TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-55900)

RE: COMINIL
NATIONAL FARM WORKERS ASSOCIATION,
DELANO, CALIFORNIA
IS-C

Re: San Francisco airtel 4/5/66.

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LEAD:
THE SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE:
AT SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

C. C. Work will closely follow and report pertinent details of the protest march in a form suitable for dissemination.

3/- Bureau (ENCLS. 8), (AM REG.),
1 - Los Angeles (ENCLS. 1) (AM REG.),
1 - San Francisco

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Special Agent in Charge
PROTEST MARCH SPONSORED BY NATIONAL FARM WORKERS ASSOCIATION, DELANO TO SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA, MARCH 18, 1966 - APRIL 10, 1966
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Reference is made to San Francisco memorandum dated April 5, 1966.

The marchers left Stockton, California, at 9:00 a.m. on April 5, 1966 and arrived at Lodi, California, at 3:00 p.m. The marchers spent the night at Lodi, where they held a rally. They left Lodi at 9:30 a.m. on April 6, 1966 and arrived at Thornton, California, at 2:30 p.m., where they spent the night. At 10:00 a.m., April 7, 1966, the marchers left Thornton and were headed toward Hood, California, where they will stay overnight. They are scheduled to go from Hood to Freeport, California, for an overnight stay on April 8, 1966, then to West Sacramento on April 9, 1966 and then to arrive in Sacramento to see the Governor on Easter Sunday, April 10, 1966.

advised that there have been no incidents.

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FBI
Date: 4/8/66

Transmit the following in
(Type in plaintext or code)
Via

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-444762)
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-67449) [P]
RE: COMINFIL
NATIONAL FARM WORKERS ASSOCIATION
Delano, California
IS - C
CO: Los Angeles

Re Los Angeles airtel and letterhead memorandum (LHM) captioned as above dated 4/5/66.

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Riverside County Sheriff's Office, Riverside, California Police Department and Palm Springs, California Police Department are fully cognizant of the plans of the proposed march.

LEAD

LOS ANGELES

AT RIVERSIDE AND PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA: Will maintain contact with local law enforcement agencies and will report any arrests or incidents that might occur as a result of this march in a form suitable for dissemination.

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Special Agent in Charge
PROTEST MARCH PROPOSED BY
NATIONAL FARM WORKERS ASSOCIATION
DELANO TO SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA
MARCH 17, 1966 - APRIL 10, 1966
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Reference is made to memorandum dated April 5, 1966.

On April 8, 1966, Gilbert Padilla, Vice-President of the National Farm Workers Union, advised the local Palm Springs newspaper that support of the striking Delano grape workers had a route for the protest march they will hold in Palm Springs, California, on Sunday afternoon. The march will be organized at Ruth Hardy Park and will return there for disbandment.

According to Padilla the new route and the choice of the park as an organization point was made necessary when Reverend Thomas J. Flahive, Pastor of the Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church refused use of church grounds. He said marchers will gather at Hardy Park at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, April 10, 1966, and the parade will begin thirty minutes later. The route will be west on Tamarisk to Palm Canyon then south to Arenas where marchers will turn north again and retrace their steps to the park.

Advised on April 8, 1966, that the marchers do not need a permit since they intend to march on the sidewalk which will not obstruct traffic.
PROTEST MARCH PROPOSED BY
NATIONAL FARM WORKERS ASSOCIATION
DELANO TO SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA
MARCH 17, 1966 - APRIL 10, 1966
INFORMATION CONCERNING

According to the April 8, 1966, issue of the Press Enterprise Newspaper the protest march was first organized by the Riverside County Committee in support of the Delano grape strikers after it was announced by Governor Edmund G. Brown he would not meet Easter Sunday in Sacramento with paraders there.

Instead his aids announced he would spend the Easter week end with his family at Frank Sinatra's Tamarisk Country Club home in Palm Springs.

Since then Governor Brown has agreed to meet the strikers in Sacramento but the Palm Springs parade will be started nevertheless as a gesture of sympathy with the strikers in Delano.

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DELANO, CALIFORNIA

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SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

53 APR 22 1966
PROTEST MARCH SPONSORED BY
NATIONAL FARM WORKERS
ASSOCIATION, DELANO TO
SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA
March 17, 1966 to April 10, 1966
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Reference is made to memorandum dated April 8, 1966.

On April 11, 1966, advised that the parade was conducted in Palm Springs, California, by a group in sympathy with the Delano grape strikers. The parade was conducted in a peaceful and orderly manner and no incidents occurred.

The Daily Enterprise, a newspaper for Riverside County, in an article dated April 11, 1966, set forth in part that following an orderly parade of some 300 persons through downtown Palm Springs yesterday, leaders of the "Committee to Support the Delano Grape Strikers" pledged to keep their group alive to aid the farm workers in California. The march did not attract any large number of onlookers despite its wide publicity over the past week. Little girls in starched Easter dresses solemnly paraded carrying signs that read, "Away With Farm Slavery." The marchers did not meet with Governor Edmund Brown, who was spending the day in Palm Springs with his family at the Frank Sinatra residence, but they did not expect to.

Following the wind-blown parade over a mile or so along Palm Canyon Drive, the marchers returned to Hardy Park, the organizational point, where leaders of the committee called upon participants to continue their efforts in behalf of the farm workers.
PROTEST MARCH SPONSORED BY
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April 11, 1966

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Last Wednesday night, April 6, the radio carried the announcement that Schenley Industries agreed to recognize the National Farm Workers Association, and that an agreement had been executed with César Chávez, head of the union, and Sidney Korshak, "attorney for Schenley."

I know that inevitably questions will come up in the Bureau regarding the union and any participation that I might have had in this matter. For your personal information I had no knowledge of the agreement, nor of the negotiations. I was not consulted; I did not approve the agreement, nor was I informed of the developments. In fact I have never met Sidney Korshak who is well known to the Bureau.

Naturally, the "tie" is now cast and there is no other alternative but to close the ranks and make the most of the situation.

With best wishes and kind regards.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

APR 20 1966
Amer. Farm Sec. on Unions & Korshak

APR 25 1966
April 15, 1966

Schenley Industries, Inc.
1250 Avenue of the Americas
New York, New York 10019

Dear Nick:

Thank you for your letter of April 11th concerning the agreement between Schenley Industries and the National Farm Workers Association. Your thoughtfulness in apprising me regarding this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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APR 15 1966

COMM-FBI

1 - Mr. Doolach (sent with cover memo)
1 - Mr. Vick (sent with cover memo)
1 - Mr. Posem (sent with cover memo)
1 - Mr. Sullivan (sent with cover memo)
1 - Mr. Morrell (sent with cover memo)

NOTE: See Jones to Vick memorandum dated 4-14-66 captioned "National Farm Workers Association."
Mr. Nick

M. A. Jones

NATIONAL FARM WORKERS ASSOCIATION

SYNOPSIS

wrote the Director on 4/11/66 concerning the labor agreement executed by Cesar Chavez for the National Farm Workers Association (NFWA) and Sidney Korshak, Attorney for Schenley Industries, Inc. The Director has requested a summary on NFWA and Korshak.

NFWA first came to our attention in October, 1965, when [redacted] contacted the Bureau to express concern over an announcement that the Office of Economic Opportunity had granted this union $207,857 to use in a self-help project regarding migrant workers in California. Our Los Angeles Office advised on 10/20/65 that NFWA was a local independent union which had become affiliated with the AFL-CIO since September, 1965. It was reportedly organized for the purpose of supporting migrant farmers and grape pickers in their strike in Delano, California.

Its alleged purpose was to improve the wages and living conditions of the migrant farm worker in this part of California and has its offices at 102 Albany Street, Delano, California.

We have conducted limited inquiries concerning NFWA and our information indicates it is not controlled or guided by the communists but that several alleged members have extremely liberal views and that CP members or sympathizers have furnished support to NFWA in its conflict with the grape growers.

Enclosure

1 - Mr. Delosch - Enclosure
1 - Mr. Nick - Enclosure
1 - Mr. Cole - Enclosure
1 - Mr. Rosen - Enclosure
1 - Mr. Sullivan - Enclosure

SYNOPSIS CONTINUED--NOT RECORDED

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M. A. Jones to W. B. Memo
RE: NATIONAL FARM WORKERS ASSOCIATION

Cesar E. Chavez, founder and director of NFWA, was formerly a recruiter for the Community Service Organization (CSO) at San Jose, California. CSO is a war on poverty type organization. He has openly been called a communist but our sources do not have any definite information in this regard even though he reportedly associates with left-wing type individuals and has been known to distribute copies of People's World, a west coast communist newspaper.

Information concerning the NFWA activities of Wendy Goepel, Harvey Richards, David Ward Havens and Dolores Clara Harta, is set out in Details, [Blacked out].

RECOMMENDATION:

That attached letter be sent to [Blacked out].
M. A. Jones to Dick Memo
RE: NATIONAL FARM WORKERS ASSOCIATION

DETAILS

BACKGROUND:

By letter of 4-11-66, [redacted] referred to radio announcements indicating that Schenley Industries, Inc., agreed to recognize the National Farm Workers Association (NFWA) and that this agreement had been executed with Cesar Chavez, representing NFWA, and Sidney Korshak, attorney for Schenley. The Director has requested a summary on NFWA and Korshak.

INFORMATION IN FILES:

Our files reveal that the NFWA first came to our attention in October, 1965, when [redacted] contacted the Bureau to advise that [redacted] was concerned over an announcement that the Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO) had granted this union $367,887 to use in a self-help project to teach migrant workers in Kern, Kings and Tulare counties of California citizenship and money management. Since our files contained no record identifiable with this union, we requested our Los Angeles Office to furnish information available to them regarding NFWA.

Our Los Angeles Office advised on 10-20-65 that NFWA was a local independent union which reportedly had only become affiliated with AFL-CIO since September, 1965. Allegedly this affiliation was only for the purpose of supporting the migrant farmers and grape pickers strike in Delano, California. It was further reported that the NFWA was led by Cesar I. Chavez and the purpose of this union was supposedly to improve the wages and living conditions of the migrant farm worker in this part of California. This union claims it is an independent organization with offices at 102 Albany Street, Delano, California.

We have conducted limited inquiries concerning NFWA for the purpose of determining whether it has been infiltrated or controlled by the communists. Our information indicates that it is not controlled or guided by the communists but that several individuals that are allegedly members of this
M. A. Jones to Wick Memo
RE: NATIONAL FARM WORKERS ASSOCIATION

organization have extremely liberal views. It has also been determined that various known Communist Party (CP) members or sympathizers have furnished support to the NFWA in connection with its conflict with the grape growers in this part of California.

Cesar E. Chavez:

Cesar E. Chavez has been described as the founder and Director of the NFWA. He reportedly was born on 1-31-27, possibly at Delano, California. He resides at 1221 Kensington Street, Delano, California, and has spent about 14 years in the San Jose, California, area prior to 1963 as a recruiter for the Community Service Organization (CSO) at San Jose. CSO is a "war on poverty" type organization. Chavez refuses to answer any questionnaires directed at him by Credit Bureaus or similar organizations. He has openly been called a communist at Delano City Council meetings; however, our sources do not possess any definite information in this regard even though Chavez reportedly associates with "left-wing" type individuals and allegedly has been known to distribute copies of "People's World," a west coast communist newspaper, free of charge.

Chavez publishes and sells a paper called "El Malcriado" which is described as the voice of the farm worker and the official voice of the NFWA. Chavez has reportedly stated that he desires to open general stores in the San Joaquin Valley to sell "commodities to farm workers at discount prices" and to therefore create a boycott of local businesses. He allegedly has also started a credit union for the farm workers who are members of the NFWA. One of our sources has stated the opinion that Chavez is not altogether sincere in his desire to assist migrant workers but rather is interested in making a name for himself and to gain financially. It was also reported that the $267,887 grant approved by OEO for NFWA has aroused considerable public opinion against it.

In addition to Chavez, we have learned that Wendy Goepel, Harvey Richards, David Havens, and Dolores Huerta are involved in NFWA activities.

Wendy Goepel:

Wendy Goepel is apparently identical with Wendy Pangburn Goepel who reportedly was considering attending the Eighth World Youth Festival in Helsinki, Finland, in 1962 along with other Stanford University students. There is no indication that she did attend.

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M. A. Jones to Wick Memo
All: NATIONAL FARM WORKERS ASSOCIATION

Harvey Richards:

Harvey Richards' association with NFWA activities was reported to be limited to taking various photographs in connection with NFWA's labor dispute with the grape pickers.

David Ward Havens:

David Ward Havens, a white male, born 12-17-35 and who resided at Visalia, California, in October, 1965, listed his employment as being with the National Council of Churches and an active member of the California Migrant Farm Ministry, a subsidiary of the National Council of Churches. During May, 1965, Havens participated in a farm workers strike in Delano along with Chavez. In addition to being an advisor of the NFWA, he also participated in their picketing activities.

