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STUDENT NONVIOLENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE
STOKELY CARMICHAEL

Xerox copies being sent to the Honorable Marvin Watson, Special Assistant to the President; John Stewart, Legislative Assistant to the Vice President; the Attorney General; the Deputy Attorney General; Assistant Attorneys General Yeagley, Dear and Vinson; Secret Service; and the military agencies.

NOTE:

This communication is classified "Confidential" since it contains information from an informant whose disclosure could affect our national defense.

See memorandum Baumgardner to Sullivan, dated 8/31/66, same caption, prepared by PTB:pdb.

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TO : W. C. Sullivan

DATE: 8/31/66

FROM : F. J. Baumgardner

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SUBJECT: STUDENT NONVIOLENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE (SNCC); STOKELY CARMICHAEL INTERNAL SECURITY - SNCC

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Due to the interest of the President in the activities of Stokely Carmichael and his organization, we have prepared a summary setting forth the current and planned future activity in this matter. A copy of the summary is attached for ready reference.

According to a press release, Stokely Carmichael reportedly commented at a SNCC benefit rally held in New York City, 8/29/66, "In Cleveland they're building stores with no windows -- all brick. I don't know what they think they'll accomplish. It just means we have to move from Molotov cocktails to dynamite."

Max Stanford, Field Secretary for the Revolutionary Action Movement, an all-Negro Marxist-Leninist-oriented organization which follows the Chinese communist line and advocates achieving Negro rights by violence if necessary, was in attendance at the rally and commented that the U. S. could be revolutionized with "a rag, some gasoline and a bottle." Rally speakers were guarded by uniformed members of the Black Panther Party.

On 8/30/66, Carmichael held several street rallies in various sections of Philadelphia where he castigated the Philadelphia Police Department "for its racist attitude in framing" the arrests of SNCC members in Philadelphia for illegal possession of dynamite.

According to a news release, a planning session for a National Conference on Black Power has been called by Congressman Adam Clayton Powell (Democrat - New York) to take place in Washington, D. C., 9/3/66. A confidential source has advised that participants in the meeting will include Carmichael, Stanford, and Floyd McKissick, National Director of the Congress of Racial Equality, a civil rights organization.

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Memorandum to Mr. Sullivan

Re: STUDENT NONVIOLENT COORDINATING
COMMITTEE (SNCC); STOKELY CARMICHAEL
100-439190

RECOMMENDATION:

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: *Sept 1, 1966*

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

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Page 20630. Senator Lausche, (D) Ohio, spoke concerning the August 21st program "Meet the Press" at which time the civil rights bill was discussed. He stated "I have had considerable mail vigorously taking exception to remarks that were made by participants Floyd B. McKissick, the head of CORE; Stokely Carmichael of SNCC, and James H. Meredith who works for himself." Mr. Lausche placed in the Record an article from the August 24th issue of the Cleveland Press written by Forrest Allen concerning the program. Mr. Allen stated "It may be disastrous politics, poor business and sad public relations to speak out against the counsel of a Carmichael. But when these wild statements are thrown at us from nationwide forums, then responsible men and women should stand up and tell us what they think of the things these preachers of destruction are saying."

Adjournment: Until Thursday, September 1, 1966, at 10 a. m.

APPENDIX

There was nothing contained in the Appendix that was of particular interest to the Bureau.

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In the original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional Record for *8-31-66* was reviewed and pertinent items were marked for the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that portions of a copy of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and placed in appropriate Bureau case or subject matter files.

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 TO DIRECTOR
 FROM ATLANTA 042315

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[REDACTED] JAMES FORMAN, BILL MAHONEY AND CONNIE HENDERSON,

ALL SNCC MEMBERS, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] STOKELY CARMICHAEL.

CARMICHAEL APPEARED AND MADE SHORT SPEECH WHEREIN HE ATTACKED
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Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: 9/7/66

FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner *FJB*

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
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SUBJECT: STUDENT NONVIOLENT
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Due to the interest of the President in the activities of Stokely Carmichael and his organization, we have prepared a summary setting forth the current activity in this matter. A copy of the summary is attached for ready reference.

