



STATE OF MARYLAND
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

TO: Governor Spiro T. Agnew

FROM: Gil Ware *gil*

SUBJECT: Your Image in Negro Community

DATE March 6, 1968

Cohesion is catching on in the Negro community in Baltimore and, I think, will spread to other parts of the State, including Cambridge and Prince George's County which is pregnant with the potential for the kind of social unrest which we would deplore.

Among the issues which are currently the focal points are

1. welfare allowances,
2. taverns,
3. housing (e.g., in Cambridge and Turner Station), and
4. your (to the militants) impersonality (I want to again urge you to pay personal ostentation-free, visits to the ghetto.).

Of the utmost importance is the Negro's, especially the black militant's, conceptualization of you as friend or foe. To this point, he has considered you to be his foe. Right or wrong, that is how it is, and we can expect his hostility toward you to grow, especially in view of the recent newspaper articles which suggest that you have overstated the case against Rap Brown.

Again, right or wrong, that is how things are shaping up. I thought you would like to know.

GWare:fdc

cc: Herb Thompson
Stan Blair
Charlie Bresler

*Still standing
There is absolutely
no way to overtake
the case against Rap Brown.
What is your analysis?*



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TO: THE GOVERNOR

DATE 3/21/68

FROM: Staff Steering Committee

SUBJECT: Dr. Ware's Memo "Your Image in Negro Community"

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We have considered this and other communications sent to you recently by Gil. Together they raise doubt that Gil has any clear understanding of the extent to which you are willing to recognize or work with the Negro militants.

As soon as circumstances permit, we suggest that you follow up on the job description which Gil was to have sent you by discussing with him your expectations concerning his performance and permit him to get a clarification of your views.

The attached memo is a bit of an editorial which really suggests no courses of action and to that extent serves little use. We feel that if he has strong feelings in given areas, he should be told to present them in such a fashion as to suggest alternate courses of action for your consideration. A meeting between the two of you to unravel this business would certainly seem indicated.

WJ

Alan
Arrange meeting
Hed. Stan. Hart. Charles
next week