Dolores Clara Huerta:

Dolores Clara Huerta, also known as Dolores Clara Mench, a Mexican female, was born on 4-10-30 and resides at Delano, California. She is the Vice-President of NFWA and has no other employment listed. She has been active in the Delano area for several years and is reported as the driving force on the picket lines of NFWA. Huerta was the individual who traveled to Washington, D.C., on behalf of Chavez and NFWA for the purpose of obtaining the grant from OEO.

Information coming to our attention from various confidential sources of our Los Angeles Office indicates that various G.I. members or sympathizers such as have expressed sympathy and support of the activities of the NFWA in this labor dispute. It has also been learned that this "sympathy" was being reflected in the form of monetary contributions as well as food and clothing collections for members of the NFWA participating as pickets.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
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1 - Los Angeles (ENCL. 1) (AM REG.) (INFO)
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PROTEST MARCH SPONSORED BY NATIONAL FARM WORKERS ASSOCIATION, DELANO TO SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA, MARCH 18, 1966 - APRIL 10, 1966
INFORMATION CONCERNING

advised April 9, 1966 that the marchers arrived in West Sacramento, California, on April 9, 1966 ending a 25 day, 300 mile march from Delano, California, demonstrating a demand for recognition of their union. 1500 strikers and sympathizers took part in an evening rally, April 9, 1966, held at Our Lady of Grace School, West Sacramento, across the river from their final destination, the State Capitol grounds, Sacramento. advised that the rally was peaceful and no incidents occurred. Officers from the California Highway Patrol, Yolo County Sheriff's Office (West Sacramento) and the Sacramento Police Department were present during the rally and officers from the Highway Patrol remained nearby all night.

advised that at 1:30 p.m., April 10, 1966, approximately 1000 marchers and supporters marched to the Capitol Grounds, Sacramento, from West Sacramento, a distance of one mile. Approximately 6000 persons greeted the marchers upon their arrival at the Capitol Grounds. The marchers demanded the appearance of Governor EDMUND BROWN, who was not available in Sacramento and had advised that prior to April 10, 1966 that he would grant them an audience on April 9, 1966 or April 11, 1966 but would not be available on Easter Sunday. It was announced to the crowd that Governor BROWN was being picketed at the home of actor-singer, FRANK SINATRA in Palm Springs, California.

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Reverend WAYNE C. HARTMIRE of the migrant missions of Northern California, California State Assemblyman PHIL SOTO, and CESAR CHAVEZ, Executive Director, National Farm Workers Association, delivered the principal addresses from the steps of the State Capitol building.

...advised that the gathering on the Capitol grounds was peaceful in nature and no incidents of a violent nature occurred. The meeting ended at approximately 4:00 p.m. The Sacramento Police Department and California State Police were present during the entire meeting.
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-444762)
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-67449)(P)
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Source utilized in enclosed LHM was who received the information confidentially.

Bureau (Encls. 8)(P)
-Los Angeles

Enclosure

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RE: 23

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Special Agent in Charge
On April 22, 1966, a source advised he had received information to the effect that officials and associates of the National Farm Workers Association (NFWA) in the future were planning ways to discredit law enforcement agencies in localities affected by the farm labor strike. In the past NFWA has prepared publicity in advance of marches and large picket lines, with a view toward being arrested for offenses such as not having a parade permit or trespassing on private property. This source expects that NFWA will very shortly attempt to file civil rights complaints with the U.S. Department of Justice and state authorities. Source predicted that violations of law would be planned by NFWA, and carried through, with a view toward causing situations with law enforcement agencies which could be ‘twisted’ into civil rights matter at a later date.

An article appearing in the April 22, 1966 issue of the "Los Angeles Times", a daily newspaper published in Los Angeles, California, revealed that on the previous Wednesday, NFWA Director Cesar Chavez and his aides met secretly with Vice President of the Di Giorgio Corporation Bruce W. Sanborn, Jr. in Fresno in an effort to work out differences over a company proposal to have an election to determine if the farm workers wanted to be represented by the union. This article went on to state as follows:
SUBJECT: Cesar Chavez & United Farm Workers et al.

FILE: 100 - 444762

SECTION: 3
FBI CHICAGO
618 PM CST URGENT 5/24/66 JLV
TO DIRECTOR
PRO CHICAGO (100-42662)

NATIONAL FARM WORKERS ASSOCIATION (NFWA), SYMPATHY DEMONSTRATION AT
S & W FOOD COMPANY, THREE THREE FIVE ZERO NORTH KEDZIE, CHICAGO,
ILLINOIS, MAY TWENTY FOUR, INSTANT, IN SUPPORT OF STRIKING DELANO
CALIFORNIA MIGRANT GRAPE PICKERS; INFORMATION CONCERNING.

RE CHICAGO TELETYPE, MAY TWENTY FOUR, INSTANT.

ADVAISED FOUR FIFTEEN P.M. THIS DATE THAT PICKETING AT
S & W WAREHOUSE DWINDLED TO SIX INDIVIDUALS AT EIGHT A.M. AND PICKETS
DISCONTINUED NINE A.M. AND DID NOT RETURN ALTHOUGH PICKETING SCHEDULED
TO LAST UNTIL FOUR P.M. THIS DATE. PICKETS WERE PEACEFUL AND ORDERLY.
NO INCIDENTS OR ARRESTS MADE. SECRET SERVICE, USA, AND MILITARY
ADVISED. LHM FOLLOWS.

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NATIONAL FARM WORKERS ASSOCIATION (NW), SYMPATHETIC DEMONSTRATION AT S & W FOOD COMPANY, THREE THREE FIVE ZERO NORTH KEDZIE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, MAY TWENTY-THREE, LAST, IN SUPPORT OF STRIKING DELANO CALIFORNIA MIGRANT GRAPE RICKERS!

PIckets. Picketing scheduled to continue until four pm. This date when warehouse closes for evening.

SECRET SERVICE USA.

END AND HOLD.

MAY 24, 1966.

MAY 27 BY.

TELETYPE 50 FIVE.

CHICAGO.

FROM CHICAGO.

MR. POST, URGENT.

NWA.

TELETYPE 50 FIVE.

MAY 24, 1966.
FBI WASH DC

FBI CHICAGO

417 PM CST URGENT 5-23-66 CRA

TO DIRECTOR

FROM CHICAGO (100-42662)

NATIONAL FARM WORKERS ASSOCIATION, SYMPATHY DEMONSTRATION

AT S & W FOOD COMPANY, THREE THREE FIVE ZERO NORTH KEDZIE,

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, MAY TWENTYTHREE SIXTYSIX, IN SUPPORT OF

STRIKING DELANO, CALIFORNIA MIGRANT GRAPE PICKERS; INFORMATION

CONCERNING.

ADvised this date

APPROXIMATELY SIXTY PICKETS DEMONSTRATING AT CAPTIONED LOCATION

TODAY. DEMONSTRATION STAGED TO SHOW SUPPORT FOR STRIKING

CALIFORNIA MIGRANT GRAPE PICKERS, DELANO, CALIFORNIA.

PEACEFUL DEMONSTRATION IN PROGRESS.

CHICAGO PD COVERING. CHICAGO FOLLOWING. USA, SECRET

SERVICE AND MILITARY ADVISED. LHM FOLLOWS. REG 109-444762-37

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FBI WASH DC

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MAY 23 1966
RE CHICAGO TELTYPE, MAY TWENTY THREE, INSTANT.

COORDINATED CHICAGO PHASE NATIONWIDE BOYCOTT AGAINST DI GOROGO CORPORATION PRODUCTS AT S & W FOODS WAREHOUSE, CHICAGO, TODAY FROM SEVEN A.M. UNTIL P.M.

AT PEAK OF CHICAGO DEMONSTRATION AN ESTIMATED SIXTY PICKETS WERE PRESENT, MADE UP OF PERSONS FROM STUDENTS FOR DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY, COMMITTEE ON RACIAL EQUALITY, AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE.

RELIABLE SOURCES ADVISED TODAY THAT REPRESENTATIVE OF NFWM WORKERS ASSOCIATION (NFWA), SYMPATHY DEMONSTRATION AT S & W FOOD COMPANY, THREE THREE FIVE ZERO NORTH KEDZIE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, MAY TWENTY THREE, INSTANT, IN SUPPORT OF STRIKING DELANO CALIFORNIA MIGRANT GRAPE PICKERS: INFORMATION CONCERNING.

FROM CHICAGO 106-42662

MAY 23 1966

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AND REPRESENTATIVES. MOST OF PICKETS LEFT BEFORE NINE A.M. AND SKELETON FORCE OF FOUR TO SIX PICKETS REMAINED UNTIL WAREHOUSE CLOSED AT FOUR P.M., AT WHICH TIME REMAINING PICKETS DISSIPATED.

DEMONSTRATION SUCCEEDED IN OBTAINING SOME INDIVIDUAL SUPPORT OF MEMBERS OF TEAMSTERS UNION WHO REFUSED TO CROSS PICKET LINE. PICKET LINE WILL BE RESUMED TOMORROW AT SEVEN A.M., HOWEVER, IT IS EXPECTED BY NATIONAL FARM WORKERS ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE THAT FEWER PICKETS WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN COMPARISON WITH NUMBER PICKETING TODAY. DEMONSTRATION PEACEFUL. NO ARRESTS MADE.

SECRET SERVICE, UNITED STATES ATTORNEY, MILITARY, AND LOCAL POLICE ADVISED. LNM FOLLOWS.

END

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FBI WASH DC
IKS CLRX
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (100-12862)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL FARM WORKERS ASSOCIATION
SYMPATHY DEMONSTRATION AT S & W FOOD COMPANY, 3350 NORTH KEDZIE AVENUE,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, MAY 23, 1966, IN SUPPORT OF STRIKING DELANO,
CALIFORNIA, MIGRANT GRAPE PICKERS
INFORMATION CONCERNING:

8 - Bureau (Encl. 15) (RM)
   1 - 100-440885 (Congress of Racial Equality)
   1 - 100-439048 (Students for a Democratic Society)
   1 - 100-11392 (American Friends Service Committee)
   1 - 100-13124 (Teamsters Union)
   1 - 100-35658 (United Packing House Food and Allied Workers of America)

4 - Boston (Encl. 4) (RM) (Info.)
   1 - NFWA
   1 - 100-35472 (SDS)
   1 - Teamsters Union
   1 - United Packing House Food and Allied Workers of America

5 - Los Angeles (Encl. 5) (RM) (Info.)
   1 - NFWA
   1 - Cesar Chaves
   1 - 100-86519 (SDS)
   1 - Teamsters Union
   1 - United Packing House Food and Allied Workers of America

5 - New York (Encl. 5) (RM) (Info.)
   1 - NFWA
   1 - CORE
   1 - 100-148047 (SDS)
   1 - Teamsters Union
   1 - United Packing House Food and Allied Workers of America

5 - San Francisco (Encl. 5) (RM) (Info.)
   1 - NFWA
   1 - Cesar Chaves
   1 - 100-52152 (SDS)
   1 - Teamsters Union

SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR ADDITIONAL DISSEMINATION.

Approved: [signature]
CG 100-43663

11 - Chicago
1 - 100-40903 (SDS)
1 - 100-11329 (COHE)
1 - 100-30509 (AFSC)
1 -
1 - 100-34316 (Cominfil Teamsters Union)
1 - 100-8099 (UPFAVA)

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CG 100-42662

Re: Chicago tells dated 5/23/66 and 5/24/66, to the Bureau, no copies to Boston, Los Angeles, New York or San Francisco.

There are enclosed herewith for the Bureau 15 copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) and appropriate copies for listed offices, dated and captioned as above.

In addition to the above copies of this LHM, copies are being designated for Secret Service, H13th INTG Group, NISO 9ND, OSI, all Chicago, Illinois, for information purposes.

The source used in the LHM is former

The Chicago Office has insufficient information on which to identify JIM ARNOLD and HARRY JOHNSON mentioned in the attached LHM.
Chicago, Illinois
May 24, 1966

NATIONAL FARM WORKERS ASSOCIATION
SYMPATHY DEMONSTRATION AT S & W
FOOD COMPANY, 3350 NORTH KEDZIE
AVENUE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, MAY 23,
1966, IN SUPPORT OF STRIKING DELANO,
CALIFORNIA, MIGRANT GRAPE PICKERS
INFORMATION CONCERNING

On May 23, 1966, [redacted], stated on May 20,
1966, one Jim Arnold, who identified himself as a University of Chicago student as well as a full-time volunteer of the
National Farm Workers Association (NFWA) and a member of the
Hyde Park Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), Chicago,
was attempting to pass out the following leaflet on the Chicago
Circle Campus:

ENCLOSURE
CALL TO ACTION!

