONIGHT IT WILL BE A SEVERE TACTICAL ERROR" ~~END QUOTE~~. KING INDICATED TO

[REDACTED] THE REASON FOR CANCELING THE NIGHT MARCH WAS TO AFFORD THE ORDER OF ^{U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE} ~~USDC~~ DANIEL H. THOMAS ISSUED TODAY FURTHER STUDY AND HE INDICATED HE FELT THIS WAS A ~~QUOTE~~ "A FAIR ORDER" ~~END QUOTE~~.

KING CONFIDENTIALLY ADVISED [REDACTED] THAT IF SHERIFF JAMES G. CLARK HAD NOT MADE MASS ARREST ON JAN NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE THE IMPETUS ON VOTER REGISTRATION MOVEMENT AT SELMA WOULD HAVE FAILED AND HE WOULD HAVE MOVED HIS ACTIVITIES TO MONTGOMERY, ALA. KING STATED CONSIDERATION IS BEING GIVEN AT PRESENT TIME TO SHIFT ACTIVITIES FROM SELMA TO MONTGOMERY AS HE FEELS THE SITUATION HAS RESOLVED ITSELF SATISFACTORY IN HIS FAVOR AT PRESENT TIME AT SELMA. HE ADVISED HE WILL POSSIBLY SPEAK AT A MASS MEETING AT MONTGOMERY NIGHT OF FEB EIGHT ^{SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE} NEXT NEXT AND ~~SOLE~~ WILL PROBABLY START VOTER REGISTRATION ACTIVITY THERE WHICH INCLUDE DEMONSTRATIONS OF FEB NINE OR TEN NEXT.

KING ALSO STATED HE WOULD REMAIN IN JAIL ~~QUOTE~~ "UNTIL ALL OF HIS PEOPLE" ~~END QUOTE~~ HAVE BEEN RELEASED FROM JAIL AT SELMA.

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[REDACTED] CONFIDENTIALLY ADVISED HE HAS
INFO KING WILL LEAVE JAIL FEB FIVE NEXT AND MAY RETURN TO ATLANTA
GEORGIA
GA OVER WEEKEND. SOURCE FURTHER STATES ~~SOME~~ OF NEGRO LEADERS IN
DISCUSSING JUDGE THOMAS ORDER FEEL THAT IT MIGHT NOT BE STRONG
ENOUGH ~~TO~~ TO SATISFY THEM AND FURTHER DEMONSTRATIONS MIGHT
BE NECESSARY IN SELMA.

ATTORNEY GENERAL
ASST A & JOHN DOAR AND DEPT ATTORNEY CHARLES QUAINANCE
WERE ADVISED OF ~~PERTINENT~~ ^{PERTINENT} DEVELOPEMENTS CONTAINED HEREIN RELATIVE
TO TODAY'S ACTIVITIES AT SELMA.

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Malcolm X appeared in Selma, Alabama, 2/4/65, to urge that President Johnson order a full scale investigation of the Klan. He made no statements indicating his Muslim group would take any action in the situation at Selma. He departed Selma without incident.

U. S. District Judge Daniel Thomas, Mobile, on 2/4/65, ordered that the registration of voters be expedited and at least 100 registrants be processed daily; that adequate personnel be provided for registration; that the literary test be dropped; that if all applicants have not been processed by the July end of registration, they may register with the court-appointed voter referee; that any rejected Negro applicant may apply to the court for registration. b7D

Department being currently informed.

Alan Rums

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REGISTRARS OF VOTERS, DALLAS COUNTY, ALABAMA, VOTING
DISCRIMINATION. CR, EL. *ELECTION LAWS*

REMYTEL FEBRUARY TWELVE, SIXTYFIVE, ELEVEN THIRTYEIGHT

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HE HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH REV. ANDREW YOUNG, SCLC STAFF,
WHO APPARENTLY IS IN CHARGE OF QUOTE MOVEMENT UNQUOTE AT SELMA
AT PRESENT TIME. YOUNG AND HOSEA WILLIAMS, ALSO SCLC STAFF,
CONTACTED HIM ON AFTERNOON OF FEBRUARY TWELVE, LAST, RE
REQUEST BY DALLAS COUNTY VOTERS LEAGUE TO PARADE ON FEBRUARY
FIFTEEN, NEXT. HE GATHERED FROM CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG AND
WILLIAMS THAT THEY WERE NOT IN FAVOR OF DALLAS COUNTY VOTERS
LEAGUE APPLYING FOR PARADE PERMIT, THAT IN MONTGOMERY AND
BIRMINGHAM THE PARADES HAD NOT BEEN SUCCESSFUL AND THE

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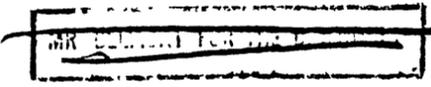
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~~QUOTE~~ MOVEMENT ~~UNQUOTE~~ HAD RECEIVED BAD PUBLICITY AS RESULT OF APPLYING FOR THESE PERMITS.

~~██████████~~ FURTHER ADVISED YOUNG INFORMED HIM THAT IF ~~QUOTE~~ "ALL GOES WELL ~~UNQUOTE~~ ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY FIFTEEN, NEXT, RE VOTER REGISTRATION, NEGRO DEMONSTRATIONS WOULD BE AT AN END IN SELMA AND CHILDREN WOULD BE INSTRUCTED TO RETURN TO SCHOOL ON FEBRUARY SIXTEEN, NEXT. ~~██████████~~ STATED YOUNG ALSO STATED NEGROES GOING TO DALLAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE ON FEBRUARY FIFTEEN, NEXT, WOULD NOT INSIST ON FILLING OUT APPLICATIONS ON THIS DAY BUT WOULD BE INTERESTED IN SIGNING APPEARANCE BOOK TO RECEIVE NUMBER FOR LATER REGISTRATION.

~~██████████~~ ADVISED HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH VARIOUS INDIVIDUALS IN SELMA ATTEMPTING TO ARRANGE WITH BOARD OF REGISTRARS TO PROCESS EVERY INDIVIDUAL WHO APPEARS AT COURTHOUSE ON FEBRUARY FIFTEEN, NEXT, HOWEVER, AS OF PRESENT TIME WOULD HESITATE TO COMMENT ON STATUS OF ARRANGEMENT.

NEWS BULLETIN THIS DATE IN SELMA STATED SHERIFF JAMES G. CLARK, JR., WAS ~~QUOTE~~ DOING SATISFACTORILY ~~UNQUOTE~~ AT HOSPITAL, THAT SERIES OF TESTS HE RECEIVED GAVE NO INDICATION HE HAD

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SUFFERED HEART ATTACK, HOWEVER, WOULD REMAIN IN HOSPITAL
QUOTE " FOR SEVERAL DAYS UNQUOTE, FOR OBSERVATION AND REST.

DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY BRIAN LANDSBERG ON SCENE AT SELMA
BEING ADVISED OF ABOVE.

