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Greenville, N. C.
27 February 1968

MEMORANDUM

TO: MAJOR JOHN LAWS

FROM: LIEUTENANT L. J. LANCE *L. J. L.*

RE: INCIDENT INVOLVING POSSIBLE RACIAL OVERTONES

On Thursday, 22 February 1968, during a court trial in Elizabeth City Recorder's Court, a subject known as "Beefy" Layden, who operates "Beefy's" Drive-In, 909 W. Ehringhaus Street, Elizabeth City, was appearing as a witness and during the cross examination, it was revealed that he did not and would not serve negroes at his eating establishment. Upon further questioning as to why he would not, he stated that they (the negroes) acted like a herd of cattle. This statement caused some stir of obvious resentment in the courtroom, and unconfirmed information since then reveals that further resentment is possibly building primarily at the negro college there.

There hasn't been any trouble as yet; however, under the circumstances, this office is reporting the incident in compliance with recent instructions regarding the involvement of the Good Neighbor Council.

LJL: pac

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MEMORANDUM

TO: MR. TOM WALKER

FROM: MAJOR JOHN LAWS *J.L.*

RE: INCIDENT INVOLVING RACIAL MATTERS AT ELIZABETH
CITY, 22 FEBRUARY 1968

The attached memorandum from Lieutenant L. J. Lance describes an incident involving a racial matter in Elizabeth City which I believe needs to be brought to your attention. If you need additional information through sources of the Highway Patrol, please call upon me.

JL:me

Attachment

cc: Colonel Charles A. Speed
Lieutenant Colonel E. C. Guy

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