It has been previously reported that members of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee have been picketing the Twelfth Corps Headquarters, United States Army, 699 Ponce de Leon Avenue, Northeast, Atlanta, Georgia, since August 17, 1966, protesting United States action in Vietnam and United States Negroes fighting in Vietnam.

Atlanta airtels of August 29, 30, 31, 1966, and September 1, 2, 1966, advised small groups of Negroes picketed Twelfth Corps Headquarters on these dates. Recognized among the pickets were individuals who have been picketing since August 17, 1966. On August 30, 31 and September 1, 2, 1966, pickets arrived and departed the Twelfth Corps Headquarters in a vehicle owned by the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee.

On September 3, 1966, Stokely Carmichael gave a speech at a Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee rally, Atlanta, Georgia. He attacked the Atlanta Police Department, and according to a confidential source, Carmichael stated, Negroes should form vigilante groups to observe police and should any acts of police brutality be observed, a committee should be formed among the Negro element to follow such matters.

The Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee scheduled a rally at Atlanta, Georgia, on the afternoon of September 6, 1966, in protest of the arrest and shooting of a Negro male for auto theft earlier in the day. During the rally, violence erupted with rocks and bottles being thrown at police and white spectators. The mayor of Atlanta was unsuccessful in attempting to quell the disturbance. Several acts of violence occurred and 72 individuals were arrested. However, specific charges are not known.

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Memorandum Baumgardner to Sullivan
RE: STUDENT NONVIOLENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE;
STOKELY CARMICHAEL
100-439190

Congressman Adam Clayton Powell (Democrat), New York, held a planning session for a National Conference on Black Power in Washington, D. C. on September 3, 1966, Carmichael was scheduled to attend the planning session, however, he did not do so due to a prior commitment in Atlanta, Georgia.

RECOMMENDATION:

That copies of the enclosure be forwarded by routing slips to the Honorable Marvin Watson, Special Assistant to the President; Mr. John Stewart, Legislative Assistant to the Vice President; the Attorney General; the Deputy Attorney General; Assistant Attorneys General Yeagley, Doar and Vinson; Secret Service; and the Departments of the Army, Navy and Air Force.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No.

100-446080

September 7, 1966

STUDENT NONVIOLENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE
STOKELY CARMICHAEL

There is set forth below a summary of current activity of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee and its leader, Stokely Carmichael.

Picketing Activities
Atlanta, Georgia

Since August 17, 1966, a small group of Negroes, the majority of whom are members of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, have been picketing the Twelfth Corps Headquarters, United States Army, 699 Ponce de Leon Avenue, Northeast, Atlanta, Georgia, protesting United States action in Vietnam and United States Negroes fighting in Vietnam. A number of these individuals have been arrested by the Atlanta Police Department and charged with various offenses ranging from disorderly conduct to assault and battery. The activities of these individuals in connection with their picketing of the Twelfth Corps Headquarters are also under investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation relative to destruction of Government property and possible violations of the Selective Service Act of 1948.

On August 29, 30, 31, and September 1 and 2, 1966, small groups of Negroes continued to picket the Twelfth Corps Headquarters. Recognized among the pickets were individuals who have been picketing since August 17, 1966. It is noted on August 30, 31, and September 1 and 2, 1966, pickets arrived and departed Twelfth Corps Headquarters in a vehicle owned by the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee.

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STUDENT NONVIOLENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE
STOKELY CARMICHAEL

Rally, Atlanta, Georgia,
September 3, 1966

A confidential source advised that the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee sponsored a rally in a predominantly Negro neighborhood in Atlanta, Georgia, on September 3, 1966. Stokely Carmichael made a short speech at the rally. He attacked the Atlanta Police Department on police brutality matters. According to the source, Carmichael stated Negroes should form vigilante groups to observe police and should any acts of police brutality be observed, a committee should be formed among the Negro element to follow such matters.

The source estimated there were about two hundred persons in attendance, many of whom were not in sympathy with the policies of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee.

Racial Disturbance, Atlanta, Georgia,
September 6, 1966

The Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee scheduled a rally at Capitol and Ordman Streets, Atlanta, Georgia, on the afternoon of September 6, 1966, in protest of the arrest and shooting of a Negro male for auto theft earlier in the day.

