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MEMORANDUM

TO: File

FROM: Director, Sovereignty Commission

SUBJECT: Grenada Demonstrations

On this date we contacted Brad Dye, Sr., attorney at Grenada, Mississippi, to advise him we had information in our files concerning Hosea Williams and Rev. Ralph Abernethy, two aides to Dr. Martin Luther King, that could be exploited to reduce their effectiveness in the Grenada area. Mr. Dye said he would like to confer with some of his associates and report back later.

Mr. Dye said some of the Governor's supporters in Grenada have wanted Governor Johnson to come to that city for a meeting. He asked me what I thought about the idea. I told him that Governor Johnson had not made a habit of going to any city where demonstrations were held, and I strongly doubted he would go to Grenada. I assured Mr. Dye that through Sovereignty Commission reports the Governor is up to date on the Grenada situation and if he has any ideas on a course of action he will convey them to the proper parties.

I told Mr. Dye that our Investigator Tom Scarbrough had been assigned to Grenada and he will remain in close contact with local authorities as to events that occur and procedures that may be adopted. I also told him that Governor Johnson would have all this information as fast as Mr. Scarbrough sends it to this office.


Erle Johnston, Jr.

cc: Honorable Herman Glazier

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