~~CORR LINE 6 WORD 4 PAGE 2 SHOULD BE "CHILDREN"~~

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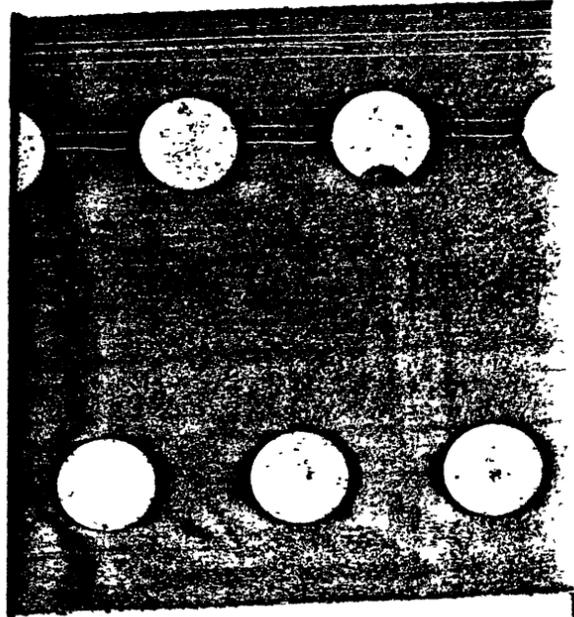
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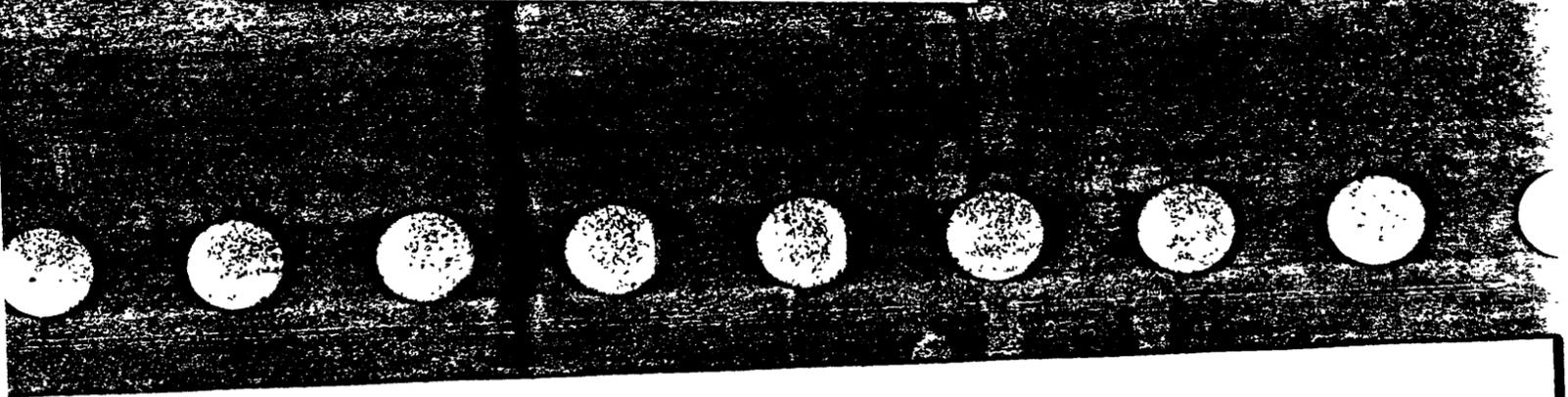
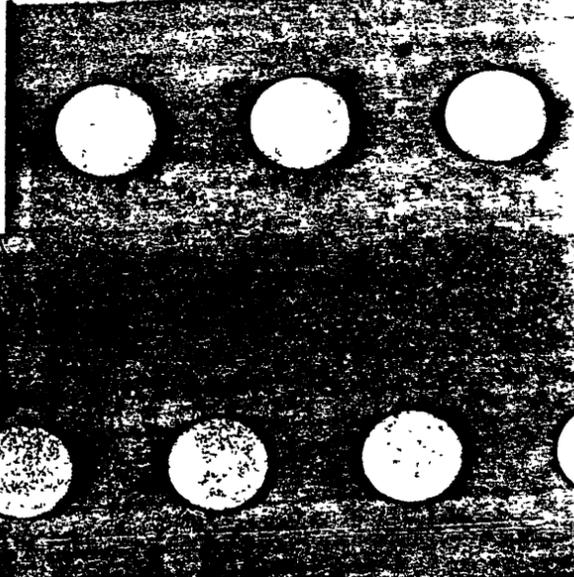
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The Department has been advised.



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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-12831)
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RE: REGISTRARS OF VOTERS
DALLAS COUNTY, ALABAMA
VOTING DISCRIMINATION
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Enclosed herewith to the Bureau are 8 copies of letterhead memorandum pertaining to captioned matter.

Interview of [redacted] Selma, Ala., was conducted by Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] on 2/12/65.

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Departmental Attorney's request was made to SA [redacted] and the results of the interview with [redacted] were discussed with Departmental Attorney BRIAN LANDSBERG, Selma, Ala., by SA [redacted]

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Copies of letterhead memorandum are being disseminated locally to intelligence agencies, as well as to U. S. Attorney, Mobile, Ala., and Departmental Attorneys, Selma, Ala.

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Mobile, Alabama
February 13, 1965

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REGISTRARS OF VOTERS
DALLAS COUNTY, ALABAMA
VOTING DISCRIMINATION

On February 11, 1965, BRIAN LANDSBERG, Department
Attorney, Selma, Alabama, requested that Reverend JAMES
BEVEL and [redacted] both of Selma, Alabama, be interviewed
concerning a report that BEVEL was in a Selma hospital in
chains. Mr. LANDSBERG requested that it be determined if
Reverend BEVEL was refused admission at the Good Samaritan
Hospital, Selma, Alabama, before being admitted to the
Infirmary, Selma, Alabama.

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talked to Sheriff JAMES G. CLARK, JR. about having BEVEL
released from jail to be taken to the hospital; that Sheriff
CLARK said to take BEVEL to the New Vaughan Memorial Hospital,
but that BEVEL would have to have a full time guard with him
and would have to be shackled to the bed.

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

never any question of Reverend BEVEL being refused admission to the Good Samaritan Hospital.

[REDACTED]

learned that BEVEL had been taken to the Burwell Infirmary, Selma, Alabama; and that the plan of plans was made at the suggestion of some of BEVEL's friends.

said that he went to the Burwell Infirmary and arrived there at about 7:00 P.M. on February 1, 1965; that Reverend BEVEL was in a private room, and with a deputy sheriff standing guard in the doorway; that Reverend BEVEL had leg irons on his right leg, which were attached to the foot of the bed; that he asked the deputy sheriff to take the shackles off of Reverend BEVEL, and that the deputy sheriff said he could not do so, since BEVEL was a private and there were no bars on the window.

stated that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were at the Burwell Infirmary when he arrived, and that [REDACTED] made several long distance telephone calls, but he did not know whom she had called.

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[REDACTED] said that he telephoned Sheriff CLARK and tried to explain that BEVEL's condition did not warrant his being shackled to the bed; that BEVEL was very sick and weak, and he could not leave the hospital even if he wanted to do so; that Sheriff CLARK said he would have the leg irons removed from BEVEL only if [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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DALLAS COUNTY, ALABAMA
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The results of the above investigation were orally furnished to BRIAN LANDSBERG, Departmental Attorney, Seima, Alabama, on February 12, 1965.

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FROM MOBILE (44-557)

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REGISTRARS OF VOTERS, DALLAS COUNTY, ALABAMA, VOTING
DISCRIMINATION. CR, EL.

REMOTEL THIS DATE.

NEGRO MASS MEETING TOOK PLACE BROWN'S CHAPEL AME CHURCH
 TONIGHT BEGINING ABOUT SEVEN P.M. CST, AND ENDING NINE THIRTY FIVE
 P.M. ATTENDANCE AT MEETING ESTIMATED APPROX. FOUR HUNDRED PERSONS.
 PRINCIPAL SPEAKERS, HOSEA WILLIAMS AND RICHARD BOONE, SCLC STAFF.
 SPEAKERS STRESSED VOTER REGISTRATION AND NEED FOR LARGE CROWD TO GO
 TO DALLAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE ON MONDAY TWO FIFTEEN SIXTYFIVE.
 NO INCIDENTS OCCURRED.