During the rally several unidentified Negroes talked to the group in a haranguing manner. Members of the group started throwing rocks and bottles at police officers and white spectators. Ivan Allen, Jr., Mayor of Atlanta, was unsuccessful in quelling the disturbance. Several acts of violence occurred resulting in the arrest of seventy-two people by the Atlanta Police Department; however, specific charges are not known.

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STOKELY CARMICHAEL

Black Power Conference, Washington, D. C.,
September 3, 1966

Congressman Adam Clayton Powell held a planning session for a National Conference on Black Power in Washington, D. C., on September 3, 1966. Stokely Carmichael reportedly was instrumental in having Powell call this meeting and was to attend. Press releases, however, have indicated Carmichael did not attend due to a prior commitment in Atlanta, Georgia. One press release indicated dissatisfaction on the part of Carmichael with the location of the meeting and because Powell had called a planning session rather than a full conference.

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To: SACs, Milwaukee
New York

From: Director, FBI (100-446080)

STOKELY CARMICHAEL
SECURITY MATTER - SNCC

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Re Milwaukee letter 8/26/66 in captioned matter, copies of which were furnished New York. Relet disclosed that [REDACTED] informant [REDACTED] Stokely Carmichael, leader of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, [REDACTED] National Convention of the Communist Party, USA (CPUSA). [REDACTED] Carmichael [REDACTED] informant [REDACTED]

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For your confidential information, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Stokely Carmichael at the CPUSA National Convention. [REDACTED]

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Re New York letter 9/1/66 in captioned matter, copies of which were furnished Milwaukee. Re New York let points out that with the [REDACTED] informants who attended the CPUSA National Convention [REDACTED] Stokely Carmichael [REDACTED]

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Airtel to Milwaukee and New York
RE: STOKELY CARMICHAEL
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Re New York letter noted that [redacted] Communist Party in the Harlem area of New York City, was present at the CPUSA National Convention. It is noted that the description of [redacted] set forth in re New York letter is similar to that [redacted] Stokely Carmichael.

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Milwaukee immediately [redacted] informant [redacted] Stokely Carmichael. Specifically, [redacted] as Stokely Carmichael. In view of the prominence of Stokely Carmichael in the civil rights movement, this matter must be given prompt and continuous attention. Sutel succinct summary of results of [redacted] and airtel complete details.

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In the event [redacted] by New York [redacted] informant [redacted] Stokely Carmichael, Milwaukee should sotel to New York, [redacted] forwarded to Milwaukee.

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Stokely Carmichael, leader of the SNCC, is an extremely militant civil rights leader and a vociferous advocate of "black power." [redacted] CPUSA National Convention held in New York City [redacted] Convention, informant [redacted] Carmichael [redacted] CP delegate from Los Angeles [redacted] Stokely Carmichael [redacted] informants [redacted] Convention, [redacted] Stokely Carmichael's [redacted] CP in Harlem, with Stokely Carmichael, and Milwaukee is being instructed to promptly resolve this matter.

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URGENT 9-9-66 2:42 AM

TO DIRECTOR (100-446080)

FROM LOS ANGELES 090500

STOKELY CARMICHEL, SM-SNCC

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RE BUREAU AIRTEL TO LOS ANGELES AND NEW YORK, SEPTEMBER 6,

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[Redacted] CARMICHEL *[Redacted]*
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Date: 9/9/66

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Via AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (25-330971)

FROM: SAC, BOSTON (97-145)

RE: NATION OF ISLAM
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(OO: Chicago)

Enclosed for the Bureau are fourteen copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning activities of LOUIS X WALCOTT and STOKELY CARMICHAEL in Boston, Mass. Copies are being furnished New York, Chicago and Atlanta due to their interest in the NOI, SNCC, WALCOTT and CARMICHAEL.

This letterhead memorandum is being classified "Confidential" since the information it contains could logically result in the identification of confidential informants of continuing value and jeopardize their future activities which would be against the defense interests of the United States.

