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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT
FROM Bill Moyers

This is simply for information.

A good friend (Robert Spike of the National Council of Churches who has been very helpful in dealing with civil rights groups and has been especially active in Mississippi this summer among the Negro organization) called today to report the following from reliable sources within Negro groups:

- (1) The civil rights groups with whom he maintains liaison have heard that the Mississippi FDP will not be seated, and that the White House has definitely made a decision to that effect.
- (2) They feel, he reports, that they have made all the "concessions" and that the White House has made none. They plan, therefore, to mount a "serious" demonstration on Monday afternoon in Atlantic City, and that it could continue throughout the week, with the biggest effort coming on Wednesday. He says the chances of serious violence are high.

Spike is one of these quiet, anonymous, little guys who devotes his life to causes like this. He is a very responsible, non-crusading type and holds an important post with the National Council of Churches. He has the confidence of the Negro groups working in Mississippi.

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