Since September 8, 1965, 3500 farm worker families in Delano, California, have been on strike to get for themselves those things other workers are legally guaranteed: the right to organize into a union and to bargain collectively, the right to a living wage, the right to humane working conditions and the right to dignity on the job.

The DiGiorgio Corporation, which last year grossed $231,800,000, which owns 4,600 acres in the strike zone (and more than 26,000 acres all together), which has four directors on the board of the huge Bank of America, and whose wide-ranging corporate interests make it truly an economic octopus, is being challenged by its field workers, whose only power is their unity of purpose and strength of determination, and whose only weapon is their non-violent strike.

THEY NEED YOUR HELP!

A nation-wide boycott is being conducted against DiGiorgio products. S & W Foods warehouses are being closed down in California and New England by large groups of pickets with the support of Teamsters' unions.

The midwest distribution center for DiGiorgio products is here in Chicago. It is crucial that it be closed down temporarily to show DiGiorgio the strength of support for the strike. The Teamsters have indicated willingness to respect picket lines at the warehouse. Whether they do or not may be contingent upon the force of our picket line.

The warehouse is located at 3350 N. Kedzie, one block north of Belmont and the JFK Expressway. On Monday, May 23, 1966, at 7:00 AM, people from all parts of the city will meet at the S & W warehouse for a mass demonstration-picket. The most effective aid you can give the strikers is to be there.

Boycott and consumer picketing will continue until the strike is WON. To help, contact the strike coordinator on your campus, call Harry Johnson at 939-2794, or write NFWA, 1300 Wabash, Chicago, Illinois.
Arnold was told by the Illinois Circle Campus Police that he could not pass out the above leaflet unless he obtained sponsorship of the Illinois Circle Campus chapter of the SDS. Arnold secured this authority and was then permitted to distribute the leaflet with the stamp of the "SDS, UICC Chapter" thereon.

On May 23, 1966, it was ascertained that telephone number 939-2794 is listed to the Catholic Bishop of Chicago Resettlement and/or Cardinal's Committee for Spanish Speaking People, 1300 North Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. An unidentified person answering the telephone revealed that Harry Johnson who is affiliated with the NFWA had been given space and use of the aforementioned telephone at the address because of the interest various members of the Catholic clergy have taken in the plight of Spanish speaking persons here in the United States. The aforementioned unidentified person answering the telephone stated that at that time Johnson was out conducting the picketing of the S & W Food Company Warehouse.

Also on May 23, 1966, it was ascertained that Paul Booth, self-identified as National Secretary of the SDS, and the SDS itself had an interest in the picketing of the S & W Food Company Warehouse. According to Booth, the SDS had persons out picketing the S & W Food Company Warehouse that date and that Lee Webb, a SDS member associated with the United Packing House Food and Allied Workers of America in Chicago, was the person handling the SDS interest in this matter.
RE: NATIONAL FARMWORKERS ASSOCIATION
SYMPATHY DEMONSTRATION AT S & W FOOD
COMPANY 3350 NORTH KEDZIE AVENUE,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, MAY 23, 1966,
IN SUPPORT OF STRIKING DELANO,
CALIFORNIA, MIGRANT GRAPE PICKERS

On May 23, 1966, advised that the boycott against DiGiorgio Corporation products at the S & W Food Company Warehouse, Chicago, began at 7:00 AM on May 23, 1966, and ended at 4:00 PM, that date when the warehouse closed for the evening. The peak of the demonstration was shortly before 9:00 AM when an estimated 60 pickets were participating. Most of the pickets left before 9:00 AM and a skeleton force ranging from four to six pickets remained until the warehouse closed for the evening, at which time the remaining pickets disbursed. The picketing was peaceful, there were no incidents and no arrests.

On May 23, 1966, it was learned through Harry Johnson representing the NFWA that he had conducted the Chicago phase of the national boycott against the DiGiorgio Corporation, and Schenley Products at the S & W Food Company Warehouse, 3350 North Kedzie Avenue, Chicago, that date from 7:00 AM until 4:00 PM. The purpose of this boycott was to close down the Chicago Midwest, California and New England distribution centers of DiGiorgio products. At the peak of the demonstration some 60
pickets were present, made up of persons from the SDS, Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), American Friends Service Committee (Quakers), striking Chicago welfare employees and some Catholic and Protestant groups and/or representatives. A good number of the pickets were students who left before 9:00 AM and a token force of four to six pickets remained at the scene until the warehouse closed in the evening. Johnson stated that Lee Webb of the SDS was active in co-ordinating the actions of the SDS pickets during the demonstration.

Continuing it was learned from Johnson that there was no outright support of the picketing by the Teamsters Union itself but that the picketers received some individual support from a number of the teamster workers who refused to cross the picket line. It was also learned through Johnson that Cesar Chavez, active in organizing the grape workers in California, had been in Chicago that date conferring in reference to the strike with various people in the Chicago area. He left at 1:45 PM and returned to California. Johnson said that in the past the NFWA had received the support of some Teamster Union locals in carrying out their strike against the DiGiorgio Corporation products. They had been most successful with the Teamster Union on the West Coast. Johnson remarked that the NFWA with the aid of CORE and other civil rights groups had been quite successful in getting DiGiorgio and Schenley products removed from shelves located in stores in Harlem and Brooklyn, New York. According to Johnson the picket line would resume at 7:00 AM on May 24, 1966, however, it was not expected that more than ten or 12 pickets would participate on that date.

On May 24 and 25, 1966, advised that picketing resumed at S & W Food Company Warehouse at 7:00 AM May 24, 1966,
with only 12 pickets present. Although picketing was scheduled to continue until 4:00 PM that date, when the warehouse closed for the evening, the pickets discontinued at approximately 9:00 AM and did not return. The picketing was peaceful and orderly. There were no incidents or arrests.

On May 25, 1966, it was learned from Harry Johnson that the picketing of S & W Company Warehouse, Chicago, terminated on May 25, 1966, at 9:00 AM because members of the Teamsters Union indicated they would no longer honor the NFWA picket line. Johnson indicated that during the picketing he had received assistance from Jim Arnold, a full-time volunteer worker with the NFWA. Johnson also indicated that the efforts of the NFWA in the Chicago area since it had not received full support from the Teamsters Union would now be directed to picketing and attempting to influence retail stores to take DiGiorgio and Schenley products off of their shelves.

The above information was furnished to the following:

[Redacted]

of Secret Service, Chicago

Edward V. Hanrahan and others of the United States Attorney’s Office, Chicago.

A documentation of the W. E. B. Du Bois Clubs of America (and the W. E. B. Du Bois Clubs of Chicago) is attached.
APPENDIX

W.E.B. DU BOIS CLUBS OF AMERICA (DCA)

A source has advised that on October 26-27, 1963, a conference of members of the Communist Party (CP), including national functionaries, met in Chicago, Illinois, for the purpose of setting in motion forces for the establishment of a new national Marxist-oriented youth organization which would hunt for the most peaceful transition to socialism. The delegates to this meeting were cautioned against the germ of anti-Soviet and anti-CP ideologies. These delegates were also told that it would be reasonable to assume that the young socialists attracted into this new organization would eventually pass into the CP itself.

A second conference of over 20 persons met in Chicago on December 28-29, 1963, for the purpose of initiating a "call" to the new youth organization and planning for a founding convention to be held in June, 1964.

A second source has advised that the founding convention for the new youth organization was held from June 19-21, 1964, at 150 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California, at which time the name W.E.B. DuBois Clubs of America (DCA) was adopted. Approximately 500 delegates from throughout the United States attended this convention. The aims of this organization, as set forth in the preamble to the constitution, are: "It is our belief that this nation can best solve its problems in an atmosphere of peaceful coexistence, complete disarmament and true freedom for all peoples of the world, and that these solutions will be reached mainly through the united efforts of all democratic elements in our country, composed essentially of the working people allied in the unity of Negroes and other minorities with whites. We further fully recognize that the greatest threat to American democracy comes from the racist and right wing forces in coalition with the most reactionary sections of the economic power structure, using the tool of anti-Communism to divide and destroy the unified struggle of the working people. As young people in the forces struggling for democracy, we shall actively strive to defeat these reactionary and neo-fascist elements and to achieve complete freedom and democracy for all Americans, thus enabling each individual to freely choose and build the society he would wish to live in. Through these struggles we feel the American people will realize the viability of the socialist alternative."
The constitution further states that this new organization shall be a membership organization open to individuals, or if five or more people so desire, a chapter can be formed which shall in turn be guided by the policies and principles of the parent organization.

As of October, 1965, the headquarters of the DCA was located at 954 McAllister Street, San Francisco, California.

Over the Labor Day weekend, 1965, the DCA held a conference in Chicago, Illinois. According to a third source, a new slate of national officers was elected at this conference, which included Chairman HUGH STERLING POWLER, II (who, according to the third source, attended a CP cadre encampment held at Camp Midvale, New Jersey, in June, 1965, and following his election as Chairman of the DCA, attended another national CP cadre youth conference held on September 9-12, 1965, on a farm located in Northern Indiana, according to a fourth source); Director of Publicity CARL ELLENGER BLOICE (who was elected to the San Francisco County Committee CP in April, 1964, according to a fifth source); Educational Director MATTHEW "DYNAMITE" HALLINAN (who in June, 1964, was stated to be the Youth Representative on the Northern California CP District Board, according to a sixth source); Organizational Secretary TERENCE "KAYO" HALLINAN (who, according to a seventh source, was in June, 1965, with the District Staff of the Illinois CP to discuss the proposed DCA Midwest Summer Project); and Treasurer SUSAN PHYLLIS BORENSTEIN (who, according to an eighth source, has attended meetings of the Youth Club of the CP of Illinois during 1965 in connection with the DCA Summer Project).

APPENDIX
On May 3, 1965, a source advised that on June 30, 1964, a group of young people who attended the founding convention of the W.E.B. DuBois Clubs of America (DCA), met in Chicago and adopted a statement of purpose and constitution forming the DCC as an affiliate of the national DCA.

This source further advised that at a meeting of the Chicago Area of the Midwest Region of the DCA held April 3, 1965, the boundary of the Chicago Area was established to include all of Illinois north of Springfield, Illinois, and all of Indiana. At this meeting, TED PEARSON, Chairman of the Youth Club of the Communist Party of Illinois, was elected Area Coordinator.

A second source advised on November 26, 1965, that as of November, 1965, TED PEARSON continues to be the Chicago Area Coordinator of the DCA and the official headquarters is located at the PEARSON apartment, 1808 North Cleveland Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

The second source advised that there is currently only one club operating in the Chicago Area and that is on the west side. This club operates a Freedom Center at 2829 West Lake Street, which is open seven days a week to the teenagers on the west side.
Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-67449) (P)

DATE: 6/15/66

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE NATIONAL FARM WORKERS ASSOCIATION DELANO, CALIFORNIA

Enclosed for the Bureau are six copies of a letterhead memorandum dated and captioned as above.

The Los Angeles indices contain no pertinent data concerning GENE BOUTELIER, a Fresno, California, minister.
COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE NATIONAL
FARM WORKERS ASSOCIATION - DELANO, CALIFORNIA

On May 12, 1966, [redacted] advised that the latest issue of "Scope," a publication of the United States National Student Association (USNSA), 2115 "S" Street, Northwest Washington, D.C., contained an article revealing that USNSA planned to send a group of 200-300 students to Delano during the summer of 1966. This group is to be headed by Gere-Bouteiller, a Fresno, California, minister, and students in the group will be from colleges all over the United States.

According to the above article, the purpose of the project would be to teach the students farm laborer organizing, demonstrating and boycott techniques, so that they would be able to return to their respective areas to apply their knowledge to assist in the cause of the farm workers and civil rights matters.

On June 6, 1966, [redacted] advised as follows:

Ceasar Chavez, President of the National Farm Workers Association (NFWA) has been sending letters and pamphlets to universities all over the United States in an attempt to recruit students and professors to come to Delano during the summer of 1966 to assist in organizing the farm workers. Chavez has mentioned that he would like to have 2000 students come to the San Joaquin Valley this summer to serve the NFWA cause. [redacted] believes that possibly several hundred students may affiliate themselves with NFWA this summer, but certainly not as many as one or two thousand.

During the past two months, NFWA has directed most of its picket action toward the Didigio Corporation farms in Tulare County, California. There has been little activity in Delano. [redacted] believes further that NFWA will continue to inject civil rights into their activities, which will
COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE NATIONAL
FARM WORKERS ASSOCIATION - DELANO, CALIFORNIA

include accusations of police brutality and civil rights
violations against law enforcement agencies. He is of the
opinion that the civil rights aspect of the situation may
be a substitute for Chavez's failure in organizing farm
workers.