The sources mentioned in the letterhead memorandum in the order mentioned are _____

- ⑥ - Bureau (25-330971) (Encl. 11) (RM)
 - (1 - 100-349190) (COMINFIL SNCC) (Encl. 1)
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- 2 - Chicago (100-35635) (NOI) (Encl. 2) (RM)
- 2 - New York (100-) (Encl. 2) (RM)
- 2 - Atlanta (100-6488) (COMINFIL SNCC) (Encl. 2) (RM)
- 4 - Boston (97-145)
 - (1 - 100-35267) (COMINFIL SNCC)
 - (1 - 157-437) (STOKELY CARMICHAEL)
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Boston, Massachusetts

September 9, 1966

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NATION OF ISLAM

A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on August 25, 1966, that on August 17, 1966, Stokely Carmichael, national leader of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), was scheduled to hold a press conference in front of the New England Grass Roots Organization, a local civil rights organization, at 366 Blue Hill Avenue in the Roxbury section of Boston, Massachusetts. The conference was scheduled for 2:00 p.m. Carmichael was delayed due to the strike of airlines employees and the conference was canceled.

He had also been scheduled to appear at a panel discussion together with Louis X Walcott at 8:00 p.m., on August 17, 1966, at the Patr Campbell Junior High School, Lawrence Avenue, Roxbury. Louis X Walcott is the minister of a Muslim temple in New York City and is the East Coast representative of Elijah Muhammad, national leader of the Nation of Islam. A characterization of the Nation of Islam appears in the appendix of this memorandum.

Minister Louis X did appear and spoke before an audience estimated at 1,000 persons. There was standing room only.

His theme was Unity for the Black Man. He claimed the white man's strategy is to keep the Negro divided and therefore the black man must have all his leaders pull together and agree on which way the black man is headed.

He discussed the Muslim theory on the black man being the original man and the white man resulting from a graft from the black man. He claimed the white man's nature is so savage he did not know how to give anyone justice. He spoke of the unrest in the world and how all the black, brown and yellow nations were going to rise up against the black man.

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Walcott pointed out the Negro would be foolish to riot in Roxbury since because of its location it could easily be shut off. The white man has all the power and if the Negro will be cool a greater force, known in the Muslim world through the teaching of Elijah Muhammad, would destroy the devil. The source stated that the term "devil" is used by Muslims synonymous with white man.

Walcott claimed it was the white man's fault the black man is in such poor economic condition and it was the white man's nature to be evil. He said, "Don't let yourselves be called Negroes but be proud to be called a black man or woman". He called the black woman a priceless jewel that should be protected and called on the black man to protect his woman and stop the "white hunters" from coming into black neighborhoods and insulting the black woman.

The source stated a "white hunter" is a white man who comes looking for a black woman.

Walcott stated the black man has been robbed of his dignity, self respect and brain power. The only recourse is for the Negro to show unity and support the black leaders. He asked for support for black enterprises, claimed the white press suppresses the truth and there was a giant conspiracy against the black man with the government and Lyndon Baines Johnson behind it. He claimed the black man has no business in the Vietnam War.

Walcott talked for over an hour and the crowd stayed for all of it and applauded enthusiastically.

The August 27, 1966, edition of the Bay State Banner, a weekly Negro newspaper published by the Bay State Banner Publishing Company, 146 Warren Street, Boston, Massachusetts, in a column captioned, "Opinion from the Editor's Desk", written by the editor Bryant Rollins, discussed the appearance in Boston of both Stokely Carmichael and Minister Louis X.

The article states that Minister Louis X, in his appearance at Patrick Campbell Junior High School in Roxbury on August 17, 1966, called for unity among Negroes.

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The following afternoon, Thursday, August 18, 1966, Carmichael and Minister Louis appeared together at a private reception and cocktail party at Estelle's Restaurant, Roxbury. They both made it clear they wanted to unite with all Negro groups regardless of their philosophy.

On that evening at 8:00 p.m., Carmichael was guest speaker at a rally sponsored by SNCC at Lowell Hall, Harvard. Minister Louix X was in the audience and was greeted by Carmichael with the traditional Muslim, "A Salaam Alaikum", and introduced to the audience.