AT EIGHT TEN P.M. CST, IN FRONT OF CHURCH MARIE FOSTER,
 SECRETARY DALLAS COUNTY VOTERS LEAGUE DELIVERED A TYPE WRITTEN
 REQUEST TO J. W. BAKER, WHICH IN SUBSTANCE REQUESTED A PERMIT TO
 PARADE ON TWO FIFTEEN SIXTYFIVE UNDER SECTION TWO TWO FOUR OF
 ONE NINE FIVE FOUR CODE OF CITY OF SELMA.

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THE REQUEST ESTIMATED SIX HUNDRED PERSONS WOULD BE IN THE PARADE AND WOULD WALK SOUTH ON SYLVAN STREET TO ALABAMA AVE., WEST ON ALABAMA AVE., TO DALLAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE WHERE THEY WOULD LINE UP IN SINGLE FILE FOR VOTER REGISTRATION.

BAKER STATED THAT ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY THE CITY IS CLOSED FOR BUSINESS, HOWEVER, HE INTENDS TO REQUEST THE MAYOR TO CALL A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE CITY COUNCIL IN ORDER TO AUTHORIZE THE PERMIT. HE ADVISED FOSTER IN PRESENT OF AGENTS OBSERVING MASS RALLY THAT HE WOULD DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE IN EFFORT TO OBTAIN PERMIT.

COVERAGE OF MEETING AFFORDED BY BAKER, ONE PLAIN CLOTHES DETECTIVE, ONE P D CAR PATROLING AREA. NO S O CARS OR DEPUTIES OBSERVED ON SCENE .

DEPT ATTORNEY BRIAN LANDSBERG ON SCENE AT SELMA ADVISED.

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Enclosed for the Bureau is LHM concerning the above-captioned matter.

This investigation was conducted upon receipt of a handwritten request to the Selma, Ala., RA, which request was delivered by Departmental Attorney CHARLES "CHAD" QUAINANCE.

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Mobile, Alabama
February 11, 1965

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS,
DALLAS COUNTY, ALABAMA
VOTING DISCRIMINATION

On February 1, 1965, Departmental Attorney Charles "Chad" Quaintance delivered a handwritten request to the Selma Resident Agency of the FBI, which set forth the following:

The Department has been informed that [redacted] Selma, Alabama, a Negro, was dismissed from employment as [redacted] for a [redacted] Dallas County, Alabama, on January 29, 1965. [redacted] worked on Fridays as [redacted] and told [redacted] on the day she was dismissed that she, [redacted] had attended mass meetings and had attempted to register to vote during the week of January 25, 1965. Dismissal of employees who attend such meetings and who attempt to vote may be in violation of the Civil Rights Act of 1957. It is requested that the subject, [redacted] be interviewed to determine how long [redacted] had been employed, her duties, whether her work was satisfactory, net salary, if given a raise and if so, when, the extent of the conversations occurring when [redacted] explained to [redacted] that she had attended meetings and attempted to register to vote, when [redacted] informed [redacted] that she was dismissed and if a replacement has been hired.

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A signed statement should be obtained if possible.

[REDACTED]
Selma, Alabama, furnished the following information, which was incorporated into the following statement:

"I, [REDACTED] make the following voluntary statement to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the FBI. Agent [REDACTED] has advised me that I do not have to say a thing and that anything I do say might be used against me in a court of law. I have been told also that I can consult with an attorney of my choice or anyone else. No threats or promises were used to get me to make this statement.

"I was born on [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] Alabama, and presently reside at [REDACTED] Selma, Alabama.

"I hired [REDACTED] between six and nine months ago because her mother-in-law, [REDACTED] recommended her. I have employed [REDACTED] for the past 13 years and have found her to be a reliable and trustworthy employee. [REDACTED] has been doing [REDACTED] for me and although her [REDACTED] has been satisfactory her [REDACTED] has not been. About a month ago I told [REDACTED] that her daughter-in-law's [REDACTED] was not satisfactory.

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[REDACTED] worked for me only one day a week for \$4.50 per day. The hours she worked were from 8:20 am to about 2:00 pm. I travelled about three miles each time she worked to pick her up and over six miles to take her home. I never gave [REDACTED] a raise.

"The last week she worked for me [REDACTED] told me her legs were tired from standing in line one day during the week. She didn't say anything to me concerning the parading that had gone on other than mentioning the word, registering, and mentioning that her feet and legs were tired. I did not discuss the registration drive or parade with her.

"I informed [REDACTED] on January 29, 1965, that her services were no longer needed and as such dismissed her. I laid off [REDACTED] last summer for about two or three weeks because I didn't have the money to pay for her at that time.

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"I have hired a temporary replacement for [REDACTED] but will decide if this replacement's work is satisfactory and if so whether this replacement will become permanent."

[REDACTED] read this statement and stated that it was true and correct. She said that she desired to contact her attorney before signing this statement.

On February 10, 1965, [REDACTED] advised that she had talked with her attorney, [REDACTED] Selma, Alabama, and he advised her not to sign this statement.

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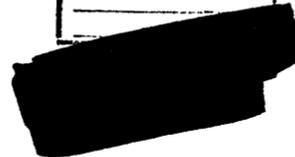
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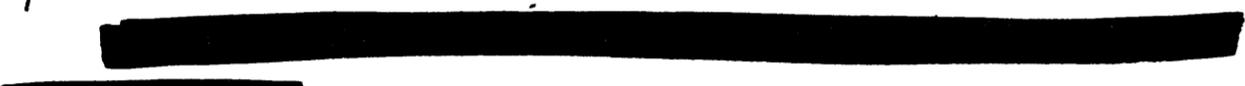
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LETTER OF AUTHORIZATION TO THE STEERING COMMITTEE
OF THE DALLAS CO VOTERS LEAGUE APROVING A QUOTE WALK OF SIX
HUNDRED ADULT CITIZENS OF DALLAS CO ALA ENQUOTE, FROM BROWNS
AME CHURCH TO THE DALLAS CO COURTHOUSE, SELMA TWO FIFTEEN NEXT.
AUTHORIZATION SPECIFIED THEY ARE TO OBSERVE ALL TRAFFIC
REGULATIONS BY CITY AND TO WALK IN SUCH MANNER THAT THEY
WILL NOT INTERFERE WITH OTHER CITIZENS USING SAME STREETS OR
SIDEWALKS. AUTHORIZATION TO BE DELIVERED TO DALLAS CO VOTERS
LEAGUE ABOUT SIX PM CST TODAY.

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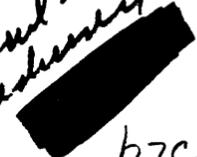
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ADVISED TODAY HE OBTAINED INFO THAT DR
MARTIN LUTHER KING HAD BEEN ADVISED BY DR. TO GO TO BED AND REST.
THEREFORE HE IS NOT EXPECTED TO APPEAR SELMA UNTIL MORNING
OF TWO FIFTEEN NEXT.

*and asked if
advised 2/15/65*



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MASS MEETING SCHEDULED TONIGHT BROWNS CHAPEL AME CHURCH.
ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE THROUGH SOURCE WHEN KING WILL LEAVE
ATLANTA AND IF ABOVE INFO SUBSTANTIALLY CORRECT.

DEPT ATTORNEY BRIAN LANDSBERG ON SCENE AT SELMA

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REGISTRARS OF VOTERS, DALLAS COUNTY, ALA., VOTER
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RE ~~MOTEL~~ TODAY, TWO THIRTEEN PM.

REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING RETURNED TO SELMA, ALA FROM CAMDEN, ALA. APPROXIMATELY TWO THIRTY PM AND RETURNED TO BROWNS CHAPEL AME CHURCH, SELMA, WHERE REPORTEDLY SPOKE TO A GROUP OF NEGRO TEACHERS. AT THREE TWENTYSEVEN PM KING AND HIS PARTY LEFT IN THEIR AUTOMOBILE FROM MARION, ALA., ON HIGHWAY EIGHTY ~~SIX~~

AT THREE THIRTYSEVEN PM APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED EIGHTYSIX NEGROES SCHOOLTEACHERS, BOTH MALE AND FEMALE, MARCHED IN SMALL GROUPS FROM BROWNS CHAPEL TO THE DALLAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ARRIVING AT THREE FIFTY PM. TEACHERS CONTINUED MARCHING PAST COURTHOUSE AND WENT TO THE END OF THE LINE ON LAUDERDALE STREET CONSISTING OF PERSONS

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WAITING TO RECEIVE NUMBERS AND TO SIGN THE APPEARANCE BOOK. APPROXIMATELY THIRTY OTHER NEGROES JOINED THE END OF THE LINE WHO APPEARED TO BE LABORING TYPE PERSONS MANY OF WHOM WERE WEARING A UNIFORM SHIRT WITH THE NAME ~~STATE~~ "HENRY BRICK COMPANY" ~~UNQUOTE~~, A LOCAL BRICK COMPANY, THESE PERSONS APPARENTLY BEING EMPLOYEES JUST FINISHING WORK.

 SELMA, NOTED A NUMBER OF SCHOOL TEACHERS LINING UP WERE ALREADY REGISTERED IN DALLAS COUNTY AND WERE APPARENTLY LINING UP ONLY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEMONSTRATION.

AS OF FOUR PM, WHEN THE DALLAS COUNTY BOARD OF REGISTRARS CLOSED, ONE HUNDRED TWENTY PERSONS HAD BEEN PROCESSED TODAY, NINETY ONE NEGROES AND TWENTYNINE WHITES. NUMBER TWO HUNDRED FIFTYONE WAS THE LAST PERSON CALLED TO THE BOARD TO FILL OUT AN APPLICATION. THE BOARD REMAINED OPEN UNTIL FOUR THIRTY PM TO ALLOW PERSONS TO SIGN THE APPEARANCE BOOK AND AS OF FOUR THIRTY PM SEVEN HUNDRED FIVE NUMBERS HAD BEEN ISSUED. THE BOARD

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ADVISED THEY WILL REOPEN NINE AM, FEBRUARY SIXTEEN, NEXT, TO ALLOW PERSONS TO SIGN THE APPEARANCE BOOK BUT THE BOARD HAS NOT DECIDED AS TO WHETHER THEY WILL REMAIN OPEN DURING THE LUNCH HOUR TOMORROW OR FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE WEEK.

SEVERAL HUNDRED PERSONS STILL IN LINE THIS DATE WHO DID NOT RECEIVE NUMBERS INCLUDING THE ABOVE MENTIONED SCHOOL TEACHERS BEGAN DISPERSING AT FOUR THIRTY PM . A NUMBER OF PERSONS WHO HAD RECEIVED NUMBERS BUT WHO HAD NOT ENTERED TO BOARD FOR PURPOSE OF FILLING OUT APPLICATION BEGAN DISPERSING FROM THE COURTHOUSE AT FOUR PM AND THE AREA AROUND THE DALY'S COUNTY COURTHOUSE WAS CLEAR AS OF FOUR THIRTY PM, MANY OF THESE RETURNING TO THE AREA OF BROWNS CHAPEL AME CHURCH AND FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ON SYLVAN STREET.

A MASS MEETING IS REPORTEDLY SCHEDULED AT BROWNS CHAPEL AME CHURCH TONIGHT AT SEVEN THIRTY PM AND REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING IS REPORTED TO BE RETURNING FROM MARION, ALA TO BE THE PRINCIPAL SPEAKER.
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DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS BRIAN LANDSBERG AND GEORGE
RAYBORN ARE IN SELMA AND BEING ADVISED OF PERTINENT
DEVELOPMENTS.

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2/16/65

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Negro mass meeting held at Selma evening of 2/15/65. Estimated attendance 700-750 adults. Dick Gregory, Negro comedian, and Reverend Ralph Abernathy spoke to meeting. Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., did not speak at the meeting but he was to spend the night 2/15/65 in Selma at the home of Dr. Sullivan Jackson.

Negro youths instructed to return to school and only activity planned for 2/16/65 is the Negro signing of the appearance book at the court house.

We are keeping the Department informed on a current basis.

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~~TO DIRECTOR /44-12831/~~

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RE MOBILE TELETYPE, FEBRUARY FOURTEEN, LAST.

DALLAS COUNTY BOARD OF REGISTRARS OFFICE OPENED AT NINE A.M., CST, THIS DATE, AT WHICH TIME SIXTEEN NEGROES AND THREE WHITES, ALL OF WHOM HAD PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED NUMBERS, WERE IN LINE. AS OF TWELVE ZERO ONE P.M., THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY TWO NUMBERS HAD BEEN ISSUED. APPROXIMATELY SIXTEEN TO SEVENTEEN PERSONS WERE ALLOWED INSIDE THE REGISTRARS OFFICE INITIALLY TO RECEIVE APPLICATIONS, AND THESE PERSONS WERE BEING REPLACED FROM THE LINE AS THEY COMPLETED APPLICATIONS. AS OF TWELVE ZERO ONE P.M., WHEN THE BOARD CLOSED FOR LUNCH, NUMBER ONE EIGHTY THREE HAD ENTERED THE REGISTRARS OFFICE TO RECEIVE AN APPLICATION. SIXTY THREE PERSONS HAD BEEN PROCESSED FOR REGISTRATION AT THIS TIME, AND THOSE PERSONS INSIDE THE OFFICE

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WHEN THE BOARD CLOSED AT NOON WOULD BE ALLOWED TO FINISH THEIR APPLICATIONS. THE DESK WHERE PERSONS WERE RECEIVING NUMBERS ON THE APPEARANCE BOOK, WAS BEING MAINTAINED OPEN THROUGH THE LUNCH HOUR, TO CONTINUE ISSUANCE OF APPEARANCE NUMBERS.

BOARD IS SCHEDULED TO REOPEN AT ONE FORTY FIVE P.M.

AT APPROXIMATELY NINE FORTY FIVE A.M., A GROUP OF NEGRO ADULTS, ESTIMATED AT APPROXIMATELY ELEVEN HUNDRED, ALSO INCLUDING TEN TO TWELVE WHITE PERSONS, MARCHED FROM BROWNS CHAPEL AME CHURCH TO DALLAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, AND STARTED A LINE AT THE LAUDERDALE STREET DOOR. DALLAS COUNTY RESIDENTS WERE ISSUED AN APPEARANCE NUMBER AS THEY ENTERED THE COURTHOUSE, AND SIGNED THE APPEARANCE BOOK, AND PERSONS AFTER RECEIVING THEIR NUMBER FORMED ANOTHER LINE, BOTH LINES EXTENDING NORTH ALONG LAUDERDALE STREET FOR APPROXIMATELY SIX BLOCKS. REVEREND MARTIN LUTHER KING, WHO LED THE GROUP TO THE COURTHOUSE, WALKED ENTIRE LENGTH OF THE LINE SHAKING HANDS WITH PERSONS IN LINE. MARCHERS WHO APPEARED IN THIS GROUP CARRIED SIGNS QUOTE FARMERS UNQUOTE TEACHERS UNQUOTE,
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QUOTE JAILBIRDS UNQUOTE, AND SIMILAR SIGNS, APPARENTLY DESCRIBING THE PARTICULAR GROUPS IN THAT SECTION OF THE MARCH. KING WAS HEARD TELLING NEWSMEN THAT HE PLANNED TO GO TO CAMDEN, ALABAMA, WILCOX COUNTY, AT ELEVEN THIRTY A.M., AND TO MARION, ALABAMA, PERRY COUNTY, AT ONE THIRTY P.M.

