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RACIAL SITUATION, LIBERTY COUNTY, GA. RM

b7C [REDACTED] GEORGIA STATE PATROL, HINESVILLE, GA., ADVISED TODAY ~~A~~ GROUP OF TWENTY TO TWENTYFIVE NEGRO AND WHITE DEMONSTRATORS DEMONSTRATED LIBERTY COUNTY JAIL APPROXIMATELY SIX THIRTY TO SEVEN PM, JUNE TWENTYEIGHT LAST THEN MARCHED TO STATE PATROL BARRACKS WHERE THEY SANG AND PROTESTED THE ARREST OF ONE CLEVELAND STRIPLING, NEGRO TEACHER, WHO HAD BEEN CHARGED BY STATE PATROL FOR DRIVING ON WRONG SIDE OF HIGHWAY. STRIPLING LATER RELEASED UNDER BOND. [REDACTED] ADVISED A FEW ROCKS THROWN AT DEMONSTRATORS WHILE AT PATROL BARRACKS BUT NO INJURIES RESULTED. b7C

PETER GRUENSTEIN IDENTIFIED AS ONE OF SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE /SCLC/ INVOLVED IN DEMONSTRATION.

SHERIFF ROBERT V. SIKES, HINESVILLE, GA., ADVISED THIRTEEN YR. OLD NEGRO BOY, JOHNNY LEE JONES, HOSPITALIZED SAVANNAH, GA., AFTER BEING ATTACKED WITH BROKEN BOTTLE BY WHITE YOUTH APPROXIMATELY NINE TO NINE-THIRTY PM AFTER DEMONSTRATIONS AT PATROL BARRACKS HAD BROKEN UP.

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Special Agent in Charge

Savannah, Georgia
June 30, 1968

RACIAL SITUATION,
LIBERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA

b7c [REDACTED]
Minesville Barracks, Georgia State Patrol, advised that at about 8 PM on June 27, 1968, Trooper [REDACTED] of the Minesville Barracks arrested Cleveland Jerome Stripling, [REDACTED] for driving on the wrong side of the road. After his arrest, Stripling was turned over to the Liberty County authorities in order for Stripling to make bond. When Stripling refused to make bond, he was incarcerated in the Liberty County Jail. [REDACTED] continued that at about 7 PM, a group of about 15 people consisting of 10 Negroes and 5 whites, paraded up to the barracks. They wanted Stripling released. He continued that the people were told that the State Patrol no longer had any authority over Stripling as he was in the custody of the Liberty County authorities. [REDACTED] then stated that the group dispersed soon thereafter without any incident. [REDACTED] ended by stating that he heard there was trouble later that evening in Minesville, but did not know whether this trouble came as a result of Stripling's arrest.

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RACIAL SITUATION,
LIBERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA

Sheriff Robert Sikes, Liberty County, advised that on the afternoon of June 27, 1965, Deputy Sheriff David Carter received Cleveland Jerome Stripling from the Georgia State Patrol. Stripling was being turned over to Carter as is the custom with all arrests made by the Georgia State Patrol. Carter picked up Stripling at Clyde and Betty's Truck Stop, Highway 17. Sikes then stated that Carter brought Stripling back to Milledgeville and first took him to [redacted] to see if [redacted] would make bond for Stripling. Stripling refused bond so Carter took Stripling to the Liberty County Jail. Sikes then stated that about 7 PM, a group formed at the E & E laundromat, Milledgeville; this group consisted of about 13 people, 30 whom were white. This group paraded to the jail where they sang a few songs and then paraded down to the Georgia State Barracks where they attempted to get Stripling freed. Sikes then stated that the parade soon left the Georgia State Barracks without incident and shortly after leaving dispersed, also without any incident. Sikes then stated that at about 10 PM that evening 12 to 15 white youths from Milledgeville went to the pool hall in Milledgeville and attempted to start a fight with three Negroes who were inside. The local police in Milledgeville came, closed the pool hall and sent the Negroes home. Shortly after the Negroes left, the white boys pursued them and soon caught up to the Negro boys. The police again arrived and told the white boys to go home. Right after the local police left, Johnny Lee Jones, age 13, came up to the group of white boys on his bicycle and right after he got off of his bicycle was hit in the head with a bottle. Sikes stated that at this time there are many discrepancies as to what actually happened when Jones got off his bicycle, but that he has arrested [redacted] and charged him with mayhem for allegedly striking Jones. Sikes then stated that [redacted] is scheduled to be brought before the Grand Jury in Liberty County, September, 1965. b7c

Sikes ended by stating that the above incident, in his opinion, was not related to the Stripling arrest as all people involved in the above incident were from Milledgeville.