The two appeared together again on Saturday, August 20, 1966, sharing the stage at a rally on Intervale Street, Roxbury, at 3:15 p.m.

Carmichael summed up the unity he and Minister Louis X had been exhibiting for the past few days with these words:

"We're going to turn our ghettos into communities of love, love for each other.

"Our only salvation lies in coming together whether we like each other or not.

"We've got to move and come together to control the politics and economy of our own communities so that the money comes back into our communities and not out to the suburbs."

Both Minister Louis and Carmichael were emphatic in their content that the theme for Negro progress is "self love" to replace the "self hate" that has hampered progress and unity for so long.

Another article in the August 27, 1966, issue of the Bay State Banner quoted Carmichael as defining "black power" while at the cocktail party at Estelle's Restaurant on August 18, 1966, as the need "for black people all over this country to band together to take the things we need in whatever way we can get them - by force if necessary". He said the time has come for the black man in America to move to join hands with "non-whites all over the world to participate in the revolution of the Third World".

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The article describes the Third World concept as envisioning a union of the emerging underprivileged nations of the world in a revolt against the Western and Eastern civilizations which have in the past and continue today to oppress non-whites.

Concerning the rally on Intervale Street on Saturday afternoon, August 20, 1966, the source, previously mentioned, advised on August 25, 1966, that the purpose of the rally was to allow Stokely Carmichael, national leader of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee, to speak to persons in the Roxbury-Dorchester area.

The first speaker was Charles Ferguson of the Freedom Security Corps who said little and tried with little success to get the audience of about 300 people to chant, "Black Power is what we want".

The source stated the Freedom Security Corps is a group of young Negroes in their late teens who were organized by Rev. Virgil Woods, Chairman of the New England Branch of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. The purpose of this group, in the opinion of the source, is to provide a group, in an audience such as the present rally, who will insure a favorable reaction for the speaker, will try to sway the audience's emotions and provide protection for the speaker.

Minister Louis Walcott then spoke for about forty minutes. He said Negroes have the right to unite and build their own power structure, and that black women must be protected and the "white hunter" kept out of Negro neighborhoods. He taught the Muslim belief that black people are the original people and the white man is grafted from the black. He claimed the "beast" was in his last days. The crowd responded enthusiastically to Minister Louis' speech.

The source explained that "white hunter" is a term used to describe a white man who is looking for a black woman. The term "beast" is used by Muslims as a synonym for white man.

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Stokely Carmichael spoke next. He said the Negro should run the white merchants out of business because they have been selling the Negro rotten meat for so long and taking the Negro's money out of the neighborhood. He said the audience should have burned them out a long time ago. He supported Minister Louis' statement that the white man was trying to kill the Negro off by the war and birth control pills. Both Minister Louis and Carmichael said the press should not be allowed into Negro communities since it distorts the truth.

Both Louis and Carmichael talked an extremely hard militant line with Stokely saying that the white man could supply any definition to "Black Power" he wanted because he has had power too long and should know what it means.

This source advised that while the street audience was friendly towards both Louis X and Carmichael that it was not overly enthusiastic in receiving what they said although quite interested in what they had to say.

On September 1, 1966, a [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past;

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[redacted] Stokely Carmichael, [redacted] as "one of us" which this source interpreted as meaning a member of the Muslims.

On September 7, 1966, the [redacted]

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[redacted] He believes that [redacted] Carmichael as "one of us" he merely meant that Carmichael thinks along the same lines as the Muslims concerning Negro unity, black power and segregation of the races. This source stated that he has heard Muslim leaders refer to other prominent Negroes as "one of us" because these persons have expressed sentiments about race which agree with the Muslim stand on that subject. As an example, the source

[redacted] have been referred to by Muslims as "one of us" but source does not believe either man is a Muslim or inclined to be one.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-446080)
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-68783)
RE: STOKELY CARMICHAEL
SECURITY MATTER - SNCC

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Re: Bureau airtel to Los Angeles and New York dated 9/6/66
Milwaukee letter dated 8/26/66, captioned as above.