AT APPROXIMATELY ELEVEN A.M., A GROUP OF NEGRO YOUTHS, ESTIMATED AT EIGHT HUNDRED NINETY, MARCHED IN SMALL GROUPS FROM BROWNS CHAPEL AME CHURCH TO THE COURTHOUSE, WHERE THEY TURNED ON THE STREET, MARCHING NORTH ALONG THE EAST SIDE OF LAUDERDALE STREET, AND THEN RETURNING TO BROWNS CHAPEL.

AT APPROXIMATELY ELEVEN TEN A.M., KING LEFT THE AREA OF THE DALLAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE AND RETURNED TO BROWNS CHAPEL CHURCH, WHERE HE HELD A SHORT PRESS CONFERENCE. HE THEN WENT TO THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ON SYLVAN STREET, AND AT TWELVE ZERO ONE P.M., KING, IN A SIXTY FOUR GREEN CHEVROLET IMPALA WITH FIVE OTHERS, LEFT SELMA, APPARENTLY HEADING FOR CAMDEN, ALABAMA, ON ROUTE FORTY ONE. DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY BRIAN LANDSBERG AND GEORGE RAYBORN ARE BEING ADVISED OF PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS.

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ON FEB. THIRTEEN, LAST A PETITION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS WAS FILED FOR JAMES L. BEVEL AND FORTYNINE OTHERS WHO WERE ARRESTED FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT ON FEB. EIGHT, LAST AND SENTENCED TO FIVE DAYS AND FIFTY DOLLARS FINE. U. S. DISTRICT JUDGE ON FEB. FIFTEEN, INSTANT ISSUED AN ORDER STAYING THE PAYMENT OF THE FIFTY DOLLARS FINE, ORDERED THE SHERIFF TO SURRENDER THE BODIES OF THE PETITIONERS, AND PROVIDED FOR THEIR RELEASE UPON THE POSTING OF A HUNDRED DOLLAR BOND.

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Via AIRTEL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-12831)
FROM: SAC, MOBILE (44-557)(P)
RE: REGISTRARS OF VOTERS,
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VOTING DISCRIMINATION
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Reference is made to Mobile airtel dated 2/5/65 transmitting weekly letterhead memorandum.

Enclosed herewith to the Bureau are 10 copies of weekly letterhead memorandum covering the period through 2/11/65. These weekly letterhead memoranda will be continued as long as the activity indicates the need therefor.

Copies of this letterhead memorandum are being disseminated locally to intelligence agencies, to the Departmental Attorney at Selma, Ala., and to the U. S. Attorney at Mobile, Ala., who has requested copies of same.

Copies of this letterhead memorandum are also being furnished to Atlanta, because of the activity of MARTIN LUTHER KING and others connected with the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in relation to the Selma demonstration.

Agents observing the activity at Selma, Ala., as reported in letterhead memorandum are

[Redacted names] and [Redacted name]

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- ENCLOSURE
- 3 - Bureau (Encs. 10) (RM)
 - 5 - Atlanta (Encs. 5) (RM)
 - 7 - Mobile (2 - 44-557) (1 - 157-367, RACIAL SITUATION, SELMA, ALA.)
 - (1 - 100-1342, RACIAL SITUATION, STATE OF ALABAMA)
 - (1 - 44-1144, VOTER REGISTRATION MATTERS, SELMA, ALA.)
 - (1 - 157-192, SCLC) | (2 - 100-1472, REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING)

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On a daily basis, the above information has been made available at Selma, Ala. to Departmental Attorneys BRIAN LANDSBERG, GEORGE RAYBORN, or MORTON SKLAR.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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In Reply, Please Refer to
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11-21-84
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The information set forth herein will supplement the information set forth in letterhead memorandum dated February 5, 1965:

AT SELMA, ALABAMA:

On February 5, 1965, United States Marshal GEORGE M. STUART advised that 16 congressmen were due to arrive in Montgomery, Alabama that morning, and would, thereafter, travel to Selma, Alabama to meet with local authorities.

[redacted] advised that the general consensus of opinion was that the county and city authorities did not desire to meet with the congressional group, as they felt it was biased. STUART said that after the congressmen met with the city and county authorities, they would receive complaints from the local citizens regarding the racial unrest. This action is to take place at 3:00 P.M. in the Federal Building in Selma.

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At 8:45 A.M., February 5, 1965, Special Agents of the Federal Bureau Of Investigation observed a Negro mass meeting beginning at Brown's Chapel AME Church, with about 150 adults in attendance. At the same time, a meeting of 250 to 300 Negro youths began at the First Baptist Church. At about 11:45 A.M., a group of 74 persons, 71 Negroes together with two white males and one white female, left Brown's Chapel AME Church and walked to the Alabama Avenue entrance of the Dallas County Courthouse, where they were confronted by Sheriff JAMES G. CLARK. CLARK read an order from Circuit Judge JAMES A. HARE, and directed the group to

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disperse, since court was in session. Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) Staff Member CORDY T. VIVIAN was the leader of the group, and he asked to see the Registrars Of Voters. VIVIAN made several statements about CLARK and led the group in prayer. Thereafter, CLARK informed them that they were under arrest for contempt of court. He took them to the second floor courtroom of Judge HARE, where HARE again read them his order. They were taken to the Old National Guard Armory at about 2:30 P.M., it being noted that Judge HARE was scheduled to hold a conference at 3:00 P.M. in the courtroom with Alabama Congressmen who were on the scene, namely, RICHARD DICKINSON, JOHN BUCHANAN, JIM MARTIN, and GLENN ANDREWS. It was reported that Judge HARE would dispose of the cases against these persons charged with contempt of court on that date after the conference with the Alabama Congressmen. ALa

At about 12:37 P.M. on that date, about 450 Negro youths left the First Baptist Church, separating in groups of four and five. They proceeded to the county courthouse, where they lined up on the Lauderdale Street side of the courthouse. They sang and showed placards relating to voter registration. Sheriff CLARK read to this group the order of Judge HARE and directed that the group disperse. They refused to disperse and were placed under arrest by Sheriff CLARK at 1:18 P.M. They were then taken to the Old National Guard Armory, from where they were taken to the State Prison Camp at Selma.

At 1:12 P.M., MARTIN LUTHER KING and RALPH ABERNATHY were observed to leave the Selma City Jail, after their bonds were posted by Reverend L. L. ANDERSON and Reverend EDWIN L. D. MOSS. They drove to the residence of Mrs. AMELIA BOYNTON, where they were met by a group of 16 congressmen. KING announced a press conference at 3:00 P.M. on that date at Brown's Chapel AME Church. As of 3:30 P.M., February 5, 1965, information was received that some of the delegation of 16 congressmen had merged with the delegation of Alabama Congressmen in a closed conference with Judge HARE. Several of the congressmen were at Brown's Chapel AME Church at the time. ALa

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The 71 Negro adults and three white adults arrested during the day for contempt of court were being released on \$100 personal recognizance bonds, if residents of Dallas County, and \$100.00 surety bonds, if non-residents of Dallas County. As of 5:30 P.M., only 20 of the group were still being processed, and they were in the process of being released on bond.

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[REDACTED] the 450 Negro students arrested in the day's demonstrations were being released to their parents on the night of February 5, 1965. The parents had been notified they could pick up their children at Camp Selma.

MARTIN LUTHER KING made a press release at 3:45 P.M. on February 5, 1965, stating that he wanted to meet with President JOHNSON on voter application matters. He said he and Reverend ABERNATHY had received proper treatment while in jail in Selma.

