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MEMORANDUM TO: Governor Terry Sanford, Governor's Office, State Capitol,
Raleigh, North Carolina

SUBJECT: Disturbance in Rosman, North Carolina, 11 July 1963

Lieutenant S. C. Guy, Executive Office of Troop F, Asheville, North Carolina, advised this office at 7:30 AM, date, of the disturbance which occurred at the Summer Lane Camp in the Rosman area in Transylvania County, North Carolina, on 11 July 1963. The Summer Lane Camp is located approximately four miles west of Rosman in the Frozen Lake Community, one mile off Highway 64.

Approximately 40 white males congregated on the Frozen Lake Road in the early part of the night of 11 July 1963 and intercepted a camp bus occupied by three campers. One camper was cut and the others apparently escaped. The bus was pushed over an embankment. Rifle shots were fired through the windows of the bus.

The gymnasium building in the girls area of the Camp was burned during the night and also a cottage was set on fire, but the flames were extinguished. Lieutenant Guy and four troopers remained on duty at the Camp throughout the night to protect the occupants. There are 55 campers from six years up.

We are informed that the Sheriff was called upon for assistance; however, apparently little, if anything, was done on his part as he is from the Rosman Community and is in sympathy with the local population.

There has been approximately one thousand leaflets of propaganda against the Camp distributed in the area. Apparently the leaflets were printed out of the State.

On 11 July 1963 a committee was appointed by the Rosman Chamber of Commerce to study the situation. This action was reported on 1 July 1963. Reverend Dan Wallin, Brevard, is President of the Transylvania Ministerial Association, and is the chairman of the committee. It is the opinion of Lieutenant Guy that Wallin's sympathy is definitely against the Summer Lane

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Camp being conducted in the Rosman area.

Assistance has been requested from Director Walter Anderson in determining the identity of the individuals responsible for the burning of the gym and the cottage.

Additional reports will follow.



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