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Via AIRTEL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (62-New)

RE: PROPOSED MARCH FROM RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS, TO AUSTIN, TEXAS, BY MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL FARM WORKERS ASSOCIATION

MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

Reference is made to San Antonio LHM dated 6/7 and 22/66, captioned UNKNOWN SUBJECT; Threat to Bomb Starr County Courthouse, Rio Grande City, Texas.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of LHM dated and captioned as above, suitable for dissemination. Local dissemination has been made to USA, San Antonio; AUSA, Brownsville, Texas; Secret Service, San Antonio and Austin; Texas Department of Public Safety, Austin; Austin Police Department; Travis County Sheriff's Office, Austin; 112th INTC; OSI, 10th District; and ONI.

Enclosed for Houston and Los Angeles are two copies each of above-mentioned LHM. One information copy of LHM and airtel furnished El Paso inasmuch as HUERTA reportedly resided or worked temporarily in that area.

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SUBJECT:

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Special Agent in Charge
As set forth in referenced LHM's, EUGENE NELSON has been organizing farm workers in Rio Grande City, Texas, for the past several weeks.

NELSON resided in Houston, Texas, for a short time and, prior to that, was reportedly instrumental in the organizing of the grape-pickers in Delano, California. He now resides in Rio Grande City.

During the first few days of NELSON's organizing activities in Rio Grande City, CHARLES MCKINLEY SMITH was reportedly assisting him; however, SMITH has not been identified as being in that area in recent weeks.

DOLORES HUERTA, also active in organizing the grape-pickers in Delano, California, has been assisting NELSON in the Rio Grande City area; however, it is not known if she is still in that area.

The 6/28/66, edition of the San Antonio News, a daily newspaper published in San Antonio, contained an article reflecting that two top leaders of striking Rio Grande Valley farm hands disclosed on 6/27/66, they are at odds over affiliation with a California-based union. EUGENE NELSON, president, and MARGIL SANCHEZ, vice president, acknowledged that a major basis for their dissent is a pamphlet the founder of the John Birch Society is credited with editing.

The article further reflected that SANCHEZ would oppose affiliation of Independent Workers Association (IWA) with the National Farm Workers Association (NFWA) "until those guys in California clear their names of this communism." It should be noted he was apparently referring to the NFWA.

This article also reflected that NELSON told a reporter, "I'm not a communist and don't know of any communists here.... if there are communists in the Rio Grande Valley it is because there are conditions here that are conducive to their activity."
"I don't like communists any more than the Birchers do. That's why I'm here -- to set conditions right before the communists get here."

For the information of the Bureau and recipient offices, the Catholic Church has become involved in this situation. The Valley Evening Monitor, a McAllen, Texas, daily newspaper, issue of 6/20/66, contained an article which reflected that Msgr. DAN LANNING, of Mission (Texas), and Archbishop ROBERT LUCEY, of the San Antonio Archdiocese, were at odds on 6/20/66, over the Catholic Church's position in the Starr County strike for higher wages for farm hands.

Msgr. LANNING, in a sermon at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Mission, Sunday morning, charged clergymen from San Antonio who have taken part in the strike are "imposters and intruders" and that they "do not speak for the church."

The article also stated that Father CHARLES GRAHMANN, secretary to Archbishop LUCEY, said on behalf of the Bishop on 6/20/66, that "Monsignor LANNING is of the old school that believes priests should sit in their rectory and watch the world go by and not get involved in the social evils of the world."

Father GRAHMANN agreed that the two priests who participated in a so-called "civil rights" march in Rio Grande City do not officially represent the Church, although he said they went to Rio Grande City with the "permission" of Archbishop LUCEY.

Both the Political Association of Spanish-Speaking Organizations (PASO) and the Teamsters Union have expressed interest in helping the strikers. It should be noted that PASO is an organization formed in about 1960 which has chapters throughout the State of Texas. Its primary purpose is political education of individuals of Latin American descent and is not tied to either the Republican or Democratic Party.
The Los Angeles Division made available a copy of a leaflet distributed by the DuBois Clubs at Los Angeles which was an appeal to raise money, food, and clothes for the strikers.

Although CHARLES MCKINLEY SMITH (supra) has reportedly helped NELSON in this matter, based on data available to the San Antonio Division, it is believed a COMINFIN investigation should not be instituted by San Antonio at this time. NELSON has publically disclaimed connection with the CP and has said he is not a communist.

The Los Angeles Division should furnish any available information to San Antonio reflecting subversive activity on the part of EUGENE NELSON or DOLORES HUERTA or any information reflecting communist influence in the IWA or NFWA.

Houston should furnish San Antonio any information available reflecting communist influence or infiltration in this matter by any persons from the Houston Division area inasmuch as NELSON headquartered in Houston prior to moving to the San Antonio Division area.

Unless further information is received reflecting communist infiltration in this strike, San Antonio is conducting no COMINFIN investigation.

The Bureau will be kept advised of any further developments concerning the proposed march.
UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

San Antonio, Texas
June 28, 1966

PROPOSED MARCH FROM RIO GRANDE CITY,
TEXAS, TO AUSTIN, TEXAS, BY MEMBERS OF
THE NATIONAL FARM WORKERS ASSOCIATION

The June 28, 1966, edition of The Valley Morning
Star, a daily newspaper published at Harlingen, Texas,
contained an article captioned, "Melon Pickers Talk of
March on Austin." This article was datelined Rio Grande
City. This article reads as follows:

Union support for Eugene Nelson's National
Farm Workers Association Local No. 2 of Starr County
grew Monday after receiving backing at a meat cutters
convention in Harlingen Sunday. Plans for a Farm
Workers march from Rio Grande City to Austin were also
in the talking stage.

Nelson said that Roy Evans of Austin, Secretary-
Treasurer of the Texas AFL-CIO, had agreed to provide
$250 needed as a deposit for a telephone at NFWA Headquarters
in Rio Grande City.

Evans was one of several labor chiefs from
around the nation who met with Valley Amalgamated Meat
Cutters and Butchers Workers Union of North America when
it pledged support for the Starr County farm picketers.
At the meeting in Harlingen, the union voted to donate
$300 to the NFWA local. Announcement of the additional
$250 came Monday.
PROPOSED MARCH BY NFWA

Another development hatched over the weekend and announced Monday by Nelson was the proposed Rio Grande City-to-Austin march. The march is similar in concept to one which called attention to the California grape pickers strike early this year, Nelson said.

"The march would pass by President Johnson's ranch and be timed to end in Austin on Labor Day," Nelson said.

Although plans for the march are not definite, the strike leader figures it would take about a month to cover the distance to Austin. The one in California covered 325 miles and took 25 days.


Evans added his support and suggested that the march should terminate in Austin on Labor Day.

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PROPOSED MARCH FROM RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS, TO AUSTIN, TEXAS, BY
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GRANDE CITY, TEXAS, TO SAN JUAN, TEXAS, JULY FOUR, ONE NINE SIX
SIX, MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING.

RE SAN ANTONIO AIRTEL DIRECTOR JUNE TWO NINE LAST AND
DIRECTOR AIRTEL JULY ONE LAST.

APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED MARCHERS COMPLETED THE FIRST LEG
OF MARCH TO SAN JUAN, TEXAS, ON JULY FOUR INSTANT BY MARCHING FROM
RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS, TO SULLIVAN CITY, TEXAS. MARCH TO RESUME
TUESDAY, JULY FIVE, NEXT, AND CONTINUE TO FRIDAY WHEN MARCHERS EXPECT
TO ARRIVE AT SAN JUAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, SAN JUAN, TEXAS. NO INCIDENTS
OF VIOLENCE OR DISTURBANCE OF ANY KIND REPORTED TODAY.

BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED OF ANY PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS.

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Agent G-2, ONL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (62-Nw)

RE: PROPOSED MARCH FROM RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS, TO AUSTIN, TEXAS, BY MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL FARM WORKERS ASSOCIATION, AND FROM RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS, TO SAN JUAN, TEXAS, JULY 4, 1966

MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

Re San Antonio airtel dated 5/28/66, captioned, "PROPOSED MARCH FROM RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS, TO AUSTIN, TEXAS, BY MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL FARM WORKERS ASSOCIATION."

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ENCLOSURE

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Approved: JUL 11 1966

Special Agent in Charge
also advised that MARGIE SANCHEZ is vice president of the local union and LUCIO GALVAN has been active in handling the distribution of food in connection with the strikers.

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PROPOSED MARCH FROM RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS, TO AUSTIN, TEXAS, BY MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL FARM WORKERS ASSOCIATION, AND FROM RIC GRANDE CITY, TEXAS, TO SAN JUAN, TEXAS, JULY 4, 1966

On June 26, 1966, SA T-I informed that information has been received by SA T-I from a source whom he did not wish to identify that members of the National Farm Workers Association plan a march from Rio Grande City, Texas, to the vicinity of San Juan, Texas, on July 4, 1966.

SA T-2 said Eugene Nelson is a leader in the National Farm Workers Association strike in the Rio Grande Valley.

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San Antonio, Texas
June 29, 1966

Title
PROPOSED MARCH FROM RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS, TO AUSTIN, TEXAS, BY MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL FARM WORKERS ASSOCIATION, AND FROM RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS, TO SAN JUAN, TEXAS, JULY 4, 1966

Character

Reference
San Antonio memorandum dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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To: AGC, San Antonio
From: Director, FBI

PROPOSED MARCH FROM RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS, TO AUSTIN, TEXAS, BY MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL FARM WORKERS ASSOCIATION
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING


Ensure that the Bureau is kept apprised of the details of a march planned by the National Farm Workers Association from Rio Grande City, Texas, to Austin, Texas.

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NOTE:
San Antonio advised by airtel of a proposed march by the National Farm Workers Association from Rio Grande City, Texas, to Austin, Texas, via President Johnson's ranch in time to end in Austin on Labor Day. The march reportedly will take approximately one month to cover the distance.

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MARCHERS THAT HAVE BEEN PARTICIPATING, IDENTITY OF THE LEADERS
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TO DIRECTOR

FROM SAN ANTONIO (62-3226)

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BY MEMBERS OF NATIONAL FARM WORKERS ASSOCIATION, AND FROM
RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS, TO SAN JUAN, TEXAS, JULY FOUR LAST.

RE SAN ANTONIO TEL TO DIRECTOR JULY FOUR LAST.

FARM WORKERS CONTINUED MARCH, TRAVELING FROM SULLIVAN CITY
TO LA JOYA, TEXAS, THIS DATE. NO INCIDENTS OCCURRED. MARCHERS
EXPECT TO ARRIVE SAN JUAN, TEXAS, FRIDAY, JULY EIGHT NEXT. UNLESS
INCIDENTS OF INTERESTS OCCUR, NO FURTHER TELS WILL BE SENT UNTIL
MARCH ENDS ON FRIDAY.

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TO SAC, SAN ANTONIO (62-3235)

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI REG 57

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NOTE:
The National Farm Workers Association began a march on 7/4/66 at Rio Grande City, Texas, and are due to conclude the march on 7/8/66 at San Juan, Texas. The marchers are protesting low salaries paid to the members of their association. San Antonio advised by teletype, 7/5/66, that no incidents have occurred during the march and unless incidents do occur, no further teletypes will be sent to the Bureau until the conclusion of the march on Friday, 7/8/66. Information relating to the march is desired by the close of business on 7/8/66 and San Antonio is being instructed accordingly.

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GXX5-43 PM CST URGENT 7-7-66 WHS

TO DIRECTOR

FROM SAN ANTONIO (62-3226)

PROPOSED MARCH FROM RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS, TO AUSTIN, TEXAS BY MEMBERS OF NATIONAL FARM WORKERS ASSOCIATION, AND FROM RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS, TO SAN JUAN, TEXAS JULY FOUR, SIXTY-SIX.

FARM WORKERS CONTINUED THEIR MARCH TODAY FROM MISSION, TEXAS THROUGH MC ALLEN, TEXAS, AND THEN TO EDINBURG, TEXAS, HIDALGO COUNTY SEAT. MOST OF MARCHERS PLAN TO RETURN TO RIO GRANDE CITY OR MISSION, TEXAS, TO SPEND NIGHT AND TOMORROW WILL RESUME MARCH GOING FROM EDINBURG TO SAN JUAN WHERE MARCH WILL END WITH SPECIAL MASS AT SAN JUAN CATHEDRAL. LEADERS OF MARCH IS UNION ORGANIZER EUGENE NELSON AND HE HAS BEEN JOINED BY REVEREND JAMES NAVARRO, BAPTIST MINISTER FROM HOUSTON, TEXAS, AND WENDLE SCOTT, MC ALLEN CHURCH OF CHRIST MINISTER. NO INCIDENTS OF ANY KIND HAVE OCCURRED DURING MARCH UP TO THIS POINT. SAN ANTONIO WILL SUBMIT ITEL AT CONCLUSION OF MARCH JULY EIGHT NEXT.

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712 PM CST 7/8/66 URGENT LAL
TO DIRECTOR
FROM SAN ANTONIO (62-3226) 1P

PROPOSED MARCH FROM RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS, TO AUSTIN, TEXAS BY MEMBERS OF NATIONAL FARM WORKERS ASSOCIATION, AND FROM RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS, TO SAN JUAN, TEXAS JULY FOUR, SIXTY-SIX.