KING spoke at a rally at Brown's Chapel AME Church on the night of February 5, 1965 for about 30 minutes. He left the church at about 10:00 P.M. and went to the home of Dr. SULLIVAN JACKSON in Selma, where he met with members of his staff. Attendance at the rally at Brown's Chapel AME Church on that night was 700 to 800 persons, with a large number of Negro students on the outside. Coverage of the rally was by J. WILSON BAKER and plainclothes officers. No incidents were observed or reported in connection with the rally.

Concerning the 250 Negro students who were arrested on February 2, 1965, [REDACTED] b7D

[REDACTED] on February 5, 1965 they were returned to Selma, Alabama from Camp Thomaston, Alabama, and were processed and released by the Probate Judge.

The 22 persons arrested on February 1, 1965 on charge of contributing to the delinquency of minors were released on bond on February 4, 1965. The Negroes arrested on February 1, 1965 on miscellaneous charges were released on bond on February 4, 1965.

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At approximately 8:00 A.M., February 6, 1965, MARTIN LUTHER KING was observed to leave Selma, Alabama, proceeding to Montgomery, Alabama, where he departed on Delta Air Lines Flight Number 614 at 9:10 A.M. for Atlanta, Georgia.

On February 6, 1965, [REDACTED] advised that he had conferred with Assistant Attorney General JOHN DOAR, and he was trying to arrange a meeting between DOAR and REX NORTHLUND, President, and FRANK WILSON, Vice President, Peoples Bank And Trust Company, Selma, who have been influential in establishing communications between city officials and local Negro leaders, this being done in an attempt to bring a halt to the racial activity in Selma. b7c b7D

Special Agents of the Federal Bureau Of Investigation observed that work shop meetings were held on February 6, 1965 at Hopewell Baptist Church, Tabernacle Baptist Church, and St. Paul Church. The meetings were held between 7:00 P.M. and 9:30 P.M. Attendance at each meeting was approximately 20, and the meetings were not covered by local authorities. No incidents were observed at any of these meetings.

On the night of February 7, 1965, Special Agents of the Federal Bureau Of Investigation observed a Negro mass meeting held at the Brown's Chapel AME Church between 7:30 P.M. and 9:45 P.M. Attendance was about 500. JAMES BEVEL, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), and FREDERICK D. REESE, President, Dallas County Voters League (DCVL), were the speakers. BEVEL stressed more demonstrations. He said it would not be quiet in Selma for a long time. He was critical of United States District Judge DANIEL H. THOMAS, calling him a segregationist and alleging that Judge THOMAS had been conferring with Sheriff CLARK on the side. 1-1/2

On February 7, 1965, [REDACTED] advised that he had told Reverend BEVEL that the Dallas County Board Of Registrars would have a book open each day during the coming week and available for Negroes to sign and receive priority numbers for voter registration. The Board Of Registrars b7c b7D

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would allow every Negro who appeared, to fill out registration forms by July 1, 1965, even if the board had to hold extra registration days to do so and comply with Judge THOMAS' order of February 4, 1965. BEVEL told [redacted] that this was not enough, and that he wanted the registration board open on February 8, 1965; that receiving priority numbers would not satisfy the Negroes. He said he had instructed the Negroes to get in line on February 8, 1965 and not leave the courthouse area. He said that he could always get a favorable ruling from Judge TUTTLE, in Atlanta, Georgia, if they needed it, and they did not intend to comply with the order issued by Judge THOMAS. b7c b7D

Coverage of the meeting on the night of February 7, 1965 was handled by BAKER and plainclothes officers of the Selma Police Department. No incidents were observed or reported in connection with the meeting.

On February 8, 1965, VICTOR ATKINS, Chairman, Dallas County Board Of Registrars, advised that the board opened at 9:00 A.M. on that date to allow prospective registrants to sign a book for priority registration numbers. When the board closed at 4:30 P.M. on that date, 13 priority numbers had been issued, all to Negroes. The next registration date is set for February 15, 1965. b7c b7D

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At approximately 2:30 P.M., February 8, 1965, 50 persons, including 47 Negroes and three whites, arrived at the county courthouse, and were confronted by Mr. ATKINS at the Office Of The Board Of Registrars, who informed them individually that registration was not in progress, but each could sign the priority registration book. Reverend JAMES BEVEL was their leader. After ATKINS spoke to each individual, the persons went outside of the courthouse and again joined the group. Sheriff CLARK arrested BEVEL at 2:39 P.M., charging him with contempt of court. At 2:45 P.M., Sheriff CLARK read

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an order of Judge HARE to the other 49 persons, calling upon them to sign the book or disperse. They refused to do so, and were placed under arrest by Sheriff CLARK on charge of contempt of court.

These 50 persons were brought before Judge JAMES A. HARE, found guilty on contempt of court charges, and were sentenced on the same date to face 5 days in jail and pay a \$50.00 fine.

A group of 219 Negro students arrived in 12 groups at the county courthouse between 3:39 P.M. and 3:58 P.M. They held placards relating to voting and stood quietly by the courthouse until 4:19 P.M., when they left for the Brown's Chapel AME Church. As the line started breaking up, Sheriff's deputies arrested three Negro males.

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[REDACTED] were held on open charges, to be charged by Judge HARE. These three appeared to be the leaders of the Negro students.

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Special Agents of the Federal Bureau Of Investigation observed a Negro mass meeting at Brown's Chapel AME Church on the night of February 8, 1965 from 7:30 P.M. to 10:15 P.M. Reverend L. L. ANDERSON was the principal speaker, and he criticized the arrest of 50 Negroes, including Reverend BEVEL, on that date. The attendance was between 500 and 600 Negroes, mostly adults. At the same time of this meeting, approximately 250 to 300 Negro students met at the First Baptist Church, which meeting broke up around 9:15 P.M. The meetings were covered by J. WILSON BAKER and plainclothes officers. Two Sheriff's Department cars and one state police car patrolled the area. No incidents were observed or reported in connection with either of these meetings.

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] who were arrested on that afternoon by the Sheriff's Office, were released on the same date without charge [REDACTED]

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In connection with the 50 persons who were arrested on February 8, 1965 by the Sheriff's Office for contempt of court, it was observed that while en route to the courthouse, they passed out throw-away copies of the following:

"We are protesting the right to freely register and vote.

"The order issued by Judge Thomas does not deal with the problem of the Negro disenfranchisement, which is the problem to which our demonstrations have been and are addressed.

"If Negroes are required to sign a list, this is mere racial discrimination on the grounds that high percentage of white voters were registered without haveing to sign it, so that in fact this measure becomes a procedure for Negro registration applicants.

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"Moreover, this procedure of 'signing up' is another cumbersome unnecessary device for no purpose other than keeping down demonstrations while not dealing in good faith toward allowing all of the people to become registered voters. There is no reason for such a procedure any more than there is a reason why the registrars office should be closed most of the time. This is another one of many gimmicks such as vouchers, etc. to keep Negroes disenfranchised. People of other states register by signing their names.

"The movement will not be discontinued until such time as we realize our objective of gaining the right to freely register and vote. WE MUST INSIST THAT:

"1. The only requirements for voting be age and residence. (Eliminate literacy tests, poll taxes, vouchers, etc. because they were instituted for the purpose of keeping Negroes from the vote.)

"2. The registrars office to be open six days a week. Night registration and community registration should be started in order to serve working people who cannot miss work.

"3. Sufficient numbers of deputy registrars (some Negro) should be put on so that everyone who comes to register can do so.

"4. Registration is a normal and important function in society and should be readily available to the citizen without burden of irregular practices such as the office being open infrequently, complicated numbering system, waiting periods before knowing whether you are registered, etc. Any person should be able to register without harassment, duress or extreme inconvenience."