Referenced Bureau airtel instructed [redacted] be immediately contacted to determine if the informant could corroborate the information furnished by [redacted] as set forth in referenced Milwaukee letter concerning CARMICHAEL's presence at the convention held on 6/26/66 at the close of the 13th National Convention of the CP, USA. The Bureau instructed that it should be specifically determined if CARMICHAEL attended sessions of the National Convention as a delegate from the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee.

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[redacted] because CARMICHAEL was a prominent topic of conversation at the convention because of his recent statement concerning "black power". Source [redacted] CARMICHAEL [redacted]

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CARMICHAEL appeared someone would have recognized him.

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Source [REDACTED]

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Informant [REDACTED] CARMICHAEL informant [REDACTED]

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FROM SAC, TAMPA (105-7)
NATION OF ISLAM
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Attached herewith are 12 copies of LHM dated
and captioned as above which has been disseminated locally
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- ONI, Charleston, S.C.
- OSI, Robins AFB, Ga.
- G2, Ft. McPherson, Ga.
- INTC, Tampa, Fla.
- Secret Service, Tampa, Fla.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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[REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past advised on September 8, 1966 that at a meeting of Tampa Mosque, National of Islam (NOI) held on September 4, 1966 at 2108 Main Street, Tampa, Florida, Hasty Jones, the Minister of Tampa Mosque, made the following remarks:

Characterizations of Nation of Islam (NOI) and Muhammad Temple of Islam appear in the appendix pages attached hereto.

Hasty Jones stated that during the previous week he had attended a meeting of the Nation of Islam at the NOI headquarters in Chicago, Illinois at which Elijah Muhammad self-styled leader of the Nation of Islam made the statement that the NOI wants 100,000 acres of land within the United States and now has the money to pay for it. Elijah Muhammad also stated that the Black Muslims must go to the land this year and begin farming to sustain themselves. Hasty Jones stated that Elijah told those in attendance at this meeting that every member of NOI is to pay dues in the amount of \$15.00 a week as well as other assessments. Elijah also stated that he wants his ministers to enforce all rules of the NOI and that anyone who does not pay his weekly dues and assessments is to be turned away from the Mosque. Elijah also stated that anyone who does not join the Nation of Islam will similarly be turned away from the Mosque as will any women who appear at the Mosque wearing lipstick or short dresses.

Hasty Jones advised that Stokely Carmichael of

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MUHAMMAD'S TEMPLE OF ISLAM
Also Known as Muhammad's Mosque,
Tampa, Florida

A source advised in July, 1963, that the Nation of Islam (NOI) group was formed in Tampa by DAVID SNOW during 1959, and that this group is affiliated with the NOI in Chicago, Illinois, and that the Tampa group adheres to the teachings of ELIJAH MUHAMMAD.

The source has reported Muhammad's Temple of Islam in Tampa continued to meet at 1406 Central Avenue through December 1, 1965, and since that date it has had exclusive use of a complete lower floor of a combination office and store building located at 2108 Main Street, which it rents. Meetings have been held at the latter address through May, 1966.

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THIS DATE THE REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING, STAYING AT HOLIDAY INN, MEMPHIS
TENN. WAS IN TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH STANLEY LEVINSON, NYC.
DURING CONVERSATION KING MENTIONED THAT STANLEY CARMICHAEL OF SNCC
WILL PROBABLY QUOTE ^{regarding} ~~BE~~ TIME UNQUOTE WITH REGARDS RECENT ATLANTA RACIAL
RIOT. HE ADDED THAT IF ASKED BY REPORTERS AT PRESS CONFERENCE THIS
EVENING IN MEMPHIS RE CARMICHAEL, HE WOULD ONLY STATE THAT IN LINE
WITH AMERICAN TRADITION OF JURISPRUDENCE A MAN IS INNOCENT UNTIL PROVEN
GUILTY. KING ADDED HE WOULD SAY IN EFFECT THAT THE MATTER IS
PRESENTLY IN THE COURTS AND HE PAREN (KING) PAREN DOES NOT HAVE ANYTHING
TO DO WITH IT. KING FELT HE COULD GIVE GENERAL STATEMENT RE CARMICHAEL
FOR PRESENT BUT EVENTUALLY CARMICHAEL WOULD BE CALLING ON KING FOR
SUPPORT. LEVINSON AND KING AGREED THAT IF CARMICHAEL IS CONVICTED

Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee

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DURING THE PAST WEEKEND, INFORMANT HAS OBSERVED
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 NEWSPAPER AND IS NOW OF DEFINITE OPINION THAT THE PERSON HE
 MENT WAS NOT STOKELY CARMICHAEL. THE INDIVIDUAL [REDACTED]
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To: SAC, Atlanta

From: Director, FBI (100-446080)

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In view of the antigovernment stand over the Vietnam situation and other issues by Stokely Carmichael together with his recent numerous inflammatory statements, you are requested to submit by return mail FD 122, recommending Carmichael for the Security Index. This form should be accompanied by a succinct summary of subject's activities, and you should immediately begin preparations of a summary report.

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TO : Mr. Wick

DATE: 9-19-66

FROM : M. A. Jones

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SUBJECT: STOKELY CARMICHAEL,
SEDITION;

CONTROVERSY BETWEEN CONGRESSMAN L. MENDEL RIVERS
AND ATTORNEY GENERAL NICHOLAS deB. KATZENBACH

On 9-16-66, Ralph Marshall, Professional Staff Member of the House Armed Services Committee, contacted SA [redacted] and advised that Congressman Rivers (D - S. C.), who is Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, currently is engaged in an exchange of communications with the Attorney General regarding possible prosecution of Stokely Carmichael for his recent remarks which the Congressman considers in violation of Section 12 of the Universal Military Training and Service Act. (which in short, prohibits counseling of evasion or refusal of any provisions of the act, as well as hindering or interfering with administration of act)

Mr. Marshall made available the enclosed copies of the exchange of correspondence between Congressman Rivers and the Attorney General. In brief, these reveal that the Congressman's first letter received a perfunctory response from Fred Vinson, Assistant Attorney General. This precipitated a rather heated letter from the Congressman to the Attorney General dated 8-18-66 in which he specifically asked what action, if any, the Department of Justice contemplated against Carmichael. This letter is concluded with the statement:

"In the near future you may anticipate being invited to appear before the full House Armed Services Committee to explain what action you are taking with respect to this case."

The Attorney General's response of 8-22-66 avoided any definite answer to the Congressman's question, and the Congressman on 8-25-66 again wrote the Attorney General seeking some specific statement. According to Mr. Marshall, no reply has been received to this last letter. He stated the Congressman is "deeply concerned" over this entire situation and currently has members of the Committee legal staff conducting

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Memorandum

TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE:

August 24, 1966

FROM : *FV* Fred M. Vinson, Jr., Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

FMV:JWB:cf

25-57-2286

SUBJECT: Stokely Carmichael
Selective Service Act of 1948; Sedition

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This is in response to your memorandum dated August 9, 1966.

No further investigation is desired with respect to possible violation of the Universal Military Training and Service Act in connection with the incident with which your memorandum is concerned.

We have referred the matter to the Department's Internal Security Division concerning your request in regard to sedition.

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KATZENBACH, Nicholas deB. Atty Gen

Re: Stokely Carmichael

File: Stokely Carmichael (RM)

August 10, 1966

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DATE 2/2/00 BY SPUBJA/RNP

Honorable Nicholas deB. Katzenbach
The Attorney General
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

In a recent speech in Detroit, Michigan, Stokely Carmichael, head of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee, said, and I quote, "Negroes should refuse to fight in Vietnam", that they should, "Stay right here and fight right here".

He was also quoted as saying: "We ought to tell everyone 'we aren't going to fight your damned war'".

I am sure you are aware of this advice and also many other inflammatory utterances by Carmichael, which appear to me to be in violation of the existing Selective Service Act which provides criminal penalties for any person who knowingly counsels, aids, or abets another to refuse or avoid service in the Armed Forces.

In view of these statements, I would appreciate your advising me what action the Department of Justice contemplates taking against Stokely Carmichael or any other self-appointed Civil Rights leader who intentionally incites civil disobedience.

If no action is being considered, please provide me with an explanation as to why it is not.