RE URTEL JULY SIX LAST AND MYTEL JULY SEVEN LAST.

FARM WORKERS CONCLUDED MARCH TODAY ARRIVING SAN JUAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, SAN JUAN, TEXAS AT FIVE FIFTEEN PM. AFTER SPECIAL MASS AND MEETING WITH BISHOP MEDEIROS OF BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS DIOCESE, MARCHERS ARE EXPECTED TO BEGIN RETURNING TO THEIR HOMES IN STARR COUNTY. NO INCIDENTS OR DISTURBANCES REPORTED TODAY AND NO PLANS KNOWN TO CONTINUE MARCH AFTER TODAY.

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FBI WASH DC

FBI SAN ANTONIO

550 PM CST 7/11/66 URGENT LAL
TO DIRECTOR AND HOUSTON (AM)
FROM SAN ANTONIO (62-3226) 1P

PROPOSED MARCH FROM RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS, TO AUSTIN, TEXAS, BY
MEMBERS OF NATIONAL FARM WORKERS ASSOCIATION AND FROM RIO GRANDE
CITY, TEXAS, TO SAN JUAN, TEXAS, JULY FOUR, SIXTY-SIX.

RE SAN ANTONIO TEL TO BUREAU JULY EIGHT LAST.

FIFTEEN FARM WORKERS BEGAN MARCH THIS DATE FROM SAN JUAN
CATHOLIC CHURCH ON FIRST LEG OF PROPOSED MARCH TO AUSTIN, TEXAS.
MARCHERS PLAN ARRIVAL AT AUSTIN LABOR DAY. PROPOSED ROUTE INCLUDES
NIGHT STOPS AT WESLACO, ELSA, LYFORD, AND RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS.
MARCHERS WILL THEN PROCEED THROUGH LINF, TEXAS, NORTH TO FALFURRIAS,
TEXAS. PLAN FIRST NIGHT STOP AT NORTH SIDE PLAZA PARK, WESLACO,
TEXAS. NO INCIDENTS OCCURRED DURING FIRST DAY'S MARCH.
HOUSTON WILL KEEP BUREAU ADVISED OF PERTINENT INFO WHEN
MARCHERS IN THAT DIVISION.

END

WA...M JXM
FBI WASH DC

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Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-44762)  DATE: 7/13/66

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-67449) (C)

SUBJECT: COMINPIL
NATIONAL FARM WORKERS ASSOCIATION,
DELANO, CALIFORNIA
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Re San Antonio airtel and LNM to Director dated 6/28/66, and captioned "PROPOSED MARCH FROM RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS, TO AUSTIN, TEXAS, BY MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL FARM WORKERS ASSOCIATION, MISC. INFORMATION CONCERNING."

The only additional information in the Los Angeles files concerning EUGENE NELSON not in possession of the San Antonio Office is the following:

EUGENE NELSON is an ex-police reporter and a graduate of Marshall, Ill., "Handy Institute." (no source)

An advertisement appeared on page 14 of Edition #26, 1966, of the "El Malcriado" (which means "Rebel"), the National Farm Workers Press paper, of a book for sale entitled "Huelga" by EUGENE NELSON.

The files of the Los Angeles Office contain no pertinent subversive information concerning DOLORES HUERTA, Vice President of the National Farm Workers Association (NFWA), other than the fact that SAM KUSHNER, editor of "The Peoples World" (PW), has been in touch with her on several occasions.

The PW is a weekly West Coast Communist newspaper.
On 11/9/65, [REDACTED] advised that some of those participating in the Delano Grape Strike felt that the PW was the only newspaper reporting the true facts.

It would appear that contacts between HUERTA and the PW had been made to obtain coverage of the Delano Grape Strike, and too, that receipt of the PW at the office of the Farm Workers Association was to determine actual coverage being given.

Files of the Los Angeles Office indicate little, if any, effort to actually infiltrate the NFWA. Discussions at various CP meetings have been numerous concerning the Delano Grape Strikers and all members have been urged to help the strikers on the picket lines, and if not there, to help by giving them food and clothing.

In view of the above, it is not felt that continued investigation concerning the cominfil of the NFWA is warranted at this time, and accordingly, Los Angeles is closing this case.

Upon receipt of information indicating CP efforts to actually infiltrate the NFWA, Los Angeles will reopen its case.
Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (62-2382) (P)

DATE: 7/13/66

SUBJECT: PROPOSED MARCH FROM RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS, TO AUSTIN, TEXAS, BY MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL FARM WORKERS ASSOCIATION, AND FROM RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS, TO SAN JUAN, TEXAS, JULY 4, 1966

MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING


Houston Office has previously furnished to San Antonio all information pertinent to this matter which is known to the Houston Office. Any information along this line which is developed will be furnished promptly. Informants and sources have been alerted for this type of information.

This matter is being retained in pending status by the Houston Office since a portion of captioned march is scheduled to pass through Houston Division.

2 - Bureau (AM,RM)
2 - San Antonio (62-(RM)
2 - Houston
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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan
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747 PM CST 7/13/66 URGENT LAL
TO DIRECTOR AND HOUSTON (AM) FROM SAN ANTONIO (62-3226) IP

PROPOSED MARCH FROM RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS, TO AUSTIN, TEXAS, BY MEMBERS OF NATIONAL FARM WORKERS ASSOCIATION AND FROM RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS, TO SAN JUAN, TEXAS, JULY FOUR, SIXTY-SIX.

RE SAN ANTONIO TEL TO BUREAU JULY ELEVEN LAST.

APPROXIMATELY FORTY EIGHT MARCHERS LED BY HOUSTON PRIEST ANTONIO GONZALEZ AND HOUSTON BAPTIST MINISTER JAMES NAVARRO MARCHED FROM ELSO, TEXAS TO LA VILLA, TEXAS TODAY WITHOUT INCIDENT.

MARCHERS PLAN RETURN TO SAN JUAN CATHOLIC SHRINE TONIGHT AND RESUME MARCH TO RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS TOMORROW.

UACB AIRTEL WILL BE SUBMITTED DAILY REGARDING MARCH UNLESS INCIDENT OCCURS.

END CORP PLS LINE 6 WORD 4 SHD BE RAYMONDVILLE

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51 JUL 23 1966

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JUL 15 1966
FBI WASH DC

FBI SAN ANTONIO

805 PM CST 7/15/66 URGENT LAL

TO DIRECTOR

FROM SAN ANTONIO (62-3226)

PROPOSED MARCH FROM RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS, TO AUSTIN, TEXAS, BY MEMBERS OF NATIONAL FARM WORKERS ASSOCIATION AND FROM RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS, TO SAN JUAN, TEXAS, JULY FOUR SIXTY SIX.

RE SAN ANTONIO AIRTEL JULY FOURTEEN LAST.

MARCHERS WILL REMAIN RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS TONIGHT FOR PLANNED RALLY. NO INCIDENTS AS OF THIS DATE. UACB NO FURTHER AIRTEL WILL BE SENT UNTIL MONDAY, JULY EIGHTEEN NEXT WHEN SUMMARY OF WEEKEND ACTIVITIES WILL BE SUBMITTED.

AM COPY TO HOUSTON.

END

WA...JXM

FBI WASH DC

EX-104

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51 JUL 25 1966

CC
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (62-3226) (P)

RE: PROPOSED MARCH FROM RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS, TO AUSTIN, TEXAS, BY MEMBERS OF NATIONAL FARM WORKERS ASSOCIATION AND FROM RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS, TO SAN JUAN, TEXAS, 7/4/66

Re San Antonio teletype dated 7/13/66.

Marchers proceeded from La Villa, Texas, to Raymondville, Texas, this date without incident. Plan rally in Raymondville tonight and then will proceed towards Falfurrias, Texas, tomorrow.

San Antonio will advise immediately if any incidents occur.

SUBJ: CONTROL

C: WHR 5/25/1966

Approved:
Special Agent in Charge
FBI
Date: 7/19/66

Transmit the following in

(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTFL (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (62-3226)(P)
RE: PROPOSED MARCH FROM RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS, TO AUSTIN, TEXAS, BY MEMBERS OF NATIONAL FARM WORKERS ASSOCIATION AND FROM RIO GRANDE CITY, TO SAN JUAN, TEXAS, 7/4/66

Re' San Antonio teletype 7/15/66.

Marchers stopped for day on 7/18/66 near San Manuel, Texas, and were taken by bus to Rio Grande City for a Farm Workers Union meeting. March to continue 7/19/66 toward Falfurrias, Texas. No incidents or disturbances have occurred.

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0 - Bureau
1 - Houston (Info)
2 - San Antonio
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4 JUL 21 1966

Approved: JMC SC
Sent
Special Agent in Charge

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (62-3226)

RE: PROPOSED MARCH FROM RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS, TO AUSTIN, TEXAS, BY MEMBERS OF NATIONAL FARM WORKERS ASSOCIATION AND FROM RIO GRANDE CITY TO SAN JUAN, TEXAS, 7/4/66

Re San Antonio airtel to the Bureau 7/21/66.

Eighteen marchers led by Father ANTONIO GONZALEZ, a Houston priest, reached a point halfway between Rachael, Texas, and Falfurrias, Texas, Thursday afternoon, 7/21/66.

Marchers planned to resume march at that point on Friday, 7/22/66 and reach Falfurrias Friday afternoon for a reception and rally.

Houston Division will keep Bureau and San Antonio advised of marchers' progress during the time they are in the Houston Division. Will also advise San Antonio when marchers re-enter San Antonio territory.

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BUREY CONTROL

[Handwritten notes and stamps]
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (62-2382) (P)

SUBJECT: PROPOSED MARCH FROM RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS, TO AUSTIN, TEXAS, BY MEMBERS OF NATIONAL FARM WORKERS ASSOCIATION AND FROM RIO GRANDE CITY TO SAN JUAN, TEXAS, 7/4/66
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

On 7/21/66, 20 members of National Farm Workers Association (NFWA), Local No. 2, continued their march covering about 12 miles and two dropped out. The others were scheduled to arrive at Falfurrias, Texas, afternoon of 7/22/66, where motel reservations had been made and a rally was planned at Knights of Columbus Hall at 5 p.m. The marchers included the Reverend ANTONIO GONZALES, Catholic Priest, and the Reverend JAMES L. NOVARRO, Baptist Minister, both of Houston, Texas. These two clergymen were to leave for Corpus Christi, Texas, before the rally began to help plan the marchers' arrival at Corpus Christi. A big rally at Corpus Christi was reported to be in planning stages for 7/30/66.

On 7/22/66, EUGENE NELSON, leader of the striking Rio Grande Valley farm laborers and organizer for NFWA, Local No. 2, was reported to have returned suddenly to California, and it was assumed leadership of the march would be taken over by one of the clergymen mentioned above.

Bureau 2 - San Antonio (62-3226) 2 - Houston
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At a meeting night of 7/21/66, NAACP at Corpus Christi reportedly agreed to participate in the protest march and had appointed a committee to procure food and clothing for the marchers.

No disturbances or incidents have been reported in connection with the march.

LEADS

HOUSTON

AT CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS AND AREA Will keep Bureau and San Antonio Office advised of developments and progress in instant protest march.
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (62-3226)(P)
RE: PROPOSED MARCH FROM RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS, TO AUSTIN, TEXAS, BY MEMBERS OF NATIONAL FARM WORKERS ASSOCIATION AND FROM RIO GRANDE CITY, TO SAN JUAN, TEXAS, 7/4/66

Approximately twenty marchers stopped for the day approximately twenty four miles north of Linn, Texas. Marchers will be taken by bus to Palfurrias for night and will resume march tomorrow. Marchers still led by Father ANTONIO GONZALEZ, Houston Catholic priest, and labor organizer EUGENE NELSON.
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (62-3226)
RE: PROPOSED MARCH FROM RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS, TO AUSTIN, TEXAS, BY MEMBERS OF NATIONAL FARM WORKERS ASSOCIATION AND FROM RIO GRANDE CITY TO SAN JUAN, TEXAS, 7/4/66.

Re San Antonio airtel July 19, 1966.

After a Union meeting in Rio Grande City Monday, 7/18/66, nineteen marchers led by ANTONIO GONZALEZ of Houston, Texas, marched today from San Manuel to a point midway between Linn and Rachael, Texas, a distance of approximately twelve miles. Marchers will spend night in Catholic Church in Falfurrias where they will be taken by bus. Marchers expect to reach Falfurrias by Friday, 7/22/66.

LEADS

THE HOUSTON DIVISION

Will, UACE, when marchers reach Falfurrias, assume responsibility of submitting daily airtel.

Will also advise San Antonio when marchers re-enter San Antonio Division.