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On the morning of February 9, 1965, the Board Of Registrars opened at 9:00 A.M. to allow anyone to sign the book to obtain a number for priority when registration opens again. It was stated the board would be open through the lunch hour and until 4:30 P.M., when the board would close. At 4:30 P.M., February 9, 1965, Numbers 14 through 34 had been issued, all to white persons, Numbers 1 through 13 having been issued the previous day to Negroes. [REDACTED] advised on February 9, 1965 the total absenteeism for Negro schools in the Selma area is approximately 1200.

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On February 9, 1965, a telegram addressed to the Federal Bureau Of Investigation, Selma, Alabama, was received from 33 individuals, whose address was listed as 5514 University, Chicago, Illinois, reading as follows:

"We the students of University Of Chicago urge that federal intervention now essential be used in Selma, Alabama to prevent further violence and illegal arrests such as occurred on 8th of February."

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At approximately 12:52 P.M., February 9, 1965, a group of 73 Negro students arrived at the county courthouse and lined up on Lauderdale Street. Signs were displayed concerning registration. Sheriff's deputies and city police in the area appeared to ignore them, and they left at 2:45 P.M., going to Brown's Chapel AME Church. At about 2:38 P.M., another group of Negro students left Brown's Chapel AME Church and joined with the group, leaving the courthouse. The two groups, totaling about 234, went back to the courthouse, where they remained until shortly after 3:00 P.M. They did not sing or otherwise demonstrate, but displayed handprinted signs. At approximately 1:30 P.M., sheriff's deputies arrested three Negro males for contributing to the delinquency of a minor and they took them to Camp Selma. They were

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On the night of February 9, 1965, a Negro mass meeting was observed being held at the Brown's Chapel AME Church, attended by about 500 to 550 Negroes. The meeting lasted from 7:30 P.M. until about 10:30 P.M., with FRED SHUTTLESWORTH being the main speaker. A Negro student group of about 250 to 300 held a rally during the same time at the First Baptist Church. Police officers, under J. WILSON BAKER, covered both meetings, and no incidents were observed or reported in connection with either meeting.

On the morning of February 10, 1965, the Board Of Registrars opened at 9:00 A.M. No Negroes were waiting in line to sign the priority book. When the Board Of Registrars closed at 4:30 P.M. on that date, Numbers 35 through 54 had been issued, all but one of which were issued to white persons.

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The 9 persons arrested by the Sheriff's Office on February 9, 1965 for contributing to the delinquency of minors were released on \$200.00 bond on same date [REDACTED]

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At 11:52 A.M., February 10, 1965, a group of Negro students marching in small groups left Brown's Chapel AME Church for the courthouse. The last group arrived by 12:15 P.M., and approximately 173 were standing in front of the courthouse. At that time, the students held up signs dealing with voter registration. The leader appeared to be Reverend L. L. ANDERSON, Pastor of the Baptist Tabernacle Church. After about an hour, the group left the courthouse and went back to the church. Sheriff CLARK and Director Of Public Safety J. WILSON BAKER were on the scene, but no arrests took place, and no disturbances were observed.

On February 10, 1965, sheriff's deputies arrested [REDACTED]

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At 2:14 P.M., February 10, 1965, a number of Negro students marched from Brown's Chapel AME Church to the courthouse and lined up on both the Lauderdale Street and the Alabama Avenue sides. They displayed small signs urging voter registration. There were 90 in one group and 71 in the other group. At about 2:54 P.M., Sheriff CLARK came out of the courthouse and told the students to "move out". The students left the courthouse in single file, the sheriff leading the group. They proceeded down Alabama Avenue to River Road. CLARK marched at the head of the group, until his car was brought to him. Sheriff's posse members were on the flanks of the students and in the rear, and, intermittently, they would urge the students to run. After they had gone about 2.3 miles on the River Road, which leads to the Fraternal Order Of Police Lodge, some of the students broke out of line and ran toward a farm house, and then all of the students broke and ran to the fields and the

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farm houses in the area. Sheriff CLARK had previously told his deputies to let anyone who was tired drop out of the line. After the students dispersed, the sheriff and his deputies returned to the courthouse. At about 4:00 P.M., Sheriff CLARK told [REDACTED] that he had arrested these marchers for truancy and was taking them to the Fraternal Order Of Police Lodge when they escaped. He did not know any of their names or what he intended to do, now that they had escaped. b7D

At approximately 4:58 P.M., February 10, 1965, a group of approximately 170 Negroes came to the county courthouse from Brown's Chapel AME Church. No signs were displayed. The group stood along the Alabama Avenue side of the courthouse until about 5:16 P.M., when they began to disperse. Sheriff CLARK was observed to leave the courthouse at about 5:00 P.M.

[REDACTED] advised on February 10, 1965 that he was obtaining a list of the persons who were on the River Road march. [REDACTED] advised on February 10, 1965 that 12 Negro females and 2 Negro males were treated by a doctor after their return from the march. b7C b7D

On the night of February 10, 1965, Negro mass meetings were held at Brown's Chapel AME Church and First Baptist Church. Approximately 500 to 575 adults were at the Brown's Chapel AME Church, and 400 to 450 youths were at the First Baptist Church. MARTIN LUTHER KING arrived at Brown's Chapel AME Church at about 8:10 P.M. A short time later, he and Reverend ANDREW YOUNG went to the First Baptist Church, spoke to the youths, and then returned to Brown's Chapel AME Church. SILAS NORMAN, SNCC Project Director, criticized the Federal Bureau Of Investigation for not protecting the children in the day's march. SCLC Worker RICHARD BOONE was critical of Sheriff CLARK in connection with the march. KING spoke for about 20 minutes concerning the necessity of changing laws in relation to voter registration. The meeting broke up at about 10:45 P.M. They had been covered by police officers

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under J. WILSON BAKER, Director Of Public Safety, and no disturbances were observed or reported in connection therewith.

On February 10, 1965, the Sheriff's Office arrested three Negroes for contributing to the delinquency of minors: [REDACTED] b7C

[REDACTED] All three were released on the same date after posting \$200.00 bond.

On February 10, 1965, in the vicinity of Brown's Chapel AME Church, Sylvan Street, Selma, Alabama, a blue participation form was observed being handed out to various students which reads as follows:

"PARTICIPATION FORM

"As the movement moves on it is necessary to achieve greater organization to maintain motion. Communication and transportation are the most important. Problem: To have a good movement everyone must know what is happening. People from all over must be picked up in the morning to participate and returned home at night. The movement must have the help of everyone in every way they can help. Please print ---

"Name _____

"Address _____

"Phone Number _____ Ward Number _____

"I will prove the following assistance. (Check the way you can help)

"1. I can take care of children in my home _____.

"2. I can go to other homes and take care of children _____.

"3. I can drive my car in the evening to take people home _____.

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- "4. I can let my car be used in the morning _____,
evening_____.
- "5. I have no car but can drive in the morning _____,
evening _____.
- "6. I can drive my car in the morning to pick up
people _____.
- "7. I have a telephone and would like to be used
on the telephone committee _____.
- "8. I have a telephone and would let someone else
use it in the movement _____.
- "9. I will prepare and bring food _____.
- "10. I will put up property for bonds _____.
- "11. I will canvass _____.

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On the night of February 10, 1965, [REDACTED] advised that information had been received that a group of Negroes, including P. L. LINDSEY, Public Relations Officer, Selma University, met. A committee was named and was preparing a telegram to President JOHNSON requesting that federal troops be sent to Selma, Alabama. He said the telegram would be sent on the night of February 10, 1965 or on the morning of February 11, 1965.