Your prompt reply will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

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L. Mandel Rivers
Chairman

August 18, 1966

Honorable Nicholas deB. Katzenbach
The Attorney General
Department of Justice
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Dear Mr. Attorney General:

On August 10, 1966, I wrote to you concerning a speech made by Stokely Carmichael, head of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee, in which he is alleged to have stated: "Negroes should refuse to fight in Vietnam," and that they should, "Stay right here and fight right here." He was also quoted as saying: "We ought to tell everyone 'we aren't going to fight your damned war.'"

These are just some of the statements he was alleged to have said.

I have a reply from the Assistant Attorney General, Mr. Vinson, dated August 17, 1966, which says absolutely nothing, but expresses appreciation of the Department of Justice for my interest in the matter. It also states that the Department of Justice shares my concern that the integrity of the Selective Service System be maintained. The reply closes with the statement: "You may be sure that in any such case where the facts warrant, a full investigation will be undertaken, as well as any other action which may be appropriate."

In the first place, when I write to the Attorney General of the United States, as Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, I expect a reply from the Attorney General, not his assistant.

The House Armed Services Committee is responsible for legislation affecting our national security, and in particular, under these circumstances, the Universal Military Training and Service Act. Your responsibility is to enforce the laws of the nation.

I brought to your attention a case, which should be clear to anyone, that section 12 of the Universal Military Training and Service Act has undoubtedly been violated by Mr. Carmichael, if the statements

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Honorable Nicholas deB. Katzenbach

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I have read were actually made by him. I would be amazed if you did not have a tape recording of his speech in Detroit, and I would be even more amazed if his speech was not covered by law enforcement agents of the Federal Government.

I will not accept a reply that indicates that you might look into this matter some day. Carmichael's statements, if true, are a flagrant violation of the law. You do not have any choice but to enforce the law in matters of this kind. The security of this nation should be paramount in your mind.

I specifically asked what action the Department of Justice contemplated taking against Stokely Carmichael. I infer from the reply from your assistant that you do not plan to take any action. I want a specific answer from you with regard to this case, and I want the reply from you, not one of your assistants.

In the 26 years that I have served in the Congress of the United States, and the two years I have been Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, I have never seen a less responsive reply to a request I have submitted to a department of the government. If this is an example of how our laws are enforced, God help America.

In the near future you may anticipate being invited to appear before the full House Armed Services Committee to explain what action you are taking with respect to this case.

Sincerely,

L. Mendel Rivers
Chairman

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Department of Justice
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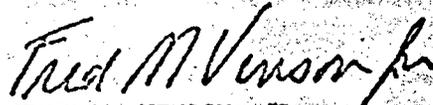
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Dear Congressman:

The Attorney General has referred to me your recent letter regarding certain statements by Stokely Carmichael.

We appreciate your interest in bringing this matter to our attention. We, of course, share your concern that the integrity of the Selective Service System be maintained. You may be sure that in any such case where the facts warrant, a full investigation will be undertaken, as well as any other action which may be appropriate.

Sincerely,



FRED M. VINSON, JR.
Assistant Attorney General

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Office of the Attorney General

Washington, D. C.

August 22, 1966

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House of Representatives
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

This is in response to your letter of August 18, 1966, concerning Stokely Carmichael and your previous correspondence with this Department.

I regret that you took offense at the fact that the response to your letter to me of August 18, 1966, was signed by Assistant Attorney General Vinson. The great bulk of mail going out of this Department is signed by the Attorney General's immediate subordinates, who are appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate. This includes mail addressed to members of Congress and to chairmen of congressional committees. No personal slight was intended, and, so far as I know, this is the first time that the practice has been so interpreted.

I agree with you that the answer did not supply you with the specific information you requested and regret that the Department cannot, in fact, give you a fully responsive reply. If the Department proceeds against anyone under Section 12 of the Universal Military Training and Service Act it would have to be by way of grand jury. It would be improper to issue any advance expression of intent to prosecute before the grand jury indicts.

On the other hand, a statement that we do not presently intend to prosecute any particular individual would also be inappropriate. Even if statements made by the individual concerned are protected by the First Amendment and therefore

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