Bureau
2 - Houston
2 - San Antonio
FRR: mkd
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100 - 44 4762

1 JUL 22 1966
TO:    DIRECTORY, FBI
FROM:  SAC, HOUSTON (62-2382)
SUBJECT: PROPOSED MARCH FROM RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS, TO AUSTIN, TEXAS, BY MEMBERS OF NATIONAL FARM WORKERS ASSOCIATION, AND FROM RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS, TO SAN JUAN, TEXAS, JULY 4, 1966
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING

RE: Houston airtel to Bureau, 7/22/66.

Approximately 19 marchers participating in march from Falfurrias, Texas, to Kingsville, Texas, will arrive Kingsville 5 PM, 7/26/66, and will be met at city limits by police escort and mayor of Kingsville. Marchers will, following brief greeting ceremonies, proceed to Saint Martin's Catholic Church, Kingsville, for rally and supper night of 7/26/66 and will receive bed and board at Saint Martin's Church buildings, Kingsville, until Friday when march is expected to leave for Corpus Christi, Texas. No incidents to date.

3 - Bureau
1 - San Antonio (62-3226)
2 - Houston

RDW: yk
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TO:  DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM:  SAC, HOUSTON (62-2382) (P).

SUBJECT:  PROPOSED MARCH FROM RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS, TO AUSTIN, TEXAS, BY MEMBERS OF NATIONAL FARM WORKERS ASSOCIATION AND FROM RIO GRANDE CITY TO SAN JUAN, TEXAS, 7/4/66

MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

Approximately 27 marchers in behalf of Local No. 2 Farm Workers Union arrived Falfurrias, Texas, 7/22/66, and headquartered at Prairie Motel, Falfurrias. They held rally at Knights of Columbus Hall attended by about 100 persons night of 7/22/66 and marchers left Falfurrias 7:50 a.m., enroute to Premont, Texas, about ten miles north of Falfurrias on Highway 281. Marchers were greeted by Premont Mayor and local officials and well received. After lunch marchers returned to Falfurrias by bus. Present plans to resume march Monday a.m., 7/25/66, enroute to Kingsville, Texas, and planned to arrive there Tuesday, 7/26/66. No incidents to date.

3) Bureau
2 - San Antonio (62-3226)
2 - Houston
RDW/cbl
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To: MAC, Houston (62-3323)
San Antonio (63-3238)

From: Director, FBI

PROPOSED MARCH FROM RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS, TO AUSTIN, TEXAS, BY MEMBERS OF NATIONAL FARM WORKERS ASSOCIATION AND FROM RIO GRANDE CITY TO SAN JUAN, TEXAS, 7/4/66
MISCELLANEOUS – INFORMATION CONCERNING (SUBVERSIVE CONTROL)

Re: Miertel to the Bureau dated 7/23/66.

You are instructed to submit weekly sirtel with regard to captioned matter to reach the Bureau by Thursday of each week until the march is completed. Any incidents, should, of course, be brought to the Bureau’s attention expeditiously.

ABK: ncn
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NOTE:

Captioned march, which is being sponsored by National Farm Workers Association, is due to reach San Juan, Texas, on Labor Day. The marchers are protesting low wages paid to members of their organization, most of whom are itinerant farm workers. The march so far has been conducted without incident. San Antonio and Houston Offices have been submitting daily sirtels. Since this is not desired, in view of the fact that no incidents occurred, these offices are being instructed as set forth above.

F. K. F. W.
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, HOUSTON(62-2382) (P)
SUBJECT: PROPOSED MARCHERS FROM
        RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS,
        TO AUSTIN, TEXAS, BY
        MEMBERS OF NATIONAL FARM
        WORKERS ASSOCIATION AND
        FROM RIO GRANDE CITY TO
        SAN JUAN, TEXAS, 7/4/66
        MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION
        CONCERNING

RE: Houston airtel to Bureau, dated 7/28/66.

Approximately 25 marchers left Robstown,
1:30 PM, 7/29/66 en route to Corpus Christi escorted
by approximately 20 cars with sympathizers and expect
to arrive Corpus Christi tonight. No incidents reported.

Bureau (AM)
San Antonio (AM)
Houston

RDW: sm
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REC-9 100 - 44/476 X 66

14 AUG. 1966.

Approved: Special Agent in Charge

SUBJ/CONTROL
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (62-2382) (P)

SUBJECT: PROPOSED MARCHERS FROM RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS, TO AUSTIN, TEXAS, BY MEMBERS OF NATIONAL FARM WORKERS ASSOCIATION AND FROM RIO GRANDE CITY TO SAN JUAN, TEXAS, 7/4/66 MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING

Twenty-two marchers arrived 7/28/66, Robstown, Texas, without incident. Marchers staying various motels, Robstown tonight. Plan short rally at St. Martin's Chapel, Robstown, morning 7/29/66, and will then proceed to Corpus Christi, Texas, to arrive night of 7/29/66.
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (62-2382)
SUBJECT: PROPOSED MARCH FROM RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS BY MEMBERS OF NATIONAL FARM WORKERS ASSOCIATION AND FROM RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS TO SAN JUAN, TEXAS, 7/4/66
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING
Re: Houston airtel to Bureau dated 7/29/66.

Twentytwo (22) marchers left Robstown, Texas, Saturday, AM, via Highway 44, arrived Corpus Christi, Texas about 1:00 P.M. Rally was held in vacant lot, Highway 44 and Baldwin Boulevard, Corpus Christi and marchers were welcomed by City Councilmen. Marchers were addressed briefly by ROY EVANS, Secretary-Treasurer of Texas AFL-CIO, Reverend JAMES NAVORRO, Father ANTONIO GONZALES, Dr. HECTOR GARCIA of Corpus Christi and MOSES LEROY of Houston, an official of the NAACP. Marchers were joined by an estimated 1,000 sympathizers and marched to Corpus Christi Cathedral where a special Mass was offered by Most Reverend THOMAS J. DRURY, Bishop of Corpus Christi Diocese. Marchers will remain at El Tejano Motel, Corpus Christi until Tuesday, 8/2/66 when march will continue en route to Austin, Texas via Gregory, Texas. No incidents reported.

3 - Bureau (AM)
2 - San Antonio (AM)
2 - Houston

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61-44618397
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Approved: Special Agent in Charge
Sent
TO:        DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM:     SAC, HOUSTON (62-2382)
SUBJECT: PROPOSED MARCH FROM RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS
          TO AUSTIN, TEXAS, BY MEMBERS OF NATIONAL
          FARM WORKERS ASSOCIATION AND FROM RIO GRANDE
          CITY, TO SAN JUAN, TEXAS 7/4/66.

          MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

Approximately 30 marchers left Corpus Christi
          Cathedral, Tuesday A.M., 8/2/66, en route to Gregory, Texas,
          headed by EUGENE NELSON, farm labor organizer, and the
          Rev. JAMES NOVARRO, Southern Baptist minister from Houston,
          Texas.

          The group is to be served luncheon at Gregory,
          Texas by a group of women members of several Corpus Christi
          Presbyterian churches. No incidents in connection with this
          demonstration have been reported to date.

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2 - San Antonio (62-3226)
   Houston
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Approved: Special Agent in Charge
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AUG 11 1966
To: SAC, Houston (62-2382)

From: Director, FBI (100-444762)

PROPOSED MARCH FROM RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS, TO AUSTIN, TEXAS, BY MEMBERS OF NATIONAL FARM WORKERS ASSOCIATION AND FROM RIO GRANDE CITY, TO SAN JUAN, TEXAS, 7/4/66.

MISCELLANEOUS — INFORMATION CONCERNING

Resaitel 8/5/66.

Resaitel states that a group of approximately 30 marchers left Corpus Christi Cathedral, 8/2/66 en route to Gregory, Texas.

The Bureau is unable to locate any prior correspondence from your office concerning this matter. Promptly furnish the Bureau background information concerning this march, and advise whether there are any subversive elements connected with this activity.

WGS: dak

NOTE:

We have conducted limited inquiries in the past concerning the National Farm Workers Association (NFWA) and our information indicates it is not controlled or guided by communists but that several alleged members in the west coast area have extremely liberal views and that CP members or sympathizers have furnished support to NFWA in its conflict with the grape growers in California. The NFWA was a local independent union which became affiliated with the AFL-CIO in 1965. It was reportedly organized for the purpose of supporting migrant farmers and grape pickers in their strike in Delano, California.
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SEC, SAN ANTONIO (62-3226)(P)
RE: PROPOSED MARCH FROM RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS, TO AUSTIN, TEXAS, BY MEMBERS OF NATIONAL FARM WORKERS ASSOCIATION AND FROM RIO GRANDE CITY, TO SAN JUAN, TEXAS, 7/4/66

Enclosed to the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM captioned as above, suitable for dissemination.

Local dissemination has been made to USA, San Antonio, AUSA, Brownsville, Secret Service, San Antonio and Austin, Austin Police Department, Travis County Sheriff's Office, 11th INT/C, OSI, Tenth District, and ONI, Eighth Naval District.

Enclosed for Houston and Los Angeles are two copies each of the above mentioned LHM.

Inasmuch as there were no incidents of violence or threats of violence or racial overtones during the course of this march through the San Antonio Division area, the activities of the marchers is being set out in the attached LHM in a summary form. Activities of the marchers

- Bureau (Encls. 11)
- Houston (62-2382)(Encs. 2)
- Los Angeles (Encs. 2)
- San Antonio
  - (2 - 62-3226)
  - (2 - 100-10122)
  - (1 - 100-10123)
  - (1 - 66-1620)

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54 AUG 28 1966
Approved: Special Agent in Charge
after they entered the Houston Division are not included in this enclosed LEM.
PROPOSED MARCH FROM RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS, TO AUSTIN, TEXAS, BY MEMBERS OF NATIONAL FARM WORKERS ASSOCIATION AND FROM RIO GRANDE CITY, TO SAN JUAN, TEXAS, JULY 4, 1966

The Valley Morning Star, daily newspaper published at Harlingen, Texas, carried an article on July 4, 1966, which article stated that farm workers from Rio Grande City, Texas, planned to begin a march on that date from Rio Grande City to Pharr, Texas, to call attention to the Starr County farm workers strike.

On July 4, 1966, the Valley Evening Monitor, a daily newspaper published at McAllen, Texas, printed an article stating that approximately 100 marchers had marched from Rio Grande City, Texas, to Sullivan City, Texas, and that they planned to resume the march on Tuesday, July 5, 1966, and continue to Friday when the marchers expect to arrive at San Juan Catholic Church, San Juan, Texas.

On July 4, 1966, advised that the marchers had finished the first day of their march traveling from Rio Grande City, Texas, to Sullivan City, Texas, and that no incidents of violence or disturbances of any kind had occurred.

On July 5, 1966, advised that the marchers, numbering approximately 100, had traveled that date from Sullivan City to LaJoya, Texas, without incident of any kind.

On July 6, 1966, advised that the farm workers

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PROPOSED MARCH FROM RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS, TO AUSTIN, TEXAS, ETC.

marching to Pharr, Texas, had arrived at Mission that date and that many of them planned to return to Rio Grande City to spend the night and then resume the march from Mission the following day. He advised that union organ- izer FUGENT NELSON, leader of the marchers, had been joined by Reverend JAMES NAVARRO, Baptist minister from Houston, Texas, and WENDLE SCOTT, McAllen Church of Christ minister. He advised he had no reports of any disturbances or incidents of violence during the day’s march.

On July 7, 1966, advised that the farm workers had continued their march on this date from Mission, Texas, passing through McAllen, Texas, and then traveling to Edinburg, Texas, Hidalgo County seat. He stated that he understood that most of the marchers would return to Rio Grande City for the night and resume the march from Edinburg the following day. He stated that the march through the McAllen area was very peaceful and disciplined, and that he knew of no reports of violence or threats of violence during the day’s proceedings.

On July 8, 1966, advised that the farm workers, number approximately 150, had concluded their march this date, arriving at the San Juan Catholic Church, San Juan, Texas, at approximately 5:15 PM. They were met at the church by Bishop MEDEIROS of the Brownsville, Texas, diocese who celebrated a special mass and held a meeting with the marchers wherein he indicated that the church was concerned and interested in their cause. Advised that no incidents or disturbances of any kind had been noted during the day.

On July 11, 1966, advised that approximately fifteen farm workers had left the San Juan Catholic Church on the first leg of a proposed march to Austin, Texas, to draw attention to their strike for higher wages. He stated that public sources indicated that the marchers planned to
PROPOSED MARCH FROM RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS, TO AUSTIN, TEXAS, ETC.

arrive at Austin, Texas, on Labor Day.

On July 12, 1966, [redacted] advised that approximately fifteen to twenty marchers had arrived in Weslaco, Texas, on July 11, 1966, and that on July 12, 1966, they had proceeded east from Weslaco and arrived at Elsa, Texas, at the end of the march on July 12, 1966. He stated that the marchers were returned by bus to the San Juan Catholic Church and will resume their march from Elsa on July 13, 1966.