On February 10, 1965, WILLIAM J. O'CONNOR, Clerk, United States District Court, Mobile, Alabama advised that Attorneys PETER HALL, NORMAN C. AMAKER, and CHARLES H. JONES, JR. filed a petition for a writ of habeas corpus in case entitled "CHARLES R. STALLWORTH; ET AL, PETITIONERS, Versus JAMES G. CLARK, SHERIFF, DALLAS COUNTY, ALABAMA"; Civil Action 3576-5. This petition was filed on February 5, 1965. The petitioners were 26 of those arrested on February 1, 1965 and February 2, 1965 at Selma, Alabama, who were charged and

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convicted for contempt of court by the Dallas County Circuit Court and sentenced to five days and payment of \$50.00 fine. The petitioners were listed as follows:

~~CHARLES STALLWORTH~~
~~JULIUS JACKSON~~
~~JAMES ALEXANDER~~
~~ALFONSO HARRIS~~
~~CHARLES J. WALKER~~
~~THAPHILUS GRANT SMITH~~
~~CHARLES FAGER~~
~~ADELINE NORWOOD~~
~~JANICE McCARROLL~~
~~WILLIAM DAWSON~~
~~JAMES RICHARDS~~
~~FRED MARTIN~~
~~CHARLES BONNER~~
~~BEZELL ROSS~~
~~ANDY SCRUGGS~~
~~GENEVA JONES~~
~~BERNICE LILLY~~
~~JOHN L. SMITH~~
~~JAMES PEOPLES~~
~~LEE ARTHUR STEWART~~
~~DRAYTEN M. STRUDIVAND~~
~~LINDSEY B. ANDERSON~~
~~WILLIE LEE BROWN~~
~~VIVIAN MARTIN~~
~~EVA LOUISE KIMBROUGH~~
~~BINNIE RUTH JOHNSON~~

United States District Court, Mobile, Alabama, denied this petition on February 9, 1965, in that it appeared that there was no attempt to comply with the requirements of Section 2250, Title 28, United States Code. This ruling was appealed on February 9, 1965 to the 5th Circuit Court Of Appeals. On the same date was filed an application for a stay of the payment of the \$50.00 fines, pending the appeal. Judge THOMAS did not rule on this application.

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An article in the February 11, 1965 issued of The Mobile Press, an afternoon daily newspaper published at Mobile, Alabama, reported that the 5th Circuit Court Of Appeals had turned down the request for release of these 26 persons, but said a hearing is needed; and directed Judge THOMAS to hold one.

Departmental Attorney BRIAN LANDSBERG, on scene at Selma, Alabama, on February 10, 1965, requested one of the six persons arrested by the Dallas County Sheriff's Office on February 9, 1965 for "Contributing To Delinquency Of A Minor" be interviewed. He requested that it be determined from this interviewee if they were en route to Selma, Alabama from Orrville, Alabama when arrested, and, if so, the purpose of their march. It was also requested that the high school from where the Orrville students marched be determined.

B. APPROX. [REDACTED]

On February 10, 1965, [REDACTED] of Orrville, Alabama, was interviewed by Bureau Agents. [REDACTED] stated that on February 9, 1965 he was driving a group of Keith High School students to Selma, Alabama in order that they could participate in the march planned for February 9, 1965. Chief Deputy Sheriff L. C. CROCKER, of the Dallas County Sheriff's Office, stopped his car near Orrville, Alabama and placed [REDACTED] under arrest for contributing to the delinquency of a minor. The other students were told to get out of the car and to return to school at Orrville. [REDACTED] advised that at the time he was stopped he was on his way to Brown's Chapel AME Church, Selma, Alabama.

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LANDSBERG was orally furnished the results of this interview on February 10, 1965, and he stated that this was the information he desired.

On the morning of February 11, 1965, Special Agents of the Federal Bureau Of Investigation observed MARTIN LUTHER KING leave Montgomery, Alabama by Eastern Airlines Flight Number 322 at 8:00 A.M.

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A group of Negro students were observed to assemble at Brown's Chapel AME Church at about 8:25 A.M. on February 11, 1965. They were observed to go in and out of the church until about 1:00 P.M., when the meeting broke up without any demonstrations.

On February 11, 1965, Probate Judge BERNARD H. REYNOLDS, who handles juvenile matters, advised that hearings for all persons charged with contributing to the delinquency of minors were set for 2:30 P.M. on February 11, 1965, but were postponed to 2:30 P.M. on February 18, 1965, at the request of Negro Attorney PETER HALL. Circuit Judge JAMES A. HARE advised on February 11, 1965 that hearings for all persons not previously handled on contempt of court charges are set for February 16, 1965, but that Negro Attorney PETER HALL had also asked for a continuance in that matter.

Al. [REDACTED] February 11, 1965 to persons arrested during the demonstrations were still in custody at that camp. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] JAMES BEVEL and two others remain in the county jail. b7D

At 3:20 P.M. on February 11, 1965, a group of Negro youths marched from Brown's Chapel AME Church to the courthouse, the total of this group being estimated at 400. The group remained lined up in front of the courthouse until 4:30 P.M., when they marched once around the block, knelt, and said prayers for a few minutes, and then dispersed, beginning at 4:45 P.M.

The Selma Times Journal, a daily newspaper published at Selma, Alabama, in its issue of February 11, 1965, contained an editorial critical of the Dallas County Sheriff's Office concerning the River Road march of Negro teen-agers on February 10, 1965. The editorial indicated that the Selma citizens have an important decision to make, and that public opinion demands the end of these disorders and also realistic solutions to their problems.

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The Dallas County Board Of Registrars remained open throughout the day until 4:30 P.M., and during the day Priority Registration Numbers 55 through 73 had been issued to persons who signed the Priority Book, all being whites except one.

No Negro mass meeting was scheduled for the night of February 11, 1965.

On the night of February 11, 1965, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that Reverend JAMES BEVEL, SCLC Staff Member, who has been in the Dallas County Jail under sentence of five days and \$50.00 fine on a contempt of court conviction, had shortly before been removed to the Burwell Infirmary in Selma, Alabama, reportedly suffering from a virus infection and possibly may have a slight case of pneumonia.

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] both advised on the night of February 11, 1965 that information available to them indicated that BEVEL is being guarded in the infirmary, and has leg shackles attached to his ankles.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Assistant Attorney General DATE: 2/16/65
CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: REGISTRARS OF VOTERS,
DALLAS COUNTY, ALABAMA,
VOTING DISCRIMINATION
CIVIL RIGHTS- ELECTION LAWS

Reference is made to my memorandum dated 2/15/65
(your file _____).

There is enclosed one copy of ~~the report of Special Agent~~
~~XXXXX~~ a letterhead memorandum dated 2/12/65
at Mobile.

A. This covers the preliminary investigation and no further action concerning a full investigation will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

B. The investigation is continuing and you will be furnished copies of reports as they are received.

C. The investigation requested by you has now been completed. Unless advised to the contrary no further inquiries will be made by this Bureau.

D. Pursuant to instructions issued by the Department, no investigation will be conducted in this matter unless specifically directed by the Department.

E. Please advise whether you desire any further investigation.

F. This is submitted for your information and you will be advised of further developments.

G. This is submitted for your information and no further investigation will be conducted unless specifically requested by the Department.

H. This covers the receipt of a complaint and no further action will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs. NOTE: This will confirm information furnished previously on a daily basis to Mr. Chad Quaintance, CRD, by SA [REDACTED] b7c
Enc. Copies also have been furnished to G-2, ONI, OSI, and Internal Security Division of the Dept. Also enclosed is a set of photographs taken at Selma, Ala. between 1/18/65 and 2/5/65.

RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.
(U.S.D.C, D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
V. CLARENCE M. KELLY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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