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KING, M. L. JR.  
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SUBJECT: KING, Martin Luther

1. Martin Luther KING Jr., born 15 January 1929 in Atlanta, Georgia, has been described as the most prominent leader of the civil rights movement in the US. He is the President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, (SCLC), and is a recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize.

2. In Subject's many activities in the civil rights movement, he has sought and relied upon the advice of various individuals, including the following:

- A. Bayard RUSTIN—Member of the Young Communist League from 1936 to 1941, secretary to Subject from 1956 to 1960, Secretary of the SCLC in 1962, ~~XXXXX~~ and organizer of the March on Washington, 1965. RUSTIN attended the Sixteenth National Convention of the CPUSA in 1957 as a non-Communist observer, and was especially active in advising Subject on formulating a position on Viet Nam in 1965-66.
- B. Clarence JONES—General Counsel to the Ghandi Society for Human Rights, and former member of the Labor Youth League, a Communist front.
- C. Stanley LEVISON—Ideological Communist and suspected secret member of the CPUSA.
- D. Harry WACHTEL—Executive Vice President of the Ghandi Society for Human Rights; <sup>and</sup> member of the National Lawyers Guild, a Communist front.

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E. Harry BELAFONTE—Member of the Young Communist League before coming into prominence as an entertainer.

3. According to a source who is considered unreliable, Subject met with various leaders of the Italian Communist Party and of the Italian Socialist Party on 18 September 1964 in Rome. (Subject was in Rome on that date as part of a tour of Western Europe.) He allegedly discussed with these Italian politicians the demonstrations against segregation in the US which were to be organized in Italy during the following months.

4. The <sup>21</sup>October 1964 issue of Vie Nuove, an Italian weekly magazine owned by the Italian Communist Party, (PCI), carried an article entitled "What We Negroes Ask of the President" which Vie Nuove claimed Subject wrote for its exclusive publication. The article concerned the civil rights question in the US and did not appear to be directed specifically to a Communist audience. Despite the date of its publication the article appeared to have been written some months before.

5. An article appearing in the Washington Post on 4 November 1964 stated that Subject was planning a visit to the Soviet Union. He reportedly had been

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invited to the USSR, but Rev. Ralph ABERNATHY, spokesman for Subject,  
refused to comment on the source of the invitation.

Based on: 201-760966 (KING) ✓  
201-275804 (RUSTIN)  
DFE-17872  
DBB-88164  
CSCI-316/02051-64  
OIRT-6783

The following documents, held in RID/SD, were not reviewed:  
TS-188608  
TS-188606A  
TS-188613

DBB-17872 and DBB-17192, which contain information essential to Subject's file,  
both appear to have pages missing.

The above memorandum was based exclusively on that information contained in  
Subject's very incomplete 201 file. No attempt was made to ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~  
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ locate or consolidate other information concerning  
Subject.

Steve Murchison  
5 November 1967

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