On July 13, 1966, [redacted] advised that the marchers had traveled that date from Elsa, Texas, to LaVilla, and that there had been no report of any incidents of violence or racial overtones.

On July 14, 1966, [redacted] advised that the marchers, numbering approximately twenty, had proceeded from LaVilla, Texas, to Lyford, Texas, which is near Raymondville, Texas. He stated that the marchers planned to arrive in Raymondville the next day and hold a rally and then proceed toward Falfurrias, Texas. He further added that no incidents of any kind had been reported to his office.

On July 15, 1966, [redacted] advised that the marchers had arrived at Raymondville, Texas, early that date and that they planned to remain in Raymondville for the night to participate in a planned rally. He stated that the marchers, during their stay in Raymondville, had been orderly and law abiding at all times.

On July 18, 1966, [redacted] advised that the marchers had arrived at the close of that day near San Manuel, Texas, and that he understood that they planned to take a bus to Rio Grande City for a farm workers union meeting.
PROPOSED MARCH FROM RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS, TO AUSTIN, TEXAS, ETC.

On July 20, 1966, advised that after a meeting in Rio Grande City, Monday, July 18, 1966, approximately nineteen marchers led by ANTONIO GONZALEZ of Houston, Texas, marched from San Manuel to a point midway between Linn, and Rachel, Texas, a distance of approximately twelve miles. He stated that he understood the marchers would be taken by bus to the Catholic church in Falfurrias where they would spend the night. Marchers expect to reach Falfurrias by Friday, July 22, 1966.

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TO:    DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM:   SAC, HOUSTON (62-2382) (P)
SUBJECT: PROPOSED MARCH FROM RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS, TO AUSTIN, TEXAS BY MEMBERS OF NATIONAL FARM WORKERS ASSOCIATION AND FROM RIO GRANDE CITY TO SAN JUAN, TEXAS, 7/4/66.  MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING (SUBVERSIVE CONTROL)

RE: Houston airtel to Bureau, 8/5/66.

On 8/6/66, a check in amount of $1,000 was presented to EUGENE NELSON, organizer of marchers representing National Farm Workers Union, by HIRAM MOON, area Director, UAW, Dallas, Texas, at Mathis, Texas. The presentation was made at a rally for the marchers, held at Mathis, Texas, on 8/6/66, attended by approximately 800 persons. NELSON said that International UAW has been contributing $2500 a month to the National Farm Workers Association at Delano, California. The Rio Grande Valley marchers voted recently to become a branch of the National Farm Workers Union. NELSON stated the Rio Grande marchers were given a $1,000 check by PAUL MONTEMAYOR, Staff Representative for two Corpus Christi locals of the United Steel Workers Union.

The protest march of the Rio Grande Valley farm workers is scheduled to resume from Mathis at noon Tuesday, August 9, 1966.

The following is the proposed itinerary of the marchers:

3 - Bureau
2 - San Antonio (62-3226)
2 - Houston

Approved: 57 AUG 22 1966
Leave Mathis, Texas 12:00 noon 8/9/66, arrive Tynan, Texas, then Skidmore, Texas on 8/10/66. Arrive Beeville, Texas 8/11/66. Arrive Normanna, Texas 8/12/66. Arrive Pettus, Texas 8/13/66. The marchers will rest on 8/14, 15/66 and will arrive at an undesignated place between Pettus and Kenedy, Texas 8/16/66. They will arrive at Kenedy, Texas 18/17/66, Karnes City, 8/18/66, Falls City, 8/19/66, Poth, 8/20/66. The marchers will rest 8/21, 22/66, and will arrive at Floresville, 8/23/66, Sastamco, 8/24/66, Southam, 8/25/66, and will arrive at San Antonio, Texas 8/27/66.
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-444762)  
FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (62-2382) (RUC)  
SUBJECT: PROPOSED MARCH FROM RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS, TO AUSTIN, TEXAS, BY MEMBERS OF NATIONAL FARM WORKERS ASSOCIATION AND FROM RIO GRANDE CITY TO SAN JUAN, TEXAS, 7/4/66  
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING (SUBVERSIVE CONTROL)  

RE: Houston airtel to Bureau, 8/16/66.

On 8/12/66 the marchers left Beeville at 9:30 AM and marched to Normanna, Texas, a distance of about nine miles north. The marchers returned to Beeville, Texas, to spend the night.

On 8/13/66, the marchers were taken back to Normanna, Texas, and continued their march to Pettus, Texas.

On 8/14/66, the marchers were taken to their homes in the Rio Grande Valley to visit their families and rest. This is their last scheduled visit to their homes until after the rally in Austin, Texas, on 9/5/66.

On 8/16/66, the marchers left Pettus, Texas, en route to a point between Pettus and Kenedy, Texas, continuing their march to San Antonio, Texas.

Inasmuch as the marchers are now in San Antonio territory, no further investigation is being conducted by the Houston Office, and this case is being placed in an RUC status in the Houston Office.
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-444762)

FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (62-2382) (P)

SUBJECT: PROPOSED MARCH FROM RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS, TO AUSTIN, TEXAS, BY MEMBERS OF NATIONAL FARM WORKERS ASSOCIATION AND FROM RIO GRANDE CITY TO SAN JUAN, TEXAS, 7/4/66

MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING (Subversive Control)

Re Houston airtel to Bureau, 8/5/66 and Bureau airtel to Houston, 8/10/66.

Re airtel 8/10/66 stated Bureau unable to locate any prior correspondence from Houston concerning this matter.

Captioned march originated in the San Antonio Division and, according to correspondence in the Houston file, San Antonio furnished airtels enclosing LHM each on 6/28/66 and 6/29/66, bearing above caption.


Bureau airtel 7/28/66 to Houston and San Antonio constructed that weekly airtels instead of daily airtels be submitted by Houston and San Antonio to the Bureau in this matter. No information as to any subversive elements being connected with this march has been developed while the march has been progressing in the Houston Division.
Memorandum

Director, FBI ( )  DATE: 8-22-66

Legal Attache, Ottawa (105-2847-5/7)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE NATIONAL FARM WORKERS ASSOCIATION
DELANO, CALIFORNIA
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Reference: LHMs dated 10-25-65, at Los Angeles, and 11-3-65, at Pittsburgh, forwarded with Bullet dated 8-10-66, re and
Dissemination, as outlined below, was made on dates indicated to foreign agencies listed.

☑ Single copies of re LHMs

Pertinent information from

Name and Location of Agency

Date Furnished 8-22-66

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NOT RECORDED
16 AUG 25 1966
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (62-3226) (P)

SUBJECT: PROPOSED MARCH FROM RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS, TO AUSTIN, TEXAS, BY MEMBERS OF NATIONAL FARM WORKERS ASSOCIATION AND FROM RIO GRANDE CITY TO SAN JUAN, TEXAS, 7/4/66.
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING (SUBVERSIVE CONTROL)

7/28/66.

Re Bureau airtel to Houston and San Antonio,

advised about forty marchers arrived at Kenedy, Texas, in two groups, the first reaching the city at noon and the second at about 3:30 P.M. They are to be served dinner at the local Catholic Church after which part of the marchers will return to Beeville, Texas, for the night, the rest remaining at Kenedy. said no incidents had occurred.

San Antonio will pursue Bureau instructions in this matter.

Bureau
Houston (62-2382)
San Antonio
SLC/sms

Approved: Special Agent in Charge

Sent M Per 8/1966
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (62-2382)
SUBJECT: PROPOSED MARCH FROM RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS, TO AUSTIN, TEXAS, BY MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL FARM WORKERS ASSOCIATION, AND FROM RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS, TO SAN JUAN, TEXAS, 7/4/66
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

Approximately 21 to 25 marchers proceeded to Bishop, Texas, a distance of about 10 miles north of Kingsville, Texas, on Highway 77, and when march was ¼ mile south of city limits marchers numbered approximately 80, increasing to about 100 upon reaching city limits. Marchers were quiet and orderly and no incidents. After short rally at Bishop Public Park marchers returned to headquarters at downtown motel Kingsville, on 7/27/66.
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SMC, SAN ANTONIO (62-3226) (P)
RE: PROPOSED MARCH FROM RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS, TO AUSTIN, TEXAS, BY MEMBERS OF NATIONAL FARM WORKERS ASSOCIATION AND FROM RIO GRANDE CITY, TO SAN JUAN, TEXAS, 7/4/66
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

Re San Antonio airtel to the Bureau, 8/17/66.

On 8/18/66, the marchers arrived at Karnes City, Texas, at approximately 4:30 p.m. There were approximately 80 people in the group, including a large number of persons from San Antonio. A short rally was held at the Karnes County Courthouse on 8/18/66, following which supper was served to marchers, and they then left Karnes City for the night, some returning to Kenedy, Texas, and some to Beeville, Texas.

On 8/19/66, the marchers returned to Karnes City, Texas, and proceeded to Falls City, Texas, arriving about 4:00 p.m. There were about 40 marchers in the group. They again returned to Kenedy and Beeville, Texas, for the night.

On 8/20/66, the marchers arrived at Poth, Texas, at approximately 12 o'clock noon. The entire group left Poth about 1:00 p.m., 8/20/66.

Signed
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Approved by
Special Agent in Charge
On 8/23/66, the group of approximately 50 marchers arrived at Floresville, Texas, at 4:50 p.m. A rally was scheduled for 7:30 p.m., 8/23/66, at the Wilson County Courthouse square, to which members of the local news media had been invited.

By separate communication San Antonio has requested San Francisco or Los Angeles Divisions to furnish characterization of

No incidents reported.
FBI
Date: 8/31/66

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-444762)

FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (62-3226) (P)

RE: PROPOSED MARCH FROM RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS, TO AUSTIN, TEXAS, BY MEMBERS OF NATIONAL FARM WORKERS ASSOCIATION AND FROM RIO GRANDE CITY, TO SAN JUAN, TEXAS, 7/4/66 MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

Re San Antonio airtel to Bureau, 8/24/66.

Since referenced airtel, marchers have progressed from Floresville, Texas, to approximately New Braunfels, Texas, 30 miles northeast of San Antonio, en route to Austin. Marchers spent weekend of 8/27-28/66, in San Antonio, during which a mass was celebrated by Archbishop ROBERT E. LUCY of the San Antonio Archdiocese and also during which a candlelight procession from Milam Square to the Alamo was held.

[Redacted] of the People's World, who is from San Francisco, California, covered activities of marchers while in San Antonio.

No information developed that participated in March in San Antonio.

No incidents reported.

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Approved:
Special Agent in Charge

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TO DIRECTOR (100-444762)
FROM SAN ANTONIO (62-3226)

PROPOSED MARCH FROM RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS, TO AUSTIN, TEXAS
BY MEMBERS OF NATIONAL FARM WORKERS ASSOCIATION AND FROM RIO
GRANDE CITY, TO SAN JUAN, TEXAS, JULY FOUR, ONE NINE SIX SIX,
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING.

RE: SAN ANTONIO AIRTEL TO DIRECTOR AUGUST THREE ONE LAST AND
REFERENCE IS MADE TO SAN ANTONIO AIRTEL TO DIRECTOR SEPTEMBER
TWO LAST IN THE CASE ENTITLED DEMANDS FOR EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY
AND JUSTICE FOR NEGROES, WALKER COUNTY, HUNTSVILLE, TEXAS, CRA,
ONE NINE SIX FOUR, BUFILFEE ONE SEVEN THREE DASH FOUR DASH ONE NINE.

HUNTSVILLE GROUP JOINED WITH FARM WORKERS GROUP AT AUSTIN,
TEXAS THIS DATE WHERE MARCH WAS TERMINATED AT TEXAS STATE CAPITOL.
SPEECHES WERE MADE BY LEADERS OF MARCHERS AND SENATOR RALPH YARBROUGH
AND REPRESENTATIVE HENRY B. GONZALEZ DEMANDING ONE DOLLAR TWENTYFIVE
CENTS PER HOUR MINIMUM WAGE FOR FARM LABORERS. MARCH TERMINATED WITHOUT
INCIDENT.

54 SEP 1956

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FBI WASH DC
Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-444762)

DATE: 9/13/66

SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-67449) (C)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST INfiltrATION OF THE NATIONAL FARM WORKERS ASSOCIATION
DELANO, CALIFORNIA
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The sources utilized in the LHM are as follows:

Source No. 1 is

Source No. 2 is

Source No. 3 is

Source No. 4 is

Enclosed LHM is classified inasmuch as it contains information from sources of continuing value, dissemination of which might identify these sources and jeopardize their future effectiveness.

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2 - Bureau (Mail, 9) (REGISTERED)
2 - Los Angeles

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All sources utilized herein have furnished reliable information in the past.

