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ABSTRACT

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FROM Chief of Station, Rome

SUBJECT KEYWAY

Meeting of Dr. Martin Luther KING with Italian Leftist  
Personalities

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For Your Information.

1. Following is a translation of a report on the subject:  
 -"The Mission of Luther KING with the Italian Left", dated  
 28 September 1964 and attributed to DEPLENARY/7, from Luigi  
 PINTOR, from information coming into the editorial offices  
 of L'UNITA. The Station received the report on 1 October 1964. *PSUP*

"Luther KING, noted Protestant negro Pastor and 'leader'  
 of the anti-racist movement in the United States, met with  
 various leaders of the Italian Communist Party (PCI) and of  
 the Italian Socialist Party (PSI) on 13 September in Rome.  
 In particular, KING conferred with PCI Senators Velio SPANO  
 and Ugo BARTESAGHI, with PSI Deputy Lucio LUZZATO, and with  
 Senator Paolo VITTORELLI of the Italian Socialist Party of  
 Proletarian Unity. KING discussed with the above-named  
 politicians the program of demonstrations against segrega-  
 tion in the United States, which are to be organized in  
 Italy during the months immediately ahead." *PSI*

2. The same report was also received from DEDICATOR/4 who  
 has access to the DEPLENARY establishment and thus it is not  
 considered as confirming the DEPLENARY/7 information.

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Attachment: h/w.

Copy of a report passed to local ODENVY rep.

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3. Given the source of the above report, we view it with some reserve. In this connection, we noted the 19 September issue of L'UNITA, which reflected an article on KING's private audience with Pope Paul held the preceding day. According to L'UNITA, immediately after the audience, in St. Peter's Square, KING stated that "Pope Paul was most clear on the fact that both he, personally, and the Catholic Church support the cause of civil rights". The article also states that in a press conference held at Fiumicino Airport after the audience KING said, "The Pope will shortly make a public statement on racial segregation". We have no other information at this time.

4. Attached is a copy of the report which we have passed to the local ODENVY representative.

1962 1007, Date: 11 October 1964

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), has been in Rome for several days. He is currently in the Italian Communist Party (PCI) and the Italian Socialist Party (PSI) offices in Rome. In particular, he has been in contact with PCI Secretary Amintore Fanfani and the Communist Party of Italy (PCI) Secretary Amintore Fanfani. He has also been in contact with the Italian Socialist Party of Proletarian Unity (PSIUP) and the Italian Socialist Party of Proletarian Unity (PSIUP). He has been in contact with the above-named politicians and the program of desegregation against segregation in the United States, which has been a long-standing goal of the Italian Communist Party.