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12 July 1963

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

SUBJECT: Disturbance in Rosman, North Carolina, Summerlane Camp,
12 July 1963, Reported by Captain H. C. Johnson

Captain H. C. Johnson arrived in Summerlane Camp at 8:15 AM, 12 July 1963. Upon arriving at the camp, which is located west of Rosman, North Carolina, approximately one mile off Highway 64 and one-half mile west of the Mitchell-Bissel Company, Captain Johnson contacted Mr. George Von-Hilsheimer, who is the Director of the summer school and camp of Rosman.

Mr. Von-Hilsheimer advised Captain Johnson that, due to the feelings of the people in and around Rosman, he was moving out as of this date. He requested an escort by the Highway Patrol for a Volks Wagon, a bus and other means of transportation. Captain Johnson readily agreed to furnish same. Mr. Von-Hilsheimer also requested assistance in procuring a van-type truck for transportation of his belongings. Captain Johnson used Trooper Cappell for transportation for Mr. Von-Hilsheimer, and they had procured services of a van in Brevard, North Carolina. It is Captain Johnson's understanding and hope that they will vacate the premises after dark this evening. He was assured by Mr. Von-Hilsheimer that this move was a deliberate move on his part and that it had not been suggested by any law enforcement agency.

While in the process of this investigation, Captain Johnson invited Mr. George Anderson, Editor of the Transylvania Times, to accompany him to the scene of some of these camps and cottages being used by the campers.

In all of Captain Johnson's experience in observing camps of this type, he stated he has never seen one as filthy. Further, it is his understanding that this camp is operated on the theory that the campers establish their own type of recreation. If they want to play, they play. If they want to swim, they swim. If they like to play volley ball, they do so. It is basically a free-love operation. In Johnson's opinion, if they want to love, they love. He stated he has never seen such a group of filthy people, dirty people. Captain Johnson saw no supervised recreation on his three trips there, neither did he see any today. He thinks it would be well if this entire affair is terminated.

Governor Terry Sanford

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