Source No. 1 furnished the following information in October, 1965 and in January, 1966:

On September 3, 1965, the Agricultural Workers Organizing Committee (AWOC), AFL-CIO, with headquarters in Washington, D.C., declared a strike against the grape growers in Tulare and Kern Counties, California with 72 Filipino grape pickers participating. On September 19, 1965, the National Farm Workers Association (NFWA) also joined this strike, which then brought the Mexican and Puerto Ricans into this matter. The purpose of the strike was supposedly to increase the wages of the grape pickers.

NFWA is a local independent union, which has only reportedly been affiliated with the AFL-CIO since September, 1965. This affiliation is allegedly only for the purpose of supporting the present Delano-Tulare County strike. NFWA was formed about five years ago.

Cesar E. Chavez, a male Mexican, born January 23, 1929, possibly at Delano, California, 5'7", 135 pounds, straight black hair, brown eyes, dark complexion, is the founder and Director of NFWA, with headquarters at 102 Albany Street, Delano, telephone number 3661.

Chavez spent about 14 years in San Jose, California, prior to 1965, as a recruiter for the Community Service Organization (CSO) at San Jose. CSO is a "war on poverty" type organization. Prior to his 14 years with CSO, Chavez was...
with the same organization in Los Angeles and San Diego, California. Since January, 1963, Chavez has resided in Delano.

Chavez refuses to answer any questionnaires directed to him by credit bureaus or similar organizations. He has openly been called a communist at Delano City Council meetings; however, source does not possess any definite information in this regard. Source does believe that Chavez associates with "left-wing" type individuals and is known to distribute the "People's World" from his office at Delano, free of charge. Chavez publishes and sells a paper called "El Malcriado", described as the "voice of the farm worker", and the official voice of the AFM. This paper sells for 10 cents a copy. Subscriptions to this paper can be mailed to Post Office Box 394, Delano.

The "People's World" is a weekly West Coast communist newspaper.

Chavez was arrested by the Tulare County, California Sheriff's Office during November, 1965 for illegal use of a loud speaker, has pleaded innocent, and is presently out on $110 bail. Chavez's arrest resulted in his use of a loud speaker from an airplane.

A notice appeared in issue No. 22 of the "El Malcriado" (this publication was not dated) which stated:

"$1,000 Reward. El Malcriado will pay a cash reward of $1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of any person or persons referring to the National Farm Workers Association, its leaders and officers, or El Malcriado and its representatives as 'communists' or 'communist-led', 'inspired' or any similar statements. Such references are false and illegal, and we intend to punish anyone saying these things to the full extent of the law."
Source No. 2 advised in March, 1966, that David Phillip Perlin resided at 1811 Lucretia Avenue, Los Angeles, California, and was enrolled at the Los Angeles City College, 855 North Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles. His parents are Paul and Luba Perlin. Paul Perlin is a member of the International Longshoremen and Warehousemen's Union, Local 26, 5625 South Figueroa Street, Los Angeles.

The following description of David Perlin was obtained from records of
and from source No. 2 in February, 1965:

Name: David Phillip Perlin
Birth Date: November 18, 1946
Los Angeles, California
Race: White
Sex: Male
Weight: 165 pounds
Height: 5'9"
Hair: Brown
Eyes: Brown
Peculiarities: Wears horn-rimmed glasses, has thick lips, and lisps when talking

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APPENDIX

CENTRAL LOS ANGELES DU BOIS CLUB
formerly known as the Youth Action
Union and Los Angeles Youth for
Peace and Socialism

A source advised on March 25, 1965, that during
the period January through March, 1962, a series of formation
meetings to establish a "Socialist Youth Organization", was
held in the Los Angeles area. LEONARD POTASH was acting
chairman in charge of the group and PAUL ROSENSTEIN and
FRANKLIN ALEXANDER were named to a provisional committee to
help organize the new group. On April 3, 1962, the group
officially selected the name of Los Angeles Youth for Peace
and Socialism (LAYPS), and elected officers.

A second source advised that POTASH, ROSENSTEIN,
and ALEXANDER as of 1963 were all members of the Southern
California District Communist Party (SCDCP).

A third source advised on May 12, 1964, that the
LAYPS was organized with the full knowledge and assistance
of DOROTHY HEALEY, chairman of the SCDCP and that several
Communist Party (CP) members had been approved by HEALEY to
teach Marxist theory to members of the LAYPS. This source
further advised that the LAYPS was to be a Marxist study and
action group and that the teachings of KARL MARX were to
be followed. Source also advised that although the alleged
purpose of the group was to promote "Socialism" in the United
States, the group considered themselves to be "Communist
Party Orientated" and were anxious to study the brand of
Marxism associated with the CPUSA.

The first source above further advised that in
June, 1963, LAYPS changed the name of the organization to
Youth Action Union (YAU) for two reasons: The first being
that it was felt that LAYPS had gained a bad reputation
because of its association with CP groups, the second because
it was felt the word "Socialism" in the title was driving
away possible recruits.

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formerly known as the Youth Action
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Peace and Socialism

The first source above advised that in August, 1964, the YAU affiliated with the W.E.B. Du Bois Clubs of America and adopted the name of Central Los Angeles W.E.B. Du Bois Club.

The first source further advised on April 28, 1966, that in February, 1966, all of the Los Angeles area Du Bois Clubs consolidated into one large city-wide club known as the Los Angeles Du Bois Club. As a result the Central Los Angeles Du Bois Club no longer exists as a separate club.
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-444762)
FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (62-3226) (C)

RE: PROPOSED MARCH FROM RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS TO AUSTIN, TEXAS, BY MEMBERS OF NATIONAL FARM WORKERS ASSOCIATION AND FROM RIO GRANDE CITY TO SAN JUAN, TEXAS, 7/4/66
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

Re San Antonio airtel to Bureau 8/31/66 and San Antonio, tel to Bureau 9/5/66.

On 8/31/66 marchers were met by Governor JOHN CONNALLY, accompanied by Attorney General WAGGONER CARR and House Speaker BEN BARNES (all Texas), near New Braunfels, Texas, in a surprise move by CONNALLY. CONNALLY rejected their bid for early minimum wage legislation. CONNALLY said he would not meet with marchers in Austin on Labor Day and that he would not be in Austin at that time. CONNALLY said he would not greet the marchers even if he were to be in his office on Labor Day. He said he did not feel as Governor of Texas that he should lend the dignity and prestige of his office to dramatize any march. He told the marchers they did not need a march to get in to see him.

Group from Huntsville, Texas, demanding equality of opportunity and justice for Negroes, joined with farm worker's group at Austin, Texas, 9/5/66 where march was terminated at Texas State Capitol. Speeches were made by leaders of marchers and
U. S. Senator RALPH YARBOROUGH and U. S. Representative HENRY B. GONZALEZ demanding $1.25 per hour minimum wage for farm laborers.

CP leader in San Antonio, Texas, was observed in crowd at Austin on 9/5/66.

March terminated without incident.

No further action being taken by San Antonio.
FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS FURNISHED ABOVE INFORMATION AT TIME INDICATED BY SA:

AT NINE FIFTY-TWO AM., ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH INTC, NINE FIFTY-FIVE AM.,

UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE, SAN ANTONIO,
AND TEN ZERO THREE AM., W. THOMAS BENEDICT, UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE, AUSTIN.

ADMINISTRATIVE
RE SAN ANTONIO AIRTEL TO BUREAU SEPT. SEVEN, LAST,
IN CASE ENTITLED, "PROPOSED MARCH FROM RIO GRANDE CITY,
TEXAS, TO AUSTIN, TEXAS, BY MEMBERS OF NATIONAL "NATIONAL"
ASSOCIATION AND FROM RIO GRANDE CITY TO SAN JUAN, TEXAS,
JULY FOUR, LAST, MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING."
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SA FILE SIXTYTWO DASH THREE TWO TWO SIX, WHICH SETS OUT
BACKGROUND INFORMATION REGARDING THIS SITUATION.

BUREAU WILL BE FURNISHED ANY ADDITIONAL PERTINENT
DEVELOPMENTS.

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FBI WASH DC

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10/25/66

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EX-113

To: SAC, San Antonio

From: Director, FBI

BLOCKADE INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE
ROMA, TEXAS, BY EUGENE NELSON
AND FOLLOWERS
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING
(SUBVERSIVE CONTROL)

Reurtel dated 10/24/66.

Information in referenced teletype does not warrant dissemination at the Bureau by teletype; therefore, by return mail submit this information in a letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination.

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NOTE:

At 5:15 a.m. yesterday Eugene Nelson, organizer of the National Farm Workers Association and a group of union members proceeded to the center of International Bridge spanning the Rio Grande River between Roma, Texas, and Ciudad Miguel Aleman, Mexico. They stopped vehicles bearing farm laborers coming to the United States from Mexico to work thereby partially blocking traffic on the bridge. When a Texas Deputy Sheriff attempted to arrest Nelson, he stepped across the boundary into Mexico. Mexican authorities put Nelson back in the United States and he was promptly arrested. Following this ten to 15 members of the organization then lay down on the bridge blocking all traffic. The bridge is owned by the County of Starr, Texas. No United States facility is involved. San Antonio ended the teletype with the code word SUCOP meaning no letterhead memorandum being submitted. They are being instructed as set out above.
FBI WASH DC

FBI SAN ANTONIO

1:15 PM CST URGENT 10/24/66 MRH

TO DIRECTOR

FROM SAN ANTONIO 62-3257 (2-P) ATTENTION: INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

BLOCKADE OF INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE, ROMA, TEXAS, BY EUGENE NELSON
AND FOLLOWERS. MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING.

FIFTEEN STRIKING MEMBERS OF NATIONAL FARM WORKERS ASSOCIATION,
INCLUDING EUGENE NELSON, ORGANIZER, ARRESTED BY STARR COUNTY SHERIFF'S
AND INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE BETWEEN ROMA, TEXAS, AND CIUDAD MIGUEL ALEMAN,
MEXICO, CLEARED PRIOR TO ELEVEN AM TODAY. TRAFFIC PROCEEDING NORMALLY.

STRIKERS WERE LYING ON BRIDGE AND REMOVED BODILY BY SHERIFF'S
OFFICERS. NO VIOLENCE OCCURRED.

WHILE IN CONTACT WITH USA MORT SUSSMAN, SDI, HOUSTON, TEXAS,
THIS MATTER DISCUSSED WITH HIM. SUSSMAN ADVISED NO INDICATION
FEDERAL VIOLATION UNDER ANTI-RACKETEERING OR OTHER STATUTES IN HIS
OPINION AND NO INVESTIGATION BY FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WARRANTED AS
MATTER BEING HANDLED BY STATE AUTHORITIES WHO HAVE SITUATION UNDER
CONTROL.

FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS FURNISHED ABOVE INFORMATION AT TIME

END PAGE ONE
AT TWENTY THIRTY-EIGHT PM, [REDACTED], ONE HUNDRED TWELVE THIRTY-EIGHT PM, [REDACTED], U. S. SECRET SERVICE, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, AND TWELVE FORTY-THREE PM, [REDACTED], U. S. SECRET SERVICE, AUSTIN, TEXAS.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

RE SAN ANTONIO TEL TO BUREAU TEN FORTY AM TODAY. OPINION OF USA SUSSMAN BEING CONFIRMED BY LETTER AND NO FURTHER ACTION BEING TAKEN BY SAN ANTONIO.

SUCOP.

ENDSJJG

FBI WASH DC

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CC- [REDACTED]

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (62-3257)(C)
RE: BLOCKADE OF INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE, ROMA, TEXAS, BY EUGENE NELSON AND FOLLOWERS
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING
Re San Antonio teletypes (2) to Bureau
10/24/66 and Bureau teletype to San Antonio, 10/25/66.

Enclosed herewith for Bureau are ten copies
of LHM suitable for appropriate dissemination re above.
Dissemination made locally to OSI, OHI, 112th INTC,
Secret Service Austin and San Antonio, USA, Houston.

Agency G-2, ONI, OSL, CRD
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By... 18K/69R - 2 Dated 12-75
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Approved: [Signature] 10/1
Special Agent in Charge
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
San Antonio, Texas
October 27, 1966

BLOCKADE OF INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE, ROMA, TEXAS, BY EUGENE NELSON AND FOLLOWERS

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DISCLOSURE
The Valley Morning Star newspaper on October 26, 1966, indicated that State District Judge Woodrow Laughlin granted a temporary restraining order on October 25, 1966, to keep picketing farm workers from obstructing traffic at the Roma International Bridge.

This article indicated that orderly picketing was resumed at several large farms and packing sheds in Rio Grande City, Texas, but there were no disturbances.

On October 24, 1966, Assistant U. S. Attorney Mort Russman, Southern District of Texas, Houston, Texas, advised in his opinion there is no indication of a Federal violation in connection with this matter; and no investigation by the Federal Government was warranted inasmuch as the matter is being handled by State authorities who have the situation under control.

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